

MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF 6/18/2017

Fr. Bede will celebrate a Latin Mass for The Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday, June 23 @ 6:30 PM

Girl Scouts meet on Friday, June 23 @ 7 PM in the Club Room

Eucharistic Minister training is on June 24 from 10 am to noon. Please call the Parish Secretary to enroll.

PRO-LIFE CORNER: The Eucharist and Unity

Imagine a person who receives Communion, accepts the Host when the priest says, "The Body of Christ," says "Amen," and then breaks off a piece, hands it back, and says, "Except this piece, Father!" This is what the person who rejects other people may as well do. In receiving Christ, we are to receive the whole Christ, in all his members, our brothers and sisters, whether convenient or inconvenient, wanted or unwanted, born or unborn. As St. John remarks, Christ was to die "to gather into one all the scattered children of God." Sin scatters. Christ unites. The word "diabolical" means "to split asunder." Christ came "to destroy the works of the devil" (1Jn.3:8). The Eucharist builds up the human family in Christ who says, "Come to me, feed on My Body, become My Body." Abortion, in a reverse dynamic, says, "Go away! We have no room for you, no time for you, no desire for you, no responsibility for you. Get out of our way!" Abortion attacks the unity of the human family by splitting asunder the most fundamental relationship between any two persons: mother and child. The Eucharist, as a Sacrament of Unity, reverses the dynamic of abortion. www.priestsforlife.org

REFLECTION: Jesus left his Body and Blood as food for the benefit of his faithful. In his message he said, if any one eats, they will live forever. Many of the listeners doubted, and he frankly said, "unless you eat the Flesh and drink the Blood of the Son of Man, you have no life in you". This clearly tells that to refuse the Body and Blood of Christ in the Sacrament of Eucharist, is to refuse Eternal life. Because the Eucharist unites the faithful intimately to God and with one another. The Church unceasingly celebrates this Sacrament for the salvation of the living and dead. The will of Christ is to transform and sanctify the lives of the faithful to be like his. Let those who share the Divine Food be able to see the very Christ in the lives of their brothers and sisters. By translating their Eucharistic life to address in love the spiritual, material and other social needs of the individuals, families or groups, Christians make people see the presence of Christ in them. Let the Body and Blood of Christ be our Food of life. Amen. – Rev. Benjamin Koka, AJ

ST. STEPHEN’S NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC will be on Saturday, July 15 from 1 pm – 5 pm. See flyer.

CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOL CONFERENCE July 21 & 22 will be held at St. Adalbert Parish. Curious about Catholic homeschooling? www.ihmconference.org

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE			
MASS TIME:	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	11:00 AM
June 17 & 18	Rev. Franz	Rev. B. Koka	Rev. B. Koka
June 24 & 25	Rev. C. Shao	Rev. B. Koka	Rev. Franz
All Sundays & Holy Days at 9:30 AM: Rev. Bede Kotlinski			

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

At the heart of today’s solemnity is a eucharistic procession, held in many parishes, that calls to mind the procession of Holy Thursday, yet has a purpose different from the somber adoration in the night watch. In the late Middle Ages, a procession through the city with the Blessed Sacrament was an occasion of heartfelt joy and great emotion. In a time when people seldom approached the altar to receive Holy Communion, the procession through the streets, past homes and workplaces, was a vibrant reminder that Christ was with them as a dear companion and guide.

Every year on this day, a joyful procession winds through the streets of Rome from the Lateran cathedral. A few years ago, Pope John Paul II, deeply moved at the sight of the throng accompanying the sacred host, said that we ought to feel profoundly united with the faithful everywhere in the world at such a moment. “Before our mind’s eye all the Churches of the world, from East to West, from North to South, are present.” Originally this feast was on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, but after the calendar reform of 1970, its title was expanded from “Corpus Christi” to “The Body and Blood of Christ” and in the United States it was moved to the Sunday after Trinity Sunday. Even though Easter season ended two weeks ago, this beautiful feast is aglow with Easter light.

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POPE FRANCIS REQUESTS: Take the Youth Survey!

The Catholic bishops of the world are planning to meet in October 2018 for the 15th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. The theme of this gathering is “Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment.” In preparation for this major synod on youth, Pope Francis wants to gather input from the Catholic faithful. Consequently, the Diocese of Cleveland has made available a survey questionnaire to gather information on the current state of the young in our diocese that will be included as part of the pre-synod discernment document. The survey can be found on the diocesan website home page, www.dioceseofcleveland.org. All are invited and encouraged to participate by taking this short survey. The bishops of the United States pray that the results of this survey will help them more fully understand the experience of young people in our Church and in our country -- their hopes, dreams, fears and struggles -- so that the synod may bear fruit in offering more insight and direction to our ministry with young people.

