



Feast of Corpus Christi

Sunday, June 2, 2024

Everyone is invited to join the
Procession of the Holy Eucharist
Following the 12:30pm Mass



The Procession and Benediction will be immediately followed by a reception in the Parish Center to celebrate our 22nd Year Anniversary of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of Mount Carmel.
All are Welcome!



Procession



Benediction



Reception



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Dear Friends,

Today is the Feast of Corpus Christi, **the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**. I wrote extensively on it last week so I won't do so again. As I write this (Thursday morning), forecasters are predicting (if you can believe them) spectacular weather for the next five days, including Sunday. Given that forecast, I invite everyone to join us for the annual Procession with the Blessed Sacrament around the block of the church. It is a sign (first and foremost to ourselves) for our faith in the Eucharistic presence of the Lord who loves us. And a sign of that love (God's love) for the world God created. If you are reading this online, come to the 12:30 Mass and be a part of that public witness. If you are reading this at another Mass, please come back around 1:20 and join the procession when it comes out of the church. Let's make this the largest procession since we began this practice. In these days of turmoil and constant conflict, in our country and in our world, through this procession, let us reaffirm our faith that God's love accompanies us in this journey we call life.

Also, today is the last day for our choirs (Children's, Adult and Bell Choirs), as they take their break for the summer months. I express my thanks for their dedication and their commitment and for the beauty and enthusiasm (at the 9:30) that they have added to the celebration of the Liturgy, both weekly and at the special services throughout the year. We are blessed to have them, the instrumentalists, the choir and musical directors and all who are part of the Music Ministry here at Mount Carmel. Thank you, one and all and enjoy your summer off.

Once again—a plug for the **Annual Appeal**. We are truly counting down the last days in which a pledge to the campaign will help both the Archdiocese **and the parish**, 28 days, to be exact. Thank you to the 13 households that made a pledge in the last week. But we still need 77 more households to participate to reach last year's number (490), let alone to reach our goal of 500 participating households. You should have received a letter from me in the mail last week once again pointing out the value of the Appeal in spreading the Gospel, both locally (in the parish) and beyond ourselves (in the Archdiocese). Please help by making a pledge today. Then, you have until December 31, 2024 to fulfill that pledge. Pledge envelopes are available in the racks at the side doors or, even better, go to the link on the homepage of the parish website. Be sure to indicate Mount Carmel—Ridgewood as your parish so we are eligible for the rebate.

As we wind down to the end of the program year, please

remember in your prayers the 160 candidates who will be confirmed on June 15th, the last major spiritual event of the current year. More about that next week.

God Bless,
Fr. Ron

PS. My columns will be getting shorter and shorter as I approach my annual summer "hiatus."

STEWARDSHIP

"When Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come to be... he entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood." The author of the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that Christ offered the gift of Himself, in His very life, for us. He calls his disciples to offer their own gifts to carry on that work. The Christian Steward offers gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure** to continue the work of Christ in the world. What do you offer, in imitation of Jesus?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last week was \$9,959. The parish Stewardship for the month of May will appear in next week's bulletin. God bless all who's generosity enables the Gospel to be preached in our time and place. Why not explore using online giving, **WeShare**, as a consistent way of doing that. Simply click on the link on the homepage of our website.

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PLEDGES received by June 30 directly impact the parish's rebate.
Please prayerfully consider pledging now.

Fulfillment of your pledge may be made through 12/31/24.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

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**PRAY THE ROSARY
OUR LADY'S CHAPEL
(DAILY MASS CHAPEL)
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



**YOUTH MINISTRY
MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE
NEXT SATURDAY—JUNE 8TH
9AM-12NN**

Drive thru drop off in the school building driveway.

These Food Drives support: Fr. English Food Pantry, Social Services Association, Ridgecrest Senior Living and Healing Meals. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by those served.

Consider helping our efforts by volunteering to be a driver, bringing collected food to one of the pantries.

