

June 6, 2021: The Body and Blood of Christ

CORPUS CHRISTI EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE

Pope Urban IV established the annual celebration of the FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI in 1264, over 700 years ago. Did you know that it was a EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE (Bolsena, Italy) that led to that decision? I never paid much attention to that historical event until this year...as it reminded me of our "little" Eucharistic miracle at OLHOC...

Pope Urban IV was the right Pope at the right time. He was born Jacques Pantaléon in Troyes, Northern France, in 1221. He served as Archdeacon of Liege (today's Belgium) at the time St Juliana of Liege had visions of the Eucharist which led to the establishment of a local celebration of CORPUS CHRISTI. Later on, as Pope, he resided in Orvieto, only 10 miles away from BOLSENA where in 1263 occurred an amazing Eucharistic miracle that he declared authentic, leading him to establish a worldwide, annual celebration of CORPUS CHRISTI.

As I get "older" I am more and more interested in Church History. If we do not know where we come from, we do not know where we are nor where we are going. The 13th century was marked by a Catholic renewal, with the establishment of the Dominican Order by St Dominic (Toulouse, Southern France) and of the Franciscans by St Francis of Assisi, Italy.

St Thomas Aquinas, one among the first ones to join the Dominican Order, wrote extensively about the Eucharist and was the first to give a presentation of TRANSUBSTANTIATION: what happens as the bread and wine offered at every Mass are being changed into the BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST. St Thomas taught at the St Dominic Convent in Orvieto during the papacy of Urban IV. It is not surprising that Pope Urban IV asked St Thomas to write the liturgy for this new Solemnity of Corpus Christi in 1264. To this day, we use some of the hymns written by St Thomas for the ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: PANGE LINGUA, O SALUTARIS HOSTIA, TANTUM ERGO. Also, every Corpus Christi, we sing the SEQUENCE LAUDA SION SALVATOREM (SION, Praise Your Savior) ending with PANIS ANGELICUS (Bread of Angels). We can be grateful to St Thomas for an inspirational language to worship the Eucharist, including ADORATION.

The great tradition of Corpus Christi is to have an outdoor procession of the Blessed Sacrament. We will have ours at OLHOC right after the 11:30 am Mass this Sunday, June 6. This is an opportunity to bring Jesus out of our church and to encourage Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. At the end of the procession, we will expose the Blessed Sacrament on an altar at the foot of the large outdoor Cross, and pray and ADORE Jesus, truly present Body, Soul, and Divinity in the Eucharist. This is what the Solemnity of Corpus Christi is all about.

I am grateful to Father Ben to have assisted us in having longer hours of Adoration at OLHOC. His Love of the Eucharist is central to his priesthood. As I announced at the end of all Masses last weekend, Cardinal Gregory has

appointed Fr. Ben to become parochial vicar at St John the Evangelist effective July 7, as part of the annual transfers of diocesan priests. Fr. Ben will be much missed by all of us. We are grateful to God that He allowed Fr. Ben to serve our parish for two years. We will have plenty of opportunities to thank Fr. Ben in the next four weeks, especially on Sunday, July 4th which will be his last Sunday with us. Later on, we will welcome Fr. Jan (pronounce Ian, which is John in Polish) who will join us on July 8. He is still a "baby" priest, 32-year-old, ordained only two years ago.

Let us remember on CORPUS CHRISTI our "little" EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE at OLHOC. It was not as dramatic as the bleeding of the host during Mass at Bolsena, Italy. However, both events have in common a consecrated host with blood. In addition, the image of the bloodstain on the marble of the altar at Bolsena's St Christina church (still preserved there as a relic) is very similar to the shape and color of blood that appeared on our consecrated host after five days of immersion in water...Just check the picture on the Internet: Bolsena Eucharistic Miracle of 1263. While the Eucharistic miracle occurs at every Mass, it is important once a year to celebrate that daily miracle of the EUCHARIST as a special SOLEMNITY, and to reinforce our belief in the REAL PRESENCE of the BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST at Consecration.

