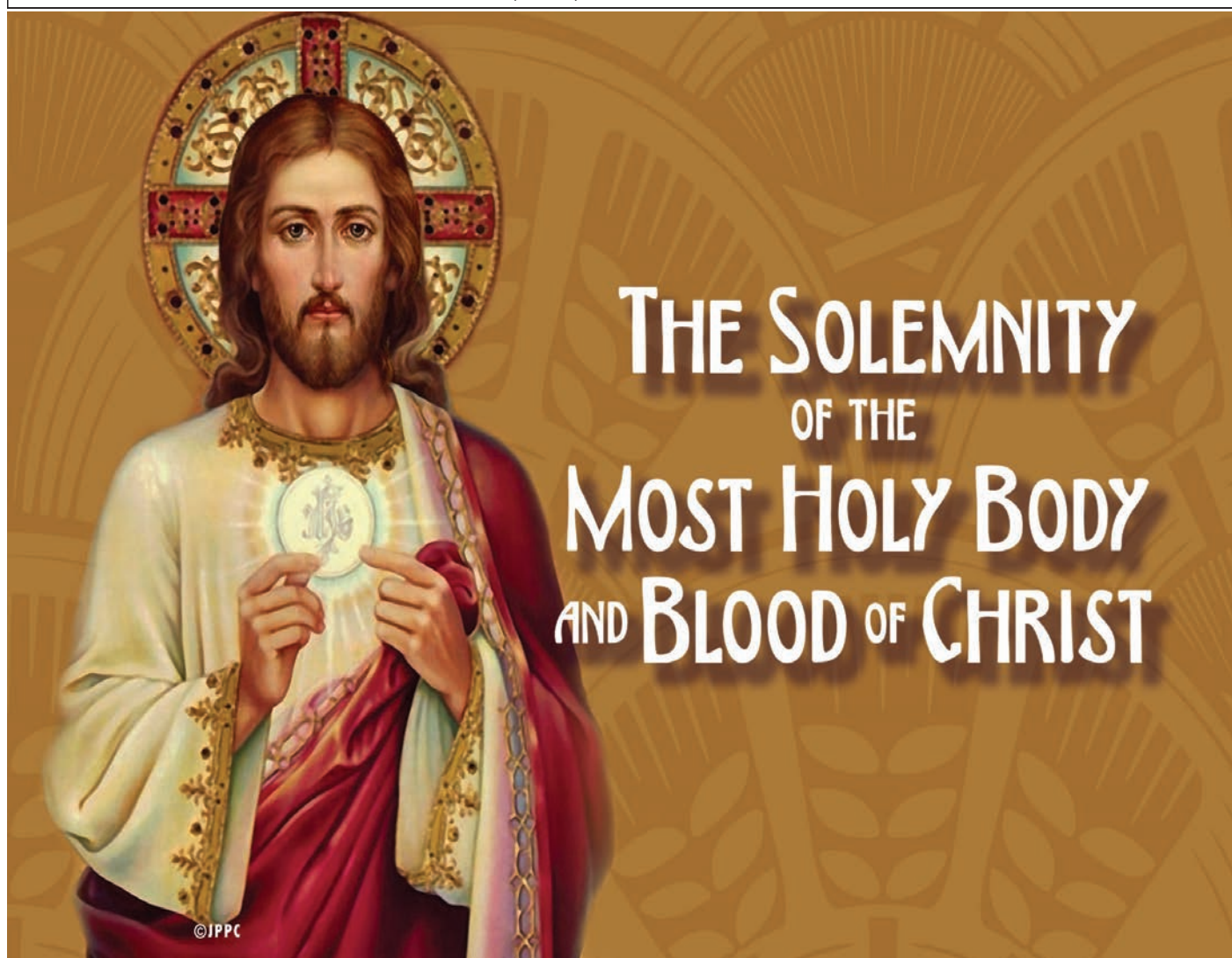


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SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2022 ~ THE SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI



Today, we observe the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. This beautiful feast celebrates the gift of the Holy Eucharist, which the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches is the source and summit of our

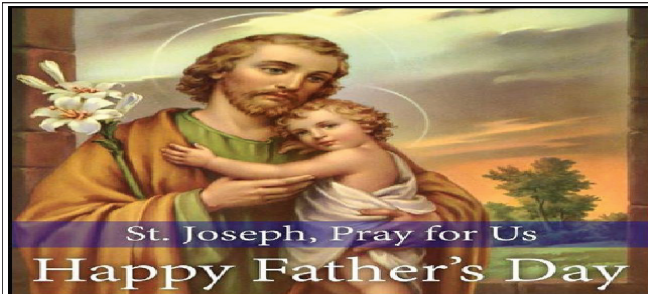
Christian faith. “For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ Himself” (CCC 1324). The very word, Eucharist, means “thanksgiving” or “gratitude,” and so this feast is especially meaningful to all of us who are striving to live as grateful recipients of all of Our Lord’s blessings to us. Surely the Holy Eucharist is the greatest of all blessings because it is not only from God, It is God — His Real Presence - the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

In his epistle to the Corinthians St. Paul reminds us of the depths of love our Lord has shown us in the gift of the Blessed Sacrament, recalling Christ’s words at the very first Mass. “The Lord Jesus... took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you.”” In that moment, and at every offering of the Mass thereafter, Our Lord gives us His very Self in an act of complete humility and perfect love. How can we possibly show our gratitude for such a sublime gift?

We can receive the gift of the Eucharist with the greatest possible reverence and love – a love which includes making sure that we are properly disposed and free from mortal sin in order to receive fruitfully the graces which the Sacrament of Love contains. And, following our Lord’s example, we can give ourselves generously to others in the week ahead.



Let us make our own the words of St. John Neumann, the fourth bishop of Philadelphia: “May the Heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection, at every moment in all the tabernacles of the world. Amen.”



Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to You for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender, in union with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

St. Joseph, Pray for all our Fathers. Amen

PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART



O Lord Jesus Christ, to your Most Sacred Heart, I confide these intentions: (*mention your intentions*)

Only look upon me, and then do what your Sacred Heart inspires.

Let your Sacred Heart decide.

I count on it, I trust in it

I throw myself on Your mercy.

Lord Jesus! You will not fail me.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in You.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
I believe in Your love for me.

Sacred Heart of Jesus,
Your Kingdom come.

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
I have asked you for many favors,
But I plead for this one. Please take it.
Place it in Thine open, broken Heart;
And when the Eternal Father looks upon It
and sees it covered in the mantle
Of Your Most Precious Blood,
He will not refuse it.

It is not my prayer, but Yours.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
I place all my trust in You.
Let me not be disappointed. Amen.

The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus – Our Parish Feast Day

My dear Friends in Christ,

One of the great feasts of the Christian year occurs each June, but it is often overlooked. It doesn't fall on a Sunday, and it isn't a Holy Day of Obligation. I am referring to the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, which will be on June 24th this year.

Despite widespread devotion and many parish dedications to the Sacred Heart, many Catholics have only a vague idea of what it's all about. So, let me try to briefly fill in the picture.

Often, when we think of the heart, we think of it as the seat of our emotions and feelings. The heart is often contrasted with the mind, as though our God-given reason were somehow evil or, at best, second-rate. But feelings come and go — we can't really depend on our emotions to be reliable, steady guides.

However, when classical theology refers to the heart, it is considering an aspect of human life that goes beyond our feelings. It includes our will, where we make decisions. In biblical terms the heart can be considered the center of our personhood.

In explaining Christian teaching about human nature, the Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "The spiritual tradition of the Church also emphasizes the heart, in the biblical sense of the depths of one's being, where the person decides for or against God" (368).

