

**ST. MICHAEL'S**



**THE MOST HOLY  
BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;  
whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that  
I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." - Jn 6:51

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# FATHER MARK'S NOTES

## Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ/Corpus Christi

Having just finished up our small group discussions on the Mass, I hope you will have a renewed appreciation for the Sacred Liturgy, especially for the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ. We teach that the Eucharist is truly the Real Presence of Jesus, and we teach that without equivocation or compromise. It is not a “mere symbol”; it is a real and sacramental presence. He is with us!! As I mentioned before Mass this week, we need to be very intentional and conscious of how we go to Holy Communion.

When we go to receive Holy Communion, we begin with the process. That is a very important part of our spiritual lives. First off, the spiritual life is a journey, a walking, or a processing, to Holy Communion. It is an expression of our pilgrim journey. We take Holy Communion to those who cannot walk, but if we can, we need to process as an expression of our spiritual journey. When we arrive at our destination, we must first BOW; the Real Presence of Jesus is right before us. Either we receive on the tongue, or we put one hand under the other and create a “throne” of sorts for the Body of Christ. Normally, both hands should be free to do this!! As the priest, deacon, or Eucharistic Minister say, in an accepting and inviting way, “Body of Christ,” we say AMEN – “It’s true.” “I agree.” “I believe!!” That’s what our “AMEN” means. We take a step sideways and receive. (Not on the way back to your seat.) Then we process to the CUP. (Maybe one day soon!) Again: “The Blood of Christ,” “AMEN.”

As I read the Scriptures this week and listen to the Liturgy it appears to assume that we will receive under both species. That seems normative to me. Just to receive the Host looks like the exception – if I am to read the Scriptures correctly. We are in exceptional times. Maybe we can receive from the Cup soon.

We all need to reflect seriously on this precious moment when we receive the Body and Blood of Christ. We have a special feast just to remind us. What an awesome and amazing gift this is. But, once again, what difference does it make if bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ if we don’t become more and more the Body and Blood of Christ.

## Thursday 8:00 Mass

We celebrated our last Mass for the school year with our children at the school last Thursday, June 3. So, beginning this week, we will go back to Mass at 8:00 on Thursday. I think that will be welcomed by many of you. Those who may not be coming to daily Mass and can, you are welcome to join us.

## Small Groups

I hope our small groups are looking forward to a fruitful summer. Maybe you can meet in different ways and enjoy the outdoors a little. Let's not take a vacation from God and our learning about him. Maybe if I get a free evening, I can come and join you briefly. Again, have a wonderful and fruitful summer. And, do some fun things together!!!!

**We will have a few books available in the back of the church for individuals who wish to follow along with the readings during Mass.**



**Pictured Above**

Rick Cosgrove is volunteering his time recording the first reading for the Liturgy of the Word.

**Volunteer to Read for the Liturgy of the Word**

Volunteer to read the first reading of the day assigned for The Liturgy of the Word, which is a weekday offering on our virtual resource page at [omostoday.com](http://omostoday.com). It is the part of the Mass that pertains to the daily readings with a short homily. We have a viewership from 120-150 consistently. This 20 minute Liturgy is perfect to start the day. If you enjoy reading scripture, give this a try. To schedule, email Kevin Mansur, [kmansur@dioceseaj.org](mailto:kmansur@dioceseaj.org), or call the office to schedule, 814-535-7646.

**When shopping each week, pick up a few**

Hygiene necessities for drop off at Holy Grounds. Items are given to the Free Medical Clinic. Small sizes of toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc.

**Joseph's Hands**

We have helping hands available for small repairs. If you are not physically able to do a simple project—no matter—how small, we can help, or if there is a repair that cannot be done because financial resources are not available, we can help. Please contact us by calling the office at 814-535-7646 or filling out the contact form at [omostoday.com](http://omostoday.com).



Join us Sunday at 7:00 p.m. when we take a segment to discuss what is coming up this summer at OMOS. We will talk about information on some topics for small groups, what will Adult Religious Education look like, and what Youth Ministry will be doing. It will be a multi-guest variety format! See you then!

**Come Join in a Few Fitness Classes This June!**

We are participating in three free beginners Hooping Workshops. Yes - Hula Hoops - on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm, June 16, 23, and 30 outside on the OMOS campus. Hula Hooping is a fun, light cardio workout that increases energy levels and improves strength, muscle tone, balance, and flexibility.

- Hoops are provided
- No experience is necessary (We will all be beginners!)
- Register in the next email or call our office at 535-7646.
- Cash Donations are accepted to benefit Joseph's Hands Ministry

P.S. Dawn Georgevich is the instructor. She is a neighbor of Rick Bowser, team lead of our Joseph's Hands Ministry. When Dawn learned about how Joseph's Hands helps people, she wanted to donate her services to help with some of the expenses Joseph's Hands incurs.



## SMALL GROUP NEWS

The lazy days of summer are upon us, and a huge AMEN to that! That doesn't mean we should stop our spiritual journey. We would like to offer small groups some ideas that will allow you some rest but also keep you intrigued. Here are some recommendations for groups and they can also be enjoyed by all the whole parish!

1. Formed - there are many options for a study that are made available through the parish membership. They are continually updated and offer new choices to meet everyone's interests. Check it out, and I'm sure you will find something new to explore.
2. "The Chosen" - a made-for TV series on the life of Jesus and His disciples. This is a wonderful series that is currently releasing the second season. If you have a smartphone or Smart TV, the free app can be downloaded and enjoyed. There is a study guide available through their store to assist with any group discussions. Also, a personal devotions book is available. This is a very well-done series that everyone can enjoy, even the kids!
3. "St. Joseph and His World," a book written by Mike Aquilina on the life and times of St. Joseph. Pope Francis has declared this as a "Year of St. Joseph," and this book is an easy read (only 121 pages) that will open your eyes to the amazing faith and trust of the earthly father of Jesus Christ. This is a book the whole parish can read and discuss.
4. Maybe this summer is a perfect time to get a group together to study under the stars. If you need assistance in starting a group, contact Julie Sheehan at 535-1994, and she will help you get started. Have a wonderful summer!

