

# Body and Blood of Christ June 17 & 18, 2017

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday

5:00 PM For Teresa DeMaio – Anniversary –  
and Barbara Cadden – Birthday  
Remembrance by the Palumbo  
Family

### Sunday

9:00 AM For Louis Paolino by Evelyn and  
Robert

### Next Saturday

5:00 PM For Joan Bercen by her sisters

### Next Sunday

9:00 AM For Carmino Maiorisi by his daughter-  
in-law, Ann Marie

## Parish Stewardship

Weekend of June 10 & 11, 2017

Budget Collection	\$2,178.00
June Monthly to Date	\$748.00
Fuel Collection to date	\$3,410.00
Communications Collection	\$148.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	115

## 2017 Catholic Charity Appeal

### “Faith and Good Works”

Donations to the Catholic Charity Appeal as of June 5<sup>th</sup> are **\$9,139.00** or 67.96% toward our \$13,500.00 goal. It also represents donations from only 89 of our 518 households. For those who have not yet made your pledge or donation, envelopes are available from the ushers’ tables or use the one you received in the mail.

**HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
Day!**

## Religious Education News

A volunteer is needed to teach *3<sup>rd</sup> grade* in our Religious Education program. Please contact Mrs. Cedor @ 401-946-3399 if you would be willing to help. Please leave a message and she will get back to you. Classes are from 3:30 – 5:15 PM on Tuesdays.

## Free Shredding Day – July 18

There will be a free paper-shredding day here at St. Brigid’s on **Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>**. All paper needs to be boxed. Paper products include: invoices, contracts, tax returns, insurance documents, leases, computer printouts, sealed bids, statements, balance sheets, personal papers, newspaper, magazines, etc. Staples, paper clips, rubber bands, folders, etc do NOT need to be removed. Boxes can be dropped off at the rectory garage any Saturday between 12:00 – 3:00 PM if you cannot bring them on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Note for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

Please try to inform Fran Wilkie via e-mail ([fran@wilkem.com](mailto:fran@wilkem.com)) or by phone (401-474-6128) if you are unavailable on a particular weekend or day by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month before. This will help her put the schedule together. Also, if you would like to be scheduled for a particular mass, she can do this as well.

## Personal Care Items Needed

Personal care items such as soap, toothbrushes & toothpaste, tissues and toilet paper, are needed for the clients of the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Items may be left in the food bin in the foyer of the church.

## Old Eyeglass Collection

The Social Ministries Committee is once again sponsoring an **eyeglass collection** to benefit the Lion’s Club. A bin to collect your old eyeglasses will be in the foyer of the church throughout the month of June.

## Meetings

Wednesday – 1:00 PM – **Prayer Shawl Ministry**  
Wednesday – 7:30 PM – **K of C - Hall**

## ***Father Bob's Ramblings***

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. It is an opportunity for all of us to stop and reflect on the meaning of this great Gift given to us by Jesus on the night before He died. Too often, I think, we come to Mass and forget some of the essential meanings of what we say and what we do.

First, and foremost, we follow the command of Jesus at the Last Supper, His last Passover Meal, when he broke the bread and shared the cup of wine. He said "This is my Body" and "This is my Blood," "Do this in memory of Me." And so, we continue to celebrate that Passover Meal each time we celebrate the Eucharist.

For Christians, the Mass is both a sacrifice and the sacred meal that Jesus shared with his disciples. As a meal, the Mass taps into our human experience concerning sharing food and drink. We eat bread that has become the Body of Christ and we drink wine that has become the Blood of Christ. This is rather easy for us to grasp.

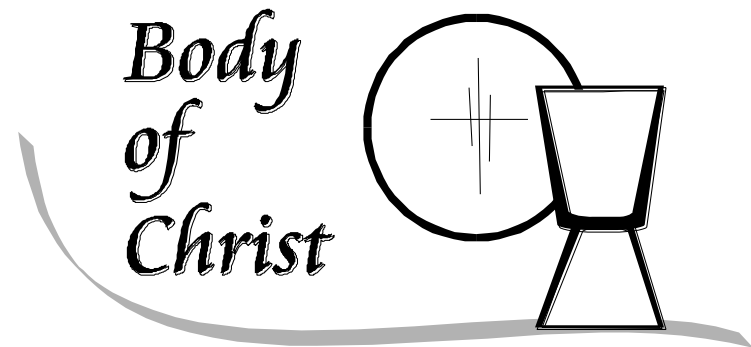
However, experiencing the Mass as sacrifice is much harder for us to understand in the 21st century. Bread and wine are brought and placed on the altar. One of the meanings of the word *altar* is "place of sacrifice." The Hebrew root of that word meant, "to slaughter and cut up for the purpose of sacrifice." That is a very foreign concept for us. As the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus, it is His Body and Blood that is in a sense "slaughtered and cut up" and offered to God, just as Jesus was slaughtered on the cross. As Catholics, we believe that every time we celebrate the Mass we also celebrate Jesus' sacrifice of His Body on the Cross at Calvary.

I know that these concepts are a little hard for us to understand, but as we try to reflect on the meaning of the Eucharist, it is also an opportunity for us to renew our understanding of the elements of our faith that are too often set aside. I hope this "little lesson" on the theology of the Eucharist will help all of us the re-learn some of the teachings of our faith.

Today is also Fathers' Day, our annual celebration of fatherhood and the honoring of our fathers, both living and dead. May we pray for them and

especially for those who are troubled and find life burdensome. May God bless them all.

As summertime and vacations begin, I hope it is a time for a little rest and relaxation for all of you.



## **Blood Pressure Screening**

The Parish Nurses will conduct the monthly blood pressure screening in the sacristy this weekend after all masses.

## **Housekeeping Help**

In order to keep our church neat and welcoming for all, please do not leave Bulletins in the pews or racks and please replace missals and prayer cards in the racks before you leave mass. Thank you.

## **Awareness and Caution**

Please be aware that many of our parishioners find it difficult to climb and descend the church steps. Upon leaving mass on weekends, please do not crowd around the side handrails so that those who need them may reach them with as little difficulty as possible.

## **CABARET FUN{D} RAISER**

This is the final weekend to purchase tickets for our *Fun[d] Raiser*. Tickets are \$30.00 per person. This event is scheduled for **FRIDAY, JUNE 23<sup>rd</sup>** @ 6:30 PM at the Santa Maria DiPrata Hall, (across from Shore's Market) 31 Walnut Grove Avenue, Cranston. Join us at 6:30 pm when we will begin to mingle, sip wine and cocktails, and enjoy hors d'oeuvres prepared by Ralph's Catering. ***There will be seating for everyone.***