

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi to give thanks for the great gift of Christ's abiding presence with us in the Holy Eucharist. At the conclusion all of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, Jesus declared to in every generation, "remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." It is through the work of the Holy Spirit, who makes Jesus present for us at the consecration during Mass, that this promise is fulfilled. Knowing that Jesus is always present with us, is the source of our joy. And Joy is one of the fruit of the Holy Spirit. The book excerpt below lists some of the other fruit of the Holy Spirit that St. Paul says should be growing in our hearts in his Letter to the Galatians 5:22-23. So, cultivate joy in your life by receiving often the body of Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

With my prayers,
Fr. Conley

The Fruit of the Holy Spirit by Charles Whitehead
from the book *An Invitation to the Spirit-Filled Life* (Continued)

Peace is calmness, security, harmony, wholeness, completeness, assurance – God's supernatural rest in the midst of confusion and difficulties. While it is a flavor of the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22), it is also a gift from Christ: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you" (John 14:27).

Patience is self-restraint, tolerance, endurance, long-temperedness: "The Lord is gracious and compassionate, /slow to anger and rich in love" (Psalm 145:8). Our patience is based on the indisputable fact that God is at work in our lives.

Kindness is compassion, sympathy, mellowness, a quality that comes from the heart. "Be kind and compassionate to one another" (Ephesians 4:32).

Goodness is unstinted generosity, a way to express love in action. It means being generous with our time and possessions. God is good and so are his actions: "You are good, and what you do is good" (Psalm 119:68). In the same way, our goodness should be seen in our actions.

Faithfulness is complete trust, unquestioning belief, reliability, confidence; it's what the Christian life is all about. God has shown himself to be faithful and to keep his promises, so we know we can put our faith in him. God is looking for faithfulness, not necessarily success as we would

see it. "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things? (Matthew 25:21).

Gentleness is humility, lack of pride, meekness, not being resentful. Jesus explains it like this: "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (Matthew 11:29). Or as St. Paul puts it, "If someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently" (Galatians 6:1).

Self-control is the last in the list. It is self-restraint, moderation, temperance; it binds together all the other "flavors" of the fruit of the Spirit and shows that God is at work in our lives. In today's world, where consumerism and individualism are so prevalent, self-control is difficult and often less valued. But Paul tells us, "The grace of God ...teaches us to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age" (Titus 2:11-12).

GUIDANCE FOR ATTENDING MASS

#1 If you are concerned about your safety, you are not obliged to come to Mass. Seniors and others who are especially vulnerable to the virus, should stay home. That being said, **if you** would like to receive Holy Communion but **are concerned about sitting in the church or hall please come to the parking lot in front of the school on Saturday or Sunday at 1 PM. You will be able to receive Holy Communion while remaining in your car.** We will take the necessary steps to see **that this happens safely.**

#2 Under the guidelines issued by the state we will only be able to accommodate about 100 people in the church for each Mass. However, we will "live stream" the Mass to the hall where we have "overflow" seating in the hall for approximately 100 more.

#3 To accommodate more of you, **we will have two Masses on Saturday evening. The first one will be at 4 PM and the second at 6 PM.**

#4 Please follow the directions of our Ushers and - the Knights of Columbus who have volunteered to assist us with our Masses.

#5 You must wear masks in the church.

#6 Each Mass will last approximately 40 minutes.

#7 Restrooms must remain closed.

#8 Volunteers are needed to wipe down surfaces after Mass.

Our SECOND GRADERS will receive their FIRST HOLY COMMUNION next Saturday at 10:30AM on June 20th. Please pray for them and their families.

RCIA CANDIDATES will be CONFIRMED and receive the Holy Eucharist on June 27th. Please pray for them as they become full members of the Church.

***“At last GOD IS MINE and I AM HIS.
Now let all (else) go its round.
I HAVE RECEIVED HIM.”***

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton on receiving the Eucharist for the first time when she became Catholic at age thirty.

NEW BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM Begins Tuesday, June 16. We will meet from 7 to 8:30 PM on Tuesdays to study the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. This important letter details the challenges faced by the first followers of our Lord Jesus and offers inspiration for our own times. There is no cost. All you need is your Bible. The Zoom contact information for your computer or phone will be sent out on June 15. For more information contact Fr. Conley at frconley@comcast.net

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY BY PHONE OR ZOOM The volunteers who are in our healing prayer ministry will be happy to pray with people by phone or on Zoom. If you would like a prayer team to pray with you please send me your email address and I will forward to it them. They will then contact you. You can request prayer by phone or by zoom which would allow you to see each other.

JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY PRAYERS via Phone or internet using Zoom. We pray the Psalms on Wednesdays at 6:30 In addition, we have praise and worship each Thursday at 6:30 PM. Don't isolate yourselves spiritually! Join your fellow parishioners in prayer.

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A Diary of St. Faustina was left in church. Please contact Fr. Conley if it is yours.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2020 GRADUATES OF ST. MARY'S BRYANTOWN:

Joakim Jayden Baba, Kristina Theresa A. Brillantes, Genna Carmela Bucklew, Gregoryanna Allena Bucklew, Dominic Alexander Petix Cardella, Nathaniel Joseph Davis, Carmine Luis DeGraff, Shirley Ann Edgerton, Giovanni Luke Guadagnoli, Aidan J. Hanley, Peter James Luster, April Lee Luzano, Turner Charles McGhee, Jacob Joseph McKnew, Scott Thomas Morrison, Avery Tyler Payne, Lyndon Charlie Porter, Nikki Jaye Quade, Hannah Paige Rison, Nathan Joseph Schiavoni, Marissa Taylor VanMeter.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

SUN: 8am Parishioners, 10am Vincent Bruzzese, 12N Janet Joy Brillantes, **MON:** 8am Sonny Jameson, **TUES:** 8am Margaret Williams, **WED:** 8am Melvin Savoy, **THURS:** 8am James (Smash) Stewart, **FRI:** 9:30am Carol Johnson, **SAT:** 9am **NO MASS**, 4pm Mary Elsie Dyson.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS: Eunice Amey, Michael, Stephen & Tony Balenger, Mary Bowes, Deacon Gene & Anne Burroughs, Quint Burroughs, Brenda Callahan, Dottie Chick, Joe Cross, Lisa Edelen, Kendall Farrell, Arlene Gandolfi, Lee Gardiner, James Gibson, Marie Knobel, Lillian Komar, Susie Logan, A. Matthews, John Nichols, Johnny Norman, John Reeves, Mary Reeves, Melissa Rollins

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WEEKEND: \$9,040.05. \$2,510.00 of that was received from people who contribute through online banking. The unidentified donations totaled \$221.00. We received \$437.00 for our School support.

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