

The Work of the People

Solemnity of 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 of 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 in honor of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Of course, we already had a day honoring the Eucharist: the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, which even includes a procession with the Blessed Sacrament. But the purpose and the mood of the two processions are strikingly different.

On Holy Thursday, we walk with Jesus to the Mount of Olives, to keep watch with him on the night of his betrayal. The sacrament is carried in the ciborium, covered with the humeral veil; and Christ's glory, too, is veiled as he undergoes his Passion. On Corpus Christi, we walk in the afterglow of Easter Time, in company with the Risen Lord. This time, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in a monstrance: the Lord's glory is not hidden, but visible to all. Corpus Christi is one of the most Catholic of days, an expression of our faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

The reflection for this Solemnity is from *Homilies on Matthew* from St. John Chrysostom (347-407) who was one of early Church Fathers.

Christ instituted [the Eucharist] at the time of the Passover in order to teach us by every possible means both that he himself had been the lawgiver of the Old Testament, and also that the whole of the Old Testament had been a foreshadowing of these mysteries. He was replacing the type by the reality. . . .

If the type was able to free a people from bondage, much more would the reality liberate the world, and Christ's death bring down blessings upon our race. . . .

Take, eat, he said, this is my body which is broken for many.

These words might well have alarmed them; if they did not, it was because Christ had already told them many marvelous things about this sacrament. In fact, they had been so well prepared that there was no need for him to say any more. But he told them that the reason he was going to suffer was to take away our sins. He spoke of the blood of the new covenant, that is, of the promise, the new law. He had promised long before that the new covenant had been ratified by his blood. As the old covenant had been ratified by the blood of sheep and calves, so the new covenant was to be ratified by the blood of the Lord. Thus, by speaking of his covenant and by reminding them that the old covenant had also been inaugurated by the shedding of blood, he made known to them that he was soon to die. And he told them once again the reason for his death in the words, This is my blood, which is poured out for all for the forgiveness of sins, and, Do this in memory of me.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor. 1:1-7/Mt. 5:1-12
 Tuesday: 2 Cor. 1:18-22/Mt. 5:13-16
 Wednesday: 2 Cor. 3:4-11/Mt. 5:17-19
 Thursday: 2 Cor. 3:15;4:1, 3-6
 Friday: Hosea 11:1-4, 8ac-9/Eph. 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn. 19:31-37
 Saturday: Is. 61:9-11/Lk. 2:41-51
 Sunday: Ez. 17:22-24/2 Cor. 5:6-10/Mk. 4:26-34

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

One gets the impression there was always a lot of sharing, discussion and learning during the many meals Jesus and the disciples ate together. How does this compare to the meals in your home? Today's gospel challenges us to make our meals more than physical functions and more a time for sharing.

*"Jesus,
 help me to put your love
 into action today."*

WORSHIP

Monday, June 7
8:00 am + John E. Auer

Tuesday, June 8
8:00 am + John & Kathleen Yanoship
20th Wedding Anniversary

Wednesday, June 9
8:00 am + NO MASS

Thursday, June 10
8:00 am + Josephine Haluch (James & Karen Mott)

Friday, June 11
8:00 am + Jean Ambrosek (Shawn Pfleger)

Saturday, June 12
4:30 pm + Barbara Wiseman (Kathleen Lipkovich)

Sunday, June 13
8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE MISSION
Living & Deceased Parishioners
9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
Kathleen Nowak
(Parishioners of St. Anthony of Padua and
St. Bernadette Mission)

2021 DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Couples celebrating their 25th, 50th or 60th or more wedding anniversaries are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgy on Sunday, August 8 at 2:00 pm at St. Jude in Erie. The liturgy will begin at 2:00 pm. To register for the event, please contact the parish office at 814 398-4234, Mon, Tues, Thurs or Fri from 9 am - 3 pm.

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Tuesday, June 8
After Mass - St. Anthony Novena

Saturday, June 12
3:30 - 4:15 pm - Confession

Sunday, June 13
Before Mass - Confession - ST. BERNADETTE MISSION
After Mass - Confession - ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
LATIN MASS - Last Sunday of the month at 12:30 pm

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

Teach your child to protect him/herself at home

We consider our homes to be safe places for our children but, being home alone can pose risks for children. Here are a few tips to teach kids that will help keep them safe when you are not with them at home: Teach children to never answer the door if home alone. Don't tell anyone, on the phone, on social media or while gaming, that your parents are not home. Do not allow friends into the home without the permission of a parent or babysitter. Check in with Mom or Dad at set times during the day. Parents should reinforce the rules each time they leave a child home alone. For additional parent resources visit <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/>.

MARRIAGE MOMENT

What can a tree teach you about marriage: "It shall put forth branches and bear fruit" (Ezekiel 17:23) Some trees grow naturally. Some need pruning to become their best selves. Can you spend some time together today enjoying and learning from a tree?

PARENTING POINTERS

"While they were eating...Jesus said the blessing." (Mark 14:22) What happens when your family eats together? Presumably, you start with a blessing of the food, but what happens during the meal? You may recount the day, there may be laughter, or complaining. Hopefully, there are no phones present. Let it be a time to be present to each other.

*All that the Lord has said,
we will heed and do. (Exodus 24:7)*

ST. BERNADETTE MISSION STEWARDSHIP	
Offertory	\$477.00
TOTAL	\$477.00
Catholic Services Appeal	
Pledged: \$6,590.00 Paid: \$6,115.00	

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA STEWARDSHIP	
Offertory	\$741.00
Maintenance	214.00
Candles	11.00
International Needs	5.00
Latin Mass	<u>265.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,236.00
Catholic Services Appeal	
Pledged: \$26,075.00 Paid: \$20,069.00	

CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA

CHURCH NO.:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
