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Sacred Heart ~ Kent

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, and First Friday

9 AM SACRED HEART ~ KENT

Wednesday 9 AM

ST BERNARD ~ SHARON

SATURDAY VIGIL 4 PM

SAINT BRIDGET CHURCH

7 River Road ~ Cornwall Bridge

SUNDAY 8 AM

SAINT BERNARD CHURCH

52 New Street ~ Sharon

SUNDAY 10 AM

SACRED HEART CHURCH

17 Bridge Street ~ Kent

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

CONSULT THE BULLETIN

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before Mass or by appointment.

PARISH OFFICE

Mrs. Sandy Papsin ~ Parish Secretary

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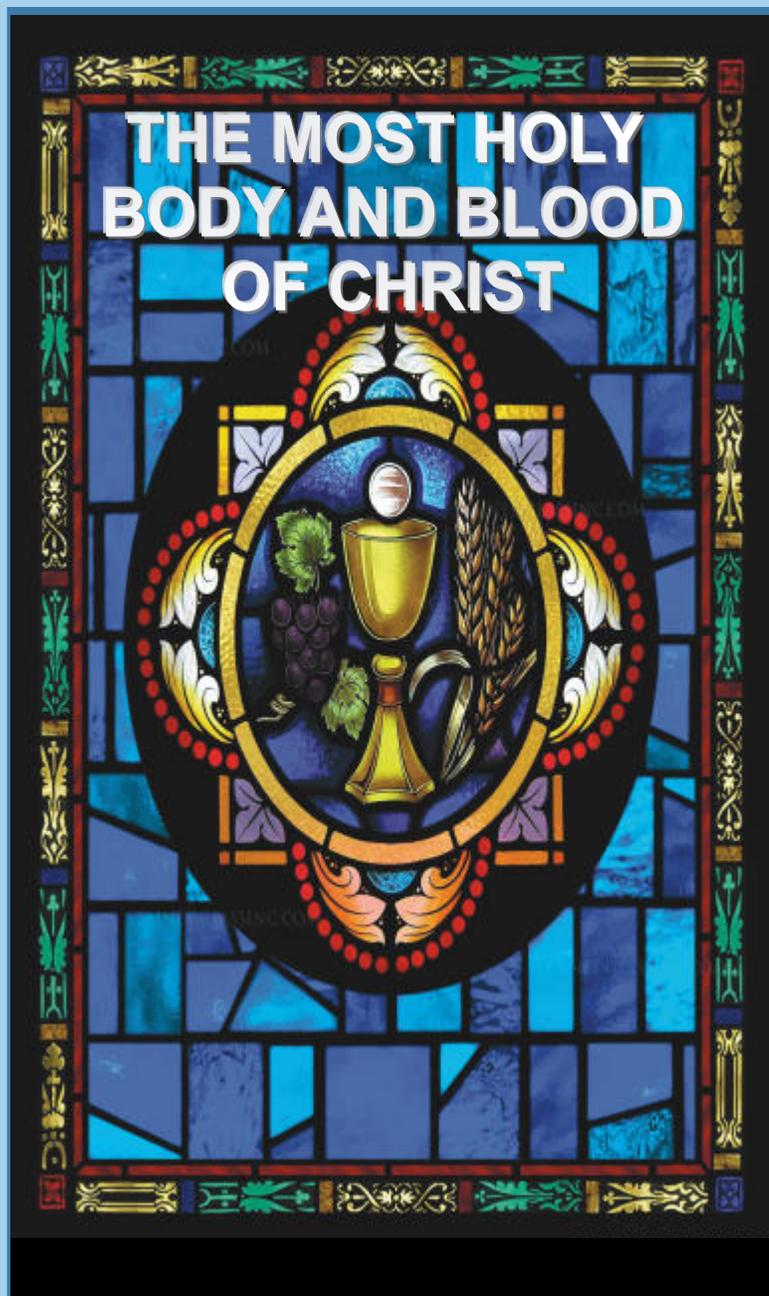
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SUNDAY JUNE 6th, 2021

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY JUNE 5th
SUNDAY JUNE 6th

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE
William "Billy" Rose ~ Requested by Karen Tansey
8 AM ~ SHARON
Deceased Members of the Murtagh Family
10 AM ~ KENT
Janet and Calvin Davis
Requested by Pat Kelsey and Family

MONDAY JUNE 7th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT
Blessed Franz Jagerstatter

