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June 14, 2020 - The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil Masses: 4:00 P.M.

Sunday Masses: 7:00, 9:45, and 11:15 A.M.

Weekday Masses (Wednesday-Friday): 6:30 A.M.

Holy Day Masses: As Announced In Bulletin

Confessions (for safety instead of the confessionals we will use the room adjacent to the bathroom in the back of the church by the Mechanic St. entrance, please wear face mask):

Fridays, 6:00 – 6:30 P.M.

Saturdays, 3:00 – 3:30 P.M.

Baptisms:

Please call the rectory in advance to schedule baptismal instruction.

Marriages:

Couple should contact the rectory at least one year in advance. A marriage preparation program is required.

Rev. Robert D. Brusco
Pastor

Rev. Mateus Souza
Associate Pastor

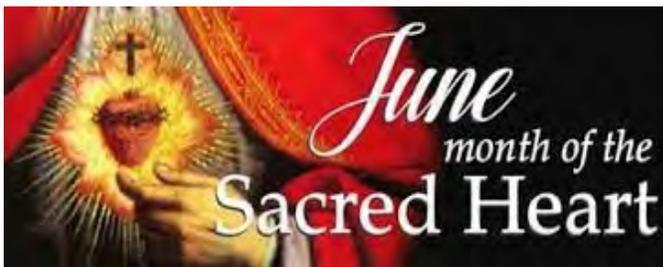
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Deacon Robert S. Connor, Jr.

Mrs. Paula Doucet
Director of Religious Education

Mr. David M. Lasky
Organist



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| Saturday | June 13 | Vigil Masses | Mass on pg. 154 |
| 4:00 p.m. | Leo Tatro (66th anniv.) by his sisters | | |
| Sunday | June 14 | The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) | Mass on pg. 154 |
| 7:00 a.m. | Stella LeBlanc (10th anniv.) by the family | | |
| 9:45 a.m. | Doris DiRusso (1st anniv.) by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Gariepy | | |
| 11:15 a.m. | Deceased members of the family of Arthur & Azilda Lavallee by Madeleine | | |
| Monday | June 15 | Weekday | Mass on pg. 161 |
| No Mass at St. Cecilia's — Mass at: St. Anna's 7:30 a.m. & St. Leo's 8:30 a.m. | | | |
| Tuesday | June 16 | Weekday | Mass on pg. 162 |
| No Mass at St. Cecilia's — Mass at: St. Anna's 7:30 a.m. & St. Leo's 8:30 a.m. | | | |
| Wednesday | June 17 | Weekday | Mass on pg. 163 |
| 6:30 a.m. | Rev. Richard H. Labonte | | |
| Thursday | June 18 | Weekday | Mass on pg. 164 |
| 6:30 a.m. | Rev. Richard G. Roger by June & Larry Tanowski | | |
| Friday | June 19 | The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus | Mass on pg. 165 |
| 6:30 a.m. | Ronald Murray by the family | | |
| 5:30 p.m. | Mass in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with Benediction | | |
| 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. | Confessions | | |
| Saturday | June 20 | The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Mass on pg. 169 |
| No Morning Mass | | | |
| 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. | Confessions | | |
| | | <u>Vigil Mass</u> | <u>Mass on pg. 172</u> |
| 4:00 p.m. | Marcia Eagle (5th anniv.) by the Daigle family | | |
| Sunday | June 21 | Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mass on pg. 172 |
| 7:00 a.m. | David Gladding (17th anniv.) by Cecile & Lawrence Gladding | | |
| 9:45 a.m. | Gilbert Gaudet (30th anniv.) by his wife & children | | |
| 11:15 a.m. | Joseph C. Farias (2nd anniv.) by Jean Noel & Anne Marie Bernard & family | | |



“The Heart of Jesus is the ultimate symbol of God’s mercy – but it is not an imaginary symbol, it is a real symbol, which represents the center, the source from which salvation for all humanity gushed forth.”
Pope Francis



A Message From Our Pastor.

