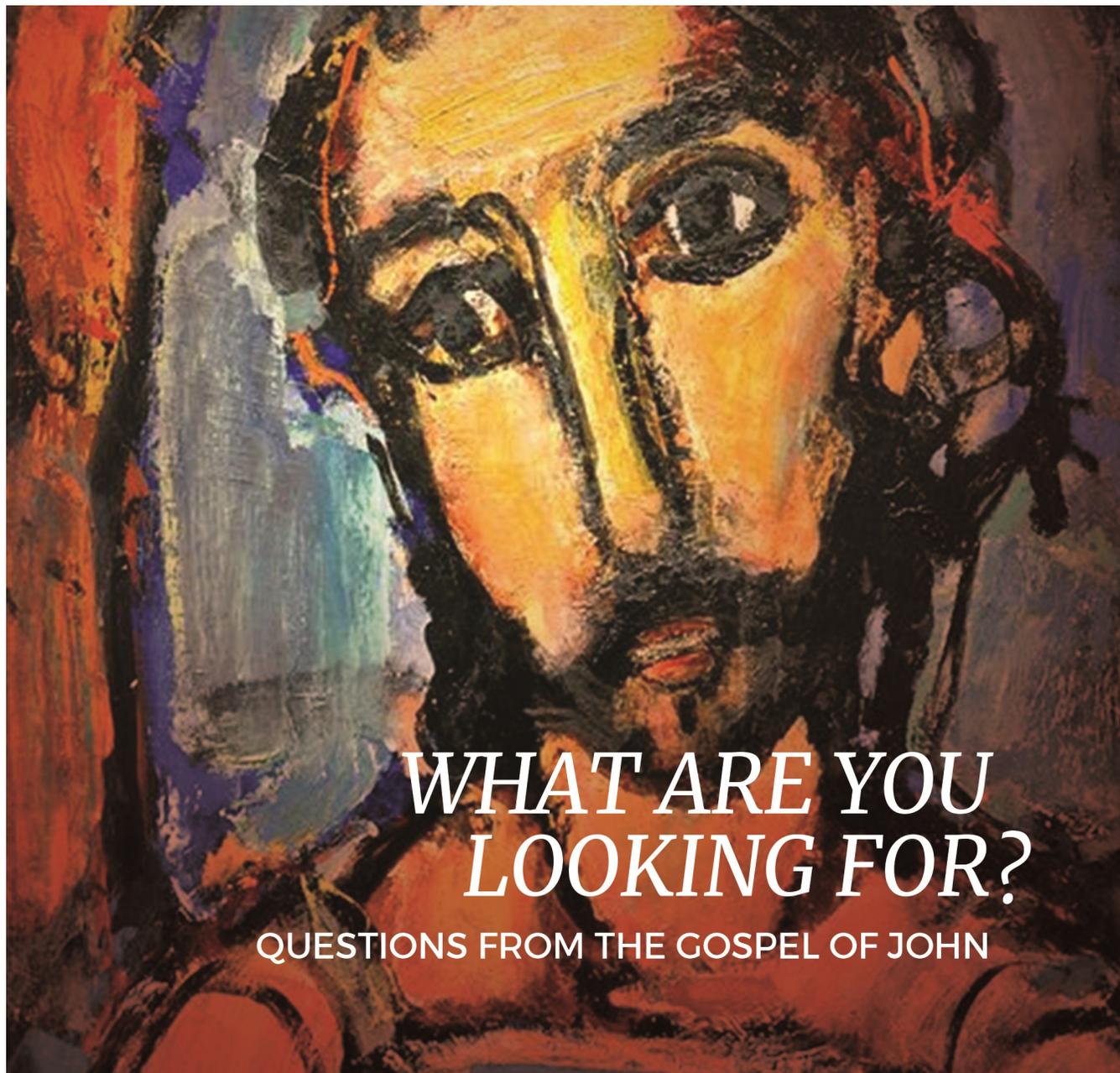




SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
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# FATHER MARK'S NOTES

*There is no deeper  
communion we can have  
with Jesus than the  
Eucharist.*

## Parish Council Nominations

Four of our dedicated Parish Council members have completed their three year term of service and we appreciate all their hard work. We are looking for suggestions for new Parish council members. [If you would like to nominate someone to serve, please submit their names on our website by June 5th.](#)

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:

- Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day
- Thursday, May 30 for the Feast of the Ascension.

