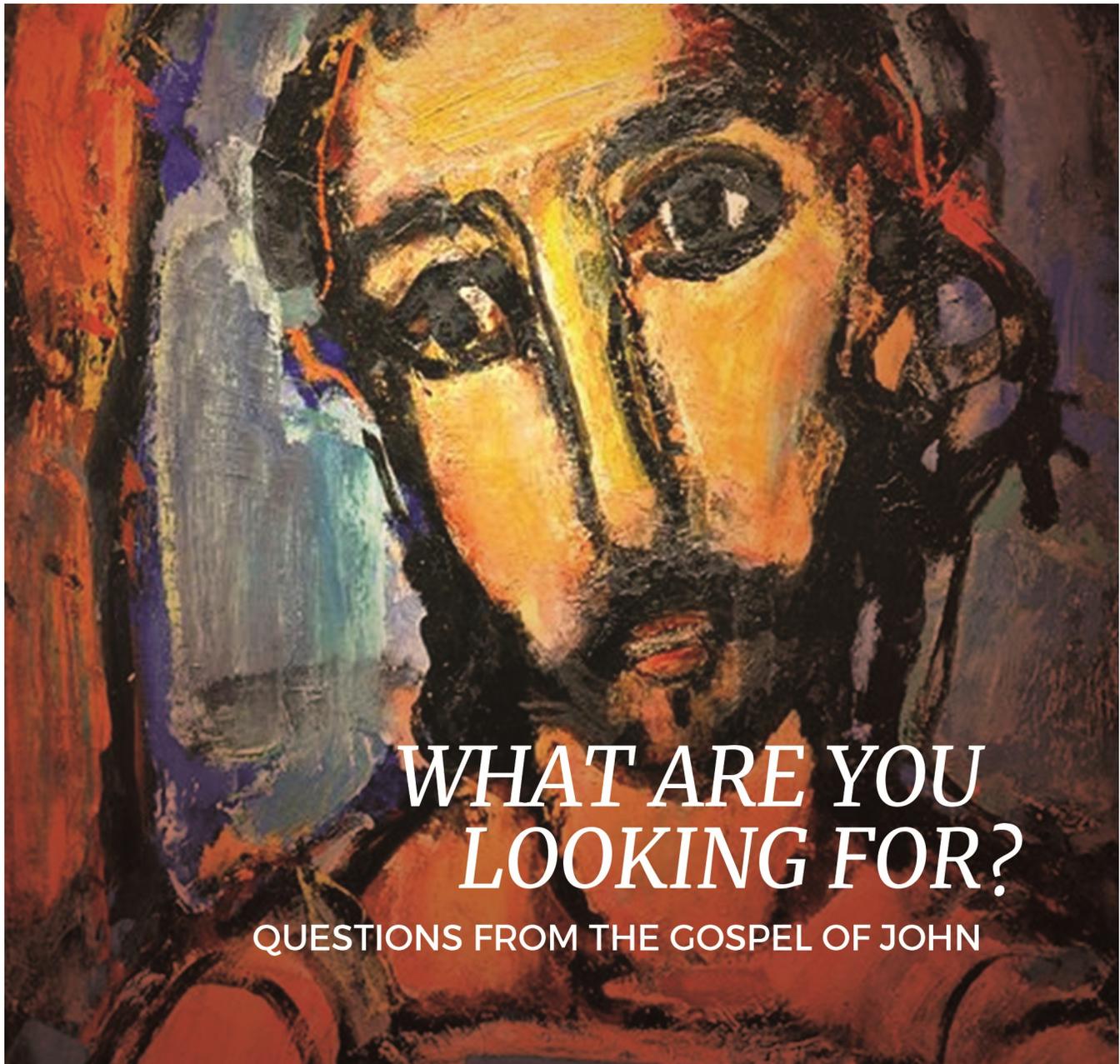




SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
JUNE 2, 2019

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# FATHER MARK'S NOTES

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meaning of life.*

First Friday Mass  
& Exposition  
June 7th at  
St. Michael's  
Exposition 6 am—6 pm  
Mass 6 pm

**Come spend some  
time with Jesus!**

## WEEK SIX MESSAGE SERIES: ENLIGHTENMENT

Enlightenment, our 6<sup>th</sup> Session, represents the fourth stage in the growth of the believer. We began the stages with Conversion and Baptism (session 4). Then, we went to Eucharist (session 5), which led us deeper into mystical union with God in Christ. Now we have arrived at the fourth stage, Enlightenment. Enlightened, we begin to see a clear vision of the meaning of life.

