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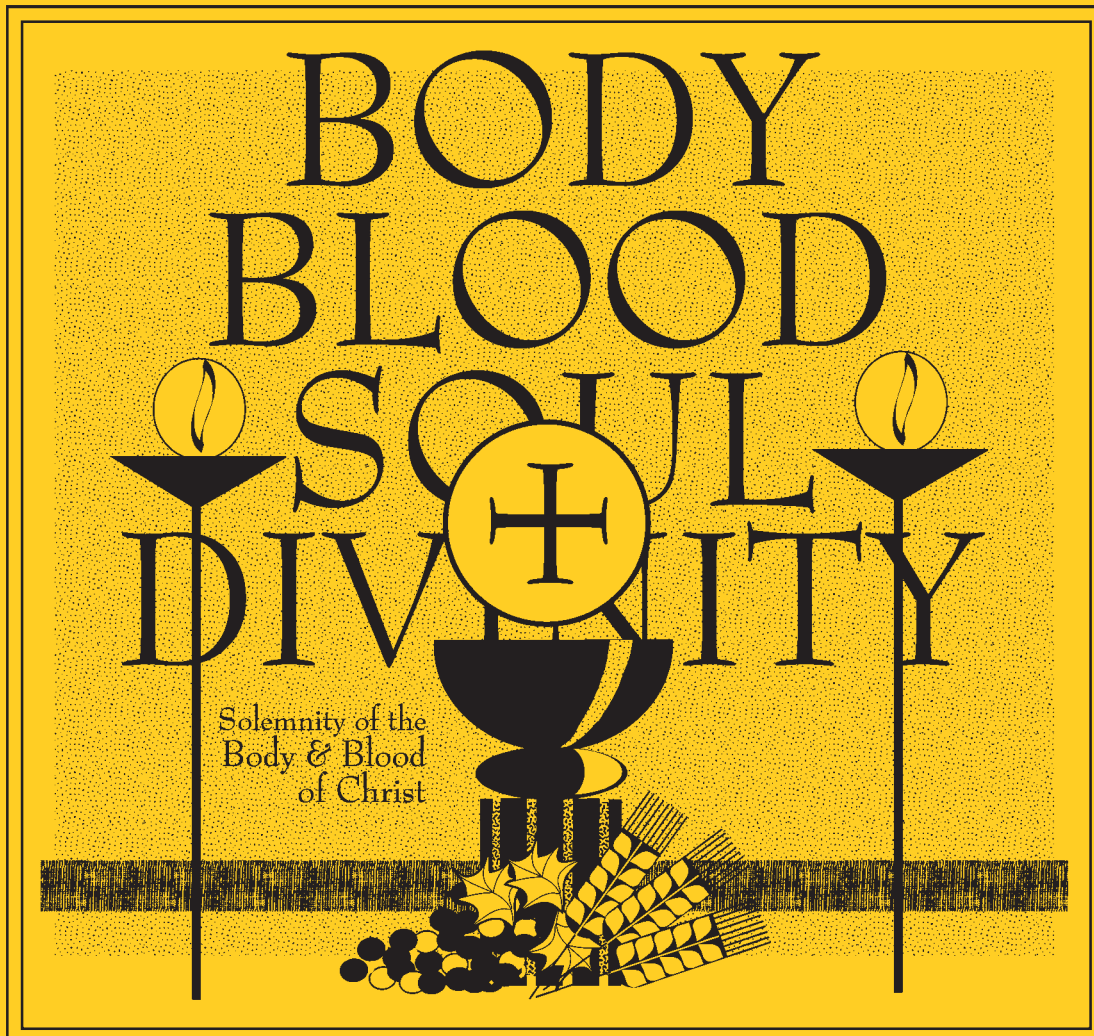


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Saturday 5 pm

Sunday, 9 am, 11 am, 7 pm

Monday – Saturday: 8:15 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm or by appt.

Holy Days

8:15 am, 12:10 pm, 7 pm

Parish Office Hours
Mon. - Wed, 9:30–2 pm

*Other times & days,
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What's Happening?

Sunday
Pound A Week



Tuesday
Women's Guild Mtg. 7 pm

MAY

Anointing of the Sick, 5 pm June 4.

