



# The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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June 6, 2021

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upon the name of the Lord.

Psalm 116:13

## JESUS' SELF-GIFT

Today's solemnity celebrates Jesus' self-gift to us in the Eucharist, the Living Bread that nourishes us, the perpetual Sacrifice that redeems us, the Real Presence that comforts us on our pilgrimage and challenges us to self-sacrificing love. As in our own Liturgy of the Word, Moses in Exodus solemnly proclaims God's word to the assembled people, who solemnly affirm their acceptance of that word and pledge obedient fulfillment. Then, in a ritual reminiscent of our own liturgy, Moses seals the people's spoken assent by sprinkling the assembly with sacrificial blood. The Letter to the Hebrews portrays Christ as our High Priest, entering the Holy of Holies with his own Blood to seal the New Covenant that frees its participants from death. This Sacrifice Jesus instituted sacramentally at the Last Supper and offered on the altar of the cross, the Sacrifice and Supper of which we partake at every Eucharist.

## JESUS' SACRIFICE AND OURS

In presenting the still-familiar four-fold "Shape of the Eucharist"—Jesus takes / blesses / breaks / gives (Mark 14:22)—Mark omits Matthew's specification of purpose "for the forgiveness of sins," and Luke's "for the remembrance of me." But Jesus does recall the covenant, Israel's liberation from Egypt's slavery. And could the disciples—or we—fail to recall that, in Mark's earliest verses, Jesus sits at table "with tax collectors and those known as sinners" (2:15)? Mark also emphasizes the Eucharist as our participation in Jesus' passion and pledge of our share in his future glory. Jesus had earlier referred to his disciples' suffering as "drinking from the cup he would drink" (10:38–39). Soon he would beg his Abba to "take this cup away" (14:36). But while sharing the Eucharistic cup, Jesus promises a day when he would "drink it new" (14:25): the cup of suffering and sorrow is not the last cup he—or we—will drink, the cup of the Garden of Agony will be transformed into the cup of the Kingdom of God.

## WORSHIPING AND SERVING

Through both scripture and tradition, Jesus' Eucharistic self-giving challenges us who partake so frequently of the Eucharist (or hope to do so again once the pandemic is past) to become a community of self-sacrificing love that both worships Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament and serves Christ's presence in others. In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel* (*Evangelii Gaudium*), Pope Francis praises the presence, in so many communities, of groups devoted to prayer and intercession, prayerful reading of God's Word, and perpetual adoration of the Eucharist. But then Francis repeats Saint John Paul II's warning that such personal devotion must never become a privatized, individualistic spirituality that forgets the demands of charity or the implications of Jesus' incarnation (*EG*, 262). As we receive Jesus' body sacramentally in the Eucharist, so we should touch Jesus' flesh compassionately in the suffering flesh of others (*EG* 270).

## TODAY'S READINGS

Exodus 24:3–8  
Psalm 116:12–13, 15–18  
Hebrews 9:11–15  
Mark 14:12–16, 22–26

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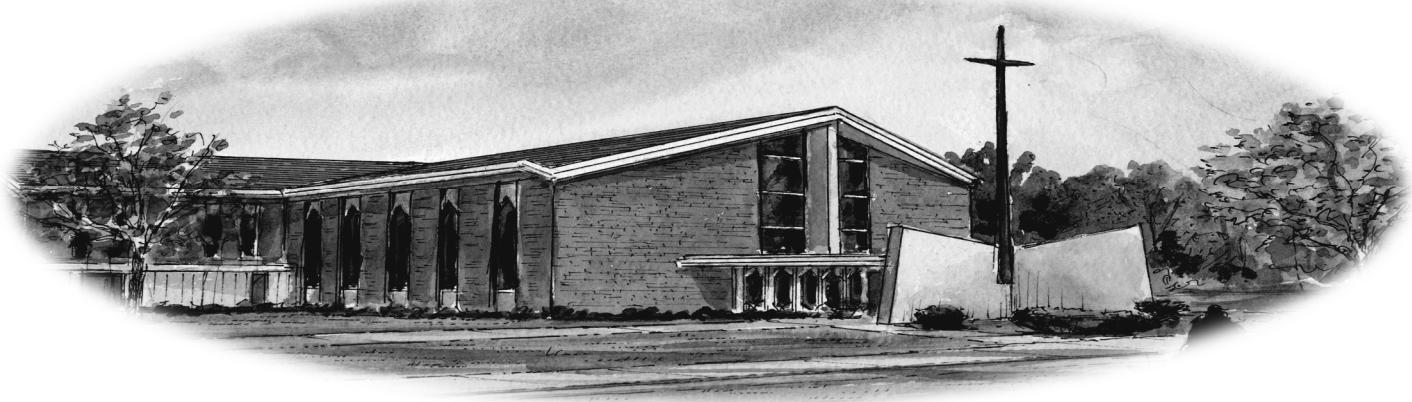
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Marguerite Heinimann

