

June 14, 2020

*Solemnity
of the
Body and
Blood
of Christ*



*Unless you eat
the flesh of the
Son of Man
and drink his blood,
you do not have
life within you.
John 6:53*

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Temporary Mass Schedule

Saturday, Mass 4:00 pm (Livestreamed

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Sunday, Mass 10:00 am (The Mass recorded at 4:00 pm will be available also on our parish website www.stannschurch.us on Sunday)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi (The Body and Blood of Christ.) This important celebration in the liturgical calendar causes us to rejoice in the great gift of Jesus Christ, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, present in the Holy Eucharist.

During the recent shutdown of churches during the pandemic, many Catholics shared with me their great desire to receive Christ in the Eucharist and to return to the public celebration of the Mass and Sacraments. Their sharing was borne, in faith, of a genuine desire for Communion. This desire remained fervent in their hearts and oriented them, in hope, towards the day that they would be able to return to regular reception of Eucharist at Mass. When this day finally came, only recently, those who desired the Eucharistic Lord were joyful in receiving Him.

As Church life resumes, it is important that our great desire for the Eucharist does not fade or become lost. Jesus gave us Himself in Holy Communion in order to fill our souls with grace, to strengthen us and to comfort us with His living presence. May our celebration of Corpus Christi inspire us to thank the Lord for this great gift.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parishioners who are helping us at Masses as lectors, musicians, sacristans, ushers, cleaners, and volunteers. We appreciate your time and effort to help us during this challenging time. God bless you for your generosity.

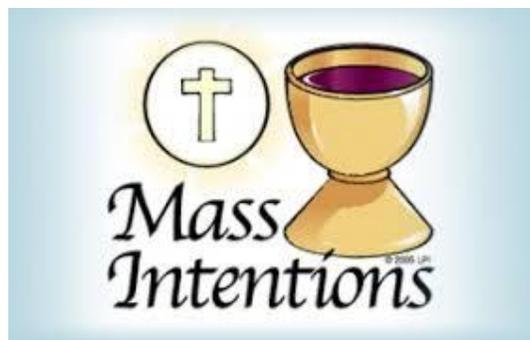
In Christ, Fr. Michael



I would like to thank all who contributed in any way to making the parish celebration of my 15th Anniversary of Ordination a joyful event. I would like to first express my appreciation for those who helped plan and organize the Mass and the presentation of the paten. I would also like to express my gratitude to all of you for your kind words of affirmation, well-wishes and gifts. These mean so much. It is a privilege to be at St. Ann's Parish and to know all of you. Your faith and dedication are a continual source of inspiration for me. May God bless all of you abundantly. In Christ, Fr. Michael

CONFESSIONS

Fr. Michael is able to hear confessions outdoors in the Chapel in the Woods throughout the summer season. To schedule an appointment please call him at the Rectory #508-987-8892. Confessions are available by appointment only during this time.



- Saturday, June 13** 4:00 pm Theresa Modzelewski. Let us pray together for the repose of her soul.
- Sunday, June 14** 10:00 am Deceased members of the Vallee Family. Let us pray together for the repose of their souls
- Monday, June 15** 8:30 am Mr & Mrs Almanzar Martel. Let us pray for the repose of their souls.
- Tuesday, June 16** 8:30 am Ronald Bullard. Let us pray together for the repose of his soul.
- Wednesday, June 17** 8:30 am Gerald Holtenhoff. Let us pray together for the repose of his soul.
- Thursday, June 18** 8:30 am Arthur & Josephine LaMountain. Let us pray together for the repose of their souls.
- Friday, June 19** Jim Cashman. Let us pray together for the repose of his soul.
This Mass will be privately celebrated not at the Parish. This Mass was originally scheduled for Sunday, June 21 at 11 am.
- Saturday, June 20** 4:00 pm Francis Rogers. Let us pray for the repose of his soul.
- Sunday, June 21** 10:00 am David P. Ackley. Let us pray together for the repose of his soul.