Every Sunday
Pound A Week

From The Womens Guild

The Womens Guild meeting is May 31 at 7.00 There will be a presentation of "Full Bloom:" by Norma Mortimer

The end of the year Luncheon is June 8, 12.30 at Serenade, Chatham \$40. RSVP: Pat Briscoe 973 267-8276 or Bridie Murphy 973 539-5008 by 6/3 All women of the parish are welcome. Please come

Who are our Graduates?

We are in the midst of Graduation season. Help us collect names of parish members who are graduating this year. Please place their names on the poster in the vestibule. Also, don't forget to send us a graduation picture.

42nd Wiegand Farm Golf Classic

Mon. June 27, Bowling Green Golf Club & Berkshire Valley Golf Course, Oak Ridge.. www.dpd.org/wiegand
Premium Package: \$250. Regular Price: \$160. Info: Chris Brancato. 973-406-1104, Chrisb@dpd.org

Father Martin Golf Outing

Monday, June 20, 2016.
Knoll Country Club-West, 990 Greenbank Rd., Boonton, NJ 07005
Individual Player: \$250; \$900 per foursome. \$100 for Reception & Dinner only.
Package includes greens fees, cart, tee package, lunch, reception, dinner, beverages, and contests on the course.
To make a gift for auction/raffle or promotional giveaways contact Betsy at 973-361-5555 ext. 3033.
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This Week's Question

For Adults:

When have you been most blessed and when have you felt a little "broken" in your service to others?

For Children:

Why is it important to keep on giving, even when you are tired?



WELCOME

To all our visitors this weekend

Please remember the sick and homebound of our Parish.

We are all called to prayer. As a faith community, let us keep in mind all those who have asked us to pray for them, that they may experience the healing power of our gracious God



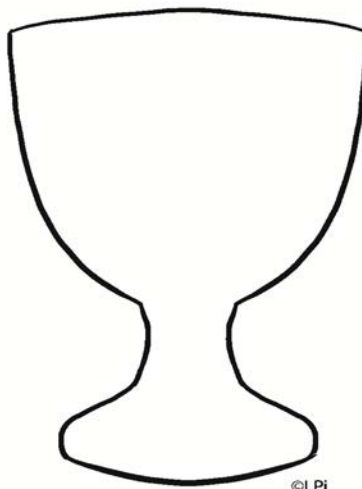
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If you know someone whose name should be removed, please keep us informed. To add a name, please fill out the form on the website or in the rectory.



Puzzle

Try to draw a special design for God on the Chalice! Have fun!



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Mission for the Week

Every morning when you eat breakfast, spend time with Jesus. Trust God to give you all that you need.

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REMEMBER THAT, THE NEXT TIME YOU ASK JESUS TO HELP A HOMELESS PERSON.



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PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S LITURGY

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:17-24

The prophet Elijah lived about 800 years before Christ. After predicting a drought which did, in fact, take place, God directed him to the pagan city of Zarephath. There, despite a severe famine, a widow provided food for him for a year. Today's reading picks up from there.

Second Reading: Galatians 1:11-19

Galatia was a Roman province in central Turkey, where Paul had preached the Gospel. Today's reading is autobiographical. Paul defends his teaching, pointing out that he did not receive the Gospel secondhand but directly from the Risen Jesus.

Parish on a Journey

From a parishioner of a small parish...

In my small parish, about 100 families gather every week. Ushers know everyone by name, and notice when someone is missing. We have our seats, but always willing to make room for a visitor or new family. When we pray for the sick or the dead, we know the faces that go with names, and know who is grieving.

In religion classes parents and teachers know each other. We watch one another's children grow, help one another through tantrums, and cheer triumphs.

In our parish, everyone helps. We may not have an environment or maintenance committee, but a group of parishioners plant their gardens with an eye toward decorating the church, and talented people happily donate their time to repair and maintain the church. When there's a need, someone steps up.

Children are as valued as adults. Kids are altar servers, clean the church, and help more as they grow. My children feel important and treasured. The church wouldn't be the same if they left.

When you attend a small parish, there are too few people for different groups. Instead, you're all together, learning from one another and growing. You have to accept and love one another, even when you have different ideas about liturgy, theology, or music.

