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FATHER MARK'S NOTES

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Happy Birthday, Church!!
We are not abandoned.

Today we celebrate the all-important Feast of Pentecost. 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 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.⁴ The gift of the Spirit ushers in a new era in the "dispensation of the mystery" the age of the Church, **during which Christ manifests, makes present, and communicates his work of salvation through the liturgy of his Church, "until he comes"** (This teaching is at the heart of our message series!!) In this age of the Church **Christ now lives and acts in and with his Church, in a new way appropriate to this new age.** 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. How awesome can it get!! Happy Birthday!!

Summer Bible Study

In my experience, one of the biggest reason people get frustrated with reading the Bible is they don't know the history. Knowing the history of the Bible, especially the Old Testament is, in my experience to "unlock" the Bible. So, we are offering a very special Bible study this summer, open for EVERYONE, titled "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible. **We will begin on Monday, June 17th at 6:00, and, again, we really want you to consider coming.** Below is a brief description of the course we will be taking together.

Many people want to read the Bible because they know it is God's Word but give up because it is so complicated. The *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* study program helps you to get the "big picture" of the Bible by showing how fourteen narrative books of the Bible tell the complete story from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church.

In this study, presenter Jeff Cavins will show you how to read the Bible so that you can actually understand it. Aided by a unique color-coded *Bible Timeline* Chart that arranges the key people, places, and events of Scripture in chronological order, *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* will help you discover the story of salvation history and understand how you fit into God's plan.

The 8-session *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* study program includes video presentations (30 minutes each week) that explore the twelve periods of *The Bible Timeline* Chart.

We will also use the *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible Student Workbook*, which contains talk notes, discussion questions and responses, home preparation questions and reading assignments designed to accompany these videos. *The Bible Timeline Chart* and *The Bible Timeline Bookmark* are also included in the Student Workbook.

I do hope you will join us, it will be fun. You will need to purchase a book for this that will cost you \$20 with Ascension Press OR \$29 through Amazon. And, that's not really very expensive!! I mean, that's "chump change" given the wealth of information you will receive from this one book. If you need help ordering the book – call us!! Just come and enjoy this time together unlocking the Bible!!

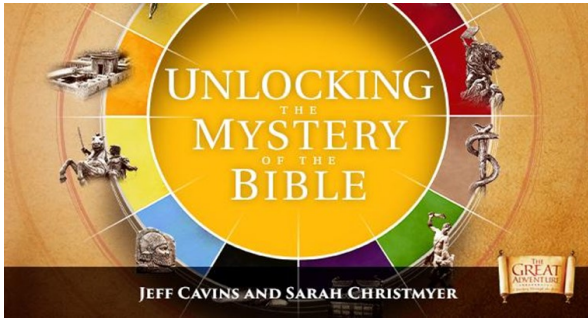
2019 Catholic Ministries Drive

I wanted to remind you again of our Catholic Ministries Drive. As 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. 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.

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

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.



Looking for something to do this summer? Join Fr. Mark for an eight-week study of the Bible and the history that surrounds it.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible helps you to uncover our Faith woven through Scripture with its clever narrative approach and ingenious color coded Bible Timeline. It is a great way to get the “big picture” of the Bible and see how our Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture. You’ll see how the Bible reveals God’s loving plan for your life, and you will learn helpful ways to put your Faith into practice.

This eight- week study includes informative and engaging half -hour videos presented by Jeff Cavins and include footage from the Holy Land, animated maps, useful charts, graphics, and art. **Register for this course on our website (omostoday.com) or call the Parish Office at 535-7646.** You will need to purchase the student workbook either on Amazon.com or AscensionPress.com. The workbook title is “Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible”.

Join us on Monday evenings beginning June 17th at 6 pm in the church. Come and bring a friend!

