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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

JUNE 14, 2020



Ext. 102

FR. TONY SULKOWSKI The Catholic Church throughout the world celebrates the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. In every country, province, state, city, or hamlet of the world, each Sunday FrTony@sjfparish.org the Eucharist is celebrated in community with the people of God. Thus, we are united with all people when we come together to celebrate the Eucharist.

I recall being in Battery Park when Pope John Paul II made a pastoral visit to the United

States. When he elevated the host at the open-air Mass, he united everyone who was in attendance with that simple yet powerful gesture.

Today is also a reminder to each of us to recall the day in which we were invited to receive the Eucharist for the first time. Pope Francis reminds us often that the Eucharist nourishes and strengthens us to proclaim the gospel message to those we meet in our daily activities. Without the Eucharist, we are nothing. Our Church and our lives are centered around the Eucharist. All that we are and all that we do flows from the Eucharist. With the COVID-19 pandemic and the closing of churches for ten weeks, each of us experienced life without the Eucharist and without the community that gathers for prayer. Sometimes, you have to lose something to gain a greater appreciation for it. From my experience of saying Mass in an empty church, I can tell you that I gained a greater understanding and appreciation for the people who gather for the celebration of the Eucharist. We are a social people, and we are called to be a part of a community.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that the Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life. The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up in the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely, Christ himself, our Pasch. The Eucharist is the sum and summary of our faith: our way of thinking is attuned to the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in turn confirms our way of thinking" (CCC 1324).

I recall the words an old priest said to me shortly after I was ordained: "May you celebrate the Eucharist as if it were your first time and your last time."

Let us celebrate as a community of faithful disciples of the Lord, who calls us, invites us, and nourishes us to embrace the Gospel of Life and proclaim it in our daily lives.

Bon mot: "Be who you are, and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind." - Dr. Seuss

Have a great week.

Carpe Diem,

Fr. Tony

LING ALL 2020 GRADUATES!

Though we are apart, we would still like to recognize our 2020 graduates! Please submit a picture of the graduate along with the graduate's name, the school they graduated from, and their future plans (high school graduate) or their degree earned (college graduate).

Please submit by June 22, 2020! Information may be dropped off at the Parish Office or emailed to us at graduation@sjfparish.org. Digital pictures are preferred, but physical photos are accepted.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT	NEW TO THE PARISH?
"Nourished by God's Word & the Eucharist, St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish is a welcoming Catholic community dedicated to living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ."	Would you like to join the St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish family? Become a Parishioner! You may register anytime in the Parish Office or online at sjfparish.org/joinus. We would love to have you!

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00pm Sunday 9:00am & 11:30am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 7:00pm Wednesday & Thursday 8:00am

Holy Day Masses As Announced

Confession: Tuesday 5:30pm **Rosary:** Tuesday 6:00pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday,

 & Thursday
 9:00am—1:00pm

 Tuesday
 2:00pm—8:00pm

 Saturday
 3:00pm—5:00pm

 Sunday
 10:00am—12:30pm

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PRAYER LIST

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Names added to the Prayer List will remain for four weeks. If additional prayers are needed after that time, please call the Parish Office.



LAURIE HALL
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Happy Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ or Corpus Christi!

Here's a little history about today's feast day, from the *Sourcebook for Sunday, Seasons, and Weekdays*:

"This Eucharistic day began in a quiet Belgian convent in the thirteenth century, with the vision of a holy nun, St. Juliana. In her vision, she saw the moon, full and bright. It was glorious, except that one part of its disk was in shadow. The meaning of the vision was then revealed to her: the moon represented the liturgical year; the shadow, a missing feast in honor of the Blessed Sacrament. Juliana spoke to her confessor about what she had seen. Amazingly, within thirty-five years, Pope Urban IV had established the feast of Corpus Christi, the Body of Christ, in the Church's universal calendar. Hundreds of years later, in 1849, Pope Pius IX added the Feast of the Precious Blood celebrated on July 1st. Following the Second Vatican Council, the two liturgies became one solemnity in honor of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

Corpus Christi is an expression of our faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. This celebration is also outward-looking, carrying the liturgy out of the Church and into the streets. We come together in all our diversity and we celebrate our unity."

Here is a prayer for the week:

God of the covenant, we are grateful that you have called us to be your people, in deep connection with you and with one another. Our participation in the Eucharist confirms this calling and our commitment to live it daily. Help us to remember this each time we approach the eucharistic table. We ask this in the name of your Son, in whose body and blood we partake. Amen.

Today's Feast Day is also a great time to recognize all those who serve as Eucharistic Ministers. While we are not able to minister right now, this ministry is vital. By offering the Eucharist, you recognize the Body of Christ in those to whom you minister and, ultimately, you act as the Body of Christ by fully participating in the life of the parish and the wider community. We are grateful for your ministry. We are also always in need of additional people to serve as Eucharistic Ministers. Please contact me if you feel called to serve in this ministry—now is a great time to train!





STRANGERS NO LONGER: THE IMMIGRATION CRISIS & OUR FAITH

the mercy of God,

rest in peace.