Dear Friends,

Unlike last week when we tried to explain the almost unexplainable mystery of the Trinity, the mystery of the Holy Eucharist is close to us and to our hearts. From the time we wore First Communion dresses or white shoes up until today the Eucharist is a central part of our lives as Catholics. We are after all as Pope St. John Paul II said “the people of the Eucharist”.

Every now and again friends will ask what’s the difference between being a Catholic and being a Protestant? And we try to think up lots of different things; Catholic priests don’t marry, Catholic Churches are led by bishops, we have a liturgy that is routed in seven sacraments but nothing approaches the importance of the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Jesus makes it very clear in John’s Gospel that this is not a symbol, this is not just a memorial, it is the real body of Jesus Christ which we receive in the Eucharist. “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.”

You can’t get more blunt than that. Jesus is telling us that this Eucharist which we share is the real body and blood of Jesus Christ. We hope very soon we will be able to celebrate First Communion in the parish and when we do the little children will receive Communion with unbridled faith. Unfortunately sometimes as we get older we start to doubt, but if we cling to the words of Jesus with a deeper and more sincere understanding we will know the Eucharist and be the people of the Eucharist every day of our lives.

May God bless you all,

Father Bob Brusio



OUR LADY, HEALTH OF THE SICK, PRAY FOR US

Please pray for those who are ill, especially:

**Deacon Ronald Aubuchon, Claire Babineau, Vincent Comtois,
Anselma Geronimo, Ginette LeBlanc, Job Turini,
Riley Watts and Fr. Bob Brusio.**

If you know someone who needs prayers, call the rectory or email us at office@stceciliachurch.net and we will add them to our list for a month.



The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and The World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests

In the 13th century, a Belgian nun named Juliana of Liege urged the Church leadership to institute a feast in honor of the Most Blessed Sacrament on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday. The feast of Corpus Christi was eventually established as a universal feast by 1264, and soon after the feast was given an “octave,” meaning that the spiritual themes celebrated on Corpus Christi would remain the primary focus of the Church’s liturgy for a total of eight days.

This was the case for many centuries, and during the 17th century, St. Margaret Mary Alocque had a private vision in which Jesus revealed his heart to her and said, “I ask thee that the first Friday after the octave of Corpus Christi be set apart as a special feast to honor My Heart.” It is recorded that she had this vision during Eucharistic adoration, with the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar.

This wasn’t completely fulfilled until 1856 when Pope Pius IX established the feast of the Sacred Heart on the universal Roman calendar, fixing it on the day following the octave of Corpus Christi. The feast of the Sacred Heart remains on this day, even though the octave of Corpus Christi is no longer celebrated, and the Solemnity of Corpus Christi is transferred to the Sunday after Trinity Sunday in the United States.

It is fitting that the Church would have meditated on the gift of the Blessed Sacrament for eight days, spiritually preparing oneself to honor the Heart of Jesus. The two are intimately linked, as an article on *Catholic Exchange* points out.

The two devotions—to the Sacred Heart and to the Eucharist—are closely connected. They call upon one another and, we may even say, they require each other. The Sacred Heart explains the mystery of the love of Jesus by which He becomes bread in order to nourish us with His substance, while in the Eucharist we have the real presence of this same Heart, living in our midst. It is wonderful to contemplate the Heart of Jesus as the symbol of His infinite love, but it is even more wonderful to find Him always near us in the Sacrament of the altar.

Jesus himself asked St. Margaret Mary to promote both the feast of the Sacred Heart and Eucharistic adoration, making the connection very clear. It is in the Eucharistic host that we can find the Heart of Jesus, beating and pouring itself out upon us.

It is not a coincidence that the feast of the Sacred Heart falls so near to the feast of Corpus Christi, as the celebration of one naturally leads to the other.

In 2002, the Catholic Church designated a special world day of prayer for the sanctification of priests to also occur on this holy feast day.

We invite you and your family to join Catholics across the globe for a day of prayer and thanksgiving for the priests in our parish.

