

# Church of the Holy Angels

June 14, 2020, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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MASSSES OF OBLIGATION: SATURDAY 5:30PM SUNDAY  
 8:30AM & 10:30AM

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 4:00PM-5:00PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY THRU THURSDAY 9:00AM-4:00PM

OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS

Rev. Andrew Stahmer, Pastor

Deacon Thomas Conlin

Sister Teresa Catherine, Pastoral Assistant

Mary Kay Bartol, Secretary, Organist, Choir Director

Joette Foris, Director of Religious Education, Guitarist

Robert Balonis, Maintenance

Elaine Lutz, Office Volunteer

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Charles Kaminsky, Chairman, Mary Ann Daya,

Kathy Nolan, Frank Mirarchi, Peter Avellino

## Parish Mission Statement

*We, the family of Holy Angels Parish, a diverse community of ethnic and cultural backgrounds, are united through the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Word of God to all peoples by following the teachings of Jesus Christ.*

*Working together in wisdom and love we commit ourselves in the following ways: protecting the unborn; fostering faith development in our youth; planting new seeds of evangelization throughout our parish family through prayer, spiritual works, education and outreach activities; ministering to the needs of our aging parishioners; promoting holiness through celebration of the sacraments, worship in liturgy, communal prayer, and our faith traditions.*

*Through these actions rooted in charity and mercy, we pledge to pass on our customs and beliefs to future generations, thus preserving our faith traditions for the greater glory of God and as a sign of Christ's love.*

## PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jim Nolan, Chairman, Joe Meyer, Vice- Chairman,  
 Jeanne Avellino, Pat Bingaman, Sherry Bozza, Maria  
 Foris, Teresa McCabe, Juliann Wanzie, Kathy Pupo,  
 Jeff Kruleski, Alex Clayberger, Lena Leaveck

## MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday, June 13

8:00am William "Dede" & Anna Deitrich  
 5:30pm Salvatore Lacroce

Sunday, June 14

8:30am Charles Mannello  
 10:30am People of the Parish

Monday, June 15

8:00am Caroline Ryniak

Tuesday, June 16

8:00am Joseph J. Alexander, Sr.

Wednesday, June 17

8:00am Deceased of the Smetana Family

Thursday, June 18

8:00am Deceased of the Mattis Family

Friday, June 19

8:00am Paul Ventilli

Saturday, June 20

8:00am Alice & John Higgins  
 5:30pm People of the Parish

Sunday, June 21

8:30am All Fathers  
 10:30am All Fathers

*Of Your Charity*, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Anthony J. Varano**, a member of Holy Angels Parish Family. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

## Sacrificial Offering

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Weekend of June 7

Number of registered households 883

142 Sunday Offering (Households) \$4,182.00

Loose Cash \$83.00

Youth Offering \$17.00

Shortfall- Debt Reduction & Plus One \$24.00

Votives \$6.00

Ascension \$70.00

Easter Flowers \$12.00

Fund-raising (sale of food) \$1,000.00

Amount Budgeted \$8,333.00

Amount Contributed \$5,394.00

Weekend of June 7 -\$2,939.00

Improvement Fund

Previous Balance \$13,903.00

Weekend of June 7 +\$266.00

Balance \$14,169.00

Easter

Total Easter to date \$11,914.00

Diocesan Collections

Pentecost \$110.00

## Diocesan Annual Campaign

A very special "thank you" to all who have contributed towards the Diocesan Annual Campaign. Our goal is \$19,936.00. Although we are awaiting an official report from the diocese, we have calculated that so far we have paid in \$16,737.00. Which leaves us \$3,199.00 short of our goal. If you have not yet made your contribution, please do so as soon as possible.

Welcome to All!

This church is our heavenly Father's house, a place of solace and grace, so feel at home here. Enter reverently, pray quietly, sing joyfully, listen attentively, give cheerfully and come back gladly. Remain in the church after Mass for some personal quiet time with the Lord and come early before Mass to pray the Rosary with others. If you ever feel unwelcome-let the pastor know! And if the pastor makes you feel unwelcome, let him know!

#### Active Parishioner Status

*We receive many requests for parishioners to be godparents or sponsors for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation and to rightfully enjoy the number of services offered at Holy Angels Parish. Part of the request is to be able to verify that a person is an "active member"*

An "Active Member" is:

1. Properly registered on the parish rolls.
  2. Faithfully attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.
  3. Participates in parish activities/ministries when possible.
  4. Uses the parish envelope system for donations.
- These are the main factors that will be considered in making the determination that someone is an "active member." Other criteria are also taken into consideration when requesting a sponsor certificate.*

#### Couples Planning Marriage

For couples who are planning to marry, please check the availability of our church prior to arranging venues.

