



# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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

## Weekend Mass

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 8, 9:30 & 11 a.m.

## Daily Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Wed.  
& Thursday: 8 a.m.

## Confession

Saturday: 4 to 4:45 p.m.  
& First Sunday after 11  
am Mass & by appt.

## Adoration

Holy Hour for Life, third  
Thursday of each month.

First Friday of the month  
from 3 pm to 7 pm  
followed by Benediction  
& Mass.

## Rosary

Prayed every 2nd  
Wednesday of the  
month.

## Parish Office Hours:

Mon.—Thur. 10 am to 4 pm

**Parish Registration:** Call  
the Parish Office, pick up a  
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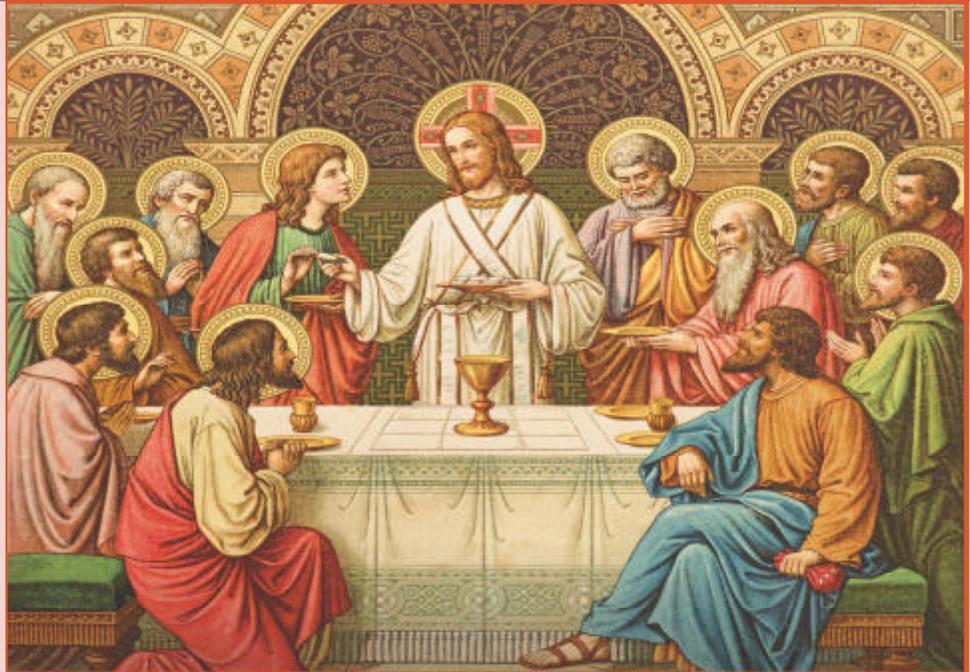
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## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all  
drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant,  
which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink  
again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the  
kingdom of God." - Mk 14:23-25

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**"I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the  
Lord." Psalm 116**

**Reverend James A. Kyrpczak**

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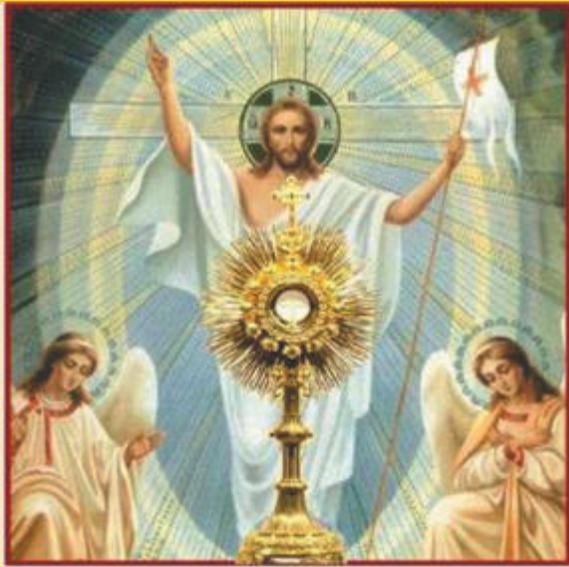
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## The Feast of Corpus Christi



Today is our annual observance of the **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord**, also called by the Latin name “Corpus Christi.” Our faith in the Holy Eucharist is one of the most essential and defining doctrines we hold as Catholics. Let’s take a moment to clearly speak what we believe as Catholics about the Holy Eucharist.

