

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) 14 JUNE 2020

Readings for Sunday, June 14: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-58.

The cup we share, is it not the blood of Christ? And the bread we break, is it not his body? Just as God fed the Israelites with manna from heaven, so too do we feed on the best of wheat, the bread of angels, food for the pilgrim journey.

Readings for Sunday, June 21: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33.

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>
15 June	MON. 9:00 AM	Fred Kemmerle	Monica Bauer
17 June	WED. 9:00 AM	Pauline Ondik	Daughter, Monica
18 June	THU. 9:00 AM	Earl Keck	Wife, Cathy
19 June	FRI. 9:00 AM	Deborah Fick	Mother, Monica
20 June	SAT. 4:00 PM	Our Living and Deceased Fathers	
21 June	SUN. 9:00 AM	Our Living and Deceased Fathers	

Mass on weekdays will be in the Chapel. Remember to practice the social distancing guidelines for the safety of all.



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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will resume on Monday, June 15 in the Chapel.

CONFESSIONS will resume on Saturday, June 13.

MAGNIFICAT BOOKS - Those who purchased the Magnificat can pick up their JULY issue at the parish office. Please call before coming for your book.

MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTIONS - Cost for a one year subscription is \$36.00. Subscription begins with the September 2020 issue. Anyone interested in subscribing or renewing their subscription, please call the parish office. Deadline for subscriptions is June 19.

THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN! However, due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic, for the safety of our parishioners and staff, all parish business will be conducted by phone (610-326-5127) or email (contact@sgsm62.org).

SPAGHETTI SAUCE (FROZEN) for sale by the Women's Society. Cost - \$7.00 per quart. Please call Lori LaRosa (610-326-6030) to purchase the sauce and for delivery of the sauce.

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATION received in memory of: GILDA DI CINDIO BOOTH from Ron & Carol Fry.

REFLECTIONS FROM THE DESK OF FR. GREGORY J. HICKEY

"Thanksgiving"

Welcome Back!

On Sunday morning, most of us go to something called "Mass" - but the real word for it is "Eucharist." That word means "thanks" in Greek and is still used today in modern Greece. I still remember when friends of mine went to Greece and stopped at a "*taverna*" or sidewalk café in Athens for some coffee. They told me it was a warm, sunny day and Bob and Joan enjoyed watching the people walk by. When they were ready to leave, Bob asked the waiter for his check. When he brought it, Bob paid for their coffee and then added a small tip. The waiter said "*efkaristo*." He immediately recognized the word as a variation of "Eucharist."

"Thank you" - these words express one of the most important sentiments that we owe to one another. Gratitude is a virtue that is practiced too rarely. We tend to take so many things for granted: our parents, the country in which we live, the planet earth, the stars in the sky, the flowers in the field, sunset and sunrise. If we truly realized how blessed we are, our hearts would be filled with such gratitude that we would be saying "thank you" every time we breathe. All it takes is a little foreign travel to realize how much we have been blessed, and these blessings have come to us freely. So, it is fitting that we take some special time occasionally to focus on some of the things for which we should be especially thankful.

In many of his letters, St. Paul thanks God for the graces we have all received. Another word for "graces" is the expression of love which God has bestowed on us, without our merit or any real effort on our part. The first among these is the gift of our faith. We believe in Jesus. We believe in life everlasting. Because of our faith, we see the whole world and everything in it from a different perspective than those who do not believe. They see nothing but what they can touch, taste, see and feel. For them, the world is limited to material things. But through the eyes of faith, we see beyond the world of our senses to the wonderful world of the spirit and the great grace of our redemption in Jesus Christ. The real beauty of the world lies beyond what we can see with our senses.

Thanksgiving is a special day when we say thanks for all the good things which have come to us throughout our lives. Let us be thankful for being born in a time and place where so much is given to us, but most of all let us give thanks for the great love which is ours in Jesus Christ. The best way to give thanks is by sharing that love with one another.

Coming back to Mass in the yellow phase was like Thanksgiving Day for me! It was wonderful looking out and seeing people in the pews. It has been three months since we have been together. We had 41 people on Saturday night and 43 people on Sunday. I look forward to this Sunday and seeing more people coming back and worshiping the Lord. So many people have told me what they missed the most was receiving the Eucharist.

A very dear friend of mine, Dr. Bob Howlett, shared with me a few years ago that every day we should share with others what we are grateful for. Each day in my prayer time, I share that very sentiment and thank the good Lord for the many people I am grateful for in my life and the things that I am grateful for in everyday life.

The next time we join with Jesus in that great sacrifice, as we receive Communion and share in His Eucharist, let us say "thank you" to God for all the many blessings which are ours on a daily basis.

Fr. Gregory J. Hickey

Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR JUNE 7, 2020.....	\$6,537
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$4,614
Parish Giving -	\$450
Elevator Maintenance Collection -	\$962
Ascension Collection -	\$454
Mother's Day Collection -	\$57
WEEKLY SURPLUS.....	\$1,537
Year to Date Budget.....	\$245,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$209,302
Average per week Collection.....	\$4,271
Year to Date Deficit.....	(\$35,698)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$729)

JUNE 2, 2019

Deposit.....	\$5,554
2018-2019 Deficit to Date.....	(\$27,483)
Difference from previous year.....	(\$8,215)

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, JUNE 20 and 21,
is the Peter's Pence Collection.

