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June 11, 2023

THE SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

ST. BARNABAS, AP • SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE • PENTECOST II

¶ CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

Today we celebrate the **Solemnity of Corpus Christi**. **First Holy Communions** take place during the High Mass, with the annual outdoor **Procession of the Blessed Sacrament** following.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues all day. Plan to make a visit! **Vespers** are at **4:45**, followed by the final Benediction of the day.

¶ THIS WEEK

Calling all Christians! Come and adore your God. Come to Mass and Holy Communion and Benediction. Bring back each First Communicant for another sweet Communion with Jesus in the Sacred Heart.

Each day during the Octave, Mass will be offered before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed, followed by Benediction. Consult the Calendar. On Friday we make Reparation for our neglect and sins, and those of others, by the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Saturday marks the feast of the Most Pure Heart of Mary.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of

†Mary McGuire, the mother of Bishop McGuire, who died on Monday, June 5th. Her requiem was on Friday, June 9th.

Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace
Tuesday, June 13
7:15 PM in West Chester



Congratulations

to our

First Communicants:

<i>Marcel Caggese</i>	<i>Lydia Albrecht</i>
<i>Karl Elflein</i>	<i>Lillian Ball</i>
<i>Jonathan England</i>	<i>Charlotte Ford</i>
<i>John Gregory</i>	<i>Rose Hudson</i>
<i>Joseph Kolenich</i>	<i>Claire Mathers</i>
<i>Anthony Manzardo</i>	<i>Jacinta McConnell</i>
<i>Charles McClorey</i>	<i>Leia Patton</i>
<i>Francisco McConnell</i>	<i>Sylvia Rabjohns</i>
<i>Jude Smith</i>	
<i>Isaac Wright</i>	
<i>Thomas Young</i>	

¶ THE SACRED HEART

The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Friday, June 16th, should be marked with special fervor in our families where He has been enthroned as King of Love. Decorate your Sacred Heart shrine, renew your consecrations as a family and receive Holy Communion at the 8, 11:25 AM or the 5:45 PM Mass.

This feast offers us an opportunity to make reparation to His Sacred Heart for our coldness and indifference to the Blessed Sacrament, as well as to remember just how much He loves us. Make an effort to attend an extra Mass in His honor during the Octave.

Remember, this is a feast Our Lord specifically requested personally of St. Margaret Mary. Shouldn't you come?

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: SACRED HEART SUNDAY / FATHERS DAY

Next Sunday is Father's Day. The High Mass will be offered for all of our fathers whose names are on the altar. The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion Rail following all Masses. There will be **no Vespers**.



📖 *Set Your Missal:* Sunday within the Octave of the Sacred Heart, with commemorations of Pentecost III and St. Ephrem. Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost III. Preface of the Sacred Heart.

Wedding  **Banns**

Third time: Dominic Swinney
& Florence Lotarski

HEART OF JESUS, MODEL OF GENEROSITY

Generosity is a virtue that by its very nature wins the love and admiration of all. It bespeaks an unselfish nature—a noble giving of self for the good of others.

The Heart of Jesus is an abyss of generosity. His devotion to the interests of others knows no limit. What was His coming to earth but a marvelous act of Divine generosity! From the crib to the cross He spent Himself unsparingly for others. To give and not to count the cost, to give until it hurt, to give even when the giving brought in return insult and injury, scourging and crowning with thorns, yes, even the ignominious death of the cross, such is the generosity of the dear Heart of our Savior.

And to me in a personal way, how generous He is! Whatever I have He has given to me. Life, all the wondrous gifts of the body and the marvelous gifts of the soul, all are from Him. For me He offers Himself ten thousand times each morning on the altars of the world. For me He makes the tiny tabernacle His earthly dwelling place that I may have Him near me all the days of my life. To nourish my famished soul He feeds me with His very Flesh and gives me His Precious Blood to drink. Generous? Infinitely, untellably so!

And what of myself? How shamefully unlike my Divine Model! How ungenerous with God—begrudging Him the petty sacrifices His service demands! How ungenerous with my fellow men—always thinking of self and doing so little for others!

