

# Assumption Catholic Church

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*Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*

*June 6, 2021*



***May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ to the World!***

**Mass Schedule:**

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, 12 noon  
Friday, 9:00 a.m.

*Registration suggested  
for weekend Masses.*

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Monday - Thursday  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection – Corpus Christi Sunday

Jesus makes a claim only God can make: He is the true bread of heaven that can satisfy the deepest hunger we experience. The manna from heaven prefigured the superabundance of the unique bread of the Eucharist or Lord's Supper which Jesus gave to his disciples on the eve of his sacrifice. The manna in the wilderness sustained the Israelites on their journey to the Promised Land. It could not produce eternal life for the Israelites. The bread which Jesus offers his disciples sustains us not only on our journey to the heavenly paradise, but it gives us the abundant supernatural life of God which sustains us for all eternity.

When we receive from the Lord's table, we unite ourselves to Jesus Christ, who makes us sharers in his body and blood. Ignatius of Antioch (35-107 A.D.) calls it the "one bread that provides the medicine of immortality, the antidote for death, and the food that makes us live forever in Jesus Christ" (Ad Eph. 20,2). When we approach the Table of the Lord, we receive healing, pardon, comfort, and rest for our soul. The principal fruit of receiving the Eucharist is an intimate union with Christ. As bodily nourishment restores lost strength, so the Eucharist strengthens us in charity and enables us to break with disordered attachments to creatures and to be more firmly rooted in the love of Christ. Let us pray: Lord Jesus, you nourish and sustain us with your very own presence and life. You are the "Bread of Life" and the "Cup of Salvation." May I always hunger for you and be satisfied in you alone.

**Readings for Sunday,  
June 13, 2021**  
Ezekiel 17:22-24  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10  
Mark 4:26-34



### Saint of the Week ... St. Ephrem the Syrian

Poet, teacher, orator, and defender of the faith, Ephrem is the only Syriac Christian recognized as a doctor of the Church. He took upon himself the special task of opposing the many false doctrines rampant at his time, always remaining a true and forceful defender of the Catholic Church.

Born in Mesopotamia, he was baptized as a young man and became famous as a teacher. He was ordained a deacon but declined becoming a priest; Ephrem is said to have avoided presbyteral consecration by feigning madness!

He had a prolific pen, and his writings best illumine his holiness. Although he was not a man of great scholarship, his works reflect deep insight and knowledge of the Scriptures. In writing about the mysteries of humanity's redemption, Ephrem reveals a realistic and humanly sympathetic spirit and a great devotion to the humanity of Jesus.

He also wrote hymns against the heretics of his day. He would take the popular songs of the heretical groups and using their melodies, compose beautiful hymns embodying orthodox doctrine. Ephrem became one of the first to introduce song into the Church's public worship as a means of instruction for the faithful. His many hymns have earned him the title "Harp of the Holy Spirit."

Ephrem preferred a simple, austere life, living in a small cave overlooking the city of Edessa. It was here that he died around 373.

Source: [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org)



**Feast Day: June 9**

# Congratulations Fr. Szabo!

Congratulations to Fr. Phillip Szabo who was ordained to the Priesthood last Saturday and celebrated Mass at our church on Memorial Day.

Following the Mass, Fr. Thomas presented Fr. Szabo with a monetary gift from our parish in the amount of \$2,000 which represented gifts from both the parish and our parishioners. Thank you for your generosity!

Fr. Szabo will begin his first assignment as parochial vicar (associate pastor) at St. John University Parish in Morgantown on June 22.

We pray: Lord, give Fr. Szabo a deep faith, a bright and firm hope, and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of his priestly life. Amen.



## Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, June 5	4:00 p.m.	Souls of Tom & Betty Harbaugh .....	Angela & David Bowers
		Soul of William Blizzard .....	Assumption Music Ministers
Sunday, June 6	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Tom Melody and Deceased Members of the Melody Family .....	Sharon Melody
Monday, June 7	No Mass		
Tuesday, June 8	No Mass		
Wednesday, June 9	6:00 p.m.	Soul of Martin Willis .....	Mary Balassone
		Kelley Kuhn's intentions .....	Mike & Rosie Landis
Thursday, June 10	12 noon	Souls of Frank & Mary Calemine .....	Carole Rhodes
		Karen Barrick's intentions .....	Howard Barrick
Friday, June 11	9:00 a.m.	Soul of James DeMasi .....	Mary Shannon
		Gloria DeMasi's intentions .....	Mary Shannon
Saturday, June 12	4:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of the Marsh, Roach & Cessna families .....	Linda Marsh
		Soul of Mick Greco .....	Sue Greco
Sunday, June 13	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Marianna Daskal .....	Jim Daskal
		Soul of Don Starcher .....	Nancy Starcher

## Collections & Attendance May 29-30, 2021

### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes .....	\$1,985
Loose Donations .....	\$523
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$2,508</b>

### Attendance

Saturday 5/29 .....	50
Sunday 5/30 .....	70
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>120</b>

## Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, June 12.....	Anita Tetreault (L) Linda Marsh (C) Jean Harber (U) Doug Minnich (U)
Sunday, June 13.....	Derek Stephen (L) Nancy Starcher (C) Jeff & Kelley Kuhn (U)
Saturday, June 19.....	Alan Taylor (L) Anita Tetreault (C) Bob & Karen Yowler (U)
Sunday, June 20.....	Mike Landis (L) Julie Alt (C) Mike & Sonja Stan (U)

## Doing Small Things With Great Love!



Students in our 5th & 6th grade CCD class, taught by Julie Alt and Jane Placka, closed out the religious education year on a very high note!

**The Lesson:** God asks us to be His hands, His eyes and His heart. But how can we be this? By using our hands, eyes and hearts to give glory to Him!

**The Action:** Our students pulled weeds from the flower garden belonging to a widow who lost her husband earlier this year. Her home is across the street from our church. Wonderful job everyone!

## Lifting of General Dispensation from the Obligation to Attend Mass

In conjunction with his fellow bishops from the Province of Baltimore and the Archdiocese of Washington, Bishop Mark Brennan has lifted the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Days Mass obligation beginning with the weekend of June 26-27, 2021.

This obligation does not apply to those who are ill; those who have reason to believe that they were recently exposed to the coronavirus, another serious or contagious illness; those who are confined to their home, a hospital, or nursing facility; or those with serious underlying health conditions.



We are in need of volunteers to fill several roles which are listed below. If you can serve our parish in any of these ways, please contact the Parish Office.

**Altar Servers** (both adult and children) are needed for weekend Masses. Time commitment would be one Mass every six weeks. A training session will be held later this month.

**Ushers/Greeters** will continue to be used even after we are no longer required to track attendance for contact tracing purposes. Time commitment would be one Mass every six weeks. New volunteers can give those who have been doing it for the last year a break!

**Church Cleaners** clean and sanitize the church on Friday mornings. You would work with a team of six people and the time commitment would be about an hour one Friday a month...with valuable fellowship as a bonus!

