The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Manna in the desert, water from a rock, bread, wine. God provides food to nourish our bodies and our souls, to bring us into union with the Divine. This is what we celebrate on this Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. The Israelites who journeyed through the desert for forty years knew physical hunger, but they were also hungry for more—they needed to know that God was with them as they made their way through the dangerous desert. We too experience hunger. We need to be assured that the Lord is with us as we navigate the circumstances of our lives, some of which feel dangerous, if not to our bodies, certainly to our spirit. Our participation in the Eucharist provides this assurance and more: fed with Christ’s Body and Blood, we are drawn into communion with Christ and one another.

FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

The Israelites who journeyed through the desert were fleeing slavery and certain death. But along the way, they encountered serpents and scorpions and experienced great hunger and thirst. God fed them with manna and quenched their thirst with water drawn from a rock. In these miraculous encounters, the people came to believe that God was truly with them on their journey, and with this assurance, grew to rely on and put their trust in God. Jesus began his ministry with a pilgrimage to the desert, where he prayed and placed his trust in his heavenly Father. Strengthened at God’s hand, Jesus stayed true to his mission even in the face of cruel death, giving himself, his very life and substance to us in bread and wine at the Last Supper and for his disciples for ages unending.
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Jesus said:
“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever.”

John 6:51

June 14, 2020
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The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi)

SUNDAY JUNE 14th
10:00AM Alannah & Luke (God’s Blessings) req. Babci & Family

MONDAY – JUNE 15th
8AM(E) Helen Biondo req. Tish & Family

TUESDAY – JUNE 16th
8AM(E) John & Laura Parczewski req. Monica & Family

WEDNESDAY – JUNE 17th
8AM(E) Alan Frankowski req. Mom

THURSDAY – JUNE 18th
8AM(E) Jane Plocharski req. Emily Luczkowski

FRIDAY — JUNE 19th The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
8AM(E) John Barron req. Sophie Cendowski

SATURDAY— JUNE 20th The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; World Refugee Day
8AM(P) Leokadia Lulewicz req. Children & grandchildren
5PM(E) Bob Krystofolski req. Mary Krystofolski

SUNDAY — JUNE 21st
10AM(E) John Jastrzemski req. daughter, Elaine
11:30AM(P) Za Rodzicow req. Family

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
June 14, 2020
Not by bread alone does one live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the LORD.
— Deuteronomy 8:3b

Please pray for our recently deceased Richard A. Kasprzak. May God grant him eternal peace in His Presence.

The Second Collection today is for Parish Repairs 6/14.
Next week’s is for Peter’s Pence 6/21.

MASS BOOK WILL OPEN ON Tuesday, June 16th.
Please email, mail, or call your requests in at this time. Three Masses per person. We will try to accommodate everyone with their requested dates. Thank you.

BANNERS DONATED
Our Banners for Ordinary Time in Church & Chapel were donated by John & Kash Augustine, Regina Filipczak & Polish Parishioners. If you are interested in donating a banner, please call the rectory office. Thank you.
Letter from Fr. Konstanty

Slowly, our parish of St. John Cantius is returning to normal. We have new changes to our procedures that have been instituted by the Archdiocese, and I ask you to please continue obeying everything that has been recommended for the safety our ourselves and those around us.

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. On this day, in a special way, the Church pays homage to our Lord Jesus Christ, who made Himself present for us in the Blessed Sacrament. In a solemn procession, which will begin at 11:00, we will process to four altars around the Church while reading from the Gospel and singing hymns. We thank God for his presence "among His creations."

Thank you all, to both the American and Polish groups, for participating in this parish procession and tradition. There will be less of us due to ongoing viral pandemic and some confusion as to the new rules we need to follow. However, the important thing is that we continue to worship God in our everyday lives as best as we can.

Next weekend is the third Sunday of June, and, as every year, we remember our fathers in our prayers as we celebrate "Father's Day." I extend my warmest wishes and God's blessings to all the Fathers of our parish.

