

# THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

## 3 JUNE 2018

**Readings for Sunday, June 3:** Exodus 24:3-8; Hebrews 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16, 22-26.

Moses ratifies the covenant by offering a thanksgiving sacrifice and by sprinkling blood over the people. The new covenant, the law's oblation, is ratified in the blood of Christ, the unblemished offering poured out for us.

**Readings for Sunday, June 10:** Genesis 3:9-15; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35.

**St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Special Day of Prayer is Monday.**  
**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament: Monday after 9:00 A.M. Mass to 4:00 PM in the Chapel.**

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<u>Date</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
4 June      MON.    9:00 AM	Francis Bruno	Wife, Mary Lou
6 June      WED.    9:00 AM	Sandra Smith	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
7 June      THU.    9:00 AM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
8 June      FRI.    9:00 AM	Nancy Barbalace	Husband, Tony
9 June      SAT.    4:00 PM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
10 June     SUN.    9:00 AM	Neil Hipszer	Barbara & Michael



**ETERNAL REST** grant unto them, O Lord. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.  
**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING** of the parish especially those in homes and hospitals.  
**REMEMBER OUR TROOPS:** Pray that God will bless and protect our young men and women in the military.



We welcome PETER & LAURI MONFORT and DAN STAUFFER who recently joined St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** on Monday, June 4 at 7:15 PM in the Rectory.

**WOMEN'S SOCIETY COVERED DISH SOCIAL** on Thursday, June 7 at 6:00 PM in the social hall. Please bring a \$5 Gift Card of your choice (wrapped) to the Social.

**SENIOR CITIZENS** Anniversary Mass on Tuesday, June 12 at 11:00 AM, followed by a Luncheon in the social hall.

**NO SECOND SUNDAY HOSPITALITY** in June, July or August. Second Sunday Hospitality will resume on September 9.

<b><u>MINISTRY SCHEDULE - June 9/10:</u></b>
<b><u>4:00 PM Mass</u></b>
Lector - John Nester
Extraordinary Ministers - Vincent Tamaro, Mara Tamaro, Nikki Gambino, Terry Donnelly
Altar Server - Maeve Donnelly
Greeters - Patty Wade and Monica Bauer
<b><u>9:00 AM Mass</u></b>
Lector - Rocco D'Emilio
Extraordinary Ministers - Rita Nore, Rita Templin, Chris Gerasimowicz
Altar Server - Domenic Gerasimowicz
Greeters - Jack and Lori Carr

## REFLECTIONS FROM THE DESK OF FR. GREGORY J. HICKEY

Once upon a time there was a king who ruled a small kingdom. It wasn't great, and it wasn't really known for any of its resources or people. The king did have a diamond, a great perfect diamond that had been in his family for generations. He kept it on display for all to see and appreciate. People came from all over the country to admire it and gaze on it.

Word of it spread to neighboring countries, and more people came to look at it. Soon the people felt that the diamond was theirs; somehow it gave them a sense of pride, of dignity, of worth. Then one day a soldier came to the king with the news that, although no one had touched the diamond, for it was guarded night and day, the diamond was cracked.

The king ran to see, and sure enough there was a crack through the middle of the diamond. Immediately he summoned all the jewelers of the land and had them look at the diamond. One after another they examined the diamond and gave the bad news to the king: the diamond was useless; it was irredeemably flawed. The king was crushed, and so were the people. Somehow they felt they had lost everything.

Then out of nowhere came an old man who claimed to be a jeweler. He asked to see the diamond. After examining it, he looked up and confidently told the king, "I can fix it. In fact, I can make it better than it was before." The king was shocked and a bit leery. The old man said, "Give me the diamond, and in a week I'll bring it back fixed."

Now the king was not about to let the stone out of his sight, even if it were ruined, so he gave the old man a room, all the tools and food and drink he needed, and he waited. It was a long week.

At the end of the week the old man appeared with the stone in his hand and gave it to the king. The king could not believe his eyes. It was magnificent. The old man had fixed it, and he had made it even better than it was before. He had used the crack that ran through the middle of the stone as a stem and carved an intricate, full-blown rose, leaves, and thorns into the diamond. It was exquisite.

The king was overjoyed and offered the old man half of his kingdom. He had taken something beautiful and perfect and improved upon it! The old man refused in front of everyone saying, "I didn't do that at all. What I did was to take something flawed and cracked at its heart and turn it into something beautiful." It was obvious that the gentleman was an artist and thought outside the box. To the naked eye it would appear that it was fixed but an artist or jeweler would know that the carving of the rose only covered it and made it appear to be fixed.

That's what Our Lord does to each of us. He takes something flawed because of Original Sin and he improves upon it using His grace to make us the best we can be. It reminds me of the diamond or a prism. When you look at the center, you see clearness. The beauty of the prism or diamond in the light is a refraction of light which gives us the beauty of color. When Jesus looks at our heart, he sees clearness and the beauty of our souls. He's not waiting for us to become more perfect. He loves us just the way we are.