## WEEK FIVE MESSAGE SERIES:

### EUCHARIST

When John's Gospel was written, new Christians were baptized as adults and then participated in the Eucharist immediately. So, in the Gospel of John, after Conversion and Baptism, the Eucharist becomes the third stage in the gradual incorporation of the Christian into the mystery of Christ. As I mentioned before, the sequence of subjects in John's Gospel is determined more by the experience of the Christian in John's community in the late 1<sup>st</sup> century, than by the historical events in the life of Jesus.

Chapter six is the main chapter in this fifth session because it gradually brings us to John's understanding of the Eucharist. After feeding the thousands with loaves and fishes, Jesus first tells us that He is the "Bread of Life." In other words, once we have been converted and baptized, once we have encountered Jesus, then we are ready to understand and grasp the true meaning of the Eucharist as this essential third stage in our growth as Christians. Then He tells us that those who eat His flesh and drink His blood will abide (remain) in Him and He in us. There is no deeper communion we can have with Jesus than the Eucharist. That's why we long to be with Him each Sunday at Mass.

### Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday is coming up very soon, June 7<sup>th</sup>, and I haven't written to you recently [urging you to pray before the Exposed Blessed Sacrament, especially on First Friday a part of your daily prayer.](#) As a devotion, First Friday Exposition is tied to our understanding of Jesus' Sacred Heart. Jesus' Sacred Heart is always open to us and never closes, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is an expression of that deep theological truth about Jesus' "always open" love for us.

Today I would like to encourage you – if you can -- to make it sometime during the day, to go to St. Michael's to spend some time before the Exposed Eucharistic Lord. **We begin at 6:00AM and concluded with Holy Mass at 6:00PM.** I'd like to mention that we also have Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday evenings at OMOS from 4:30PM to 6:00PM – the beginning of Mass. [And we always have Exposition from 6:00AM to 8:00AM at OMOS when we have Mass in the morning.](#)

Eucharistic Adoration is a very important and profound devotion within our Catholic Tradition. Probably, in its present state, it was begun by St. Francis who had a deep love for the Eucharistic. I know St. Francis is known on a popular level for his love of nature, but truth be told, his entire life revolved around the Liturgy and the Eucharist. He often, in his preaching and his writing, would take to task priests who did not show proper respect for the Liturgy or proper respect for the reservation of the Eucharistic. Maybe tabernacles, as we know them today, began around the time of Francis. He was the one who brought the adoration of the Eucharist outside of Mass as a devotion to the people.

Fr. James Moroney writes, "Eucharistic worship nourishes our souls and kindles a hunger for the Eucharistic celebration. Without a life of reflective prayer (often times before the Exposed Eucharist), we will never be able to celebrate the Mass fully, consciously, or actively."

[So, if you can find 5 minutes or ½ hour, come and "make a visit" \(how's that for some old time religion\)!! Let the Lord Jesus, present in the Eucharist touch and transform your life!!](#)

## CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

Same Address—New Look  
More Options

Many people visit our website weekly, so providing up to date information is a priority! You can think of the website as a front door to the Church. We are excited about our new website, and we want you to share it with your friends and family! It is another way of inviting people.

## FR. MARK'S NOTES (continued)

### Feast of the Ascension

The Feast of the Ascension is this Thursday, May 30. Mass will be celebrated at OMOS on Wed., May 29 at 6 pm, Thurs. May 30 at 9 am and again at 6 pm. Mass will also be celebrated at St. Michael's at 12 noon on Thursday.

This final stage stays closely linked to the first, that is, to his descent from heaven in the Incarnation through Mary. Only the one who "came from the Father" can return to the Father: Christ Jesus.<sup>538</sup> "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man."<sup>539</sup> Left to its own natural powers humanity does not have access to the "Father's house", to God's life and happiness.<sup>540</sup> Only Christ can open to man such access that we, his members, might have confidence that we too shall go where he, our Head and our Source, has preceded us.<sup>541</sup>

Henceforth Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father: "By 'the Father's right hand' we understand the glory and honor of divinity, where he who exists as Son of God before all ages -- but now in His human body, indeed as God, of one being with the Father, is seated bodily after he became incarnate and his flesh was glorified."<sup>546</sup>

Being seated at the Father's right hand signifies the inauguration of the Messiah's kingdom, the fulfillment of the prophet Daniel's vision concerning the Son of man: "To him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed."<sup>547</sup> After this event the apostles became witnesses of the "kingdom [that] will have no end".<sup>548</sup> The Catechism of the Catholic Church



### Summer Mini-Camp

*"Breakfast with Jesus"*

Thursday, June 20

9:00am - noon

For children entering Kindergarten - up to 6th grade.

Our first one-day mini-camp features Bible lessons based on kids' favorite cereals! The commercials always tell us that cereal is a "part of a complete breakfast." This series will show kids how, unlike cereal, Jesus is all we need to have a complete and joy-filled life.