CONSIDER REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.
Call the Parish Office for details.

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

ON THE THIRD DAY
The Master's Mercantile
610-705-0130

MASS ATTENDANCE for June 6/7:

4:00 PM Mass - 41
9:00 AM Mass - 43
Total Attendance - 84

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS, Jesus in the Eucharist, Increase Our Faith, on October 9-10, 2020 at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul and Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel, Philadelphia. Every member of the Church is welcome to participate in this Eucharistic Congress. Mark your calendars and save the dates! You can register at www.archphila.org/eucharistic-congress. Sponsored by Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious.



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.**

JULY LOTTERY TICKETS ARE ON SALE THROUGH THE PARISH OFFICE. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PURCHASE TICKETS. WE ARE NOT SELLING TICKETS AFTER MASSES AT THIS TIME. THANK YOU to all who have been supporting this fund raiser.

LOTTERY CALENDAR RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

- June 1 - #616 - unsold
- June 2 - #716 - Kathy Pennypacker - \$50.00
- June 3 - #301 - Mary Louise Schwenk - \$50.00
- June 4 - #743 - Doris Smith - \$50.00
- June 5 - #268 - unsold
- June 6 - #091 - unsold
- June 7 - #090 - unsold

QUO VADIS DAYS - A Virtual Event will be held between Monday, June 29 and Wednesday, July 1. Online platforms including Zoom (participants will need a computer/tablet/device with video and sound capabilities and internet. For high school men (incoming freshmen to graduated seniors). Hosted by Fr. DeLacy, the Seminarians from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, and Deacons/Priests of the Archdiocese. There will also be the opportunity for two in-person gatherings (Confession and Eucharistic Procession) using safe distancing protocols. Fee: \$25 to \$75 (this fee covers the cost of online webinar technology, online interactive games, t-shirts, masks, etc. Check made payable to The Vocation Office. Registration Deadline is Friday, June 12. Registration limited to 100 participants, with preference given to those from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Contact Sue Matour (smatour@archphila.org or Jillian Minich (jminnich@archphila.org) if you have any questions.



Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as we make our way back to the in person celebration of the Mass.

While our county remains in the Yellow Phase of statewide reopening, all of us need to do our part to make sure that our return to Mass is a peaceful and safe experience for all. Please take the time to read the instructions below. We ask everyone to follow these guidelines when attending Mass during this period.

General Points

The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation continues to be lifted during the Yellow Phase. You are not required to attend Mass at this time.

Please stay home if you are sick. Please stay home if you are at higher risk of severe illness with COVID-19.

Mass will continue to be available via live-stream or on TV. Live-stream from the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at 11:00 AM Sunday via www.archpila.org. Also on TV: 6ABC Sundays at 5:00 AM; ME TV Sundays at 7:00 AM; EWTN Sundays at 8:00 AM.

Before Coming to Mass

Please wash your hands for 20 seconds using soap and water.

Before entering the Church, please put on a face mask or cloth covering. Exceptions to this are “children younger than 2 years old, anyone who has trouble breathing, and anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance.” (CDC Guidelines).

Missalettes will not be in the pews during this period. You are welcome to bring your own missal/readings with you.

Entering the Church

Entrance to church by the MAIN FRONT DOORS and ELEVATOR DOOR only.

Hand sanitizer will be available at the Church entrances. Please use the hand sanitizer upon entering the Church.

Seating

When taking your seat, please honor all posted signs about where you may sit. Every other pew will be open to ensure proper social distancing.

Members of the same household may sit together as normal. Please place 6 feet between your household and members of a different household.

Ushers will be present to assist with seating.

During Mass

There will be no choir, only a cantor and instrumental music.

A collection will be taken up during the Offertory as usual using long-handled baskets.

There will be no Sign of Peace during Mass during the Yellow Phase.

The Precious Blood will not be distributed during Mass during the Yellow Phase.

There should be no holding of hands during the Our Father.

There will be no Offertory Procession at this time.

Reception of Holy Communion

Holy Communion will only be distributed in front of the altar. Come forward using the center aisle and return to your pew using the side aisles. For those seated at the back who are unable to come forward, a minister will bring Communion to you after everyone else has received.

Please maintain social distancing in the Communion line. Please keep several pews between yourself and the person in front of you while in line and when returning to your pew.

During the Yellow Phase, the faithful are asked to receive Holy Communion in the hand.

Please remove your mask before receiving Holy Communion.

Exiting the Church

At the conclusion of Mass, please exit the Church using the SIDE DOORS only and proceed directly to your car. Please do not congregate for any reason.

Please take a parish bulletin home with you. They are at the side entrances to church.

Please leave your mask on until you exit the Church.

The Church will be sanitized after each Mass.