



June 2, 2024

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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

Today – June 2nd 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.

Sunday – June 9th Solemnity

The Word of God

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Intentions for the repose of the soul
of Kenneth Borah, Sr. offered by
Kenneth Borah and family.

Sunday – June 16th

11th Sunday - Ordinary Time

“Fathers’ Day”

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

CLERGY PENSION FUND HONOR OUR FATHERS

Once again this year we suggest
that you honor father, grandfather,
priest or other individual that has
impacted your life with a donation
to the PNCC Clergy Pension
Fund. Your name and the name of
the individual honored will be
published in the June issue of
Rola Boża. Please see the sheets
on the table in the vestibule for
details. Yesterday was the
deadline but I am sure that if you
call the Prime Bishop’s office and
tell them that you are mailing it,
they will make an exception.

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.

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, Nicole Dapp, Sharon Fitzwater, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroszak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Elizabeth McAlanis, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Alexis, Matthew and Kristy Samsel, Janet Kelly, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Bob Price, Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Eric Meck, Darryl Weinhold, Scott Kallish, Damon Grossman, Joseph Grossman, Jr., Corby Beck, Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, John Bennett, Alicia Bennett, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Larry Bagenstose, Peggy Smith and family, Chi Koch, Vicki Shoemaker, William Kutenits, Todd Shaffer, Cristin Burke, Kelly Wylezik Shawn Siedel, Father Carmen Bolock, Christine Mulutzie, James Horning, Frederick Smith, David Metzger and Amber Irving. **Our Father....**

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, June 2nd; The ANS will meet in the library after the 9:00 AM Mass.

Sunday, June 9th; Picnic Committee Meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM. All are invited to attend to help plan for the picnic.

Sunday, June 16th; Regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

Sunday, July 7th; Deadline for donations to the Ukrainian Relief Fund. Please see the Monthly Newsletter for further details.

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

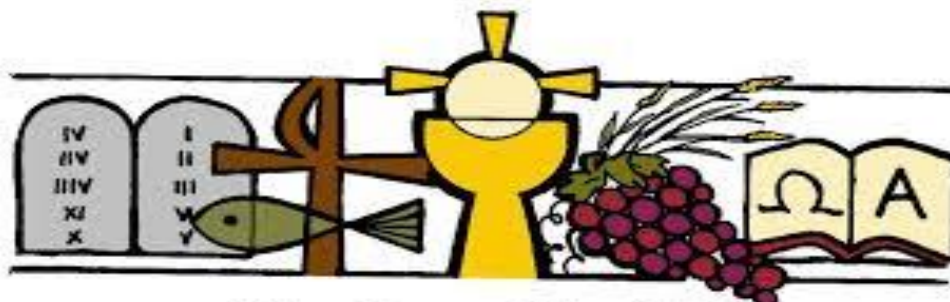
UPCOMING SUMMER PNCC EVENTS

Men’s Spiritual Retreat, held at Spojnia Retreat Center, June 12 -15, 2024. The Theme is “Iron Sharpens Iron” Open to all men.

Kurs Youth Encampment, held at Spojnia Retreat Center, July 4 – 13, 2024. Open to all Youth 8 – 17 years of age. The Opening Day Ceremonies will include Holy Mass celebrated by Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky. Mass has been celebrated at the Retreat Center every year for the past ninety four years. This will be the ninety fifth anniversary of this celebration. Refreshments will be served following Mass and everyone is invited to attend and to view the recent renovations that have been made to the Retreat Center especially the Dining Hall.

Youth Convocation (CONVO), held at Mercyhurst University, Erie, PA, July 22 -26, 2024. Open to youth and young adults 13 – 27 years of age.

Substantial subsidies are available to PNCC members for all of these events through the Enlivenment Program. Please contact Fr. Sr. Donald for more information.



Corpus Christi

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.