

June 2, 2024

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

TAKE IT; THIS IS
MY BODY.

— MARK 14:22 —



Today's
readings

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, June 1 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Romeo Bucci by Trembolak

Sunday, June 2 — Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

8:30 AM † Virginia Saunders by Sophia Janol

10:30 AM † Jaqueline Bender by Son, David

Monday, June 3

8:00 AM † Matthew & Anna Musial and sons, John and Tom by Daughter, Lucille Musial Aloisi

Tuesday, June 4

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, June 5

No Mass

Thursday, June 6

8:00 AM † Frank & Irene Vizza by Knights of Columbus #954 Monessen

Friday, June 7

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, June 8 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Steve Major, Sr. by Dr Martin & Madeline Dudas

Sunday, June 9 — 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Victoria Dzurko by Husband, Ed

10:30 AM † Linda S. Chilzer by Patsi Fantauzzi

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – 12; 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Ministry Schedule — June 8 & 9

| | Lector | Eucharistic Minister | Altar Server |
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| 4:00 p.m. | G. Pesi | D. Harkins M. Dzurik A. Punturiero | Volunteer |
| 8:30 a.m. | S. Stein | J. Brown S. Campus J. Todd | V. Watkins |
| 10:30 a.m. | P. Fantauzzi | E. Yatchyshyn K. Byron K. Imbrescia | S. Yatchyshyn G. Yatchyshyn |

Money Counters

Monday, June 3 — Team #4 – J. Petritis

The Body and Blood of Christ

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is the very heart of what our Church is about. Everything we are, all that we do and everything that we are to become as a people of God is focused in the gift of the Eucharist. The Eucharist becomes the very heart of what we are as a sacramental church. This is the greatest gift that God has given us as people to share in. Sometimes we don't appreciate what a gift the Eucharist is.



Today, our liturgy connects the sacrifices of the Hebrew Scriptures to His very self. The Hebrews believed that blood is life; the sprinkled blood joins them to the blood splashed on the altar which symbolizes God. Thus, a holy union or covenant is created with God. The author of our second reading makes the connection from the sacrifices of the Old Testament to the blood shed by Jesus for our eternal redemption. Jesus was a pure, unblemished sacrifice. While Old Testament sacrifices required the yearly sprinkling of blood on the people by a priest, Jesus, now the high priest, offers himself as sacrifice only once and for all as sin offering for all peoples.

In our gospel, Jesus connects the bread and wine of the final meal he shared with his friends and disciples with his impending death and interprets them in light of the Old Testament tradition of sacrificial blood described in the first reading. The honor that Catholics show to the sacrament of Christ's body and blood is not a narrow expression of shallow piety. It is, rather, an expression of our recognition of the presence of God in all that is created, especially as God appears to the little ones whom the world does not recognize. The Eucharist is at the core of social justice. As we share in his Body and Blood, we surrender ourselves to be like Christ – a Passover lamb for our world today. For the most part we don't need to look for opportunities for total self-giving; the circumstances of daily life generously present them to us. The difference is that followers of Christ see self-sacrifice not simply in terms of an inconvenience that cannot be avoided but the means to fullness of life. This gift becomes a sign and symbol of a new covenant of God's love which is taken up by the disciples as a pledge of the fullness of life God offers to us all.

As members of the Body of Christ who share in this miraculous event, we are given the strength and courage to go into our world and become the martyrs for faith and human dignity. Taking the strength we receive from the Body and Blood of Jesus to work for peace and justice for all of God's creation.

Daily Readings

Readings for the week of June 2

Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 (13)/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7/Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16/Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16/Mk 12:13-17

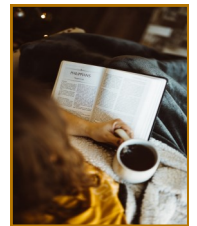
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef/Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Ps 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 2:41-51

Next Sunday: Gn 3:9-15/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7bc)/2 Cor 4:13—5:1/Mk 3:20-35



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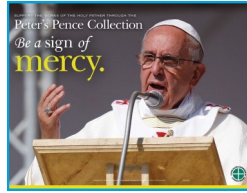
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Stewardship

Peter's Pence Collection

Our Diocese will take up the annual combined collection of Peter's Pence and the Support of the Holy See on **June 29-30, 2024**. Please prayerfully consider supporting the collection this year. By giving to this collection, you are helping provide essential support for the Holy's See's activities and help Pope Francis assist the victims of wars, oppression, and natural disasters around the world. There will be more information on this in the coming weeks before the collection.