FR. ENGLISH

Anything high in protein!! Bagged or Canned Beans (Black & Kidney), Chick Peas, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Nuts, Canned Meats (Chicken, Spam, Hams), Tuna, Pop Tarts, Complete Pancake Mix, Syrup, Coffee, Tea, Ritz or Saltine Style Crackers, Raisins, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Shelf Stable Milk, Canned Veggies, Oatmeal, Cereal, Granola Bars, Juice—Apple, Tomato, V8, Jiffy or Similar Muffin Mix

SOCIAL SERVICES

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HEALING MEALS

Healing Meals provides fresh, nutritious, cooked meals to families connected with Tomorrow's Children, Emmanuel Cancer Center, St. Joseph's Children's Hospital, Ridgecrest Senior Housing and the Franciscan Community Center in Fairview. Ingredients needed are:

Fresh Carrots/Celery/Onion; Garlic (fresh/jarred); Barilla (specifically Barilla brand) Lasagna Noodles; Whole Wheat Flour; Olive Oil, Pasta Sauce (cans/jars); Canned Diced Tomatoes; Marinara Sauce; Canned Cannellini Beans; Dark Brown Sugar; Molasses; Quart Size Freezer Bags; Latex-Free Gloves

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5/27/24	\$50	Mary McCormack, #815
5/28/24	\$50	James Van Tassel, #431
5/29/24	\$50	W. McInerney, #1017
5/30/24	\$50	Kaitlin Cofone, #771

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FR. ENGLISH PANTRY—FROZEN TRAY MINISTRY PANS/RECIPES AVAILABLE AT ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND

FROZEN CASSEROLE DROP OFF—NEXT SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH
(AT OUR MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE—9AM-12NN)

Please help us provide frozen casseroles to the Fr. English Food Pantry this month. Easy recipe options are provided with pans and lids. Casseroles must be **FROZEN**. These casseroles make it possible for a family to sit around the dinner table and enjoy a prepared meal. Thank you for your generosity!

Questions? Call/Text Barbara—201.615.9624



**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
CHAPEL IS OPEN 24/7
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

We praise and thank God for all the PEA signup **SPEAKERS** last weekend. We are also thankful for the 24 Parishioners who signed-up to join this wonderful, quiet, yet profound ministry. We adore God 24/7. Simply put, this is a *quiet prayer ministry* where people take turns every hour to be with the Blessed Sacrament 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

It is not too late to sign up. Consider being a scheduled Adorer for any particular hour—one hour, once a week, every week (the same day/hour each week). Or, try being a Substitute for any hour of the day.

SCHEDULED ADORERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Sundays: 2-3PM; Saturdays: 3-4PM, 5-6PM, 6-7PM

Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com

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Following the 12:30pm Sunday Mass*



The procession will conclude with Benediction on the front Plaza. A reception will immediately follow in the Parish Center to celebrate the 22nd anniversary of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at OLMC.

CALLING ALL MOUNT CARMEL CHILDREN

This is an invitation to all the children and their parents to join the Corpus Christi Procession All First Holy Communicants are encouraged to wear their First Holy Communion outfits. It is suggested that children of all ages wear a white shirt or white pants or white dresses.

The choir will lead us with singing. All children, with their parents, are asked to sit in the front pews of the church so they can join the procession right behind the choir.

A reception will follow in the Parish Center, complete with a cake celebrating the 22nd Anniversary of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The children will join Fr. Ron to cut the cake.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. June 2	12:10PM Summer Program Parent Mtg (MR) 4:00PM Spanish Coffee (PC)
Mon. June 3	8:30AM AoOL 8th Grade Retreat (PC, MR) 7:30PM Men's Cornerstone (MR)
Tue. June 4	5:00PM AoOL Baccalaureate Mass and Dinner Reception (Church, PC) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW) 7:30PM Confirmation Program 2025 Parent Orientation (Church)
Wed. June 5	7:00PM Spanish Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Thurs. June 6	10:30AM Sunday Scripture Reflection (SMR) 6:00PM NCW 3 rd Community (NCW-A) 7:30PM Confirmation Program 2025 Parent Orientation (PC) 8:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Fri. June 7	7:00PM Inspire: Young Adult Ministry (NCW)
Sat. June 8	8:30AM Men's Basketball (Gym) 9:00AM Youth Ministry Food Drive (Driveway) 9:30AM Spanish Bible Study (NCW) 6:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

**SUMMER BASKETBALL PROGRAM—AGES 6-17
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Parishioners may call the Rectory with the name of a family member who is sick to have them included in our prayers.

