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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST • JUNE 18, 2017

Are We a Vibrant Community? FR. BOSCO PADAMATTUMMAL

In the year 1263 a priest from Prague was on route to Rome, making a pilgrimage to ask God for help in strengthening his faith since he was having doubts about his vocation. Along the way he stopped in Bolsena 70 miles north of Rome. While celebrating Mass there, as he raised the host during the consecration, the bread turned into flesh and began to bleed. The drops of blood fell onto the small white cloth on the altar, called the corporal. The following year, 1264, Pope Urban IV instituted the feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus - today's feast, Corpus Christi. The Pope asked St. Thomas Aquinas, living at that time, to write hymns for the feast and he wrote two, better known to the older members of our congregation, *Tantum Ergo* and *O Salutaris*. That blood-stained corporal may still be seen in the Basilica of Orvieto north of Rome.

The Eucharist is often spoken of as the very center of Christian living. There is a very real danger for Christian communities of collapsing or degenerating when deprived of the Eucharist for any length of time. No one can, in effect, remain a committed Catholic Christian without participation in the Eucharist. Every

persecuted Church realizes this and struggles to keep the Eucharist alive in its communities. We have seen that in countless examples over the centuries.

Basically two things happen when we celebrate the Eucharist:

a. We remember and we give thanks. The word 'Eucharist' is derived from a Greek word for 'thanks'. Above all, we remember with deep gratitude all that God has done for us in Jesus Christ; through His life, suffering, death and resurrection. We also remember and give thanks for all our own personal experiences of God's love at work in our lives. And we remember and give thanks not only for what happened a long time ago but most especially for what is happening in our lives at this time.

b. We come together to celebrate our being a community and a fellowship in Christ. Although the Eucharist is at the center of our Christian life, it cannot survive in a vacuum. That is why I like to say that the Eucharist is, by and large, the measure of a Christian

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Congratulations Manchester High School Class of 2017!!!
 Baccalaureate was celebrated at Emmanuel United Church of Christ
 Wednesday, June 7th. Graduates of St. Mary Parish Grace Krzyzaniak, Sean Sangster, Ethan Woods, Abigail Burch and Hunter Carson were honored during 8:30 am Mass on Sunday, June 11th.



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PARISH CALENDAR

Mass Intentions, [Requested by], and Parish Activities

SAT., JUNE 17	ORDINARY WEEKDAY/BVM
2 Cor 5: 14-21/ Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/ Mt 5: 33-37	3:30-4:30 pm Confession 5:00 pm Vigil Mass: <i>For the People</i>
SUN., JUNE 18	THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 (12)/1 Cor 10:16-17/ Optional Sequence Lauda, Sion/Jn 6:51-58	8:00-8:15 am Confession 8:30 am Mass: Ed Haller [Eddie and Judy Walz] 10:00-10:15 am Confession 10:30 am Mass: Joseph Germek [Martin and Kathy Brogley] 11:30 am Corpus Christi Procession
MON., JUNE 19	ORDINARY WEEKDAY/St. Roumald
2 Cor 6: 1-10/ Ps 98: 1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/ Mt 5: 38-42	No Mass today in Manchester
TUES., JUNE 20	ORDINARY WEEKDAY
2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2-5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/Mt 5:43-48	8:30 am Mass: Evelyn Shurtliff [Bill and Janet Shurtliff]
WED., JUNE 21	ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA
2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc -2, 3-4, 9/Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18	8:30 am Mass: Larry Becktel [Eddie and Judy Walz]
THUR., JUNE 22	ORDINARY WEEKDAY/Sts. Paulinus of Nola, John Fisher and Thomas More
2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111: 1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15	8:30 am Mass: Joseph Fitzgerald [John and Tina Doyle and Family]
FRI., JUNE 23	SACRED HEART OF JESUS
Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10 (see 17)/ 1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30	8:30 am Mass: Mary Agnes Zavicar [John and Tina Doyle and Family]
SAT., JUNE 24	NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
Vigil: Jer 1: 4-10/ Ps 71: 1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/ 1 Pt 1: 8-12/ Lk 1: 5-17, Day:ls 49: 1-6/ Ps 139: 1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/ Acts 13: 22-26/ Lk 1: 57-66, 80	3:30-4:30 pm Confession 5:00 pm Vigil Mass: INT: Bill and Sandi Kwolek's 46th Anniversary [The Kwolek Family]
SUN., JUNE 25	TWELFTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
Jer 20: 10-13/ Ps 69: 8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)/ Rom 5: 12-15/ Mt 10: 26-33	8:00-8:15 am Confession 8:30 am Mass: <i>For the People</i> 10:00-10:15 am Confession 10:30 am Mass: Thomas and Shirley Sweeney [Frank and Cindy Remski and Family]