Strangers No Longer presents an overview of the immigration crisis in our country. Experts will present on why immigrants leave their homes, why they can't come legally, US immigration history and history with Central America, US immigration numbers and its impact on US society, a parish circle of support, and Catholic social teaching and immigration.

This one-hour presentation will be given twice via Zoom:

Saturday, June 20, 2020 at 10:00am Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 7:00pm

To register, please go online to stmichaelstrangersnolonger .weebly.com or email strangersnolonger11@gmail.com to request registration on your behalf. Once you register, a Zoom link will be emailed to you. Click the link prior to the presentation to watch!



JANINA JACOBS Director of Music JJacobs@sjfparish.org Ext. 103

The movie Singing in the Rain is a classic hit and a love story. Its famous titular song was performed after Gene Kelly fell in love and declared it to the world during a huge downpour. Nothing could dampen his spirits!

We know love makes all things possible, and that we are called to "love the Lord your God with all [our] heart, with all [our] soul, with all [our] mind, and with all [our] strength" (Mark 12:30).

Until now, singing in church was a method we had to express this love. However, we don't have to actually make sounds to do this; instead, we can have a song in our hearts. You know how it is when there is a song rattling around in your head that you just cannot get rid of? I surely do!

Though I haven't announced it, you may know that during this unusual time in the Church, per AOD guidelines, the congregation is being asked to sing only in their hearts. So, why is this? Because research shows that singing causes many particles of respiration to go into the surrounding air, projecting farther than the spoken word. It could cause others to get infected with whatever you may have, even if you are not aware you are sick. Because we are commanded to love our neighbors as ourselves, we certainly don't wish to put anyone in danger.

Yes, I realize that other churches might be allowing congregational singing, but for now we are asking for your cooperation in this matter. That's why I am not announcing songs (and to prevent contamination, there are no hymnals in the pews anyway) and keeping music to a bare minimum.

Remember what Paul says in Corinthians: "Love is patient, love is kind" (1 Corinthians 13:4). We must be kind to one another, and patience is vital in order to get through this. We have a collective sadness right now with the deaths of so many people in such a short amount of time. There's hunger, unemployment, isolation, hopelessness, and a pronounced fear of the violence happening in our country. The protests are loud, but silence can also be deafening.

Mary, Mother of God, quietly pondered much in her heart, and so can we. Perhaps it is difficult to silence our singing at the moment, but as one who has lost my voice often over the years, I understand the frustration when silence is forced upon us. On the other hand, when our voices return, it will be cause to rejoice! We will sing again. For now, know that listening is also a God-given gift. Enjoy the music and allow me to sing for you.

CALLING ALL MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Are you ready to get back outside? Do you want to meet up with your friends in person again? Come try us out! We will begin meeting **Wednesday evenings** from 6:00pm—8:00pm, wearing masks and practicing social distancing.

We'll meet outside in the circle drive and use all of the green space available to us here on the parish grounds! We have game ideas, plenty of hand sanitizer (if you forget your own) and restrooms for you to wash up between activities.

Join us on **Wednesday**, **June 24**th at **6:00pm**. Bring yourself, a water bottle from home, your face mask, and a friend, and come ready to reengage with each other in a safe environment. Have questions? Reach out to us at **youth@sjfparish.org** or give us a call at 586-977-8080, ext. **108**.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 14, 2020

Sunday, Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi, Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7; Mt 6:7-15

Friday, Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:

Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30

Saturday, Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34; Lk 2:41-51

Sunday, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JUNE 15: NO MASS

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

7:00pm For the Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

8:00am Dec. John Peterson (Judy Taylor)

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

8:00am For the Parishioners

FRIDAY, JUNE 19: NO MASS

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

4:00pm All Fathers, Grandfathers, and Godfathers

For the Parishioners

Dec. Irene & Wilfred Yuergens (Bob & Joyce Youngert)

Dec. Jerome Yuergens (Bob & Joyce Youngert)

Dec. John Kwapis (Family)

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

9:00am All Fathers, Grandfathers, and Godfathers

Dec. Joseph & Harriet Florek (Sylvia Soldatek)

Dec. James Kwapis (Family)
Dec. Anthony Krull (Family)

11:30am All Fathers, Grandfathers, and Godfathers

Liv. Marlene Fenton (Dorothy Weglarz)

Liv. MaryJune McGowan (McGowan Family)

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SACRAMENTS

Children's Baptism

Do you have a child you would like to be baptized? Please call the Parish Office to discuss options and make arrangements.

Reconciliation

Available Tuesdays at 5:30pm.

Marriage

Congratulations! Please contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to your desired wedding date to begin preparations.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office to schedule regular or one-time visits.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? Contact Laurie Hall to begin the process. Welcome home!





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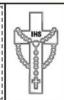


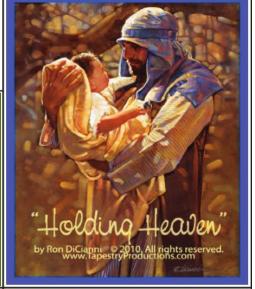
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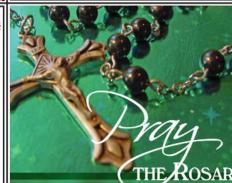
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