

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ • June 6th, 2021



Year of Real



PRESENCE

CENTERED IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Mass Intentions

Monday, June 7

8:00 a.m. Marian & Alex Kriston
(Joan Grapsy)

Tuesday, June 8

9:00 a.m. Catherine Bortzel

Wednesday, June 9

8:00 a.m. Joseph Brahler
(Family)

Thursday, June 10

9:00 a.m. Gene & Betty Gustitis
(Jack & Annette Lisowski)

Friday, June 11

9:00 a.m. George Hahner Sr.
(Ed Hahner)

Saturday, June 12

5:00 p.m. John & Margaret Kasinecz
(John & Barb Powers)

Sunday, June 13

8:15 a.m. Harry A. Bartholomew
Family
(Frances Lorenz)

Sunday, June 13

10:30 a.m. Yenilaitus Family
(Carol Rhoades
& Mary Zambo)

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ also known as Corpus Christi. In celebrating this feast, we acknowledge the wonderful gift of Holy Communion, and its implication for our daily nourishment. God gives his only Son, Jesus Christ, to and for us. This feast also highlights Jesus' desire to remain with us after his death, to be the life-giving presence that we count on. God desires to be present to us permanently in the person of Jesus our Redeemer.

We experience that presence each day as we share in Holy Communion, the unique sacramental presence of Christ, received as nourishment in the form of bread and wine, our spiritual food. That presence is enhanced in the daily lives of those whose Baptism and nourishment of the Eucharist allows them to live Christ's life within them by going out in service to the needs of others, especially the poor. By being nourished with the Eucharist— Christ's body, blood, soul, and divinity—Jesus continues to live vibrantly in his people present and active in our world.

This year in our diocese we are celebrating the Year of the Real Presence, a time in which we are called to come back to Church and to receive Christ in the Eucharist and to know that Jesus is truly present in those forms of bread and wine, that they are transubstantiated into the Body and Blood of Jesus. This is what he gave us at the Last Supper as a sign of the covenant (A New Covenant) in the blood that he shed for us.

This is a profound mystery that expresses the realities of how God relates to us. God loves us, cares for us, forgives us, and invites us into life. He invites us to make a difference in our world. By coming back to the real presence and receiving Jesus into our hearts and souls, we allow him to nourish us to be able to go out into the world to make disciples of all nations.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Dave

Next Week's Readings

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (June 12/13)

Reading I: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Pray

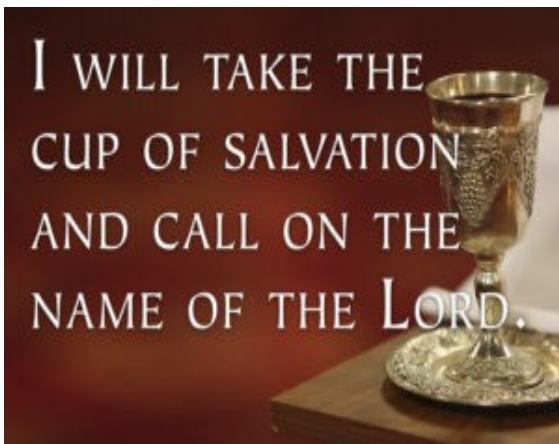
We remember in prayer those who are ill or recently deceased. We commend to our Divine Lord all of our aged people and those residing in nursing homes.

For our Sick Susan Cook • Patricia Thomas

For our Deceased Fred Hossler

For Vocations

Heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, call forth vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our diocese and our families. Inspire men to imitate Christ, the Eternal High Priest, in sacrificial service to your Church. Move the hearts of men and women to offer themselves wholly to You in poverty, chastity and obedience. Send them as laborers for Your harvest. Inspire the faithful to support them with prayers and sacrifice. Raise up holy families who foster openness to your call. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen



Upcoming Events

June

6	4:30 p.m.	Street Evangelization Training (until 6:00 p.m.) F.R.
9	8:00 p.m.	St. John's Beneficial Society F.R.
14	7:00 p.m.	Holy Hour/Adoration, Music, and Confessions.... Church
16	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Catholic Women's Union L.H.

