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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 2, 2024



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Evening 5:30 PM
Sunday.....8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Broadcast) & 12:00 PM
Monday thru Saturday..... 9:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday4:30 PM

HOLY HOUR

Every Friday9:30 to 10:30 AM

For a Communion visit and/or
Anointing of the Sick,
please contact the Parish office.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

On this feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord we celebrate the foundational Catholic truth that Christ is present, really present, in the Eucharist. What should we say about this wondrous gift? In past centuries much theological time and effort was spent on trying to understand *how* Christ was present. But to this day the mode of Christ's presence remains a mystery. So today I would rather emphasize another aspect of the Eucharist and one which I think perhaps even more important. Rather than centering on *how* Christ is present I would like us to reflect on *why* Christ is present. Because the wondrous gift of the Eucharist allows Christ to be present for our benefit—present to help us live.

Now how does the Eucharist help us live? I would suggest to you it does so in three distinct ways. Three ways that correspond to the mystery we celebrate. What is the mystery we celebrate? We proclaim it amid the Eucharist prayer: "We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again." Each of these three aspects of Christ's paschal mystery corresponds to a way in which the Eucharist helps us live. For the Eucharist gives us the power of letting go, the power of seeing goodness, and the power of holding on.

We proclaim your death O Lord. We remember in this meal the wondrous love by which Christ gave his life for our salvation. Dying is about letting go. As we encounter in the Eucharist the Christ who died for us, He imparts to us the power of letting go of those aspects of our life that which hold us back. What are the things that hold us back? Each of us must answer that question from the circumstances of our lives. Perhaps we must let go of resentment or hurt or self-indulgence or addiction or prejudice or pride. Each time we come to this meal, this sacrifice, we set those obstacles before the Lord, and the Christ who gave his life for us enables us to let go of whatever hinders us.

And profess your Resurrection. Here is the center of our faith. We believe that the love and goodness of God was so real in the person of Christ that God conquered even death. As we encounter the risen Christ in the Eucharist, He gives us the power to see the goodness that is a part of our life and our

world. Do we need to see that goodness? Without a doubt. How easy it is of us to center on what is wrong, what is broken, what has failed? In doing so we discount all the goodness and blessing that surround us in our lives. What could be a greater waste than to be a blessed and loved person and never claim and celebrate that gift? So, each time we come to this meal and encounter the risen Christ we receive the strength to be thankful for the people who love us, for our health, for our talents, for the beauty of the world around us. We pray for the risen Christ to make us always conscience of those gifts and never take any of them for granted.

Until you come again. Although Christ is risen, the victory of Christ is not yet complete. Evil, injustice, violence, and hatred remain as a part of our world. They touch our lives. But we as a community believe Christ will come again, and when he comes the ultimate victory will be won and all evil will be destroyed. So, each time we encounter the Christ who will come again in the Eucharist He gives us the strength to hold on, to hold on in hope. This strength allows us to believe that whatever troubles we must face God has not forgotten us and will not abandon us. In this Eucharist meal we pray that Christ will allow us to hold onto hope, even in the midst of family troubles, in the midst of sickness, in the midst of discouragement and failure, and yes even in the shadow of death.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again. This is the Christ who is present in the Eucharist. It is in the Eucharist that this Christ gives us the power to let go of those things that hinder us, to see the goodness of the world around us, to hold on the midst of trial. On any day that we come to the Eucharist our lives might require one of these gifts more than another. But every time we come to the Eucharist the whole Christ is present to us. So, what do you come for today? What needs shape your life? Whatever you need, approach this table with confidence, with the confidence that you will be fed. The good news of the Eucharist is not only that Christ is present, really present, but that Christ is present for our benefit, present so that we might live.

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

St. Philip Preparatory is starting to wind down the year. The students enjoyed a great Walk-a-thon and a well-deserved Field Day.

The weather was great for both.

Our Seventh Grades went on a field trip to Liberty Hall Museum down by Kean University.