Offertory for June 1 through June 8

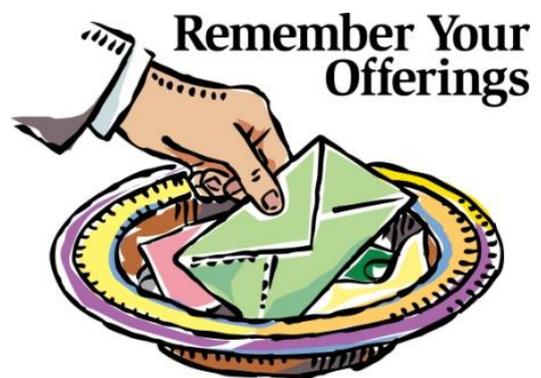
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Thank you to all who have contributed to our parish financially during this difficult time.

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Announcements

- There was a bulletin error last week which showed that we would be having Mass on Friday at 8:30 AM. **THERE IS NO MASS ON FRIDAY.** Fr. Michael celebrates Mass privately Friday and prays for the intention that would have been at the 11AM Mass on that Sunday.
- Office Hours at the Rectory are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 9-12 through the Summer. Fr. Michael will be available to meet with parishioners outdoors at this time.
- We have received word that bottle and can redemption centers have reopened. Parishioners may resume bringing bottles and cans to church, placing them in the plastic bin near the side entrance. Thank you for your support.
- St. Ann's is in need of a musician to play at weekend Masses. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Michael at the Rectory.
- Several areas of the property remain in need of adoption for the season. These include **#7 But For The Grace of God stone** and **#9 No Need To Fear Here You Are Safe stone** and the planter next to stairs of the Rectory. If you are interested in adopting any of these areas, please contact Fr. Michael at the Rectory. Thank you to all who have already so generously and beautifully participated in this project.



St. Ann's Partners in Charity 2020 Appeal Goal \$40, 000.

Thank you to all who have already made a donation to this Diocesan Appeal. Our current total is **\$17,660.00**.

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If you are a parishioner and are in need of assistance, please call #508- 987-8892 and leave a message on the SVDP private line and someone from the SVDP will return your call. Maybe you have lost your job and are behind on your utilities or can't afford to have oil delivered. We can help. We also can point you in the direction of other resources that are available.

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Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

READING 1.....DT 8:2-3, 14B-16A

Moses said to the people:

"Remember how for forty years now the LORD, your God, has directed all your journeying in the desert, so as to test you by affliction and find out whether or not it was your intention to keep his commandments. He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna, a food unknown to you and your fathers, in order to show you that not by bread alone does one live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the LORD.

"Do not forget the LORD, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery; who guided you through the vast and terrible desert with its saraph serpents and scorpions, its parched and waterless ground; who brought forth water for you from the flinty rock and fed you in the desert with manna, a food unknown to your fathers."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM..... PS 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20

R. (12) **Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**
or: R. **Alleluia.**

Glorify the LORD, O Jerusalem;
praise your God, O Zion.
For he has strengthened the bars of your gates;
he has blessed your children within you.

R. **Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**
or: R. **Alleluia.**

He has granted peace in your borders;
with the best of wheat he fills you.
He sends forth his command to the earth;
swiftly runs his word!

R. **Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**
or: R. **Alleluia.**

He has proclaimed his word to Jacob,
his statutes and his ordinances to Israel.
He has not done thus for any other nation;
his ordinances he has not made known to them.
Alleluia.

R. **Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**
or: R. **Alleluia.**

READING 2.....1 COR 10:16-17

Brothers and sisters:

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

SEQUENCE.....

Lauda Sion

Laud, O Zion, your salvation,
Laud with hymns of exultation,
Christ, your king and shepherd true:

Bring him all the praise you know,
He is more than you bestow.
Never can you reach his due.