#### Vigil Lights

June 14 thru June 20

Sanctuary Light: *Special Intention*

St. Anthony: *In loving memory of John Deromedi by wife, Chris*

St. Anne: *Special Intention*

St. Casimir: *Special Intention*

St. Theresa: *In loving memory of Elaine Duran by husband, Michael*

St. Kateri: *Special Intention*

St. Marziale: *Special Intention*

Sacred Heart: *In loving memory of Helen Thomas by husband, Clem*

#### Attention PREP parents!

First Communion will be held on June 14, at 2:00PM.

#### Our Lady of Lourdes Scholarship

Applications for Kulpmont K. of C. 4281

Scholarship for Our Lady of Lourdes are being accepted until August 15<sup>th</sup>

Forms can be obtained at the Holy Angel's Rectory or from any Kulpmont Knight Member

#### HOLY ANGELS PARISH PICNIC AUGUST 1 & 2

We will be having a "Modified" Parish Picnic so mark your calendars! We realize we will not be able to have the picnic that most of us have grown accustomed to, but we will be attempting to have a picnic so that those who choose to attend will have a safe, but good time.

#### Donations Needed

With all the take-out dinners occurring, we are running short on the foam containers. If anyone is able to donate a pack, they can be purchased at Varano's Wholesale in Mount Carmel. Description: Large Container 3 Compartment 9 1/2 x 9 1/4 x3. Drop off your donation at the parish office. Thank you!

#### Basket Bonanza

The Basket Bonanza is a go! Sherry is anxious to get shopping so if you are willing to donate \$50 or more for a basket, PLEASE make your donation as soon as possible. With minimum stores being open and reduced occupancy of stores, it may take Sherry longer to shop, so please be considerate and make your donation early! You can mail in your donation or drop it off at the rectory or contact Sherry directly at 570-933-1886.

As we hopefully move closer to the "green zone" we will know better what limitations we will have for the picnic and will keep you as informed as possible.

#### Holy Angels Parish

#### Take-Out Only Chicken Dinner

Sunday, June 21

11:00AM-1:30PM

Dinner will consist of 3 pieces of roasted chicken, potato, stuffing, veggie and dessert

Donation \$8.00

NO tickets will be sold, first come, first serve! Anyone interested in helping to prepare the dinner or serving on this Father's Day event, please contact Jeff Kruleski at 570-492-2888.

#### HALO Strawberry Bake Fest

A BERRY Sweet Bake Fest will be held by HALO in conjunction with the Chicken Dinner. Chances will also be sold on a BIG Backyard Summer Fun Bucket and a Chillin' and Grillin' BBQ Basket. Chances will be sold 6 for \$5.00.

#### Young Catholic women's group starting up!

Hello, My name is Sara Hricko and I recently moved to the area with my husband to manage Green's Fruit Farm in Elysburg, PA. I am looking for other young women (~ages 20-35) in the area to start a women's group where we can discuss church teaching, grow stronger in our faith, and support each through life's many challenges. We will be starting off with the awesome Wild Goose series (if you haven't already checked it out, then you can find it here <https://wildgoose.tv/>). I would like to propose meeting on Thursday evenings, but dates and times are still TBD. I would love to discuss specifics with those interested. Please feel free to contact me by email at [saraegetson@gmail.com](mailto:saraegetson@gmail.com) or by phone at 814-206-4443 if you are interested or have any questions. I cannot wait to meet all of you! God Bless.

#### Lottery Calendar Winners!

June 1, Tony Lentini

June 2, Jolene Janovich

June 3, Lucy Kaminsky

June 4, Ron Miller

June 5-NO WINNER (\$25.00)

June 6, Cooper Family

June 7, NO WINNER (\$50.00)



#### Parish Cemeteries

We ask that all flower pots which are placed in front of grave markers be removed as soon as possible as it is grass cutting and weed-wacking season. Arrangements on top of grave markers may remain. We thank you for your cooperation with this as it helps to enhance the neatness of our cemeteries.