June 10 & 11 Offertory Contributions	
General Collection:	\$3,344.12 Children: \$2.58 (6)
Issued:	208 Returned: 79
Food Pantry	\$896.00
Utilities:	\$210.00
Thank you for each and every contribution!	

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ June 18, 2017

Please pray for the following:

Eleonora Kinscher	Victoria Bailey	Burley Blankenship
Theresa Dailey	Agnes Hogan	Noel Walters
Hans Speier	Terry Fleischer	Rose Marie Soeder
Joel Rivera	Ann Miller Kufner	Rosemary Shannon
Wanda Eland	Judith Kenny	Eleonora Kinscher
Margaret Clark	Sidonia Speier	Dr. Frank Young

Please pray for all the families assisted by our St. Vincent de Paul Society

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES June 17 & 18			
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Lector	Russell Nieling	Barb Rieth	Glenn Sneed
Euch.Min:	Russell Nieling	John Rieth	
Acolytes:	Terry Shannon	Kevin Kroesen	Erin & Augie

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES June 24 & 25			
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Lector	Doris Durica	Barb Rieth	Diana Lipfird
Euch.Min:	Candra Krisch	John Rieth	Diane & Paul Beargie
Acolytes	Terry Shannon	Kevin Kroesen	Erin & Augie

SAINTS/OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 6/18 (o) = Optional

Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ;
Father's Day

Monday: Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time;
St. Romuald

Wednesday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga; Summer begins

Thursday: St. Paulinus of Nola;
Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More

Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

READ THE BIBLE WITH THE CHURCH (Daily Mass Readings)

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-9a; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-4, 9;
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15

Friday: Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 10;
1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30

Saturday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17;
1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15;
Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Sunday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35;
Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

CATHOLIC RENEWAL MINISTRIES 35th Annual Conference is July 14th & 15th, 2017 at Magnificent HS in Rocky River. The conference opens at 7 PM. Guest speakers are Mark Nimo, Lavinia Spirito, Fr. Bob Franco, Chris & Becky Roach, Dr. Ed Parisi, Abbot Gary Hoover, Dr. Phil Gigliotti and Fr. Patrick Schultz. Contact Shirley or Tom Fumich at 440-610-6604 or visit www.crmweb.org.

1st ANNUAL STEPHENFEST will be held at Lenau Park at The German American Cultural Center in Olmsted Falls on Saturday, August 5 from 5 PM – 9:30 PM. Tribute Beatles band, family fun. See flyer for more info. www.ststephensociety.org

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SERVICES

Saturday, June 17 Church

4:15 - 4:45 PM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
Pray the Holy Rosary

5:00 PM (Vigil of The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ)
† Helen Ujvari

Sunday, June 18 Church

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

8:00 AM The Members of this St. Stephen Parish

9:00 AM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
Pray the Holy Rosary

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass
External Solemnity of Corpus Christi
† Coletta Spuhler

11:00 AM Sunday Mass
† John McGuire

Monday, June 19 Chapel

6:30 PM The Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Tuesday, June 20

7:00 AM (Church) Latin Mass (Feria)
Intention of Father Paul Pietrzyk

6:30 PM (Chapel) Deceased Members of this Parish

Wednesday, June 21 Church

6:30 PM Latin Mass

(St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Confessor)
† † Madeline T. & Roland M. Sittley

7:00 - 8:00 PM Holy Hour

Thursday, June 22 Church

6:30 PM Latin Mass (St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop)
† Amy Fox
† Rita Washington Bores

Friday, June 23 Church

6:30 PM Tridentine Latin Mass
The Sacred Heart of Jesus
† Elaine McElroy

Saturday, June 24 Church

4:15 - 4:45 PM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
Pray the Holy Rosary

5:00 PM Vigil of the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
† Helen Ujvari

Sunday, June 25 Church

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM The Members of this St. Stephen Parish

9:00 AM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
Pray the Holy Rosary

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass
External Solemnity of Sacred Heart of Jesus
† Chrisann Blankenship † Dawn Tucker

11:00 AM Sunday Mass
† Otto Spaeth

Call the office at 216.631.5633 to schedule a Mass.
The customary stipend (offering) for a Mass is \$10.00

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
June 18, 2017