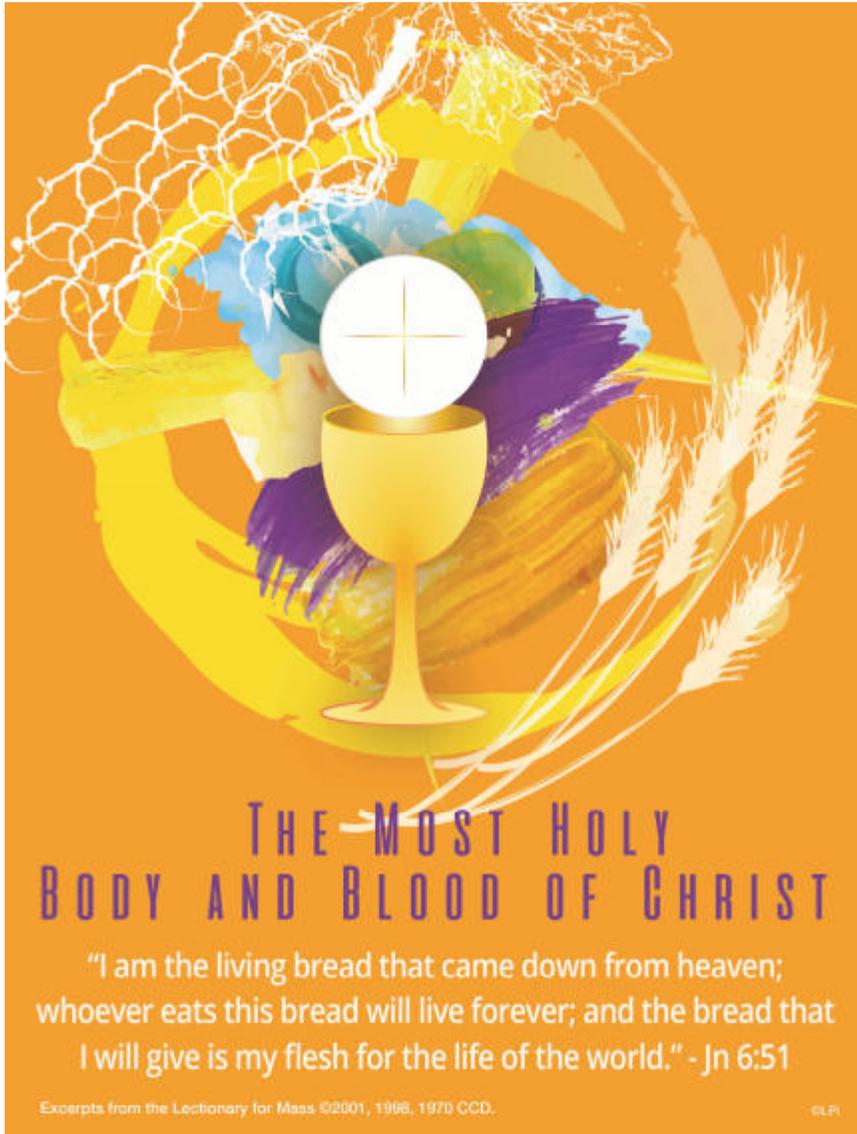




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THE LORD'S DAY: MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday evening 5:00 pm
 Sunday 9:00 & 10:30 am & 12 pm
 Weekdays 9:00 am
 Saturday 9:00 am

PARISH REGISTRATION

We welcome all new members to our parish family. Please register at the parish office. We want to know and serve you. Please become an active part of our parish community. All adults (over age 21) who are working should register in the parish themselves and should use envelopes or website link to eCatholic online giving to support the parish. Tithing is 5% of income; Stewardship is your decision in prayer. Please notify the parish office if you are changing your address or phone number so that we may have accurate records! This registration is our only means of certifying anyone as a member of our parish family, especially for Baptism and Confirmation sponsorship letters and for scheduling baptisms or weddings.

The deadline for bulletin items is Monday 12 noon of each week, unless it's a holiday, then it is due the Friday before at 12 noon.



OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday** The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
- Wednesday** St. Ephrem, Deacon & Doctor of the Church
- Friday** The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Saturday** The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Next Sunday** 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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SATURDAY, JUNE 5

- 5:00 pm Claudio & Carmela Iodice
- 5:00 pm Francesca Rutigliano

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

- 9:00 am Vincenzo & Bambina Troiano
- 10:30 am Parishioners of St. Augustine
- 12:00 pm Michael McCormack

MONDAY, JUNE 7

- 9:00 am Matthew Moscato

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

- 9:00 am Brenda Stark

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

- 9:00 am Jose R. Almonte, Sr.
- 9:00 am Rafael F. Almonte

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

- 9:00 am Living & deceased members of the Ruane Family

FRIDAY, JUNE 11

- 9:00 am Jeanne Conod –
14th Anniversary

SATURDAY, JUNE 12

- 9:00 am Patrick Leahy & Cathy Leahy Shine
Deceased members of the Bertrand & Hennelly Families
- 5:00 pm Catherine Fisher

SUNDAY, JUNE 13

- 9:00 am Mary & Martin Begley
- 10:30 am Parishioners of St. Augustine
- 12:00 pm George & Josephine Fredericks

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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. ©LPI

PRAYER LIST

Albert & Diane Marino, Jose Padilla, Marilyn Dumas, Marie Zanicchi, Marcia Camacho, Paul Hurley, Erika and Darrel, Mary Poli, Susan Gerardo, Christopher Costa, Mark Tominac, Sharyn Miller, Michael Varley, Fr. Patrick Curley, Fr. Tom Lynch, Fr. Al D'Incecco, Libby Fusco, Frank Fusco, Dan Moscato, & All those who have passed away & all suffering from Covid-19.

TO ADD NAMES & INTENTIONS TO THE PRAYER LIST CALL OR EMAIL THE PARISH OFFICE.



DEEPER PRAYER

ANIMA CHRISTI

This prayer touches us on a profound level. The words are most sacred and, with the Spirit's help, they can lead us into an immediate union with Christ. The Anima Christi (Soul of Christ) has been attributed to St. Ignatius of Loyola (1491–1556), but historians say that it predates Ignatius by as much as a century-and-a-half. Also, a long tradition tells us that it was a favorite of his. In many cases, in fact, it served as the opening prayer of the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius. This sacred prayer is sublime and seems to transcend all time, all centuries.

Breaking the *Anima Christi* down line-by-line, let us reflect briefly on each of them.

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. O Jesus, may your soul—vast as the universe—invade my whole being and draw me closer to you.

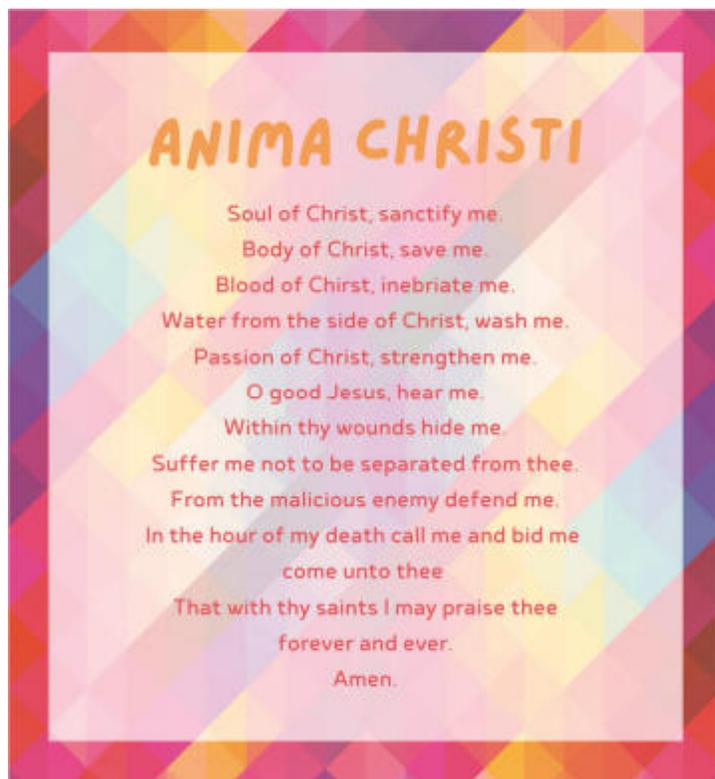
Body of Christ, save me. I open myself to your love. Embrace me with your healing and transforming power. I am especially moved by this prayer when I reflect on it after receiving the body and blood of Christ at Holy Communion—or after Mass has ended.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me. You have redeemed me, Jesus, by your blood shed upon the cross. At the Eucharist, I receive that blood in the form of wine. Your burning love is so overwhelming that I become intoxicated by the intensity of your love for me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Yes, Jesus, let the water flowing from your side cleanse me, as did the life-giving water that flowed over me at Baptism. And may this saving stream never stop flowing through me!