Due to the deadline, this week's collection will be listed next week.

Parish Picnic



On **Sunday, June 30**, we will have our Parish Picnic at our pavilion. Sometimes we do not appreciate the opportunities that are available to us. As I think back on all of the picnics we have had here at the

parish, we certainly did have some wonderful times, and created many memories which will last forever. Well, we have yet another opportunity to create some new memories. Since the picnic is here on the church grounds, there are no excuses about having to drive to a park. **This year we are going to provide everything** so you won't have to do a thing but come and enjoy the day! I will have **signup sheets** in the church over the next few weeks so that you can indicate how many people you will be bringing. I do hope that you take the time to come and share the day with all of our fellow parishioners.

Knight's News

During May, the Monessen Knights of Columbus representatives spoke at Masses at Epiphany and St. Sebastian churches to provide information about the Knights' programs and membership opportunities. Knights were available after the Masses to answer any questions.

Council 954 has awarded a scholarship to **Tristan Todd**, a Monessen High School Senior who will be attending college this fall. Tristan plans to attend Pitt-Greensburg University.

Every night at 7p.m., **KHB Radio** broadcasts the recitation of the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. KHB broadcasts on 620 AM, 94.1FM, 92.3 FM, 102.1FM and livestreams at khbradio.com

Congratulation to Grand Knight **Bob Kuzynski**, who was awarded "Man of the Year" by the Holy Name Society.

Groups

Holy Name Sunday is next Sunday, June 9. Corporate Communion will be at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. There will be no meeting in June.

Faith

Faith Formation

This will be the last reminder for our meeting regarding Formation in our parish. It is easy for us to forget that formation touches absolutely every aspect in our life of faith. I hope that we get a good turnout for this meeting on **Monday, June 3**. This is **your parish and we all need to be responsible for the formation not only of our children but also of one another**.

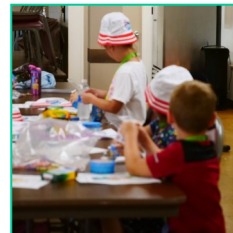
There are many ways that you can be a part of the formation in the parish. I do hope to see many of you at the meeting. We will gather at **6:30 p.m. in the hall** here at Epiphany.

There are so many things that we take for granted in life, and sad to say our Faith is one of those things. We do not always appreciate how vital and important our belief in God can be. Almost every aspect of life can be linked back to our Church and belief in God. As with everything else in life we need to constantly feed that belief so that it remains that constant source of strength.

Our belief in God and our faith in the Church does not happen on its own, it needs constant nurturing and growth. We will be talking about important issues which touch all of our lives.

VBS

Vacation Bible School



We have the help...now we need the children! Our VBS this year will be **June 26 - 27 - 28 from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** VBS will be held on Epiphany parish grounds, and you can register by filling out the forms in church or you may go online and register at: <https://vbs2024registration.weebly.com/>

I do think that Vacation Bible School is a nice opportunity to help our children learn and grow in their faith. The days will be full of many activities and lots of fun. We do hope that your children or grandchildren are able to come and learn about God's goodness in their lives!



Man of the Year

Each year, the Holy Name Society chooses a man and boy of the year based on their service to the church. This year, **Bob Kuzynski** was selected as Man of the Year, and **Tristan Todd** was selected as Boy of the Year. The awards were presented at the Mother's Day / Father's Day breakfast sponsored by the Holy Name Society and assisted by the Epiphany Ladies. Awards were presented by Dan Harkins.



Above: Bob Kuzynski (L) & Dan Harkins. Right: Tristan Todd with Dan Harkins