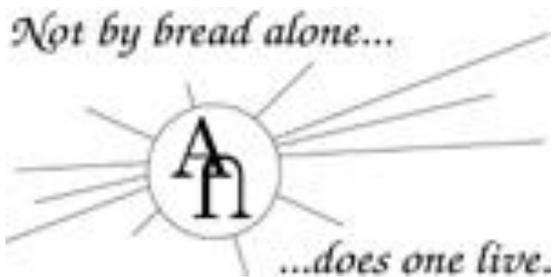


THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

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



SATURDAY, JUNE 17	
5:00 PM	Richard Dosit Sr. (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
SUNDAY, JUNE 18	
8:00 AM	Kenneth P. Geiger Sr. <i>req. by Family</i>
10:00 AM	Frank Mastrangelo Jr. (decd) <i>req. by Gina Mastrangelo</i>
12:00 PM	Father's Day Novena
6:00 PM	Richard Zuccaro Sr. (decd) <i>req. by Richard Zuccaro</i>
MONDAY, JUNE 19	
6:45 AM	Father's Day Novena
9:00 AM	Gino & Luisa Gandolfi (decd) <i>req. by Diana & Gabriel Gandolfi</i>
TUESDAY, JUNE 20	
6:45 AM	Paul Henshaw (living) <i>req. by Gina Mastrangelo</i>
9:00 AM	Father's Day Novena
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21	
6:45 AM	Father's Day Novena
9:00 AM	Fay Tonto (decd) <i>req. by Gina Mastrangelo</i>
THURSDAY, JUNE 22	
6:45 AM	Mary & Angelo Napoli (decd) <i>req. by their daughters</i>
9:00 AM	Father's Day Novena
FRIDAY, JUNE 23	
6:45 AM	Father's Day Novena
9:00 AM	Joe Cipollina (decd) <i>req. by Angela Coco</i>
SATURDAY, JUNE 24	
9:00 AM	Father's Day Novena
5:00 PM	John Shanahan (decd)



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Deuteronomy 8:2-3 14-b,16a We live on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Psalm 147 "Praise the Lord, Jerusalem."

1 Corinthians 10:16-17 The cup we bless and the bread we break are a participation in the Body of Christ.

John 6:51-58 Jesus is the Living Bread come down from Heaven.

All of our readings today give us rich images to help us grasp the meaning of the Eucharist: manna, cup of blessing, one loaf, living bread. As we listen to the holy word of God today, let's allow ourselves to rest in these and the other words and phrases that we will hear, and give them a chance to feed our soul so that we can come to the table truly ready to celebrate and receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

MEMORIAL CANDLES & BREAD & WINE

Interested in memorializing the Sanctuary Candle by the Tabernacle or for the Virgin Mary, Our Blessed Lady? These candles, which burn continuously, could burn for your specific intentions. If you are interested in having a loved one remembered or a special intention placed before God, please contact the rectory. An offering of \$15.00 a week is requested.

TABERNACLE CANDLE

IN MEMORY OF ANTHONY & PALMA FIUMARA

REQ. BY VERNARD & BARBARA WOODARD

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

SPECIAL INTENTION FOR ELIZABETH & ODETH

REQ. BY ELSIE LARA



BREAD AND WINE

SOCIETIES AND ACTIVITIES

Adoration Chapel	Natalie Philpin	793-4757
	Patricia Finan	961-0146
Altar Guild	Jennie Sepe	776-9847
Boy Scouts	Donna Ragusa	472-7567
Religious Education	Gina Mastrangelo	961-2590
C.Y.O.	Joan DeLuca	497-9798
Catholic Daughters	Martina Parisi	400-3634
Cheerleaders	Lori Fox	325-0333
H. S. A.	Nancy Arzola	274-0016
Holy Name	Frank Giacoio	793-5392
Legion of Mary	Josephine Bitetti	337-1372
Living Rosary	Natalie Philpin	793-4757
Music Director	Jerry Celestino	961-2590
Parish Council	Father Fernan	961-2590
Serra Club	George Alessi	779-8719
Senior Club	Jennie Sepe	776-9847
St. Vincent DePaul		
Of Saint Eugene Parish	Walter Whitmore	779-1826

Dear Parishioners:

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ; Corpus Christi:



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is also known as the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, which translates from Latin to "Body of Christ." This feast originated in France in the mid-thirteenth century and was extended to the whole Church by Pope Urban IV in 1264. This feast is celebrated on the Thursday following the Trinity Sunday or, as in the USA, on the Sunday following that feast. This feast calls us to focus on two manifestations of the Body of Christ, the Holy Eucharist and the Church. The primary purpose of this feast is to focus our

attention on the Eucharist. The opening prayer at Mass calls our attention to Jesus' suffering and death and our worship of Him, especially in the Eucharist. At every Mass our attention is called to the Eucharist and the Real Presence of Christ in it. The secondary focus of this feast is upon the Body of Christ as it is present in the Church. The Church is called the Body of Christ because of the intimate communion which Jesus shares with his disciples. He expresses this in the gospels by using the metaphor of a body in which He is the head. This image helps keep in focus both the unity and the diversity of the Church. The Feast of Corpus Christi is commonly used as an opportunity for public Eucharistic processions, which serves as a sign of common faith and adoration. Our worship of Jesus in His Body and Blood calls us to offer to God our Father a pledge of undivided love and an offering of ourselves to the service of others.