It is common to mistakenly label love as an emotion. Love often includes feelings, but true love is more than that. Real love is a settled attitude that wants the best for the person being loved. That's why the Church's teaching usually uses the term "charity" — to distinguish the Christian virtue from the more superficial popular concept of love. The Catechism tells us, "Charity is the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God. Jesus makes charity the new commandment. By loving his own 'to the end,' he makes manifest the Father's love which he receives. By loving one another, the disciples imitate the love of Jesus which they themselves receive" (CCC, 1822-1823). This sort of love, this charity — demonstrated by Jesus Christ and commanded to His followers — is no lightweight passing emotion. Feelings alone do not bring one to offer oneself to an agonizing death for the sake of someone else. No, that sort of sacrifice can only come from a considered and deliberate decision.

Although we sometimes forget that fact, Our Lord is fully human as well as fully divine. So, His human heart was involved in His sacrifice on the Cross. Thus, simply put, devotion to the Sacred Heart reminds us of the basic fact that God loves us. It was a costly love, the ultimate act of charity, to give His life on our behalf.

We know the kind of love Christ has for us. What kind of loving response are we going to make? Perhaps think about that question during the course of the next several days as we prepare to celebrate our parish's patronal feast day. Let the words of Psalm 116 "What return can I make to the Lord for all that He has given me" resound within your souls and then join us next Friday, Saturday or Sunday in joyfully worshipping the Sacred Heart of Jesus which is the fount of all goodness and love!

God love you!

Father DiMaria





Caring for Friends Update

On Tuesday, June 7th, twenty-three parishioners came out to support our Caring for Friends Ministry. Happy to say there were some new faces in the crowd!

278 soups were scooped and 353 snack bags assembled and we were home in time to watch the end of Jeopardy!

Among items collected were:

- * Personal care items including toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoos, razors
- * Diapers
- * Wipes
- * Feminine Hygiene products

We also received monetary donations in the collection basket!

Thank you everyone for your continued support of this wonderful ministry.



Watch for the bulletin for news on our annual CFF dinner at Peppers!

CLASS Reunion Looking for Bishop Kenrick Class of 1970

The Class of 1970 turns 70 and several events have been planned.

A memorial service for deceased members of the class on Saturday June 25th at 10 AM at St. Patrick's Cemetery followed by an informal gathering at Peppers in King of Prussia from 1:00 - 4:00. Just drop in. We'll have cake!

A larger event is planned for Saturday, September 10 1:00 - 5:00 at our legacy school Pope John Paul HS, Royersford, PA. Save the date!

Contact bishopkenrick1970@gmail.com with your email to receive updated information. And have a look at our Class of 70 website with lots more information. www.bkhs-1970.net.



Welcome!

NEW Parishioners

We extend a warm welcome to the following families who recently registered in our Parish:

Daniel & Maria Alejandra Cacioppo Giraldo and daughter, Isabella

Colin & Megan Mohan and daughter, Lucy

Jim & Amy Wittmer and children Sawyer, Samson & Tobias

Anthony Zinno

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Archbishop Nelson J. Perez
Celebrant

Spanish Keynote

ASL Keynote

Opening Mass



Katie Weiss
Visio Dei: A Path for Healing



Regina Boyd
God Heals Through Relationship



Matt & Jenni Lozano
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 18

4:00pm For the Living & Deceased Fathers of Our Parish

Sunday, June 19

8:00am For the Living & Deceased Fathers of Our Parish

10:15am For the Living & Deceased Fathers of Our Parish

Monday, June 20

**8:00am John Gober
(31st Anniversary Remembrance)
*Requested by Brother, Stephen***

Tuesday, June 21

**8:00am For the Deceased Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
*Requested by IHM Sisters of Sacred Heart***

