

Welcome to
**Good
Shepherd
Parish**

Hopelawn,
New Jersey 08861

MISSION STATEMENT

We are called by Jesus as a community of faith to love God and love one another by our acts of worship, fellowship and stewardship.



June 14, 2020 • The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Rev. Krystian Burdzy
Deacon Sam Costantino
Deacon Albert Coppola
Maria C. Arcelay
Wayne Behr

Administrator

R.C.I.A.
Parish Secretary/PCL/Cemetery Coordinator
Director of Liturgical Music

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass	4:30PM
Sunday Masses:	8:30AM & 11:00AM
Daily Mass	Monday at 7:00PM (<i>Holidays at 9am, or otherwise stated</i>) Tuesday-Friday at 8:00AM
Holy Days	as announced
Confessions:	Saturday afternoon 3:30 - 4:00PM
Novenas:	Miraculous Medal and St. Jude Novena following Monday 7:00PM Mass St. Anthony Novena Wednesday morning following 8:00AM Mass

THE PARISH CENTER

Parish and Cemetery Offices
625 Florida Grove Rd., Hopelawn, New Jersey
Phone: 732-826-4859 • Fax: 732-826-6078
Website: www.goodshepherdpanj.org
E-mail: Goodshepherd20@verizon.net
Office Open Monday-Friday 9:00AM - 4:00PM
Evenings by Appointment Only
Closed Weekends and Federal Holidays

PERTH AMBOY CATHOLIC

PRIMARY-UPPER LEVELS

Sr. Beverly Policastro S.C., Principal
St. Stephen School Building (732) 826-1598

BLESSED SACRAMENT (CHAPEL)

Located in the Parish Center
Open for Private Prayer during office hours



Parish Information

We welcome you to the Good Shepherd Parish Community!

Please register at the Parish Office as soon as you are able to do so, and the staff will be happy to inform you about our parish and the opportunities we offer. Parish registration is required for religious education, celebration of all Sacraments and certification as a sponsor for Baptism and Confirmation. Regular Sunday worship with us indicates a practicing Catholic, not just parish registration. Attendance is necessary at weekend worship for the all sacraments and certification of sponsorship. Please notify the parish office of any changes in phone numbers, addresses, e-mail addresses or when leaving the parish.

We have hospitality Sunday, the first Sunday of the month. Please come and meet our Priest and fellow parishioners.

Baptism: All Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of the month at **12noon**. The preparation process should begin at least three months before the planned date of the Baptism. A Baptism Preparation Class is required for parents (godparents may attend if they wish). This class is offered on the fourth Sunday of each month at **9:45 AM**. Please call the parish office to register. The date of the baptism is scheduled after attending the class. Parish membership and active worship is required for two months prior to preparation.

Religious Education: Provides faith filled instructions for Levels 1st through 8th. We have classes on two Saturdays a month from 8:45am to 11am. Special instructions are given for sacramental preparations.

Initiation of Adults and Older Children: This is an extended formation process for unbaptized or uncatechized adults or baptized Christians of other faith traditions who wish to become members of the Catholic Church, as well as for unbaptized or uncatechized school-aged children. Please contact the parish office for more information. Initiation is celebrated at the Easter Vigil after a formation period of one or two years.

Adult Confirmation: This is a program for persons over the age of 18 who have received the Sacraments of Baptism and First Eucharist, but who never completed their initiation with the Sacrament of Confirmation. The program is a 10-12 week program, with Confirmation being celebrated on the Solemnity of Pentecost. Please call the parish office for more details.

Matrimony: Couples wishing to marry in Good Shepherd Parish must be registered members of our parish. They are required to make initial arrangements at least one year in advance. Four sessions with the priest or deacon, as well as Pre-Cana or Engaged Encounter take place during this year. Active worship for at least two months are required before a date may be scheduled.

Anointing of the Sick: Anyone who is seriously ill or unable to come to church for a length of time should contact the parish office to arrange for the Anointing of the Sick. Eucharistic Ministers bring Holy Communion to homebound parishioners every Sunday, and our priest will visit on the First Friday of each month. Please call the parish office to make arrangements. The Diocese of Metuchen provides Catholic priests to serve at all local hospitals.