Can I not be a little more generous just for today? I can and I shall for love of the dear, generous Heart of my Savior.

*Heart of Jesus, Model of generosity,
have mercy on us.*

¶ **GAIN THE INDULGENCES!**

The faithful who visit the Blessed Sacrament on the Feast of Corpus Christi and during the Octave may obtain a plenary indulgence on each day on the condition of confession and Holy Communion within eight days.

The faithful who receive Holy Communion for the first time or are present at the First Communion of others are granted a plenary indulgence on the usual conditions.

¶ **FATHER'S DAY ENVELOPES**

Father's Day Envelopes are in the pews. Please fill them out and return them by Saturday, June 17, to be placed on the altar on Father's Day.

*Sacred Heart of Jesus,
have mercy on us!*

¶ **STOP BY THE BOOKSTORE**

Just in time for Father's Day! Check out the new novelty knives and key chains in the bookstore. These are sure to make Dad smile.

We have feather pens and notepads for the graduate in your life. Make a lasting impression with a book of wisdom. *Imitation of Christ* and other good titles available. Come in and take a look.

¶ **ST. ANTHONY'S TUESDAYS**



The Summer Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help and St. Anthony begins this **Tuesday**. Don't forget to

submit your intentions to be placed at St. Anthony's feet. Lilies for St. Anthony's feast will be blessed after the 5:15 PM Mass.

¶ **UPCOMING EVENTS**

St. John's Bonfire: Monday, June 26

Girls Camp: June 27-29

YAG: July 7-9

Boys Camp: July 25-27

Collection Report

Sunday, June 4th.....\$8,127.00
 Second Collection.....\$2,663.00
 Alter Christus.....\$102.00
 Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

AWAKENING

O holy Child, O little Child
 How long I looked for Thee!
 How often have I dreamed that Thou
 Some day my Guest would be!

For Thee I kept the whitest bread,
 For Thee was stored the wine,
 For Thee was saved the little robe
 That was so soft and fine.

O holy One, O little One;
 At last my blind eyes see,
 I fed and clothed a starved child,
 And found I sheltered Thee.

— Julia Johnson Davis



WELCOME

My heart Thy stable is, dear Lord,
 Oh grant that it may be
 Not fair or wide or rich enough,
 But poor enough for Thee.

— Marie Blake



TWIN LOVES

God loves the little children
 Whose souls are spotless white;
 All day He watches o'er them,
 And all the lonely night;
 When they are bright and happy,
 It fills His Heart with joy,—
 God loves the little children,
 For Jesus was a boy.

Sweet Mary loves the children
 And sends God's angels down,
 To guard her tender dear ones
 Lest they should lose their crown;
 Each day she prays that Jesus
 Will keep the undefiled,—
 Sweet Mary loves the children,
 For Mary was a child.

— T. E. B.

The fourth joyful mystery of the Rosary comes to mind these days. The day of Our Lord's Presentation in the Temple and Our Lady's Purification was filled with a mixture of august joys and deep sorrows. Simeon and Anna's joy in seeing with their own eyes the arrival of the Infant Who would be the Redeemer of all mankind was turned into sorrow for Our Lady, as the aged Simeon prophesied the approaching sufferings of the Messiah and the Mother of God. This mystery portrays every man's life on earth.

Last Sunday was the feast of the Blessed Trinity. Isn't it interesting that the greatest mystery of our Faith has the shortest Mass of the year? Interesting, but it makes sense. After all, what does one say in the face of mystery!? O the depths of the wisdom of God! The depths of His wisdom can never be fathomed by man. I think, too, this is a good lesson for our school children who graduated that day. True wisdom is not found in the books of universities, rather is it found on our knees before the tabernacle.

Speaking of the tabernacle, Thursday's feast of Corpus Christi was a happy event as both priest and laity united in prayer all day long before the Blessed Sacrament. "God with us" is what Emmanuel means, and truly our God, the Creator and governor of the universe and all that is in it, is with us right here in West Chester, Ohio. Don't ever forget it. He is with us in joyful times as well as sad times, times of prosperity and times of want. The same God Whom we read about in the New Testament, Who shed His Blood so that we might go to Heaven forever...this God dwells with us! Observe the Corpus Christi Octave devoutly; make sacrifices to attend an extra Mass or even just a visit to the Blessed Sacrament on your way to or from work.

