

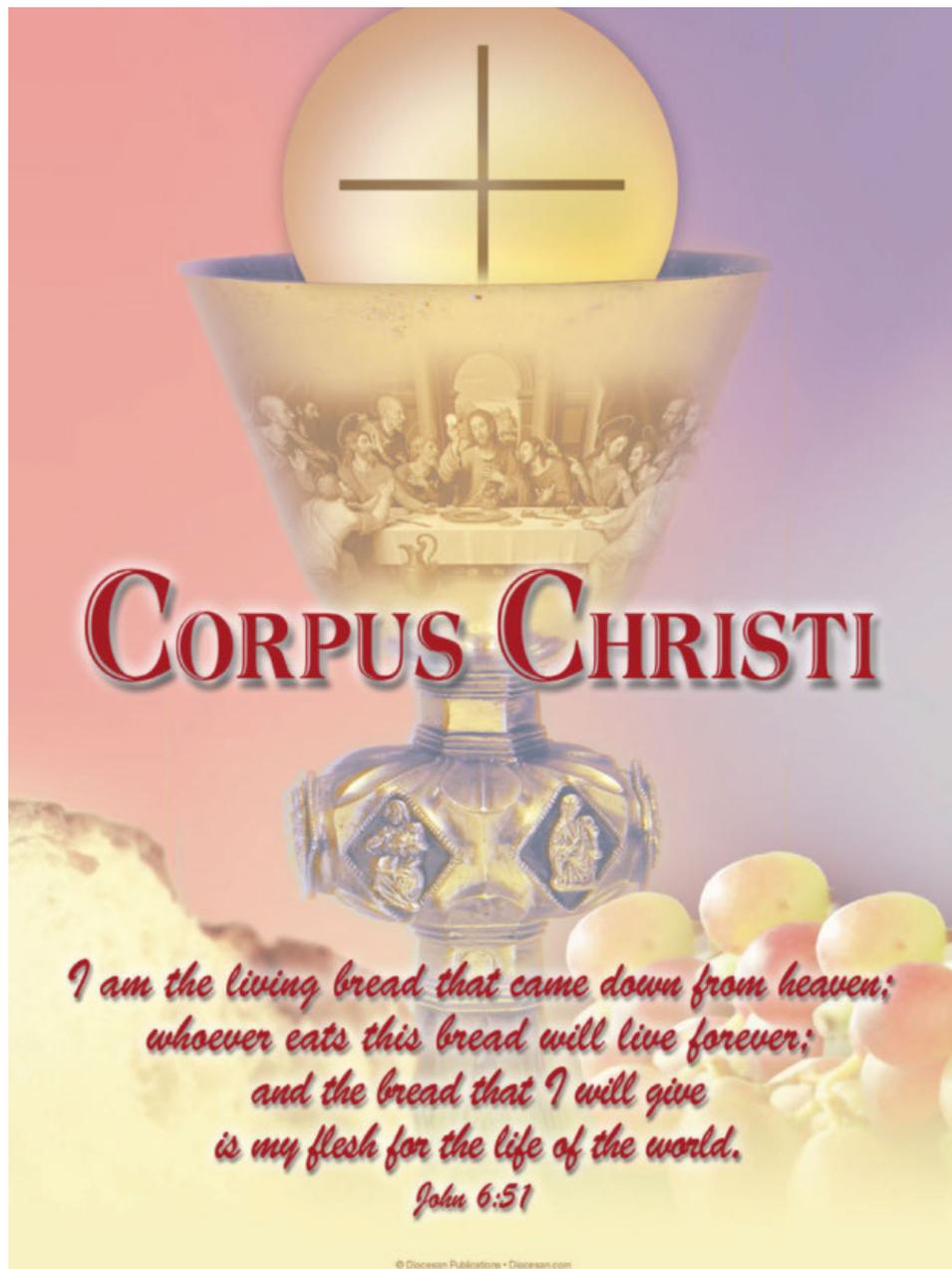
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June 19, 2022

Feast of Corpus Christi



THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

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Genesis 14:18-20 | 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 | Luke 9:11b-17

“They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.”

(LUKE 9:17)

The story of the Loaves and Fishes shows us that when you share what you have, even if it doesn't seem like that much, miracles can happen! Do not think that your gift is too small or insignificant! Each of us has a role in God's plan; you just need to place your trust in the Lord. Nothing is impossible with God. You may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

Have you ever invited friends for dinner and had more show up than you expected? A lot more? Thousands more? Imagine the disciple who got five loaves of bread and two fish for Jesus and the Twelve and now was told to feed a crowd of more than five thousand. No wonder he asked Jesus to dismiss the crowd and let them find their own food. Surely the food for a small group couldn't feed a crowd of thousands. But Jesus directs the disciples to ask the crowd to sit down in groups of fifty. It's like a math problem now: five thousand men divided by fifty would make one hundred groups. Dividing up the crowd doesn't sound any more promising! But Jesus divides the loaves and fish as well and gives them to the disciples to feed each group. And each man, woman, and child went home satisfied. Jesus, the Bread of Life, is able to feed everyone in need, whether it's just the twelve apostles or a crowd of thousands.

