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JUNE 6, 2021 | THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS



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Dear friends in Christ,
May the peace and grace of our Lord be with you always! This weekend we welcome Mr. Alessio Fasullo, Mr. Arnold Pyram, and Mr. Matthew Palardy, seminarian candidates, to our parish community. They will begin their pastoral summer assignments here. Please take a few moments to greet them.

Today the church celebrates the feast of the most holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is also known as the solemnity of Corpus Christi. This feast was originated in France in the mid 13th century, and in 1264 the feast was extended to the whole church by Pope Urban IV. On this day, the church celebrates and believes the fact that the Body and Blood of Jesus are truly present in the Eucharist. The Second Vatican Council proclaims that the Eucharist is “the source and summit of the Christian life.” In the sacrament of Holy Eucharist, Jesus feeds us with his Body and Blood as the food that strengthens our body and soul, heals our wounds, and restores us to life. St. Ignatius of Antioch says the body of Christ is the “one bread that provides the medicine of immortality, the antidote for death, and the food that makes us live for ever in Jesus Christ.” When we receive the Eucharist, we must not say it is just a communion bread. It is truly the Body and Blood of Christ, the real presence of Jesus in the form of bread and wine we receive. The Eucharist will help us to break away worldly attachments and sins and to allow us to be more firmly rooted in Christ’s love. Today we give praise and thanks to God for the heavenly food—the Body and Blood of Christ.

This coming Friday is the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart. There will be a morning mass at 9 a.m. in on Friday, June 11, 2021 followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The Eucharistic Adoration will conclude with the Benediction at 12 p.m. noon. I hope that you are able to join us at the mass as well the adoration. May you have a blessed week!

Fr. Quyn Va



Saturday: 4:00 p.m.— Indoor Mass
Sunday: 8:30 a.m.— Indoor Mass
Sunday: 11:00 a.m.— Indoor Mass

REOPENING INFORMATION

Here’s what you need to know before you join us for Mass:

- You will need to bring your own mask and sanitizer.
- Gathering before and after Mass is discouraged.
- Seating in the church has been modified to maintain social distancing.
- Ushers will ask for your name upon arrival. This is to assist in contact tracing if a case of COVID 19 is detected in a parishioner. All attendance records will be sealed and destroyed after 30 days if no case emerges.
- The communion process will take a bit more time. Follow the ushers’ cues and be patient.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience as we work to keep everyone healthy and safe! Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns that you might have. We look forward to seeing you again!

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Please contact us by leaving a message or by email

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Saturday 4 p.m.
Links can be found on
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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- ✠ Moses and the ancient Israelites ratified the covenant God established with them at Mount Sinai with the blood of a sacrificed animal. The sacrificed animal affirmed Israel's commitment: "We will do everything the Lord has told us." Why do you think Israel tied sacrificed blood to their verbal commitment?
- ✠ The author of Hebrews teaches us that the sacrificed blood of Christ sanctifies us and offers us eternal redemption. How do you see this connected to ancient Israel's practice of sacrificing animals for their blood?
- ✠ Mark's account of the institution of the Eucharist is linked to the Jewish Feast of Unleavened Bread when a Passover lamb was sacrificed. What do you think Mark is teaching us in making this connection?



This Sunday's Reading:

First Reading: Ex 24:3-8
Second Reading: Heb 9:11-15
Gospel: Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Next Sunday's Reading:

First Reading: Ez 17:22-24
Second Reading: 2 Cor 5:6-10
Gospel: Mk 4:26-34

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING



Week of 5/30/21:

- * Collection weekend masses: **\$2,189.50**
- * Collection thru mail: **\$661.00**
- * Collection thru E-Giving: **\$4,555.33**

Total Collection: \$7,405.83



We are grateful for your continued financial support during the pandemic. We ask you to help us to reach our weekly budget by increasing your weekly offertory. If you are away, please remember the parish with your envelope gift on your return. Online giving is the best, safe, and fastest way to give your donation. Please consider the E-giving option.



IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE?

In addition to remember a loved one through mass intention, another way to remember them by lighting a sanctuary lamp for a week or giving a donation toward the Altar Bread and Wine. If you wish to do so, please contact the Parish Office by phone 518-477-7925 or email HALO@hsecg.org. A suggested donation is \$20.00



POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE 2021

The Beauty of Marriage —Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.



