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# JUNE 11, 2023 THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

# CORPUS CHRISTI (THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST) AND THE EMBRACE OF GOD

In 1263, a German priest, Fr. Peter of Prague, made a pilgrimage to Rome. He stopped in Bolsena, Italy to celebrate Mass at the Church of St. Christina. At the time, he was having doubts about Jesus being truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. When he recited the prayer of Consecration at Mass, blood started to seep from the consecrated host and onto the cloth corporal.

Fr. Peter reported this miracle to Pope Urban IV, who sent delegates to investigate. The host and the blood-stained corporal were then placed in the Cathedral of Orvieto, where they remain to this day.



This Eucharistic Miracle confirmed the visions given to St. Juliana of Mont Cornillon in Belgium (1193-1258). St. Juliana was a nun and mystic who had a series of visions in which she was instructed by Our Lord to work to establish a liturgical feast for the Holy Eucharist. For many years, she had tried to convince the bishop, the future Pope Urban IV, to create this special feast in honor of the Blessed Sacrament.

Soon after the Miracle of Bolsena, Pope Urban IV commissioned St. Thomas Aquinas to compose the arrangements for a Mass and an Office for the feast day. One year later, in August of 1264, Pope Urban IV, by means of the papal Bull *Transiturus* instituted the Feast of *Corpus Christi* for the universal Church.

What does this have to do with us? Eucharistic miracles are not new. They have happened many times over the centuries. They remind us that God is real and all powerful. He is not held bound by the laws of nature, physics, and science. Our universe and all within it are not an accident. In addition, none of our difficulties and problems are beyond His help and ability to bring good.

On this our patronal feast day, let us thank God for loving us enough to want to be present with us. We don't have a God who watches us from afar from heaven. We don't have a God who loves us casually. No, we have a God who wants to be so intimately close to us that He changes Himself under the appearance of bread to achieve this. God causes the miracle of bread changing into His Body and Blood at every Mass throughout the world. The Eucharist is God's embrace of each of us!

Fr. Kevin

# LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, June 10

5:00 pm Philip Raymond Platek, Sr; John Coates

Sophie Kolb

Sunday, June 11

7:30 am Mona Curcio

9:00 am Peter Paul Perla, Sr.

11:00 am Jean Polakowski

Monday, June 12

7:30 am Carolyn Tierney McGlynn (8th Anniversary)

Tuesday, June 13

7:30 am Maureen Alexander (7th Anniversary);

Nicholas Storms; Stan Feeley

Wednesday, June 14

7:30 am Elayne Nord Mangad

Thursday, June 15

7:30 am Maureen Alexander; Nicholas Storms

John Swift

Friday, June 16

7:30 am Mona Curcio

Saturday, June 17

5:00 pm Leo Rudnick; Jack Shanley

Sunday, June 18

7:30 am Mary Hunt; Raymond Lynch

9:00 am Thomas Francis Ryan

11:00 am Charles Kowalski

## IN REMEMBRANCE

For the week of June 11, Sanctuary Lights burn for a Special Intention. Bread and Wine are offered in memory of Maureen Alexander. Blessed Sacrament Chapel flowers are in memory of Maureen Alexander.

## MONTHLY OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

The collection for the month of April was

\$95,723

The breakdown is as follows:

Sunday Collections \$41,443 Online Giving \$54,280

Total \$95,723 (monthly)

Budgeted: \$127,083

We thank you for your generosity and support of your parish home here at Corpus Christi. It is through your generosity that we are able to share our parish vision of Christ's Joy, Hope and Healing Received and Shared.

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#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Today** 

Diocesan Collection for the Poor: Diapers, Wipes, Juice

9:00 am Teen Bells

6:00 pm An Evening of Eucharistic Revival

Monday, June 12

1—3 pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:30 pm Confessions

Tuesday, June 13

4:15 pm Teen Bells

7:00 pm Baccalaureate Service

Wednesday, June 14

1—3 pm Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, June 16

4:15 pm Teen Bells



The Summer Mass schedule will begin Memorial Day weekend (May 27-28) and continue through Labor Day weekend (September 2-3).