community. From the way a congregation celebrates its Eucharist one can know immediately whether this is a living or a dying or dead community. A dead or non-existent community cannot have a living Eucharist. Today is the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. The Body we celebrate today is the Body of the Risen Jesus. All of us who are baptized are members, constituent parts of that Body. When we approach the altar to receive Communion, the priest or minister says, "The Body of Christ". When we say our "Amen" of assent in faith, we need to be aware that the Body we are receiving is that Risen Body of Jesus, of which each one present is a part.

Dear brothers and sisters, a parish where Mass-going is basically the only activity of its members is going to be a dead parish and its Eucharistic celebration will also be disappearing soon. A vibrant Christian community centered on Eucharist will have different activities in their community. We have bible studies throughout the year, we plan to start the Alpha course for the whole parish community to know more about our faith, and in the coming Lent we will have the Fish Fry to bring lots of people together at St. Mary's. Our Ice Cream Social is also one of our social activities to bring people together. So let us not give up any good activities that we have in our parish community but let us add something new to make it a strong vibrant community.

May Jesus in the Eucharist always be the very center and heart of our church, the center and heart of our faith, the center and heart of our parish, and the center and heart of the lives of each of us. *O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine, All praise and all thanksgiving Be every moment thine.*



AREA NEWS

Pilgrimage to Ireland - Visit the most famous sites of Ireland including Galway, the Cliffs of Moher, the Ring of Kerry, Blarney Castle, Ireland's National Marian Shrine- Knock, Ballintubber Abbey, the Book of Kells, St. Patrick's Cathedral and much more! All of these incredible spiritual and cultural experiences culminate with the World Meeting of Family festivities and Mass with Pope Francis in August 2018. Call Corporate Travel Service at 313-565-8888 x 121 for more details or reservations. Information night to be held on June 21st at Christ the King at 7pm.

St. John the Evangelist School is seeking a full-time early childhood lead teacher. Applicant must have a Bachelor's in Early Childhood

Education/Child Development or child-related field. Teaching experience strongly preferred. Qualified candidates should submit cover letter, resume, references, and a copy of teaching certification to Dru Densmore at ddensmore@myjacs.org by June 23rd.

People Living with Low Vision Glen Ashlock, Assistive Technology and IT Manager of the Area Agency on Aging, will offer a presentation on assistive technology designed to help people with low vision stay connected to the world on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 1:00-2:30 pm, in the Rose Room of the Dominican Life Center of the Adrian Dominican Sisters. Please bring your electronic device – mobile phone, tablet, or laptop – for this interactive program. For information, call Sister Margaret Urban, OP, at 517-266-4209.

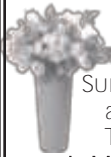
ALTERNATIVES TO ABORTION:
Right-to-Life MI Hotline
1-800-57WOMAN
Or visit www.optionline.org

NEED HELP? PROJECT RACHEL (post-abortion reconciliation and healing) Call the confidential phone line: 517-993-0291 or email nlc@resurrectionlansing.org

NEED HELP? "AA" group meets Friday & Sunday nights at 7:00 pm in the Emanuel church kitchen.