For each of us, this past week has been filled with various life situations, more or less joyful and maybe sad, which we entrust to God. I thank you again for your moments of prayer and for your participation in the funeral of our late pastor, Fr. Joseph Zingaro. Taking small steady steps, we are all beginning to live in a new normal, and are getting used to our future revolving around the pandemic. Still, the sun and warmth are also being felt by us, and our thoughts turn to summer. The school year is coming to an end if it hasn't already ended, and many young people have the prospect of choosing new schools and futures. Lord, help guide our young people along paths that will lead to good choices and foundations in the future.

We will continue to broadcast our Sunday Masses at 10:00am in English and at 11:30am in Polish on Facebook. We invite those who are at home home to join and pray with us.

God bless everyone who celebrates their birthdays, anniversaries, and jubilees this week. Let us also pray to God for peace in our homeland and for people to respect themselves and their environments.
REV. JOSEPH J. ZINGARO

67, Pastor of St. John Cantius Parish, Philadelphia went to be with the Lord on May 20, 2020 which was the 42nd anniversary of his of ordination to the priesthood. Former Parochial Vicar at St. Edmond Parish, Assumption BVM Parish, St. Adalbert Parish, and former Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish and Holy Name of Jesus Parish. Fr. Joe attended St. Josaphat School in Manayunk and was a graduate of Roman Catholic HS. He is truly loved and missed by the many beloved friends and devoted parishioners he has served.
List od Ks. Konstantego


W dzisiejszą niedzielę w Kościele obchodzimy Uroczystość Najświętszego Ciała i Krwi Pańskiej. W tym dniu, w szczególny sposób, Kościół oddaje hołd Panu Jezusowi, który pozostawił siebie dla nas w Najświętszym Sakramencie. W uroczystej procesji, która rozpocznimy o 11:00, i czytaniu Ewangelii przy czterech ołtarzach, wraz z całą oprawą modlitewną, zechciejmy podziękować Bogu za jego obecność "wśród swego stworzenia".

Dziękuję wam wszystkim, grupie angielskiej i polskiej, za udział w naszej parafialnej procesji. Może w tym roku, trochę w okrojonej liczbie, co spowodowało zamieszanie w związku z pandemią wirusową i przepisami jakie musimy przestrzegać. Ważne jest to: Jak można tak starajmy się oddawać cześć, nasza codzienność Panu Bogu..

Następna to trzecia niedziela czerwca i jak co roku, w naszych modlitwach pamiętajmy o naszych Ojcach, gdyż w tym dniu świętujemy „Dzień Ojca”. Wszystkim Ojcom naszej parafii składam jak najserdeczniejsze życzenia i błogosławieństwa Bożego Wam.

Dla każdego z nas, ten przeszły tydzień był wypełniony przeróżnymi sytuacjami życiowymi, mniej czy bardziej radosnymi a może i smutnymi, co powierzamy Panu Bogu. Dziękując za chwile modlitwy i nasz udział w pogrzebie naszego nieodzwałowanego ks. Proboszcza Józefa Zingaro. Małymi kroczkami dokonuje się nasz powrót do rzeczywistości, zaczynamy przyzwyczajać się do tematu o pandemii wirusowej. Słońce i ciepło dają znać o sobie, nasze myśli biegną już do wakacji. Rok szkolny zbliża się do końca i przed wieloma młodymi staje perspektywa wyboru nowych szkół- dokonajcie droga młodoży-dobrego wyboru.

W dzisiejszą niedzielę będzie też transmisja Mszy św. o 10:00 po angielski i o 11:30 po polsku. Zapraszamy, tych którzy jeszcze pozostają w domach do wspólnej modlitwy.