Special theme for glad thanksgiving
Is the quick'ning and the living
Bread today before you set:

From his hands of old partaken,
As we know, by faith unshaken,
Where the Twelve at supper met.

Full and clear ring out your chanting,
Joy nor sweetest grace be wanting,
From your heart let praises burst:

For today the feast is holden,
When the institution olden
Of that supper was rehearsed.

Here the new law's new oblation,
By the new king's revelation,
Ends the form of ancient rite:

Now the new the old effaces,
Truth away the shadow chases,
Light dispels the gloom of night.

What he did at supper seated,
Christ ordained to be repeated,
His memorial ne'er to cease:

And his rule for guidance taking,
Bread and wine we hallow, making
Thus our sacrifice of peace.

Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

This the truth each Christian learns,
Bread into his flesh he turns,
To his precious blood the wine:

Sight has fail'd, nor thought conceives,
But a dauntless faith believes,
Resting on a pow'r divine.

Here beneath these signs are hidden
Priceless things to sense forbidden;
Signs, not things are all we see:

Blood is poured and flesh is broken,
Yet in either wondrous token
Christ entire we know to be.

Whoso of this food partakes,
Does not rend the Lord nor breaks;
Christ is whole to all that taste:

Thousands are, as one, receivers,
One, as thousands of believers,
Eats of him who cannot waste.

Bad and good the feast are sharing,
Of what divers dooms preparing,
Endless death, or endless life.

Life to these, to those damnation,
See how like participation
Is with unlike issues rife.

When the sacrament is broken,
Doubt not, but believe 'tis spoken,
That each sever'd outward token
doth the very whole contain.

Nought the precious gift divides,
Breaking but the sign betides
Jesus still the same abides,
still unbroken does remain.

The shorter form of the sequence begins here.

Lo! the angel's food is given
To the pilgrim who has striven;
see the children's bread from heaven,
which on dogs may not be spent.

Truth the ancient types fulfilling,
Isaac bound, a victim willing,
Paschal lamb, its lifeblood spilling,
manna to the fathers sent.

Very bread, good shepherd, tend us,
Jesu, of your love befriend us,
You refresh us, you defend us,
Your eternal goodness send us
In the land of life to see.

You who all things can and know,
Who on earth such food bestow,
Grant us with your saints, though lowest,
Where the heav'nly feast you show,
Fellow heirs and guests to be. Amen. Alleluia.

ALLELUIA.....JN 6:51

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven,
says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live forever.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL.....JN 6:51-58

Jesus said to the Jewish crowds:
"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the
bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the
world."

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How
can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to
them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the
flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do
not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and
drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him
on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my
blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and
drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as
the living Father sent me and I have life because of
the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will
have life because of me. This is the bread that came
down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate
and still died, whoever eats this bread will live
forever."



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By Dr. Scott Hahn

Word of the 'Living Father'

The Body and Blood of Christ (Cycle A)

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

John 6:51-58

The Eucharist is given to us as a challenge and a promise. That's how Jesus presents it in today's Gospel.

He doesn't make it easy for those who hear Him. They are repulsed and offended at His words. Even when they begin to quarrel, He insists on describing the eating and drinking of His flesh and blood in starkly literal terms.

Four times in today's reading, Jesus uses a Greek word - trogein - that refers to a crude kind of eating, almost a gnawing or chewing (see John 6:54,56,57,58).

He is testing their faith in His Word, as today's First Reading describes God testing Israel in the desert.

The heavenly manna was not given to satisfy the Israelites' hunger, as Moses explains. It was given to show them that man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

In today's Psalm, too, we see a connection between God's Word and the bread of life. We sing of God filling us with "finest wheat" and proclaiming his Word to the world.

In Jesus, "the living Father" has given us His Word come down from heaven, made flesh for the life of the world.

Yet as the Israelites grumbled in the desert, many in today's Gospel cannot accept that Word. Even many of Jesus' own followers abandon Him after this discourse (see John 6:66). But His words are Spirit and life, the words of eternal life (see John 6:63,67).

