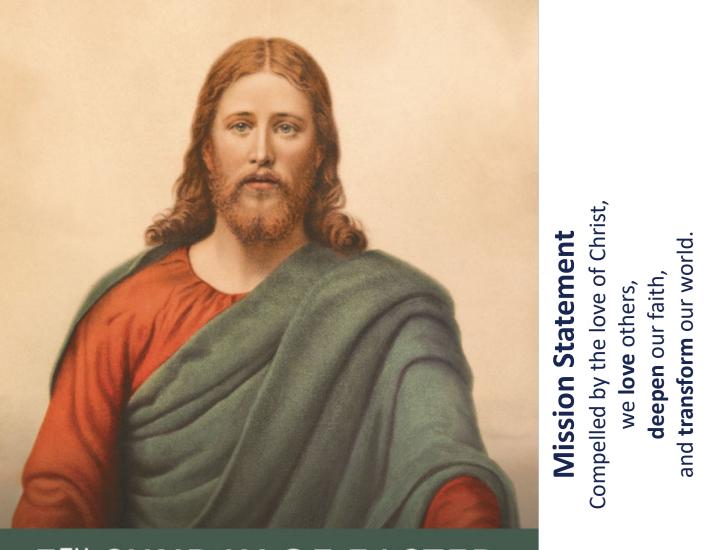
Seventh Sunday of Easter May 21, 2023



ST. MICHAEL'S



7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you." - Jn 17:1

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FR. MARK'S NOTES

Pentecost

The all-important Feast of the Pentecost is next weekend, and I hope that makes you wildly fired up to come to Holy Mass. Next to Easter and Christmas, this is a most important Feast of the year for us. Here is a quote from the Catechism to help you prepare to celebrate our life in Christ.

1076 The Church was made manifest to the world on the day of Pentecost by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.¹ The gift of the Spirit ushers in a new era in the "dispensation of the mystery," the age of the Church, <u>during which Christ manifests, makes present, and communicates his work of salvation</u> through the liturgy of his Church, "until he comes."² (This teach ing is at the heart of our message series!!) In this age of the Church, <u>Christ now lives and acts in and with his Church, in a new way appropriate to this new age</u>. He acts through the sacraments in what the common Tradition of the East and the West calls "the sacramental economy"; this is the communication of the fruits of Christ's Paschal mystery in the celebration of the Church's "sacramental" liturgy.

As you notice, in the readings for Pentecost, especially in the first reading, **something happened when the disciples were set on fire by the Holy Spirit.** Ultimately, through the Spirit, their whole world would be drastically changed (a megatrend!) So even as you read the entire New Testament, the authors are writing from a new place. They have experienced something new. Something happened to them that changed them forever.

When I was baptized as an infant, nothing happened to me experientially! But, when I finally opened my life to God in a deep cry for help, He came and stirred up my Baptism, helped me to LIVE my Baptism – and something happened experientially! Many call it being Baptized by the Holy Spirit. Now, there is a uniqueness to it, so it's unique for all of us. But there is one constant – **something happens!!** Maybe not instantaneously, or dramatically, but ultimately something happens, and we are not the same. Sadly, we can run from the Spirit. We can keep the Holy Spirit at a distance. Some even use religion to keep the Spirit at a safe distance. (I did my duty, don't bother me.) Yes, we can put out the fire, and sadly people do. But when we open to the Spirit every time – something happens.

I pray that if you are reading this and something has not happened, you open yourself to this God, cry out, and beg him to enter your life. On the other hand, if something has happened, throw some "wood on the fire" by continuing to read the Scriptures, listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd, stay constant in prayer, and continue to burn with the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is next week! Happy Pentecost to all of you.

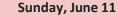
Follow Your Faith, Examining Pentecost!

While this will be the 7th week of Easter, we want to ponder Pentecost this week as we prepare for this great Feast. So, Marty and I will be joined by some guests that will be part of our discussion of Pentecost, what happened, and what it all means for us today. Please join us!

