

## Reverence and the Body of Christ

You've heard the song: "*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands.*" And it's true: God is the Creator and Sustainer of our entire universe and everything within it. To contemplate this, is to have just a hint of how great is the power of God.

Yet, in a sense, we ourselves go one step further. At each Mass, as we come forward to receive the Blessed Sacrament, placed in our hands (or on our tongue) is the Body of God Himself—Jesus Christ. It is an awesome thought, to think that we, mere human beings, are privileged to handle the Body of Christ. To truly realize this, makes us stop in wonder and awe.

And, at the same time, we are also transported back in time. As we receive the Body and Blood of our Lord, we have nothing less than the first Apostles. In fact, it is as if we are sitting around the Last Supper table with them, hearing Jesus speak those words which transform ordinary bread and wine into the sacred elements.

To realize that we are privileged to take part in this very mystery of our salvation should make us pause and reflect. (It is the Spirit's Gift of Reverence that compels us to do so.) It should make us understand that, as we receive and consume the precious Body and Blood of the Lord, we have His very Presence flowing within us. That makes us sacred, holy people, cherished and saved by His very sacrifice on the cross.

With the help of the Gift of Reverence, stop and consider your attitude the last time you came up the aisle in the Communion Procession. Did you truly acknowledge that we are so privileged to have Jesus dwelling within us? Were you conscious of His presence within you as you went through your day—and as you went into the rest of the week? As the first Apostles did, did you look for ways to advance Jesus' presence in the world by your own words and works done in faith? Did you realize that the host you held in your hands, has the power to change the world—through you?

Jesus made the "new and everlasting covenant" with the Father so that we could be confident of the Father's continuing love for us throughout life. May we take time to consciously prepare to receive the Lord each week at Mass. May we consciously try to spread His love and influence by the way we live each day.

God bless you,  
Father Wayne

## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

June 6, 2010

### St. James the Greater

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in  
Memory of Charlie Lombaerde at the  
Request of his wife, Carol

#### TUESDAY, June 8

8:00AM – Gerard Bossé  
req. by Lyse & Wayne von Doehren

#### SATURDAY, June 12

8:00 AM – Blessed Virgin Mary  
req. by Legion of Mary

#### ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

##### June 13

8:00AM – John Klimkiewicz  
req. by Jane & Doug Sandberg

11:30AM – Antonia & Michael Jaros  
req. by Patricia Long

#### ST. JAMES THE GREATER

**\$1,448.00** – Regular Collection – May 30, 2010  
**\$2,477.00** – Weekly Budget Need  
\$1,985.00 – Regular Collection – May 31, 2009

#### ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

**\$2,830.00** – Regular Collection – May 30, 2010  
**\$4,410.00** – Weekly Budget Need  
\$4,132.00 – Regular Collection – May 31, 2009

### St. Thomas the Apostle

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in  
Memory of Bernie Reich at the  
Request of his wife, Grace

#### MONDAY, June 7

9:00AM – Lee Mahoney

#### TUESDAY, June 8

9:00AM – Lucas Reis

#### WEDNESDAY, June 9

9:00AM – Nellie Fleming

#### THURSDAY, June 10

No Mass

#### FRIDAY, June 11

9:00AM – Rose Mangieri

#### SATURDAY, VIGIL, June 12

5:30 PM – Jim Mahon  
req. by his wife, Gerry

#### ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

##### June 13

9:30AM – Intentions of Father Wayne Varga  
In Celebration of Year of the Priest

#### TO CHRIST THE DIVINE HEALER WE PRAY FOR:

Bree Andrews, Mary Bell, Vickie Bennett, Joseph Bruno, Eric Cerra, Gail Collis, Jerry Cooper, Jason DeLorenzo, Geri Fawyer, Ronnie Ferriere, Marie Furtado, Nancy Green, Eric Harper, Horace Harper, Catherine Higgins, Sharon Hubbell, Peter Jaycay, Sharon Johnson, Pearle Kohol, Chuck Lombaerde, Florence Majewski, Karen Morgan, Richard Nowicki, Lugi Osso, Flo Puccio, Ruth Rogers, Evelyn Schweer, Deena Slain, Bill Sousa, Lilia Vazquez, Catherine Vecharello, Lisa Vergona, Tarra Wagner and Gabriel Wyzga

