

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

"The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?'" From the beginning, the Eucharist has been a source of controversy. Some people have always found the teaching difficult to accept. But as Catholics, the Blessed Sacrament is at the heart of our worship and our spirituality; we go to Mass to share in the holy sacrifice of Jesus' body and blood, and we receive spiritual nourishment from partaking of this heavenly food. As Jesus himself tells us in today's Gospel, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him."

From this passage it is clear that Jesus intended the Eucharist to be a tremendous gift for us, for "whoever eats this bread will live forever." This of course is because the bread is Christ's "flesh for the life of the world." In other words, just as he gave his body on the cross to save us from our sins, so too this same flesh is given for us at every Mass to strengthen our weakness and unite us more deeply to our Savior.

Receiving Communion isn't like taking a magic pill, however. We must beware of reducing this sacrament to an empty ritual or a foolproof guarantee of heaven. No, it is quite possible to receive Communion unworthily and reject its spiritual efficacy. Just like the benefits of a healthy meal can be undone by a habit of binging on junk food, so too we can prevent holy Communion from having its full benefits when we crowd our souls with vices and sins. If, on the other hand, we wish to let this sacrament of divine grace flourish, we should receive it with a sincere spirit of gratitude and reverence, praying that we may be made worthy to receive such a gift.

Sunday Collection

The Sunday Collection for June 10/11, 2017 was \$2,125.00.

Annual Divine Mercy Parish Barbeque

Let us join together and celebrate
the beginning of the summer.

Saturday, June 24th

in St. Francis of Paola Auditorium.

Following the conclusion of the 5pm Mass.

Invite a friend.

El Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo

Ir a través del calendario litúrgico durante el año es una verdadera catequesis. Si recordamos bien desde la Pascua hasta Pentecostés hemos vivido grandes momentos de fe y de acercamiento al Señor. El domingo pasado escuchábamos lo que es la Trinidad. Hoy ponemos nuestra atención en la solemnidad del Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo. Su inicio fue en Lieja (ciudad en Bélgica), en 1246, luego fue extendida a toda la Iglesia occidental por el Papa Urbano IV. Su finalidad es proclamar la fe en la presencia real de Jesucristo en la Sagrada Eucaristía.

El mismo Señor Jesús nos dice en la Sagrada Escritura: "Yo soy el pan vivo que ha bajado del cielo; el que coma de este pan vivirá para siempre. Y el pan que yo les voy a dar es mi carne para que el mundo tenga vida" (Jn 6, 51). Jesús es la Palabra divina encarnada en el mundo. Su cuerpo y su sangre son comida y bebida para vivir en comunión con él. Es un verdadero misterio que la mente humana no alcanza a comprender. Pero, la fe ayuda a por lo menos entender que en el sacramento de la Eucaristía Jesús mismo se nos da para siempre. ¿Qué le decimos al Señor cuando lo recibimos en la Eucaristía? ¿Qué sentimientos afloran en nosotros cuando vamos en procesión para recibirlo? Para nuestra reflexión semanal nos pueden ayudar las siguientes palabras. Pan, vino, cuerpo del Señor y vivir para siempre. Con estas palabras en mente y el corazón lleno de fe en la Eucaristía, solo me resta decir que cantando vamos caminando al encuentro del Señor. ¡Que así sea!

Readings for the Week of June 18, 2017

Sunday:	Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58
Monday:	2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4/Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday:	2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-9a/Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday:	2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15
Friday:	Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 10/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30
Saturday:	Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17
Day:	Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
Next Sunday:	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

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A Message from Fr. Tom

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. The church throughout the world celebrates the Real Presence in the Eucharist. That is, Catholic Christians believe that we share not ordinary bread and wine at Mass but the Body and Blood of Christ. By the authority entrusted to the church by Jesus, the priest changes the bread and wine into the Real or True Presence of Christ which the faithful receive. This is a serious matter. The elements continue to appear and taste like bread and wine but they have become a source of communion and grace for those who believe and are morally disposed to receive them. Jesus is present to us today—and at every Mass—just as much as he was present to the disciples 2,000 years ago.

I have prepared a handout entitled “What Every Catholic Christian Needs to Know About the Eucharist,” which the ushers will distribute at Mass this day. Please read this over carefully. Many Catholic are ignorant about the Eucharist and its worthy reception. I hope these few words will help. Also, please consider joining us for the Adoration and the sidewalk procession which we will make today. The schedule you will find in the bulletin and has been announced at all Masses. God Bless you all.