First, take note of the words you hear in the long prayer at the altar, commonly called the Eucharistic Prayer, which is rich, over and over again, in sacrificial language. This should make you consider and realize that **what happens at the Holy Mass is a sacrifice**. It is the making present again, here in our midst, of the one saving sacrifice of Jesus’ very offering of Self on the Cross. In the Roman Canon, the first Eucharistic Prayer, used most often, takes note of a summary of some key Old Testament sacrifices that foreshadow what Jesus would do and command of His Church. Coming soon after the consecration, these are the words you hear so often: *“Be pleased to look upon these offerings... and to accept them, as once you were pleased to accept the gifts of your*

*servant Abel the just, the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith, and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek.”* All three of these named figures are recounted in the Book of Genesis, after Adam and Eve are expelled from the Garden of Eden. They show us that sacrifice is needed if man’s expulsion from God’s presence is to be healed and if man is to be in right relationship with God. For the sake of quick review, Abel offered a **lamb**. Abraham was willing to obey the request to offer **his own son**. Melchizedek offered **bread and wine**. This prayer of the Church places before us as a foreshadowing of God’s fulfillment in Christ: The foreshadowings of a lamb, a son, and bread and wine come together as one and meet their fulfillment in Christ and His New Covenant sacrifice on the Cross. And, very important, given the memorial Jesus established at the Last Supper and commanded to be continued, the Lord has provided the means for that same sacrifice to be sacramentally present in every age and location of His one Church.

So, for clarity, Catholics believe that, while the appearance does not change, in fact the bread and wine offered at Holy Mass cease to be the substance of bread and wine and **become the true and real living and resurrected Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ**. This happens by God’s power in both the sanctifying action of the Holy Spirit and the authority of Jesus, the Son of God, who acts through a validly ordained Catholic priest such that wherever a Catholic priest follows the Church’s authentic prayer and intends to consecrate bread and wine they become the Body and Blood of the Lord. We call this gift of the Lord’s Real Presence the **Holy Eucharist**. When received by us we call it Holy Communion. This is what every Catholic must hold and reverence. This is the aspect of our faith placed in focus on Corpus Christi. Because of what we believe about the Holy Eucharist, that it is really Jesus’ presence, then It deserves the **utmost reverence and care**. No reverence can really be too much. If all we have up here is, and remains, “only” bread and wine, “only” a symbol of Jesus, or “only” a reminder of His sacrifice, then frankly it’s just time to go home.

Because of what we believe about the Holy Eucharist there are things we do and things we don’t do toward the Holy Eucharist. We reverence It and worship It as God’s presence among us. We treat It in a way that clearly speaks that It is **not** ordinary bread or wine. We adore It in prayer when It is elevated at Holy Mass after the consecration and we adore It displayed at Adoration. We do not omit a genuflection toward the tabernacle or kneeling at Mass, assuming health or knee problems don’t prevent us. We don’t receive It, treat It, or handle It casually. We realize we shouldn’t present ourselves to receive It if we are not Catholic. Even if we are Catholic by baptism, we realize we shouldn’t present ourselves to receive It if we have not been fully practicing the faith. Likewise, we realize we shouldn’t present ourselves to receive It if we are not following an important moral teaching. We examine and judge ourselves and so we go to confession regularly in order to be in a **worthy state of grace for receiving Holy Communion**. We take care to instruct our children and family and others so they understand and follow proper etiquette and are not confused about reception of Holy Communion. Sometimes we simply observe a “Spiritual Communion” as a means to purify our vision and to build a greater longing for the Lord, just as we also observe a physical fast from food in preparation for Holy Communion. Some of the best examples and witnesses of Catholic faith in the Holy Eucharist are those who respectfully refrain from receiving Holy Communion when they know they shouldn’t receive It. When someone decides to refrain from Holy Communion we shouldn’t assume anything about that person other than they are a courageous soul, with a well-developed faith, and are showing reverence to the Lord’s Real Presence, just as the person does who worthily receives.