Holy Orders: If you are interested in learning more about the priesthood or religious life, contact the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Metuchen at 732-562-1990, ext. 1700 or by email at vocations@diometuchen.org or visit www.diometuchen.org/vocations.

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

FINANCIAL CORNER

Collection Report – Offertory (mail-in/drop off)

5/13/20 - 5/19/20	\$4,394.00
5/20/20 - 5/26/20	\$3,926.00
5/27/20 - 6/2/20	\$3,903.00
6/3/20 – 6/9/20	\$5,319.00

Ascension Thursday (mail-in/drop off)

5/21/20	\$1,056.00
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MONTHLY OPERATING INCOME & EXPENSE APRIL 2020

Collection Income	\$ 31,764.00
Other Income	\$ 2,223.00
Total Income*	\$ 33,987.00
Expenses	\$ 29,837.00
Month's Income/(Deficit)	\$ 4,150.00
Year-to-Date (July '19 –February '20)	
Income/(Deficit)	\$ (48,466.00)
Outstanding Diocesan Debt	\$ 118,867.00

Church Donations

We sincerely thank our parishioners who mail or deliver their weekly envelopes to the Parish Office when they're unable to come to Mass. Even in these times of so many changes, suspensions and disruptions, our bills to run our Parish still need to be paid. If you are financially able, please continue to support our Church. You may mail your donations or put them in the locked mailbox, or door slot in the front of the Parish Office. Thank you for your continued support and understanding. Stay well and God bless!

MISSING YOUR CHURCH??

Catch us on

facebook

Sunday Masses are posted by Sunday afternoon

ORGANIZATIONS

NAME	DAY	TIME
Holy Name Society	2nd Thursday	7:00PM
Ladies Guild	2nd Tuesday	7:00 PM
Rosary Altar Society	2nd Sunday	9:30 AM
Tuesday Seniors	2nd & 4th Tues.	12:30 PM
Wednesday Seniors	1st & 3rd Wed.	12:30 PM

*If you are interested in any of our above organizations/ministries,
please contact the Parish Office for more information.*

MINISTRIES

NAME	CONTACT	PHONE
Chairperson-Finance Council	Marty Joyce	732-826-4859
Music Ministry	Parish Office	732-826-4859
Religious Education	Maria C. Arcelay	732-826-4859



My Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate Corpus Christi Sunday. This feast officially named **The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ** is to be held by the Universal Church on the Thursday following Holy Trinity Sunday. Observing this feast we confess the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. In some countries, this feast is transferred to the nearest Sunday. There is a beautiful story behind this feast. The beginning of this feast dates back to the Middle Ages and is connected with a visionary nun and a Eucharistic miracle. A German priest was traveling to Rome and he stopped in Bolsena to celebrate Mass. While saying the consecration prayer he doubted Christ being actually present in the consecrated bread and wine. At the moment of his disbelief, blood began seeping from the consecrated host onto the altar and corporal. The priest immediately reported this miracle to the pope. Urban IV sent his delegates to investigate the miraculous event and ordered to bring the host and the bloodstained corporal to Orvieto, where he was at the moment. The relics remain there today. That Eucharistic miracle confirmed the vision that St. Juliana of Mont Cornillon in Belgium, a nun and mystic, had. Finally, in the 13th century the pope instituted the Corpus Christi Feast and soon it was observed by the Universal Church.

In the Gospel of St. John, chapter 6, Our Lord says:

"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"

This teaching definitively says that **the Holy Eucharist is not a symbol, but in fact the whole Jesus, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity.** In the same chapter we hear:

Then many of his disciples who were listening said, *"This saying is hard; who can accept it?"* ...As a result of this, many [of] his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, *"Do you also want to leave?"* Simon Peter answered him, *"Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.* If Jesus were speaking symbolically about eating his Flesh and drinking his Blood, He would have not let his disciples leave without giving them a further explanation. There are converts today who were led to the Catholic Church because of this passage.