Let us pray together the beautiful ending of the CORPUS CHRISTI SEQUENCE written by St Thomas Aquinas in 1264:

*"For the ANGEL's FOOD is given
To the pilgrim who has striven;
See the children's BREAD FROM HEAVEN,
Which in dogs may not be spent.*

*Truth the ancient types fulfilling,
Isaac bound, a VICTIM willing,
PASCHAL LAMB, its LIFEBLOOD SPILLING,
Manna to the fathers sent.*

*VERY BREAD, good shepherd, tend us,
Jesu, of your LOVE befriend us,
You refresh us, you defend us,
Your eternal goodness send us
In the land of life to see.*

*You who all things can and know
Who on earth such food bestow
Grant us with your saints, though lowest,
Where the HEAV'NLY FEAST you show,
Follow heirs and guests to be. AMEN. ALLELUIA."*

May CORPUS CHRISTI celebration help all of us believe JESUS' words: "I AM THE LIVING BREAD that came down from HEAVEN, whoever eats this bread WILL LIVE FOREVER." (John 6: 51).

One in Christ,
Fr. Alain

New Mass Protocol

Following the guidelines by the Archdiocese of Washington, and the state of Maryland, we are making changes to our procedures:

- *No need to “sign-up” for Mass
- *We encourage everyone to continue wearing a mask for the time being
- *Keep 3 ft. between families. If you wish more distance, utilize the side aisles for 6 ft.
- *More Mass parts will be sung.
- *If you are feeling ill, please stay home and watch Mass on YouTube

Now accepting applications for Our Lady's Little Christians 2021/2022 school year.

We are now accepting applications for children ages 3-5. Openings are available for both AM classes, and full day. For more information, please contact Nieda Tice preschool@olhoc.org

Congratulations to the Class of 2021 High School and College Graduates!



Community Outreach

“Sharing Sunday” continues for the collection of non-perishable foods for the Food Bank and Family Shelter. The need is as great as ever for families in Waldorf!

Your donations can be left in the Fr. Martin Hall all week long.

Thank you OLHOC for all your support!

The next Outreach meeting will be September 15.

The next Shepherd's table is June 17, 2021

We wish everyone a blessed summer!

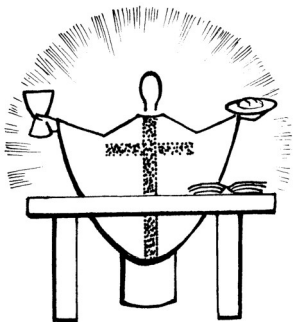
Are you a lost sheep?



Flocknotes is an online tool we use to communicate with our parishioners. You can read Father Alain's weekly column, find out Mass times, or any current events happening in our parish. The information is always up-to-date.

Flocknotes comes directly to your email inbox by Friday. Never miss any more news at OLHOC!

Sign up on our webpage (just look for the lamb) www.olhoc.com or call the office and someone will assist you to get the latest information.



Corpus Christi Procession

Join members of your Faith Community on Sunday June 6th after the 11:30 am Mass. We will process with the Blessed Sacrament in our neighborhood.

No 1 pm Mass June 6

***We are asked to pray for:**

Brandon Mack
Nestor Ermelindo Molina
James Thompson
Rebecca (Tess) Franch
Joseph Albrittian
Sid and Suszanna Marcus
Aleli Puzon
Patricia Delgado
Ann Marie Hobart
Larry McGraw
Ilene Custer
Derrick Webster
Julie Davis
David DeMarr
Dunnie Proctor
Amelia Vinceguerra
Lorraine Celijewski
Cren Wolden
Tabitha Barton
Maria Townsend

Sheryl Carter
Alex Leon
Sharketer Butler
Steven Bowling
Edna Yarngo
Kathly Grimes
Sheny Padilla
David Mesler
Victor Cordero
Georgiana Norgren
Marie Bottorf
Dorian Webster
Dionne Gause
Billy Dexter
Trenia Price
Erick M. Knapp
Norm Green
Sarah Dixon
Grace Albrittian
Elaine Moses

Yvonne Buford
Karen Zimmerman
Steve Wyloge
Terri Elizabeth McAllister Burnette
Joanne Johnson
Mike Spurgeon
Mary A. Dyson
Kevin Viel Sr.
Ligia Lam
David Stanley
Jim McMahan
Drew Shuda
Wilma Cruz
Fr. Eamon Dignan
Dr. Michael St. Thomas
and all our military and civilians serving in
harm's way.

