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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 10, 2021

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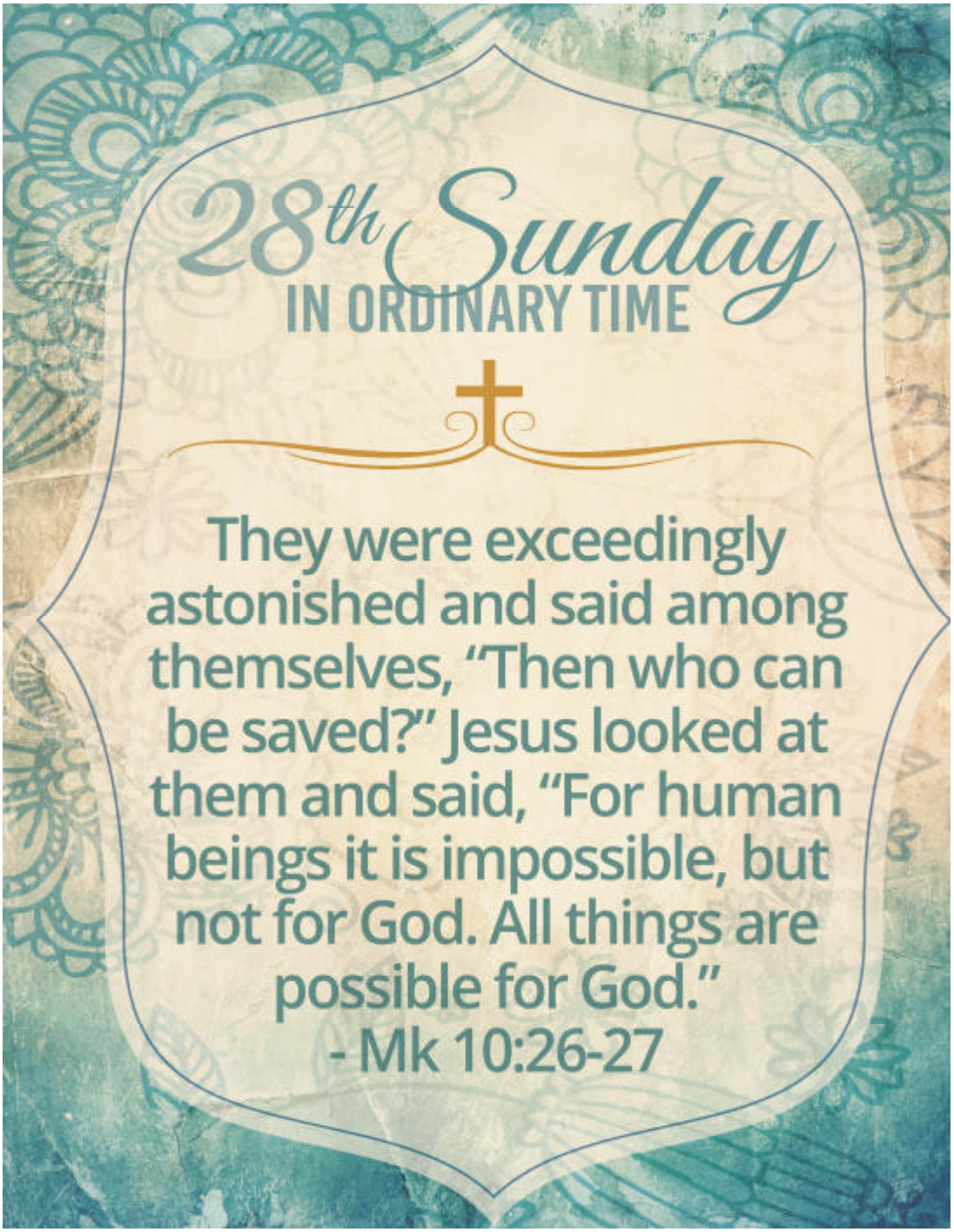

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FATHER MARK'S NOTES

Adult Education Classes

Last week I mentioned that we would soon not have one but three adult education classes between the 8:30 and the 11:00 Masses. First, we are going to begin a men's group led by Brian Koch and Matt DiFrancesco. It is meant for men between the ages of 25-45, who have children in our religious education program. More about this group soon, but it's for these young men, dads, and husbands. They will most likely meet in Holy Grounds. Again, more specific information is coming soon.

The second group, led by Norman Ed and Sean O'Dowd, will be for anyone who wishes to meet on a series of topics. This group will meet at the Mill House with an OMOS discount for coffee. Again, all are welcome.

The third group will be the one that I presently teach. We will continue to meet in the church. We are finishing up with our book on Joseph and will soon be taking up the topic of the Liturgy. The Sacred Liturgy, the Holy Mass, is critical to our faith, and we know so little about it. We want to explore all that more in-depth.