Wszystkim obchodzących swoje życiowe jubileusze w tym tygodniu niech Bóg błogosławi. Pomódlmy się też do Boga, aby w Naszej Ojczyźnie zapanował pokój i by ludzie szanowali siebie i swoje środowiska.
READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-7; Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6ab, 11, 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 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15
Friday: Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 10; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30
Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34; Lk 2:41-51
Sunday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

SAINT ROMUALD (c. 951-1027)
June 19
“God so loved the world,” declares John 3:16. “Do not love the world,” warns 1 John 2:15. The “world” to love: this planet, entrusted to our stewardship, and its people, God’s children all. The “world” to flee: “sensual lust, enticement for the eyes, and a pretentious life” (1 John 2:16). Born in nobility, Romuald’s conversion followed the shock of witnessing his father murder an enemy. Renouncing his privileged world, Romuald sought God’s world in monastic life. Its winding turns and several dead ends make Romuald’s journey resonate with all who find life more maze than superhighway. Both the hermit’s solitary struggle and community life’s unique challenges shaped Romuald’s legacy: his vast Camaldolese Benedictine family of monks, nuns, and lay associates who, these thousand years later, from the mountain solitude of Camaldoli, Italy to an urban monastery in Berkeley, California—in Asia, Africa, South America, Europe—integrate Romuald’s experience into their witness of solitary prayer, communal charity and worship, and promotion of contemplative spirituality in this world that can so easily distract us from the God who loves it still.
—Peter Seagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

FOOD FROM HEAVEN
God sustained the people of Israel for forty years in the desert with manna sent down from heaven, and Moses doesn’t want them to forget it. God brought forth water from stone for them to drink, and Moses doesn’t want them to forget this, either. And Moses tells them—twice—that the food that God sent was a food that neither they nor their ancestors before them had ever experienced before.
Jesus too speaks of food come down from heaven, food that the Jewish people had never experienced before. Recalling the manna in the desert, Jesus doesn’t want them to forget it either, explaining that he is the food and drink of eternal life. And Paul reiterates to the Corinthians and to all of us that in the bread and in the cup, we share in the body and blood of Christ.

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Never forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of slavery (Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a).
Psalm — Praise the Lord, Jerusalem (Psalm 147).
Second Reading — Because the loaf of bread is one, we who partake of it, though we are many, are one body (1 Corinthians 10:16-17).
Gospel — Jesus said, “I am the living bread; whoever eats this bread will live forever” (John 6:51-58).


TRANSFORMATION
The effect of our sharing in the Body and Blood of Christ is to change us into what we receive.
—Pope St. Leo the Great

SHOELESS
I wept because I had no shoes, until I saw someone who had no feet.
—Ancient Persian saying

PRAYING
One prays best who does not know that one is praying.
—St. Anthony of Padua
### Collection Count for May. 31, 2020

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| Ascension | 46  | $187 | $230 | $417 |
| Parish Repairs | 36  | $146 | $202 | $348 |
| A/C | 27  | $153 | $25 | $178 |
| Cem. Maint | 2   | $20  | $30 | $50 |
| Rel Ed | 5   | $50  | $40 | $90 |

**Grand Total** | $785 | $2,628 | $3,413 |

**Total Deposit** | $3,413

### Collection Count for May. 17, 2020

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| Catholic Home | 35  | $196 | $86 | $282 |
| Rel. Ed | 40  | $213 | $63 | $276 |
| Easter | 3   | $20  | $50 | $70 |
| E. Flowers | 4   | $23  | $ | $23 |
| Parish Special | 23  | $111 | $65 | $176 |
| Cem Maint | 20  | $160 | $53 | $213 |

**Grand Total** | $1,97 | $2,763 | $4,733 |

**Total Deposit** | $4,733

### LOTTERY TICKETS

**Lottery tickets will be sold in the back of the Chapel or Church.**

Calendars are now available for distribution. The cost of each calendar for the month is $5.00. The winning number is based on the **evening drawing** of the Pennsylvania Lottery. Daily prizes of $50.00 a day and Sundays are $100.00. Plus each month a bonus day! Sellers are needed. Tickets will be sold before and after each Mass. This will be an on going fundraiser. We ask for you help and support to make this an ongoing success. Thank you for your support of our Parish.

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