** Names will be removed after 3 months unless
you notify the office*



Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday, June 5

9:00AM: Dennis E. Forgash (+)
5:00 PM: OLHOC Parishioners

Sunday, June 6,

8:30 AM: Alyssa Moseley
10:00 AM: Nicole Brady
11:30 AM: Troubled Youths
7:00 PM: Justo Villegas (+)

Monday, June 7,

7:00 AM: Cindy Torres
9:00 AM: Fidelis Nwangwu

Tuesday, June 8

9:00AM: Orlando Lagman (+)

Wednesday, June 9,

9:00 AM: Princess Green
7:00 PM: Orlando Lagman (+)

Thursday, June 10,

9:00 AM: Raymond Panquerne

Friday, June 11,

7:00 AM: Patricia Ita
9:00 AM: Remato Bassig (+)

*Please remember to pray for the
Souls in Purgatory*

Funeral Mass for Kathleen (Cathy) Lohman

Cathy Lohman's funeral Mass will be held in our church on Monday, June 7 at 12 noon. Please keep her in your prayers.

Tuesday Scripture Study - Join us on Tuesday mornings after the 9 am Mass to study the readings for the next Sunday.

Friday Scripture Study- The Friday night scripture study is now online. Please call the office for information on how to join us.

First Friday- The first Friday of each month the evening Mass is dedicated to promoting the Priesthood. Following evening Mass, devotion to the Alliance of the two Hearts.

First Saturday—Join members of the Marian Group on the first Saturday of the month after the 9 am Mass. Learn more about consecrating your life to Jesus through Mary.

Divine Mercy- Join us on the first Saturday of each month as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet as a community at 3 PM.

OLHOC Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, please call the parish office or send email to office@olhoc.org.

Mass Readings for June 13, 2021

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

***First Reading**

Ezekiel 17:22-24

***Second Reading**

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

***Gospel**

Mark 4:26-34

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James– Pearls for Wise Living Course

Our next 10-session course will be James – Pearls for Wise Living by Ascension Press.

It will be every Sunday from 13 Jun – 15 Aug 21, 0930 (between the 8:30 and 11:30 Masses), in the Father Martin Hall and via Zoom

Presenter, Jeff Cavins, shows how James' teachings speak to us who feel torn between the competing demands of this world and our Faith. The Book of James helped a fledgling Church live out its Faith in the face of persecution and a worldview opposed to the gospel and you will discover wisdom you can apply to your own life, now.

To Register on Ascension Press:

<https://study.ascensionpress.com/studies/55902/registrations/new>

Get Workbook (optional):

<https://ascensionpress.com/products/james-pearls-for-wise-living-study-set-1?variant=7553718616100>

Zoom Meeting Link:

[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)

33 Day Consecration to St. Joseph May 19– June 20

For those who did not have the opportunity, the total consecration to St. Joseph will begin again on May 19, ending on Father's Day, Sunday June 20. You can follow along on YouTube with Father Alain and Father Ben daily.

The daily prayers can be found here:

https://www.unleashthegospel.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/33-Days-of-Prayers-and-Daily-Challenge_ENGLISH.pdf

HELP KEEP OUR CHURCH CLEAN

Since last year, OLHOC cut back on many of the services we had paid for. Due to financial restraints, the lawn maintenance is all done by volunteers, we no longer have a staff person to help out with the facilities, and we cut back on our cleaning services to once a week.

Please do your part in helping to keep our church clean.

*****REMINDER*****

- Wash your hands before coming to Mass and sanitize when entering the church
- We are encouraging everyone to continue wearing their masks for the safety of those who are un-vaccinated
 - Maintain a 3 ft distance from non family members. If you prefer 6 ft, please use the side aisles
- We have a spray bottle and paper towels at the back of the Nave for parishioners who wish to wipe their seats before Mass. Please DO NOT bring your own alcohol wipes as that will damage our pew finish
 - If you feel ill, stay home and watch Mass on www.olhoc.com at 10 am on Sundays

We will miss you Father Ben!