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



TODAY'S READINGS

Monday, June 3 *Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs*

- + **6:30AM Antonio Piccinich**
req Steven Bussanich
& Josephine Thanasides
- + **8:30AM John Bodie**
req Eamon & Christine Walsh
- + **12:00NN Andrea Schroen Bernstein**
req Her Family

Tuesday, June 4

- + **6:30AM Michael Ferrara**
req The Palmeri Family
- + **8:30AM Marilyn & Jack Byrne**
req The Russo Family
- 12:00NN Special Intention of the Nodini Family**
req The Nodini Family

Wednesday, June 5 *Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr*

- + **6:30AM Walter Matesic**
req Stefano & Domenica Bussanich
- + **8:30AM David Miller**
req Ruth Miller
- + **12:00NN Deceased Members of the Doyle & English Families**
req Linda English

Thursday, June 6 *Saint Norbert, Bishop*

- + **6:30AM John McGuinness**
req Kay McCarthy
- + **8:30AM Aurora Sandonato**
req Jean Boyle
- + **12:00NN Anthony Juliano**
req His Family

Friday, June 7 *The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

- + **6:30AM Annie Ivers**
req The Bolduc Family
- + **8:30AM Dorothy Oswald**
req Her Family
- + **12:00NN Paul Terrence O'Grady**
req Bobbie & Larry Roshon

Saturday, June 8 *The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

- + **8:30AM Barbara McAlvanah**
req Rosemarie Chester
- + **5:30PM Salvatore Riggi**
req His Daughter

Sunday, June 9 *Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- + **8:00AM Thomas Ferris**
req Jeffrey & Francesca DeCandia
- + **9:30AM Maria Morin**
req Nick & Josephine Tarabocchia
- + **11:00AM John Archer**
req His wife, Joanne & Family
- + **12:30PM Alba & Dennis Stack**
req The Engel Family
- 3:00PM Ariana Roman & Christopher Diaz**
Wedding Anniversary
req Ariana & Christopher
- 6:30PM For the People of the Parish**

1. Exodus 24:3-8

In the ancient world, blood was considered the life force of a person, of which only God had control. Arriving at Sinai as an unorganized host of people, unfamiliar with the ways of the God Who freed them, Israel becomes a people who enter into a relationship with that God. The terms of this relationship are described in verse 3 of this excerpted text, and once declared, these terms are written down so as not to be forgotten or ignored. This covenant bond with God is secured by the sprinkling of the blood of the sacrifices offered to God.

2. Hebrews 9:11-15

In general, the author of Hebrews portrays Christianity as the flower and fruit of Judaism. In that context, in this excerpted text it is a comparison of the priesthood and sacrifice of Jesus with their counterparts in Jewish tradition. Whereas former high priests were required to make sacrifice again and again because they continue to sin, the sacrifice of Jesus, the sinless one, had a once-for-all quality that accomplished perfect atonement. And it is through this sacrifice (death) that Jesus' followers can enter into the promised inheritance, union with God forever.

3. Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

The introductory verses continue the theme of Hebrews, the intimate connection between the two Testaments, one the fulfillment of the other. The significance of the Jewish feast of Passover is fulfilled in Jesus, and the celebration of the Last Supper in connection with His sacrifice on the Cross. The words of institution make this clear; Jesus gives to His disciples the gift of Himself, for the sake of the many, in Whom all will find life, the fullness of which will be realized in the Kingdom of God. Until that time, Jesus will be present to His followers whenever they gather around the Table of Lord to make memory of Him in word and sacrament.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. How do I experience the Eucharist giving me life, especially in my daily living?
2. When I say I can pray just as well at home, what am I forgetting about the "Bread of Life" that Jesus promised to His followers?
3. Try to imagine the eternal banquet of heaven. How do I experience a foretaste of that when I participate in the Eucharist?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

(always subject to change)

Sat. 6/8	5:30PM	Fr. Jakov
Sun. 6/9	8:00AM	Fr. Ron
	9:30AM	Fr. Frank
	11:00AM	Fr. Ron
	12:30PM	Fr. Frank
	3:00PM	Fr. Jakov
	6:30PM	Fr. Jakov

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