True disciples of Jesus believed this teaching. They may not have understood how it could be that they would eat His Flesh and drink His blood; but they didn't doubt that somehow it would happen. Indeed, it did happen at the **Last Supper**; and it has happened and continues to happen at **every Mass**. What a privilege it is to consume the Body and the Blood and the Soul and the Divinity of Christ. That is why it is so important to appreciate this Gift. All of us must prepare ourselves with **prayer** and **good Confessions** to receive our Lord.

Let us pray for those who do not know this Gift -- for those who think that the Eucharist is only a symbol of Jesus' presence. It is sad to say that some Catholics think this way. May they read slowly and prayerfully *John 6* and then meditate on this truth. May they know the joy of having the *real Presence* in every tabernacle of every Catholic church throughout the world.

My friends what a gift that today on this Feast we are able to return to our Parish and receive HIM with longing into our hearts and lives.

With prayers
Fr. Krystian

For the month of June pray for those affected by Covid-19, and all hospital and nursing home personnel who are working so bravely and tirelessly, their families, our sick and homebound of our Parish family, especially:

Carlos Bendrell, Marie Burke, Andrea Costantino, Noah Dahlberg, Carolyn Duane, Pat Dunn, Chuck F., Victor & Melissa Ferrer, Tommy Fitzpatrick, Joseph Frisbe, Mike Gaffney, Carol George, Johnny Gondek, Richard Hajzer, Mary Harper, Nancy Hunt, Tommy Jones, Bill Karvalis, Arleen Kopin, Judy Liik, Rose Langan, Brianna Ortega, Megan Ortega, Carol Magyar, JoAnn Magyar, Fr. John Morley, Raymond Magyar, Ellen Malopolski, Maryanne Mateuszczuk, Connie & Vince Montuoro, Lynn Munoz, Mary Murray, Teresa P., Catherine Paone, Christopher Paone, Danny Parker, Dianne Petro-Duncan, Julia Possert, Caroline Pry, Stephen Pry, Ann Rapetti, Greg Rohrbacher, Fred Rose, Paul Sheena, Jack Stacey, Tamya Stacy, Maryann Suhay, Telofski Family, Dave & Louise Utter, Elsie Vega, Maryann Whalen & Bernard Yaros

With respect to personal privacy only requests made by immediate family members will be taken. If you would like to add or continue to keep a name on our list: call the parish office at 732-826-4859 or email goodshepherd20@verizon.net.

Please keep in mind that we pray for all the sick every day in the general intercessions of the Mass.

MINISTER SCHEDULE

LECTOR

SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH

4:30PM Makaylab Grandal

SUNDAY, JUNE 21ST

8:30AM Rose Lund

11:00AM Sian Brossard

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH

4:30PM J. Blockus, Deacon Sam Constantino,
A. Cyrana, P, Hardish & M. Nunez

SUNDAY, JUNE 21ST

8:30AM D. Cherubini, Deacon Mickey Coppola,
C. Duane, M. Joyce & L. Loso

11:00AM M. Amaya, Deacon Mickey & Colleen Coppola,
Ken & Jeanette Gonzalez

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH

4:30PM Giannalise & Giselle Rodriquez, Nicole &
Danielle Zur

SUNDAY, JUNE 21ST

8:30AM M. Billig, Sean & Sharon Machado, M. Yactayo
11:00AM Marcela & Jason Donnelly, Joshua &
Joseph Polanco

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, June 15 : Weekday

7:00PM Michael Hudak
Req Mom & Dad

TUESDAY, June 16 : Weekday

8:00AM Kevin Savoia
Req wife Donna

WEDNESDAY, June 17 : Weekday

8:00AM Emilio Gianfrancesco
Req daughter Antonietta Gianfrancesco

THURSDAY, June 18 : Weekday

8:00AM Helen Egan
Req Estate

FRIDAY, June 19 :

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:00AM Happy Birthday Blessings to Betty Murafsky

SATURDAY, June 20 :

The Vigil of The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM Father's Day Intentions

SUNDAY, June 21 :

The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM Father's Day Intentions

11:00AM Father's Day Intentions

Updates Due to the Corona Virus

- Our Food Pantry and all Organizational & Religious Ed. meetings are still temporarily suspended.
- Although our Parish Office is closed to the public, you can reach us by phone or email, Mon-Friday till 12noon.
- Currently, our daily Masses are open to a limited number of parishioners (10 or less)
- Saturday & Sunday Masses are still closed to the general public. Starting June 13th, they will be opened, allowing only a limited number of parishioners. Safety precautions will be posted in advance and strictly enforced.