**To honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus there will be a Holy Mass with Benediction
on Friday, June 19 at 5:30 PM.**



Prayer for Priests

O Jesus, eternal High Priest, who, in an incomparable love for men, allowed Catholic priesthood to issue from Thy Sacred Heart, deign to continue to pour out on Thy priests the life-giving streams of Infinite Love. Live in them, transform them into Thyself; Render them by Thy grace instruments of Thy Mercy; Act in them and through them and grant that they may perform in Thy Name and by the strength of Thy Spirit, the works which Thou Thyself has accomplished for the salvation of this world. Divine Redeemer of souls, see how great is the multitude of those who still sleep in the darkness of error; count the number of those unfaithful sheep who are walking on the edge of an abyss; consider the crowds of the poor, the hungry, the ignorant and the weak, who are groaning in their state of abandonment. Return to us again, dear Sacred Heart of Jesus, live again in very truth in them; act through them and pass again through this world teaching, pardoning, consoling, offering sacrifice, renewing the Bonds of Love between the Heart of God and the hearts of men. We pray through the intercession of Mary, Mother of all hearts. Amen

Collections Report

6/7 Weekly Stewardship \$6,527.49 (this includes many makeup envelopes and on-line donations)

We are always grateful for your generous support and we hope that you will continue to financially give to our parish.

We are asking if you are able to support our parish financially in any of the following ways:

1. Place in collection basket before or after Mass
2. Mail in your weekly envelopes
3. Mail a check
4. Drop contributions off thru the rectory mail slot front door on Mechanics St
5. Online Giving via our parish website www.stceciliachurch.net click box Give Online Support Our Parish

We are transforming the **Baby Bottle Drive** from traditional bottles into a **virtual event!** The Baby Bottle drive is an important fundraiser as 100% of the money raised from each **virtual donation** will directly benefit both First Concern Centers. The spare change that is normally collected in the bottles adds up quickly and the donations help us sustain many Center initiatives. A few examples are as follows:



The average bottle full of quarters, which is about **\$30**, can purchase a box of diapers.

During this pandemic our Moms have been set up with Earn While You Learn educational lessons online through a service called Bright Course. It takes **\$80** to provide one month of virtual learning to these clients. This service has been a lifeline for many. We have been able to equip them with emotional support, education, and earned items from our Baby Boutiques.

It costs about **\$100** to set clients up with their first month of services which include a pregnancy test, classes, support, and educational materials. Throughout this entire pandemic, First Concern has remained open and servicing clients. CareNet has closed, Clearway Clinic has closed, even Visitation House has closed. We have remained the only pro-life pregnancy resource center in the diocese and in the county to remain open and serving clientele.

If you are in a position to help us financially, please consider filling a "virtual bottle" by making an online donation here: <https://secure.ministrysync.com/ministrysync/event/?e=20155>



Donations can also be mailed to: 46 High Street, Clinton, MA 01510. Please be sure to indicate the donation is for the Baby Bottle Drive.

If you prefer the traditional form of filling a Baby Bottle you may pick one up in the Church and return to the rectory.

Thank you in advance for your encouragement and support!

With you, for LIFE -- First Concern Staff & Board of Directors

Hi Everyone,

All high school youth (incoming freshmen to graduating seniors) are invited to participate in a summer Bible study offered through the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office. If you know of any teens in your parish who are looking to grow in their knowledge of Scripture then this program would be great for them! The program will walk through Scripture from Genesis to Revelation over the course of 8 consecutive weekly sessions. Sessions will take place on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 on Zoom **beginning on June 30th**. There is NO COST! The only materials needed are a Catholic Bible (physical or digital).

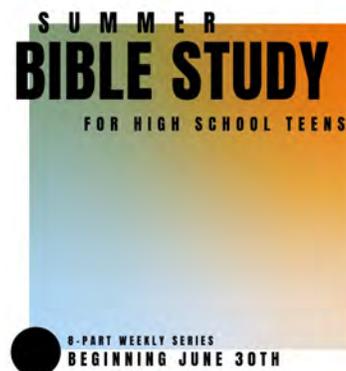
Participants can sign up or get more information by going to neworchester.org/summer-bible-study. The link contains additional information and a simple sign up form for participant and parent contact information. Shortly after signing up, participants and parents will receive the Zoom login information.

Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, June 24th.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

God bless,

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