The day we were born gave great joy to our parents as they welcomed us into the world. The day we were baptized gave God great joy as He welcomed us as children of God. Each of us were made in the image and likeness of God and through our Baptismal call we are invited to keep that diamond pure and sinless until we are called to share that heavenly banquet in the Kingdom of God. May each of us always remember that our diamond may like the king's become cracked and flawed as we go through life, but God's grace stands ready to restore our diamond to a full luster through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Happy Feast of Corpus Christ (The Body and Blood of Christ) which we are celebrating this weekend.

Have a wonderful week!

Fr. Gregory J. Hickey

**TESTIMONY REQUESTED!** The Historical Commission for the sainthood cause of Fr. Bill Atkinson, OSA (1946-2006), seeks information on him from the general public. We are asking anyone who knew Fr. Atkinson to contact us and relate what you know about him. No story or encounter is too small. Whether you met him at Msgr. Bonner High School or at Archbishop Prendergast High School, or at any of the parishes where he celebrated Mass or the Sacraments, we wish to have your written recollections. In particular, we are interested in obtaining any personal letters or documents, mementos and unpublished source materials that may be used to foster a greater understanding of Fr. Atkinson's life. Photographs or videos of Fr. Atkinson would also be useful. Please give your contact information to us, the Historical Commission for the Cause of Fr. Bill Atkinson, OSA, by email at [Atkinson.cause@gmail.com](mailto:Atkinson.cause@gmail.com) or by phone message at 610-519-6937.

## Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR MAY 27, 2018. ....	\$3,068
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$2,978
Parish Giving -	\$90
WEEKLY DEFICIT. ....	(\$1,932)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$240,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$214,518
Average per week Collection.....	\$4,469
Year to Date Deficit. ....	(\$25,482)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$531)
<i>MAY 28, 2017</i>	
Deposit. ....	\$4,157
2016-2017 Deficit to Date. ....	(\$28,192)
Difference from previous year.....	\$2,710

### **MASS ATTENDANCE for May 26/27:**

7:30 PM Mass - 151  
 9:00 AM Mass - 141  
 Total Attendance - 292  
 Mass Attendance for May 27/28, 2017 - 304

**“CONSIDER REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL”.** For further information, please call the parish office.

### **WINNER OF THE MONTHLY 50/50 GOLD ENVELOPE**

**DRAWING to support Religious Education:**  
 MAY DRAWING - Philomena Bracaglia - \$277.00.

### **“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”**

**MISHOCK PHYSICAL THERAPY & ASSOCIATES**  
 610-327-2600

### **ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH**

**MEMORIAL FUND DONATION** received in memory of:  
MARY JEAN SALZER from Philomena Bracaglia.

**We are collecting cards for Sister Carolyn as she will celebrate her 70<sup>th</sup> Jubilee on June 30.** You can place cards for her in the collection baskets or drop them off at the parish office. **THANK YOU!**



**Raffle Drawing**

**PARISH LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET** based on the PA Pick 3 Evening Number. Winning ticket number must be the exact number drawn for the PA Pick 3 Evening Number. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are sold on a monthly basis. The prize for the winning ticket is \$50.00 on weekdays and \$100.00 on Sundays and one specially-designated weekday. Tickets are available after the Masses on weekends and at the parish office on weekdays. **This is our major fund raiser for the parish. We encourage each family to purchase at least one ticket each month. Your support is greatly appreciated.**

### **LOTTERY CALENDAR RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS**

May 21 - #178 - unsold  
 May 22 - #858 - unsold  
 May 23 - #695 - Matt Cappelletti - \$50.00  
 May 24 - #876 - unsold  
 May 25 - #509 - Joe Harbach - \$50.00  
 May 26 - #047 - unsold  
 May 27 - #807 - unsold



### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**CLOTHING DRIVE** on Saturday, June 9 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Look for the GreenDrop truck in the church parking lot where an attendant will be available to assist you with your donations. Please place your donations of usable men’s,

women’s, and children’s clothing in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CDs & videos are also accepted. Unfortunately, furniture, large appliances, TVs or computer monitors cannot be accepted. For a full list of acceptable items visit [www.gogreendrop.com](http://www.gogreendrop.com).

### **MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTIONS**

- Cost for a one year subscription is \$34.95. Subscription begins with the September 2018 issue. Anyone interested in subscribing or renewing their subscription, please call the parish office. Deadline for subscriptions is June 22. Payment is due when you place your subscription.

### **THE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP**

leads the recitation of the Rosary every Sunday before the 9:00 AM Mass. They also pray the Rosary before the 9:00 AM weekday Masses. All are welcome to join in these special Marian devotions.

**ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH SCHOOL:** For prospective parents looking to enroll their child(ren) in a high-quality Pre-K program or Grades K through 8 for the 2018-2019 school year, we invite you to see the value of a Catholic education by touring St. Aloysius Parish School. Contact Cathy Remick (610-326-6167, ext. 427) to schedule a tour today.

