

# THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi) June 11, 2023 Mass Intentions

**June 11, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**  
8:00AM+ Jane Davidson (Family)  
10:00AM+ Marian & Robert Drass (Eileen Hmel)  
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People  
**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30 AM**

**June 12, Monday, Weekday**  
12:00PM+ Rev. Paul Turnbull (M/M Dave Hanekamp)

**June 13, Tuesday, St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church**  
12:00PM+ Eleanor Bettwy, Ann. (Tim & JoAnn Bettwy)

**June 14, Wednesday, Weekday**  
12:00PM+ Brian McCaulley, Birthday (Family)

**June 15, Thursday, Weekday**  
12:00PM+ Carol Ann Kepner (Eileen Edwards)

**June 16, Friday, The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**  
12:00PM Special Intention Rosemarie Fedeli (Anonymous)

**June 17, Saturday, The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
12:00PM+ Denna Machiarola (Nancy Ryan)  
**Vigil: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
5:00PM+John P. Koeck Jr. (Tony & Anna Rose Eckenrode)

**June 18, Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00AM+Jim Weaver (Tom & Becky DaHaven)  
10:00AM+Charlie Moore (Bob & Chris Laraia)  
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People  
**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30 AM**

## Coming up! "Basket Bingo"

It is getting to that time of the year to start thinking of Basket Bingo, that will be taking place on Sunday, September 24, 2023 at Father Kelly Hall. We are starting to take donations of Basket Fillers, Monetary, and gift cards (with activation receipt please). We are also looking for theme baskets, example: Movie Night, Picnic, Bath Basket, Fourth of July, etc... If you have any questions you can call Paula Clemens at the Parish Office 814-944-4603, or Lorraine Beck 1-240-676-6704.

## Readings for the week of June 18, 2023

**Sunday:** Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36—10:8

**Monday:** 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/Mt 5:38-42

**Tuesday:** 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/Mt 5:43-48

**Wednesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15

**Friday:** 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 6:19-23

**Saturday:** Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17

**Day:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

**Next Sunday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-3

## Church Cleaning

The cleaning crew will be meeting Wednesday, June 14th at 9:00 AM. They normally meet on the second Wednesday of the month. If there is a funeral, they will meet on Thursday.



Since today, Sunday, June 11, is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ and our parish's feastday, we will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from after the 10 o'clock Mass until Benediction at 4:45 P.M. A sign-up sheet is available on the table at the cross-aisle. It is important that there be people praying before the Blessed Sacrament while it is exposed on the altar.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament helps us to acknowledge Christ's marvelous presence in the sacrament. Jesus instituted the Eucharist to be near us to feed, to heal, and to comfort us.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**  
**Sunday, June 4, 2023, \$ 9,972.74**  
**Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.**



The Family Life Office of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown invites you to join them for the return of Faith Day at DelGrosso's Park on Sunday, June 25th. While admission to the park is always free, for those attending Faith Day, Ride-and-Slide passes are reduced to \$20! The day will culminate with Mass with Bishop Mark at the large pavilion at 4:30 P.M. Following Mass, we will share a meal. You can purchase a meal ticket in advance for \$10/ person, which includes rotisserie chicken, penne pasta, salad, pickle, a roll, and ice cream cup and a beverage. You can purchase a smaller children's portion for \$8, or a vegetarian meal \$9, which includes everything but the chicken. This discounted dinner price must be purchased in advance by Friday, June 16. Please note that if you would prefer to purchase through the park vendors or restaurants, or bring your own dinner, you are welcome to do so. We are looking forward to celebrating with you again!!

**The meal order forms are available at all the cathedral's entrances. Coupons for \$20.00 All-Day Fun passes are also available.**

## Newest Member

Last Sunday we welcomed the newest member of the Cathedral Parish, Matthew Yerty. Matt celebrated Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist with his family at the 10:00AM Mass. Congratulations, Matt. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he continues his journey as a member of the Cathedral parish..

## Cathedral Christian Mothers' Meeting

The upcoming Christian Mothers' meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 14th at 6:00PM. The election of officers and upcoming events are on the agenda. If interested in being an officer, please call Carol Galioto at 814-946-3769 for more information. All women of the parish are invited to attend these meetings.

## Stewardship Reflections

The Feast of the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ has deep significance to those living the stewardship way of life. The most precious gifts God has given us are His Word and His Body and Blood.

They are all we need to sustain us in this world and guide us to heaven. Let us resolve to steward these precious gifts well with all our hearts, always. This is the essence of a stewardship way of life. (www.CatholicSteward.com, 6/14/2020)

## Role of Catholics in Society

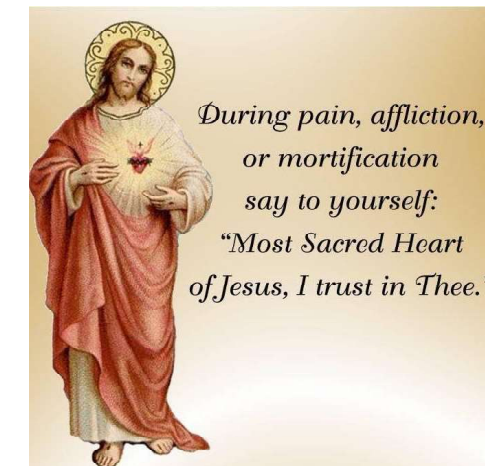
### **Question:**

How do you explain "Real Presence" to children?