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

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



Help Us Celebrate the OMOS Centennial

Next year in 2020, Our Mother of Sorrows Parish will celebrate its 100th anniversary. Planning is underway for the centennial and various committees are at work to make the occasion both memorable and meaningful for OMOS parishioners. Among the projects being prepared by the History Committee is a centennial booklet that will provide an historical overview of the parish. We are hoping that members of OMOS will help us in this effort. Our basic working assumption is that the Church (the body of Christ) is comprised of all its members. We hope to include in our parish history, reflections from OMOS congregants. You can participate in assisting the History Committee by sharing your reflections about your personal and family experiences in the parish. If you would be willing to provide an oral history, a story, or reminiscence about your time as a member of OMOS, we would love to hear from you. We can meet either at your location or at OMOS for a brief recorded interview. In addition, if you have photographs or objects that highlight your experience at OMOS we would appreciate learning about them. This is your centennial and we hope you will become involved as we celebrate this important historical milestone in the life of our parish. For more information or to schedule a meeting , please contact Jim Abrams at jfabrams@atlanticbb.net or 255-5868.

REST IN PEACE

Jane Rohal
Wife of Bill

Patricia Puchko
Mother of Doug & Maureen

Matilda LaBuda
Parishioner of OMOS

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

PRAYER MINISTRY AT OMOS

TESTIMONY 2 – HEALED BUT NOT CURED

"It is truly amazing to me how much God has strengthened me throughout this journey to be able to do His will. This disease is so much bigger than me, & I know I couldn't have fought this battle without Him. He has definitely helped my family (especially my 90-year-old parents) to accept & bear this painful news. I have learned the safest place to be is in His will... no matter what we're facing. I carry that thought with me constantly. Jesus has most definitely held my hand & led me along this path... I have felt His Presence, and He has taken away my fears. I was never a strong person, but sometimes I'm amazed at how well I've been able to cope, but more importantly I also realize it's not my strength, but God's that is carrying me.

God has led me to the best Prayer Ministers I could have asked for, and I have gained so much insight and strength from all of them. I feel so blessed. From the first prayer meeting (before I got the cancer diagnosis) when I could barely talk about it without crying, to my ongoing prayer sessions, I have felt strengthened and optimistic that I could do this. Even though the prayer ministry was a new experience for me and I wasn't sure if I was "doing it right", God knew my heart and made everything "right." I've counted on the saying that He never gives us more of a burden than we can carry, and have found that to be so true. Throughout my chemo treatments, I have had some bad days, but can honestly say, there have been more good days than bad. I'm still praying for a complete cure, but after this I can honestly say that I will be able to accept whatever God has in store for me.

I pray that God uses this disease and my experiences to help someone else. I hope to "pay it forward" in some way when this is all behind me. Everyone has been so supportive and encouraging, and I hope I can do the same for someone else someday. OMOS is truly a very special faith community, and my husband and I feel so blessed to be a part of it along with all the wonderful friends we've made in the process.

The Prayer Ministers have been my lifeline from the first moment I opened my heart to them when they prayed for me. They are a very special group of people, and I'm so thankful they have shared their gifts with me and all the others that have needed them. They have been my direct "hot line" to heaven at times!" I am so grateful to all of them for giving up their time and talents for those in need. Words are just not sufficient to express my gratitude."

With much love,
Patty Horvath

If you have had an experience with prayer ministry that you would like to share, please email your story to kswood623@gmail.com.

Join Us At Our June Prayer Meeting
Friday, June 14th 7 pm—9 pm
Bring a friend and join us for an evening of prayer,
music, and fellowship.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS

St. Michael's **3rd Annual Rummage and Food Sale** will be held on **June 15 from 9 am to 2 pm**. Donations will be accepted including soda & water for the food sale. We will have drop off times on 6/11 at 5 pm and 6/12 at 12:30 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Jess Smith (412) 965-5811 or Riek's at 539-6280.

St. Michael's will host a covered dish dinner in honor of fathers on Thursday, June 20 at 6 pm in the community room. Everyone is invited. The main dish and beverages are provided. Bring a covered dish and join us for an evening of fellowship.

Collection for 6/2/2019 was \$1,184

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Mark Your Calendars:

Saturday, August 10th will be our High School Canoe & Connect excursion to Camp Harmony for a day filled with canoeing, rope courses, group games, and a picnic lunch. Students will meet at Holy Grounds at 9 am and return around 3:30 pm. Please make sure to mark your calendars for this great kick-off event for the 2019-2020 school year. We would like all high school students to participate! A link will be emailed to parents in the upcoming weeks to register your teenager!

