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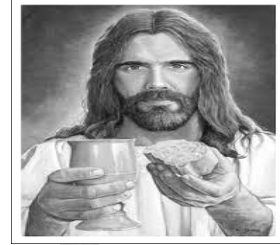
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**JUNE 23, 2019**

[A]s often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

— 1 Corinthians 11:26

*Our Lady of Fatima  
Pleaded that we pray the Holy Rosary  
before Sunday Mass and  
privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.*



**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**  
2010 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
[www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org](http://www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org)  
**Rectory Office Hours:**

**Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**  
**Parish Office: 814-942-0371**

**Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule**  
**Sunday: 10:30 AM - Holy Days: 6:00 PM**  
**Rosary: 10:05 AM - Rosary: 5:40 PM**

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator**  
**Very Reverend Alan E. Thomas, VG**  
**Parish Secretary**  
**Carol Z. Smith**

**Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:**  
**Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.**

**Our Lady of Fatima Church is open**  
**Monday through Friday: 9AM - 5PM**  
**for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.**

**Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be held**  
**at Our Lady of Fatima.**

**Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be held at**  
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**Parishioners wishing to receive the sacrament of**  
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**MERGER BETWEEN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES**  
**OF SS. PETER & PAUL AND ST. LEO THE GREAT IN 1995.**



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**Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) Weekdays: 6:45 AM**  
**8:00 AM 8:00 AM 12:00 Noon**  
**10:00 AM 12:00 Noon**  
**12:00 Noon 5:30 PM Saturday: 8:00 AM**  
**5:00 PM 12:00 Noon**

June 23, 2019

## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

### THIS SACRED MEAL

*Today we celebrate the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Each of the readings includes a blessing and a sharing of food. They remind us of the central place of meals in our lives. Each meal brings to mind other meals: the sharing of cookies and milk, pizza and beer, loaves and fishes, bread and wine. When we prepare a meal for our family, our friends, even strangers, we always put something of ourselves into the preparation and the meal itself. The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ reminds us of what God put into the preparation for this meal that we celebrate today. We share this sacred meal and are transformed as we remember the death of Jesus and the sacrifice that nurtures our faith, sustains our lives, and supports our work.*

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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

*We owe today's beautiful feast to a valiant woman who suffered a great deal to establish a feast out of her love for the Eucharist. Juliana was a nun in Belgium in the thirteenth century. She served in a hospital for lepers. She became convinced through her prayer that the liturgical year was incomplete because it had no feast for the Eucharist. Her efforts were not welcome, and a supervising priest sought to punish her for promoting a feast that "nobody wanted." He even had her accused of financial mismanagement and banished her from her convent.*

*Shortly after she was exiled, the bishop approved the feast. It quickly spread through Europe. In those days, people very seldom received Holy Communion, and so the processions through the streets with the Eucharistic bread not only led to an awareness of Christ's hunger to be with us, but prepared the way for a deeper desire to receive Christ's Body and Blood in more frequent Communion. The feast grew rapidly, but Juliana disappeared into poverty and a hidden life. She ended her days as an " anchoress," a woman living in seclusion in a room attached to a parish church. Imagine her delight at seeing us gathered at the table of the Lord on this day, aware of Christ's presence in our midst, sharing fully in Christ's Body and Blood. Our celebration today invests her struggle and sorrows with dignity and meaning.*

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### THE EUCHARIST

*Just as the bread, which is made from the earth, when God is invoked is no longer common bread but the Eucharist, both earthly and heavenly, so our bodies, after we have received the Eucharist, are no longer corruptible, since they hold the hope of the resurrection.*

—St. Irenaeus

### OUTDOOR SUMMER MASSES

*Father John D. Byrnes, Rector, and the Parish Family of Saint Michael the Archangel Basilica, Loretto, invite the faithful to join us each Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. for the outdoor Sunday Mass at the beautiful garden Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. The first Mass of the season will be celebrated on Sunday, May 26, 2019, and will continue through Labor Day Weekend, September 1, 2019. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel.*

June 23, 2019  
THE MOST HOLY SUNDAY  
10:30 AM

June 23, 2019 *Scripture Reflections*

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS**

Readings: Gn 14:18-20; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9: 11-17

**Today's Intention-Catherine Burr**

Readings: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

**June 30th-Chuck Hennigan, (Jennie Dennis)**

The First Reading shows the Eucharist being foreshadowed at the beginning of God's plan of salvation. Melchizedek, a king and a priest, brings bread and wine to celebrate Abram's victory over his enemies. This king of Salem (shalom, meaning "peace") acknowledges that "God the Most High" has blessed Abram. Chapter seven of the Letter to the Hebrews references this event, pointing out that that Melchizedek foreshadows Jesus in his role as priest and king.