**Summer Mass Schedule:** 

M-F 7:30AM

Sat. 5:00 PM (livestreaming)

Sun. 7:30 AM/ 9:00 AM/ 11:00 AM (livestreaming)

## PRESIDER'S SCHEDULE

**June 10/11** 

Saturday 5:00 pm Fr. Kevin (livestreamed)

Sunday 7:30 am Msgr. Mahoney

Sunday 9:00 am Fr. Kevin

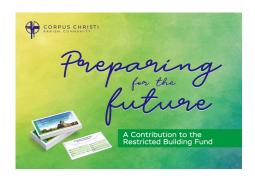
Sunday 11:00 am Fr. Michael (livestreamed)

**June 17/18** 

Saturday 5:00 pm Msgr. Mahoney (livestreamed)

Sunday 7:30 am Fr. Michael Sunday 9:00 am Fr. Michael

Sunday 11:00 am Fr. Kevin (livestreamed)







#### THANK YOU!

We collected so far: \$200,000.00

#### Dear Parishioners.

As many of you are homeowners, you know that there is extraordinary maintenance that must be done to your home over the years. In the same way, after 33 years our parish church and campus are in need of major capital repairs.

In the coming months, we plan to remove and replace the Church roof, repair our Atrium windows due to leaks, and repair water damage to the church façade in multiple places. Additionally, there are multiple HVAC units coming to the end of their useful lives that need to be replaced soon.

As good stewards, we want to keep you updated on all the upcoming projects needed to ensure that our parish continues to thrive for years to come! After gathering information on each project, the estimated cost is approximately \$500K. This is more than we initially anticipated. Please see our posters in the Atrium and information online with all specific repairs and their estimated costs.

Together with the parish pastoral and finance councils, we decided to use some of the parish savings from a bequest to pay for these capital needs. Our parish savings were meant to secure the future of Corpus Christi for future generations but there is a need to use them now. Because of the financial uncertainty of many, we decided not to have a formal capital campaign with in-pew pledges, but to give all of those who are able to the opportunity to help restore our savings which will be significantly reduced by the costs of these projects.

Please know that any funds collected in this initiative will be restricted to our *Restricted Building Fund* and can only be used for capital repairs and expenses associated with them.

There are special envelopes near the posters in the atrium and by the back entrance. You can give online at corpuschristi.org/preparing-for-the-future. Also, if you would like to give by check, please make it out to Corpus Christi Parish with the note "Restricted Building Fund" on the bottom of your check. All funds are restricted and can be used only for capital projects. They are also tax deductible. This initiative will end June 30, 2023.

I invite you to join me and be a partner in funding our vision to bring Christ's Joy, Hope, and Healing to all those who come through our doors for another 33 years and beyond! We know that this is over and above your normal giving, and so we thank you in advance for all that you sacrifice for the future of our parish home.

Together let us celebrate the past and prepare for the future!

Fr. Kevin Corcoran



### **Baptism**

We welcome into the church through the sacrament of Baptism, John James Crenny, IV, son of John and Jennifer; Andrew William Albeck, son of Ronald and Marielena.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Kevin Franken, Sr. Adriana Martins, Eugene Iannocelli, Everett Farren, Ann Zerga, Cheryl Maiorini, Alfri Rundio, Barbara Marvin, Beth Cintron, Andrew White, Adeline Lombardi, Caitlin Murray, Giovanna Tagliaferri, Nancy Merola Miller, Ann Gilroy, Stephanie Windsor, Rosemarie Moeller, Connie Prince, Bud Jeannette, Anna West, Patti Mahoney, Robert Bruce, Richard Terranova, Diana Nazelli, Elizabeth Yanis, Peter Paul Perla, Timothy Finnegan, Mary Mulhall, Jim Tsakonos, Denis Schreiber, Carmela Mino, Ron Leonardis, Jonathan Schwanwede, Angie Dincher, Virginia Lutz, Keith Thomas, Max Leyn, Victor Rispoli, JoAnne Feliciti, Christine Marinello, John Dory, Margaret DiPopolo, John Savarese, Jade Navarro, Carol Lovelock, Betty Ann and Ron Henning; Nancy McKiernan, Maire O'Donnell, Amy Hefele, Brian Carpenter, Amy Wert, Arlene Winsch, Steve Karasoulis, Terry Stephen, Louis Panello, John Cristofano George E. Blake, Peter Newell, Ken McCaffrey, Ruth White, Heather Nicole McGuire, Valeria Capurro, James O'Connell, Gina McCarthy, Josephine Dymowski, Eileen O'Boyle, Cathy Hansen, Owen Moran, Jim Haggerty, Jan Kerr, Vince Di Roberto, Kathleen Bekiaris, Bailey Buell, Nancy Thompson, Greg Klimek, Suzanne Sersun, Ann Martin White, Kris Zingone, Bill Walsh, Matty Constantino, Susan Koole.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE GONE HOME TO THE LORD...





### **Supporting Papal Media**

During the Covid pandemic, the Knights of Columbus financially supported the Vatican's Christmas broadcasts to help Catholics worldwide spiritually join Pope Francis in prayer.