This fun filled morning includes: sampling different cereals used to describe how Jesus works in their lives, craft making, games, and songs.

For more information and to register, please go to our website, [omostoday.com](http://omostoday.com)

Adults / Middle and High School Students - Would you like to help out for the morning? Go to our website to register.

**A night of music and  
storytelling that  
you don't want to miss!  
Thursday, June 6  
Doors open at 6:30 for  
refreshments**

## Bradford Loomis - House Show At Holy Grounds

Bradford Loomis marries grit and melody to dig to the roots of American folklore and speak of the raw reality of the human condition with passion. His stories span several lifetimes of relatable emotions; bitterness & loss, deep longing & regret, enduring hope & love, elation & joy.

Go to [bradfordloomis.com](http://bradfordloomis.com)

## HIGH SCHOOL

### HIGH SCHOOL SMALL GROUP:

Any high school student interested in being involved in a small group at Holy Grounds this summer, please go to our OMOS Youth website and vote for your preferred day and time or email LaDonna at [LAM220@pitt.edu](mailto:LAM220@pitt.edu).

**Mark your calendars...**Our High School Mission Trip is scheduled for July 14th—July 19th. We will

be working with the St. Vincent DePaul Young Adult Center in Germantown, PA. Students have the opportunity to work with children, the elderly, the homeless, food distribution centers, state parks, and so much more. Space is limited so don't let your teenager miss this life changing opportunity!

**PARENT MEETING:** Any parent (s) wishing to obtain more information about our summer mission trip, please plan on attending our parent meeting on

## MESSAGE SERIES

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

### *Questions from the Gospel of John*

#### **Week 4: The Eucharist**

##### **Chapter 6,7,8**

In this week's chapters, Jesus teaches us about the Eucharist and the Spirit. Just as the Eucharist is given to satisfy our spiritual hunger, the Spirit is given to satisfy our spiritual thirst. As you review the chapters, here are a few points to ponder:

- Even after the miracles of the loaves and fishes, the people are still unsure of Jesus' message—that He is the "Bread of Life" Do we accept the truth? Do we believe that only through Jesus will we receive eternal life?
- Jesus says some pretty radical things that stir up a lot of unrest. Many are afraid to believe Him because they fear the Pharisees. How do you react when you hear these bold statements from Jesus?
- Jesus shows us how it is wrong to judge others and about His unending forgiveness. How can we apply these lessons to our own lives?

Interested in learning more? Join us after Mass on Wednesday, May 29th at 6:45 pm for video, short talk by Fr. Mark, fellowship, refreshments, and small group discussion. All are welcome!

## ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS

The First Sunday of the month Mass will be discontinued until Fall. All weekend Masses will be held on Saturday evening.

St. Michael's donated 169 lbs. of dry goods to Food for Families. Thank you to Jane Spisak for chairing the collection and thank you to everyone who donated. Food for Families feeds over 7,000 individuals each month.

First Friday Exposition and Adoration will continue at St. Michael's each month. Please sign up for a scheduled time for prayer each month. The sign-up sheet is by the Mass Intentions in the front of the church.

St. Michael's is planning for our 3rd Annual Rummage Sale on July 15. Please consider donating household/kitchen items, home décor, children's toys, children's clothing, and books to this great community event. For more information, please contact Jess Smith at 412-965-5811 or Riek's at 814 539-6280.

*Collection for May 18 was \$1851.*

## WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4,5-6a and 9b[cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

Friday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [6]/Lk 1:39-56

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28

7th Sunday of Easter: Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26

## PRAYER MINISTRY AT OMOs

### HEALING VS. CURE

Bishop Robert Barron

Friends, today in the Gospel passage we see Jesus' mercy toward the blind man as a hallmark of his ministry. Jesus comes as healer, savior, inaugurator of the kingdom. He is the embodiment of hope. Jesus wanted to connect human suffering to the very source of life and health. The energy of God pours through him to the needy.

Now, I realize a question may be forming in your mind: "Well, why doesn't he simply cure everyone then?" The answer is obviously wrapped up in the mystery of God's will, but the important point is this: Jesus is healer in many senses, but ultimately in the sense that he heals us from sin and death, not only physical maladies. What appears historically in Jesus is an eschatological anticipation, a hint and foreshadowing of what is coming in God's time and in God's way.

Healing means wholeness in God. It does not mean absence of illness, diseases or symptoms. When we pray, if the person receiving prayer feels a deeper relationship with God, His presence, peace, then we can claim that some degree of healing has occurred. Cure is the absence of disease and disability. God may heal without curing. Whether or not we are cured, we can be whole.

