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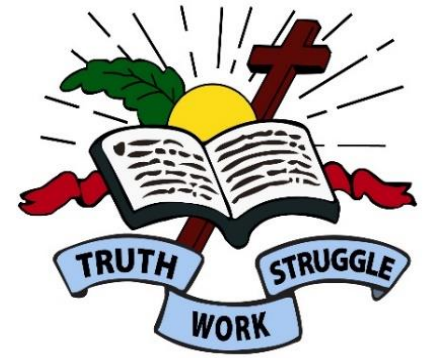
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Solemnity – The Body and Blood of Christ

A Festival Thought

The Body and Blood of Christ is more than just bread and wine. It is the real presence of Christ on the altar and in our hearts. But the Body of Christ is so much more. It is each and every one of us, united as one Body together as the Church of Christ on earth

About Today's Bible Readings

EXODUS 24:3-8

Moses reminds the people of God's commandments and His covenant with them. They promise to obey the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18

R. I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

HEBREWS 9:11-15

Christ offers His own blood as expiation for the sins of mankind, then, now and forever.

MARK 14:12-16, 22-26

At His Last Supper, Jesus establishes the Holy Eucharist, His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins.

ENTRANCE RITE: Titus 3:4-6

V. Lord You nourished Your people with food of angels and furnished them bread from heaven, ready to hand, untoiled for, endowed with all delights and conforming to every taste.

R. For this substance of Yours revealed Your sweetness toward Your children, and serving the desire of him who received it, was blended to whatever flavor each one wished.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ALLELUIA: John 6:56

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks My blood remains in Me and I in him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

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?" He sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water. Follow him. Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. Make the preparations for us there." The disciples then went off, entered the city, and found it just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover. 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 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." Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

SUNDAY – June 6th
Solemnity – The Body and Blood of Christ

“Corpus Christi”

ONE MASS ONLY!

9:00 AM – Holy Mass

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Festival Procession to the four Altars with readings.

SUNDAY – June 13th

11th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – June 20th

12th Sunday - Ordinary Time

Fathers’ Day

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

VOCATIONS MONTH

June is set aside by the Church as Vocations Month. Please pray that the Lord will send more men to serve as priests and deacons in His Holy Polish National Catholic Church. And if you know anyone who may be contemplating following the calling, please encourage and support them.

FATHERS’ DAY HOAGIE SALE

We will be holding a Fathers’ Day hoagie sale to benefit the projects of the Mission Commission. It is cosponsored by the SOCL. Hoagies will be provided by Matt’s Steaks. Order forms are available on the table in the vestibule near the Little White Church. Orders need to be in, with payment, by next Sunday, June 13th with pick up available after each of the Masses on Fathers’ Day, Sunday, June 20th. Please give your orders either to Janet Katinowsky or Fr. Sr. Don. Thank you in advance for your support of this fine cause.

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Damon Grossman, John Zawoski, Bailey Bennet, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, David Wunderlich and Bernice Biroscak. **r Father....**

If there are any other individuals who should be on this list, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, June 7th: The Parking Lot will be patched and seal coated beginning today. This will take place section by section over several days. It is recommended that it not be driven on afterwards for three days. The weather will, of course play a part in the scheduling. Please be aware of this if you need to access the property during this time as sections may be roped off. Thank you for your understanding.

Monday, June 7th: The Fund Raising Committee will meet at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend. Your input and ideas are very much in need.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, June 17th – 19th: The National YMS of R Bishop Belinski Memorial Spiritual Retreat for Men. Held at the Bishop Hodur Retreat Center, Waymart, PA. Please email unitedymsofr@gmail.com for more information. This is open to all men.

Monday, June 28th: The Mission Commission will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 PM. All Parishioners are encouraged to attend. Your input will be very helpful.

If there are any other events not listed here, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

THE KNIGHTS CLOSET

The Reading Area School District has informed us that the Knights Closet Project which provides items of basic necessity to students in need will resume even under the COVID restrictions. The parish has generously participated in this worthwhile cause in past years and I hope that we will find it in our hearts to continue to do so. Please leave your contributions on the table in the Library and we will get them to those in need. A list of needed items can be found on the table in the vestibule near the offering baskets. Please take one as you leave. Thank you and God bless.

MARY’S SHELTER

Our Parish is going to begin to support Mary’s Shelter, an organization that provides housing, pregnancy services and counseling to women and teens. We will be sponsoring a “Christmas in July” to benefit them. All of the donations made to the “Little White Church” during June and July will be donated to Mary’s Shelter. In addition, there will be, in the very near future, a tree similar to our Christmas Season Angel Tree from which you can take a card that will specify a gift needed by those staying at the shelter. If you chose to participate in this, please bring your gifts to Church and leave them in the Library. **Do not wrap the gifts.** Thank you in advance for your generous support.

NOVEMBER FOOD SALE

We will be holding a pierogi only food sale sometime in November. We will need to begin to make them soon. Help will be needed to prepare for this important fund raising event. Please consider volunteering to help. A signup sheet will be posted in the hall and in the vestibule in the very near future.

SEQUENCE – LAUDA SION

Laud, O Zion, your salvation,
Laud with hymns of exultation,
Christ, your king and shepherd true:

Bring Him all the praise you know,
He is more than you bestow,
Never can you reach His due.

Special theme for glad thanksgiving
Is the quick'ning and the living
Bread today before you set:

From His hands of old partaken,
As we know, by faith unshaken,
Where the Twelve at supper met.

Full and clear ring out your chanting,
Joy near sweetest grace be wanting,
From your heart let praises burst:

For today the feast is holden,
When the institution olden
Of that Supper was rehearsed.

Here the new law's new oblation,
By the king's revelation,
Ends the form of ancient rite:

Now the new the old effaces,
Truth away the shadow chases,
Light dispels the gloom of night.

What He did at Supper seated,
Christ ordained to be repeated,
His Memorial ne'er to cease:

And His rule for guidance taking,
Bread and wine we hallow, making
Thus our Sacrifice of Peace.

This the truth each Christian learns,
Bread into His Flesh He turns,
To His precious blood the wine:

Sight has failed, nor thought conceives,
But a dauntless faith believes,
Resting on a power divine.

Here beneath these signs are hidden
Priceless things to sense forbidden;
Signs, not things, are all we see:

Blood is poured and Flesh is broken
Yet in either wondrous token
Christ entire we know to be.

Whoso of this food partakes,
Does not rend the Lord nor breaks;
Christ is whole to all that taste:

Thousands are, as one, receivers,
One, as thousands of believers,
Eats of Him Who cannot waste.

Bad and good the feast are sharing,
Of what divers dooms preparing,
Endless death, or endless life.

Life to these, to those damnation,
See how like participation
Is with unlike issues rife.

When the Sacrament is broken,
Doubt not, but believe 'tis spoken,
That each severed outward token
doth the very whole contain.

Naught the Precious Gift divides,
Breaking but the sign betides
Jesus still the same abides,
still unbroken does remain.

Lo! the angel's food is given
To the pilgrim who has striven;
See the children's bread from heaven,
which on dogs may not be spent.

Truth the ancient types fulfilling,
Isaac bound, a victim willing,
Paschal Lamb, its life blood spilling,
manna to the fathers sent.

Very bread, Good Shepherd, tend us,
Jesu, of Your love befriend us,
You refresh us, You defend us,
Your eternal goodness send us
in the land of life to see.

You Who all things can and know,
Who on earth such food bestows,
Grant us with Your saints, though lowest,
Where the Heavenly Feast You show,
Fellow heirs and guests to be.

Amen. Alleluia.