Question of the Week:

This week, how will I share the abundance I know in the body of Christ with those in need?

Connect! Sunday Reflection

Imagine this: you've been waiting a long time to attend a conference with a speaker whom you admire. You've paid the registration, made your travel plans, settled into your hotel, and now you've taken your seat among many others, ready to listen, learn, and be inspired. You are ready to take notes, and you even snap a quick selfie so you can post your attendance to your social accounts, hoping to get some likes and comments. After some dazzling videos and introductions, the presentation begins with some jaw-dropping demonstrations — miracles — for which there are no real explanations, just amazement. Then, a break. You take 15 minutes to walk around and get a fresh cup of coffee, add two French Vanilla creamers and stir, just the way you like it. And you re-take your seat, coffee in hand, eagerly anticipating the next session. A meal is served — a simple one at that. Then, the conference day is over. And you head home.

If you are like me, you'd be thinking that this conference was a waste of time! The time and money invested wasn't worth the show and the food. There wasn't even a swag bag to take home or a merch table there to buy resources! I suspect that many of us have a similar mindset when we approach the Eucharist.

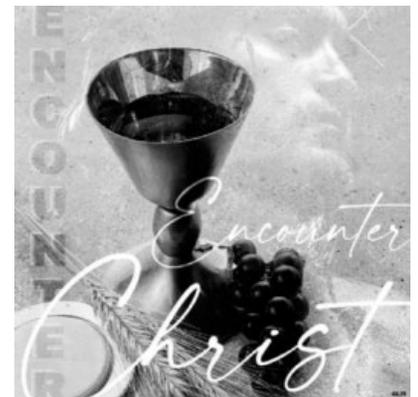
The late-Archbishop Harry Flynn would begin the celebration of Mass by inviting us to become aware of “our need” for God's forgiveness and mercy. My *need*. What needs do I bring with me to Mass? Certainly, there are family concerns, country and global concerns, community concerns, job concerns, health concerns, financial concerns, etc. As I've gotten older, I don't think that these were the needs he was talking about. The needs I have deal more with my ‘soul-sickness’ than anything else. These (aka, sin) involve those private, interior battles of doubt, lust, insecurity, abandonment, anger, worry, boredom, bitterness, powerlessness, gluttony, greed, judgement, and condemnation, apathy ... all sorts of symptoms that keep us *incurvatus in se* — curved inwards towards ourselves — as St. Augustine would say. Rather than go to Jesus with our needs, we think that we have to fix ourselves with all the modern self-help approaches available to us ... or sometimes, we deny there's a need altogether through fear or ignorance! But these human remedies lack the

genuine power to heal a soul-sickness, which only Jesus' presence can. Only a brief review of the Gospels reminds us what happens every time Jesus appears on the scene: people are healed, sicknesses are cured, and evidence of His Kingdom is believed.

So, our needs — whatever they may be, no matter how grievous or how many there are — become the offering that we bring each time we come to Mass. The verbs in the Gospel text then show us what Jesus does with our meager offerings (symbolized by the loaves). Jesus “takes” the loaves — the curse of sin away from us through his cross, he “blesses” them — with divine adoption into the family of God through faith and baptism, he “breaks” them — through instruction and experience and prayer that our ways aren't his ways, and then “gives” them to the disciples for distribution — so we can share with others how our lives have been changed by Jesus.

The Eucharist — his body, blood, soul, and divinity — then, is the sacrament of Jesus' abiding presence (μένει, *menō*) within us. He is with us in our need. We are aware of this mystery only in faith, with the spiritual eyes of a pure heart. We are not left abandoned or orphaned to figure out this messy life according to our own whims and fascinations. He gently tethers himself to us in the Eucharist, so our sorrows are his, our tribulations and trials are his, our joys are his. Our life becomes his life because his life courses within our souls.

So, the Eucharist is not an event we attend or a commodity we consume, but the mystery of a Person we encounter that brings peace into the senseless and broken world in which we find ourselves today.