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To learn more about St. Philip Preparatory School please visit our school website at

<https://stphilipprep.com/>

Registration is open for Grades PreK 3 through 8th Grade.

CARNIVAL

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St. Philips Carnival will be 3 days this year,

Thursday, June 20, 6-10 PM

Friday, June 21, 6-11 PM

Saturday, June 22, 6:30-11 PM



Sponsors

Family, Business, and Ride Carnival Sponsorship forms are available in Molloy Center through Linda Valenti.

Every Sponsorship level will receives a sign in our auditorium for all three days of the carnival as a thank you.

Lawn Signs

Lawn Signs are available in the rear of the church

Soda/Water Donations

Name brand soda and bottled water for the Soda & Water Booth can be left at the school kitchen door.

Volunteers

We are looking for new volunteers to join all of our veterans volunteers.

It's 3 days of fun, laughs, and excitement.

If you would like to Volunteer, please contact Maureen at (973) 773-5161

We will have an All volunteer meeting on Monday June 3rd in the Auditorium at 7 PM.

Looking forward to seeing you all again this year!

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

PRIMETIMERS

Our next Primetimers meeting is Friday, June 7th.

At 1:30 PM in Marian Hall. We will have the Seeing Eye Puppies join us. Please bring any old towels you may have at home to the meeting.

since the Seeing Eye Puppies need your old towels.

We will also be having a pizza party.

Everyone 55 Years of age or older is welcome.

For more information call Jean R at (973) 253-1619.



Atlantic City Trip

Prime Timers are going to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Wednesday, June 19. Bus leaves from St. Philip Drive at 9:30 AM. Price is \$50. For tickets, please call Sylvia at (973) 742-9286.



ROSARY SOCIETY

For our year end get-together, the Rosary Society will be hosting a special movie presentation on Monday, June 10th at 6:30 PM sharp in Marian Hall. Please bring light refreshments to share.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our St. Philip's Knights of Columbus Council 11671 meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from September through June, only the 3rd Wednesday of the month during July and August, at 7:30 PM in Marian Hall. Any Knight from any council may attend these meetings as they are open to all. Non-Knight guests may also attend however, guests require an invitation; simply tell any council Knight and he will inform the Grand Knight that you will be attending or call Mike Cervine (973) 472-7505 and he will put your name on the guest list.



WIDOW AND WIDOWERS

The next meeting of the Widow and Widowers will be on Monday, June 10 at 2 PM in the Molloy Center. Anyone who is experiencing the loss of a loved one is most welcome.

VACATION BIBLE FUN

Mark your calendars:
July 29 - August 2
8:30 AM to Noon



Songs, skits, snacks, games, crafts, logo t-shirt

Registration begins this weekend.
Only \$25 for the week.

We invite Children in Kindergarten
through Fifth grade.

Visit StPhilip.org/SummerFun for more
information.

YOU ARE INVITED!

*Congratulations on your ordination to the
priesthood Father Sebastian!
We are so happy for you!*

*Please join Father Sebastian on Sunday, June 9th
at Noon for his first Mass of Thanksgiving here at
St. Philip the Apostle Parish.
Refreshments to follow in the auditorium.*

FATHER KEVIN'S 65TH ANNIVERSARY

The Church of Christ the King in New Vernon, NJ
is hosting a reception in honor of
Monsignor Kevin Flanagan's 65th Anniversary of
his Ordination to the Priesthood.

Details can be found at
<https://churchofchristtheking.org/>
Please RSVP by June 7th.



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JUNE

SATURDAY **15** 5:00PM

JOIN US FOR THE THE 5PM MASS FOLLOWED BY A
LIGHT RECEPTION. PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM
BELOW NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JUNE 7TH!

SAINT ANTHONY

Beloved Saint Anthony Visits St. Bonaventure

St. Bonaventure Church has the honor to host two
Holy Relics of St. Anthony of
Padua on

Tuesday, June 11th.