Melchizedek's feast with bread and wine also points forward to the Last Supper that Jesus celebrates with his disciples and which we continue to celebrate in the Eucharist. Finally, Melchizedek's feast is a celebration over the forces of evil just as the Eucharist celebrates Jesus' victory over sin and death and brings peace.

In Corinthians, Paul's account of the institution of the Eucharist reminds the community that the Eucharist is a sacrament of unity. Reading this passage, we have an insight into how early Christians, celebrated the Eucharist some twenty years after Jesus' death and Resurrection.

In describing the miracle of the multiplication of bread, Luke uses language that is contained in his account of the institution: "Then he [Jesus] took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to the m" (Luke 22:19). By describing the miracle with these words, Luke shows that this event foreshadows the gift of the Eucharist. Just as Jesus fed the crowds with an abundance of physical nourishment, so in the gift of his Body and Blood, Christ feeds us spiritually with an abundance of his life and love, uniting us to himself and to one another as the Body of Christ.

- Are there aspects of today's readings that enrich your understanding of the Eucharist?

*Jesus, Son of the Living Father,  
Have Mercy on Me a Sinner.*

*Please pray for all of our parishioners, especially for those who have illnesses great and small and our seniors who are lonely and need comfort and care.*

**SATURDAY, JULY 13TH IS THE FEAST OF THE 3RD APPARITION OF FATIMA *AND* WE ARE USING THE DAY AS PAY BACK TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA FOR THE BLESSINGS SHE HAS GIVEN OUR PARISH THRU THE YEARS, BY SCHEDULING A FATIMA WORK DAY FROM 8 AM TO 3 PM. YOU GUESSED IT! WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH MAKING THE CHURCH AND RECTORY GROUNDS SHINE. WE NEED ALL KINDS OF HELP: PAINTERS, GARDENERS, YOUNG AND OLD. WE WILL FIND A JOB FOR YOU. THE MORE HELP THERE IS THE SOONER WE WILL FINISH. YOUNGSTERS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR ADULT. CAN'T MAKE IT AT 8? COME ANYTIME BEFORE NOON!**

*A few Baby Bottles are still outstanding. Please bring to the church asap!*

*Boscov's Friends helping Friends are on sale now for \$5.00 in the vestibule. Please get your cards early and sell to family and friends.*

**(June 23) Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)**

*The faith community in today's Gospel ended up with a surplus after everyone shared their gifts in Jesus' name. Let us share our surplus with those in need but also give to others from that which we ourselves need. May we trust that we will always have enough because we have decided to be good stewards expecting nothing in return.*

**June 23 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

*A parent can also say "This is my body. This is my blood." Like Jesus, we are called to pour out our lives for our children. At Mass the Body and Blood of Jesus nourishes us so our children are nourished by our sacrificial love for them. Parental love is the communion of the home.*

*Nocturnal Adoration will be held at Our Lady of Fatima on First Friday July 5th from 8—11 PM. We are the host church for this event. Please try to visit for an hour. OLOF Group 2 is from 9-10 PM. You may attend anytime.*

### **Gentle Reminder**

*In Catholic practice, whenever Mass is celebrated, the Church requests that the readers be members of the Catholic Church. At a wedding, at a funeral, at a baptism, any celebration taking place within Mass, the Church asks that the reader(s) be members of the Catholic family. When any of these specific liturgies take place outside of Mass, a non-Catholic baptized Christian may read the scripture.*

### **Annual Cereal Collection**

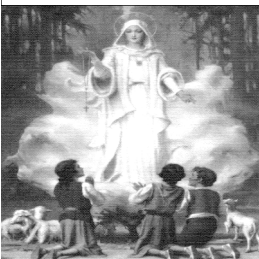
*For many years, Mrs. Judy Savine, a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Altoona, has collected cereal to benefit children through the Saint Vincent dePaul Food Pantry in Altoona. Bishop Mark has once again requested that each parish in Blair County sponsor a cereal collection at all Masses the weekend of July 6 and 7.*

### **Catholic Ministry Drive Goal**

*We are most grateful to those who have so generously responded to the 2019 Catholic Ministries Drive. It is most important that we receive your response as soon as possible. Our Lady of Fatima's receipts through May 31st is \$1,185. Please use your diocesan envelope or go to the diocesan website and make your donation.*

**COLLECTION JUNE 16th = \$ 1,940.80**

**BIRTHDAYS: Brayo Bradford 7/02; Gary Koeck 7/02.**



**OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY**

**FOR**

**PEACE AND OFFER**

**SACRIFICES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!**

# The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Then taking the five loaves and the two fish,  
and looking up to heaven,  
Jesus said the blessing over them, broke them,  
and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd.  
They all ate and were satisfied. Lk 9:16-17

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