The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – Corpus Christi – June 14, 2020

The celebration of the Feast of The Body and Blood of Christ this year will not see our usual procession with the Eucharistic Host carried in the monstrance under the baldacchino adding the honor guard of bearers! While this development of Catholic ritual in the 11th century is beautiful, we all realize that it is in the Sacrifice of the Mass, preserved from the apostolic times, that is the focus and center for this mystery. The Body and Blood of Jesus Christ has been given to us so that we might truly be transformed into his Life and become sharers in the Divine eternal life! The ancient churches both Orthodox and Catholic have been ever consistent and insistent of what happens. The Holy Spirit transforms bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ for our nourishment and salvation. And the Mystery of the Cross is renewed in our time so that we might realize what a gift of love God has shared in the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of His Only Begotten Son.

The architecture of our churches clearly places the altar as the central piece of furnishing. Even when large crucifixes do not dominate the sanctuary, as in some churches, we need to realize that the altar is the cross on which the Sacrifice of Jesus is offered. And while the icon of the cross is very sacred, the altar receives primary veneration with kisses of the celebrant at each Mass and the bows of the minor ministers as well as incensations a number of times in the solemn Mass.

It is an interesting bit of church liturgical law that while you are to have a crucifix on or near the altar, it could be just a small one on the altar or the processional cross in a stand. The participation of the congregation in eating the elements which for so many weeks could not take place confirms the faith of all in the saving sacrifice of Christ and the nourishment not just of his body but of his teaching and love! Sadly, we are still restricted at this time in offering the chalice to the faithful. While we believe whether we receive the host or even only the chalice we are receiving both the Body and the Blood of Christ, to share both of them is a fuller sign of his love and Sacrifice. For Jesus gave both at the Last Supper to his disciples when he said “take and eat” and “take and drink.”

So no procession in the tradition of the four altars at this time, and yet there is the procession of the faithful. When you come forward to take the Bread of Life you carry it back not only to your pew but you carry Jesus out into the world of your family and work. We can still really celebrate this holy Feast-- Cialo Boze/Corpus Christi!

-- Fr. Hilinski
**LITURGY SCHEDULE / ROZKLAD MSZY SW.**

Saturday, Sobota, June 13
4:30 p.m. † Anthony Giangiacomo int. Family

Sunday, Niedziela, June 14
9:00 a.m. Health, Blessings & Thanksgiving for Members of the Parish Guild
11:00 a.m. † Frank & † Jozefa Marszalek, † Fr. Marian Marszalek & † Christine Bellar int. Family

Monday, Poniedziałek, June 15
7:30 a.m. † Alma Dunn Montgomery int. Ed Montgomery

Tuesday, Wtorek, June 16
7:30 a.m. † Benjamin Grucza int. Tim Lucek

Wednesday, Środa, June 17
7:30 a.m. † Fr. Chester Cudnik (anniversary)

Thursday, Czwartek, June 18
7:30 a.m. Presider’s intention

Friday, Piątek, June 19. The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
7:30 a.m. Presider’s intention

Saturday, Sobota, June 20
4:30 p.m. † Bob Malinki int. Mary Ann Malinki

Sunday, Niedziela, June 21
9:00 a.m. † Joseph & † Mildred Zielinski int. James Zielinski
11:00 a.m. † Renata Rapacz int. Kowalewski Family

ALL MASSES are in English except the 11:00 Sunday Mass which is in Polish. CONFESSIONS are heard in English every Saturday before the Vigil Mass, from 3:45 to 4:15 p.m. and in Polish every Sunday before the 11:00 a.m. Polish Mass.

**THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Corpus Christi

The first four Sundays after Pentecost are celebrated as devotional feasts of our Lord, officially called Solemnities of the Lord. The second of these is the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, known by its Latin name, Corpus Christi, “Body of Christ”. In the 11th century the real presence of Christ in the consecrated bread to be adored seemed to overtake the idea of the Eucharist as a celebration and meal to be eaten. People in the Middle Ages felt unworthy to receive this Christ in communion and preferred to look and gaze upon the Blessed Sacrament. This led to the elevation of the bread and cup during Mass and to public displays such as the Benediction ritual. The Corpus Christi procession as an exercise of devotion became very popular. After Vatican II the meaning of the Eucharist was re-emphasized in the context of a meal and the church’s public worship with most parishioners receiving Communion when they participate in the Mass.

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**Prayer List**

Please pray for our parishioners who are ill and all who are in need of our prayers:


**POPE FRANCIS’S MESSAGE TO THE U.S. DURING HIS ADDRESS AT THE VATICAN THIS PAST WEEK.**

"Dear brothers and sisters in the United States, I have witnessed with great concern the disturbing social unrest in your nation in these past days, following the tragic death of Mr. George Floyd.

"My friends, we cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life. At the same time, we have to recognize that the violence of recent nights is self-destructive and self-defeating. Nothing is gained by violence and so much is lost."

"Today I join the Church in Saint Paul and Minneapolis, and in the entire United States, in praying for the repose of the soul of George Floyd and of all those others who have lost their lives as a result of the sin of racism. Let us pray for the consolation of their grieving families and friends and let us implore the national reconciliation and peace for which we yearn. May Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of America, intercede for all those who work for peace and justice in your land and throughout the world.

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**INTERFAITH SERVICE ON RACISM**

Fr. Joe Hilinski has been included in a digital interfaith service of religious leaders of Northeast Ohio to consider the challenge of racism in response to the upheaval of the last few weeks. The program can be viewed at [https://youtu.be/pPBWOcJhs5g](https://youtu.be/pPBWOcJhs5g)

**The generosity of our Parishioners & Friends has brought St. Barbara Church the following:**

Collection for June 7 - $1,915 (54 envelopes)
Maintenance Fund - $390 (16 envelopes)

**Thank you! Dziękuję bardzo!**