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FIRST COMMUNION



**Our Lady
Star of the Sea**
Roman Catholic Community
in the Diocese of Bridgeport



This week the Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of all children lost due to violence requested by OLSS Outreach.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

5:30pm Jan Bajor
(req. by Barbara & Wojciech Iwaszkiewicz)

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

9:00am Giacomo & Rosa Masone
(req. by Angela Masone & family)
11:00am Peter Cross (req. by Anne Cross)

MONDAY, JUNE 20

8:00am Special Intention

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

8:00am Llewellyn B. Kilcoyne (req. by family)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

8:00am Special Intention

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

8:00am Special Intention

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

8:00am Mary Ann McNulty (req. by Massimi family)

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

5:30pm C.Y. Walsh (req. by Titiolo family)

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

9:00am Pamela McMahon (req. by Glynn family)
11:00am Leokadia & Edward Iwaszkiewicz
(req. by Barbara & Wojciech Iwaszkiewicz)



WEEKLY COLLECTION:

This Year (6/12/22)

\$3,417;

Last Year (6/13/21)

\$3,165;

Pray for
PEACE

Saturdays at 5:00 pm (prior to the 5:30 Vigil Mass) Live rosary in the Church until peace is restored in Ukraine and around



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets. - Lk 9:16-17

Jesus went to those most in need. He forgave the sinner, ate with the outcast, defended, and fed those who were poor and hungry. He worked for true justice, risked being unpopular, willingly accepted suffering and death, and always stayed connected with his Abba, Father. Jesus also consistently reminded **folks that God's compassion, love, and mercy trump everything**, even the law. This is the Christ that the Eucharist calls us to be. As we look around our churches, our towns and cities, and our world, there are many people who need to see the face and body of Christ. Some of those most in need may be right within our families. But it is always in the poorest of the poor and those most vulnerable that we find the greatest need. There are many who cannot function on their own. When the gift of the Eucharistic Christ takes root in our hearts, we can more readily see the face of Christ in others.

Many people are vulnerable. Highest on that list are the homeless. They show us the face of Christ. Whatever the cause, to have no place to go and no place to call home takes a toll on the human spirit. For Jesus when there were hungry people, **they were fed. God asks us to do the same ... feed people.** There are many who are hungry physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Gifted by the Eucharistic presence of Christ, we can bring them Christ. Who are the hungry around us and how can we feed them?

When someone is hurting, you comfort them. When someone is hungry, you feed them. When someone needs clothes, you provide them. When someone is cold, you warm them. When someone is in prison, you visit them. With over a million people who are homeless and over a quarter of them children, it is **important to ask the question, "why?" and strategize for ways to lessen or alleviate the problem.** Nevertheless, we are not off the hook for responding to the immediate needs that present **themselves at our doors. Whether a person's current station in life is self-imposed or the result of being victimized, they are sacred vessels. We cannot lock the door and send them away and still believe we bear the Eucharistic presence of Christ. It doesn't work like that.** ©LPi

**The Story Behind
the Feast of Corpus Christi**

(Jun 14, 2017 by Gretchen Filz)

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, historically known by its Latin name, Corpus Christi, celebrates the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. It is traditionally celebrated on the Thursday following the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity.

The feast dates to the Middle Ages and originated with a visionary nun and a Eucharistic miracle.

In 1263 a German priest, Fr. Peter of Prague, made a pilgrimage to Rome. He stopped in Bolsena, Italy, to celebrate Mass at the Church of St. Christina. At the time he was having doubts about Jesus being truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. He was affected by the growing debate among certain theologians who, for the first time in the history of the Church, began introducing doubts about the Body and Blood of Christ being actually present in the consecrated bread and wine. In response to his doubt, when he recited the prayer of consecration as he celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, blood started seeping from the consecrated host and onto the altar and corporal.

Fr. Peter reported this miracle to Pope Urban IV, who at the time was nearby in Orvieto. The pope sent delegates to investigate and ordered that host and blood-stained corporal be brought to Orvieto. The relics were then placed in the Cathedral of Orvieto, where they remain today.



Father's Day Prayer

God our Father,
you govern and protect your people
and shepherd them with a father's love.
You place a father in a family
as a sign of your love, care,
and constant protection.

May fathers everywhere be faithful
to the example shown in the Scriptures:
steadfast in love, forgiving
transgressions, sustaining the family,
caring for those in need.

Give your wisdom to fathers
that they may encourage and
guide their children.
Keep them healthy
so they may support a family.

Guide every father
with the Spirit of your love
that they may grow in holiness
and draw their family ever closer to you.
Amen

BE A VOLUNTEER "CHEF"!



Help prepare healthful, balanced lunches once every 4 months for up to 100 diners on the first Friday of every month at New Covenant Center. Join one of the four dedicated teams led by Maureen Carson, Joe Dineen, Krystyna Vaughan and Robert Finger, or Deb and Jeff Harrington. Some preparation can be done in your own home. For more information, contact Maureen Carson, maureenscarson@aol.com, 203-324-2224

**Food Pantry Wish List
New Covenant Center**



Canned Tuna, Canned Soups/Stews, Dry Beans or Peas, Stuffing Mix, Bottled Water, Canned Chili Beans 16oz., Canned Fruit Canned Vegetables (low sodium), Peanut Butter, Jelly/Jam, Whole Grain Cereal and Oatmeal, Olive/Vegetable Oil, Crackers, White Rice and Pasta. Our neighbors thank you!



Thank you for participating in the Person to Person SHREDDING/BAKE Sale event on 6/4. They raised over \$4,500 in donations and large quantities of food.

IT WAS A GREAT DAY!



ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The Altar Guild would like to offer all members of the Parish an opportunity to honor and remember loved ones on a birthday, anniversary, or a memorial event by placing flowers on the altar.

WITHOUT GOD
our week would be:
Sunday
Mournday
Tearsday
Wasteday
Thirstday
Fightday
Shatterday
Seven days without God
...makes one weak!