Passion of Christ, strengthen me. It is your power, and not my own, that heals me and makes me strong. As the psalmist says, "Unless the LORD build the house, they labor in vain who build" (Ps 127:1). Your strength alone is my source of hope.

O good Jesus, hear me. Within your wounds hide me. I experience something very mystical and intimate, Jesus, when I hide there.



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Within thy wounds hide me.

Suffer me not to be separated from thee.

From the malicious enemy defend me.

In the hour of my death call me and bid me
come unto thee

That with thy saints I may praise thee

forever and ever.

Amen.

Let me never be separated from you. *Loving Savior, these words express for me the most central theme of the Anima Christi. Keep me aware that this is not so much a gaining of information about you, O Jesus, as it is a growing into a more intimate love union with you.*

From the malignant enemy, defend me. *These words are similar to the closing words of the Our Father, which teach me to say: "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." Loving Lord, set me free from any malignant force that separates me from you—and from life itself!*

In the hour of my death, call me, and bid me come to you that, with your saints, I may praise you for ever and ever. Amen. *Jesus, I need your help to reach my final destination in your heavenly kingdom. Stay with me to the end so I can join in singing your praises with all who are saved by your overflowing and immense love!*

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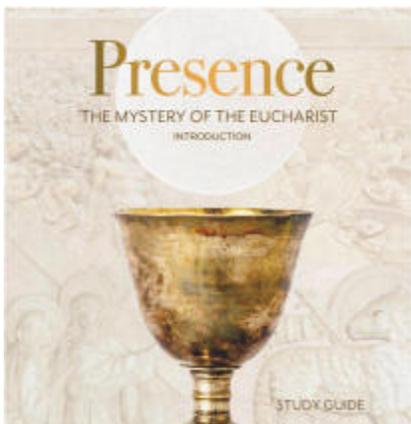
WHY JESUS GAVE US HIS BODY & BLOOD

Written by: Jessica Giglio, Youth Ministry & Communications

In the *Bread of Life Discourse* from the Gospel of John, Jesus says, **“those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them”** (NRSV). In the original text of this verse, the Greek word *menō* (abide) is used to communicate that this ritual will incorporate Jesus into his believers. The use of the word *menō* connotes the idea of “intermingling” which is a hyper intimate exchange. The audience that Jesus is addressing is of chief importance to deciphering what this verse means and what the implication of Jesus’ words were. Jesus was among Jews who observed the Jewish dietary laws, specifically the law forbidding the consumption of blood. Leviticus 3:17 commands that throughout all generations, the chosen people can not consume blood. Further, Leviticus 7:27 confirms that disobedience of this Jewish law is not a trivial crime since the punishment is exile from the community. In the time of the desert, this punishment is comparable to the modern saying “being thrown to the wolves.” The prohibition against the consumption of blood is because it was believed that, **“For the life of every creature—its blood is its life”** (Lev 17:4). For example, to consume the blood of a cow was to ingest its life and the life of the cow would abide in the life of the man. Thus, when the Jewish audience says that Jesus’ teaching is difficult to understand, it is not solely because perhaps they still think he is referring to cannibalism, but it is because the notion of consuming Jesus’ blood would mean that their blood would be intermingled with the blood of the Christ. Jesus would abide in them. It is my opinion that those among him were not critics; they were not looking to bash what they thought were Jesus’ absurd claims. They had followed him after observing the miracle feeding of the 5,000. These were people who were realizing the man before them was the Word made flesh and thus earnestly trying to understand this difficult teaching. Jesus’ command for these people to let him abide within them through the ritual eating and drinking of his flesh and blood meant that Jesus would intermingle with them. The life of Christ would be intimately tied to theirs.



