

# The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 7, 2015



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The cup of salvation I will take up, and I will call upon the name of the LORD.

-Psalm 116:13

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>MON.,</b> 7:00	<b>June 8<sup>th</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Weekday</b> Joanna & Hipolit Sutkoski r/o Emily Fabiano & Felicia Sutkowski
<b>TUES.,</b> 12:00	<b>June 9<sup>th</sup></b> P.M.	<b>Weekday</b> Sophie Hermann, Anne Marie, Johanna, Hermann, Stephan, Elfriede, r/o Berta & Family
<b>WED.,</b> 7:00	<b>June 10<sup>th</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Weekday</b> Gertrude Hurley r/o Guy & Pat Pirro
<b>THURS.,</b> 12:00	<b>June 11<sup>th</sup></b> P.M.	<b>Saint Barnabas, Apostle</b> Judith Voohees r/o John & Family
<b>FRI.,</b> 7:00	<b>June 12<sup>th</sup></b> A.M.	<b>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</b> James Capps, Sr r/o Joan & Joe Ryan & Family
<b>SAT.,</b> 8:00	<b>June 13<sup>th</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Weekday</b> Rose & Dick Malt r/o The Malt Family
5:00	P.M.	Joyce Tighe r/o Sister, Judy Struzinski
<b>SUN.,</b> 8:00	<b>June 14<sup>th</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Robert Ludwig r/o The Ludwig Family
10:00	A.M.	Margaret Sebastian r/o Lou & Jane DeNardo
11:30	A.M.	Diana Carolina Carmona r/o Mom, Dad & Family
1:30	P.M.	Carlos Alberto Cabezas Vargas

## WEEK OF JUNE 7—13

### *Altar Flowers*

Diana M. Kizis r/o Family

### *Tabernacle Candles*

Joseph Butera r/o Ann & Family

### *Sanctuary Candles*

Judith Voohees r/o John & Family

### Memorials



## TODAY'S READINGS:

**First Reading** — This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you (Exodus 24:3-8)

**Psalm** — I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord (Psalm 116)

**Second Reading** — Christ is the mediator of a new covenant (Hebrews 9:11-15)

**Gospel** — This is my body. This is my blood (Mark 14:12-16, 22-26)



The following "little one" was Baptized on May 31, 2015  
Noah Yeshua Gutierrez, son of Alfonso & Lizeth Gutierrez

### **Congratulations Deacon Tom Sommero:**

OLMV Parish proudly congratulates Deacon Tom Sommero as he begins his ministry in the church. Deacon Tom has worked diligently during these past five years in the Diaconate Formation Process and will now be a great asset to OLMV and to the Diocese of Metuchen. Good luck, Tom, and walk with God as you begin ministry among the people!

**PRAY FOR THE SICK...**In your charity please pray for the sick of our parish, the sick who remain in our intentions and those whose names are kept on our prayer list in the sacristy and vestibule. Prayers are requested for the recently deceased: Anne (Brigante) Johnson.

## ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF JUNE 13—14

5:00 pm—	Katelyn Carmona Vincent Miller
8:00 am—	Jonathon Massarelli Amelia Casale
10:00 am—	Lorenzo Troia T. Sviderskis-Carroll A. Sviderskis-Carroll
11:30 am—	Mikaehla Pineda Rhiana Pineda



## Our Weekly Offering

*"The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ..." — Romans 8:16-17*

If we are heirs to the kingdom of God, shouldn't we work to build up His kingdom? Shouldn't we be good stewards of our inheritance, using our time, talent and treasure to care for the Church that God has left to us? Our Church is a treasured heirloom from God.

May 30—31.....	\$8,363.00
Hispanic Mass.....	\$289.00
Major Renovations.....	\$379.00
Weekly Parish Expenses.....	\$19,246.00

## Meditation Garden Campaign



Remember our ongoing "Buy a Brick" campaign. What a great way to remember loved ones living or deceased, events and milestones set in a peaceful prayerful environment!



