

The Work of the People
*Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of
 Christ (Corpus Christi)*

This Eucharistic day, observed with such solemnity throughout the world, began in a quiet Belgian convent in the thirteenth century, with the vision of a holy none, St. Juliana. In her vision, she saw the moon, full and bright. It was glorious, except that one part of its disk was in shadow. The meaning of the vision was then revealed to her: the moon represented the liturgical year; the shadow, a missing feast in honor of the Blessed Sacrament. Juliana spoke to her confessor about what she had seen. Amazingly, within thirty-five years, Pope Urban IV had established the feast of Corpus Christi, the Body of Christ, in the Church's universal calendar.

Hundreds of years later, in 1849, Pope Pius IX added the Feast of the Precious Blood celebrated on July 1. Following the Second Vatican Council, the two liturgies became one solemnity and honor of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Of course, we already had a day honoring the Eucharist: the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, which even includes a procession with the Blessed Sacrament. But the purpose and the mood of the two processions are strikingly different.

On Holy Thursday, we walk with Jesus to the Mount of Olives, to keep watch with him on the night of his betrayal. The sacrament is carried in the ciborium, covered with the humeral veil; and Christ's glory, too, is veiled as he undergoes his Passion. On Corpus Christi, we walk in the afterglow of Easter Time, in company with the Risen Lord. This time, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in a monstrance: the Lord's glory is not hidden, but visible to all. Corpus Christi is one of the most Catholic of days, an expression of our faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

The reflection for this Solemnity is from Fr. Brendan McGuire who is pastor of St. Simon Parish in Los Altos, California.

I was at my brother's house helping to fix something and I needed a second set of hands, so I asked my nephew to help. He came over but when I started to give him the screws, both of his hands were full of the ubiquitous iPhone and TV remote. He looked at me with a blank stare. I said, "Put down those things and take this. I need

your hands!" Reluctantly, he put them down and nodded in understanding.

Often when we come to the Eucharist, the Lord is ready to give us something important. "Take it; this is my body." We need to have open hands in order to receive. Just like my nephew, we need to let go of what we are holding to receive the Lord into our hands and our hearts.

In his book *With Open Hands*, Henry Nouwen speaks of the Eucharist and of our need to be open to the grace of God. In his experience, most Catholics come to the Eucharist with clenched fists—a very powerful and startling accusation!

But often our fists are clenched, holding onto our busy-ness, anger, unforgiveness, or self-pity. As long as we come with hearts and hands full, we cannot truly receive what the Lord is offering us at this table.

We are called to pour out whatever we are holding. We say, "Lord, this is what I am today" and we pray, "Lord, give me your strength. Let me become what I receive, your Body broken for others, your Blood poured out for others."

We must come with open hands and open hearts.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Pt. 1:2-7/Mk. 12:1-12
 Tuesday: 2 Pt. 3:12-15a, 17-18/Mk. 12:13-17
 Wednesday: 2 Tm. 1:1-3, 6-12/Mk. 12:18-27
 Thursday: 2 Tm. 2:8-15/Mk. 12:28-34
 Friday: Hos. 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Eph. 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn. 31-37
 Saturday: 2 Tm. 4:1-8/Lk. 2:41-51
 Sunday: Gn. 3:9-15/2 Cor. 4:13; 5:1/Mk. 3:20-35

SAVE THE DATE

Remember to save the date for the celebration of our patronal feast, St. Anthony of Padua.

Thursday, June 13 we will gather for Evening Prayer at 5:30 pm and then share a tureen picnic dinner after. The sandwiches will be provided and we ask that any family that attend provide a dish to share.

SHRINES OF PITTSBURGH

Our Lady of Mercy is organizing a bus trip to Pittsburgh, to visit two of "The Shrines of Pittsburgh" Saturday, June 22, 2024. For online information <https://pghshrines.org/pilgrimage>. For questions or additional information, contact Rose Galenza at 814 873-9501 or Adriana Grosch at Adriana.alma18@gmail.com
 Check bulletin boards for more information.

WORSHIP

Monday, June 3
 8:00 am + Liv. & Dec. Members of David & Christine Ochs Family
 Tuesday, June 4
 8:00 am + James Samson (LeRoy & Mildred Frontz)
 Wednesday, June 5
 8:00 am + NO MASS
 Thursday, June 6
 8:00 am + Liv. & Dec. Members of PNA Lodge 1540
 Friday, June 7- FIRST FRIDAY
 8:00 am + Dec. Member of Adams Family (P. Adams)
 Saturday, June 8
 4:30 pm + Liv. & Dec. Members of St. Anthony of Padua and St. Bernadette Mission
 Sunday, June 9
 8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE MISSION
 Robert Evans (Frank & Mary Consiglio)
 9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
 Arlindo Santos Ferreira (Ana Maria Leandro)

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday, June 3
 5:00 pm - Doors open for BINGO
 Tuesday, June 4
 After Mass - St. Anthony Novena
 Saturday, June 8
 3:30 - 4:15 pm - Confession
 Sunday, June 9
 AT ST. BERNADETTE MISSION
 Before Mass - Confession
 AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
 After Mass - Confession

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 Vacation Bible School is June 17 - 21. There will be dinner at 5 pm in the All Purpose Room at the First Baptist Church.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE
 Jesus reminds us in today's gospel "a house divided against itself will not stand." Are the tensions and issues which divide your home worth the struggle? Even if you win an argument you lose a relationship. Don't let pride and pettiness divide your home.

ST. BERNADETTE MISSION STEWARDSHIP

Offertory	\$466.00
TOTAL	\$466.00

QUO VADIS DAYS
 Join us for our summer priesthood discernment camp, June 23-26, 2024. Meet the seminarians, pray together, have fun. Cost is \$50. To register online - erievocations.org. Deadline to register is June 14. For more information contact Fr. Scott Jabo, Director of Priestly Vocations, at 814 824-1198.
 Further information on the bulletin boards at both entrances of the church.

CLASS OF 2024
 Please join in at First Baptist Church Sunday, June 2 at 7:00 pm for the Baccalaureate Service sponsored by C.S. Ministerium.

**TYPE 2 COULD BE YOU
 PA DIABETES PREVENTION AND EDUCATION**
 Come learn about this amazing lifestyle change program: The National Diabetes Prevention Program, Tuesday, June 25 from 4:30 - 5:30 pm at Our Lady of the Lake Church, Edinboro, PA. Please call to reserve your seat: 814 455-0995. Regardless of medical diagnosis or health insurance status, this program offering will be FREE OF CHARGE.

*"Jesus,
 teach me how to reflect your mercy
 in this world!"*

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
 This year the Diocese of Erie is pleased to host the annual Milestone Anniversary Celebration for couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage at St. George Church in Erie at 2:00 pm. Couples may request the registration form from St. Anthony parish office 814 398-4234. Registrations are being accepted until July 24.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA STEWARDSHIP

Offertory	\$1,172.00
Maintenance	186.00
CSA	825.00
International Needs	25.00
Candles	9.00
Ascension	15.00
Calendar Lottery	40.00
TOTAL	\$2,272.00

Catholic Services Appeal
 Pledged: \$32,996 Paid: \$23,761

CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA

CHURCH NO.:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
