

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
JUNE 18, 2017



Dear friends in Christ,

This Sunday we celebrate a second Solemnity during this period of Ordinary Time in the Liturgical Calendar. Today is the Solemnity of

“**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.**” The Feast owes its existence to Blessed Juliana, an Augustinian Nun, in Liege, France, who had a great veneration for the Blessed Sacrament around 1230 and longed for a special feast in its honor. Largely through her insistence, in 1264 Pope Urban IV commanded its observance by the Universal Church, on Thursday after Trinity Sunday; however, where it is not a day of obligation it is usually celebrated on the Sunday following Trinity Sunday.

In a way, we have already celebrated this feast. We did so on Holy Thursday in Holy Week. On that occasion, the emphasis was on the institution, the gift of the Eucharist to us as one of Jesus’ last acts before his suffering and death. It was, moreover, to be an enduring memorial of that great liberating act by which God’s love would be forever kept before our minds. One reason why we may have this second feast of the Eucharist is that it takes place during the more joyful period of the Ordinary season when we can celebrate it with greater freedom from the constraints of Lent and Holy Week.

Today’s Solemnity highlights the Eucharistic Presence, in his Body and Blood, of God the Son. Each of today’s Scripture Readings illuminates some aspect of today’s feast.

St. Paul’s 1st Letter to the Corinthians is a powerful witness of the Eucharistic faith of the Christian community. St. Paul provides us with the earliest detailed account of the Lord’s Supper and the Institution of the Eucharist. He says, the Eucharist builds the Church, whose head is Jesus Christ. Participation in the body and blood of Christ is the source of the life and unity of the Church as one body. Through eating the bread and drinking the cup Christians are united to Christ in an intimate fellowship, because the Eucharist is his body and blood. From this Eucharistic fellowship with Christ follows the real union of all the faithful with one another in one body. The Eucharist strengthens the members and is an effective sign of their unity.

The Gospel from St. John contains the climax of the “**Bread of Life**” Discourse. It presents a dense public declaration of Jesus to be the “bread of life” and announces a bold promise of eternal life.

The Holy Eucharist is at the center of our Christian belief & life. We also are called the Eucharistic community. So, how do we actually look at the Holy Eucharist in the Church? What meaning & significance has it for you today?

St. Ephrem
Feast Day: June 9

Ephrem was a poet, teacher, preacher, and defender of the faith. He is the only Syrian recognized as a doctor of the Church. He opposed many false doctrines that were preached in his time.

Ephrem was born in Nisibis, Mesopotamia, was baptized as a young man and became famous as a teacher in his home town. When the Persians took over his land and began to persecute Christians, Ephrem, along with many others, fled to Edessa.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2017

5:30 P.M. Fathers of the Parish

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2017

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
 Fathers of the Parish

10:00 A.M. Fathers of the Parish

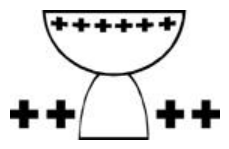
12:00 P.M. Fathers of the Parish

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2017

8:00 A.M. Gertrudis Tindoc
 Raymond Maroon

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2017

8:00 A.M. Eleanor Leppin
 Gertrudis Tindoc
 Francisco Tindoc



THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2017

8:00 A.M. Carmela Canali

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2017

8:00 A.M. Fannie Canali

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2017

5:30 P.M. Jean & Bob Richter
 Renick Family
 Wiz Milligan
 Robert Domenici

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2017

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
 Gertrudis Tindoc
 Cecelia Sagan

10:00 A.M. Dorothy & Frank Orofino
 Shirley & Roy Parian

Marianne Steiner

12:00 P.M. Adam Vieira
 John Magee, Sr.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- SICK:** Mary Carton Jacob Hicks Ron Moebius
 Nina Margossian Veny Hongo Virginia Taylor
 Gary Ragusa Reva Zanetti John Carolan
 Tom Guzowski Rosemary Pannone
 Baby Michael Soojian Jan Hongo Susan Nichols-Boggio
 Baby Ryder Sasso Carmela Fusco Frank Morici
 Frances De Maria Dorothea King Jerome Foray
 Gabe Bellantoni Millie Farina Eileen McPartland
 Rosemary Liebman Cenelia Soto Ann Langley
 Stacey Caropreso Sharon Acquaire Noah Lorencovitz
 Sister Marie Louise Silverio Conte Barbara Kincaid

DECEASED: John Joseph Pagana

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday – \$5,634.50
 Thank you for your continued support.