Friday...oh how bittersweet! It was the burial of my mother. My siblings and I will miss her terribly, but there is no greater privilege for a priest-son to usher out of this life and into eternity the very ones who brought us into this life. My mother, I truly believe, had a holy ending, and I attribute that to the fact that so many of you good souls were offering prayers to God on her behalf. I will never be able to respond to all of the encouraging messages and promises of prayer for my mother and the family. So please know that it did not go unnoticed and that, in turn for your charity, I am praying for each and every one of you.

While I am in Seattle confirming some of **Fr. Ercoli's** parishioners, **Fr. Lehtoranta** is taking care of giving First Holy Communion to one of our biggest classes of communicants in St. Gertrude's history. I am sure it was a splendid ceremony and I hope to hear all about it when I return on Tuesday in time for the second of this

year's Fatima Rosary Processions and the feast of St. Anthony of Padua. Oh! and don't forget about the Summer Novena which starts that day!



Time to sign off now. I'll say an extra prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for your needs. O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine!

– Bishop McGuire

WHAT IS THE CONSECRATION?



It is that most solemn moment in the Mass in which Jesus comes down on the altar! It is the act whereby He becomes present.

"In this sublime instant," said the holy Cure of Ars, "were a priest to have the full realization of what he actually does, he would die of amazement, of unworthiness, and—of love!"

Here it is that our meager offerings placed on the paten and in the chalice, acquire eternal worth!

In popular speech, the term "Consecration" is given to this most divine operation of the changing of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of our Lord. But theology, with its more rigid vocabulary, has given precision and completion to the sense of the word, *consecration*, by creating the term, *transubstantiation*.

In the religious sense, "to consecrate" means "to set aside, to devote," and implies the idea of a complete immolation.

To *consecrate*, is to withdraw a person or object from secular use or secular surroundings, in order to devote him or it to a distinctly religious use; and to make of him or it, the exclusive property of God.

This consecration necessarily entails the duty to reverence, honor, and surround with a protective barrier, the objects, goods, and persons thus marked with the seal of divine ownership.

No one would dare touch unauthorized the sacred vessels, much less make use of them for profane reasons... It is passing strange that people should show so much more reverence for sacred vessels than for sacred persons—priests and religious—treated so cavalierly and so lightly criticized by "good Catholics."

Transubstantiation is more than a consecration. Transubstantiation is the miraculous and total change of a substance into a new substance; which exists under the appearances of the first substance. In other words, it is the change of the substance of the bread and wine into the substance of the Body and Blood of our Lord; Who lives under the appearance (or "accidents") of the bread and wine.

MON 6/12/23 WITHIN THE OCTAVE • ST. JOHN OF SAHAGUN, C
SS. BASILIDES & COMPANIONS, MM

8:00 AM **Low Mass before the Blessed Sacrament**
Exposed †Loren McGuire – rest in peace (*The Kolenich Family*)

11:25 AM **Low Mass** Poor Souls (*MEG*)

TUE 6/13/23 WITHIN THE OCTAVE
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA, CD
OPENING OF SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES

7:00 AM **Low Mass** Brother Michael

8:00 AM **Low Mass** †H.O. Hinton – 9th anniversary of death
(*Rebecca Hinton*)

5:15 PM **Low Mass before the Blessed Sacrament**
Exposed †Mary McGuire – rest in peace (*The Kolenich Family*)
Blessing of Lilies

7:15 PM **Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace**

WED 6/14/23 WITHIN THE OCTAVE • ST. BASIL THE GREAT, BPCD

7:00 AM **Low Mass before the Blessed Sacrament**
Exposed Mary Beth Grumblatt (*MEG*)

8:00 AM **Low Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
(rescheduled from 6/4)