## NURSERY COORDINATOR WANTED

We are looking for a loving person to direct our nursery during the Sunday, 11 am Mass. The coordinator would be responsible for scheduling volunteers, maintaining attendance records, and caring for our precious children. This is a paid position and entails about 10 hours per month. Interested adults should contact Anne at [adifrancesco@dioceseaj.org](mailto:adifrancesco@dioceseaj.org) or 535-7646 ext. 7

## RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

Bethany Retreat Center in Frenchville, PA is a quiet and peaceful place to rest, renew, and be recreated for those seeking a deeper relationship with God. Bethany offers a wide variety of directed retreats that include: Centering Prayer, Health and Wellness, Grief Recovery, and many more. They also offer Personal Retreats where you can get away from the cares of everyday life and focus on your faith journey. To learn more visit their website [www.bethanyretreatcenter.org](http://www.bethanyretreatcenter.org) or call 814-263-4855. "God is Spoken Here."

## ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS

The St. Michael's Annual Rummage Sale is coming up on **June 11 and June 12**. For more information, please contact Jess Smith at (412) 965-5811 or Riek's Country Store at (814) 539-6280.

The Brownstown Community Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, June 12 from 8 am to 12 noon.

## CHILD CARE NEEDED

\* Looking for someone full of energy to help Grandma Karen entertain three children on Thursday afternoons this summer. Will be needed from about 12—5. Text Kristen Moot if interested. (814) 421-8483.

- ◆ Looking for someone wonderful to watch our adorable son starting at the end of August when school starts. This caring adult will be needed from 6:30 am—3:30 pm three days a week in a Westmont home. If interested, please contact Julie at 814 659-3408 [jostinow-sky04@gmail.com](mailto:jostinow-sky04@gmail.com).

### Public Rosary

In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus & Immaculate Heart of Mary & to Pray for our Country

Saturday, June 12 @  
Noon

Central Park,  
Downtown Johnstown

## WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

### Monday, June 7

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m.—Mass

**Server:** Tim Burgess

### Tuesday, June 8

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 a.m.—Confession

8 a.m.—Mass

**Server:** Kylie Durst

### Wednesday, June 9

7 a.m.—Praise & Worship

4:30 p.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

5:30 p.m.—Confessions

6 p.m.—Mass

**Server:** Tim Burgess

### Thursday, June 10

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m.—Mass

**Server:** Austin Altschuch

### Friday, June 11

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m.—Mass

**Server:** Charlie Neumann

### Saturday, June 12

3 p.m.—Confessions

4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS

**Servers:** Dominick & Nicolas Barger

**Lector:** Michelle Petrell

**Euch. Min:** Mary Kay Clark (2), Michelle Rivetti, Diana Tyger

**Hosp:** Cathy Vigna, Val & Bill Deater, Patty Porter, Mary & George Kogut, Deb & Rich Cowan

**Volunteer Needed**

### Saturday, June 12

6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Michael's

**Servers:** Tim Burgess & Alexis Williams

**Lector:** Doug Puchko

### Sunday, June 13

8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

**Servers:** Joseph & Ella Nibert

**Lector:** John Fontana

**Euch. Min:** Kim Belskey (2), Rick & Evie Wess, Dawn Zabala, Keith Santee

**Hosp:** Jackie Ayres, Julie & Ed Sheehan, John Shima, Joan & Jim Frischauf, Michelle & Keith Santee

### Sunday, June 13

11:00—Mass at OMOS

**Servers:** Bradyn & Madelyn Younkins

**Lector:** Linda Fleming

**Euch. Min:** Mike Garver, Michele Varner, Donna Gillin, Christa Curtis

**Hosp:** John Onufro, Rick Phillips, Linda & Ken Salem, Tim DiGuseppe, Diane & Denny Thomas, Marylynn Evans

## REST IN PEACE

**Edward Rosenbaum**  
Brother of Linda, Gloria, and  
Father of Nathan Rosenbaum

*Our sympathy and prayers go out  
to the family of friends.*

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, June 5

4:00 p.m. Pete Omodio (Louise Fisher)

6:00 p.m. Josephine Polak (Shirley Andryco & Family)

Sunday, June 6—Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

8:30 a.m. Bill Hoppel (Family)

11:00 a.m. Ann Nicoletti (Nick & Donna Antonazzo)

### Monday, June 7

8:00 a.m. Gladys Smajda (Family)

### Tuesday, June 8

8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Klotz Family (Kathryn Ann Ozog)

### Wednesday, June 9

6:00 p.m. Mary Jane Messich (Liz Messich)

### Thursday, June 10

8:00 a.m. Howard & Cecelia Sherman (Family)

### Friday, June 11

6:00 p.m. Donald B. Irwin (Pete & Ann Vuckovich)

### Saturday, June 12—Vigil

4:00 p.m. Leo O'Connor & Bill Galliker (Polly O'Connor)

6:00 p.m. Michael Burgess (Bill & Judy Nischalke)

Sunday, June 13—Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Patricia Gundermann (Bill & Terrie Ray)

11:00 a.m. Michael Arcurio (Joe & Marilyn Shorto)

## WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9]/Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129,130,131, 132,133,135 /Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 5:20-26

Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37

Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 2:41-51

Next Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

May 30, 2021

**Envelopes** .....\$ 7,386

**Loose** ..... 2,056

**Online** ..... 5,572

**Total** .....\$ 15,014