## Mass Schedule

Confessions on Saturdays from 3:30 - 4:15pm

in Father Crawford Hall

Vigil Mass: Saturday at 5:00pm

Sunday Masses: 8:30 & 10:30 am

Daily Mass: (Mon. - Fri.) 9:00 am

Recitation of the Rosary for Peace before

9:00 am daily Mass

## Sacrament of Baptism

By previous appointment by calling the rectory.

Sundays at 12:30 pm

## Weddings

Please contact a priest 6-10 months prior.

## New Parishioners - Faith Formation Registration

The Church of the Incarnation  
welcomes new parishioners.

Forms are available at the  
main entrance of the church.

Please mail or drop off at the rectory.

You may also visit our website for printable forms at:  
[www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com](http://www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com)

## Rectory Hours

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday, June 5th

5:00pm— Nico Filippa

### Sunday, June 6th

8:30am— Olga Spera & Teodora Spera  
10:30am— Joseph W. Cunningham, Jr.,  
Edward, Ann & Eddie Coughlin

### Monday, June 7th

9:00am— For all our deceased  
parishioners & benefactors

### Tuesday, June 8th

9:00am— Sam Marszycki

### Wednesday, June 9th

9:00am— For all our parishioners

### Thursday, June 10th

9:00am— Sal & Dolores Brunetti

### Friday, June 11th

9:00am— Angela & Angelo Nicotera &  
Deceased members of the Orsini Family

### Saturday, June 12th

5:00pm— Virginia Vieira

### Sunday, June 13th

8:30am— Edna Levesque

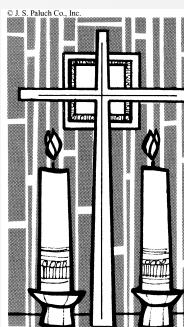
10:30am— Josephine & Raymond  
McMullen & Delia & John K., Frank,  
John J., & Dr. James O'Brien

### The Sanctuary Candle

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Mary Elizabeth (Betty)  
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### The Blessed Virgin Mary

Candle will burn from  
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memory of Prospero R. & Mary Jane  
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The **Second Collection** next weekend will be  
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### ARCHDIOCESAN DISPENSATION

**UPDATE:** Archbishop Blair lifted the  
dispensation for the obligation to attend  
Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obli-  
gation as of May 22nd & 23rd.

**The Incarnation Men's Club** will have  
their board meeting in Fr. Crawford Hall on  
Wednesday, June 23rd at 7pm.

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### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ  
Monday: Tenth Week in Ordinary Time  
Wednesday: St. Ephrem  
Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Saturday: Immaculate Heart of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary

## FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1-6)

**Congratulations** to our 21 second graders who made their First Reconciliation on May 1st as well as our 26 third grade First Holy Communicants who received Jesus for the first time on May 8 & May 22. God Bless them as they begin a new and deeper relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ!



**Congratulations** also to our fourth grade faith formation students who received First Holy Communion on May 15 & May 23 respectively: Olivia Rubbo, Sam Golino, Jack Martin, and John Staron. Thank you all for your cooperation this year as we learned about God online. Have a great summer and see you in the Fall!





## PRAYER CORNER

**SACRIFICE.....**Today the Church focuses on the Eucharist. Today's readings remind us how connected to ancient blood sacrifices we are when offering our unbloody sacrifice. The reading from Exodus describes a solemn ritual designed so the Israelites would never forget their covenant with God.

The reading from the Letter to the Hebrews turns us from those ancient animal sacrifices, the first efforts to worship the living God. Our sacrifice is the body and blood of the Son of God. Because of Christ we have a new covenant.

The Gospel from Mark retells the establishment of that covenant, the familiar story of the Last Supper. Juxtaposed with the story of animal sacrifice as it is here, we are challenged to listen with new attention, to remember the great price paid for our salvation. Jesus gave his body and every drop of his blood for us.



On May 17, two of our First Holy Communists crowned Mary in our beautiful Blessed Mother Grotto during a virtual ceremony outside on our grounds. Thank you to Ryan Crowley and Sofia Guerrera for the honor of crowning Mary as queen of both heaven and earth. Vanessa Crowley was our cantor as Father Moran led us in prayer and the recitation of a decade of the rosary.