BRINGING UP GIFTS AT MASS

If you requested a Mass intention, we hope you will understand for your health and safety bringing up the gifts has been **temporarily suspended**.

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Currently, the Parish Office is still closed. If you would like to speak with someone, you may call 732-826-4859 between 9am and 12pm, Monday through Friday. After that, you may leave a message on voicemail and we will return your call the next day. As always, if it is an emergency or you are in need of spiritual guidance please call 732-826-2771.

For the Week of June 13-19th

SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Memory of
Maria Rizzi

Req Antonietta Gianfrancesco

BREAD & WINE

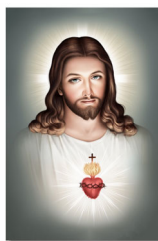
In Memory of
Melanie Grace Licad
Req Felix family

BLESSED MOTHER FLOWER

In Honor of
Carmina Gianfrancesco's 100th Birthday
Req daughter Filomena

ALTAR FLOWERS

In Memory of
Lives lost due to the Coronavirus
Req Good Shepherd Parish



Join us

*As we pray the litany
of the Sacred Heart of
Jesus and sing a
Chaplet of the Divine Mercy on
Friday, June 19th following 8am Mass.*

Everyone is welcomed to join us.



Stay informed by
registering online at:
<https://ebulletin.jspaluch.com>

and get a weekly
digital copy of the
Good Shepherd Parish
Bulletin



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Please join us by praying for our elect/candidates as they have continued to prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation. Let them know they have not been forgotten. Since the closing of the church and Masses their Sacrament of Initiation has been placed on hold. With your help and a rescheduled date for Initiation we will welcome our Catechumens are **Edgar Puesan, Amanda & Gianna Taveras**. Our Candidates are **Jariel Baez, Ricardo Bravo, Krystal Suarez, Darielene & Deeani Suriel & Juan Valencia**. And our Confirmanti are **Angela, Antoinette & Jennifer Resti, Maria Rojas, Tanya Broughton, Yudelka (Judy) Valerio & Madeleine Villalba** as new members of our Parish community in faith.

If you have not had an opportunity to select an elect or candidate to *spiritually sponsor*, please take one of their prayer cards which are located on our RCIA easel by the doorway of the Church. A small note, or card, indicating your support, will help make them feel welcomed into our community. Bring it to the Parish Office, or drop it in the collection basket, addressed to the name of the elect or candidate c/o RCIA.

For more information regarding registration for next fall, call the Parish Office at 732-826-4859.

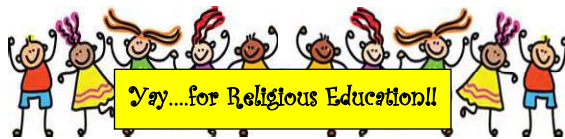


Religious Education

For the first time ever!!! We will be offering Religious Education to levels 1st - 8th

Online beginning the September 2020-21 school year.

Please check back here for more information or on our [website](#) for registration forms.



First Communion



Please pray for our First Communion Candidates to whom we are now finally able to administer the Sacrament of First Communion. Our students, their parents and family members have waited so long for this moment. Please remember this is a private event for those receiving and their immediate family. If you are interested, please make sure to view it on our Parish Facebook page. If you are a parent and have not heard about the details regarding Communion, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Part of our RCIA & Religious Ed program requirement is to carefully choose a Saint Name. Here are a few personal essays from our very own Candidates and Confirmation members:

The reason why I choose Saint Jude—he is the patron Saint of desperate cases and lost causes. I remember as a little girl my Nonny always used to pray to him, I never really knew the reason why until I went to get my communion. There was a time in my life where I was very ill with anorexia, my mother went through a lot with the situation with me and again she also prayed the Saint Jude to help me in the desperate case. I felt this overcome in my heart where I needed to get better and get stronger because this isn't the way to live with myself in pain and sorrow. I went through a rough time in high school with bullying and was very insecure with myself. I noticed I was changing again, and relapsing. In 2010, I lost the most precious woman in my life "Nonna" that really hit me in my heart. The following year I was graduation high school and knowing she will not be there was painful. I got worse in 2011 and I knew that I had my anorexia again. One day me and my family were at a car wash & my mother said to me "sweetie you're sick & you need help". I told my mom crying "Mommy I need to be admitted to the hospital, I want to get better" that was a big step for me for myself for those words to come out.