The Knights have a long history of supporting Vatican telecommunications efforts. The Order provided funding for a shortwave transmitter for Vatican Radio in 1965 and has funded Vatican satellite broadcasts since 1977. It has also sponsored mobile production units for Vatican television.

The Knights established a permanent presence in Rome in 1920 at the invitation of Pope Benedict XV to assist the young people of the city. They have been hard at work in the Eternal City ever since.

In one of his meetings with the Knights of Columbus leadership, Pope Francis praised the organization for its charity and "unswerving devotion to the successor of Peter."

To learn more about the Knights of Columbus in the Chathams, call John Kelly 201-213-6967. To become a Knight, visit www.kofc.com/joinus.





## Corpus Christi Parish's 2023 Carnival was a huge success!

Fun for the whole family, including exciting rides, carnival games and prizes, a children's-themed play area, plenty of delicious food, live music by the Carnival On band, a Tricky Tray basket raffle, and a big winner of our annual BIG 50/50 Raffle! [check out the photo gallery on the website.]

It wouldn't have been possible without the energetic support of our **nearly 200** volunteers each night of the Carnival!

#### THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

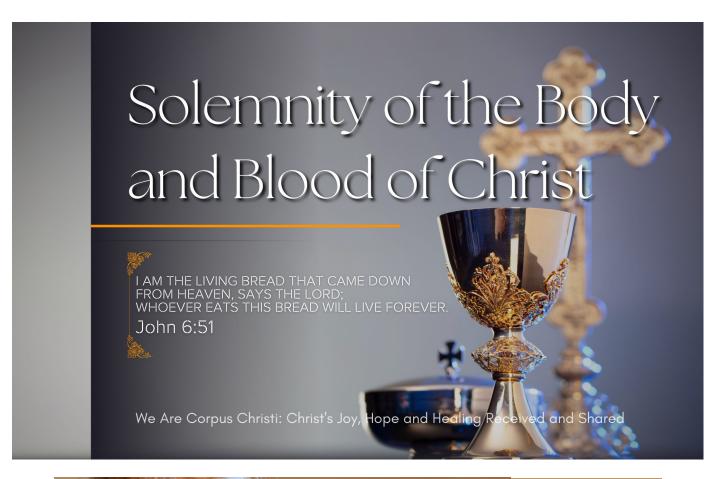
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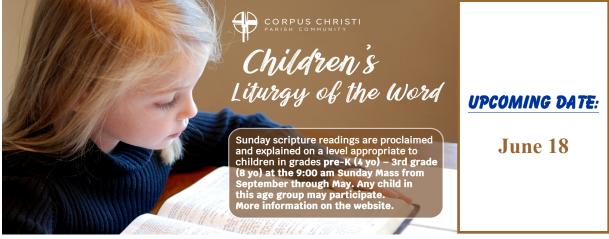
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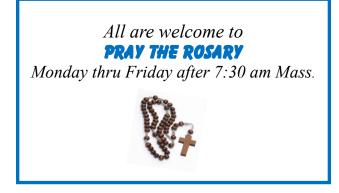
Matthew Major, Mike Martin, Don Matrale, Aidan O'Connor, Erin O'Connor, John O'Connor, Dotti Rudnick, Robert Sartorius,

Cindy Sartorius, Anne Sartorius; Staff: Fr. Kevin, Fr. Michael, Carol Scala, Chris Medeiros, Bridgette Hanley, Matt Cece, Bill Coe, Ray Maybert, Alexandra Carroll, Paul Carroll, Bernadette Sherry, Colleen Sofronas.

Want to join the fun next year?
Email Janet Barth at jbarth@njexecutives.com











## Diocesan Corpus Christi Food Collection for the Poor

Due to the unprecedented food pantry requests from the local poor, Bishop Sweeney has authorized a Catholic Charities Diocesan-wide food collection at all parishes on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday, June 18th-19th. Our parish is being asked to provide Diapers/Baby Wipes/Juice.

Monetary contributions will also be accepted on our website at **corpuschristi.org**.



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#### You're Needed!

Many hands are needed to keep faith formation running. Would you like to teach? or be a member of our Family Events Committee for 2023-2024? Contact Brigette for more info.



Our Next Family Event

June 11th at the 9:00 Mass, celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi with us! 7 events are required and we're so excited to see your family at each one! Contact Brigette for more information.