John J. O'Connell III ~ Requested by his wife

TUESDAY JUNE 8th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT
Saint William of York

John J. O'Connell IV ~ Mass of Healing
Requested by his mother

WEDNESDAY JUNE 9th ~ 9 AM ~ SHARON
Saint Ephram

Antonia Guerrero ~ Requested by Family

SATURDAY JUNE 12th
SUNDAY JUNE 13th

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE
Raymond Mc Carthy Jr.
Requested by Ellen and John Genovese
8 AM ~ SHARON
Ruth and William Morrison
Requested by Betty Morrison
10 AM ~ KENT
Clarence Kelsey
Requested by Pat Kelsey and Family



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prayer can drive away your troubles.



The Sanctuary Lamp signifies the Eucharistic presence of the Lord Jesus in the Tabernacle and burns for seven days. You may have the Sanctuary Lamp memorialized for a sick person, a deceased family member or friend, or as a special intention. The weekly donation for this is \$25. Sanctuary Lamps can be memorialized in each of the three churches of St. Kateri Tekakwitha. If you would like to reserve a week in any of our churches, please contact Sandy at the parish office.



Due to an early holiday publication date, Sacrificial Giving for Most Holy Trinity will be published in the bulletin next week. Thank you for your generosity and steadfast commitment to our Parish. May God bless you and your families.

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.



PRAY THE ROSARY

The Rosary prayed to Mary is a powerful prayer as Mary intercedes for each of us. Her Son never denies His mother. This Tuesday, the Rosary is prayed at Sacred Heart following the 9 AM Mass. The intention this week is for the protection of the unborn and the sanctity of all human life. Spend just twenty minutes praying the rosary. Your prayers will always be heard.

Mass Intentions

The practice of offering Mass for particular intentions is an ancient one, dating back to the early Church. Inscriptions discovered on tombs in Roman catacombs of the second century give evidence for this practice. When a priest celebrates Mass, he offers each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person, or intention (living or deceased). By so doing, special graces from the Eucharistic Sacrifice of Our Lord are applied upon that person or intention. Mass offerings are \$20 for a Sunday Mass and \$15 for a weekday Mass.

If you would like to schedule a Mass Intention, please give Sandy a call at the Parish Office.



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OUR SECOND
COLLECTION THIS
WEEKEND IS OUR
MONTHLY
COLLECTION FOR JUNE

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST



WE CAN PREPARE THE UPPER ROOM

We all know that person, don't we? Hey, maybe we've even been that person.

"I have a great relationship with God, but I don't go to church regularly. God and I are on good terms. I can talk to Him just fine on my own."

There isn't anything false in these statements. It's important to have an intimate, even conversational prayer relationship with God. But the problem with this attitude is that it implies that churches don't matter. Community worship doesn't matter. Today, we are reminded exactly why that is so untrue. Why we need our parishes, our priests, and each other.

The Body and Blood of Christ — that's what it's all about. If it's not about that, it's not about anything. If we don't have the Eucharist, we're just like the ancient priests, making sacrifices that don't have the power to redeem anybody.

Where do we receive the Body and Blood of Christ? For most of us, it's in our parishes. The altar of sacrifice is also the table we gather in front of, as a family, to become one with Christ in the truest and realest way possible, recreating the scene in the Upper Room over and over again every time Mass is celebrated.

The disciples were commissioned by Christ to prepare the Upper Room for the Last Supper. How can we take up that work ourselves? How can we strengthen the bonds in our spiritual family? How can we serve our parish, always remembering that the table is not meant to be set only for two?

GOD KNEW OUR GREATEST NEED

If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator. If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist. If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist. If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer. But our greatest need was forgiveness, so God sent us a Savior.

PARISH CEMETERIES...



Each of our three worship site Churches have a cemetery. Burial plots are available in each of our cemeteries for those wishing to prepare for one of the few things in life that are certain. If you would like information on any of our cemeteries, please call Sandy at the parish office.



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.

A MORNING OFFERING

Kneel down and using your own words or a formula, briefly offer up all the day ahead for God's glory. As Saint Josemaria Escriva explained it: "Conquer yourself each day from the very first moment, giving yourself and the entire day to God." If, with the help of God, you conquer yourself in the moment, you have accomplished a great deal for the rest of the day.