CHURCH MEMORIALS

Church Altar Candle in memory of Mary & Joseph Purcella requested by Family.



While he was there, he taught at the biblical school, and attracted many followers. He was ordained a deacon but, like our own patron St. Francis, did not feel worth to become a priest. His writings demonstrate how holy he was. He was not great scholar, but he had very clear insight into the Scriptures. He focused on how Jesus understands our humanity, and also on the humanity of Jesus. It has been said that his beautiful descriptions of the Last Judgment inspired the famous writer Dante.

Ephrem wrote hymns against the heretics of his day, which was a new idea. He would take the popular songs of the heretical groups and using their melodies and compose beautiful hymns with words taken from church doctrine. Ephrem became one of the first to introduce song into the Church's public worship as a means of teaching the faith. His many hymns have earned him the nickname "Harp of the Holy Spirit." An ancient historian testifies that Ephrem's hymns uplifted the community. Maybe you are one of many Catholics who do not sing in church because you think you are not a great singer. Ephrem knew that it was not important how well one sings: the important thing is to participate fully and joyfully in the Mass as a member of our faith community.

St. Ephrem led a simple, austere life. He lived in a small cave overlooking the city of Edessa. It was here that he died around 373. He is the patron saint of spiritual directors and spiritual leaders.

KIDNEY NEEDED

There is a parishioner in our parish who needs, most of all, your prayers, but who is in need of a kidney. Sometimes just knowing of a need or talking about it, brings amazing results. So, in your conversations, you may want to bring this topic up because you never know whose ears that this story falls upon, might be the lifesaving ones. But, above all, prayers are priceless. Thank you and God bless you.

WANAQUE FIRST AID SQUAD

5 Melrose Ave., Wanaque, NJ 07465

Check us out on Facebook: Wanaque FAS

"The Wanaque First Aid Squad wants to help you enjoy the summer with some extra found money! Tickets will be on sale for our 1st Calendar Raffle that will run throughout the summer and until September 28th. Each ticket has the potential to win over and over again, all for the single donation of \$10.00. Thanks to Saint Francis for running a sale of tickets in the winter months, the Squad is hoping you would join us for the fun and sun of our summer month ticket sale. Anyone wishing to enter 92 chances to win cash prizes can contact Patty Norton, pattyn60@optonline.net or Karen Cisco, CiscoNJ@gmail.com, and we can make arrangements to get one or more tickets to you! Tickets make a fun and exciting gift to give at a summer barbeque or pool party!"

Calendar raffle tickets are also available at the rectory for your convenience.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE JUST MARRIED AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

Michael Mauro

&

Nancy Jacobsen (Kupersmith)

Saturday, June 17, 2017 at 2:00 PM



GET READY – GET SET - CARNIVAL!!!

Our annual parish carnival will be held July 18th – 23rd. We need parishioner support to make this fundraiser another success. That begins with willing volunteers who wish to do their part. Volunteer signup sheets are in the Narthex and at the church side door near the rectory. Please take one and fill it out with the days you will make yourself available for your parish. When complete, you can either place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory. Thank You!!

Every year we reach out to the generosity of our parishioners to help with the cost of supplies needed for the carnival. This year we are in need of **only the following items**:

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| Bottled Water | Iced tea mix |
| Paper Towels | Lemonade mix |
| Powdered Sugar | Dish towels |
| Coffee (regular & decaf) | Chore boy scour pads |

We thank everyone who is able to help with supplies. They may be dropped off at the rectory Monday – Friday 9am-4pm.

Carnival Pre-sale ride tickets are available at the rectory. A sheet of 15 tickets cost \$10. Wristband (pay one price bands) will be available on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday. (Weather permitting) They are available in a booth on the grounds on those nights.