**QUO VADIS DAYS** - June 25-28: This 4-day, 3 night camp held at Black Rock Retreat Center, Quarryville, is an annual favorite for high school men (incoming freshmen to graduated seniors). The camp includes dynamic talks, small group discussions, meaningful prayer experiences, and a fun environment including a ropes course, swimming pool, lake, basketball, soccer, frisbee, and more. A sliding scale registration fee of \$25-\$300 includes lodging, meals, t-shirt, and activities. Visit [www.HeedTheCall.org/event/quovadis](http://www.HeedTheCall.org/event/quovadis) for more information. Registration deadline is June 4.

**BROTHERS OF BORROMEIO VOCATION CAMP (B.B.V.C.)** - July 13: Boys in Grades 6 to 7 (rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders to graduated 8<sup>th</sup> graders), are invited to gather at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary for a day of fun, food and faith with the Philadelphia Seminarians. The day includes games, activities, great talks, powerful prayer and Mass, lunch and dinner. Registration fee is \$25.00. Visit [www.HeedTheCall.org/event/BBVC](http://www.HeedTheCall.org/event/BBVC) for more information. Registration deadline is June 30.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES NIGHT WITH THE PHILLIES** - Join us on Monday, June 25 at Citizens Bank Park for the Philadelphia Phillies vs. New York Yankees - game time 7:05 PM. Seating is available in the following areas: Outfield (101-107) - \$43 per ticket; Pavilion (201-205) - \$34 per ticket; Pavilion Deck (301-305) - \$23 per ticket. A portion of all tickets sold will directly support the Catholic Charities Appeal (CCA). Our Lady of Calvary School Choir will sing the National Anthem, and a CCA beneficiary from Catholic Social Services will throw out the first pitch of the night. To purchase tickets visit [www.phillies.com/catholiccharitiesnight](http://www.phillies.com/catholiccharitiesnight).

**FROM DEFIANCE TO RELIANCE: NAVIGATING YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE AMIDST THE CHAOS OF ADDICTIONS** - Join us for a 24-hour spiritual healing retreat sponsored by Malvern Retreat House and Gethsemani Way on June 22-23. This retreat is for men and women seeking help for themselves, loved ones, spouse or family. It is an ecumenical retreat. To register call 610-644-0400 or go online at [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com). For more information on the retreat contact Mark Christmyer at [mchristmyer@parish.stnorbert.org](mailto:mchristmyer@parish.stnorbert.org).

**METANOIA** is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County that supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. June Activities: Tuesday, June 5 - Froyo@Swirled Peace, Lansdale at 7:30 PM; Tuesday, June 12 - Bible Study at St. Rose of Lima Parish, North Wales at 7:30 PM; Tuesday, June 19 - Theology on Tap at Appalachian Brewing Co., Colledgeville, Doors open at 7:00 PM, Talk starts at 7:30 PM, Speaker is Mark Houck; Tuesday, June 26 - Holy Hour at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales at 7:30 PM. For more information contact [metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com) or visit the website <http://www.metanoiayoungadults.org>.

**SCHOOL OF SPIRITUALITY** - *When The Saints Go Marching In*: Twelve Short Talks will get you marching. Saturday, June 23 at Annunciation BVM Parish, Havertown. 8:30 AM Parish Mass. Ends at 2:00 PM with Closing Benediction and Receiving the Flame - bring your own lunch. For more details visit [www.flameoflove.us](http://www.flameoflove.us). Free of charge - register by calling 610-622-4257.

**BELMONT STAKES BINGO** on Saturday, June 9 from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM at Holy Martyrs Church, Oreland. \$20 per person. Gift Card Bingo (5 games). Nathan's Hot Dogs, Salads, Condiments, Soda, Water. Watch the Preakness Race live on a 65 inch TV. Bet on the Horses and 50/50 raffle. BYOB. For more information call 215-884-8575 or email [holy martyrs church@gmail.com](mailto:holy martyrs church@gmail.com).

**3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL POLKA FEST** at the TK Club, Conshohocken on Sunday, June 24 from Noon to 4:00 PM to support St. Mary Polish American Society. This event will feature live Polka music, delicious Polish food, a 50/50 drawing and other games of chance, a basket raffle and baked goods for sale. Families are welcome, as there will be games for children with plenty of prizes. Admission is \$10 in advance and \$15 on the day of the event. Admission for children is \$7 each and free for children under the age of 6. We would appreciate if people could buy their tickets by Wednesday, June 13, so we can purchase the correct amount of food. For tickets, call Dorothy Swedkowski (610-630-0861) or email [stmaryconshy@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryconshy@gmail.com).

**CHARISMATIC RETREAT** with Sr. Ann Shields and Fr. James Blount on June 29 to July 1 at Malvern Retreat House. Music will be led by Firehill Worship and Mark Griswold. The retreat will feature a healing service, preaching, uplifting music, Sacrament of Reconciliation, private time and adoration. For more information visit [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com) or call 610-644-0400.