SAINT EPHREM'S STORY

Poet, teacher, orator, and defender of the faith, Ephrem is the only Syriac Christian recognized as a doctor of the Church. He took upon himself the special task of opposing the many false doctrines rampant at his time, always remaining a true and forceful defender of the Catholic Church.

Born in Nisibis, Mesopotamia, he was baptized as a young man and became famous as a teacher in his native city. When the Christian emperor had to cede Nisibis to the Persians, Ephrem fled as a refugee to Edessa, along with many other Christians. He is credited with attracting great glory to the biblical school there. He was ordained a deacon but declined becoming a priest. Ephrem was said to have avoided presbyteral consecration by feigning madness!

He had a prolific pen, and his writings best illumine his holiness. Although he was not a man of great scholarship, his works reflect deep insight and knowledge of the Scriptures. In writing about the mysteries of humanity's redemption, Ephrem reveals a realistic and humanly sympathetic spirit and a great devotion to the humanity of Jesus. It is said that his poetic account of the Last Judgment inspired Dante.

It is surprising to read that he wrote hymns against the heretics of his day. He would take the popular songs of the heretical groups and using their melodies, compose beautiful hymns embodying orthodox doctrine. Ephrem became one of the first to introduce song into the Church's public worship as a means of instruction for the faithful. His many hymns have earned him the title "Harp of the Holy Spirit."

Ephrem preferred a simple, austere life, living in a small cave overlooking the city of Edessa. It was here that he died around 373.

Can the devil read your mind, and does he know the future? No, Satan cannot read our minds and he does not know the future. He is also no match for sanctifying grace. The sacraments are a strong guard against him. ~ Fr. Vincent Serpa

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9]/Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135 [135a]/Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 5:20-26
Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37
Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 2:41-51

NEW MASS DIRECTIVES

Following up on Msgr. Guerrero's letter which was inserted in the bulletin several weeks ago regarding the new Mass directives issued by the Archdiocese, please review several key points below. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in adhering to these directives until further notice.

- ◆ As of Pentecost Sunday (May 22/23) there is an obligation once again to attend Mass;
- ◆ The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation has expired;
- ◆ Those individuals who are safely able to attend are reminded that watching Mass online or on TV is not a valid substitute;
- ◆ The following individuals may legitimately decide not yet to attend: those suffering from serious pre-existing conditions making them more susceptible to COVID-19; those who are ill or homebound or who are caregivers; and those who are in quarantine due to exposure to any contagion, or who reside with someone who is quarantined;
- ◆ Singing is permitted but with masks in place;
- ◆ Churches are open to 100% capacity with no need for any specific social distancing;
- ◆ We can exchange a "no contact" Sign of Peace;
- ◆ Those who prefer to receive Holy Communion on the tongue are asked to wait until others in line have received.

Thank you once again for your patience and cooperation, and let's continue to pray that all will be normal soon.

Life's Little Instructions For All Of Us...

Sing in the shower * Treat everyone you meet as you wish to be treated * Watch a sunrise at least once a year * Never refuse homemade brownies * Strive for excellence, not perfection * Plant a tree on your birthday * Learn three clean jokes * Return borrowed vehicles with the gas tank filled * Compliment three people everyday * Never waste an opportunity to tell someone you love them * Leave everything a little better than you found it * Keep it simple * Think big but relish small pleasures * Floss your teeth * Ask for a raise when you feel you earned it * Be forgiving of yourself and others * Over tip breakfast waitresses * Say "Thank you" a lot * Say "Please" a lot * Avoid negative people * Buy whatever kids are selling from card tables in their front yards * Wear polished shoes * Remember other people's birthdays * Avail yourself to constant improvement * Carry jumper cables in your car's trunk * Have a firm hand shake * Send lots of Valentine's cards. Sign them "Someone who thinks you're terrific." * Look people in the eye * Be the first to say "Hello" * Use the good silver * Return everything that you borrow * Make new friends, but cherish old ones * Keep secrets * Sing in a choir * Plant flowers every spring * Have a dog * Always accept a helping hand * Stop blaming others * Take responsibility for everything in your life * Wave at kids on school buses * Be there when people need you * Feed a stranger's expired parking meter * Don't expect life to be fair * Never underestimate the power of love * Drink champagne for no reason at all * Live your life as an exclamation, not an explanation * Don't be afraid to say, "I made a mistake." * Don't be afraid to say, "I don't know." * Compliment even small improvements
*Keep your promises * Marry for love
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* Call your mother *

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