11:25 AM **Low Mass** Noah Kuebler (*K/V*) (rescheduled from 6/4)

5:10 PM **Low Mass** Relief of all Faithful Departed (*Patrick Omlor*)

THU 6/15/23 OCTAVE DAY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

SS. VITUS & COMPANIONS, MM

7:00 AM **Low Mass** Fr. Soliman (*Alter Christus Confraternity*)

8:00 AM **Low Mass** Relief of all Faithful Departed (*Patrick Omlor*)

11:25 AM **Low Mass** Fr. Rigoberto (*Alter Christus Confraternity*)

5:00 PM **Low Mass before the Blessed Sacrament**
Exposed †Mary McGuire (*McGuire Family*)

FRI 6/16/23 SACRED HEART OF JESUS • OBLATE RETREAT

8:00 AM **Low Mass** †Mary McGuire (*McGuire Family*)

11:05 AM **Confessions**

11:25 AM **Low Mass** Relief of all Faithful Departed (*Patrick Omlor*)

5:15 PM **Confessions & Rosary**

5:45 PM **High Mass** †Bishop Dolan (*Mary Beth Grumblatt*)

6:30 PM **Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction**

SAT 6/17/23 WITHIN THE OCTAVE

MOST PURE HEART OF MARY • OBLATE RETREAT

7:10 AM **Confessions**

7:30 AM **Low Mass** Repose of the soul of †Nina Krawczyk
(*Alexander Krawczyk*)

8:10 AM **Salve, Sermon**

8:20 AM **High Mass** †Mary McGuire (*McGuire Family*)

SUN 6/18/23 SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE SACRED

HEART • FATHER'S DAY • PENTECOST III

ST. EPHREM, CD • SS. MARK & MARCELLIANUS, MM
OBLATE RETREAT

7:05 AM **Rosary**

7:30 AM **Low Mass** Thanksgiving to the Holy Family
(*Alexander Krawczyk*)

THE SON OF THE EUCHARIST

Within the chapel dark a red light trembled
As in awe, and on the altar step
A friar knelt; but, when the rainbow hues
Of bright-stained windows fingered on his cowl,
He rose, vested for Mass, and day began.

The multitudes on Bourges' street made way,
As, Anthony, surpliced and stoled, came forth,
Bearing his King beneath a ritual veil.
Small wingless angels paved his path ahead
In fresh mosaics laid with petals,
Till they reached the city square, and there
A group of men were waiting with a mule.
A circle, guarded with a million eyes,
Enclosed the men, the beast, and Anthony;
And, when the choicest grains were placed before
The half-starved animal, it turned away
Toward the friar's breast, as though to ask:
"Is that not He Whom once an ass did bear
Into the city gates, and people threw
Not flowers, but the palms of victory?
Is that not He for Whom an ass declined
To feed, so that its nostrils and its mouth
Be free to warm His naked little Self
Upon the straw-filled manger?" In this wise,
It knelt down, graceful in its clumsiness,
And would not rise until the friar's word



Had bidden it to rise and eat, amid
A silence worth a thousand cheers.

That eve,
Beneath the trembling light the friar knelt
In humble awe. "Sweet Sacrament," cried
he, "I thank Thee for the wonder Thou
hast wrought
Through me this day; but grant that
painful praise,

This chalice of renown, may pass me by—
Yet, not my will, but Thine!" And day was done.

– Fray Chavez O.F.M.

Servers

FRI 6/16 5:45 PM LOW: Capetillos

SAT 6/17 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemanns

8:20 AM HIGH: M. Simpson, M. & F. Caggese

SUN 6/18 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemanns

9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: T. Lawrence, D. Simpson TH: S. Richesson

ACs: T. England, J. Stewart TORCH: B. Constantino, I. Smith, N. & J. Hudson, P. & F. Caggese

11:30 AM LOW: N. & Na. McClorey

5:45 PM LOW: Seminarian

9:00 AM **High Mass** All the fathers whose names are on the altar

11:05 AM **Rosary**

11:30 AM **Low Mass** †Mary McGuire (*McGuire Family*)

5:45 PM **Low Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great