### **K OF C THANKSGIVING IN JUNE**

**THANKSGIVING IN JUNE.** Why wait until November? The Knights of

Columbus are hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner on June 27, 2015 in the church basement at 6:00 pm. There will be turkey (of course) mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, sweet potatoes, vegetables and a choice of pies for dessert. Coffee and soda will be available.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children under 12. Tickets can be purchased after masses, in the Parish Office or at the door. Come and enjoy a great Thanksgiving Dinner without worrying about what time the stores open for Christmas shopping.

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!**

### **Summer Training For NEW Liturgical Ministers**

We are offering a Welcome/Introductory Meeting for any parishioner who is interested in becoming a Reader, Minister of Communion, or Usher/Hospitality Minister. You are welcome to attend either Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM **OR** Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. For further information, please check the bulletin boards or contact Sister James at [sjxavier@olmv.net](mailto:sjxavier@olmv.net).

### **A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM OLMV CULTURAL DIVERSITY MINISTRY**

**Thank you** to everyone who so graciously helped to make last Saturday's, "International Night" a big success. In particular thanks to the CDM Committee: Bill Lawrence, Patricia, Bill, Rebecca & Julianne Reents, Pat Martinez, Steven & Christine Casale, Anna Massessa, Bertha Carmona, Elisa Rodriguez, Gayle Troia, Ramon Aldarondo, Berta Ippich Ebert, Barbara Benson, Mary Konapacki. Thank you to Dave Czachur, Tony & Monique Sasso, Jim Murphy, Jimmy Bielicky and Dave Langton. Thank you, Eileen Wang and the Catholic Chinese Community for all their support. Thank you also to Ed Kura and his maintenance staff who made sure that everything was in place and ready for the event. A powerful thank you to all our generous parishioners who participated and to those who bought homemade food to our *International Night*. Thank you to Rives Cassel and his Children's Choir for their beautiful presentation. Thank you to the different groups who entertained us during the evening. The presentations were fabulous, the decorations were spectacular!

## **ANOTE FROM FATHER PAT My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

Today we celebrate one of the most important feasts of the Church year: The Body and Blood of Christ. The doctrine of the Catholic Church centering on Holy Eucharist is one of Catholicism's core doctrines. In the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus teaches, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh." Jesus continues to teach. "For my flesh is food indeed, and by blood is drink, indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him."

As this passage continues, Jesus is aware that many of his followers are preparing to leave him because they found this teaching too difficult. Clearly, if there was any misunderstanding to Jesus' teaching, he would have made an effort to explain himself in greater detail. Jesus did not alter his teaching at all!

Many of our Fundamentalist and Evangelical Protestant brothers and sisters would suggest that Jesus was teaching in a figurative manner, and that "eating his body" and "drinking his blood" were merely "figurative" expressions that really just support belief in Christ.

We, as Catholic believers, understand that Jesus' words are neither figurative nor are they symbolic. Jesus teaches, "The words I have spoken are spirit and life." We understand that Jesus is stating, clearly, that his words are words that must be understood in the context of "faith" and by the "power of the Holy Spirit".

Saint Paul, in the *First Letter to the Corinthians* wrote: "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?" For Paul, the act of receiving Holy Communion was not mere symbol. For Paul, when we receive Holy Communion, we actually participate in the body and blood of Christ.

The doctrine of the Eucharist which we profess as Catholic believers has been accepted from apostolic times. The theology of the true presence of Jesus Christ: the Body and Blood of our Lord under the form of bread and wine, has been studied, explored, defined, explained and believed from the earliest days of the Church. Ignatius of Antioch wrote about the true presence in the letter to the Smyrnaeans in the early 2<sup>nd</sup> Century. Saint Justin Martyr taught about "food which has been made into the Eucharist...is both the flesh and the blood of the incarnated Jesus." In the 5<sup>th</sup> century, Theodore of Mopsuestia wrote, "When Christ gave the bread he did not say, 'This is the symbol of my body,' but 'This is my body.'"

Today we celebrate the great feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. For us, Jesus is truly present in Sacrament. When we come forward to share in Holy Eucharist, we come forward to share in the true and eternal Jesus Christ--present for us under the form of bread and wine. We come forward to share Jesus Christ: the real presence! We celebrate today the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ--not a symbol, not a figure of speech. Jesus Christ--real, and truly present among us!!!

In peace and prayer,  
Father Pat