Now, let me briefly explain what I said to all of you about my history of religious education. I, of course, had religious education in my school years. It helped me get through those critical days of growing up, but, I must admit, it never allowed me to answer any of my questions about life and faith as an adult. That training WASN'T MEANT TO DO THAT!! It was to help me as a kid – and it did. Now, I have adult questions. How do I answer the adult questions with the religious education of a kid? I need adult religious education!! We all do.

So, join us!! Three options, and if we need more, we will offer them. God Bless you all, feel welcomed and let's all keep growing in our life of faith through Sunday Mass, small groups, daily prayer, Scripture reading, and adult education. Let's pack each place.

Electrical Work and Roof Repair at OMOS

I want to share again that we did have some electrical damage during the lightning storm last week. In addition, we discovered the deplorable condition of our flat roofs on each side of the church. I'll share more information as it comes to me. We want to get all of this repaired as soon as possible. I will keep you informed of any progress.

Air Conditioning for St. Michael's

Thanks to all who have helped defray the cost of the air conditioning and heating system at St. Michael's. It is a huge help. I will keep you informed of finances concerning the air conditioning and heating system as they become available.

Pictured: Fr. Mark and Marty Radovanic on the set of our new Facebook Live: Follow Your Faith

Sunday, October 10th, is our next ***Follow Your Faith*.** Tune in at 7:00 pm as we discuss the Bible in terms of which lens are we are to decipher, whether historical, allegorical, etc. You are welcome to ask questions! Tune in and tune up your faith! Marty Radovanic and Father discuss the topic of the day. This outreach provides an opportunity for the community to learn and discuss.

HELP WITH ALPHA

- **Bakers, Cooks, and those who can purchase items Needed! Go to perfectpotluck.com to sign up. See instructions below.**
- **Kitchen help -** To help in the kitchen on Mondays, please get in touch with Evie Wess,
  Eviewess51@gmail.com

To help supply a part of the dinner, go to the Perfect Potluck website, where you can sign up for a portion of the dinner/dessert, etc. **perfectpotluck.com** Enter the information as shown in the box.

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OCTOBER OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Two Halloween Events to help in our community!

Falltastic Festival - New Day Inc. Has asked our church to help them with this event on Saturday, October 30, from 2:00—4:00 pm. Falltastic Festival is a Halloween event inviting the kids to enjoy a couple of hours in the afternoon in a safe environment where they can trick or treat, play games, jump in the bouncies, and more. **There are three ways to help:**

- **Volunteers** are needed to help serve popcorn and drinks, etc. Call Anne at the parish office to volunteer to help, 814-535-7646 or contact Josh at 814-243-0124
- **Trunk or Treat** - Would you bring your car and share the space of your trunk to fill with candy?
- **Candy** - We will ask for donations of bags of candy to help fill up the trunk of a car as the kids participate in a safe trick or treat! Drop off bags of candy at Holy Grounds before October 30.

OMOS Pit-Stop for Trick or Treat!

Would you like to offer Hospitality to the families on Tioga Street on Trick or Treat night, October 31?
We will offer some water, coffee, and juice to families passing by just as a good neighbor does! So sign up to help with the email this week!

SERVE OTHERS SATURDAY - October 16

We will be making blankets for people in need of a warm blanket in the Johnstown area. Blanket kits are needed as well. No experience is necessary. Another group will also be heading down to Napoleon Street, where we will be spreading mulch and sprucing up the Healing Garden Art Park. (Across from McDonald's) bring rakes and shovels if you have them. Meet at Holy Grounds, 9:00 am. All are welcome!!

SMALL GROUP NEWS

C.S. Lewis, a widely recognized Christian writer, has written over 30 popular and relevant books dating back to the early 1900s. While Lewis is most known for the series titled "The Narnia Chronicles", there are many other books written by him to spark our interests and begin some exciting conversations. If you're interested in reading and learning from a highly regarded writer, one of Fr Mark's frequently referenced authors, gather a group of friends and neighbors, and we can help you get started. Contact the parish office, and let's get reading!

E.P.I.C.

Attention EPIC Students and Families: SHYCON will be held virtually this year on Sunday, October 24 ,beginning at 11 am. Every high school student MUST attend SHYCON at least once before getting confirmed. We will meet at the Parish Hall and join together online. If you are a junior and have not yet attended SHYCON or would like to attend it this year as a freshman or sophomore, please email at hlabar@dioceseaj.org.
Students: Just a reminder that Norman Ed's class will meet every Sunday at 9:35 am. Alpha will meet every Sunday night from 5:30-6:45, and Life Teen meets Sunday nights from 7:00-8:15. We hope to see you there!