### **Answer:**

The first Communion class is filled with excitement to the point of bursting! They are just awestruck by every new thing they learn about Jesus. Their enthusiasm is contagious as they rattle off the names of the things in church, the vessels and vestments used at Mass, and the names of their pastors and priests. Of course, they know Christ can do anything because he's God. He comes to us in holy Communion because he loves us so much that he wants to be with us. And he comes to us in the form of bread and wine. We really receive him in the Eucharist.

Sometimes it is easier to explain this to children than to adults. Their faith and trust in Jesus is not limited by the questions and doubts that often come with the question of how he does it. Rather, they focus on the question "why," and the answer is something they can easily grasp: love. Christ wants to be with us because he loves us. Nothing is purer in truth or in faith. Not even the theological explanation of transubstantiation, or philosophical reasoning or symbolic references, come close. Christ takes on the form of bread and wine to be simple and approachable, so that no one is afraid or turned away. His love for us is complete and total. We try to love him the same way in return. For a child, it is simple. For us adults, we keep trying. "Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 18:3). ©LPi



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Priesthood and the Eucharist

“These two Sacraments were born together,” wrote St. John Paul II of the priesthood and the Eucharist, “and their destiny is indissolubly linked until the end of the world.”

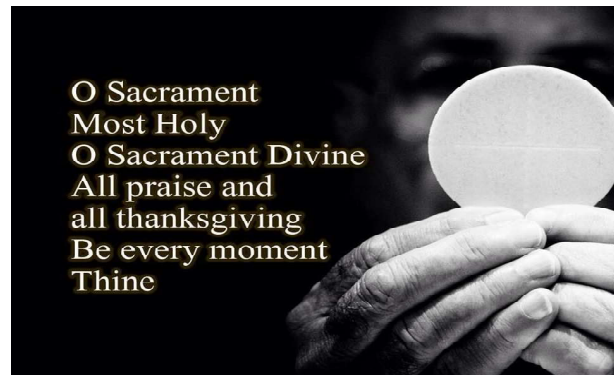
The Eucharist is such a beautiful example of how God, conscious of our limitations, bends to meet us. He once came to us cloaked in the flesh, that we might recognize Him. Now He comes as the very means by which we nourish ourselves: food and drink, the most familiar and comforting thing in the world to us. How easy He makes it to fulfill his command that we become one with Him. How generous He is to make such a sacred thing also accessible.

We can say the same of the priesthood, and of the men He calls to its number. How generous of Him to make such an accessible thing — our sons, our brothers, our uncles, our cousins — sacred. How generous of Him to allow these human creations — who share in our own faults — to be the means through which He comes to us in the Eucharist.

Without the Eucharist, we would have no eternal life. Without priests, we would have no Eucharist. On this, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, let's give thanks for our priests, and redouble our prayers that God will send us good and holy ones — manna from Heaven in our wandering exile.

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day.” — John 6:54

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According to the last diocesan report issued on May 31, 121 donors have contributed or pledged \$37,345 towards our \$42,000 target. If you haven't already done so, please participate. We have reached 89% of our target. The diocese is very generous in subsidizing cathedral parish, it is important for us to support the diocese. Thank you.



This year, as part of Year II of the Eucharistic Revival, the diocese will celebrate Corpus Christi at the Shrine of our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. Eucharistic Adoration and opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at St. Michael the Archangel Basilica from 3:00-6:00 P.M. Bishop Mark will celebrate Mass at the outdoor shrine at 7:00 P.M. which will be followed by an outdoor procession with the Blessed Sacrament. Be sure to bring your own lawn chair for Mass. In case of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the basilica.



# THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

## THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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### CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

The process of formation for those seeking God through membership in the Catholic Christian community.

### INFANT BAPTISM:

Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.

### CONFIRMATION:

Ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students are invited to participate in the Confirmation Preparation Process.

### RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday: 7:00 PM, Saturday: 12:30 PM.

Communal Penance Services: Advent and Lent.

### ANOIDING OF THE SICK:

Upon Request and Communal celebration

### MARRIAGE:

Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program.

### DEVOTIONS:

Eucharistic Adoration - First Wednesday - 12:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Eucharistic Day - Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

September through April: Pre-Kindergarten thru 12.

Sunday morning 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM

Pre-Kindergarten thru 8.

Sunday Evening 6:15 PM- 8:15 PM

Grades 9 thru 12.

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Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil)  
8:00 AM  
10:00 AM  
5:00 PM

Weekday: 12:00 Noon  
Saturday: 12:00 Noon

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, J.C.D., Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Administrator

Paula Clemens, Parish Secretary

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### HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: [www.holytrinitycatholic.school](http://www.holytrinitycatholic.school)

Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011

Hollidaysburg Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 695-6112

Middle School Campus (Grades 5 thru 8) - 942-7835

### BISHOP GUILFOYLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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