

# THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

# June 2, 2024

Monday, June 3

No Scheduled Mass

**Tuesday, June 4** 8:30am (SE) - *Communion Service* 

*Followed by Holy Hour* **Wednesday, June 5** 

No Scheduled Mass

Thursday, June 6

No Scheduled Mass

# Friday, June 7 – First Friday

#### The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:30am (SPN) - Amady H. & Mary Casavoy Montville Families by Nancy Montville Followed by Holy Hour

### Saturday, June 8

4:30pm (SE) - Thomas Matthews by Jim & Kim Matthews **Sunday, June 9** 8:30am (SPN) - Pro Populo 10:30am (SPJ) - Special Intentions for Rose Mary Rogers by John O'Hara (SE) = St. Elizabeth, Elizabethtown (SPJ) = St. Philip of Jesus, Willsboro (SJ) = St. Joseph, Essex (SPN) = St. Philip Neri, Westport

# Readings for the Week of June 3

Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7/Ps 91:1-2, 14-16/Mk 12:1-12 Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16/Mk 12:13-17 Wednesday: 2 Tim 1:1-3, 6-16/Ps 123:1-2/Mk 12:18-27 Thursday: 2 Tim 2:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14/Mk 12:28-34 Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Is 12:2-6/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19 Jn 19:31-37

Saturday: 2 Tim 4:1-8/Ps 71:8-9, 14-17, 22/Lk 2:41-51 Next Sunday: Gn 3:9-15/Ps 130:1-8/2 Cor 4:13—5:1/Mk 3:20-35

### THOUGHTS ON EVENGELIZATION Readings: Ex 24:3-8/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Today we celebrate the institution of the Eucharist. In the gift of Holy Communion, we partake of the Body and Blood of our Lord in Holy Eucharist and we share in his divine life. We become the Body of Christ in the world. We become living tabernacles. People who may never set foot in one of our churches, who may never think to stop and pray before the Blessed Sacrament, who may not have any experience of Jesus in their life, will only come to know him through you. When you receive Communion today, pray that this source and summit of our faith will transform you and fill you with a love that overflows to your neighbor and all those you will meet today.

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### Last Weekend's Collection

Saint Elizabeth – Attendance: 37 Envelopes: \$568.25; Plate: \$187.00 Fuel: \$5.00 Total: \$760.25 Father's Day: \$40.00 Catholic Home Missions Appeal: \$162.00

Saint Philip Neri – Attendance: 57 Envelopes: \$330.00; Plate: \$187.00 Total: 517.00 Catholic Home Missions Appeal: \$153.00

<u>St Philip of Jesus – Attendance: 68</u> Envelopes: \$550.00; Plate: \$480.00 Fuel: \$10.00 Total: \$1,040.00 Ascension: \$10.00; Father's Day: \$25.00 Catholic Home Missions Appeal: \$205.00 Catholic Charities: \$10.00 Pie Raffle: \$144.00

### SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

The annual Communications Campaign will be held at Masses next weekend. This three-fold collection is divided to support the communications efforts of Bishop LaValley across our diocese, the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops and the Catholic University of America. Please prayerfully consider your gift which helps inform, inspire and enlighten a world in need of the Good News. More information is available at <u>www.usccb.org/ccc and collec-</u> tion.catholic.edu.

> \*\*\*The monthly Fuel Collection for June will take place on 6/19.\*\*\*

#### RECENT EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES APPROVED BY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH 1. Cúa, Venezuela

#### The Miracle:

The Eucharistic Miracle occurred at Marian Shrine of Finca Betania in Cúa, Venezuela, on December 8, 1991. It was while Father Otty Ossa Aristizábal, the Chaplain of the Shrine, was offering the Midnight Mass of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Having divided the large host into the customary four parts, he consumed one and returned the others to the paten. He looked down a few minutes later, and to his great surprise one of the three parts showed a red spot from which blood appeared to be leaking, as though from a wound. Afterwards, he took the piece of the host, and secured it in the sacristy. Early the next morning he went to check on it and saw that it was continuing to bleed – but only on one side; the other was free of any red colored liquid. Witnesses present at the Mass agreed that the priest had no wounds from which the blood could have come.