Small parishes don't fit into neat check boxes and they give diocesan consultants headaches. They're also brimming over with life and love. They're the mustard seeds that grow to house all the birds of the air, the leaven in the loaf. *Deirdre Mundy*

God's Grace is Young Enough

For the Young and Young At Heart

Readings for this Sunday

Genesis 14:18-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11-17

This is My Body That is For You

Suggested Reflection Questions

- The reading from Genesis refers to Melchizedek, a priest and king in the time of Abraham. His name is a combination of the Hebrew words "melech" meaning king and "zedek" meaning righteous. Jesus is our righteous priest and king forever. What does it mean that Jesus is a priest? How does this relate to our celebration today?
- Paul relates the story of the Last Supper. Jesus breaks bread and tells his friends, "This is my body that is for you." What does it mean that the Eucharist — the Body and Blood of Christ — is "for you?" How do we remember Jesus in the Eucharist? How does this help us to remember him in our day-to-day lives?
- The disciples are anxious that the throngs of people will be hungry. Today's reading shows us that Jesus is not anxious ... at all. He provides for their needs abundantly. Often we're anxious about following Jesus off the beaten path in our own lives. How does the miraculous feeding of the 5,000 illustrate God's faithfulness?

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2016

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

The power of a single voice

The feast of Corpus Christi is popular and moving because it is simple and direct—it's all about the Eucharist, one of the greatest treasures of Catholicism. Yet the feast would not exist were it not for the efforts of Juliana of Liège, a Norbertine canoness born in 1191 in Liège, Belgium, a city where there were groups of women dedicated to eucharistic worship. She had a vision of a full moon with one dark spot signifying the lack of a feast day solely dedicated to the Eucharist. She shared her vision and eventually vision became reality. What gift can you envision giving to your community?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 14:18-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11b-17 (169)*. "Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God."

MONDAY, MAY 30

Heal the wounds of war

On this Memorial Day, as you remember those who gave their lives serving their country, also keep in your heart those who have lost loved ones, those struggling with physical and emotional wounds, and all other victims of war. Pray and work for the reconciliation of divided peoples and for peace in your community and around the world. The U.S. bishops urge all to pray on this day: "Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters."

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Peter 1:2-7; Mark 12:1-12 (353)*. "May grace and peace be yours in abundance through knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord."

TUESDAY, MAY 31

FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Look who's here!

A friend comes to visit. Just the thought can redeem the darkest day! Whether we're confined by illness, grieving a loss, in need of practical assistance, or just pleasantly surprised by a familiar face at the door, the time of visitation is a bright hour of consolation. The encounter between Mary and Elizabeth was more than the welcome arrival of help for an aged mother's third trimester. God's saving power intersected these two lives and gave them to each other, to share the joy. Bring good news to someone today.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Zephaniah 3:14-18a or Romans 12:9-16; Luke 1:39-56 (572)*. "Mary set out . . . in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth."

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1 FEAST OF JUSTIN, MARTYR

What's the good Word?

Christian theology owes a debt to the pre-Christian philosophies of Plato and Aristotle. Early church theologian Justin was able to see connections between the great philosophers of Greek antiquity and the wisdom revealed by Jesus. The prologue of John's Gospel speaks of Jesus as "Logos," the preexisting Word. Justin believed that the "seeds of Christianity" found in thinkers such as Plato



THE VISION OF ST. JULIANA OF MONT CORNILION, PHILIPPE DE CHAMPAGNE (ABOUT 1645-50)

or Aristotle were evidence of the Logos acting in history before Christ's incarnation. Whether or not Plato and Aristotle were "unknowing Christians," we are *knowing* Christians. Spend some time with the Word today.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12; Mark 12:18-27 (355)*. "Are you not misled because you do not know the scriptures or the power of God?"

THURSDAY, JUNE 2

FEAST OF MARCELLINUS AND PETER, MARTYRS

Exercise with caution

We don't know a lot about Marcellinus and Peter, martyred in 304, but we know Peter was an exorcist, an often misunderstood or over-dramatized office of church ministry. The rite itself was revised in 1999 for the first time since 1614, and modern practice counsels priests empowered to perform an exorcism to first make sure they are dealing with genuine possession rather than mental illness. The [Code of Canon Law](#) states that the bishop is to give permission to perform the rite to a priest "who has piety, knowledge, prudence, and integrity of life." We rely on Jesus to protect us from the power of evil, and the church stands by our side should we need assistance in doing so.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Timothy 2:8-15; Mark 12:28-34 (356)*. "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

FRIDAY, JUNE 3

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Have a heart that never stops

To do something "without heart" means to live without passion or purpose. "In the Heart of Christ," Saint John Paul II wrote, a person's heart "learns to know the genuine and unique meaning" of life and destiny: "to unite the filial love for God and the love of neighbor." The Sacred Heart reminds us that Jesus had a heart just like ours; that his acts of love aren't beyond us, but are already in us, in every loving gesture, relationship, and experience. This is the heart of what gives us life—a heart whose love never stops beating in us.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 34:11-16; Romans 5:5b-11; Luke 15:3-7 (172)*. "The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us."

