

June 23, 2019

The Solemnity of Body and Blood of the Lord

Jesus feeds the crowd with the five loaves of bread and two fish. *Luke 9: 11b-17*

“Eucharistic” Living

In early 2018, 37,000 teachers went out on strike in West Virginia, no longer tolerating the injustices of inadequate school funding by a state government that put tax breaks for extractive industries before children.

For many families, the nine-day strike had consequences more desperate than just no school: it meant that their children would go hungry. For too many children in America — and not just in Appalachia — the only real meal they have each day is in the school cafeteria.

A small Methodist church in West Milford, West Virginia, put into operation a meals program to feed such at-risk children. Parishioners gave their time, money, and energy to make nutritious meals in the basement kitchen for some 1,100 people: kids, parents, and the teachers picketing long hours across the street. The church became not just a place of sustenance but a table of support and consolation where this community’s problems and possibilities were on full display for nine hectic days.

Writing in **The Christian Century** [June 6, 2018], Debra Dean Murphy of West Virginia Wesleyan University describes the scene:

“I was struck by how ‘eucharistic’ it all was. In the sanctuary above that basement, worshipers gather regularly to share in a ritual meal that can seem . . . unrelated to other meals and other kinds of eating. But the simple gifts we take into our bodies at Christ’s table are sustenance for living eucharistically in the world: for practicing the kind of hospitality Jesus practiced when he fed hungry followers and ate with all the wrong people. Our own bodies are meant to nourish other bodies — not to judge them or try to fix them but to love them, and to see that their flourishing (and our own) depends on exposing and redressing systemic inequalities of all kinds. In this way, the Eucharist is always justice in the midst of injustice, reconciliation in the midst of estrangement, communal conviviality in the midst of private pain and loneliness.”

In today’s Gospel, Jesus creates, through bread (and fish) blessed, broken and shared, a crowd into a community. That same Spirit of generosity and humility works a similar “eucharistic” miracle in a West Virginia church basement. We come here with our struggles and doubts and pains and sorrows and, if the Eucharist is what Jesus intended, we find support and compassion from those who come to the tables with us. The Eucharist compels us to become Eucharist for others: to make the limitless, complete love of Christ real for all in our own acts of charity and kindness.

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Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

Pastor: Monsignor Jim Robertson

Interim Office Administrator: Jennie Colbourne

Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am-5:00 pm

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Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11:00 am

Reconciliation: By request

Mass During the Week: Tues & Thurs at 7:00 pm
Wed & Fri at 10:00 am
First Fridays - 2:00 pm at the Lohnes Complex

Holy Hour of Adoration: Third Sunday of the Month at 2 p.m.

Marriages: Six months’ notice required. A year’s notice is recommended.

Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

St. Vincent de Paul: To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

(June 16, 2019)

Regular Collection	1,726.85
Building Fund	35.00
Missals	5.00
Cemetery Fund	5.00
Votive Candles	50.75
Mass Stipends	20.00
Spring Concert	1552.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, June 24	No Mass
Tues, June 25	Late Thomas Griffin Sr.
Wed, June 26	Late Valerie Pumphrey
Thur, June 27	Late Bill Boland
Fri, June 28	Late Francis Reardon
Sat, June 29	Late Ignatius & Edna Power
Sun, June 30	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

June 29	
Basil English Mary Gallant	Eileen Moore Mona Specker Joan Penney
June 30	
Mike Leonard Calvin Gillis	Margaret Dalley Don Gallant Barbara Neville
Communion to the Lohnes Complex	
John Carroll	

CEMETERY MASSES:

Mt. Cecilia -Tuesday, July 16, 7:00PM.

Benoits Cove – Thursday, July 18, 7:00PM

Townsite – Tuesday, July 23, 7:00PM.

Mt. Patricia – Wednesday, July 24, 7:00 PM.