#### Sacramental Prep

Sacramental prep is a two year process. Enroll your child in first grade so they can receive Communion in 2nd grade. Registration opens May 24th. Please register on corpuschrsti.org



## Upcoming Events!





High School Mission Trip! Register now at boldym.com/chwc





All incoming 5th-9th graders are invited to join!
July 10-14. 9am-3pm
Register now at boldym.com/ccc/userve

Questions? Contact Jim Murray at CorpusChristi@boldym.com or 973-370-2532

#### Sunday, Jun 11, 2023

#### We are one

Unity is what our sacrament of Communion is about: oneness with God and each other. Yet, because we're human, that communion is necessarily paired up with another sacrament that does the work of reconciling. When unity gets torn, reconciliation repairs the damage. Lately, toxic polarization has been shredding our national unity, creating an illusion of insurmountable division. Media sources sharpen the knives of contrasting worldviews, leading to anxiety and depression, fear and violence. Trust in unity. Resist being recruited in the polarization game.

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; Lauda Sion; John 6:51-58 (167). "We, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf."

#### Monday, Jun 12, 2023

#### **Unexpected blessings**

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus offers the Beatitudes, a list of those who are blessed—some of whom are not who listeners would expect to hear are blessed: the poor in spirit, the mournful, the meek, and the persecuted. In some Bible versions, "blessed" is translated as "happy," which makes it even harder to believe that those named could possibly be that! Jesus was always turning conventional wisdom inside out and upside down—enlightening and enraging people alike. Two thousand years later, we're still trying to figure out how to be happy. If pursuing what the world says "should" make you happy doesn't, take a cue from Jesus and try flipping that faulty logic on its head!

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 1:1-7; Matthew 5:1-12 (359). "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

#### Tuesday, Jun 13, 2023

#### Go for the grandeur

Church historian Sophronius Clasen liked to say Saint Anthony preached the "grandeur of Christianity," using allegory and symbolic explanations to convey biblical wisdom. Anyone can spot such examples in the Sermons of Saint Anthony, including: "Genesis says: The spirit of God moved over the waters .... Just as the mind of a craftsman broods over the work he is going to do, and as the bird broods over the egg from which her young will be hatched, so the Spirit of God brooded over the waters, from which were to be made all things." Let Anthony's words stir your heart today.

MEMORIAL OF ANTHONY OF PADUA, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Matthew 5:13-16 (360). "Just so, your light must shine before others."

#### Wednesday, Jun 14, 2023

#### A salute to justice

On this day each year, the United States commemorates the adoption of the national flag, our venerable Stars and Stripes. "A new constellation," it was said to represent, in the vast array of the world powers. But as we, in Christian charity, work for a better world as good and faithful Americans, we must be careful to live as citizens of heaven first and foremost, workers of light rather than earthly empire, children of God and not of worldly dominion. May our Flag Day commemorations also remember those who have been forgotten in the American project and whose cries for justice

may still be unanswered. May our waving of "Old Glory" be for the glory of the God above all.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 3:4-11; Matthew 5:17-19 (361). "For if what was going to fade was glorious, how much more will what endures be glorious."

#### Thursday, Jun 15, 2023

#### The law as Jesus taught it

Matthew uses the word "righteousness" seven times in his gospel. What is he getting at? The U.S. bishops boil it down to this: "While righteousness in the new age will continue to mean conduct that is in accordance with the law, it will be conduct in accordance with the law as expounded and interpreted by Jesus." In other words, we need to absorb the full example and teachings of Jesus to live a righteous life. That's a tall order, which is precisely why we need each other for support and guidance. How can you support a fellow disciple today?

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 3:15—4:1, 3-6; Matthew 5:20-26 (362). "I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter into the Kingdom of heaven."

#### Friday, Jun 16, 2023

#### Put your heart into it

On May 25, 1899, Pope Leo XIII promulgated the encyclical *Annum sacrum*, which consecrated the entire world to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Leo called this the "great act" of his papacy. In an interview with Catholic News Service, Father Ambrose Dobrozsi of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati says that this solemnity, "shows that humanity still needs and longs for a compassionate and all-powerful God. ... In a society where some live in decadence and prideful luxury while others are destitute, the burning love of Christ's Sacred Heart reminds us that the fires of his mercy are also fires of justice." Consecrate your own heart to the effort to create a more compassionate and just world.

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 7:6-11; 1 John 4:7-16; Matthew 11:25-30 (170). "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves."

#### Saturday, Jun 17, 2023

#### A heartfelt conversion is possible

Most of us would rather not reveal our inner lives since we often harbor some measure of anger, judgment, prejudice, hatred, lust, envy, jealousy, bitterness, resentment, and fear. Jesus said that all evil in the world springs forth from the human heart. But the Immaculate Heart of Mary is a celebration of a different kind of inner life, with virtues beyond measure and beyond our imagination. Mary, the ultimate intercessor, will help us convert the vices of the heart into virtues.

MEMORIAL OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Luke 2:41-51 (364; 573). "His mother kept all these things in her heart."





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