Wednesday, June 22

**8:00am Gerarda Visco Acchione
*Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Bruno***

Thursday, June 23

**8:00am Health Blessings for Renate & Wolfgang Lasarz
*Requested by Susan Cash***

Friday, June 24

**8:00am Frank Opielski
*Requested by Barbara Roskos***

Saturday, June 25

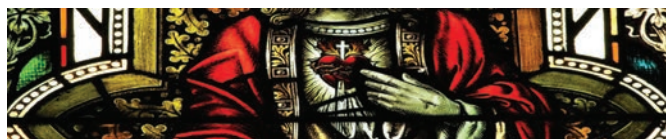
**8:00am John Kerick
*Requested by Daughter, Theresa Kerick***

**4:00pm Mariesa Hinchey
(Anniversary Remembrance)
*Requested by Karen***

Sunday, June 26

8:00am For the People of Our Parish

**10:15am Ed Gunsalus
*Requested by His Family***



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Saturday evening, June 25:

4:00pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Barbara JanFrancisco

Lector: Michelle Efthimiadou

Sunday morning, June 26:

8:00am

Lector: Helen Surman

10:15am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Joan Koeck

Lector: John Keidel

Celebrant's Mass Schedule

Saturday evening, June 25:

4:00pm - Father DiMaria

Sunday morning, June 26:

8:00am - Father Shea

10:15am—Father DiMaria



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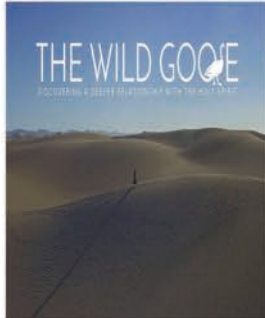


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WATCH

BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT & FIRE

As we celebrate the Nativity of John the Baptist this week, we remember his words: "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Mt 3:11). Jesus came to baptize us in the Holy Spirit, and the power and grace that comes from baptism in the Holy Spirit changes lives. Explore the meaning of this sacrament in this episode of The Wild Goose!



LEARN

TRUE REFORMERS: EPISODE 1 - ST. THOMAS MORE



St. Thomas More was one of the greatest humanists of his age but also a man devoted to the spiritual life. His lifetime of learning, charity, and service to the public good of England enabled him to stand a patient and holy witness—and one of the greatest of modern martyrs.

LISTEN

WALK THE WALK: FOLLOWING CHRIST AS HIS DISCIPLE

BY DR. TIM GRAY

Being a disciple of Jesus has always been synonymous with being a Christian. From the Scriptures and from his own experience, Dr. Tim Gray explains how Christian discipleship calls us to follow in the footsteps of Christ as engaged participants in God's plan. In doing so, we bear witness to the Lord in our families,



Please Pray For All Who Protect Our Country, especially...

Matthew D. Baxter (Staff Sergeant, U.S. Air Force), grandson of Peg Palmer; **John F. K. Benedict** (Major, USAF ANG), son of Christine & Vince Benedict; **Anthony C. Brandt** (CW3 Warrant Officer, U.S. Army Reserves), son of Eileen & Nesbur Brandt; **Zachary T. Brandt** (Sergeant U.S. Army), grandson of Eileen & Nesbur Brandt; **LCDR Matthew J. Capaldo** (U.S. Navy) son of John & Connie Capaldo; **Michael DeStefano, Jr.** (Sergeant U.S. Army) grandson of Jack & Sue DeStefano; **Darius A. Garey** (E3, U.S. Navy), great-grandson of Peg Palmer; **Michael Gutkowski** (Lieutenant, U.S. Navy), grandson of Pat Gutkowski; **Noel Irizarry** (Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine Corps), son of Patricia Epright; **Shane Jones** (Sergeant US Marines), grandson of Fran Toth; **Gregory Kantz** (Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Air Force), grandson of Rose Kantz; **Stephen Kantz** (Commander, U.S. Navy), grandson of Rose Kantz; **Matthew McNulty** (Chief Warrant Officer 3 U.S.M.C.), son of Irene McNulty; **Michael McSweeney** (Commander, U.S. Navy); **Rick McVoy** (Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy) son of Rich McVoy; **Jonathan D. Palmer** (Sergeant, U.S. National Guard), grandson of Peg Palmer; **Greg Philips** (Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy); **Jessica Prostack** (CW2 Warrant Officer, U.S. Army), daughter of Richard Prostack; **Jeffrey Seamans** (Captain, U.S. Army), son-in-law of Dolores Burton.