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!



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!!

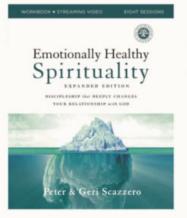


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Do you seek a deeper relationship with God?

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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 21

Follow Your Faith on Sunday, May 21, will ponder the Feast of Pentecost. Fr. Mark, Marty, and guests will discuss what happened, what it meant back then, and what it means for us today. Join us at 7 pm!

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! Drop-off dates and times are: Tuesday, May 23—6-7 pm and Saturday, May 27-12—1 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Jess Smith at 412-965-5811.

FAITH DAY AT DELGROSSO'S June 25, 2023

The Family Life Office of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown invites you to join us for the return of **Faith Day at DelGrosso's Amusement Park!** This year, Faith Day will be held on **Sunday, June 25.** The day's high point will be Mass with Bishop Mark at 4:30 pm, followed by a community dinner. Admission to the park is always free, but reduced-price *Ride-and–Slide passes* are available. Dinner can be purchased. More information will be coming in the coming weeks!

THANK YOU INDEPENDENT CATHOLIC FOUNDATION!!

Over the past year, we have provided several retreats and instructional classes for parishioners. The activities included the Called and Gifted Workshop, several women's retreats, and this summer's course, Emotionally Healthy Spirituality. The generous funding of the Independent Catholic Foundation, <u>www.icfdaj.org</u>., (814) 201 -2080 made this possible. We appreciate their support of our parish's ongoing journey with Jesus Christ.



Save the Date Parish Picnic Sunday, August 6 NIGHT OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE— JUNE 2



A Night of Worship and Prayer will be on *Friday, June 2.* Everyone is welcome! Join us for an evening of praising and worshipping our amazing God. In addition, you will have an opportunity to receive personal prayer from our Prayer Ministry Team for the healing of spiritual, physical, emotional, or relational issues. Please bring a friend and prepare to be blessed with an evening of praise, prayer, community, and contemplation of the presence of God.

STUFF THE TRUCK May 27/28

Our May Stuff the Truck will benefit Mom's House, a local agency that provides child care for single parents who are continuing their education. They need:

- Paper Towels
- Napkins
- Liquid Foaming Soap
- Napkins
 Demonstrated
- Bleach
- Paper platesPaper Bowls
- Diaper Wipes
- Size 5 Diapers
- 100% juice
- Snacks (pretzels, goldfish crackers, animal crackers, graham crackers, Triscuits, wheat thins, veggie crisps, hulless popcorn

Thank you for your generosity!

JOHNSTOWN CATHOLIC MOM'S GROUPS

Are you looking to grow your Catholic faith and meet fellow Catholic moms? Join the newly formed mom's group at St. Andrews. Every Wednesday morning during the summer, bring your children to 8 am mass and then head down the street to Roxbury Park for playtime until 11 am. Come for all or some of the morning! No commitment or RSVP is necessary. The first meeting is scheduled for May 31 and will continue every Wednesday morning throughout the summer (weather permitting). Questions or suggestions— call/text Mary Kate (703) 389-3695.



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

YOUNG ADULT GROUP (18-35)

Theology on Tap continues to be a success, with over 25 members participating! We will continue meeting on the last Wednesday of each month. Our May 31 session will be held from 6-8 pm at the Station Pub & Grille at 101 Washington Street, Johnstown, in their outdoor patio area. Our May guest speakers are Sister Joachim and Sister Anne, Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirmed, at Garvey Manor in Hollidaysburg. These women will be speaking about a Catholic Christian perspective on the Healthcare field, particularly on being Catholic workers in the Healthcare field. Make sure to invite a friend! All young adults of all faiths aged 18-35 are welcome! We are currently planning speakers throughout the end of the year. Please continue to pray for us. For more information, contact Geoffrey Stumpo 814) 659-7415 at or geoffstumpo@gmail.com. Please try to RSVP so our hosts can be prepared. Thank you to KOC All Saints Assembly 954 for their sponsorship.