Join us in the Eucharist Adoration every Tuesday evening beginning at 7 p.m. We will be praying the Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet. Confession is available for all. Please invite your family & friends to come and spend time with the Lord through prayer.



FATHER'S DAY SPIRITUAL GIFT—Our parishes will be offering the Father's Day spiritual bouquet in honor of fathers, grandfathers, godfathers etc..., both living and deceased. The donation for each name is \$5.00 dollars. The names of our fathers, grandfathers, and godfathers etc. will be displayed in a binder placed in front of the altar at Mass on Father's Day weekend, **June 19 & 20**. Envelopes for this special intention are available in the back vestibule. Please complete the form, insert your donation, and drop it in the collection basket or drop it off at the office. Deadline is **June 18, 2021**.



Whether statues or stained glass, the image of the **Sacred Heart of Jesus** can be found in churches all over the world. Jesus looks down, one hand extended out and another pointing to a heart wreathed in thorns and glowing with light. In the Sacred Heart, we see both the sorrow and the joy of the life of Christ, who became one of us out of love. "*Jesus knew and loved us each and all during his life, his agony, and his Passion and gave himself up for each one of us? He has loved us all with a human heart*" (CCC 478). In the Incarnation, God becomes man. Jesus experienced the fullness of humanity, including its sufferings. June 11th is the Feast of the Sacred Heart. We remember all that Jesus endured for us. We also remember why he endured it -- out of love.



CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

Jesus, Body and Blood,
we are grateful for the gift of your life
and the way it strengthens us to live ours.

Teach us to draw on the gift
of your Body and Blood
for energy, renewal, strength and grace.
May we never take the gift
of your presence for granted. Amen



WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question: What are the "fruits" of holy Communion?

Answer: The Eucharist, like all sacraments, offers its own unique grace. We receive a special share in God's life that helps us in our faith journey. We are given all we need to sustain and nurture our relationship with God. The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. Everything we are and everything we hope to become is found in this sacrament. It is essential to the life of the church, to each member of the church. Without it, there is no church. The Eucharist is the center of our spiritual life and has enormous effects on our growth, our holiness, and our way of life.

The fruits of holy Communion are the benefits one receives from the sacrament. These fruits of holy Communion are discussed in the catechism in the article on the Eucharist. The primary benefit is union with Christ. We become one with him sacramentally, just as we hope to become one with him for eternity. The Eucharist also separates us from sin, both past and future. It forgives the venial sins of the past and, by the love we receive, protects us from mortal sin in the future. The church community is also unified and strengthened by the Eucharist. It unites us to the poor and offers the pledge of eternal life.



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

As we gather today to reaffirm our faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, we are reminded that we are also the Body of Christ. The mission of the Gospel calls us to be Christ for others.

There is so much brokenness and pain in our world. Many people are lost and feeling lonely, marginalized and oppressed, victimized and abused. Every time we receive the Body (and Blood) of Christ, we are asked to become what we eat. Are we willing to step aside from our preoccupations and concerns so that we can be Christ for others? The power and presence of Christ in the Eucharist becomes present in us. In receiving this transforming presence of Christ, we can truly effect change in the lives of those we meet. We can show them God's unconditional, ever-present love and the beauty that can come from loving others. We are given the grace to become temples of justice and peace, carrying God's sacred Presence within us wherever we go.



**MONEY
COUNTERS**

We are looking for those who would like to volunteer to serve the parish as money counters. Training will be provided. If you would like to participate in this ministry or obtain more information, please contact Mr. Antonio Morabito, our parish manager by calling the parish office (518) 477-7925 or email HALO@hscecg.org.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus

As our world faces so much turmoil and change, it is now more important than ever to remember who God is, who we are and where we are going. It is easy to get distracted and lose focus, especially when we are being pulled in so many directions. We can not only lose sight of God but one another. Maintaining our well developed and mature relationships with God and one another is essential to continuing to live, healthy, happy, and focused lives. In a message to young people, Pope Benedict XVI said, "the happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth, hidden in the Eucharist." What is true for those who are younger is even truer for those who are older. Regardless of how the particulars of life change over time, human beings are still hard-wired to seek the fullness of life and happiness. How we embark on this journey and what we choose along the way will indicate whether we meet success. There is so much brokenness and pain in our world. Many people are lost, feeling lonely, anxious, marginalized, victimized, isolated, oppressed, and abused. Every time we receive the Body of Christ, we have an opportunity to become what we eat. The power and presence of Christ in the Eucharist becomes present in us and effects change in ourselves and in the lives of those we meet. We are given the grace to become temples of justice and peace, carrying God's sacred Presence within us wherever we go. Our faith community is ignited with the fire of God's love and stands out as a beacon of hope in a world that is lost. This is the only way we can discover peace-filled resolutions to violence and create innovative solutions to what is fueling its need in the first place. True happiness, for the young and old alike, becomes an obtainable goal.