### **Scientific Findings:**

Bishop of Los Teques, Pio Bello Ricardo, ordered the fragment subjected to scientific analysis at the Department of Forensic Medicine of Caracas, which determined that the stillflowing blood is not of the same blood type of the priest, but AB positive – the same as on the Shroud of Turin, the Sudarium of Oviedo, and the Blood of Lanciano. Eventually, the Bishop allowed the Miraculous Host to be venerated in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel of the Augustinian Recollect Sisters of the Sacred Heart in Los Teques. There it continues to bleed and is engulfed in various phenomena – occasionally caught by pilgrims on video. (**To be continued**)

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Of the greatest and most valuable treasures one could obtain in this world, nothing is more precious, more sacred, and more valuable than the **Most Holy Body and Blood**,

Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Eucharistic Lord. All the earthly riches do not come close to the infinite value and transforming power of the Body and Blood of Christ. No amount of earthly wealth can buy happiness, but the Eucharist bestows it freely. No amount of money can purchase Heaven, but the Eucharist transforms you into a member of the Body of Christ Whom you consume, leading you to Heaven. At the end of our lives, when we stand before the Just Judge, we will realize the transforming power of this Gift. Those who adored Him and received Him faithfully in Communion will be forever grateful. Human dignity demands that we show respect to one another, reverencing the presence of God in each person as a living tabernacle of the Lord. However, we do not bow down before God's presence in others, nor do we kneel before them in adoration and worship. In this world, the only One Whom we worship and adore, in hidden yet physical form, is our Lord Who is fully present in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is not only a fraternal meal we share, but also a communion with God Himself that unites us with Him. It is that union with God that also unites us with every other person who is united to God through the sharing of the Most Holy Eucharist. As we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, let us spend time pondering the profound mystery of the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist. As we kneel before Him, we truly kneel before His throne in Heaven, despite the reality being veiled from our eyes. As we consume the Blessed Sacrament, we truly consume Christ Himself-Body and Blood, Soul, and Divinity-and receive Him into our souls.

With Love and Prayers.... **\*** Fr. J.T.

# **REMINDERS:**

...Bible Quiz: Last weekend's answers were:

1. 150 2. Four 3. Job 4. Ruth 5. Ezra

...This First Friday is the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I encourage all of you attend Mass and Holy Hour in Westport if you can. If not, please spend some time during the day to make a special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

...On Behalf of our Parish Family, I wish the best to the Newly Ordained Priests of our Diocese - Fr. Carter Pierce from Heuvelton, NY and Fr. Douglas Schirmer from Ogdensburg, NY as they start their priestly ministry as Parochial Vicar in Morrisonville and Plattsburgh, respectively. May the Good lord bless them and their families.



# THE FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT—II



**PATIENCE**: As Christians, we are called to be patient, especially with our brothers and sisters in the Church. Living in peace with those around us can be a challenge, but we must respond with love, not anger, when differences arise between us. "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and be-

loved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do." — Colossians 3:12-13 As we struggle with practicing patience and forgiveness, we look to God, who is patient with us as we continue to fall into habits of sin. Though we continually fail, He extends grace and mercy to us; so also, should we extend grace to others. We also should be patient as we struggle through the trials, temptations, and persecution of this fallen world. Though the pain and brokenness are very real, this world is temporary, and we have the hope of eternity to sustain us.

KINDNESS: Kindness is looking beyond our interests to the interests of others. It often requires going out of our way or setting aside things that may seem important. Kindness also means not being vindictive and returning evil for evil, but instead, turning the other cheek and returning evil with good, whether the recipient deserves it or not. The Holy Spirit, who came to Christians at Pentecost, still lives in us today and enables us to bear fruit. Because God is kind to us, we should be kind to others in response to His goodness. We should also reserve judgement, as it is not our place to judge, but God's. We all are undeserving sinners. "[And] be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ." — Ephesians 4:32 In the parable of the Good Samaritan, the Samaritan demonstrated generosity to a Jew, even though they were considered enemies.

**GENEROSITY**: Also translated as "**Goodness**," generosity is about being honorable and charitable. For some, giving is even considered a spiritual gift. If God has given you much, you can serve Him by sharing it with others. We are not to worry about having enough; we should share both out of our abundance and our need, and God will not let us go without (Philippians 4:19). God blesses us so that we in turn might bless others. We should also give with an open heart, not reluctantly.

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# TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 9, 2024

Monday, June 10 5:00pm (SPJ) - Patrick "Moe" Wilkins by Friends & Family Tuesday, June 11 – St. Barnabas, Apostle 8:30am (SE) - Special Intention by Nancy Belzile Followed by Holy Hour Wednesday, June 12 8:30am (SE) - Intention of the Celebrant Thursday, June 13 St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor of the Church 5:00pm (SPJ) - Special Intention for Rose Mary Rogers by John O'Hara Friday, June 14 8:30am (SPN) - Marie F. Scampini by Marie Scampini Followed by Adoration until 9:30am Saturday, June 15 4:30pm (SE) - Pro Populo Sunday, June 16 8:30am (SPN) - James Ryan by Ann Ryan 10:30am (SPJ) - For the Living & Deceased Members of the Champine & Stanley Families

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# **Readings for the Week of June 10**

Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6/Ps 121:1-8/Mt 5:1-12 Tuesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1-6/Mt 5:13-16 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1-2, 4-5, 8, 11/Mt 5:17-19 Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46/Ps 65:10-13/Mt 5:20-26 Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-9, 13-14/Mt 5:27-32 Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-10/Mt 5:33-37 Next Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-16/2 Cor 5:6-10 Mk 4:26-34