My Mother was proud of me, because I admitted I needed help to recover from this illness. After 1 year I fully recovered again from anorexia in 2013. I have not relapsed since and have been fully sober from my anorexia for 6 years now. I thank Saint Jude for helping me in those nightmare and scary times in the hospital. He was always with me every step of the way.

I only spoke a few time in front of others in a program that was going through anorexia & bulimia to help them to the right path in their recovery from healing his evil illness.

I was always a type of person to help and heal people in anyway I can. I never really knew the reason why until now. Saint Jude is the one that is in my soul and for that reason I choose him.



As for confirmation names I choose Mary. One of my favorite events in church as a kid was the May Crowning, the flowers and the Mass are always so beautiful, and the first prayer I ever learned was the Hail Mary. Mary is also considered, in may articles I read, the greatest of Saints, so go big or go home – lol!

I always considered Mary a very graceful person, dealing with her situation at the time in a way that was so accepting and so brave. She possesses many traits I would like to have more of. So picking her as my confirmation name is a way to remind myself to be better I my faith and be more like her even in small ways.



Intercessory prayer is the act of praying on behalf of others. All Christians are called to be Intercessory. All Christians have the Holy Spirit in their hearts and, just as Christ intercedes for us in accordance with God's will (Romans 8:26-27), we are to intercede for one another. Nothing is too small to request from our Lord, Jesus. Nothing is insignificant to him.

At the Good Shepherd Parish our Children have embarked on a mission of Intercessory Prayer by praying nightly at 9:00 pm. We have been conducting classes on Intercessory prayers so that our youth are prepared to be Intercessors. Weekly they are presented with the prayer requests from parishioners. We pray and then they go forth with their mission work.

Some of the benefits of the Intercessory Prayers:

- It increases God's Protection.
 - It strengthens us to do what God is calling us to do.
 - It removes feelings of aloneness.
 - It builds our relationship with God and increases our faith.
- If you wish to join or be added to the prayer list, please contact Mrs. Mildred Padilla-Morales at 732-738-3909.

Feed my Sheep

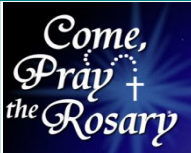


Feeding the Homeless Monday, July th

We could use **your** help by: with a monetary donation, or even a simple meal. Please call Mildred at (732)910-1277.

In need of a hot meal, or know someone...please join St. John the Baptist Episcopal church, 404 Division St. from 5pm to 6pm, every Monday. Prepared take-out (dinners only) to anyone that comes.

Thank you in advance.



Our Good Shepherd ROSARY PROGRAM

In the three week period ending June 1st, we said 468, totaling 7,018 Rosaries. **Keep going!!!**

Now is the time to double our efforts with prayer. Our community needs it more than ever. Please pray, pray, pray the Rosary. **You may call or email your count.** No names are necessary. Every Rosary recorded will be counted and published in the next week's bulletin. Hopefully, our program will grow as everyone will be encouraged and reminded to pray the Rosary.

There's no better way to say "YES" to the Blessed Mother.
For more information visit parishprojects.com



Volunteers are needed after each Mass to clean the pews, doors and all high traffic areas before the next Mass.

If you're interested in helping, please call the Parish Office 732-826-4859 or check with an Usher for more information.

Become An Apostle of Prayer A 2-3 Minute Daily Commitment

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities is seeking people to become Apostles of Prayer - offering prayers each day for those who make requests through our 24 hour prayer line. As a member of the apostolate, you would make a commitment to pray the *Prayer for Persons with Earthly Crosses*, at least once a day or more often if possible. (A copy of the prayer will be sent to you). If you are interested in participating in this prayer ministry, please contact our Office for Persons with Disabilities at 732-765-6432 or e-mail: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com and leave your name, telephone number and mailing address.

