

The Work of the People

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

This Eucharistic day, observed with such solemnity throughout the world, began in a quiet Belgian convent in the thirteenth century, with the vision of a holy nun, St. Juliana. In her vision, she saw the moon, full and bright. It was glorious, except that one part of its disk was in shadow. The meaning of the vision was then revealed to her: the moon represented the liturgical year; the shadow, a missing feast in honor of the Blessed Sacrament. Juliana spoke to her confessor about what she had seen. Amazingly, within thirty-five years, Pope Urban IV had established the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Body Christ, in the Church's universal calendar. Hundreds of years later, in 1849, Pope Pius IX added the feast of the Precious Blood celebrated on July 1. Following the Second Vatican Council, the two liturgies became one solemnity and honor of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

In the reading from Deuteronomy, Moses reminds the Israelites of the manna which fell from heaven each night during their wanderings in the desert. This mysterious food was not simply sustenance for their bodies. It also sustained their faith, reminding them daily of God's protecting care and God's determination to bring them to their new homeland as God had promised.

Today's passage from 1 Corinthians reminds us that the Body of Christ is not simply something we receive, it is something we become. The bread and wine we share are truly the Body and Blood of Christ, and we who receive them become one body – incorporated into Christ and into each other.

In today's Gospel Jesus recalls the manna in the desert and invites the people to taste a new kind of food, which gives life not just from one day to the next, but life that lasts forever. Jesus teaching about the Bread of Life marks a turning point in the Gospel according to John: many, including some of his disciples, cannot accept it and no longer follow him. Today's solemnity places before us the mystery of Christ's abiding presence in his Church.

The reflection for this Sunday is from Marilyn Chandler McEntyre who is a fellow of the Gaede Institute for the Liberal Arts at Westmont College, Santa Barbara, California.

[My mother] was careful about making the dollars stretch to the end of the month, but she also knew when to eat the manna. She knew that some things—most things—are to be used, enjoyed, and shared rather than stored.

Besides being a parable about relying on God's provision, the story of manna in the wilderness is a story about how grace often comes in

odd, unsettling, barely recognizable ways. The word “manna,” according to some scholars, means “What is it?” God didn't send the Israelites braided challah or fresh salad greens. Their daily “bread” was a strange, flaky substance, something like hoarfrost that had to be gathered in the morning before it melted in the sun. They molded it into cakes that tasted a little like honey. . . .

[Whatever] the biochemistry of manna, the Israelites found it unfamiliar, and had to learn to gather, prepare, and eat it.

When our notion of what we need is confined by habit and expectation, it takes time to recognize that we have what we need. We may not have the money to replace an appliance, but we may have a neighbor who can fix it. We may not have our closest friend nearby when sorrow strikes, but someone may surface from the margins of our lives with a big heart and a listening ear. Solutions may come from unexpected sources. The answer to many prayers, reinforced with every celebration of the Eucharist, is simply this reminder: “You have what you need.” Take it. Eat it. There will be more.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1Kgs. 21:1-16/Mt. 5:38-42
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs. 21:17-29/Mt. 5:43-48
 Wednesday: 2 Kgs. 2:1, 6-14/Mt. 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Sir. 48:1-14/Mt. 6:7-15
 Friday: Dt. 7:6-11/1 Jn. 4:7-16/Mt. 11:25-30
 Saturday: 2 Chr. 24:17-25/Lk. 2:41-51
 Sunday: Jer. 20:10-13/Rom. 5:12-15/Mt. 10:26-33

BISHOP PERSICO MAKES CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

Erie Bishop Lawrence Persico has made the following priest appointments:

- Father Kevin O. Holland, parochial vicar *pro tempore*, St. Agatha Parish, St. Brigid Parish and St. Mary of Grace Parish, all in Meadville, effective immediately.
- Father Joseph A. Petrone, parochial vicar *pro tempore*, St. Luke Parish, Erie, effective immediately.
- Father Cesar Segovia, member of the clergy of the Archdiocese of the Yucatan, Mexico, pastor of St. Stephen of Hungary Parish, Erie, and director of the Hispanic Apostolate in the Diocese of Erie, effective May 1, 2020, until June 30, 2026.

WORSHIP

Monday, June 15
 8:00 am + John Auer
 Tuesday, June 16
 8:00 am + For the repose of the Soul of
 Rev. Msgr. Daniel K. Arnold
 (Novena to St. Anthony of Padua after Mass)
 Wednesday, June 17—AT ST. BERNADETTE MISSION
 8:00 am + Richard Baker (Shirley Knierman)
 Thursday, June 18
 8:00 am + For healing of Michael Graczyk (Jeanne Miller)
 Friday, June 19
 Stella Hale (Joan Rembielak)
 Saturday, June 20
 4:40 pm + Margaret Styuborski (Stacy Mott)
 Sunday, June 21
 8:00am + Living & Deceased Parishioners of
 St. Anthony of Padua and St. Bernadette Mission
 9:30 am + Gary Parkin (Jerry & Harriet McLaren)

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

PARISH
 EVENTS
 HAVE BEEN
 SUSPENDED
 UNTIL
 FURTHER
 NOTICE

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS
 Listen to your children: This summer when your children are out of school and on different schedules, meeting new people and going to new places, make sure that you talk to them often about their experiences and the people they've met. Listen carefully to your children. If possible, observe and get to know the other children and adults who are part of your children's summertime fun. Above all, communicate your safety concerns to your children. Make sure they know that they can come to you with any concerns they may have about the people they interact with. And if you hear of or observe behaviors that may be inappropriate, make sure to communicate your feelings to people who are in a position to intervene. Communications is key to creating and maintaining a safe environment all year round. For additional resources visit <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)
 Every Friday 3 pm - 4 pm
 Please go up the ramp to the right
 And into the Daily Mass Chapel.
YOU MUST WEAR A MASK
 If there are several people waiting,
 Please observe healthy social distancing.
SAMPLE PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION
 My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.
REMINDER: Parishioners are **REQUIRED** to wear a face mask in church.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE
 Parenting is a Eucharistic activity because from the first moment of conception children receive life from us. If we don't sacrifice ourselves, our children would not have live. This is the paschal mystery of parenting. Christ is present in each self-sacrifice.

*“Father,
 I bring you my needs today.
 I trust in your goodness.
 Your will be done!”*

To all our parishioners **THANK YOU** for your support of our parish offertory during the COVID-19 pandemic. If you are unable to attend Mass, please continue to make your weekly offertory gift by mailing to P.O, Box 214, Cambridge Springs, 16403 or drop it off at the parish office, 165 Beach Avenue on Mon, Tues, Thurs, or Fri from 9 am - 3 pm.

CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA

CHURCH NO.:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