**The greatest work of art in St. Peter's Basilica:** "One of the seminarians who gives tours of St. Peter's told me of an interesting incident. He was leading a group of Japanese tourists who knew absolutely nothing of our Faith. With particular care he explained the great masterpieces of art, sculpture and architecture. He finally concluded at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel trying his best to explain quickly what it was. As the group dispersed, an elderly man, who had been particularly attentive stayed behind, and said, 'Pardon me. Would you explain again this "Blessed Sacrament?'" Our student did, after which the man exclaimed, 'Ah, if this is so, what is in this chapel is a greater work of art than anything else in this basilica.'" [Msgr. Timothy M Dolan in *Priests of the Third Millennium*, (2000) p. 226.] Today's feast of *Corpus Christi* is intended to make us value and appreciate the worth of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

**The feast and its objectives:** Today, we celebrate the solemn feast of *Corpus Christi*. This Solemnity is **three feasts in one**: the feast of the Eucharistic sacrifice, the feast of the Sacrament of the Eucharist, and the feast of the Real Presence of Jesus in this Sacrament. *Corpus Christi* is a doctrinal feast established for three purposes: 1) to give God collective thanks for Christ's abiding presence with us in the Eucharist and to honor Him there; 2) to instruct the people in the Mystery, Faith and devotion surrounding the Eucharist, and 3) to teach us to appreciate and make use of the great gift of the Holy Eucharist, both as a Sacrament and as a sacrifice. In the three-year cycle of the Sunday liturgy, there is a different theme each year for this *Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ*. In Cycle A the theme is the Eucharist as our food and drink; in Cycle B the emphasis is on the Eucharist as the sign of the covenant; and in Cycle C the theme focuses on the priesthood of Jesus. Although we celebrate the institution of the Holy Eucharist on Holy Thursday, the Church wants to emphasize its importance by a special feast, formerly called "*Corpus Christi*." It was Pope Urban IV who first extended the feast to the universal Church. This is one of the few feasts left in which we observe a pre-Gospel procession and a sung "*Sequence*."

**The historical development:** Today's celebration of the Body and Blood of the Lord originated in the Diocese of Liege, Belgium, in 1246 as the feast of *Corpus Christi*. In the reforms of Vatican II, *Corpus Christi* was joined with the feast of the Precious Blood (July 1) to become the *Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord*. We celebrate today Christ's gift to us of the Eucharist, the Source and Summit of our life together as the Church. The Council of Trent (1545 to 1563), declared that we must honor Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Faith of Catholics in the Most Holy Eucharist [that others] might be attracted to the Eucharistic Lord and believe in the Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, present in this great Sacrament. "*The Catholic Church teaches that in the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of the God-man are really, truly, substantially, and abidingly present together with His soul and Divinity by reason of the Transubstantiation of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. This takes place in the unbloody sacrifice of the Mass.*"

**The Biblical foundation:** Our belief in this Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist derives from the literal interpretation of the promise of Christ to give us his Body and Blood for our spiritual food and drink, as found in St. John's Gospel, Chapter 6, and also in the four independent accounts of the fulfillment of this promise at the Last Supper (Mt 26; Mk 14; Lk 22; 1 Cor 11). Eucharistic theologians explain the *Real Presence* by a process called *transubstantiation*: the entire *substance* of bread and wine is changed into the entire *substance* of the risen and glorified Body and Blood of Christ, retaining only the "*accidents*" (taste, color, shape) of bread and wine. Can there be a religion in which God is closer to man than our Catholic Christianity? Jesus does not believe that he is humiliating himself in coming to us and giving himself to us in his Flesh and Blood to be our spiritual Food.

Holy Angels Parish Family extends Congratulations to the following Students who will receive First Holy Communion on Sunday, June 14 at 2:00PM. Please keep these children in your prayers.

**Maddox Burns**

**Edward Dye, IV**

**Cameron Gonzalez**

**Robert Green, III**

**Gabriel Higgins**

**Vivia Lentini**

**Keia Resendes**

**Alex Trefsger**





# Dear Padre,

## Why have many Christian religions been divided over the question of Christ's Body and Blood?

Today's Gospel indicates that even before the Last Supper, Jesus' teaching about his Real Presence was met with skepticism. When Jesus said, "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world," the reaction was, "How can this man give us [his] flesh to eat?" (John 6:51-52). When Jesus continued, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him," his hearers shrugged: "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" (John 6:56, 60).



John's inclusion of this incident in his Gospel indicates that some of his contemporaries also denied Christ's Real Presence. Since then, some Christians have broken away from the Catholic Church because they could not accept the reality of Christ's eucharistic Presence. Some contend that Christ

was speaking metaphorically—that the bread and wine merely symbolize the spirit of Jesus. Others say that Christ is present only as a result of the faith of the community and doesn't remain after the worship service.

The Catholic Church teaches that when Jesus pronounced, "This is my body...this is my blood," he meant exactly what he said. For Jews of Jesus' time, "body" meant the person, and "blood" was the source of life identifiable with the person. Jesus was saying over the bread and wine, "This is my very self." Church teaching couldn't be more clear: in the Eucharist "the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1374).