Jesus bears eternal life and assuming that his life is his blood, then the only way for his followers to share in this life is to consume his blood. In this way, Jesus’ divine life mingles with theirs, and they have life because of him. What His disciples have yet to understand, and still remains hidden, is that this commandment is not a sin against the law that Yahweh gave to their ancestors; it is a fulfillment of the law. If Jesus is the source of eternal life, which takes away sin, then it follows that his life is to abide within us. Just as the Jewish people celebrated the Passover to commemorate a defining moment in their history, so too will the Christians celebrate the ritual of consuming the flesh and blood of Christ as the defining moment in their history. Participation in this meal is intermingling with the life of Christ. Through participation, we receive the life of Jesus, leading us to eternal life. The Eucharist is the means by which Christ can dwell within His disciples physically and spiritually. Let us remember the intimate meaning of the Eucharist at every Mass so that we may allow Jesus to dwell within us and lead us to eternal life.



PRESENCE: THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST

Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the “source and summit” of the Christian life. *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist* explores the truth and beauty of Christ’s real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.

This program can be accessed using [FORMED.org](https://www.formed.org) which is FREE to all parishioners. Go to [Formed.org](https://www.formed.org) and click “sign up” and then “sign up as a parishioner” find our parish by entering our zip code and enjoy thousands of catholic resources for free!!

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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.

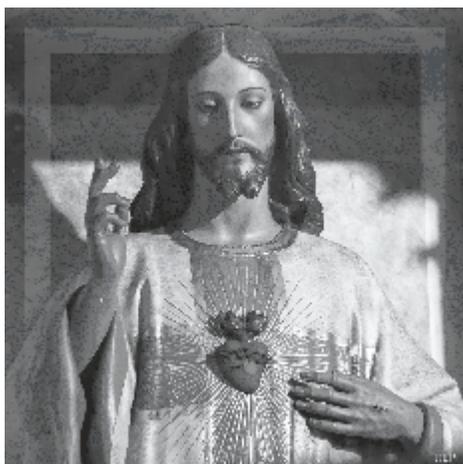
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peace, carrying God's sacred Presence within us wherever we go. Our faith community is ignited with the fire of God's love and stands out as a beacon of hope in a world that is lost. This is the only way we can discover peace-filled resolutions to 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. ©LPi



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[a] 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



SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM:

Baptism is celebrated on the first and third Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm (usually). There is a required Baptism class for the parents to attend prior to the baptism. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

MARRIAGE:

Engaged couples should contact the parish office at least six months in advance. Diocesan regulations require a marriage preparation program for all couples. Ask for a parish policy brochure at the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

The parish religious education program, grades 1-8, help bring about God's kingdom by proclaiming & teaching God's word, celebrating the sacraments, & placing value on service to all people. Call the office for more details.

DEVOTIONS:

Miraculous Medal: All are welcome to attend following the Mon. 9am Mass. Holy Hour/Benediction 7-8: pm (Sept.—June only.) Rosary: Recited each morning after the 9 am Mass. Stations of the Cross: Fridays in Lent 7:30 pm.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:45 pm. Anytime upon request.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Communal Anointing announced in the bulletin. Anytime upon request.

SCHEDULE FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK

CELEBRANT	EME	LECTOR
Saturday June 12 5:00 pm Fr. Bill	Mark Yonskie John Bruno <i>Deacon Jim</i>	Karen Costa
Sunday, June 13 9:00 am Msgr. LaMorte	Deacon will Select EM Fr. Bill <i>Deacon Joe</i>	Helen Reck
Sunday, June 13 10:30 am Msgr. LaMorte	Fr. Bill Joanne Pfaff <i>Deacon Jim</i>	Richard Pfaff
Sunday, June 13 12:00 pm Fr. Bill	Agnes Sobieraj Marie Mobarek <i>Deacon Sam</i>	Roseanne Hughes

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