In the Eucharist we are made one flesh with Christ. We have His life in us and have our life because of Him. This is what Paul means in today's Epistle when He calls the Eucharist a "participation" in Christ's body and blood. We become in this sacrament partakers of the divine nature (see 1 Peter 2:4).

This is the mystery of the faith that Jesus asks us believe. And He gives us His promise: that sharing in His flesh and blood that was raised from the dead, we too will be raised up on the last day.

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BIBLE DETECTIVE

See what you can discover for yourself about the background to the readings.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

The gospel reading is from chapter six of Saint John's Gospel, verses 51-58. See if you can locate the passage and read to the end of chapter six.

What was the result of Jesus' teaching about his body and blood? What affect did it have on many of his hearers?

Next, go back a little to the beginning of chapter six. Can you find the great miracle that is recounted there? Can you see a connection between that miracle and Jesus' teaching about his flesh and blood? Do you think that Jesus deliberately gave his teaching very soon after that miracle?

FILL IN THE GAPS

The sentences below are missing key words. Can you find the correct ones? (They are all in today's readings.)

1. He _____ let you be _____ with hunger, and then _____ you with manna.
2. Remember, the _____, your God, who _____ you out of the _____ of Egypt.
3. He has _____ in your _____.
4. Is not the _____ we _____ a sharing in the _____ of Christ?
5. I myself am the _____ come down from _____.

ANSWERS

1. therefore, afflicted, fed 2. Lord, brought, land
 3. granted, peace, borders 4. bread, break, body
 5. living, bread, heaven

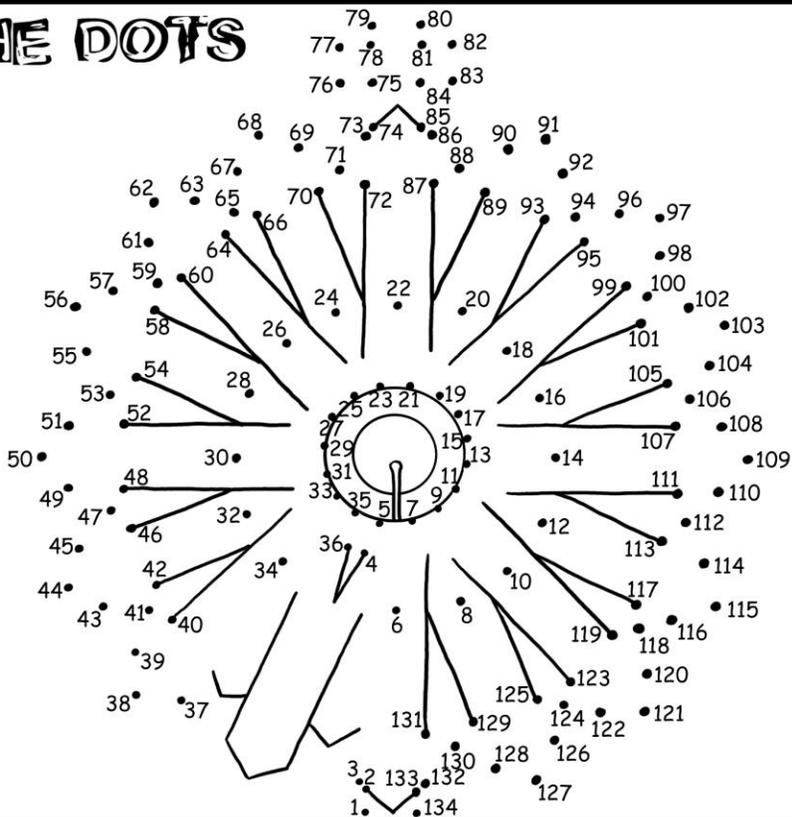
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READING: JOHN 6, 51-58

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