NEED HELP? "COURAGE" is a Catholic (endorsed by Diocese) spiritual support group for those struggling with same sex attraction. "ENCOURAGE" is a separate support group for families and friends. Call 517-342-2596

P A R I S H N E W S



Altar Flowers
for the week of
SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH
are sponsored by
The Boyd Family
In Memory of **William**
Boyd on Father's Day

Parish Family Birthdays

June 17June Faubion
June 17Mary Jean Riley
June 19Tim McConnell
June 19Janet Shurtliff
June 20Mary Nashif
June 24Dolores Bauer
June 25David Bauer

Sanctuary Lamps
are burning this week for:

- Happy Birthday Janet Shurtliff!!!
(Betty Cummings)
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(Betty Cummings)



St. Mary Roman Catholic Church Stewardship


WEEKLY COLLECTION
Sunday, June 4, 2017

Sunday Envelopes \$4,064.60
Loose Cash & Checks..... \$1,627.18
Welcome Envelopes..... \$36.00
Kids Envelopes \$1.00
Holy Day \$35.00

Weekly toward budget..... \$5,764.41
Weekly goal \$5,300.00
Amt. ABOVE goal..... \$464.41

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Building and Maintenance. \$478.60
Poor Box..... \$13.83
Votive Candle Receipts..... \$84.00
Mission Appeal \$2,032.00



Prayer Tree
Please Pray for:
Bernita Aiuto
Linda Dyer
Betsey Kripas
Shirley Krzyzaniak
Eddie Walz

Eucharistic Procession

To give glory and honor to God in the celebration of His Most Holy Body and Blood, there will be a Eucharistic Procession today, **Sunday, June 18th** immediately following the 10:30 am Mass. All are encouraged to participate.

Congratulations Graduates

St. Mary's Altar Society would like to congratulate all of those who are graduating, but especially Abbey Burch, Hunter Carson, Grace Krzyzaniak, Julia Nashif, Matthew Radze, Sean Sangster and Ethan Woods of St. Mary's Parish Family. You have reached a major milestone in your lives ~ your High School Graduation. Congratulations. We know that whatever you want to do with your lives, you will succeed.

Thanks you to Judy Walz and Laurie Sanders for once again putting together the Senior's Graduation Breakfast and to Mary Shaw, Inge Roncoli, Astrida Panches and Diane Schwab for assisting. Five of the seven graduates and their families gathered after 8:30am Mass to enjoy the breakfast.

Ice Cream Social on the Horizon

The 125th St. Mary Ice Cream Social will be here "in the blink of an eye"! The planning team has been busy, and now your support is needed to help make it the most outstanding event of the summer! Beginning this weekend, **June 18th-19th**, you will have the opportunity to commit to a place in history by donating time or treasure to the Social. More details can be found on the bulletin insert. It will feel great to be a part of history!

Serving During Ordinary Time

Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers & Ushers: If there are any times in August or September that you cannot serve, please call me no later than **Sunday, June 24, 2017**, to let me know. *Thank You for ALL that you do* ~ call Marja at 428-9506 or email her at marjadiann@gmail.com.

Are You a Witness to Hope?

Each member of our parish family has been personally invited by Bishop Boyea to become a 'Witness to Hope.' Please read through the materials provided in the envelope and give prayerful consideration on how you can participate in meeting our parish goal. Due to differing circumstances of life each family finds themselves in, the gifts will differ according to each one's means. Keep in mind that to those who have been given much, much will be expected.

Save the Date

St. Mary's will offer a ten-week Alpha Course, starting on **Tuesday, September 12th**, for anyone in the Manchester area (Catholic or not) who either doesn't attend church, is doubtful about the Christian faith, or who needs to come into an experiential relationship with the Holy Spirit. The course will be held here at St. Mary's, and will run from 6:00-7:30 pm (dinner included). More information will follow.



Thank you to our St. Mary Family for all your prayers, love, and support.

—Pat Fitzgerald and Family

MORE AREA NEWS

Sharon United Methodist Church will be hosting their annual Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, June 28th 5:00-7:30 pm. The cooks will be preparing their delicious sandwiches and their scrumptious sides!! There will be plenty of pies and cakes and of course ice cream to complete your meal! Hope to see you there!

Faith Fest 2017 is June 24th at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt. Jason Gray is headlining this all day Christian Concert event. Get Tickets at faithfest.com

100th Anniversary of The Apparitions of Fatima Pilgrimage October 10-20, 2017 Tour includes round trip airfare from Chicago, lodging, ground transportation, two daily meals, tour guide fees, entrance fees into all sites, along with tips, taxes, and gratuity. For more information please contact Erika Piotrowski at (231)720-8378 or email erikap.euro@hotmail.com.