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> Saint Philip Neri – Attendance: 49 Envelopes: \$520.00; Plate: \$95.00 Fuel: \$35.00 Total: \$650.00 Father's Day: \$10.00

> <u>St Philip of Jesus – Attendance: 61</u> Envelopes: \$940.00; Plate: \$233.00 Total: \$1,173.00 Father's Day: \$100.00 Pie Raffle: \$68.00

#### RECENT EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES—II APPROVED BY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

#### **<u>2</u>**. Buenos Aires, Argentina

### First Miracle:

Peculiar as this occurrence has been, more peculiar was awaiting the world in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The church of Santa Maria in the Argentine Capital's Almagro district was destined to host not one but three Eucharistic Miracles.

The first occurred on May 1, 1992. After Mass, a Eucharistic Minister to return the Blessed Sacrament to the Tabernacle, he found two pieces of a large Host lying on the Corporal in front of it. The priest told him to put them into water to dissolve them, which is the usual way of disposing of unconsumed hosts. There they sat in the Tabernacle for a week, unchanged. But a week later, on May 8, they had turned reddish in color, as though there were blood present. Two days later, on Sunday, May 10, during the distribution of Holy Communion, drops of blood were seen in the patens from which the Eucharist was being distributed. The containers and all other evidence were sent to the archbishop. Strange as this was, two years later, on Sunday, July 24, 1994, as the Eucharistic Minister uncovered the ciborium to give Communion at the children's Mass, to his shock there was a drop of blood running down the inner surface of the ciborium. This too was sent off to the archbishop - who now had as an auxiliary one Jorge Bergoglio.

### Second Miracle:

Another two years would pass, until, on the feast of the Assumption, 1996, someone received Communion in the hand and dropped it. Apparently considering it too dirty to consume, he left it there. A rather pious lady observed the whole thing and told the pastor, Father Alejandro Pese, what had occurred. He in turn put the host in container of water to dissolve and placed the container in the Tabernacle. Once again, Heaven apparently had other ideas. After eleven days, the priest went to see what had occurred. Instead of dissolving, the host was sprouting reddish spots. They continued to grow in number throughout the wafer. Part of the host transformed into what looked like human tissue. It was sent to the archdiocese. Three vears later, the new Archbishop - Jorge Bergoglio - ordered the investigation of the samples. (Next Bulletin will have Scientific findings of these miracles)

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Saint Barnabas (June 11<sup>th</sup>), originally named Joseph, was born on the isle of Cyprus and was a Jew of the tribe of Levi (see <u>Acts</u> <u>4:36</u>). Nothing else is known about his early life.

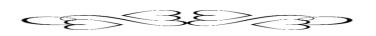
During Jesus' public ministry, Joseph became His fervent follower and might have been one of the seventytwo disciples whom Jesus sent out on a mission. After Pentecost, as the Church in Jerusalem began to grow, the Apostles changed Joseph's name to Barnabas, which means "son of encouragement." His name change might have occurred because Barnabas supported the Church when he "sold a piece of property that he owned, then brought the money and put it at the feet of the apostles". This is the first mention of Barnabas in the New Testament. The legend holds that in the year 478, Saint Barnabas appeared to the Archbishop of Cyprus and revealed the location of his burial to him. Archbishop Anthemios then found Saint Barnabas' body incorrupt, holding the Gospel of Matthew. The Roman emperor then erected a church at the site and buried Saint Barnabas there. Though the church was later lost to history, excavations of the site have found a tomb believed to be that of Saint Barnabas. Saint Barnabas is the patron saint of Cyprus because he was the first missionary Bishop on that island. Saint Barnabas traveled, preached, baptized, celebrated the sacraments, and founded many Christian communities. He endured rejection, hardship, violence, and martyrdom, but he pressed on. His fervor stemmed from knowing his Lord, not only through his firsthand witness of Jesus' ministry but also through his life of prayer and his reception of the Holy Spirit. Try to see his mission as one similar to yours. You, too, are called to zealously preach the Gospel to others. Do not hesitate to do so, no matter the cost. Pray that God uses you as He wills and offer yourself to His service in imitation of this holy Apostle.

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# SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK \*\*\*The monthly Fuel Collection for June will take place next weekend.\*\*\*

### TODAY

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN** Today's second collection is divided three ways. It supports the Catholic University of America, established in 1887, is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States forming the leaders of tomorrow. It helps spread the Gospel across our nation through the United States Catholic Bishops' "Connect with Christ" Campaign. Finally, the collection helps Bishop La-Valley's local communications efforts across the vast Diocese of Ogdensburg. Thank you for your generous support!