St. John Maria Vianney says it so well. "There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, he would have given it to us." Only the Eucharist has the ability to connect, sustain, strengthen, and properly orient us, not only on the road of this life but the road to life eternal. Knowing this, when life gets challenging, unsettling, and difficult, we can rely on and cling to this gift we have in the Real Presence of Christ. This actual encounter with God celebrates God's unconditional love for us and grounds us to the truth of who we are in a way nothing else is able to do. Because through the Eucharist we really do become the Body of Christ, we are also bonded together in a most perfect way to one another as that Body. Nourished, united, and strengthened by the Eucharist, let us individually and collectively, bring this wonderful gift to all we meet, especially the poor with whom we have a special connection.

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Seasons of Faith is our parish model for lifelong, intergenerational faith formation, centered around opportunities to learn about, share and experience our faith in the company of all parishioners, from the newly baptized to the most mature members, leading us to an even deeper relationship with God and each other. Each season is four months long, with three seasons per year:

Winter/Spring (Jan-April)

Summer (May-Aug)

Fall (Sept-Dec)

Seasons of Faith is for families *and* adults.

Parents are their children's first faith witnesses. Now more than ever, we want to support families and give them a variety of opportunities to *be* family. Seasons of Faith are specifically designed for the entire family.

Adults are never too old to learn. Seasons of Faith encourages faith growth for adults too!

Seasons of Faith is for *all* who consider Holy Spirit their home. All are welcome!



The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available. If you wish to celebrate the sacrament, please call the parish office at (518) 477-7925 to make an appointment

with Fr. Vo.

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OF CHRIST**



Saturday 6/5—St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

4 pm. Vigil: Joseph O'Brien, Sr.—Req. by Gary & Doris Beardsley

✠ John Banach—Req. by Gary & Doris Beardsley

✠ Roxanne Murray (living healing)—Req. by S.A.M

Sunday 6/6—The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

✠ **8:30 am Mass:** For the people of the parish

✠ **11 am Mass:** John Lewis—Req. by Janice & Kyle Griffin

Tuesday 6/8—Weekday in Ordinary Time

✠ **9 am—**Intention Available

Wednesday 6/9—St. Ephrem, Deacon & Doctor of the Church

✠ **9 am—**Intention Available

Thursday 6/10—Weekday in Ordinary Time

9 am.—Intention Available

Friday 6/11—The feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

9:00 am.—Intention Available

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 6/12—The Immaculate Heart of Mary

4 pm. Vigil: Carmella Montanino—Req. by Ashlan, Arrian, & Jack

✠ Fr. Quy Vo (11th Priesthood Anni.)—Req. by friends

Sunday 6/13—The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Mass: For the people of the parish

11 am Mass: Frank Chiffolo—Req. by Rose & children



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CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

Through the Sacraments, God shares his holiness with us so that we, in turn, can make the world holier. (USCCB)

Sacraments of Healing

Reconciliation—Saturday from 3:00-3:30pm or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick (and homebound visits)

✠ Available by appointment, for any stage of illness

Sacraments of Initiation

Baptism—is available at any age. Please contact the parish office.

Eucharist—Student candidates must be at least age 7 by December 1st and be participating in ongoing Seasons of Faith Gatherings for at least one year prior.

Confirmation—Student candidates must be participating in Seasons of Faith for at least one year prior to beginning formation for Confirmation in the spring.

Sacraments of Commitment

Sacrament of Marriage—Please contact the parish as soon as you are engaged, at least six (6) months in advance. Pre-Cana is expected. Wedding dates will be scheduled after meeting with the Pastor.

Holy Orders and Religious Life—Please contact Fr. Vo at the parish office, or the diocesan Vocations Office at albanyvocations.org (518) 453-6690.



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