The two very probing stories that we see here are in Chapter 9, "The Man Born Blind" and in Chapter 11, "The Raising of Lazarus." Chapter 10 sees Jesus calling Himself the Good Shepherd – probably the first title of Jesus adopted by the early Church.

Finally, we finish with the strange prologue of the Gospel of John. Here we are at the end of our message series, but we finish with the beginning. Raymond Brown would call this introduction to the Gospel more of a summary than an introduction. It's a kind of sketch of the career of Jesus beginning with eternity, carrying out His mission here on earth, and returning to the heart of the Father. We have come full circle!!

### 2019 Catholic Ministries Drive

We have not talked about it at all, but I want to remind you again of our Catholic Ministries Drive. As I have previously mentioned, the entire focus of this initiative is different. Let me explain: The monies collected by this new "Drive" (I'll call it the 2019 CMD) will go exclusively to: caring for the poor, strengthening families, nurturing youth, and formation of clergy and laity, and not to the Diocesan general budget, which is where most of it went before. Not most but 100% of all funding will go to the vital ministries. Therefore, the funding will go to ministries that impact people in parishes and communities. That is very different from how the old ACA worked.

Also, the Diocese will be doing everything it can to keep administrative expenses to a minimum, 2%.

**Again, our target amount at OMOS is \$88,869 and at St. Michael's the target is \$7,075. Now, if we all give a little, this can be light work for us. In the past, we have hit 45% participation and met the goal easily. What would happen if we hit 100%? Remember, we are all part of this diocese, this is our spiritual home. This is where Jesus wants to meet us, here in this diocese, and at this particular time. LET'S SHOOT FOR THAT NUMBER – not 45%, but 100%! I too must do my share.** I think we should try to do what we can to hit that target amount. Again, with this new approach, the diocese is trying to keep ministries that affect everyday people going, while also keeping the Diocese financially solvent.

More later, but thank you for reading this, and I simply ask you to pray and keep an open heart as you discern, as members of the Church of Altoona-Johnstown, how you may enter this financial commitment to your local Church.

### First Friday & Eucharistic Exposition

May I remind you once again that this Friday is First Friday. We will be exposing the Blessed Sacrament on the altar at St. Michael's from 6:00AM to 6:00PM, and we will conclude with Mass. I know those individuals who work will find this difficult. Actually, I see time at prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on First Friday as a ministry for the retired and for our Seniors most especially. Come and pray, for your parish, your Church, your family, the Diocese. I mean, WWJD.

## MESSAGE SERIES

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

### *Questions from the Gospel of John*

#### **Week 6: Enlightenment**

##### **Chapter 9,10,11,1:1-18**

Our final session focuses on Enlightenment. This represents the 4<sup>th</sup> stage in the movement of the believer, beginning with conversion, Baptism, and Eucharist leading to a deeper mystical union with God in Christ. Jesus says, "I am the light of the world." It's as if the mysterious spiritual side of life had suddenly been illuminated in a way that provided a clear vision of the meaning of life. As we begin this last session let's think about:

- The blind man was given his sight and he believed in Jesus. Are we still seeking signs before we completely trust and believe in Jesus?
- Jesus says about His sheep, "I know mine and they know me." When He calls you, do you follow?
- What do you think about the death and resurrection of Jesus' friend Lazarus?
- "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." What does this really mean?

To understand these and many other amazing teachings of John, join us Wednesday, June 5 at 6:45 for a short talk by Fr. Mark, video presentation and group discussion. All are welcome to join for fellowship and faith sharing.

## 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? Got to our website to register.



## 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.

**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)

## REST IN PEACE

**Edna Martin**  
Buried from OMOS

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

## PRAYER MINISTRY AT OMOS



### TESTIMONY 1 - CURED

*This is a testimony from The Word Among Us, January 2019, page 5.*

"Tom was diagnosed with a rare disease, his life changed drastically. He was forced into retirement. He became increasingly weak and was almost constantly in pain. He spent so much time at home and in bed that he lost touch with some of his friends. All of this combined to make him feel angry at God and bitter with life. Friends from his parish tried to be encouraging, but it didn't seem to make any difference.