# THE FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT—IIi



**FAITHFULNESS:** Unsurprisingly, the majority of the references to faithfulness in the Bible refer to God's faithfulness. As Christians, we are called to be faithful to Him who is always faithful to us. If we are faithful in the small things, God will reward us. We see this in the parable of the talents,

where Jesus tells of a Master who rewards those who are faithful: "The one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy."". As we perform the simple tasks of our daily lives, it is easy to feel as if they have no importance, but the Lord is watching us and sees the small acts of faithfulness we do each day. We can also take comfort that even when we struggle to be faithful, the Lord continues to uphold and protect us.

**GENTLENESS**: Jesus is the ultimate example of gentleness, and He invites us to rest in and learn from Him. "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. — Matthew 11:28-29. Gentleness is a way for us as Christians to stand in contrast to the disorder and selfish conduct of the world, a display of God's love to those who are walking in darkness. "For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity." — James 3:16-17vWe should be gentle especially when we are defending our faith, so that we do not pollute the name of Christ.

**SELF-CONTROL**: Self-control is a difficult fruit to cultivate. Whether we struggle with controlling our anger or controlling our appetite, most of us have at least one area in our lives where we succumb to our desires. By controlling our emotions when we are provoked to anger, we are able to demonstrate Christ's love to those around us and live peaceably with them. "A mild answer turns back wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." — Proverbs 15:1 Though it is difficult to practice self-control, the Holy Spirit helps us have power over our sinful desires. With His help, we can act in love and have control over temptation and sin. "For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." — 2 Timothy 1:7 (*To be continued*...)



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### Friday, June 21–St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

8:30am (SPN)-Charles H Scampini by Marie Scampini Followed by Adoration

# Saturday, June 22

4:30pm (SE) - Elizabeth Santorella by Yvonne Lesperance Sunday, June 23

8:30am (SPN) - For the Intentions of Nancy Montville 10:30am (SPJ) - Pro Populo

(SE) = St. Elizabeth, Elizabethtown
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### **Readings for the Week of June 17**

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-7/Mt 5:38-42 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-6, 11, 16/Mt 5:43-48 Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20-21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-7/Mt 6:7-15 Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11-14, 17-18/Mt 6:19-23 Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-34/Mt 6:24-34 Next Sunday: Job 38:1, 8-11/Ps 107:23-26, 28-31 2 cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

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<u>St Philip of Jesus – Attendance: 62</u> Envelopes: \$1,660.00; Plate: \$495.00 Fuel: \$290.00 Total: \$2,445.00 Father's Day: \$75.00 Catholic Communications Campaign: \$271.00 Pie Raffle: \$87.00

### **RECENT EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES—III APPROVED BY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH** Scientific Findings of Miracles in Buenos Aires

(Refer to last weekend's bulletin for the Miracles) In 1999, when Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio, current Pope Francis, was archbishop, he learned of the investigation and wrote a letter requesting that they continue the investigation. Samples were extracted in the presence of the archbishop's notary. On October 21, 1999, a genetics laboratory began analyzing the samples. The following January 28, they found human DNA in the samples: it is human blood that has a human genetic code - once again, AB Positive. In March, Dr. Robert Lawrence, a forensic pathologist - an expert in tissues examination - was asked to participate in this analysis because of the discovery of substances resembling human tissue in the sample. He found human skin and white blood cells. But Dr. Eduardo Ardonidoli, who had studied the host of Lanciano studied this host at the request of the Italian Episcopal Conference. He said: "This is probably heart tissue, it is not epidermis, that is, it is not human skin." The sample was then sent to Professor John Walker of the University of Sydney in Australia and who reported that the samples sent were inflamed muscle cells accompanied by intact white blood cells. The inflammation indicated the person had suffered. In 2003 he further declared that these samples "may correspond" to inflamed heart tissue. In any case, all of these mentioned miraculous items are able to be venerated at the parish to-day, in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel, which bears a sign saying: "The Community of Santa María dedicates this Chapel to Permanent Adoration".

(To be continued...)

### CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

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# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Luigi Gonzaga (June 21<sup>st</sup>) was the firstborn son of eight children, and the scion to a wealthy and noble inheritance. He was born into the Duchy of Mantua, modern-day northern Italy, which was ruled by his family, the princely House of Gonzaga. Luigi was the Italian version of his name; Aloysius was the Latin version. His father, Ferrante Gonzaga, was Governor of Milan, Viceroy of Sicily, and a general in the army of the Holy Roman