ASSISTANCE MINISTRY SECOND COLLECTION May 27/28

Our Assistance Ministry volunteers answer phone calls Monday through Friday to assist those needing help with electric bills, water bills, heating bills, etc. Your monthly donations to the OMOS Assistance Ministry have helped so many.

Your generosity is appreciated.

ORDINATION BUS

If you are interested in riding the bus to the diaconate ordination at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona on June 3, please let us know no later than Monday, May 22. <u>PLEASE call the parish office at</u> (814) 535-7646 or sign up on our website, omostoday.com.

WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Monday, May 22

6 a.m. -Eucharistic Adoration 8 a.m.-Mass at OMOS Server: Tuesday, May 23 6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration 7:30 am—Confession 8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS Server: Arianna & Annaliese Manalang Wednesday, May 24 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 Thursday, May 25 6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration 9 a.m.- Mass with Divine Mercy Servers: Divine Mercy Students Friday, May 26 6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration 8 a.m.- Mass at OMOS Server: Stanley Smith

Saturday, May 27

3 p.m.—Confession 4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS **Servers:** Arianna & Adriel Manalang **Lector:** John Skelley

Euch. Min. Nancy (2) & Tom Simmons, Pam Fisher, Michelle Rivetti, Michelle & Pat Petrell, Diana Tyger

Hosp. Kathy Lepsch, Val & Bill Deater, Pat Smith, Rich & Deb Cowan, George & Mary Kogut

Saturday, May 27

6 p.m. Mass at St. Michael's Servers: Lucy & Stanley Smith Lector: Mary Ann Rizzuto

Sunday, May 28

8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS Servers: Sophie Messina & Lylee Mateljan Lector: Jeanne Clark

Euch. Min: John Fontana (2), Rosemary Zenone, Linda Geiser, Matt DiFrancesco, Carol Battaglia, Janet Bowser, Rick Messina

Hosp: Maria & Ralph DeMarco, Karen Findish, Jim & Joan Frischauf, Marjorie Lechene, Marty Malek, Anne DiFrancesco

Sunday, May 28

11:00 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Abby & Wynn Curtis
Lector: Monica Garver
Euch. Min. Brad Duca (2), Mike
Garver, Michele Varner, Donna Gillan,
Christa Curtis, Marty Radovanic, Tim
DiGuiseppe

Hosp: Marianne Krizner, Bill Ingram, Don & Patty Falcone, Gail Stotler, Rick Phillips, Diane & Denny Thomas

REST IN PEACE

Lois Connelly Mother of Tonia Gordon

Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family and friends

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19 Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25 Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/ Jn 20:19-23

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Donna Antonazzo)

Monday, May 22

8:00 a.m. John Farabaugh (wife, Georgia)

<u>Tuesday</u>, May 23

8:00 a.m. Dr. William Fritz (Pattie Poole)

Wednesday, May 24

6:00 p.m. Sandra Orlosky (Justin & Tom)

Thursday, May 25

9 a.m. Monica Coyle (Michelle Wentz)

Friday, May 26

8:00 a.m. Theresa Voytek (Carmela Perry)

Saturday, May 27—Vigil

<u>4:00 p.m.</u> Kathleen Parks (Wildflower Small Group) 6:00 p.m. Patricia Balog (Bryan &

Joyce Stem) & Barbara Petrusks (Martin A. Vrabel) & Cel Repak (Franki Olshewsky)

<u>Sunday</u>, May 28—Pentecost Sunday

8:30 a.m. Anthony Berrich & Mary Murray (Tony & Marianne Spada & Family) <u>11:00 a.m.</u> Paul Stobaugh (Irwin Family)

SUNDAY COLLECTION

May 14, 2023	
Envelopes\$	8,645
Loose	. 1,270
Online	5,661
Total\$	15,576
Budget to Sustain Mission \$17,000/wk	
St. Michael's\$	1800

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