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

MEMORIAL OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

See with a mother's heart

"In a unique way the face of the Son belongs to Mary," Saint John Paul II wrote in *Rosarium Virginis Mariae* ("The Rosary of the Virgin Mary"). Jesus was the child she gazed upon in the manger, the one she pondered in her heart throughout her life. Her heart was filled with a love for him that embraced the pain of the Passion and the joy of the Resurrection. Such love, held in her Immaculate Heart, is an example to us all of a love that gives life, that's meant to be cherished, adored, and that ultimately longs to lead us back to her Son over and over again.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Timothy 4:1-8 (358); Luke 2:41-51 (573)*. "And his mother kept all these things in her heart."



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

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Who, Where Why, How ...

Why do we have the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ?.

The Church instituted the feast in the year 1264 in order to focus our attention on the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Today's liturgy reminds us that Jesus is not just divine. He is also completely, fully human. The scriptures teach: "he is like us in all things but sin." Because God's Son was born as a baby we tend to imagine the infant Jesus fully in possession of divine knowledge and power. We imagine his going through life, all powerful, rather than as a man like us in every way "but sin". Mark's Gospel paints quite a vivid picture of how human Jesus was. Mark describes a man terrified at the prospect of a horrible death and begging God for deliverance. Some novelists tried to make Jesus human by making him sexual. He was a sexual being but he was endlessly more. In *Quarantine*, Jim Crace tells the story of Jesus' forty days in the desert. He writes "He looped his tongue from side to side circling his lips, tasting the atmosphere for smells.... His lips were cracked. His legs and back unused to heat and effort such as this were aching badly."

Fr. George Dyer, Androgogy

Welcome to St. Thomas More Parish

We are glad you decided to celebrate with our Parish Family. If you have recently moved into the parish and would like to register as a parishioner, please take a parish membership form at church or on our website. Hopefully we can set up an appointment to meet one another. Contact us at 973-267-5330 or info@stmnj.org.

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Women's Guild	Pastoral Council



Whether you are new or a veteran, consider joining or helping in the various areas of parish life. Call the office. Interested in something you don't see, don't be shy, talk to Fr. Joe.

Visit of Eucharist at Home. Communion may be brought to the home of any person permanently or temporarily homebound. For the confined, elderly and/or shut-in at home or in the hospital, our parish ministers make calls to homes and hospitals. Fill out the form below..

Moving In or Out? If you are relocating either in or out of the parish area please takes a moment to help keep our records current. Contact the parish office or drop a note into the collection basket.

Pound A Week. Show how much we care! Bring a pound of goods when you come to church. Pasta, tuna, powdered milk or soup. Peanut butter or jelly or crackers. Even a pound of diapers. While shopping add a pound!

The following person(s) is presently receiving a visit and/or communion

The following person(s) would like a regular visit and/or communion.

Name: _____

You may call me with specifics (address, etc.): _____

Tel. or email: _____



Notes & Remembrances

Remembering our Own

Special requests for prayers at liturgy and donations are made in honor of loved ones. Please join with them in prayer and remembrance at Eucharist. These intentions are noted on the Gifts Table in the Remembrance Book and on the Weekly Sheet.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection: \$5,766

Sisters of Charity

Luncheon at Spring Lake Bath & Tennis Club, Spring Lake, Tues., June 7, 11:30. Guest speaker is Mary Lou Quinlan, author of "The God Box". \$125 per person. Proceeds benefit the Sisters of Charity. Info: 973-290-5409. Tickets are limited.

Golf Outing, Mon., June 20 at Echo Lake Country Club, Westfield. \$325 per golfer incl. brunch, golf, cocktails, dinner. Info: www.scnj.org, 973-290-5454.

Hospital Ministers

The Chaplain's office at Morristown Hospital is in need of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and Pastoral visitors to assist in their ministry to the sick at Morristown Medical Center.

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