Emperors Charles V and Philip II. As the oldest son, Luigi was expected to follow in his father's footsteps through a military career. Ferrante began training Luigi as a soldier when Luigi was just four years old. Luigi's mother, a devout Catholic, had different hopes for her son. At the age of twelve, Aloysius met then-cardinal and future saint, Charles Borromeo. After expressing his desire to be a Jesuit missionary and undergoing examination by the cardinal, Aloysius so impressed Cardinal Borromeo that he personally prepared the boy for and administered his First Holy Communion, encouraging him to receive the Eucharist frequently. Over the next few years, Aloysius's piety grew, and his devotion to become a Jesuit solidified. His father and many others tried to dissuade him, even confining him for nine months. Eventually, through divine grace, hearts were softened, minds opened, and Aloysius' father gave his reluctant consent. Despite his noble background, Aloysius lived humbly in Rome. He advanced in prayer, often entering deep contemplation. He prayed before the Blessed Sacrament, grew in devotion to Our Lady, and always meditated on Christ's Passion. He was obedient, manifested a pure and holy chastity, lived in poverty, and was charitable, especially towards the poor. He was also blessed to have the future Saint Robert Bellarmine as his spiritual director and teacher. Saint Aloysius Gonzaga was wealthy in the things of this world and was promised everything this life could offer. However, he discovered something far more valuable-God-through a life of profound prayer and devotion.

With Love and Prayers.... 🎾 Fr. J.T.

JOIN US FOR WOMEN'S MINISTRY A place of fellowship, faith and friendship At St. Mary's Church, Ticonderoga Every third Friday following 9 a.m. Mass. Next Meeting June 21

Come reflect and share on the days' Gospel. Light breakfast will be served. In addition to weekly fellowship, there will be a summer Book Club beginning in June. Details and book selection were to be announced at the May meeting.

Beth Tiger is a Catholic speaker, author and facilitator. She is also the founder & Executive Director of 'Her Hands', an anti-trafficking organization originally known as Durga Tree International. Beth's ministry has always been about assisting people in living a life of purpose. She's done this through her writing, coaching, as well as her charitable work. A new resident of Ticonderoga, she is looking forward to meeting spiritually like-minded women and creating a ministry where all can deepen their faith, form new friendships and be of service to the local community. For more info contact the parish at 518-585-7144

# THE FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT—IV



**MODESTY** is a particular manifestation of the more general virtue known as temperance. Temperance refers to the ability to moderate one's passions so that they are subjected to correct reason. Understood as a category of temperance, modesty is the ability to moderate one's passions in com-

monplace, everyday matters, rather than issues of great or significant importance. As with many of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, modesty serves the purpose of regulating our passions so that they are more in line with reason. Ever since the original sin in the Garden of Eden, human beings have not always been able to behave in ways that accord with reason, because our passions are often too strong. Modesty is one way for us to keep our passions in line with reason, which was God's original plan for humanity. Passions themselves are not bad, for even Our Lord experienced emotions, as when He wept at the death of Lazarus (John 11:35), and when He was fearful in the Garden of Gethsemane (Mark 14:33). However, we must never allow our passions to lead us to do, say or even think things that are sinful. They must only impel us to virtuous living. Modesty is what allows us to regulate our passions rationally, for it is only by living rationally, and not giving in to inordinate desires, that we will attain true happiness on earth and blessedness in Heaven.

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### THOUGHTS ON EVANGILIZATION Readings: Ez 17:22-24/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

Today's gospel compares the Kingdom of God to a small mustard seed that grows into plant with large branches so that even the birds can dwell in its shade. Compare that to the first reading where Ezekiel speaks of a tender shoot growing into a tall cedar. At every Mass we pray "thy kingdom come." How do you envision that kingdom? Whether we imagine it to be like a majestic cedar or a large bush: both take patience and time to grow. Both take good soil as a foundation. And we cannot make it grow. We can only plant the seeds and shoots and provide the water and care. Can we cultivate the grace that God has given us, cultivate that gift of faith within us to so that it will overflow and others who live in the shade of our faith will come to be open to the gifts of God?

#### **ELIZABETHTOWN THRIFT SHOP**



St. Elizabeth's Church has received the thrift shop's donation for their proceeds from the month of May...\$3,434.80!!! As always, this represents 1/4 of the proceeds with the other 3/4 going to 3 other Churches. Immense gratitude for all the hard work.



# TWELFTH SUNDAY IN

**ORDINARY TIME** 

June 23, 2024

Monday, June 24 The Nativity of St. John the Baptist 5:00pm (SPJ) - Patrick "Moe" Wilkins

by Family & Friends

Tuesday, June 25

8:30am (SE) - Special Intentions of Yvonne Lesperance by Robert & Carol Corbo *Followed by Holy Hour* 

Wednesday, June 26

No Scheduled Mass

Thursday, June 27

8:30am (SPN) - Richard & Matthew Sukel by Family Followed by Adoration

Friday, June 28-Vigil Mass for the Solemnity

5:00pm (SPJ)-Marie F. Scampini by Marie Scampini Saturday, June 29

### Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles

8:30am (SE) - Intention of the Celebrant

4:30pm (SE) - Edward Waters by the Turner Family

6:30pm (SJ) - Special Intention of William O'Connor by John O'Hara

### Sunday, June 30

8:30am (SPN) - Pro Populo

10:30am (SPJ) - Special Intention of Rose Mary Rogers by John O'Hara (SE) = St. Elizabeth, Elizabethtown (SPJ) = St. Philip of Jesus, Willsboro

(SJ) = St. Joseph, Essex (SPN) = St. Philip Neri, Westport

# **Readings for the Week of June 24**

Monday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-15/Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66, 80 Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-4, 10-11 Mt 7:6, 12-14 Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33-37, 40/Mt 7:15-20 Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1-5,8-9/Mt 7:21-29 Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Ps 137:1-6/Mt 8:1-4 Saturday: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-9/2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19 Next Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43



Human trafficking is a scourge, a crime against the whole of humanity. It is time to join forces and work together to free its victims and to eradicate this crime that affects all of us, from individual families to the worldwide community.