## REST IN PEACE

**Roseline Mikesic**  
Mother of Frank & Laura  
Mikesic

**Richard Blaschak**  
Buried from OMOs

*Our deepest sympathy goes out  
to  
the family and friends*

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## WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

### Monday, May 27

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration  
8 a.m.—Mass

**Server:** Tim Burgess

### Tuesday, May 28

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration  
7:30 a.m.—Confession  
8 a.m.—Mass

**Server:** Lily Runkle

### Wednesday, May 29

7 a.m. Praise & Worship  
4:30 p.m.—Eucharistic Adoration  
5:30 p.m.—Confession  
6 p.m.—Mass  
6:45 p.m.—Message Series

**Server:** Tim Burgess

**Lector:** Sharon Kovac

**Euch. Min.** M.B.Cartwright, L. Geiser,

E. Milligan, M. Petrell, H. Nibert, K.  
Hoffman, G. McDonald

### Thursday, May 30

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration  
9 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

**Servers:** Divine Mercy Students

12 noon—Mass at St. Michael's

**Server:** Tim Burgess

**Lector:** Mary Ann Burgess

6 p.m.—Mass at OMOS

**Servers:** TBA

**Lector:** Julie Patula

**Euch. Min.** C. Battaglia, M. Nesmith,

M. St. Clair, K. Belskey, D. Zabala. B. Duca  
& T. Duca

### Friday, May 31

6 am—Eucharistic Adoration  
8 a.m.—Mass

**Server:** Alexis Williams

### Saturday, June 1

3 pm—Confessions  
4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS

**Servers:** Julia Dill & Tommy Ashcom

**Lector:** Cathy Vigna

**Euch. Min.** Michelle Rivetti (2), Linda  
Rosenbaum, Michelle Stutzman, Cheryl  
Carbaugh, Michelle Petrell, Steve Quinn,  
Bridget Byrne

**Hosp.** Val Deater, Debbie & Rich Cowan,  
Tom & Nancy Simmons, John Flynn, Bill  
Livingston, Jim Galiardi

### Saturday, June 1

6:00 p.m.—Mass at St. Michaels

**Servers:** Olivia Baumbaugh & Tim Burgess

**Lector:** Kayla Stephenson

### Sunday, June 2

8:30 a.m.— Mass at OMOS

**Servers:** Ella & Gabrielle Nibert

**Lector:** Rick Wess

**Euch. Min:** Evie Wess (2), Dawn Zabala,  
Steve Pipan, Rosemary Zenone, Sharon Kovac,  
Melanie Criswell, Linda Geiser

**Hosp:** Michelle & Ken St. Clair, Shelley &  
Nelson Lowes, Marge Pipan, Arlene Owens,  
Kevin Evans, Martin Malek

### Sunday, June 2

11:00 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

**Servers:** Cassy & Eva Weir

**Lector:** Linda Fleming

**Euch. Min:** Anne Schrey (2), Marty  
Radovanic, Sr. , Olivia Flick, Krissy & Adam  
Weir, Keith Santee, Mike Garver, Mary Beth  
Cartwright

**Hosp:** Gail Stotler, Jim Patrick, Linda & Ken  
Salem, Adam Weir, Kevin & Emily Mansur,  
John Onufro

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, May 25, 2019- Vigil

4:00 p.m. Albert Kiefer (Bill & Terrie Ray) &  
Gladys Keck (Rudy Keck)

6:00 p.m. John Polak (Josephine Polak)

### Sunday, May 26, 2019 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. William LaBuda (Janet & Rick  
Bowser)

11:00 a.m. Jeffrey Fuge (Shawna,  
Garrett, & Family)

### Monday, May 27, 2019

8:00 a.m. Pansy Harrington (Geoffrey  
Harrington & Family)

### Tuesday, May 28, 2019

8:00 a.m. Josephine Patrick (Bill & Val  
Deater Family)

### Wednesday, May 29, 2019

6:00 p.m. Fredrick Leitenberger (wife,  
Barbara)

### Thursday, May 30, 2019

9 a.m. School Families

12 noon People of St. Michael's

6 p.m. People of OMOS

### Friday, May 31, 2019

8:00 a.m. Bud & Mary Ann Moran  
(Jenny Barber)

### Saturday, June 1, 2019 - Vigil

4:00 p.m. Bob Bulas (Bill & Terrie Ray)

6:00 p.m. Vince & Vera Bremer (Family)

### Sunday, June 1, 2019 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Edward Parks (Daughters)

11:00 a.m. William Kirwan (Family)