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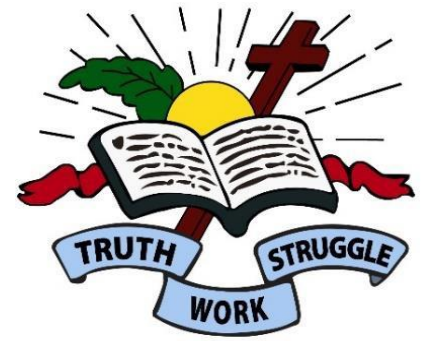
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June 11, 2023

## Solemnity - The Most Holy 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

#### DEUTERONOMY

8:2-3, 14-16

The Lord feeds the Israelites with Mana from Heaven after testing their intentions.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20

**R. Praise the Lord,  
Jerusalem.**

#### 1 CORINTHIANS 10:16-17

Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

#### JOHN 6:51-58

Jesus tells us that he is the living bread come down from Heaven and that we must eat His flesh and drink His blood if we are to have life eternal.

### ENTRANCE RITE: Wisdom 16:20-21

*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 6:57

*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: JOHN 6:51-58

Jesus said to the Jewish crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

**This is the Gospel of the Lord**

# Worship Services

**Today – June 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Solemnity – The Body and Blood of Christ**

**“Corpus Christi”**

**9:00 AM – Holy Mass**  
**ONE MASS ONLY!**

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

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**Sunday – June 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**  
**Father’s Day**

**8:00 AM – HOLY MASS**

**9:30 AM – HOLY MASS**  
*Intentions for the repose of the soul of Beverly Rush Wunderlich offered by Father Senior Donald.*

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**Sunday – June 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM – HOLY MASS**

**9:30 AM – HOLY MASS**  
**Baptism of Jude Adler Yoh during the 9:30 AM Mass**

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## **June is Sacred Vocations Month**

The Polish National Catholic Church sets aside June as Sacred Vocations Month. The Polish National Catholic Church, much like all denominations, suffers from a shortage of priests and deacons to serve the needs of the faithful. Many more are needed. Please remember to pray ever more fervently during this month that the Lord God Almighty will call more men to His service and that they may hear Him and answer His call.

# 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 Debra Caldwell, Dan Shaner, Ken Mawson, Sharon Fitzwater, Jeannine Dresh, Amanda Dresh, Brianne Dresh, Bonnie Sue Pilot, Lorah Zawoski, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Janis Hogg, Elizabeth McAlanis, Skye Sadowski, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinholt, Riley Rejniak, Jane and John Aldershoff, Pat Schiaroli, Diane Fisher, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Jerry Butto, Eileen McCoury, Alexis, Matthew and Kristy Samsel, Janet Kelly, Bishop Bernard Nowicki, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Loretta Mikovsky, Kenneth Cerminara and John Freeman, Sr. **Our Father...**

**If there are any changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!**

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Today, June 11<sup>th</sup>;** There will be a combine meeting of the YMS of R and the Picnic Committee in the Fellowship Hall after the 9:00 Mass.

**Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>;** Monthly Parish Committee Meeting. Father’s Day Raffle. Tickets for the Father’s Day raffle should be turned in by today. If you are financially able please take additional tickets from the box in the vestibule. They are in packs of 10. Please turn them in today or prior to the drawing next Sunday. There is a clipboard with the tickets to sign your name. Thank you for helping to make this fundraiser a success. Good luck!

**Weekends in June, July and August;** Food making in preparation for the Annual Polish Picnic in August. Please see the Monthly Newsletter for dates and signup sheets are in the vestibule. **More help is needed than have signed up so far. Please consider volunteering a day or two of your time to help make the Picnic the huge success that it has been in the past.**

**Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup>;** Ladies’ Night Out! Doc and Bubba’s 6:00 PM. Please join the women of the Book Club and the ANS for dinner and drinks. This is not a sponsored event, we will all be paying our own way. Please see the signup sheet on the table in the vestibule for more information and to sign up. This is open to all women 21 and older you do not need to be a member of the ANS or the Book Club so please join us and invite your friends.

**If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!**

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# KURS ENCAMPMENT

The annual **Kurs Encampment** will be held July 1st through 8th at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center with the theme of Kurs 2.0 Level Up Your Faith. All registrations are done online. Information to register your children and those of your parish are here: <https://www.kurscamp.org/> and the Facebook group is here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/619591371759659>. The cost for PNCC member families is \$350 per child. There is also a scholarship available, the Steven A. Azaravich, MD Memorial Kurs Encampment Scholarship - 2023 to pay for the cost of attendance. Information here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSejA3Fx-ow0M9EBOC-y0imyCchEgp4b8sebkuwKS8IAVw7JoQ/viewform>. We encourage all parish youth ages 8 - 17 to attend this event.

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# NATIONAL UNITED CHOIRS CONVENTION AND WORKSHOP

The National United Choirs will be holding their 36<sup>th</sup> General Convention and Music Workshop at Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish, Dupont, PA from August 9<sup>th</sup> through August 11<sup>th</sup>. Information and registration forms can be found on the table in the vestibule,

## 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.