### Last Weekend's Collection

Saint Elizabeth – Attendance: 46 Envelopes: \$453.25; Plate: \$141.00 Fuel: \$80.00 Total: \$674.25 Father's Day: \$40.00 Catholic Communications Campaign: \$2.00

Saint Philip Neri – Attendance: 47 Envelopes: \$1,551.00; Plate: \$103.00 Fuel: \$12.00 Total: \$1,666.00 Catholic Communications Campaign: \$25.00

St Philip of Jesus – Attendance: 72 Envelopes: \$765.00; Plate: \$309.00 Fuel: \$181.00 Total: \$1,255.00 Father's Day: \$120.00 Catholic Communications Campaign: \$10.00 Pie Raffle: \$132.00

### **RECENT EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES-IV APPROVED BY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH** 3. Kerala. India

The next such occurrence took place in the state of Kerala in India, at the Malankara Rite Catholic church of St. Mary in Chirattakonam. There, on April 28, 2001, Fr. Johnson Karnoor, the pastor, began to lead the St. Jude Novena in front of the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the Monstrance. As he recited the prayers, he noticed three spots on the host. He halted the prayers and then asked the laity present to examine the spots. Fr. Karnoor then asked them to keep praying and reposed the Eucharist in the Tabernacle. Two days later, he offered Mass and left for the city of Trivandrum. When he returned to the church for the regular Sunday Mass on May 5, he vested and then opened the Tabernacle to see what had happened to the large host. He found that the dots had expanded and formed a human face. Both the altar boy and the faithful present saw it as well. They commenced adoration, during which the image became ever clearer and clearer. This continued - even as after adoration pictures were taken of it - the features were becoming clearer, and this was recorded on film. The host with the image is venerated there today, with permission of the Archbishop of Trivandrum. (To be continued...)

#### THOUGHTS ON EVANGELIZATION Readings: Jb 38:1, 8-11/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

Jesus calms the storm and asks, "why are you terrified?" How often does fear paralyze us when we are in the middle of some storm: when we lose a job or come up against some obstacle in life? Or perhaps we are in the midst of sin and really should go to confession, but fear and pride stops us. Or perhaps we are dealing with illness, or loss, or just needing to make a difficult decision. When we are in the midst of a storm, it is hard to hear the voice of God and it is hard to trust. Yet Jesus is in the boat with us. He is always with us. Let us learn to cry to him and trust him during the good times, so that when the storms arise we will remember his love and know that even in the midst of a storm, God, the Almighty, is there.

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# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



At the time of Saint John, the Baptist's birth (June 24<sup>th</sup>), it was commonly thought that a woman's inability to conceive was a sign of God's disfavor and a punishment for sin. Although we know that's not the case, it's important to understand that God often brought forth great leaders from those who

had long begged God for a child. Sarah was barren before conceiving Isaac. Rebekah was barren before giving birth to Esau and Jacob. Rachel was barren before giving birth to Joseph. Manoah's wife was barren until she gave birth to Samson. And Hannah was barren until she gave birth to Samuel. So also, this solemnity celebrates one of the greatest births in history. Recall that Jesus himself would later say, "Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist" (Matthew 11:11). Other than the Solemnity of the Birth of Christ (Christmas), Saint John the Baptist is the only person whom the Church honors with solemnity to celebrate his birth. Our Blessed Mother's birth is celebrated with a feast, although her Immaculate Conception is commemorated with the greater honor of solemnity. As we mark the birth of Saint John the Baptist, ponder his Nativity from two perspectives. First, look at it from a Heavenly and eternal perspective. The angels and saints will forever glorify God for this great event and John's significant role in the history of salvation. Secondly, look at it from a purely human perspective. Let us ponder the wonder and awe that would have shrouded Elizabeth and Zechariah. Consider their humanity. They were real people who became real parents and were told great things about their only child. Despite that, John was still their child, just as Jesus was Mary's Child. The proper perspective of every event we celebrate in salvation history is to unite the human and divine perspectives, the transcendent and the imminent, the personal and the supernatural, to understand, participate in, and believe these glorious and historical events that have opened the gates of Heaven to all who have faith more fully.

With Love and Prayers.... **\*** Fr. J.T.