#### PILGRIM VIRGIN OF FATIMA STATUE

This beautifully adorned statue is a visible reminder of the love God has shown in the Blessed Mother. Placing such a beautiful image in your home turns hearts to prayer and brings grace to those who open their hearts to any image of God's love. If you would like to have the statue of Our Lady of Fatima in your home, please contact Diana, Legion of Mary at 973-948-7601.  
*Pray the Family Rosary*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### Registrations for 2010/2011 Catechetical Year

Re-registrations for parishioners in grades 2 through 8 were mailed out last week. Please return all re-registrations on time to avoid the late fee. Registration for the Confirmation Preparation Program will soon follow.

Parents of children entering first grade, new children to the parish or children enrolled in Catholic school or home school who will be preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Eucharist or Confirmation must call the Religious Education Office to register.

To enroll your child(ren) in the parish program, you must be a registered and participating member of the parish.

### Theology of the Body for Teens

Parents of teens are invited to join us on **Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM** at the Msgr. James Gacquin Youth and Religious Education Center for presentation on the Theology of the Body for Teens.

**This program will be part of our Confirmation Preparation Curriculum for our ninth and tenth grade students in the fall**, and will also be offered to our already confirmed and fully initiated Catholic teens, as a continuing education opportunity.

We strongly encourage parents to make every effort to attend this session that evening as we all look forward, in prayer, to providing our teens with this teaching of our Church.

### Respect Life Reflections

“And for this I pray: that our love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and full insight.” Phil 1:9. A 15 year old girl wrote – I knew abortion was basically murdering your fetus, but I had no idea it was such a cruel process. **Prayer** – Lord, help Your people to love their unborn brothers and sisters by growing in knowledge of what threatens their lives.

### From the Health Ministry

After several meetings of a core group of parishioners, the health ministry for our parishes has arrived. Our pastor will present on the health ministry on the weekend of June 13<sup>th</sup>. Also, at that time, all parishioners will be asked to complete a health interest survey. Once the surveys are collected and compiled, the results will direct the health ministry on how best to serve the health needs of our parishes. Included on the survey are the mission, vision and goals of the ministry. Continue to read the bulletin for further updates on the ministry.

### A Family Perspective

After feeding the people in today’s gospel, there were twelve baskets of leftovers. Leftovers are common in our homes, and, if we keep them too long, they turn bad. “Emotional leftovers” such as resentment, jealousy and unresolved conflict in our family also become toxic when held too long. Do some spring cleaning and toss out your emotional leftovers.

### St. Thomas Feast Day Picnic

On Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be holding our annual St. Thomas Feast Day Picnic from noon until 5:00PM on the St. Thomas grounds. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a covered dish. We will also be pulling the St. Thomas Feast Day 50/50 raffle ticket. Tickets will be on sale starting this Saturday. The cost is \$20.00. The prizes will be as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> – 30%, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 10%, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5% and 4<sup>th</sup> – 5%. You need not be present to win. Please come to make both our picnic and raffle a success. Thank you.

### Paterson Diocesan Pilgrimage

Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli has designated **Saturday, September 18, 2010** as the day for our Paterson Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Patroness. He will lead this Pilgrimage of Faith and celebrate the Mass of Thanksgiving; he hopes we will have 4,000 people coming. Price for the 1 – day bus pilgrimage is \$40.00, leaving between 6 and 7 AM and returning around 10 PM. An optional overnight Pilgrimage is outlined on the blue flyers and posters. Please call our Parish Coordinator: St. James, Carol Lombaerde at 973-948-2285 and St. Thomas, Diana Rimshnick at 973-948-7601 for registration or information.