—Fr. Oscar Lukefahr, CM  
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

## Calendar

**Monday**  
JUNE 15  
Weekday  
1 Kgs 21:1-16  
Mt 5:38-42

**Tuesday**  
JUNE 16  
Weekday  
1 Kgs 21:17-29  
Mt 5:43-48

**Wednesday**  
JUNE 17  
Weekday  
2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday**  
JUNE 18  
Weekday  
Sir 48:1-14  
Mt 6:7-15

**Friday**  
JUNE 19  
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Dt 7:6-11  
1 Jn 4:7-16  
Mt 11:25-30

**Saturday**  
JUNE 20  
Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
2 Chr 24:17-25  
Lk 2:41-51

**Sunday**  
JUNE 21  
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jer 20:10-13  
Rom 5:12-15  
Mt 10:26-33

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

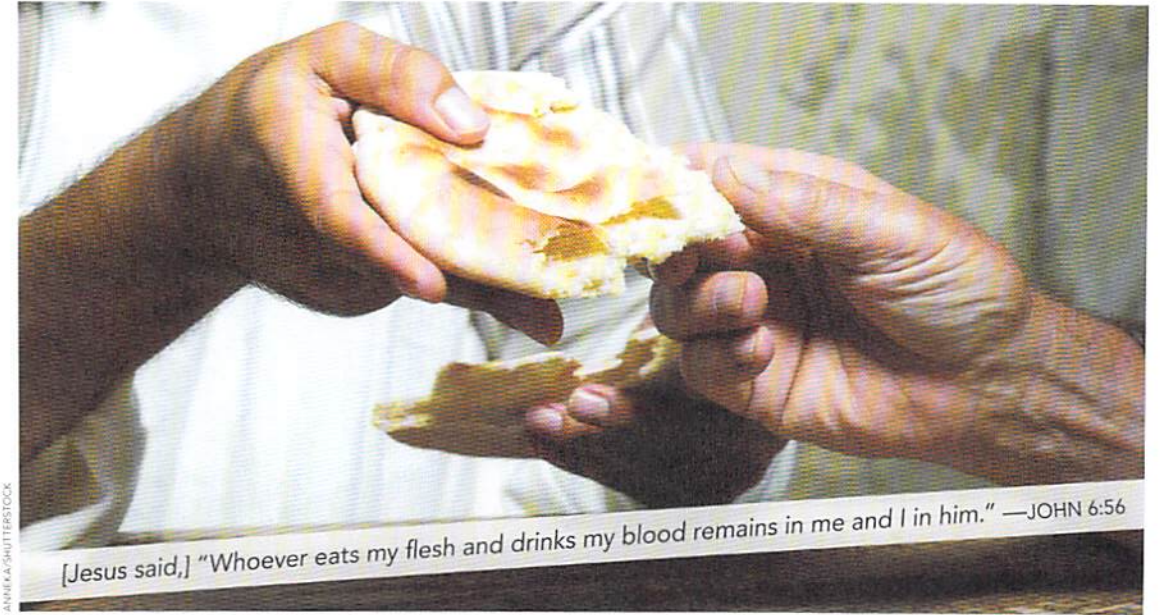
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Body and Blood of Christ (A)

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a

1 Cor 10:16-17

In 6:51-58



## Take and Eat

Many of us are little different from the Jewish crowds who cried out: "How can this man give us [his] flesh to eat?" (John 6:52). Jesus does not explain how the bread was really his flesh. What he did was underscore the importance of eating this bread, which was his flesh. He then goes on and insists that we must drink his blood as well. If these were hard sayings for the people of Israel, who in their ancient past might have shared the flesh and blood of a sacrificed animal, what are we "sophisticated" contemporary Christians to make of it?

The people of Jesus' time would have recognized several elements from their traditions in Jesus' discourse, but his reinterpretation of them would have startled them. Like the victim of an ancient holocaust offering, Jesus' blood is shed. However, it is not poured around the altar; it is to be consumed. Bread from heaven recalled the manna that fed their ancestors in the wilderness. However, the manna lasted for only a day; it then rotted. The bread Jesus gives is living bread that enables those who eat it to live forever. This is a lot to believe. But then, that is exactly what we are asked to do. We might have correct theological language to explain how this transformation takes place, but we still will not understand the mystery to which it points. So what are we to do? Very simply: take and eat!

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## FOR Reflection

★ *The Eucharist is one of the foundational mysteries of our faith. A good Eucharistic prayer might be: "I believe; help my unbelief."*



## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

*Eucharistic worship also teaches us the right balance of values: not to put earthly realities in first place but heavenly goods; to hunger not only for material food, but also for "food that endures for eternal life" (John 6:27).*

—ADDRESS TO THE DIOCESES OF CESENA AND BOLOGNA,  
APRIL 21, 2018