Mission Trip

Bucket Collection:

Our High School Mission Trip is scheduled for July 14th—19th. Our students will be outside the church with their buckets accepting donations to help cover the cost of their trip on June 22/23. A link is also available for online giving.

DMCA Crusader News

Check out the June issue of Crusader News to see DMCA's latest graduates! This edition also highlights DMCA's new team, and the year's achievements in STREAM, the arts, and with our St. Francis University partners. Check out expanded 2019/2020 Preschool & PreKinder options, register for the school year, and view photos from the last month's hands on learning projects.

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WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Monday, June 10

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m.—Mass

Servers: Peyton Barry & Tim Burgess

Tuesday, June 11

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 a.m.—Confession

8 a.m.—Mass

Servers: Peyton Barry & Tim Burgess

Wednesday, June 12

7 a.m. Praise & Worship

4:30 p.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

5:30 p.m.—Confession

6 p.m.—Mass

Server: Tim Burgess & Bradyn Younkings

Thursday, June 13

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m.—Mass

Servers: Charlie Snee & Bradyn Younkings

Friday, June 14

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m.—Mass

Servers: Charlie Snee & Bradyn Younkings

Saturday, June 15

3 pm—Confessions

4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Tea & Tommy Ashcom

Lector: Michelle Petrell

Euch. Min. Mary Kay Clark (2), Linda Rosenbaum, Bridget Byrne, Jerry Clark, Vicki Wesner, Diana Tyger, Michelle Rivetti

Hosp. Val Deater, Ann & Jim Mattie, Bill Livingston, Tom & Nancy Simmons, Kathy Ashcom, Jim Galiardi

Saturday, June 15

6:00 p.m.—Mass at St. Michaels

Servers: Serenity & Alexis Smith

Lector: Doug Puchko

Sunday, June 16

8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Peyton Barry & Ella Nibert

Lector: Maura McGrath

Euch. Min: Estelle(2) & David Milligan,

Steve Quinn, Kim Belskey, Karen Hoffman, Ron Golias, Heather Nibert

Hosp: Maria & Ralph DeMarco, John & Julie Fontana, George & Mary Kogut, Michelle Kush, Martin Malek

Sunday, June 16

11:00 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Megan Hutton & Bradyn Younkings

Lector: Abby Tyger

Euch. Min: Deron (2) & Mary Beth Lintz, Mary DiFrancesco, Donna Gillan, Christa Curtis, Patty Falcone, Amy Bradley

Hosp: Debbie & Anthony Falvo, Tami Buchan, Denise Mezyk, Don & Patty Falcone, Gil McDonald, John Onufro

Ultreya Gathering: The Johnstown West Ultreya Group will be meeting on Wed., June 12th from 6:45 pm—7:45 pm at St. Michael's Community room located in Brownstown at 180 Gilbert Street, just behind the church. All are welcome!

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Gen 3:9-15 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Acts 11:21b-26;13:1-3/Ps 98:1,2-3ab, 3cd-4,5-6[cf. 2b]/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15--4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [17a]/Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Mt 5:33-37

Next Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

MASS INTENTIONS

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)

Monday, June 10, 2019

8:00 a.m. Tom Newhouse (wife & family)

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

8:00 a.m. Erma Visnosky (Barry & Marcia Critchfield)

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

6:00 p.m. Leo O'Connor (wife, Polly)

Thursday, June 13, 2019

8 a.m. Teresa Oliverio (Cheryl Manger)

Friday, June 14, 2019

8:00 a.m. Gerald Weinzierl (Sister Grace Lane)

Saturday, June 15, 2019 - Vigil

4:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the Julius Rosage Family)

6:00 p.m. Andrew Puniak (wife, Stephany)

Sunday, June 16, 2019 – Most Holy Trinity

8:30 a.m. Betty Sulosky (Doug & Maureen Puchko)

11:00 a.m. Margaret McGrath (Stem Family)