Br. John-Marmion Villa

MASS INTENTIONS

June 18	4:00 pm	Virginia Fernandes , by her family
June 19	9:00 am	Diane Melnicki , by the Melnicki family
June 22	6:30 pm	Virginia Fernandes , by her family
June 25	4:00 pm	Barbara Raboin , by Marc and Jeanne Raboin Joseph McBride , 21st Anniversary, by his wife and daughter Judith Corliss , by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Ciuffetti
June 26	9:00 am	Leon Tarbell , by his wife
June 30	8:00 am	Virginia Fernandes , by her family
July 2	4:00 pm	Virginia Fernandes , by her family
July 3	9:00 am	Virginia Fernandes , by her family
July 9	4:00 pm	Laura Carpenter Laudree , by Marc & Jeanne Raboin

An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. If you wish to schedule a Mass intention for a loved one, please call, email or visit the parish office.

PRAY THE ROSARY every Saturday at 3:30 pm in the church, led by members of the Saint Boniface Knights of Columbus.

2022 SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday 4:00 p.m. | Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Effective May 28th through September 4th.

REMINDER: Care Net Baby Bottle Drive. If you took a bottle to fill with spare change, please return it to the church as soon as possible. Place them in the blue bins located at each entrance or drop off at the parish office (Mon, Wed or Thu, 9-5). Thank you!

MANY THANKS to all the parishioners who contributed to the food and supplies needed for the last rotation at the North Star Family Shelter. There were four homeless families in the shelter. A special thanks to Carol Archambault, Judit Ernst, Geri Gardner, Lori Craig and Terry and Tori Montemurro for making dinner for the families.

LOST AND FOUND: A religious medal was found on the floor of the church after Masses last weekend. Please contact the parish office if this might be yours.

LEGACY OF HOPE UPDATE: The Vicar General's explanation of the Bishop's position on outdoor altars. The Bishop has asked that we inform our parishioners as follows: *"The proposed project for Saint Boniface will not have approval for an outdoor altar because Bishop does not support outdoor Masses apart from major crowds at established shrines. Through a miscue in communication from the Legacy of Hope consultants contracted by the Diocese, the case outline for the parish campaign (which included the outdoor altar) was not presented to the Bishop as the consultants were supposed to do. We regret the oversight."*

In light of this new development, as soon as the paving and landscaping is completed we will move forward with the meditation garden encounters as originally planned.

REBATE CHECK RECEIVED! We are happy to announce that the parish received a \$28,750 rebate check for the recent installation of energy-efficient heating and air conditioning units in the church. This system will not only save energy costs but will also keep our parishioners comfortable year round when attending Mass. The only cost not covered by the rebate was for electrical work required for the installation.

A Message from Bishop McManus regarding Emmanuel Catholic Radio

As some of you may have already heard, the local Catholic radio stations operated by Emmanuel Radio have been sold to a company in New York State (The Station of the Cross Catholic Media Network). Local programming has ceased in Worcester. Until they request and are granted permission for this new organization to fundraise in our diocese, please refrain from donating to any fundraising efforts that may be conducted.



Saint Boniface 2022 Goal: \$22,500

As of June 12, 2022

64 Gifts Received: \$23,868

We have surpassed our goal – THANK YOU!

STEWARDSHIP

JUNE 12, 2022

• Sunday Offering	\$ 2,785
• Maintenance/Fuel	415
• Catholic Communications	10
• Other	<u>33</u>
	\$ 3,243

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Give to your parish whether you're in the pews or not! Many parishioners make their weekly offerings online. It's easy, secure, and convenient to make one-time or recurring donations. Scan the code below with your phone or visit www.stboniface-lunenburg.org



SAINT BONIFACE PARISH



SAVE THE DATE: SEPT. 17, 2022!

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

We are in need of a volunteer to coordinate our printed program of event activities, ads, sponsors and donors, to include designing and arranging for printing. Contact Claude Poirier at claudelsa@yahoo.com

More information coming soon about donations for the white elephant sale, raffles, bake sale, etc.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

52 Spruce Street,
Winchendon,
is holding its annual
Strawberry Festival
on Saturday, June 25
from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and

Sunday, June 26 from 9 am to Noon. There will be raffles, games, food, ticket auctions and more. On Saturday evening at 5:30pm there will be our annual Country Auction, and on Sunday from 9 to 11 breakfast will be served. Hope to see you there!



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Parish Office Hours

Monday / Wednesday / Thursday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm (closed 12:00 – 1:00 pm)

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Holy Hour of Adoration: every Wednesday 5:30-6:30 pm

Weekday Masses: 6:30 pm Wednesday | 8:00 am Thursday & Friday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession) Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Adults are baptized at the Easter Vigil as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Infant and child Baptisms are by arrangement.

FIRST EUCHARIST Preparation begins in grade one and includes classes, retreats, and home instruction. Children receive First Eucharist in grade two.