You are welcome for any of
following:

11:00 to 11:30 AM Veneration

11:30 AM Mass & Novena:

12:00 to 1:30 PM Veneration

5:00 to 6:30 PM Veneration

6:30 PM Prayer Service & Blessing of Relics

The two first-class Relics will be accompanied by
Father Mario Conte, a Franciscan friar from the
Pontifical Basilica of St. Anthony in Padua, Italy.



The two relics on tour are fragments of St. Anthony's facial skin and his floating rib. The Relic of the floating rib has special significance for the friars of Padua because it was venerated by Lucy of Fatima in her convent in Coimbra in 1995, and by the then-Archbishop Jorge Maria Bergoglio (now Pope Francis) in the Cathedral of Buenos Aires in 2000.



PARISH GIVING

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| Sunday Collection: MAY 28, 2023 | \$ 15,444.00 |
| Sunday Collection: MAY 26, 2024 | |
| Weekly Collection | \$ 11,389.00 |
| Online Giving Donation | \$ 6,598.00 |
| Total | \$17,987.00 |
| SECOND COLLECTION – Project Faith | \$ 2,261.00 |

Upcoming Second Collections:
June 2 - For South and Latin American/OVS
June 9 - Project Faith

WE PRAY FOR...

For the Recently Deceased...

Maria Guilanna Aguinaldo, Rose Muratore,
Frank Pomposelli, Antonio Volonnino,

A Time to be Healed...

Bishop Arthur Serratelli, Joseph Gore, Sikora Sisters,
Reverend John Klein, Philip Kutzenko,
Sr. Pauline Piechocki, Tom Mullin,
Rev. David McDonnell, Payton Yagins, Danny Kozell



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024

- 8:00 All the People of the Parish
- 10:00 Alice Petruny
Peter Glita
Diana Smith
Bill Peters, III
- 12:00 Beverly Duffy
Jessie DiDonna

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024

- 9:00 Modesta Flores
Giovanni and Vincenza Minervini

TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2024

- 9:00 Msgr. Julian Varettoni
Special Intentions for Maria Roque

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2024

- 9:00 Jack McKenna
For the Special Intention of Elena Calvis

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2024

- 9:00 Mildren Scrosia - 8th Anniversary

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2024

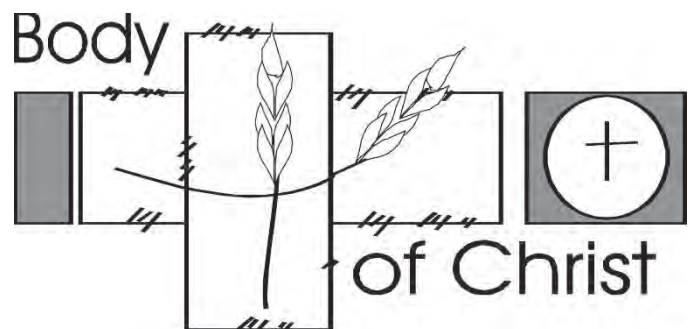
- 9:00 Donald Muller - 7th Anniversary

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024

- 9:00 Josephine Marinaro
- 5:30 Rocco Carlucci - 39th Anniversary
Irene Sadvary
John Szerencsits

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024

- 8:00 Deceased members of the Kerner Family
Mario Santulli
- 10:00 Frances Monteleone
Robert Rowan
Sr. Jeanne Agans
Leandro Salme - 2nd Anniversary
- 12:00 For All the People of the Parish



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Gospel Today

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ | Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

Jesus took the bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying "Take it; this is My Body".

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Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

Mark 14:23



Today we remember Jesus' creation of the Most Holy Eucharist on Holy Thursday at The Last Supper. The feast of Corpus Christi began in the 13th century and after having this name for hundreds of years, in 1970, the name was officially changed to **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**. Even after the change, many people still refer to the feast as Corpus Christi.

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

Most
Holy
Body
Blood
Christ
Jesus
Gave
Disciples
Last
Supper
Saying
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