

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 2, 2013

As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the death of the Lord
until he comes.

— 1 Corinthians 11:26

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

7:30 AM Douglas Steele
9:30 AM Special Intentions of our Graduates

MONDAY, JUNE 3

9:00 AM Joseph Montenuerno

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

9:00 AM JoAnn Weaver

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

9:00 AM Mary Wanzie

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

9:00 AM Ron Corona Jr.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

9:00 AM Special Intention

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

4:30 PM George & Elizabeth Pirnick

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

7:30 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Ann Yablonski
12:30 PM Holy Souls in Purgatory (Hispanic Mass)

SANCTUARY CANDLE THIS WEEK: In memory of Lawrence Hoag requested by Joselle Kinney.

PEACE CANDLE: In memory of Barbara Cabi requested by Rose Mattive.

RESURRECTION CANDLE: In honor of our graduates.

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE: In honor of The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

THE ALTAR BREADS AND ALTAR WINE that will be consecrated at our Masses this week are in memory of Mary Dalto given by Joselle Kinney.

OUR PRAYERS & SYMPATHY to the families of Margaret Crispino & Bernadine Johnson. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD

Next Sunday, June 9

Saturday, 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Panzak, B & D DeLuca
Lector: Kalie
Altar Servers: 1
Greeters: N & D Whitko

Sunday, 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Curry, Kilcullen, Wolfe
Lector: Confer
Altar Servers: 2
Greeters: R & M Crake

Sunday, 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Samsel, Wharton, Dante
Lector: Belford
Altar Servers: 3
Greeters: S & L Lizardi

PARISH SUPPORT

May 26 offering

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| Adults | \$4148.00 |
| Youth | 17.00 |
| Loose | <u>402.00</u> |
| Total | \$4567.00 |

Our additional collection next week is a parish offering for Repairs & Maintenance.

Additional Pentecost: \$462.00

Thank you for your generosity!

LENTEN APPEAL payment for June is now due. For proper credit please send payment & coupon to Diocese of Harrisburg, HCAS-LA, 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111-3710

PARISH DATEBOOK

MONDAY, JUNE 3

BIBLE STUDY /SHARING 7:00 PM in the meeting room.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

CCW covered dish meeting at 5:30 PM.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

BLUE ARMY HOLY HOUR will be prayed at 8:00 AM.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS will be celebrated at 9:00 AM.



FATHER'S DAY MASS CARDS are available in the back of the church. On the return envelope please list your father's name, living or deceased. Memorial envelopes are available separately if your father is deceased and the card is not needed.

There will be 7 Masses through the month of June in their honor or memory

Congratulations to all our graduates.
May God Bless You
As you continue on your journey!



PICNIC RAFFLE TICKETS will be given out after each Mass on the weekend of June 8th & June 9th. Please return all sold & unsold tickets to the church office or drop in the offertory

basket.

Thank you!!

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HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL is accepting applications for part-time teachers in the areas of art, music and physical education. If you are interested in applying for one of these positions, please contact Mr. David Brown, Principal at Holy Family School (752-2021) or Father Dennis Dalessandro at St. Joseph's Catholic Church (752-5684/752-7000) for more details
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The Knights of Columbus presented Zachary Ladonis, a member of St. Mary's Parish and a member of the Berwick Class of 2013, with an academic reward for his outstanding achievement. Congratulations Zachary and best of luck!!!

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PLEASE NOTE!

St. Mary's Bible Study/Sharing will discontinue June 10th for the summer and resume in September. Please continue to call Rose Yalch at 752-2363 or Ann Samsel at 752-7309 if you need to add someone to the prayer list.

VOCATION AWARENESS

"You give them something to eat." Do these words of Christ challenge you to give your all for Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Raymond LaVoie at (717) 657-4804 ext. 282 or e-mail vocations@hbgdiocese.org.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
- Monday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions; Ninth Week in Ordinary Time
- Wednesday: St. Boniface
- Thursday: St. Norbert
- Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus; First Friday
- Saturday: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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THE EUCHARIST

Just as the bread, which is made from the earth, when God is invoked is no longer common bread but the we have received the Eucharist, are no longer corruptible, since they hold the hope of the resurrection.

—St. Irenaeus

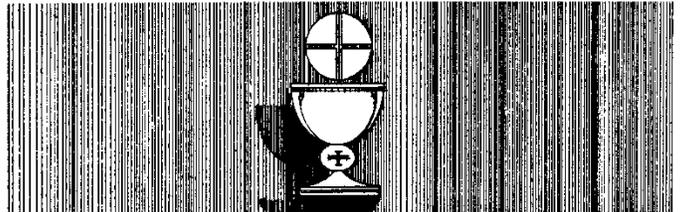
APPRECIATING THE EUCHARIST

For centuries today's feast was called *Corpus Christi* (the Body of Christ) and was observed on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. In many countries it has now been moved to Sunday, so that more people may participate in its celebration. In its present form, the liturgy of this day focuses our attention on the meaning of the Eucharist that we celebrate so often.

Today's reading from Genesis tells how "Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine" and prayed over Abram. Though it took place nearly two thousand years before Jesus, this event has long been used by the Church as an ancient foreshadowing of the Eucharist.

The reading from Paul's Letter to the Corinthians is the same one we hear proclaimed on Holy Thursday, retelling the story of the first blessing and sharing of bread and wine at the Last Supper. Luke's tale of the miraculous feeding of the crowd in today's Gospel is also clearly intended to evoke the Eucharist. Thus today's readings give us three opportunities to deepen our appreciation of the Body and Blood of Christ.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We owe today's beautiful feast to a valiant woman who suffered a great deal to establish a feast out of her love for the Eucharist. Juliana was a nun in Belgium in the thirteenth century. She served in a hospital for lepers. She became convinced through her prayer that the liturgical year was incomplete because it had no feast for the Eucharist. Her efforts were not welcome, and a supervising priest sought to punish her for promoting a feast that "nobody wanted." He even had her accused of financial mismanagement and banished her from her convent.

Shortly after she was exiled, the bishop approved the feast. It quickly spread through Europe. In those days, people very seldom received Holy Communion, and so the processions through the streets with the Eucharistic bread not only led to an awareness of Christ's hunger to be with us, but prepared the way for a deeper desire to receive Christ's Body and Blood in more frequent Communion. The feast grew rapidly, but Juliana disappeared into poverty and a hidden life. She ended her days as an " anchoress," a woman living in seclusion in a room attached to a parish church. Imagine her delight at seeing us gathered at the table of the Lord on this day, aware of Christ's presence in our midst, sharing fully in Christ's Body and Blood. Our celebration today invests her struggle and sorrows with dignity and meaning.