Catholic Homeschool Conference – July 28 & 29, 2017

The IHM New York Homeschool Conference will be held at Ramapo College – Student Center, 505 Ramapo Valley Road, in Mahwah, New Jersey, on Friday, July 28th (12:00pm – 6:00pm) and on Saturday, July 29th (9:30am – 3:30pm). This is the perfect event for those who are curious and want to discover more about Catholic homeschooling.

Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. For more information, please visit www.ihmconference.org or email: info@ihmconference.org.

**The Ringwood and Wanaque Health
Departments and Chilton Medical Center invite
you to join the:**

WELLNESS CHALLENGE

The Challenge will begin on June 28th

Join the **Fun** and **Free** Summer Wellness Challenge. There will be walks, yoga classes, and a meditation class at the Ringwood Botanical Garden. Also included will be nutrition programs and demonstrations, health education and more. Participants will earn points for each activity they attend for a chance to win prizes. Participants will earn points for shopping at our local farmer's markets too!

For more information or to register, please contact Jessica Kelly, Health Educator at Jessica.kelly@atlantichhealth.org or 973-831-5455.

Are you up for a family friendly challenge?

Activities will be in the evenings, mornings and during the day!

DIOCESE OF PATERSON – MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

OCTOBER 21, 2017

The Diocese of Paterson will be hosting the 2017 Pilgrimage this October. The trip that takes place on October 21, 2017 will provide the faithful the opportunity to join parishioners through the diocese in a prayer filled day that includes Mass, Confession, Rosary, Divine Mercy, and Catechetical presentations. Contact the rectory if you wish to sign up.

ANNIVERSARY MASS

All couples in our parish who are celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 50th or any year beyond their 50th anniversary this year, are invited to renew their Marriage Vows at the 10 AM Mass on Sunday, June 25, 2017.

If you plan to celebrate with us, please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or at the rectory. We ask those celebrating their anniversary to invite your family and friends to the Mass and reception afterwards.

Reservation deadline is June 19th.

<p>WEDDING ANNIVERSARY RESERVATION</p> <p>Names: _____</p> <p>Telephone No.: _____</p> <p>Anniversary year: 25th – 30th – 35th – 40th – 45th – 50th – beyond 50th</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Please circle year)</p> <p>Approximate number of family/friends attending _____ (not including anniversary couple)</p>

**PRAYER FOR THE REDEDICATION FOR THE
CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

To you, O Good and Gracious God, who built your holy Church upon the apostles with Jesus Christ its cornerstone, we come with thanksgiving for allowing us to rebuild our Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist.

Listen graciously to our prayers that we have made beautiful on earth may truly be your dwelling place where the faith is proclaimed, the sacraments celebrated and charity increased.

As we rededicate our mother church, help us to grow into the temple of your glory, so that, constantly renewed by your grace, we may be gathered by your hand into the heavenly city, the New Jerusalem.

Through Christ our Lord.

AMEN

This prayer can be said privately or in a group prayer gathering.



**LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE
SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2017**

Maria Invernón & Jolene Colsant

LECTORS

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2017

5:30 P.M. Ted Luciani

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2017

7:30 A.M. Erika Reid

10:00 A.M. Chris Marren

12 NOON Linda O'Connell

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2017

5:30 P.M. Karen Cisco & Lynn Magnini

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2017

7:30 A.M. Sue Raoul & Hatima Omolon

10:00 A.M. Melissa Rivera & Diane Drew

12 NOON John Arendas & Tony Mazza

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2017

5:30 P.M. Scott & Steven Bracken

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2017

7:30 A.M. Elizabeth Reid

10.00 A.M. Kelly Frisina & Jonathan Hogue

12 NOON Aaron Manalili & Divine Crilly

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Gospel Today

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ | John 6:51-58

Jesus knows having bread to eat is important to us. Jesus also knows having HIM in our lives is also important, so He gave us the Eucharist, to nourish our souls. It is not just a symbol to us. We truly believe this bread and wine are changed to His Body & Blood at mass. With this bread, comes eternal life.

Cycle A

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Some letters of the alphabet are missing from the circle. Write them in the space below.



g n
z y i q
o f s t k
x p j m l
u w h
v c

Arrange the letters into a word found in today's gospel.

Fill in the blank spaces below...

Jesus says,

"I am the living _____ that
came down from heaven; whoever eats this
_____ will live forever."

John 6:51