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**Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee! My God, My God, I love Thee in the Most Blessed Sacrament.**

## Daily Mass Intentions

*Saturday/Sunday, June 5/6*

**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

5:00 PM †Father Gerard Lair

8:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM Protection of Babies in the Womb & Their Families

11:00 AM †Deacon John Dumschat

*Monday, June 7, 2021*

8:00 AM (L) Greg English

*Tuesday, June 8, 2021*

8:00 AM †Andrew & Millie Latka

*Wednesday, June 9, 2021*

*St. Ephrem*

8:00 AM †Jannette Belen

*Thursday, June 10, 2021*

8:00 AM †Donald Sebold Sr.

*Saturday/Sunday, June 12/13*

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 PM †Paul Cinoa

8:00 AM Open Intention

9:30 AM People of the Parish

†Joshua Valentine

11:00 AM (L) Greg English



The Development Office of the Diocese of Metuchen has received pledges totaling \$28,931. This represents **78.2%** of our goal! Thank you for donating to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Your contributions will help so many throughout our diocese.

If you haven't given, there is still time! Visit our website at [www.sjchb.org](http://www.sjchb.org) and look for ONLINE GIVING.

### FOOD FOR FAMILIES

The collection for June will take place on the **June 19 & 20**. Suggested items needed to donate are: *Black tea, plain oatmeal, unsweetened cereal, canned pears & oranges, pea & lentil soups, spinach, hygiene products such as, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, feminine products, shaving cream and bars of soap.*



**K-CLUB NEWS** The 15th weekly winner of will be announced in next week's bulletin.

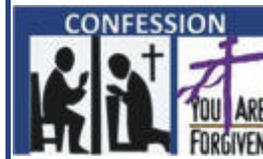
There is still time to submit your payment of \$40 to the K-Club. Make your check payable to "St. Joseph K of C." and mail them to the Parish Office.



The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly to proclaim the Real Presence of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in the Tabernacle.

This week the flame is dedicated:

**For the Sick & Homebound of our Parish**



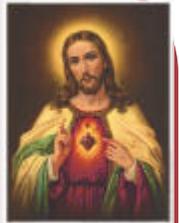
**REMINDER** Confession will be available **today**, Sunday, June 6, after the 11 am Mass.

What a great way to rebuild your relationship with Christ!

### PRAY FOR THE SICK:

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, we fly, we come to Thee, throwing ourselves into the arms of Thy tender mercy. Thou art our sure refuge, our unending and only hope. Thou has a remedy for all our evils, relief for all our miseries, reparation for all our faults, Thou canst supply for what is wanting in us in order to obtain fully the graces that we ask for ourselves and for those in our parish community.

**We pray for:** Cathy Bush, William Honachefsky Sr, Vincent Scarponi, Mark Mueller, Joseph, Donald Tomko, Nate Strunk, John & Maria Lepore, Stephanie Hoelper, John Hayth, Michael Tingolie, Lyzah Hennig, Holly, Teresa, Mark H., Rich Finn, Frank Drzewiecki and all those homebound in our parish community.



**BIBLE STUDY** St. Joseph's Bible Study Group meets every **Tuesday** in the Church Hall at 7pm. If you have nothing planned, come learn more about the greatest book on earth!



**St. Joseph Rosary Group** Praying the Rosary is a great way our parish can bring forth our prayer intentions to Our Lord, through the intercession of His mother.

Join us on **Wednesday, June 9 at 6:30 pm** as we recite the Holy Rosary in the Church.

The **St. Joseph Rosary Group** is a newly formed group, who, imitating the humility of Our Holy Mother Mary, are willing to teach the Rosary, pray for others, assist those in our community in need and help each of our Church Ministries. If you are interested in joining, contact the Parish Office or sign up on our website on our Home Page!



"Social Distancing does NOT apply to God, draw near to Him!"



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