WELCOME NEW OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR:

We are glad to welcome Dianne Russell as the new office administrator for Sacred Heart Parish. Dianne will begin regular employment July 15. Office Hours will be Monday – Friday, 9:00AM-1:00PM daily.

BIBLE STUDY: We continue to meet every Sunday at 7:00 pm in the Church meeting room. Everyone is welcome.

SPRING CONCERT: Thank you for another successful Sacred Heart Spring Concert. Special thanks to performers Lisa Reid, Cory Power, Woody and the Peckers, Mike Griffin, Jack Joyce and The Griffins

QUILT: Congratulations to Tom Wheaten who is the winner of the quilt. Special thank you to Dennis Blackwood for the donation of the quilt. As well, thank you to all members of the Ladies Group for their hard work in selling these tickets and completing this important fundraiser.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: During the month of May the Society of St. Vincent de Paul made 11 home visits involving 23 adults and 10 children. Our volunteers spent 20 hours on the calls and spent \$648.57 meeting the needs of those people. Mary's Kitchen served 181 adults and 7 children with 40 volunteer hours by our members and cost \$ 445.53. Furniture moves have increased and we did 20 home visits and used 36 volunteer hours. There remains a need for beds, tables, and chairs, sofas, and loveseats. It's amazing the number of people in need of these furnishings

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL POOR BOX COLLECTION: June 29th & 30th

PARISH COUNCIL: Three council members will be finishing their terms this September. We will need new members to have a full slate. If you know someone who would be a good member, please speak with them and put their name forward for election.

AUGUSTINIAN HEALING MINISTRY: Father Albert Macpherson O.S.A., will be visiting different parishes across NL this July. He has given healing missions and healing Masses throughout the United States, Canada, South America, Europe, Asia, and the Caribbean Islands. Many have been healed physically, spiritually, and psychologically through his ministry. Father Macpherson will be celebrating a healing mass at Holy Redeemer Cathedral on July 22nd, at 7:00 PM. This is another wonderful opportunity to gather together and experience the healing love of our heavenly Father!

4YOUTH: June 24th is the feast day of Saint John the Baptist. John the Baptist lived at the same time as Jesus. He lived in the desert as a hermit but, around the age of thirty, he began to preach against the evils of the time and to challenge people to turn away from sin and to be baptized. He baptized hundreds of people, including Jesus himself. John's preaching was meant to prepare the way for Jesus, the Messiah. He is a model for how we too should point others toward Jesus by how we live our lives and show our faith in Him. Did you know that John the Baptist is the patron saint of Newfoundland and that the city of St. John's was named in his honor?

HUMOR:

Q: What do you call a French man in sandals?

A: Phillippe Phloppe

SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF

CHRIST: This Sunday is the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, which celebrates our belief that, during Mass, the Holy Spirit acts upon the bread and wine so that they become the Body and Blood of Christ. The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (which is also known as Corpus Christi) helps us to refocus on three things that we are called to do at every Mass – to celebrate our belief in the risen Christ, to witness to our faith in Christ by how we live our lives and to become Christ by receiving His Body and Blood. Having received the Body and Blood of Christ, we become His presence to the world.

CENTRE FOR LIFE: The Centre for Life offers professional counselling to women in unplanned pregnancies and post-abortion. Their services are confidential and compassionate and can be accessed by calling toll free 1-877-997-5433. Distance is not an obstacle to support and healing. Visit them online at www.centreforlife.ca

GOSPEL CONCERT IN THE PARK: St. Michael and All Angels Anglican Church will be hosting a Gospel Concert in Margaret Bowater Park on Sunday, **June 23rd**, at 6:30 pm. Bring your lawn chair, your blanket or whatever and enjoy the music by Uncommon Praise. The free will offering of cash or food will go to the Bay of Islands Ministerial Food Bank Network. Come along and bring a friend. Pray for good weather!

HUMOUR:

Q: What do you call six weeks of rain in St. John's?

A: Summer