On this day as well, Pope Francis called for the "Worldwide Recitation of the Rosary" led from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate

Conception in Washington, D.C. He asked for a "marathon" of prayer during the month of May as we ask for "an end to the pandemic." In this month of May, let us take the time to pray the rosary and reflect on the motherly protection, care, and love Our Lady offers all her children throughout the world. May the peace of Christ be with you.



## *Saying Thank You:...*

It is with deep gratitude and heartfelt thanks to all in our faith community who assisted with implementing COVID-19 protocols provided to us by the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Early in our journey, under the direction of Teddie Niver Director of Music Ministry, our cantors prepared a series of sacred music interludes posted on our parish website. Their endeavor was a means of connecting our parish family with church when we were unable to be together in parish worship. Their generous spirit lifted ours and for that we say thank you.

Marco Pace and those who assisted him, Mike Stefano and Chris Roth provided expertise with maintaining our website, with updates on safety protocols, directives, the cantor music program and the taping of our safety procedures. Their taping of the Celebration of the Eucharist gave opportunity for homebound parishioners to participate in weekly Mass.

Sexton, Phil Pasternak, constructed safe pathways under the direction of the Archdiocese to help us navigate safely through our liturgies.

Our Faith Formation coordinators, Filomena Marinelli and Gina Burby along with director Noranne Wamester developed website programs enabling our families and young people to continue their religious education and prepare for sacraments online. Filomena and Gina constructed Prayer Centers for our families to use at home strengthening the bond between home and church.

Pastoral Associate and Bereavement Minister, Noranne Wamester, developed guidelines for Masses of Christian Burial for Funeral Directors. Working together with the focus to serve grieving families, each respectively, included protocols to ensure the safety and well-being of all while at funeral Masses.

Pastoral Assistant Audrey Saharek, Rectory Staff Assistant Margie Devitt, and Rectory Assistant Marguerite Heinemann prepared information for our parish website. Fielding this information was vital to those who would communicate it to the parish at-large.

Sacristan Toni Munoz, served as our spokesperson who communicated protocols to parishioners at the daily and weekend Masses.

We thank our guides—volunteers—who faithfully came to Masses each week to ensure comfort and safety to those who attended Mass.

We thank all of our parishioners. Your continued cooperation with all protocols and directives has always been very much appreciated. Fr. Moran thanks all parishioners for their continued financial support enabling us to sustain our parish during this very difficult time.

We ask God's blessing for us all now and in the days ahead.

Thank you!



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***The Church of the  
Incarnation  
Garden  
Ministry***

The Church of the Incarnation has been blessed through the years to have Bob & Priscilla Quinn coordinate our beautiful campus gardens. They were assisted by many wonderful parishioners in maintaining our lovely gardens. Bob sadly passed away on March 19th of this year. He was a wonderful servant of the Lord. His dear wife Priscilla expressed her appreciation to all who served in this ministry and now she will step down in the leadership role. We are so appreciative of their service to the garden ministry. Tony Colasacco and Mary Alfano have graciously stepped up to take the lead. Priscilla, Tony, Mary and Noranne met together to discuss what the gardens needed at this time. Tony and Mary worked for days to renew the gardens....removing the plants/flowers that were past their time and replanted new plants and flowers to beautify the entrances. They also planted flowers in the pots at the Narthex entrances. Your work is so appreciated. Please notice the beauty of the gardens as you enter the Church. A team of helpers continue serving in this ministry. In the group picture are from left to right: Kathy Skinner, Jim Streeto, Mary Alfano, John Ewaski, Linda Peterson, and Tony Colasacco. Missing from the picture is Joe Agiato. More volunteers are always welcome.

**Mary's Grotto and Walkway:** We are so grateful to Michael Stefano for his wonderful work in maintaining Our Blessed Mother's Grotto and the walkway on the Chapel side. It is indeed a sacred place to reflect and pray to Our Lady. Queen of Peace. The Butterfly Garden will be renewed shortly and has been beautifully mulched. We are in need of families from our elementary Faith Formation Program and our Confirmation Program to care for the garden for a two week time period. This special garden was designed in memory of our lost children. It is a very special tribute to our children. Please email Gina Burby, Filomena Marinelli or call Noranne Wamester (860) 529-6765 if you are called to serve. Gratefully, Noranne S. Wamester, Pastoral Associate



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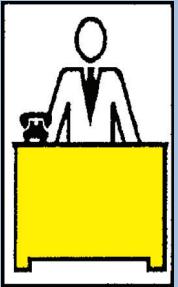
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