NEW! OMOS at the MILLHOUSE

We contracted with the Millhouse Coffee Shop to host us for the hour between the Sunday Masses; and, you can have a fancy coffee drink for half the price while joining us for the faith conversation. The group is open to all ages. (Parents: while your kids are at religious ed, this is a great time to explore your faith.)

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS

Our new air conditioning and heating system will hopefully be installed in October. A funding campaign will be started to help offset these expenses. Envelopes can be found in the bulletins at St. Michael's and at all the doors. Envelopes may be put in the collection basket marked "Air Conditioning & Heating", your name, envelope number, and amount. Thank you in advance for your support.

EDGE

We have spent the last few weeks in middle school youth ministry talking about the history of the Mass, the different parts of the Mass, how to stay awake during church, and even going on a behind-the-scenes tour of our beautiful church building! We are having a lot of fun and learning so much together. I want to wish Braden O'Dowd, Cali Lynch, and Lexia Sanders a very Happy Birthday! -Becca

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for responsible high schoolers and adults to volunteer in the OMOS nursery during the 11 am Mass. Do you enjoy coloring, reading to children, playing with children? We need you!!! If you can volunteer once a month, please contact Joyce at 814 535-7646 ext. 8 or jdailey@dioceseaj.org.

PUBLIC ROSARY

Join in praying the rosary in Central Park on Saturday, October 16 at noon. They will be praying for our country, the unborn, and for the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death.

WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Monday, October 11
6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
8 a.m.—Mass
Server: Tim Burgess

Tuesday, October 12
6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
7:15 a.m.—Confession
8 a.m.—Mass
Server: Nicolas Barger

Wednesday, October 13
7 a.m.—Praise & Worship
4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
5:00 p.m.—Confessions
6 p.m.— Mass
Server: Tim Burgess

Thursday, October 14
6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
9 a.m. –School Mass
Server: Divine Mercy Students

Friday, October 15
6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
8 a.m. - Mass
Server: Stanley Smith

Saturday, October 16
3 p.m.—Confessions
4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Haley Kesslak & Austin Altschuh
Lector: Matt DiFrancesco
Euch. Min: Michelle Petrell (2), Jim Kukura, Tom Simmons
Hosp: Cathy Vigna, Val & Bill Deater, Kathy Lepsch, Rich & Deb Cowan, Patty Porter, Alexandra Zoldos

Saturday, October 16
6:00 p.m.- Mass at St. Michael's
Servers: Lucy Smith & Stanley Smith
Lector: Kayla Stephenson

Sunday, October 17
8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Joseph & Ella Nibert
Lector: Rosemary Zenone
Euch. Min: Nelson (2) & Shelley Lowes, Kim Belskey
Hosp: John Esch, John Shima, Maria & Ralph DeMarco, Joan & Jim Frischauf, Kevin Evans, Martin Malek

Sunday, October 17
11:00—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Joe Gritzer & Aubrey Marron
Lector: Linda Fleming
Euch. Min: Brad Duca (2), Mary Beth Cartwright, Michele Varner
Hosp: Patty & Don Falcone, Marylynn Evans, Linda & Ken Salem, Barbara & Rich Luckner, Marianne Krizner

SUNDAY COLLECTION

October 3, 2021

Envelopes $10,289
Loose 788
Online 8,505
Total .....$ 19,582
***Budget to Sustain Mission** $17,000/wk*
St. Michael's ..... $ 1,594

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 9-Vigil
4:00 p.m. Pete Omodio (Paul & Pauline Molchany)
6:00 p.m. Marlene Kessler (Husband & Family) & Hilary & Lucille Schrum & Karen Pinkas (Helen Pinkas & Family)
(Sanctuary Candle—Schrum Family)

Sunday, October 10—28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. Josephine Demo (Joan Marie Spampinato)
11:00 a.m. Stanley Ciupak (Loretta Ciupak)

Monday, October 11
8:00 a.m. Anthony Perry (Jean Hammer)

Tuesday, October 12
8:00 a.m. Albert Hromulak (wife, Helen & son, Albert)

Wednesday, October 13
6:00 p.m. Rita Deibert (Family) & Deceased Members of Kittka & Gast Families (Helen Kittka-Wilson

Thursday, October 14
9:00 a.m. Carm Conway (Cheri Kopsic)

Friday, October 15
8:00 a.m. Betsy Pokropski (Patty & Kathy)

Saturday, October 16-Vigil
4:00 p.m. Leo O'Connor & Bill Galliker (Polly O'Connor)
6:00 p.m. Andrew Puniak (wife, Stephany)
Sanctuary Candle—Puniak Family

Sunday, October 17—29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. Hazel Johnnie (Tony & Marianne Spada & Family)
11:00 a.m. Donald B. Irwin (Rick & Linda Hornick)

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13]/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7]/Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [cf. 7]/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8]/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

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