## **BEYOND THE PARISH**

The Sanctuary of Mary in Branchville is conducting a Eucharistic Procession and Benediction **TODAY, June 6<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00PM**. This is in honor of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Please join with Father Mulligan and the faithful from throughout our area this afternoon in thanksgiving for the gift of the Blessed Sacrament. The Sanctuary of Mary is located at 252 Wantage Avenue, Branchville.

## **THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES**

STC -- *St. Thomas Ch. or Fr. Lewis Center*

SJC -- *St. James Ch. or Church Hall*

REC -- *Fr. Gacquin Religious Ed. Center*

### **Sunday, June 6, 2010**

#### ***Feast of Corpus Christi***

8:00 a.m. SJC Coffee Hour after Mass

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### **Monday, June 7**

11:00 a.m. REC Prayer Shawl Ministry

### **Tuesday, June 8**

10:00 a.m. STC Reflections on Readings

### **Wednesday, June 9**

### **Thursday, June 10**

### **Friday, June 11**

All day: STC Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

3:00 p.m. STC Chaplet of Divine Mercy

4:00 p.m. STC Evening Prayer & Benediction

### **Saturday, June 12**

9:30 a.m. REC Legion of Mary Mtg.

### **Sunday, June 13, 2010**

2:00 P.M. REC Columbiettes' Mtg

2:00 p.m. STC End of *'Year of the Priest'* Picnic

### **Future Events**

Tues. June 29 7:30 p.m. Parish Calendar Mtg.

**Columbiettes' New Officer:** In addition to the officers announced last week, the Columbiettes are happy to announce their new **Sentinel: Grace Hagerman**

**Welcome Home from College.** We want to congratulate all of our young men and women who have graduated from college this year. We wish them success and pray for them as they start out on their chosen careers.

Welcome home, also, to all of our parishioners who are back home from this recent year at college. We hope that it was a rewarding experience and a time of growth in knowledge and wisdom. Now that you are back from the various halls of academia, we look forward to having you join us for Sunday Mass each week.

**The St. James Soup Kitchen** has been assisting families and individuals with meals on Saturdays for two years now. The program needs your help to continue. We are asking for help on a monthly basis so that all our clients can continue to be served. Perhaps this can be a family project. Or you can team up with several other individuals. For more info, please call Tina at 201-841-7059. Here is one easy, practical way you can make a difference.

### **Scheduler needed for liturgies at St. Thomas**

Scheduler would assign Euch. Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers to week-end Masses and would make up and send out the monthly schedule. It would be a great help. Call the Office for details, 973-948-2296.

### **Next Year's Parish Calendar.**

**All leaders of parish groups** should have received a letter asking for the dates you would like to schedule events during the next year. We'd ask you to give us your list of dates by Tues. June 15. Then on Tues. June 29<sup>th</sup>, at one big meeting, we will get together and finalize our Parish Calendar and iron out any apparent conflicts.

### **Two Opp's for Young Men, ages 15—25:**

**Quo Vadis Days:** a time of recreation, fellowship, prayer and discussion to help you explore the Lord's call in your life. Activities include prayer, Mass, adoration of Blessed Sacrament, hiking, games, recreation, sports, swimming, talks, food, discussions. **When: Sun. July 18—Wed. July 21** **Where: Mt St. Francis Retreat Center, Ringwood, N.J.** **Cost: free (not a misprint).** To register, contact Office of Vocations, Paterson Diocese at 973-777-8818 ext 711 or [mnunez@patersondiocese.org](mailto:mnunez@patersondiocese.org)

**Salesian Life Camp:** A chance to see the Salesian life up close. There will be prayer, discussions on faith, Mass candlelight rosary, recreation, sports, hiking, swimming, campfire, discussions on Salesian priesthood and brotherhood. **When: Wed. July 21—Sat. July 24** **Where: Sacred Heart Center, Newton.** For info call 973-761-0201 or go to [www.salesianvocation.com/site/camp/default.htm](http://www.salesianvocation.com/site/camp/default.htm)