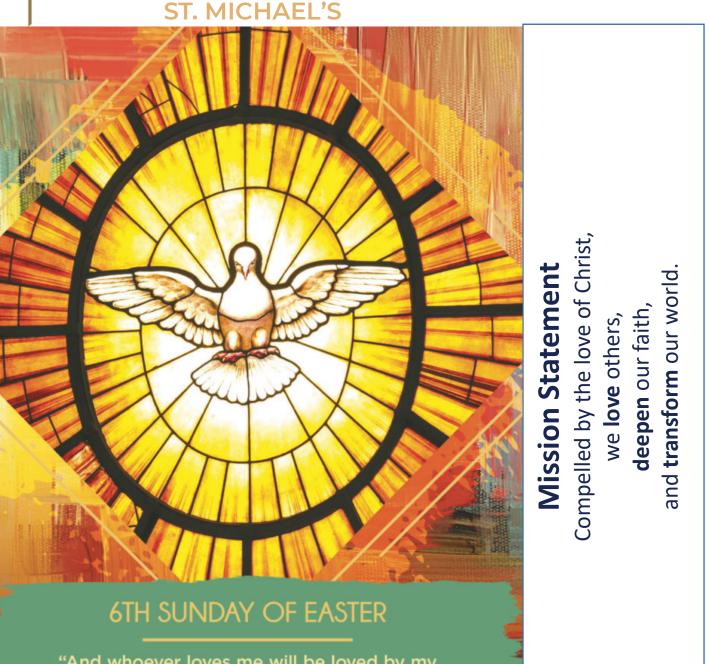
Sixth Sunday of Easter May 14, 2023





"And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." - Jn 14:20-21

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FR. MARK'S NOTES

"Follow Your Faith:" Mother's Day Edition

What does it mean to be a Mother? Is the choice to be a Mother countercultural in a world that seems to glory in eradicating children rather than nurturing them? What are your views on social media and its effect on our children, especially young girls? What are your most significant concerns and worries regarding your children? These are just a few questions I would like to ask a few Mothers and the Mothers who will be listening and watching **our Mother's Day Edition of "Follow Your Faith."** I hope to have three moms in the studio and all those watching as we discuss being a mother in our world today. Of all the things that can heal our troubled culture, I think women who choose to be mothers, including spiritual mothers, are one of our big answers. So join us; it should be an enlightening conversation.

Congratulations First Holy Communicants and Our Young People on Their Confirmation

I hope everyone has one of those names of our young people who received Sacraments this week. I hope and pray the parents of our First Holy Communicants will continue to bring them. I asked the question at the Mass: **"Who are we, and where are we taking these children?"** In a broken and sick culture, how do we hope to nurture our children to be healthy and happy adults? How do we hope to be healthy and happy moms and dads? Come back and stay!

Neither First Holy Communion nor Confirmation is a graduation but critical steps on a life-long spiritual journey. Those Confirmed this week: now is the time for you to take your place among the rest of the adults as you continue the journey to discover who you really are and your life's purpose. You won't find it somewhere else! We need you: when you are missing, we are all less than we can be. We do need you. And please let me know if you are interested in being a reader, a hospitality ministry, or a Eucharistic Minister in the parish. We would love to have you– congratulation to all, including moms and dads. Let's continue the journey – together!

Who am I? Who are we? And Where are we going?

I hope I have convicted you to at least try to really pray for 10 minutes each day. In many ways, in the past, we could drift along with the rest of the crowd– the culture, your Church, your neighborhood, even the schools all held the same values. Now, as you can easily see, those days are over. Also, our days of drifting along with the crowd are over. The crowd isn't going to any-place healthy or well. So let's keep asking ourselves the question. Moreover, we need each other as we seek to make a difference in our world as beacons of Christian life, and may those in the world know us by our love.

Ascension Mass Schedule

Wednesday, May 17 - Vigil Mass @ 6 pm—Our Mother of Sorrows Thursday, May 18 - School Mass @ 9 am—Our Mother of Sorrows Thursday, May 18—Mass at 12 noon—St. Michael's Thursday, May 18—Mass at 6 pm—Our Mother of Sorrows

Thank You

Thanks to your generosity, we collection over \$2400 in donations for the "BE KIND" signs. Our Faith Formation students will be presenting a check to New Day next week thanks to your generosity.

SHARING the JOURNEY Sunday, May 21

Sharing the Journey is a bereavement support group for adults who have lost a loved one. We meet on the **third Sunday** of each month. Our next meeting will be **Sunday, May 21**, in Holy Grounds from 3—4:30 pm. This month's topic will be **Who am I now?** Our meetings always include time to share or to listen. We are a Christian based group, and all faiths are welcome. There is no need to pre-register. For more information, contact Mary Petrak at 814 502-6076.

SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, June 11



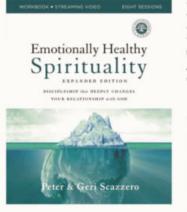
St. Michael's is having their 2nd Annual Traditional American Cookout on Sunday, June 11, at 2 pm. The menu includes hamburgers, hot dogs, and pulled pork with sauerkraut and BBQ sauce. If you wish, please bring your favorite dish to share (salad or dessert). All are welcome!!



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Sunday, May 21 from 9:40-10:40 Come and find out what the course is all about!

Class Dates: June 15, 22, July 6, 13, 20, 27, August 3 & 10 6:30-8:30 PM

Registration opens on May 22nd Class size is limited





FOLLOW YOUR FAITH—May 14

Our Follow Your Faith for May 14 will have a Mother's Day Theme. Three moms will join Fr. Mark to discuss the challenges and joys of motherhood today. Please tune in to offer your thoughts, comments, and questions.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS

The 6th Annual St. Michael's Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, June 10. Please consider donating to this fun event! If you have any questions, please contact Jess Smith.

Beginning in June, all-weekend Masses at St. Michael's will be held on Saturday evenings at 6 pm. First Sunday of the month Masses on Sunday will return in the fall.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our Confirmation candidates who were confirmed on Thursday, May 11, at St. John Gualbert.

> Lindsey Anderson Brady Arnold Elizabeth Buettner Jonathan Crocco Ayda Dorian Isabella Hillegass Brady Manges Grace Messina Joseph Messina Shawna O'Dowd David Ray Aubrey Rutledge Zander Sarka Eva Weir Blake Weslager

Please keep them in your prayers as they continue on their faith journey to become closer and closer to Christ.

> REST IN PEACE Veronica Tedrow Cousin of Jeff , Paul & Karen Hornick

> > Albena J. Martinazzi Sister of Sister Patti Rossi

> > > John Bagnato Husband of Camille

SERVE OTHERS SATURDAY Saturday, May 20 @ 9 am

For our May Serve Others Saturday, we will be making blankets in Holy Grounds. Thank you to everyone who donated blanket kits or contributed to the purchase of blanket kits. Please keep them coming!

We will also have our annual clean-up in Hornerstown. Meet at Holy Grounds at 9 am or meet us at 625 Horner Street at 9:30 am to begin. We will provide gloves and garbage bags. Bring mowers, trimmers, and a smile! A lunch of grilled hotdogs will be served at 11:30 am. Let's make Johnstown a warm and inviting place!



WHAT IS UNBOUND?

UNBOUND is a ministry of freedom and healing that helps us to release the **POWER OF THE GOSPEL** into our lives. We all have areas in our lives where we don't experience freedom. These can be habitual patterns of sin, addictions, negative thoughts, resentments, and other forms of spiritual difficulty. Jesus came to set us free by breaking the power of sin and revealing the love of God. By receiving **UNBOUND Prayer**, a trained team of prayer ministers will lead you to unlock your prison doors using the **FIVE KEYS TO FREEDOM**. This prayer will equip you to cooperate with God as he sets you free.

Watch the video on the homepage of heartofthefather.com

To request prayer, go to <u>omostoday.com</u> and click on the Ministry tab, then Prayer, then Prayer and Resources, and type your information in where it says "Inquire Here." Someone will get in touch to set up a prayer session.

ORDINATION

We are so blessed to have two parishioners, Rick Messina and Nelson Lowes, ordained on June 3. If you are interested in attending the Diaconate Ordination on June 3 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona and are interested in riding a bus from OMOS, <u>PLEASE call the parish office (814) 535-7646 or sign up on our website omostoday.com ASAP</u> so we can make arrangements for the appropriate bus size. Thank you.



Journey to This Summer's VBS July 10-July 14

We are looking for anyone interested in helping with this summer's Kids Vacation Bible School Stellar. We will need help setting up, tearing down, and everything in between. Here is a Google form with more information and a way to sign up to help.

https://tinyurl.com/VBSStellar2023

I want to get a group together to discuss more details. You can also email me for more information or questions.

<u>mlmessina5@gmail.com</u>.

Thanks, Michelle Messina



Save the Date Parish Picnic Sunday, August 6

DMCA NEWS

* Enrollment for 2023/2024 is open. New students can enroll on the Divine Mercy website, <u>dmcatho-lic.</u>org, under the "Admissions" tab. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 814 961-3622.



WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Monday, May 15

6 a.m. –Eucharistic Adoration 8 a.m. – Mass at OMOS **Server:** Isabella Segear & Tanner Keller <u>Tuesday</u>, May 16 6 a.m. – Eucharistic Adoration 7:30 am – Confession 8 a.m. – Mass at OMOS

Server: Nicolas Barger

Wednesday, May 17

7 a.m.—Praise & Worship 4:30 p.m.— Eucharistic Adoration 5:15 p.m.—Confessions 6 p.m.—Mass at OMOS

Server: Tim Burgess

Lector: Julie Sheehan

Euch. Min: Tim DiGuiseppe, Linda Geiser, Denise Esch, Carol Battaglia, Mike

Thomas, Mary Beth Cartwright, Rick Messina

Hospitality: Marianne Krizner, Rich & Deb Cowan, Ann & Jim Mattie

Thursday, May 18

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
9 a.m.– Mass with Divine Mercy Servers: Divine Mercy Students
12 pm—Mass at St. Michael's Server: Tim Burgess Lector: Sister Patty
6 p.m. –Mass at OMOS Servers: Lector: Jan Koval Euch. Min: John Fontana (2), Linda

Geiser, Rosemary Zenone, Michelle Petrell, Ron Golias Shelley & Nelson Lowes, **Hosp:** Rick & Evie Wess, Cathy Vigna, Julie Fontana

Friday, May 19

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration 8 a.m.- Mass at OMOS **Server:** Stanley Smith

Saturday, May 20

3 p.m.—Confession 4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS **Servers:** Nicolas/Dominick Barger & Austin Altschuh **Lector:** Darlene Marsh **Euch. Min.** Michelle Rivetti (2), Michelle Petrell, Pat Petrell, Tom Simmons, Nancy

Simmons, Mary Kay Clark, Jerry Clark Hosp. Ann & Jim Mattie, David & Jane

Solomon, Alexis Angelo, John Flynn, Helen Hromulak, Gerri Isban

Saturday, May 20

6 p.m. Mass at St. Michael's Servers: Tim Burgess Lector: Doug Puchko

Sunday, May 21

8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS Servers: Joe Nibert & Isabella Segear Lector: Dave Milligan Euch. Min: Heather Nibert (2), Keith Santee, Rick & Evie Wess, Kim Belskey, Carol Battaglia, Rick Mesina Hosp: Michelle & Ken St. Clair, Ray & Janette Cowan, Julie & Ed Sheehan, Julie Fontana, Jackie Ayres

Sunday, May 21

11:00 a.m.—Mass at OMOS Servers: Domenick & Mason Lokesak Lector: Don Falcone

Euch. Min. Mike Thomas (2), Amy Bradley, Patty Falcone, Tom & Mary Polacek, Mary Beth Cartwright, Maria Nesmith

Hosp: Barbara & Rich Luckner, Lisa Shetler, Ken & Linda Salem, Michele Varner, Mary Lynn Evans, Marianne Krizner

MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Saturday,</u> May 13—Vigil

<u>4:00 p.m.</u> Albert Hromulak (wife, Helen & son, Albert)

<u>6:00 p.m.</u> Marlene Kessler (Denise Dietz-Kirschman) & Hilary& Lucille Schrum and Karen Pinkas (Spack & Kicks Family)

Sanctuary Candle 5/14—5/20—Schrum Family)

Sunday, May 14—Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Rose Mirabile (M/M Joseph Bioto)

<u>11:00 a.m.</u> Clara Vranich (Mike & Terry Vranich)

<u>Monday</u>, May 15

8:00 a.m. Mary Linda Trexler (Cindy Fabo) & Fr. Paul Turnbull (Bob & Kathy Barczak)

Tuesday, May 16

8:00 a.m. Lillian Turcato (Pattie Poole)

Wednesday, May 17

6:00 p.m. Delores Schmerin (Nick & Donna Antonazzo)

Thursday, May 18

9 a.m. Stephen & Agnes Sakmar (Family)

12 p.m.Spiritual & TemporalWelfare of St. Michael's Parishioners6 p.m.Spiritual & TemporalWelfare of OMOS Parishioners

Friday, May 19

8:00 a.m. Albert & Anne Likar (Gerry & Patty Horvath)

Saturday, May 20—Vigil

<u>4:00 p.m.</u> Gladys (Ciupak) Aquino (Loretta Ciupak)

<u>6:00 p.m.</u> Andrew Puniak (Wife, Stephany) & Paulette Balog (husband, John)

<u>Sunday</u>, May 21—Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Mary Jane Pfaller (Theresa & Jane Pfaller)

<u>11:00 a.m.</u> Andrew Antonazzo (Nick &

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15 Thursday: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20 Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28 Next Sunday: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

SUNDAY COLLECTION

May 7, 2023	
Envelopes\$	9,675
Loose	. 1,485
Online	11,294
Total\$ 2	22,454
Budget to Sustain Mission \$17,000/wk	
St. Michael's\$	1220

