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June 14, 2020

The Most Holy *Body and Blood* of Christ

Jesus said:
“I am the living bread
that came down
from heaven;
whoever eats this
bread will live forever.”

John 6:51



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The Israelites who journeyed through the desert were fleeing slavery and certain death. But along the way, they encountered serpents and scorpions and experienced great hunger and thirst. God fed them with manna and quenched their thirst with water drawn from a rock. In these miraculous encounters, the people came to believe that God was truly with them on their journey, and with this assurance, grew to rely on and put their trust in God. Jesus began his ministry with a pilgrimage to the desert, where he prayed and placed his trust in his heavenly Father. Strengthened at God's hand, Jesus stayed true to his mission even in the face of cruel death, giving himself, his very life and substance to us in bread and wine at the Last Supper and for his disciples for ages unending.

WHAT IS YOUR DESERT?

Chances are you are not physically wandering in a desert, although millions of people throughout the world live

without adequate clean water. All of us experience spiritual and emotional deserts, however. The food that Jesus gives in the Eucharist, his very Body and Blood, soul and divinity, nourish us in our desert moments and strengthen us to live as Christ's people in the world. Partaking in Christ's Body and Blood, we are to live as Christ's people in the world, standing in solidarity with those who are in deserts of their own—physical, spiritual, and emotional. We are called to act as Christ's body, nourishing others through our presence, prayer, and sharing. What is your desert? How does the Eucharist strengthen you as you journey through this dark and sometimes frightening place in life? What deserts of others are you called to address through your caring and sharing as a member of Christ's body, the Church?

Today's Readings: Dt 8:2–3, 14b–16a; Ps 147:12–13, 14–15, 19–20; 1 Cor 10:16–17; Jn 6:51–58

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Corpus Christi

The Tradition of Procession

The practice of adoration dates to the beginning of Christianity, when monastic hermits would reserve the Eucharist for weekly self-reflection over long periods. By praying in individual cells in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, they were venerating the body, blood, soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ. The practice was also called participating in Eucharistic Adoration.

As monasticism became more communal, reserved Eucharist was moved to a vessel called a tabernacle that was placed in a separate room near the sanctuary available to the whole community. Eventually the tabernacle was moved to the main church and placed near the altar.

Pope St. Gregory VII encouraged both religious and lay persons to engage in private adoration of Christ in the tabernacle. In 1262 Pope Urban IV instituted the Feast of Corpus Christi to honor the mystery of the perpetual presence of our Lord Jesus Christ's Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Blessed Sacrament outside of the Mass. Eventually, a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, which was visibly contained in the monstrance, became part of the feast.



Banns of Marriage

*Kristine Elizabeth Minor
and*

Vincent Gerard Caprio

will unite in the sacrament of marriage

July 11 at 2 p.m.

St. Francis Xavier Church.

The Sanctuary Candle

beside the tabernacle
burns this week
for:

Deceased members of the Gordon family

Requested by
Carolyn Gordon

MASS INTENTIONS

JUN 13 4:00 P.M.	SATURDAY Mike Davis† <i>(Patrick Davis)</i>
JUN 14 8:00 A.M.	SUNDAY Nancy Termin† <i>(Termin Family)</i>
10:00 A.M.	Stephanie Eddy† <i>(John & Barb Klos)</i>
JUN 15 8:00 A.M.	MONDAY Bob Miller† <i>(Miller & Porter Families)</i>
JUN 16 8:00 A.M.	TUESDAY Fred & Judy Mehler† <i>(Chris Frizzell & Fred Mehler)</i>
JUN 17 8:00 A.M.	WEDNESDAY Elizabeth "Jean" Potts† <i>(Ellen McCormick)</i>
JUN 18 8:00 A.M.	THURSDAY Ann, Chester A., & Fred Nadolski† <i>(Nadolski Family)</i>
JUN 19 8:00 A.M.	FRIDAY Vucelick Family <i>(Pam Maxwell)</i>
JUN 20 4:00 P.M.	SATURDAY Ray Yocum† <i>(Yocum Family)</i>
JUN 21 8:00 A.M.	SUNDAY Brenda Kurko† <i>(Family)</i>
10:00 A.M.	For Fathers of Our Parish

WEEKLY OFFERING May 30, 2020

Envelopes:	\$3,029.00
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REV. THAT SON NGOC NGUYEN, PASTOR

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Sat. 3:30 p.m. or any other time upon request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The diocese requires instructions beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. for Grades 1-12.

REGISTRATION AND CHURCH SUPPORT:

Parishioners should be properly registered at the parish office.

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekends: Saturday - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday - 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

Weekdays: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

**PRAY FOR OUR
PARISHIONERS
& FRIENDS**



Prayer Request: Toni Smith, Deanne Ferraro, Jim Ali, Joseph Grampa, Anna Mae Veronis Holiday, Ronnie Hill, Connie Howard, Eleanor Smith, Catherine Pellerin, Mary Coffield, Jim Conner, Thomas Sullivan, Sara Walters, Diane Young, Bobby Kleinedler.

Homebound: Semon & Phyllis Prado, Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy.

Nursing Home: Bill Tennant, Gary Dobbs, Helen Remke, Barbara Meyer, Ron Jaworski, Bertie Gaughenbaugh.

LECTORS

6/20 4:00 p.m. **D. Evans**

6/21 8:00 p.m. **T. Wise**

10:00 a.m. **L. Niemiec**

REMINDERS FOR MASSES

- * Do you need a chair with arms for Mass? Call the office, and we will reserve one for you.
- * Please bring your own masks. Masks are available for those who forget or need one.
- * Please keep and reuse your missalettes.
- * Give us your feedback about how we are doing. Let Father know if you have any ideas, advice, or suggestions. We want everyone to feel safe and comfortable.

The Eucharist, in the Mass and outside of the Mass, is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, and is therefore deserving of the worship that is given to the living God, and to Him alone.

-- **Pope St. John Paul II**

OUTREACH

CALL FOR UNITY BRINGS SAUNDERS

Our parish community will have the opportunity to join in a discussion that is capturing our national attention.

Gene Saunders will speak Sunday, June 14, about the realities of racial injustice and his experiences as a black man in small-town Appalachia. The gathering with Moundsville's one-time mayor will start at 1 p.m. in Xavier Hall. Please bring your own masks if you can.

Age, health--fear of unrest--keep many from participating in peaceful protests. Nevertheless, we assent to the fact that racism is evil. We are attuned to the words of Pope Francis that remind us Catholics cannot tolerate racism and "claim to defend the sacredness of every human life." Come to listen, renew, and discuss along with Mr. Saunders ways the faithful can peacefully combat the social injustices of racism.

PROTECT YOUR HEALTH by getting a Life Line Screening evaluation at our parish this **Wednesday, June 17.**

Register today for the stroke, vascular, and heart rhythm package, which includes four screenings for carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease, and atrial fibrillation.

To register and get a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, **call 1-888-653-6441** or visit **www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle**. The price list is available there. You can also **text** the word **circle** to **797979**.

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The recent print issue is available for download now by visiting: **catholicspiritwv.org**.

PARISH COUNCIL will meet in the Church Hall Wednesday, June 17, at 6:30 p.m.

MANY THANKS to those of our parish making masks for Masses. Your ongoing hard work makes it possible for everyone to come together safely.

ST. ANTHONY'S FEAST is June 13. Most pray to this saint to recover items lost or stolen, but many may not know Anthony of Padua was best at finding lost souls. His zeal brought him the moniker "hammer of heretics," while Pope Gregory IX, upon canonizing him, called him "The Ark of the Covenant." Learn more about him at www.stanthony.org/.

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