24 Hour Prayer Line

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a 24-hour prayer line for those who desire special prayers. If you, a family member or friend would like to be remembered in prayer by our Apostles of Prayer for any special reason including a temporary or permanent illness or disability, please call us and leave a detailed message at 732-765-6431 or email: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com

Spreading the Word

"Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread." (1 Corinthians 10:17)

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a two-fold purpose. One, it helps build God's kingdom here on earth. Two, it helps us strengthen each other's relationship with God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. It becomes our road map to Heaven. Let's help each other get there!



Corpus Christi 2020 Caravan procession

(in your car)

This Sunday, June 14, at 3pm

Beginning: St. John Paul II Church (parking lot)
490 State St., Perth Amboy.

Our Lady of Fatima
380 Smith St., Perth Amboy

Good Shepherd Parish
625 Florida Grove Rd., Hopelawn

Holy Trinity Church
315 Lawrie St., Perth Amboy

Ending: St. John Paul II Church (parking lot)
490 State St., Perth Amboy

Following the blessed Sacrament to visit each Parish. For more information or questions please call 732-442-0512. (Rain date 6/21/20)

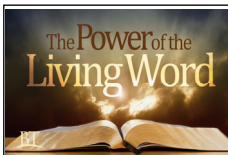
2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal Stepping Forward in Faith: Grace in Action

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to:

Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal,
PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000
or give online at www.diometuchen.org/BAA.

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$20,316.00 and payments totaling \$18,505.75 from 134 parishioners. This represents 84.7% of your \$24,000.00 goal.

Thank you for your efforts !!



Living God's Word

Some families always set an extra place at the table as a sign that guests are welcomed to share their circle of nourishment. Surely everyone is welcomed at our Eucharist liturgies. But do we make that spirit of hospitality a reality in our parishes?

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

They recognized him in the breaking of bread. This was the amazing revelation or epiphany that occurred on the Road to Emmaus. Bread that had been transformed into the Body of Christ opened the eyes of the disciples and showed them who was really with them. Their hearts were burning. Sometimes we struggle with our belief in the Eucharist because we make it too much of an intellectual challenge. If God's divinity was wed to humanity in the incarnation of Christ, then why is it not possible for God to take simple elements of bread and wine and transform them into his Body and Blood? Affirm your faith today that the Eucharist you receive is God Himself. Become what you eat and allow God to embrace your soul and touch that part of you that no one else can touch.

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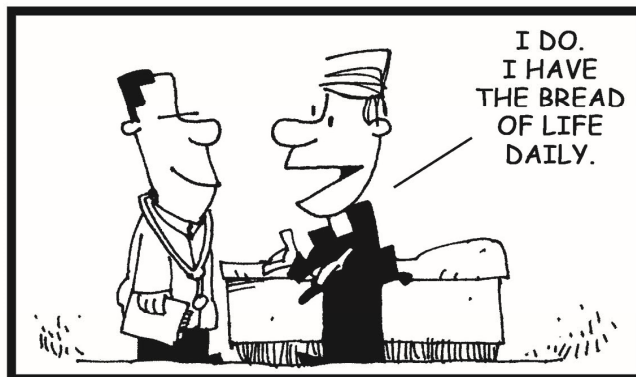
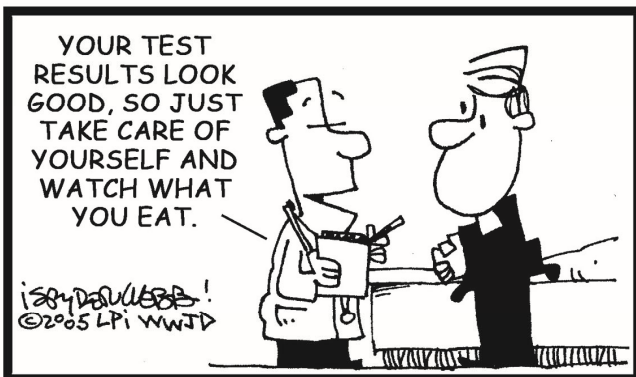
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“Please respect the Sacred Silence”



BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST