



Solemnity of Corpus Christi

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Brothers and Sisters,
We gather today to celebrate the solemnity of the Body and the Blood of Christ! Sunday after Sunday, day after day, throughout our city and state, we come together across the country and around the world at the Table of the Lord.

Reflecting back on our experiences of closed churches, and minimal participation at the Eucharist during the pandemic, were there any insights that you gained from this time of being separated from the community of the St. Benedict the Moor? Today's feast allows us to pause and to reflect about what we are doing when we worship and celebrate **the Passover of the Lord—Eucharist!**

From the Book of Exodus, Moses and the people are ready to enter into a **covenant—relationship with God**. The Israelites sealed this agreement in the blood of animals, as they offer the sacrifice of young bulls that are slaughtered and set on fire as a burnt offering. Moses took half of the blood of the animals and put it into large bowls and then splashed the other half **on the Altar and then sprinkled the rest on the people**.

You and I have been **washed in the blood of the Lamb** on the day of our Baptism, as the waters of Baptism signified the final Covenant relationship between God and all of humanity. Our Judaeo—Christian roots continue to surface as **the Waters of Baptism** represent the gift of **LIFE and regeneration** for the Christian. And the Blood of Christ on Calvary's Cross sealed this sacred covenant forever. However, the Sacrament of Baptism leads to the Table of Eucharist, where Jesus gifts us with himself under **the humble signs of bread and wine**. He chose the Seder Meal for the setting of the Last Supper. As faithful Jews, the apostles and disciples gathered with Him to celebrate the Passover.

Passover recalls **the Exodus Event** that celebrates God's deliverance of the Chosen people out of the hands of slavery in Egypt, and their freedom from oppression and servitude in the Promised Land. While the **New Passover, the Eucharist**, goes beyond human bondage to include the freedom and forgiveness from all shackles of SIN.

No longer the sacrifice of animals, but the ultimate sacrifice upon the tree of the Cross. In Eucharist, Jesus is both the sacrifice and the sacrament. He is both **victim and vessel of our Salvation! His Passion and death** by crucifixion was triumphed by **the Father raising his ONLY-Son** from death to the **glory of the Resurrection!**

The Gospel of **Mark** describes well the first Eucharist, *while they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it, this is my BODY!" Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen I say to you, I shall not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the Kingdom of God."*

In the year 1264, **Pope Urban IV established this feast of Corpus Christi** to help the faith—community to understand the mystery of the miracle of the Eucharist. Once again in our renewal from the Second Vatican Council, the **centrality of the Eucharist** in Catholic life and worship has been declared the source and summit of Christian Life. The Body and the Blood of the Lord is receiving the Lord Jesus, Who wishes to be with us as food and strength for our life's journey.

Perhaps, one of the most difficult moments of our time apart, while watching the live-streaming, was when it came to **COMMUNION** when we could only receive spiritually. And if we were watching Sunday Mass alone, the very absence of the **COMMUNITY** became another source of emptiness for all too long.

As we begin to build—up our strength through being vaccinated and still retaining the safety protocol, we will re—unite stronger, healthier, holier, as we become all we can be: **the BODY of CHRIST** to one another and to the world!

Today, we will honor our Lord with a **Eucharistic Procession** around the interior of the Church. Let us spend some time in praise and adoration as a grateful community **where Jesus is Lord!** **In song and praise, and in quiet adoration** let us give God our prayerful gratitude.

Your brother in Christ,

Friar Noel

St. Benedict the Moor Church



Our Mission

St. Benedict the Moor is a Catholic Christian Community that celebrates its African-American heritage and welcomes cultural diversity. Join us at the Table of the Eucharist as sisters and brothers in the Lord. We are committed to grow and diversify the Church through the new evangelization, family, catechesis, young adult ministry and outreach to the poor. In the spirit of the prophet Joshua, we can say:

"As for me and my household; we will serve the Lord."

June 6, 2021

BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Corpus Christi

"I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord."

St Benedict the Moor Parish

Sunday Mass: 10:30 am
Daily Masses: Mon.,Wed.,Fri. 12:00
Tues.,Thurs. 11:00am
Saturday: 8 am
Holy Days of Obligation:
Mass: 12 noon & 6:30 pm
(Exceptions will be posted)
Sacrament of Penance: Divine Mercy
Room Saturday 8:30-9:30am
or by Appointment

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Altar Flowers



Altar Flowers are donated this week in honor of

Elvia King

by Earl

Happy birthday! May the grace, joy, and peace of Christ fill your heart today and everyday.

Pastoral Concerns

WELCOME: We extend a warm St. Benedict the Moor welcome to Friar Jude Winkler, Assistant General of our Order. A member of the Province of Our Lady of the Angels, Scripture scholar and author. He lives at Convento Sancti Apostoli in Rome. Enjoy Columbus and your visit to St. Benedict this past Thursday....seeing our Outreach Team in action.

WELCOME JOANN & CHERYL: My first family visit with my sister, Joann Nejfelt and my sister-in-law, Cheryl Danielewicz. This is an answer to prayer and a blessing to share with them the Church—Family of St. Benedict the Moor. They will be arriving on Wednesday, June 9th and returning home to Connecticut on Sunday, June 13th. There's an old Polish saying—*"A Guest in the House.....Christ in the House!"*

THANK—YOU, CHURCH! As we are beginning to enjoy a "new normal," the results of our ACA—the Annual Catholic Appeal pledge is nearly reaching our GOAL of \$16,550. Our report from the Diocese of Savannah reads:

Pledges: \$14,005

Payment: \$10,015

Reflects the giving of 28 families shy of our Goal: **\$2,545.** Thank-you and God bless all our donors! Our deadline is June 30, 2021...we are almost there!

BLESSINGS RECEIVED~ We have recently received a check for \$1,000 towards our Kitchen Renovation Project. The donors are extended—family of ours from Sacred Heart Church in Birmingham, Alabama. We give God thanks for the generosity of Sandra and Kenneth Bonner & their son Kennedy, who gave this gift in memory of their Parents and Grandparents. God bless!



Robert Curtis	June 7
Von King	June 9
Frances Brown	June 12
Elvia King	June 12
Helen Bell	June 16
Rachel Ayinmide	June 17
Maria Turner	June 18

Stewardship

Weekly Finance Report: May 31
Offertory: \$1581.00 (Online \$250.00)
Kitchen Reno: \$25.00
Church Repair: \$25.00 (Online \$25.00)

Mass Intentions

Sunday, June 6th **Corpus Christi** 10:30 AM
In thanksgiving for the **Bonner Family of Birmingham**

Monday, June 7th Ordinary Time 12 Noon
+Emil Olis

Tuesday, June 8th Ordinary Time 11:00 AM
health of Shaija Simon (Covid-19 on ventilator)

Wednesday, June 9th **Saint Ephrem** 12 Noon
Communion Service

Thursday, June 10th Ordinary Time 11:00 AM
St. Benedict Church Family

Friday, June 11th **Most Sacred Heart of Jesus** 12 Noon
Deceased Felician Sisters
requested by Sr. Christine Marie, CSSF

Saturday, June 12th **Immaculate Heart of Mary** 8AM
+Tracey Hamilton Wiley

Lector Schedule

June 6: Beverly Saulsbury & Willie Lawrence
June 13: Richard Gibbs & Mary Ellen Evans
June 20: Celia Mason-Ferguson & Joseph Turner
June 27: Ethel Johnson & Gary Dawson

Honor A Love One!

Sundays are available to honor a loved one by donating **Altar Flowers**. Please call the office to reserve a date: June 13; July 4, 11; Aug. 22; Sept. 5, 26; Oct. 3, 17, 24



Most Holy Body and Blood

READING 1 Ex 24:3-8

When Moses came to the people and related all the words and ordinances of the LORD, they all answered with one voice, "We will do everything that the LORD has told us." Moses then wrote down all the words of the LORD and, rising early the next day, he erected at the foot of the mountain an altar and twelve pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then, having sent certain young men of the Israelites to offer holocausts and sacrifice young bulls as peace offerings to the LORD, Moses took half of the blood and put it in large bowls; the other half he splashed on the altar. Taking the book of the covenant, he read it aloud to the people, who answered, "All that the LORD has said, we will heed and do." Then he took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words of his."

RESPONSORIAL

R. I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

How shall I make a return to the LORD for all the good he has done for me?

The cup of salvation I will take up, and I will call upon the name of the LORD.

R. I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

Precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

I am your servant, the son of your handmaid; you have loosed my bonds.

R. I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call upon the name of the LORD.

My vows to the LORD I will pay in the presence of all his people.

R. I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

READING 2 Heb 9:11-15

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come to be, passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation, he entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of a heifer's ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship

the living God. For this reason he is mediator of a new covenant: since a death has taken place for deliverance from transgressions under the first covenant, those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

GOSPEL Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water. Follow him. Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. Make the preparations for us there." The disciples then went off, entered the city, and found it just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover. While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

In Our Prayers

Fr. Noel Danielewicz	Lenny Korona
Valentina Nejfelt	Shirley Labbe
Sr. Apollonia, cssf.	Ida Ruth Lane
Sr. Delores Anne, cssf	Mittie Lewis
Helen Bell	Delores McLeod
Amanda Cole	Ruben Meinhofer & Fam.
Mik Cole	Denvey Nelson
Robert Cole	Major Nettles
Ola Danielewicz	Cordell Parker
Robert Dozier	Gwendolyn Parker
Carl English	Debra Pough
Stephanie Findlay	Evelyn Pough
Yvonne Gilberti	Joe Ravalese
Elizabeth Grey	Joan Rogala
Ginnette Hughes	Lydia Sliva
Cecelia Hyams	Madeline Smith
Clarence Johnson	Emi Talbert
Cecil Jones	Friar Steven Tremier
Donald Julien	Dorothy Washington
Earl King	Friar Carl Zdancewicz
Elvia King	