Fr. Tom

Corpus Christi Celebration Sunday June 18th Sidewalk Procession

This Sunday June 18th the church celebrates the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ—the Feast of Corpus Christi. As in years past, we will have a procession on our sidewalks linking the three churches of the Divine Mercy Parish on that day. Following is the program:

St. Cecilia—Following the 9:30am Mass there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church followed by a sidewalk procession to St. Francis of Paola for the start of 11:30am Mass

St. Francis of Paola—Following the 11:30am Mass there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by a sidewalk procession to coincide with the end of the 12:45pm Mass at St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas Church—Benediction will be given at the end of the 12:45pm Mass.

Goodbye and Blessings to Lauren Lazzari

With sadness we announce the departure of Lauren our Family Life and Youth Minister who will be leaving Divine Mercy Parish at the end of this month. We thank her for her service and wish her God’s Blessings as she undertakes new ministerial service in another community.

Legion of Mary/Norma Espinosa Sunday, June 25th

On Sunday June 25th at the 9:30am (St. Cecilia) and 10:30am (St. Nicholas) Masses, Norma Espinosa will propose the founding of a Legion of Mary Group for our Spanish speaking parishioners. I strongly encourage this initiative. Like the Arise/Levántate Programs—the Legion is home based. It is my hope that this program will take root in our parish—especially for those who live in the Cooper Houses. Please respond to Norma’s appeal. She is prepared to train leaders.

Generations of Faith & Annual Catholic Appeal/2017

As you know, we have two major appeals going on at the same time. The last few months I have let you know the differences in these two appeals and hopefully you attended one of the Masses where we presented the ACA for 2017. I thank you for your generosity and participation. I want to update you on the progress of these campaigns at the present time (05/25/17):

Generations of Faith

Parish Goal	\$375,000.00
Pledged to Date:	\$398,971.00
Pledges Received:	\$187,597.48

Annual Catholic Appeal

Parish Goal for 2017	\$37,500.00
Pledges Received	\$20,865.00

Change of Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closing at 4pm starting Monday July 3, 2017 until Tuesday, September 5, 2017, Monday to Friday. The Parish Office will be open on Saturday’s during this time from 9am to 4pm.

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GIFTS OF LOVE EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY
AT DIVINE MERCY PARISH**

For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome... ” (Matt. 25:35-36)

Today we joyfully celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi - the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ. The Eucharist is more than a personal experience, which it surely can be and is. It is also, and above all, a community experience where we come together to share our love for Christ and for each other.

Our “gifts of love” food pantry is also an opportunity for community experience. We share our food and love with our neighbors and this action becomes a sign of love for Christ. May the Lord God continue to allow us this opportunity to love each other in His name!

Today, we also give thanks and praise to God our Father for all fathers young and old, living and deceased and for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

Specific items needed this week: **Jelly/Jam**
Food Pantry Coordinator and Volunteers

**St. Francis of Paola Church
Memorial Gifts – June 18, 2017**

BREAD & WINE

Anastasio Vavladelis by Melissa

ST. JOSEPH CANDLES

Gabriele Carannante by daughter Tina
Carmine Carannante by daughter-in-law Carol

SANCTUARY LAMP

Rocco Grillo by Loretta Grillo Pizza

TABERNACLE CANDLES

Falabella Family by Jean Falabella
Falabella Family by Jean Falabella

ALTAR CANDLES

Ana Maria Lacerenza – Thank you

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

Anthony Giglio by daughter Carlotta
Anthony Giglio by granddaughter Melissa

Parish Polo Shirts

Divine Mercy Parish Polo Shirts are available for purchase by stopping by the Parish Office, at a cost of \$20.00.

**Mass Intentions for the Week
St. Francis of Paola Church**

Saturday, June 17, 2017

5:00pm Father’s Day Intentions

Sunday, June 18, 2017

8:00am Father’s Day Intentions

11:30am Father’s Day Intentions

Monday, June 19, 2017

7:45am Marie Fodera by Pat, Marie & Carmela

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

7:45am Louis Anolfo

by Dominick & Josephine Siano

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

7:45am Susan Sciangula

by Robert & Rita Finkelstein

Thursday, June 22, 2017

7:45am Sr. Clarice Falce by Bill Taylor

Friday, June 23, 2017

7:45am Joseph & Elisia and Falce Family of
Mario Falce by M. Falce

Saturday, June 24, 2017

7:45am Ida Grandner by Dennis Torre

5:00pm Sarah Porcelli by Mary Joe, Rob
Stallone & Family

Sunday, June 25, 2017

8:00am Andy Gonzalez by Nancy, Vinny &
Anthony

11:30am Erminio Fiore by Children

Banns of Marriage

St. Cecilia’s Church – July 27, 2017
Monica Salazar & Joel Rosado

Peter’s Pence

Second Collection on June 25, 2017

Next week, our second collection will be for Peter’s Pence, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disaster. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