A few months later, Tom's parish scheduled a four-day mission. Tom's friends urged him to attend, but he refused to go. But then, on the last night of the mission, Tom decided to show up. He wasn't expecting anything to happen; he just wanted to satisfy his friends.

But something did happen. The mission ended with a call for anyone who wanted to receive prayer for healing. Feeling somewhat skeptical, Tom decided to ask for prayer. The moment the deacon and two others laid hands on him, Tom felt overwhelmed with a sense of love and warmth. He felt the piled-up anger and resentment in his heart start to melt, and he began weeping. And wondrously, at his next doctor appointment, he was declared to be in perfect health. God had healed him of his disease!"

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## 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.

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 June 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.

### WEEKLY READINGS

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

## HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

**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.

**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 Sunday, June 2nd at 9:45 am at Holy Grounds.

## The June

### Prayer Meeting

has been moved to Friday, June 14th.

Mark your calendar and join us for an evening of prayer, music, and fellowship.

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## WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

### Monday, June 3

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

**Server:** Joseph Gritzer & Nico White

### Tuesday, June 4

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

**Server:** Chase & Charlie Neumann

### Wednesday, June 5

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

### Thursday, June 6

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

**Servers:** Divine Mercy Students

### Friday, June 7

6 am—Eucharistic Adoration at St.  
Michael's  
6 p.m.—Mass at St. Michael's

**Server:** Tim Burgess

### Saturday, June 8

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

**Servers:** Kaleigh Plank & Tea Ashcom

**Lector:** Andrea Criswell

**Euch. Min.** Jerry Clark (2), Mary Kay

Clark, Diana Tyger, Vicki Wesner,  
Michelle Rivetti, Michelle Stutzman,  
Michelle Petrell

**Hosp.** Shirley, Ed, Edwin Kesslak, Cathy  
Vigna, Gerri Isban, Sue & Tom Krise, Jim  
Galiardi Saturday, June 8

6:00 p.m.—Mass at St. Michaels

**Servers:** Olivia Baumbaugh & Tim  
Burgess

**Lector:** Bob Mainhart

### Sunday, June 9

8:30 a.m.— Mass at OMOS

**Servers:** David Ray & Peyton Barry

**Lector:** Adeline Mishler

**Euch. Min:** Carol Battaglia (2), Michelle St.

Clair, Janet Bowser, Mary jo Gardill, Monica  
Purazo, Ed Sheehan, Julie Sheehan

**Hosp:** Marjorie Lechene, Ray & Janette  
Cowan, John Esch, Jerry Unger, Ron & Carol  
Golias, Jackie Ayres

### Sunday, June 9

11:00 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

**Servers:** Jonathan Smajda & Brady Manges

**Lector:** Jim Clark

**Euch. Min:** Tom Polacek (2), Mary Polacek,  
Adam Weir, Maria Nesmith, Brad & Tonya  
Duca, Michelle Varner

**Hosp:** Anne & Matt DiFrancesco, Janice  
Rayha, Marianne Krizner, Bill Ingram, Rick  
Phillips, Michelle & Keith Santee

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, June 1, 2019- Vigil

4:00 p.m. Bob Bulas (Bill & Terrie Ray)  
6:00 p.m. Vince & Vera Bremer (Family)

### Sunday, June 2, 2019—Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

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

### Monday, June 3, 2019

8:00 a.m. Concetta Morbit (Eric,  
Shelley, Kayleigh, & Karlie Stiffler)

### Tuesday, June 4, 2019

8:00 a.m. Larry Holbay (Ron & Sylvia  
Shostik)

### Wednesday, June 5, 2019

6:00 p.m. Gladys Smajda (Family)

### Thursday, June 6, 2019

9 a.m. Richard Blaschak (John  
Correll)

### Friday, June 7, 2019

6:00 p.m. Betty Slivosky (Bernadine  
Mley) - St. Michael's

### Saturday, June 8, 2019 - Vigil

4:00 p.m. Camille Gatins (Jane &  
Theresa Pfaller)

6:00 p.m. David & Patricia Jones (Family)

### Sunday, June 9, 2019 – Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Jack Wilson (Bob & Mary Jo  
Gardill)

11:00 a.m. Howard & Cecilia Sherman  
(Family)

## May 19, 2019

Envelopes .....	\$9,773
Loose .....	1,511
Online (76) .....	4,213
Total .....	\$15,497

## May 26, 2019

Envelopes .....	\$9,287
Loose .....	1,602
Online (69) .....	3,523
Total .....	\$14,412