L.H. = Longinus Hall F.R. = Rectory Fellowship Room R.B. = Russell Building

Tues. 7:15 p.m. Weekly Men's Group Zoom
 Meeting ID: 824-780-6433
 Password: Mary



Weekly Collection

May 29/30\$3,721.00

Thank you for your sacrificial giving by dropping envelopes at the rectory, by mail and online giving.

Please **do not** use **tape** or **staple** to seal your offertory envelopes.

Candle Donations

BVM

1&2. 50th Wedding Anniversary of Bob & Marge Kelly

St. Joseph

1&2. IMO Marian Herwig by Babe Murphy

Sanctuary

IMO Scott Bowers by Joan Bowers

Guardian Angels

- 1&2. Wedding Anniversary of John & Bernice Petock
- 3. IMO George Hahner Sr. by Hahner Family
- 4. IMO Mildred Ditzler by Eleanor Schaeffer



Holy Hour/Adoration, Music, and Confessions

Celebrate the Year of Real Presence on Monday, June 14th from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. for an evening of worship before the Blessed Sacrament. Light piano instrumental worship music will be interspersed with periods of prayerful silence. Confessions will be available for the first half hour.

CCD Thank You

We wish to express our gratitude to the following parishioners for committing to the academic year 2020/2021 for our Religious Education Program as Catechists and volunteers.

- Farrah Benart*
- Bob Hahner*
- Lucilla Kochol*
- Josette Peckman*
- Lori Reedy*
- Tina Seiger*
- Beth Smith*
- Rick Smith*



Personnel Assignments

Bishop Schlert announced the following priest transfers, effective June 15:

Fr. David Loeper will become the new pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Hamburg.

Fr. Kevin Bobbin will be the new pastor at St. John the Baptist Parish in Pottsville

New Deacon—Matthew Kuna will continue to work at the Cathedral Parish in Allentown

New Priest—Deacon Phillip Maas will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, June 5.

Please pray for all priests involved in the great number of transfers in our diocese this year, and for more vocations to the priesthood in our diocese.

Congratulations

First Communion

We congratulate the following who received Eucharist for the first time. We also congratulate their families and teachers who brought them to this point in their lives.

*Norah Scheidel
Cole Dissinger*

Married in Christ

We extend our warmest congratulations to **Anne Tamalavage** and **Andrew McGuffin** who were joined in Holy Matrimony on May 22nd in the presence of Father Dave. They are called now to total dedication to each other. May their love each day draw them closer to God and to each other.

Job Opening

Part-time Administrative Assistant

Holy Family Parish of Minersville is seeking a part-time administrative assistant who will be responsible for performing a variety of administrative tasks to support the Parish. Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Applicants are requested to submit a cover letter and resume to Fr. Stokes, Pastor at Holy Family Parish of Minersville, 538 Sunbury St., Minersville, For more information please contact parish at 570-544-4741.



Diocese of Allentown

Office of the Permanent Diaconate Formation

Do you believe that God might be calling you to discern the Ordained Ministry of Christ the Servant, as a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese of Allentown? If so you and your family are invited to attend a COME AND SEE Event at Saint Joseph the Worker Parish Church on Friday Evening, June 25, 2021 at 6 p.m. Registration is required. Please register by emailing jstewart@allentowndiocese.org or calling the Office of Permanent Diaconate Formation at (610) 332-0442 Ext. 2031.



Baptismal Preparation

Before your youngest members are baptized, parents are asked to come for Baptismal Preparation. It is preferable that this be done **before** your baby is born. Please call Father Dave to arrange for this important preparation. Baptisms are celebrated the First Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m. and the Second Sunday during 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Neighboring Events

Block Party

St. Mary's Parish in Ringtown
Friday, June 11 from 4 to 10 p.m.
Saturday, June 12 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Homemade Food, Beer, Raffle Tickets, Basket Auction, Games,
Great Band 'Sakes Alive'.

Horseshoe Tournament

St. Mary's Parish in Ringtown
Saturday, June 12
Registration begins 10 a.m.; Tournament begins 11 a.m.
\$20.00 per team
For more information please call 570-985-7311

The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

Jesus died on the Cross and rose from the dead to save us from sin and death. And He promised that He would remain with us until the end of time: “Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age” (Matt. 28:20).

Because He loves us, Jesus found a way to be Present to each person through all the generations. Jesus made a miracle happen at the Last Supper the night before He died, and that same miracle takes place at every Mass.

Jesus commanded that the bread and wine become His Body and Blood. We believe this miracle occurs because Jesus is God, and when He speaks, His Words become what they say.

He gave the power to turn bread and wine into His Body and Blood to the Apostles, who were the first Bishops. They in turn passed it down to all priests who receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

When the priest says “This is My Body,” it is really Jesus speaking through him, making the miracle happen.



**O Sacrament Most Holy! O Sacrament Divine!
All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine!**



June 6, 2021

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Ex 24:3-8 | Heb 9:11-15 | Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

It takes only a few moments of holding one's breath to realize how desperately we need oxygen to survive. If only we were always as cognizant and mindful of the importance of the Eucharist for the same reason! I, for one, confess to approaching the altar with fervent belief in the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Christ, but also at times doing so while distracted or not fully appreciative of the gift being given to me. But today's solemnity is a powerful reminder not to take the Eucharist for granted. It is the Church's formal and official homage to Jesus Christ who, "with his own blood" obtained for us eternal redemption. St. Thomas Aquinas offers this description of how wonderful, precious, and important the Eucharist is with the following words: "The only-begotten Son of God, wishing to enable us to share in his divinity, assumed our nature, so that by becoming man he might make us gods." (Opusc. 57, 1-4) Like the disciples on the night of the Last Supper, we, too, receive the body and blood of Jesus under the appearance of bread and wine. He dwells within us, intercedes for us, and through grace he transforms us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Spending time with our Lord at Eucharistic adoration is a profound opportunity to open our hearts to him. Just as we know that we cannot love others well if we don't love ourselves, likewise we cannot share the love of Christ with others well if we don't take time to allow Christ to enter our hearts and our lives. By taking the time to talk to Jesus and listen, we can, in turn, witness to his love to others. We can use this time to pray for a specific person, seek help with a personal dilemma, or ask the Lord to show us where we need repentance and conversion in our own lives so as to be more like him. The more we are conformed to Christ, the better we can bring Christ to the world.

STUDY Draw closer to the Lord through meditation on the meaning of the Eucharist by reading these "basic questions and answers" about the Real Presence: www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/order-of-mass/liturgy-of-the-eucharist/the-real-presence-faqs.

Pastor..... *Rev. David J. Loeper*
Deacons*Luis R. Visot and Lawrence Lonergan*

Pastoral Assistant.....*Bobby Rienzo*
Parish Council President*Robert Bechtel*
Choir Director/Organist *David Derbes*
CCD Coordinator..... *Lucilla Kochol*

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C.C.D.

All children preparing to receive any sacrament must be in a Religious Education Program for two consecutive years immediately prior to receiving a Sacrament. The child must also be a practicing Catholic.

Certificates of Eligibility

Certificates to act as sponsors, Godparents, etc. will only be issued to parishioners who are formally registered with the church and attend Mass on a regular basis.

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday prior to publication

New Parishioners

Please call the rectory for an appointment to register.

Sick Calls

Please notify the parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays..... 4:15 to 4:45 p.m..
Sundays 7:45 to 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 to 10:15 a.m..
or by appointment

Sacrament of Marriage

Please call the Rectory one year in advance.

Sacrament of Baptism

First Sunday of each month..... 11:30 a.m.
Second Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass
Baptismal Preparation for Parents must precede the Baptism.
Please contact Father Dave for an appointment.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., N.C.C.,L.P.C. (800) 791-9209

Diocesan Secretary for Youth Protection & Catholic Human Services

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