In Your Charity, Please Pray For Our Sick



Stanley Leszczynski; Ayden Boone (*Great Great-Grandson of Armando Delmoro*); Butch Rodenbaugh; Nicholas Janicki; Edith Barbone; Catherine Bankowski; Michael Myers and Melissa (Myers) Sillah (*Grandchildren of Dora & Armando Delmoro*); George Estock; Helen Bednar; Nicholas Yacovelli; Kyle Kolva (*Friend of Kathy Smith*); Barbara A. Burkert (*Daughter of Dora & Armando Delmoro*); Cody Taylor (*Nephew of Michael & Eileen Bralski*); Melonie Mitchell; John Smoczylo; Teddy Swede (*Brother of Gloria Swede*); Laurie Ronan (*Niece of Gloria Swede*); David Degulis (*Brother-in-law of John Puzio, Jr. & Kathy Smith*); Edward Keszczyk; Terry Stephenson (*Brother-in-law of John Puzio, Jr. & Kathy Smith*); Michael Dulaney (*Brother-in-law of John Puzio, Jr. & Kathy Smith*); Kerry Link (*Daughter of Irene McNulty*); Lorraine Farrell; Gary Gutkowski; Rose Coscia; Francis Coscia; *We are happy to keep your loved ones on our Parish prayer list for four weeks. If they would benefit from remaining on our prayer list after this period of time, please call the rectory.*

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June 19, 2022 - THE SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI



Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

As a boy of the Fifties, I was an avid fan of those now dated science fiction movies of the day. To view them now would bring a smile at their primitive technology compared to much later productions like "ET" and my all-time favorite "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." I can recall being disappointed many years ago to see a zipper running up the back of a so-called alien!

Except for the two I named, all of the other films depicted creatures from other worlds as not only far ahead of us in their technology but also completely hostile to us and dead set on our destruction. They had no interest in learning about us as fellow creatures, much less our way of life. Only "Close Encounters" showcased any attempt at friendship with us.

All of this cinema history came to mind as I reflected on today's feast, under the category of interest in us. How humbling yet comfort giving it is to consider how much God loves us.

Despite our stubborn persistence in sinning, brought about by our abuse of the gift of free will, He manifests a love so deep. It's a wonder that He has not given up on us. Far from it!

Today we consider His unique arrangement for remaining with us even after He had to leave us physically for His return to the Father in heaven. He chose to be with us through a meal, the one way we always celebrate being together.

He took a piece of the unleavened bread and pronounced it His Body; a cup of wine pronounced it His Blood. His one instruction to the stupefied men with Him at that Last Supper was "Do this in memory of Me." That's why we do what we do at every Mass, in obedience to His mandate right up to this very morning.

None of us can fully understand *how* it happens, we with our sin hampered intellects and faulty imaginations. But *that* it happens is not in doubt because He is God's only Son, raised from the dead. No other founder of any religion can make that claim or issue that order. It's as simple as that. And as mysterious. Our one physical connection to Our Lord and God and Best Friend.

Think back to how we missed the Mass in person during that long Covid lock down. How the weird feeling of being in prison for no crime caught us by surprise. All we could do was stare at a screen and watch the priest consecrate what he was unable to share with us. Right or wrong for our government to demand all the closures, we felt somehow adrift on many Sundays. Is the virus the work of the devil? To me, very likely, just as any of his other clever efforts like the clergy abuse scandal.

Today's Second Reading antedates all four Gospels. In another sense it bears a second reading, and a third and more.

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