



THE MOST HOLY
BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

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Our Lady of Peace Church June 6, 2021

FROM THE DESK OF FR. STAN



“Take and eat” that you may have life eternal

Now that we have completed our fifty-day reflection on the Resurrection during the Easter Season, and the Holy Trinity last weekend, now we turn to the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, the celebration of the Eucharist. Our first reading, Exodus 24:3-8, takes us back to the time of Moses, the great leader and law-giver. Moses first relates “all the words and ordinances of the Lord” to the people, and they solemnly agree to keep them: “We will do everything that the Lord has told us to do.” Then, in order to solemnize this covenant Moses erected an altar and twelve pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel. Animals are sacrificed, and holocausts and peace offerings are offered to the Lord. “Moses took half of the blood [from the sacrifices] and put it in large bowls; the other half he splashed on the altar. Taking the book of the covenant, he read it aloud to the people, who answered, ‘All that the Lord has said, we will heed and do.’ Then he took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, saying, “This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words of his.”

We find in this passage a foundation for our understanding of the Eucharist. The relationship between God and the people is solemnized through word and blood, the words of the Ten Commandments and other laws and ordinances, and the blood of animals, sprinkled on the people and the altar, which represents God, with Moses as the intermediary, the leader who stands as the representative between God and the people. It should be noted that this covenant agreement is also called a Testament (as in last will and testament)—in this case the first such agreement, or Old Testament.

Our second reading, Hebrews 9:11-15, is part of a lengthy presentation that elaborates how the new covenant in Christ’s blood surpasses the first. “When Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come to be, passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation, he entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of a heifer’s ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God. For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant.”

The gospel account, Mark 14:12-16, 22-26, presents Jesus at the “Last Supper,” the solemn institution of the Holy Eucharist. First, Mark situates the meal within the Jewish tradition: “On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, Jesus’ disciples said to him, ‘Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?’” The Passover was the annual ritual that recalled the last of the ten plagues in Egypt, when the angel of death caused the death of all the first-born throughout the land, but passed over the homes of the Hebrews, which were marked with the blood of the lamb that had been slaughtered and eaten the evening before.

Then Mark presents the familiar account of how Jesus transforms and gives new meaning to the ancient ritual. “While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, ‘Take it; this is my body.’ Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, ‘This is the blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many.’” Those who celebrate the Eucharist are incorporated into the covenant relationship with God through Jesus Christ. It is now his Body and Blood that “marks” those who receive it so that, when they die, they may pass over safely from this life to the next. In the case of Moses, the people were on their journey from exile to freedom, from bondage in Egypt to the Promised Land. In our case, Jesus is the mediator who enables us to accompany him on a far more momentous journey from this world to eternity. The Eucharist, which the Church teaches is the Body and Blood, soul and divinity of Jesus, is the food that strengthens us, giving us life and enabling us to persevere safely on the journey to eternal life.



The latest diocesan guidelines allow us to bring Holy Communion to the homebound while adhering to appropriate precautions. We who visit are fully vaccinated and the homebound must also be vaccinated. To request a visit, please call Marguerite at 863.2585 ext. 103.



Saturday, June 5-Rosary at 3:15P

4:00P *J. Michael Dunican*
by his sisters

Sunday, June 6

8:00A *John & Marion Bak*
by Paul & Emily

10:00A *Agnes Dobosz*
by the Women's Group

Saturday, June 12-Rosary at 3:15P

4:00P *Stanley & Lorraine Wasileski*
by Mark & Liz Smith

Sunday, June 13

8:00A *Living & deceased members of the Ladies of Ste. Anne*

10:00A *M. Rita Larange*
by Jim & Mary Gene Devlin

DAILY MASS

Monday, June 7

8:00A *Bob & Winifred Hubbard*
by Marie & family

Tuesday, June 8

8:00A *Margaret Hersl*
by Ed & Dottie Pelis

Wednesday, June 9

8:00A *Blessings for Marguerite Noga*
by a friend

Thursday, June 10

8:00A *Irene Armienti*
by Helen Woznakewicz

Friday, June 11

8:00A *Holy Communion Service*



As the month of May ends, the month of Mary, we continue to encourage you to pray the Rosary. We invite you to join us every Saturday at 3:15P to pray the rosary or before each daily Mass at 7:30A.

Here are some interesting facts taken from the *Pieta Prayer Book* (page 71)...

1. St. Francis de Sales said that the greatest method of praying is to pray the rosary.
2. St. Thomas Aquinas preached 40 straight days in Rome on just the Hail Mary.
3. St. John Vianney, patron of priests, was seldom seen without a rosary in his hand.
4. Pope Adrian VI said, "The rosary is the scourge of the devil."
5. St. Pope Paul V wrote, "The rosary is a treasure of graces."
6. St. Padre Pio, the stigmatic priest, said, "The rosary is a weapon against evil."
7. Pope Leo XIII wrote 9 encyclicals on the rosary.
8. St. Pope John XXIII spoke 38 times about our Lady and the rosary. He prayed 15 decades daily.
9. St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort wrote, "The rosary is the most powerful tool to touch the Heart of Jesus, Our Redeemer, who so loves His Mother."
10. "To recite the rosary is nothing other than to contemplate with Mary, the face of Christ." St. Pope John Paul II

Our Lady's Window

June 12 *Lilliana Benitez & Stanley Makarewicz*
by their family

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

In memory of *Lorraine Boguslawski* by Thomas & Judith Routhier; and in memory of *Agnes Dobosz* by Christine Arsenault and Victoria Sutton.

WOMEN'S GROUP will meet on Tuesday, **June 8** at 6:00P in the church hall.

PARISH COLLECTION

Weekend of May 30

Regular collection & mail \$2,051.00
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