

Sunday, June 6, 2021 – The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Goal: As a community may we seek to be of one heart and one mind, to know, love and serve our Lord by Letting His love and light shine through each of us.

From the Cluttered Desk and Mind of Deacon Bob

Blessings to everyone here at St. John the Evangelist Church in Centerville-Saugerties. And welcome to Corpus Christi Sunday.

Corpus Christi is Latin, and it means Body of Christ. If you remember, this was one of the two days during the year when we would have an outdoor procession, either around the church or out onto Route 212. This is one of my favorite Sundays. The Eucharist is the “source and summit of our Christian life”, as it says in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. You know I am constantly reminding you of the opportunity all those who have not come back to church have to receive the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ in the Eucharist at home. The Eucharist, the True Presence of Jesus Christ, is what separates us from all other Christian religions.

Many people have gotten into the practice of watching the Mass on Sunday morning, on EWTN, from St. Patrick’s, or from some other source they have found on their TV or computer. When we were prevented from attending Mass, this was a useful substitute, since you still heard the word of God and the instruction given in the homily. But you could not receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Now we can return to church, although many people still are not comfortable with being in church with a number of other people. And that’s okay. But I still want everyone to receive the special blessing you get from receiving Communion.

This is God’s great gift to us, what Jesus gave to us at the Last Supper, as we hear in the Gospel from Mark. Jesus says “Take it; this is My Body.” “This is My Blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many.” He wants us to share in His great sacrifice, to share in His divinity.

In the first reading from Exodus, Moses tells the people what God had told him on Mount Sinai, and the people all say “we will do everything that the Lord has told us.” Moses then sprinkles them with the blood of bulls which has been blessed, making a covenant between them and God, a sacred promise and commitment between the people and God. In the Gospel, Jesus uses that same word, covenant, when He turns the bread and the wine into His Body and Blood. His blood now becomes the blessed offering to God for this covenant between God and man. And we, through the Apostles and disciples present with Him at the Last Supper, make this sacred promise to accept Him and His commandment of love as our own. And the graces we receive in this sacrament help us to continue to obey and spread His message of love, care, and concern for our fellow human being.

Everyone in this parish has the opportunity to receive the Eucharist regularly, at home, at church, at St. John’s or some other church. Please use this opportunity, if you cannot make it or do not want to come into church, to contact me or the rectory office and let us know that you would like to receive Communion. We will make the arrangements so that you can be united again with Jesus in the Eucharist.

God bless you.

RESERVED MASSES:

Sun 6/5 5:30p.m. Evelyn VanHeusen
Req. by Maureen O’Neill

Sat 6/12 5:30 p.m. Birthday remembrance of
Florence B. O’Leary
*Req. by family of Kris and
Bill Hodgson*

COMMUNION SERVICES:

St. John’s has a Communion Service every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 8:30 AM. All are welcome. Morning Prayer is prayed immediately before the service at 8:15 AM. Please come.

Please call 845-217-3333 to reach Alison at the Parish Office or for Religious Education. To reach Fr. Chris in an EMERGENCY, please call 845-246-4913.

FOOD PANTRY ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

If you might be interested in helping with this corporal work of mercy, please let Gabby Baker know. She can be reached at g.baker1@ppcsd.org.

EUCCHARISTIC MNISTERS

Assisting Fr. Chris this week will be Deacon Bob. Next week, it will be Maureen Webster.

LECTOR

The lector this week is Jeff Dudzik. Next week, it will be Gaetana Sowles,

ATTENDANCE

Last week, we had 58 people at 5:30 mass.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This sacrament is one of the seven sacraments. As St. James says in his Letter, "If someone is sick, let him call the priest to pray over him and to anoint him with oil." If you or anyone you know would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick, please let Deacon Bob know, and he will arrange a priest to come and anoint them and pray over them. Call him at 845-706-1035.

CONTACTING MISSING PARISHIONERS

I'm sure you are aware that many people have not returned to church after the shutdown because of COVID. I would like to try and reach out to those who are not here, and see if they need assistance, encouragement, or support. Please try to remember who used to sit next to you, on either side, in front or in back of you, and give me, Deacon Bob, their names. With the help of other parishoners, I would like to contact them, by phone or by mail, and let them know they are missed, they are cared about, and see if there is anything we as a parish can do for them. Thank you for your help with this.

CLYNK

We are still doing Clynk with Hannaford. We are collecting deposit bottles in the shed out back, and then putting them in the specially-marked bags so that St. John's gets credit for the deposit value. You can also take a bag home with you and fill your own bag at home with all your deposit containers and bring it to Hannaford's yourself. Or leave it in the shed. Thank you for your continued support. This does help in our outreach.

I apologize for the lack of bags recently. We will have some bags very shortly.

JUNE FOOD BAZAAR

On June 24th & 25th, a food bazaar will be held at St. Mary's. Orders will be taken in advance for our famous fried dough, as well as delicious BBQ dinners from Stone Pony. If you would like to place an order or need more information, please contact Christine Molinelli at 845-246-6381 or via email: smsjfundraising@gmail.com. Order forms are available in the church.

COMMUNION CALLS

If you or someone you know would like to receive Communion at home, either because of illness or infirmity, or because they don't feel safe in church, please call me, Deacon Bob, and I will arrange for someone to come and bring Communion to them or to you. Call me at 845-706-1035. I have been contacted by a couple of people who would like to receive Communion. I do not have the time to do this. If anyone is willing to bring Communion regularly to people or couples at their homes, please contact me, Deacon Bob, at 845-706-1035, and I will give you the details. If you are considering becoming an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, please contact me. There is some instruction that is needed which I will be glad to provide. I had the joy of instructing two people a few weeks as ministers of Holy Communion at home. It is a most rewarding experience.

SUMMER CAMP at SMSJ Early Learning Center

July 5-August 20, 2021

Looking for a safe and secure environment where your child can have fun? Come join us for the summer at SMSJ! Offering age-appropriate activities including daily academics, crafts, cooking, tie dying, jewelry making, outdoor sports and more as well as an onsite playground, gymnasium and our very own Children's Garden! All rooms including gym is air conditioned to keep your child cool on hot days!

Create your own schedule; days and times are yours to choose! Open Monday - Friday from 7AM-6PM. FMI: Call 845-389-4568 or email us at:

SMSJlearningcenter@gmail.com.



YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Vincent Saturn, Gene Woodruff, Jane Fiore, Peter Kandora, John Lynch, Nancy Dwyer, Claire Miller, "Smokey" Woods, Zac Swart, Ann Deacon, Debbie Lieberman, MaryLou Dengler, Anne Monfrini, Joan O'Leary, Dan Kelly, Richard Teitter, Ann Nelson, Vinnie & Hilda McDermott, Loretta Beisel, Joanne Sussman, Brittney Ruskie, Thomas Houlihan Sr., Frankie Cullen, Walter Johnson, Charles Bowls, Joe Font, Debbie Volkle, Mike Leung. Pam Murphy, Debra Trees, Fred Belfance, John Bechtold, Paul Donlon, Olivia Trees, Joe Nista, Carol Loesch, Bruce Meservey, Mark Moore

To place or remove name from sick list, please call 217-3333