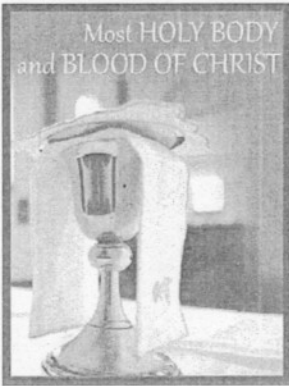


CORPUS CHRISTI

June 26, 2011



We sometimes go to extraordinary lengths to preserve life. Consider all the interventions that exist in a modern hospital's emergency room: from defibrillators to ventilators, from medicines that instantly negate the effects of an opiate overdose, to

drugs that can break up a clot even as a stroke is underway. All of these intricate responses have been devised over and above the more ordinary actions of orange juice to revive a diabetic or caesarian section to deliver a baby in a compromised pregnancy. Because modern medicine can do so much, many of us in the developed world live with the expectation that our lives will just keep going on. The progress of medicine has made it inevitable that many families now confront the decision of when to let someone go—ending treatment, stopping medication, removing machines.

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus promises that whoever eats his flesh and drinks his blood has eternal life. He tells the crowds that whoever eats the bread that comes down from heaven will live forever. The body and blood of Christ is real food and real drink. It is medicine for our body and soul. It is nourishment for our lives.

When Jesus makes the promise of life forever to those who eat his flesh and drink his blood, he is not talking about the kind of life support that we associate with hospital care. He is instead indicating that those who eat his body and drink his blood will live eternally because of the life that he gives. The medicine of the Eucharist heals us from sin and division, and makes us whole in Christ uniting us in one communion of love. So when we think about the extraordinary lengths we undertake to preserve life in the natural world, we may want to reconsider what we are willing to do in the spiritual world. Is the Eucharist part of our spiritual health care regularly?

Before I left for retreat, Fr. Phil Farrell visited St. Bart's for his "Annual Visit". While here Fr. Phil spoke with our staff, Pastoral and Finance Councils, Fr. Thomas and myself. Fr. Phil also checked all of our sacramental records.

Fr. Phil was very pleased with what he experienced here. I thank our staff, and councils for their commitment to God and God's church through their service to St. Bart's. Without them, life would surely be much harder for me and very empty for our parish.

The weekend of July 1-4 the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth will be celebrating our 125th Anniversary of service to the Church in the United States of America. Sisters from around the world where we minister will be joining our community as we gather in Chicago to celebrate. Please keep us in your prayers as we thank God for all we are and all we can be.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION
WEEK OF 6-19-11—\$6,825.67
 Budgeted Collection Amount \$8,100.00

† STEWARDSHIP ☒

Giving is an act of the heart. You may give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.

Have a Blessed Week
 —Sister Dorothy



CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY AT KENNYWOOD PARK

THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2011
 CELEBRATE YOUR FAITH AT
 PITTSBURGH'S FAVORITE
 AMUSEMENT PARK
 DAY BEGINS WITH 11 AM
 MASS AT
 PAVILLION #5

DAY ENDS WITH "A CITY ON A HILL" —A
 WORSHIP CONCERT FROM 9-10 PM
 NOT YOUR AVERAGE DAY IN THE PARK
 TICKETS ARE ONLY \$22.50
 TO PURCHASE TICKETS OR FOR MORE
 INFORMATION CALL 724-935-4343
 OR EMAIL
 CATHOLICYOUTHDAY @GMAIL.COM



FOUNDATION OF HOPE

Providing excellence in faith based pre- and post-release care for male and female inmates of the Allegheny County Jail

THE FOUNDATION OF HOPE,

established by Christian Associates, is looking for volunteers from the faith-based community to help with the inmate mentoring program at Allegheny County Jail. For more information please contact Tony Richardson at (412) 321-3343.



SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE

HIGH SCHOOL juniors or seniors and their families are invited

to one of three Get Acquainted Day Open Houses at Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, on Saturday, July 9, Sunday, July 24, or Sunday, August 21.

Find out more about this top-ranked Catholic, Benedictine, liberal arts college. For information or reservations, phone 1-800-782-5549, e-mail admission@stvincent.edu, or register online at www.stvincent.edu/admission/visit.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayers on Friday, July 1 at 7:00 PM

St. John the Baptist Church

The Knights of Columbus, Council 4242 will sponsor an evening of prayers, including the recitation of the Holy Rosary on Friday, July 1 at 7:00 p.m.

The Knights will also display a **"Silver Rose."** The rose is a symbol of a deep devotion and honor to Our Lady of Guadalupe. It is to the Blessed Mother that we turn in prayer as we work to end the Culture of Death, as we think in terms of "One Life, One Rose." For the past 50 years, with the assistance of the Knights, the **"Silver Rose"** has been making a pilgrimage from London, Ontario, through 10 states in the U. S., and then crossing at the International Bridge and in to Monterrey, Mexico.

The final destination is the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe by December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This year, the Knights of Columbus have chosen St. John the Baptist Church as the only stop in the Western Pennsylvania to display the **"Silver Rose."** All are welcome. A social will follow.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us. St. Juan Diego, pray for us.

THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

CATHOLIC CROSSWORDS



JUNE 26, 2011

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Parenting is a Eucharist activity because from the first moment of conception children consume us, our flesh, blood, energy, time, and resources. If we don't sacrifice ourselves, our children would not have life. This is the priesthood of parenting. Christ is present in this self-sacrifice.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS



"In its maturity, sexuality is about giving oneself over to community, friendship, family, service, creativity, humor, delight, and martyrdom so that, with God, we can help bring life into the world." (Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, *The Holy Longing*) Making love takes more than an hour. Make it 24 hours a day.



GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION

The Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh is again planning its annual Golden Wedding Celebration for the couples who have been married for 50 years. This year's celebration will take place on Sunday, October 9, 2011 beginning with a mass at 2:00 PM at St. Paul Cathedral. Bishop Zubik will be the celebrant. A reception will follow in the lower hall at the Cathedral.

If you are a parishioner celebrating your 50th wedding anniversary in 2011, and would be interested in attending the celebration along with other jubilarian couples, please call the rectory or drop a note in the weekly collection basket no later than August 7, 2011. Invitations will be sent out after responses have been received.

CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY



MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2011

Weekday

10:00 AM Joseph & Mathilda Corpora (Family)

TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2011

Saint Irenaeus

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus

9:00 AM St. Gerard, St. Joseph

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2011

Saint Peter and Saint Paul

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus

9:00 AM St. Gerard, St. Susanna

1:30 PM **QUEST BIBLE STUDY**

THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2011

Weekday

10:00 AM Ann Ingagliato (Rose Pollice)

FRIDAY, JULY 1, 2011

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

10:00 AM Antonio Piccolino (Wife, Josephine)

SATURDAY, JULY 2, 2011

Vigil, Fourteenth Sunday Ordinary Time

4:00 PM Confessions

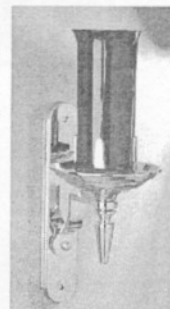
5:00 PM Deceased Family Members of Thomas & Anna Hupert (Aileen & Andrew Olsakovsky)

SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2011

Feast of Corpus Christi

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:30 AM Sean McCoy (Family)



The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of John Cooney from his family.