CONFIRMATION Our Confirmation program begins in the 9th grade; students are confirmed in the spring of the 10th grade. For young adults who have been baptized but not yet confirmed, contact the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY It is the policy of the Diocese of Worcester that a couple should contact the parish at least one year prior to the anticipated date of their wedding to allow sufficient time to carry out the various steps of the marriage preparation process. It is important that arrangements be made with the church before plans are made with reception halls, caterers, etc.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK Please call the parish office 978-582-4008, or email Fr. Omolo at stbonifaceparish@verizon.net or Louise Nadeau at dinalou1@comcast.net to arrange these visits.

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY If you or someone you know needs prayers or if you would like to be a part of this ministry of those who pray for the needs of neighbors, please contact the parish office at 978-582-4008, email stbonifaceparish@verizon.net or contact Louise Nadeau at dinalou1@comcast.net.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #16480 In Service to One. In Service to all. Members meet in the Parish Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. Any Catholic men over 18 who are interested in joining the Knights should contact Grand Knight Peter Bak (978-403-5119) or Deputy Grand Knight Claude Poirier (978-660-3202), or email kofc16480@gmail.com.

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Newcomers to St. Boniface are invited and encouraged to formally register as members of the parish so that we may stay in touch with you with faith formation news, notices of special events, volunteer opportunities, and more. Registration forms are available at the doors of the church, the parish office, or on our website.

Please note that you must be registered for at least six months before we can issue any verification of your status as a parishioner for godparent or sponsor letters.

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We often turn to St. Anthony of Padua when we've lost something—but why? Where did this well-known patronage originate? It goes back to a time when St. Anthony himself lost something very precious.

A Franciscan who lived in the 13th century, St. Anthony was a particularly gifted teacher and preacher. He owned a psalter (a book of the Psalms) that was very dear to him. Before the invention of the printing press, books in general were precious since they had to be copied by hand.

Additionally, St. Anthony had made many notes for his sermons and classes in the pages of his copy. It was invaluable to his work, and when it disappeared one day, he was grieved by its loss. He prayed fervently that it would be found.

Turns out, an unhappy novice had decided to leave the religious life and, when he had departed the monastery, had taken St. Anthony's psalter with him! After the saint's prayers, the novice not only returned the psalter, but also returned to the religious life. The actual psalter is said to be housed at a Franciscan friary in Bologna, Italy.

St. Anthony is now known both as the finder of lost items—and of lost souls! Be sure to invoke his aid if you have misplaced something, or if you have a friend or relative who needs some guidance back to the right path.



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SAINTS OF THE WEEK

JUNE 20.

SAINT PAULINUS of NOLA

Saint Paulinus was a married priest and bishop. In his day, marriage was not an impediment to the priesthood. Though married for many years, Saint Paulinus and his wife were childless. When they finally were blessed with a son, he lived but a few weeks. This began their life of great austerity and charity, giving away most of their Spanish property.



JUNE 21.

SAINT ALOYSIUS GONZAGA

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga was a precocious child who had a spiritual awakening at the age of 7. As a young adult, and after a prolonged battle with his father, he entered the Jesuits where he had to learn to live and maneuver within community, and give up some of his independent ways of doing things. Aloysius helped nurse patients of the plague which he caught and from which he died.

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga is the Patron Saint of Catholic youth, teenagers and seminarians.



June 22.

SAINT THOMAS MORE

Made famous by his own holy life and featured in the movie "A Man for All Seasons," Saint Thomas More is the patron of those in the legal profession. Husband, father, chancellor, and lawyer, Thomas More was reluctantly martyred by King Henry VIII in 1535.

Saint Thomas More is the Patron Saint of attorneys, civil servants, court clerks, lawyers, politicians and public servants.



June 23.

SAINT JOHN FISHER

Saint John Fisher's name is usually associated with Saint Thomas More and their difficulty with King Henry VIII. A bishop and cardinal, John Fisher refused to agree with Henry's divorce and remarriage, as well as the idea that the king, rather than the pope, was the head of the Church in England. He was imprisoned and eventually martyred.



June 24.

NATIVITY of SAINT JOHN the BAPTIST

Saint John the Baptist is one of the few saints who have two feast days. Today we celebrate his birth, which Saint Luke narrates in his Gospel. There Luke draws a parallel between the births of Jesus and John, pointing out the important role in the history of salvation that John the Baptist would play.

Saint John the Baptist is the patron saint of Baptism.



June 25.

BLESSED JUTTA of THURINGIA

Blessed Jutta of Thuringia, a noble woman with children, became a widow at a young age. She used her means to provide for the children, but once they were grown, she disposed of her wealth, became a Secular Franciscan, and lived a life of austerity.

Blessed Jutta of Thuringia is the patron saint of Prussia.





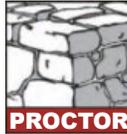
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