JUNE 18, 2017

Mass Intentions for the Week St. Nicholas Church

Sunday, June 18, 2017

10:30am Father's Day Intentions
12:45pm Father's Day Intentions

Sunday, June 25, 2017

10:30am Pablo Sanchez by Margarita Quinones
Maria Perez
12:45pm Sr. Rose Winifred O'Neill, O.P.
by Janet Cadogen

Registration for Camp Veritas

Camp Veritas Mount Saint Mary's College / Newburg,
New York, July 16 – 22, 2017

Camp Veritas Camp Lakota, Wurtsboro, New York
August 13 – 19, 2017

Camp Veritas is a one week sleep away pilgrimage experience for teens going into the 7th grade through 12th grade. The schedule is play-and-pray with a full immersion in the Catholic Faith through sacraments and activities. Come get to know other kids your age and experience a week of sports, activities, prayer, and fun! This week of faith and fun is probably the most beneficial gift you could give your teen. Register at CampVeritas.com via the "Camp-in-touch" portal. Any question contact Lauren at youth@dmbk.org or the Rectory at 718-387-0256.

JOIN US FOR PARISH FAMILY OUTINGS

Summer Family Outing

On Saturday June 24th, the families of our parish are invited to enjoy the day at Rye Playland in Rye, New York. Fun and games await in the sun! We will depart in front of St. Francis at 11:00 am and will return at 6:00pm. The price is \$20.00 per person (which includes transportation and unlimited access to park rides). **Deadline is June 19.**

We're hoping to fill two busses! Please call the rectory or sign up by emailing youth@dmbk.org.

Life Line Screening Community Health Care

Will be at St. Francis of Paola Auditorium
200 Woodpoint Road, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11211

Monday July 24, 2017

5 Important Screenings

Call 1-888-653-6450 for register for your screening.

Have your Medicare card ready when you call.

Mass Intentions for the Week St. Cecilia Church

Sunday, June 18, 2017

9:30am Father's Day Intentions
7:00pm Father's Day Intentions

Monday, June 19, 2017

8:30am Neil McAllister

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

8:30am Capiello Family

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

8:30am Vincent & Mary Loquercio

Thursday, June 22, 2017

8:30am Joseph Anzalone

Friday, June 23, 2017

8:30am Daniel Jurdak

Saturday, June 24, 2017

8:30am Frank Chesnicka

Sunday, June 25, 2017

9:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish
7:00pm Open Intention

Pray For the Sick

Patrick Del Vicario, Ralph Varano, Ed Scala, Al Pettenato, Jim McGurran, Danny Boyle, Dora Logosso, John Purcelli, Nancy Gonzales, Vincent Gonzales, Rae Pacifico, Bill Kluisza, Frank Cremato, John Pelletier, Mary Walsh, Regina Monka, Deacon John Orlandello, Wanda Zadwarny, Carmela Caiafa, Al Campisi, June Sannasardo, Steve Witkowsky, Maddox Moises, Rodolfo Bienvido Pichard, Luberky Novas, Manuel DeJesus Valenzuela, June Sannasardo, Steven Witkowsky, Maddox Moises, Rodolfo Bienvedno Pichardo, Luberky Novas, Manuel De Jesus Valenzeula

Pray for the Recently Deceased

Serafino Corvino, Gerald M. Laudato, Rose Casale, Arnolfo Santa Maria, Florence Molinaro, Ann Williams Rose Orlando, Anthony La Rocca, Christina R. Curcio, Vincenzo Pecoraro

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

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Memorial Gifts At Divine Mercy Parish

Bread & Wine Sanctuary Lamp Tabernacle Candles Altar Candles Blessed Mother Candles St. Joseph Candles Memorial Gifts are a wonderful way to honor and remember your loved ones. Please come to the Rectory (or call) for information on available dates. Also available are Tree of Life Leaves and Blessed Mother Yearly Candles (this candle is lit for a year). All memorials can be In Honor Of or Remembrance Of a family member or friend.

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