Installation of Altar Servers: Today at the 10:00 am Mass, Father Fernan will be installing 2 new Altar Servers who have been training for the past few months to serve at the Lords Table. Please join us as we congratulate them. They are Vincent and Jake Moneta. Congratulations.

Feast of Saint John the Baptist, June 24: John the Baptist was a contemporary of Christ who was known for evangelization and his baptizing of Jesus Christ. John the Baptist was born through the intercession of God to Zachariah and Elizabeth, who was otherwise too old to bear children. According to scriptures, the Angel Gabriel visited Elizabeth and Zachariah to tell them they would have a son and that they should name him John. Zachariah was skeptical and for this he was rendered mute until the time his son was born and named John, in fulfillment of God's will. When Elizabeth was pregnant with John, she was visited by Mary, and John leapt in her womb. This revealed to Elizabeth that the child Mary carried was to be the Son of God. John began public ministry around 30 AD, and was known for attracting large crowds across the province of Judaea and around the Jordan River. When Jesus came to him to be baptized, John recognized Him and said, "It is I who need baptism from you." Jesus told John to baptize Him anyway, which he did, whereupon the heavens opened, and the Spirit of God was seen like a dove. The voice of God spoke, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." John instructed his followers to turn to Christ, calling Him the "Lamb of God" and these people were among the first Christians.



Following his baptism of Christ, John's popularity grew so much that he alarmed King Herod. Herod ordered him arrested and imprisoned. John spoke with Herod on several occasions and condemned his marriage to his half-brother's wife. This condemnation would be his downfall as King Herod promised to grant a wish to his daughter. In revenge for John the Baptist's condemnation of her mother's scandalous marriage to Herod, she asked for John's head. King Herod reluctantly obliged. John the Baptist died sometime between 33 and 36 AD. *God, You raised up St. John the Baptist to prepare a perfect people for Christ. Fill your people with the joy of possessing His grace, and direct the minds of all the faithful in the way of peace and salvation. Grant that, as St. John was martyred for truth and justice, so we may energetically profess our Faith in You, and lead others to the Way, the Truth, and Eternal Life. Amen.*

Father's Day: I would like to wish all of our Fathers, Grandfathers, and Godfathers... a Blessed Day.

May God bless you always, Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator

For Fathers, who have given us life and love that we may show them the love and affection today and all days ... we pray to You, O God, Our Father.

For Fathers, who have lost child through death, that they may find hope, and solace in your never ending love, ... we pray to You, O God, Our Father.

For Fathers, who have died, that God may welcome them into that peaceful place that is without ending ... we pray to You, O God, Our Father. *Dear Lord, please bless and comfort him. Help his loving heart to continue to love and give himself to others. Strengthen him when he is down and give him hope when he is discouraged. Most of all, Lord, on this Father's Day, give my Father and all Fathers the graces he needs and desires. I ask you this, in the name of Jesus, our Savior, forever and ever. Amen.*



Happy Father's Day in Heaven, Dad, I love and miss you – Gina



Beloved of God,

Solemnity of Corpus Christi – The Body and Blood of Jesus Our Blessed Lady and the Holy Mass



“When the hour came, Jesus took His place at the table, and the apostles with Him. He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” Then He took a cup, and after giving thanks He said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” Then He took a loaf of bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.” And He did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.” (Luke 22:14-20)

“Jesus took His place at the table, and the apostles with Him.” Where is Mary? Our Blessed Lady, Our Holy Mother was not present at the Last Supper. One would think that at this most important moment, when Her Son was reconfiguring the Holy Covenants of Old made between God and His Chosen People, that the Mother of God, the woman Who made all this possible, would be there. But She wasn't. Mary was conspicuously absent. Or was She?

During Holy Week, we are given by the Holy Church the *Paschal Triduum* which reveals the Paschal Mystery – *“Christ’s work of redemption accomplished principally by His Passion, death, Resurrection and Glorious Ascension, whereby “dying He destroyed our death, rising He restored our life.”* (Catechism of the Catholic Church, pg. 891) This Mystery is revealed over time, most especially during the three days, Triduum, from Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday. The Holy Mass is the beginning of the revelation of the Suffering and Death of Our Savior. *“When the hour came”* is a prediction by Christ of His Passion. The Holy Mass is that unbloody Sacrifice of Christ on the Cross. Although, we do not see Our Blessed Lady at the First Mass where Jesus consecrated His first Bishops, She is ever present at the actual scene of the Crucifixion. Jesus’ Mother never left His side. Even though the other Apostles would abandon Him and betray Him (Luke 22:39-62), Our Blessed Lady, His first Disciple, remained ever vigilant, *“Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were His mother, and His mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene...”* (John 19:25), as the Holy Mass unfolded. Let us remember that when we receive Holy Communion, we receive the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus. We mysteriously receive the Body of His Passion, His Crucified Body, His Risen Body and His Divinity. As the entire event of Christ’s Passion, Death and Resurrection are present in the Blessed Sacrament so are those three days, the Paschal Triduum, captured in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament as well. So even though, Our Blessed Lady was not present at the Last Supper, She is a part of the Paschal Triduum as She is ever-present at the Crucifixion.

Some saints, who have been graced with a special vision of the Holy Mass, offer that just as Our Blessed Lady was present before the foot of the Cross as Her Son was offered to the Father on the altar of the Cross, so is She ever-present during every Holy Mass. Our Blessed Lady, who has never received Holy Communion, but who was the original Tabernacle of the soon-to-be-born Savior of the World, is always by Her Son’s side.

Mary our Mother, please lead us to the Cross of your Son especially through the Holy Mass. God love you... Father Fernan