# **REMINDERS:**

...Starting Next weekend there will be an additional weekend Mass in St. Joseph's ... Church in Essex at 6.30 pm every Saturday until Labor Day weekend.

... Please note that there is a slight change in the Mass Schedule this week to fit in the Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul this Saturday.

# **CATHOLICS A'GATHERIN**

Look for news under this heading regarding the monthly coffee hours in Willsboro. Many thanks for the resounding participation last Sunday. Developing our "Church Family" relationships is very important! Please mark your calendar for the next gathering, July 21st!



# THE FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT—V



The word CHASTITY comes from the verb to chastise, which means to rebuke or reprimand. Chastity rebukes and restrains the vice of concupiscence, which is the tendency to sexual excess. In our modern day and age, when sexual vice is rampant and traditional customs and mores are no longer

observed, chastity is crucial, especially for the young. Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body is an invaluable resource for a proper understanding of the purpose of human sexuality, respect for one's body and the bodies of others, and how to live chastely in today's world. But chastity refers not only to one's external actions in the realm of sexuality. A lack of chastity can also refer to an inordinate attachment to things that are below one's dignity. The only proper object of one's most personal and genuine desires is God, and so to inordinately attach oneself to lower things is a kind of spiritual unchastity. It is not wrong to love human beings, of course, but all of our earthly affections must be subordinated to and directed toward our love for God.



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# Things to Ponder.....

# Stop blaming others for your failures!

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Next Anniversary Committee Meeting Thursday, June 27th @ 9:30am St. Philip's Parish Hall All are welcome \*\*\*\*\*

**\*\*** Cleaning day at St. Joseph's Thursday June 27th 11am-2pm \*\*

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# THIRTEENTH **SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

June 30, 2024

# Monday, July 1

5:00pm (SJ) - Special Intention of Rose Mary Rogers by John O'Hara

Tuesday, July 2

8:30am (SE) - Special Intentions for the Corbo's by Anonymous

# Wednesday, July 3–St. Thomas, Apostle

8:30am (SE) - Intention of the Celebrant

*Followed by Holy Hour* 

Thursday, July 4

9:00am (SPJ) - John Carver Sr. by John & Sue Carver

# Friday, July 5 – First Friday

8:30am (SPN) - Charles H Scampini by Marie Scampini Followed by Holy Hour

Saturday, July 6

4:30pm (SE) - Pro Populo 6:30pm (SJ) - John A Wukovits Jr by Maryellen Wukovits

Sunday, July 7

8:30am (SPN) - Jim Trainor by the Trainor Family

10:30am (SPJ) - Deceased Relatives of Carolyn,

Iane & Nick

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### **Readings for the Week of July 1**

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Ps 50:16-23/Mt 8:18-22 Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4-8/Mt 8:23-27 Wednesday: Eph2:19-22/Ps 117:1-2/Jn 20:24-29 Thursday: Am<sup>7</sup>:10-17/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 9:1-8 Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131/Mt 9:9-13 Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9-14/Mt 9:14-17 Next Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-4/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

### THOUGHTS ON EVANGELIZATION Readings: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15 Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

"Do not be afraid ... just have faith." In today's culture that sounds so naive, and it often requires a desperate situation for us to finally surrender to depending on faith. Jairus' daughter was at the point of death. As a synagogue official he was likely a wealthy man and probably tried many doctors and the best remedies that money and influence could buy. Similarly, the woman with the hemorrhage had suffered for twelve years and spent everything she had. Yet it is faith that brings life. Jesus heals the woman and restored her to the community. With a hemorrhage she would have been ritually unclean and separated. Jesus calls her "Daughter". Similarly, Jesus restored the little girl to life and family and community. It there something that needs healing in your life, something that separates you from the love of Christ or the community of faith? Do not be afraid ... have faith ... and reach out and touch the tassel on his cloak and

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Saint Philip Neri – Attendance: 48 Envelopes: \$300.00; Plate: \$112.00 Total: \$412.00

St Philip of Jesus – Attendance: 75 Envelopes: \$565.00; Plate: \$415.88 Total: \$980.88 Pie Raffle: \$103.00

# **RECENT EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES—V APPROVED BY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH** 5. Guerrero, Mexico

# The Miracle:

The next such wonder-struck was at the parish church of San Martin de Tours in Guerrero State, Mexico, in October of 2006. Fr. Leopoldo Roque, the pastor, had invited Fr. Raymundo Reyna Esteban to lead a parish retreat. On October 21, while the two priests were distributing Communion, hist was placed in a pyx held by a religious sister. She was to take communion to an ill lady in the parish; she looked up at the pastor weeping – the host had begun to bleed. Fr. Roque took charge of it and gave the host to the Bishop of the Diocese, Alejo Zavala Castro. He in turn appointed a Theological Commission of Investigation.

### **Scientific Findings:**

Three years later, the bishop asked Professor Ricardo Castañón Gómez to tackle the scientific analysis; the professor in turn recruited noted forensic specialist Dr. Eduardo Sánchez Lazo. Between October 2009 and October 2012, the team did its work, announcing its conclusions on May 25, 2013. Having tested the samples using two different methods, they concluded that the bleeding was indeed coming from the host and could not have come from an outside source. The blood type was AB positive; microscopic analysis in 2010 showed that since 2006 much of the visible blood had coagulated. However, underlying internal layers featured fresh blood: the Eucharist was still bleeding. Moreover, there was heart tissue in the host which incredibly was still alive, having as it did intact white and red blood cells and active macrophages. Moreover, as in Buenos Aires, the heart tissue was from the mvocardium. The bishop approved the Eucharistic Miracle, and the host is venerated in the church today.



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# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



It's easy to be critical of St. Thomas (July  $3^{rd}$ ) for his lack of belief reflected in the gospel narratives. Firstly, Thomas probably doubted, in part, out of extreme sadness and despair. This is an important point because very often in life when we encounter some difficulty, disappointment, or painful situa-

tion, our faith is tested. We are tempted to allow despair to draw us into doubt and when this happens, we make decisions based more upon our hurt than upon our faith. Secondly, Thomas was also called to deny the physical reality that he witnessed with his own eyes and believe something that was completely "impossible" from an earthly perspective. People simply do not rise from the dead! This simply doesn't happen, at least from an earthly perspective alone. And even though Thomas had seen Jesus perform such miracles before, it took much faith to believe without seeing with his own eyes. So, despair and an apparent impossibility went to the heart of Thomas' faith and extinguished it. To give you all a couple of life messages: 1) Don't ever allow despair, disappointment, or hurt to be the guide of your decisions or beliefs in life. They are never a good guide. 2) Do not doubt the power of God to be able to do anything and everything He chooses. In our own lives, God can do anything that He wills. We must believe and know that what He reveals to us in faith will come to be if we but trust in His provident care. St. Thomas brought the gospel to India landing on the shores of Kerala in 52 A.D and died as a martyr in Mylapore in 72 A.D. The Syro-Malabar Catholic Rite traces its origins to this apostle and calls themselves St. Thomas Christians to this day. All the Catholics belonging to this Rite in the United States have one Diocese in Chicago. www.stthomasdiocese.org for more details. St. Thomas, pray for us

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### **JULY 4: INDEPENDENCE DAY**

On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress declared the independence of the thirteen British colonies from British rule. Since then, the United States has celebrated its independence on this day. While Independence Day is a national holiday, the Catholic Church in the United States also recognizes it as an Optional Memorial. On this day, we are called to pray for our country and urged to exhibit "solemn reverence" for the freedoms we enjoy as citizens of this remarkable nation. Throughout world history, the freedom to worship according to one's conscience has seldom been codified into law. The freedoms enshrined in our Constitution offer abundant reasons for celebration. As Catholic citizens anywhere in the world, we must let our faith shape who we are and engage in every form of civil discourse, including the enactment of laws. Faith is not practiced solely at church; it must permeate who we are and influence everything we do. True freedom enables us to enjoy the blessings of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness that cannot be detached from Christian citizenship. As Christian citizens, we must persistently and unabashedly strive to unite our will with God, allowing our faith to shape our will, and then engage in civil discourse to shape our nation to better reflect the Kingdom of God. From a Christian perspective, independence is not the freedom to do what we want, when we want, because we want, but the freedom to do what we ought. True freedom is found only when we live following the will of God. May God Bless our nation and our families. Happy July 4<sup>th</sup>.

### ANECDOTE

"Do not be afraid; just have faith." Ann Jillian, a threetime Emmy and Golden Globe Award-winning actress and singer is an American actress born to Roman Catholic Lithuanian immigrant parents. Since 1985, she has added motivational speaking to her impressive list of credits, addressing business, medical, professional, and women's groups with her unique blend of humor and inspiration. Her prowess extends from the world's concert halls, to feature films and the Broadway stage. She has starred in over 25 TV movies and made hundreds of other TV appearances. Her TV movie, The Ann Jillian Story, which recounts her victory over breast cancer, was the #1 film of that TV season, but, more importantly, it delivered Ann's message about the hopeful side of breast cancer to its millions of viewers. In 1985, the then-35-year-old actress made headlines when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. On her way to the hospital to check the nature of the growth which she had noticed, she stopped at St. Francis de Sales Church and read the inscription on the door. "The same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations." She went into the church and prayed for the strength to accept her ordeal. The radiant trust in God and peace of mind she maintained before and after the surgery (double mastectomy), was big news in the media and a great inspiration for all cancer patients. She trusted in Jesus' words given in this weekend's gospel, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." Interestingly, this phrase is repeated in the Bible **365 times**.

### **REMINDER:**

...Starting this Monday, all Monday Masses will be in St. Joseph's Church in Essex at 5:00 pm until Labor Day.