

June 11, 2023



Today's readings



PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST  
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

“WHOEVER EATS MY FLESH AND DRINKS MY BLOOD  
REMAINS IN ME AND I IN HIM.” —JN 6:56

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, June 10 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Stephen Major, Sr. by Dr. Martin & Madeline Dudas

### Sunday, June 11—Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

8:30 AM † Deb Harkins by Dan Harkins

10:30 AM † William & Dolores Wagner by Norm & Donna Vesely

### Monday, June 12

8:00 AM † Mr & Mrs Frank Dominico, Marie & Carmen by Betty Nash

### Tuesday, June 13

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

### Wednesday, June 14

No Mass

### Thursday, June 15

8:00 AM † Richard Fantauzzi by Linda Chilzer

### Friday, June 16

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

### Saturday, June 17 — Vigil

4:00 PM † All Fathers Living & Deceased

### Sunday, June 18 — 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † All Fathers Living & Deceased

10:30 AM † All Fathers Living & Deceased

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday –Thursday: 8:30 a.m. –12; 1 p.m.– 3 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

### Ministry Schedule — June 17 & 18

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	R. Kozar	J. Elias	M. Smith B. Smith
8:30 a.m.	K. Miller	A. Pastella	L. Assenat
10:30 a.m.	W. Vlasic	K. Imbrescia	V. Watkins

### Money Counters

Monday, June 12—Team #3 — K. Byron

## We are the Body of Christ....



The “manna” that the people of Israel were given to sustain them along their journey was perishable bread. It was a gift from God given without cost. What we celebrate today in the feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus promises us that He will feed us with imperishable food so that we will truly live forever. This gift is imperishable not only because it is the very Body and Blood of Jesus but also because our participation in this great Gift draws us into the same kind of self-giving as Jesus shares with us. This becomes the central focus of what the Eucharist is all about.

In the gospel Jesus describes himself as the “living bread” given for the “life of the world.” This is what we memorialize in the Eucharist: that Jesus gives himself in his Body and Blood. Our “participation” in the Eucharist, as given in the second reading by Paul, demands that we, like Jesus, give ourselves for others. A core of the mystery of Eucharist – and of our selves - is self-giving. It is wrong for us to conceive of Communion as a private moment between “Jesus and me” and that Communion is only about what each of us is given. Communion with the Body and Blood of Christ compels communion with one another: “we, though many, are one body.” The manna was perishable because it sustained only the body, which eventually dies; Eucharist is imperishable because it sustains a life of self-giving within the community, which is the Body of Christ.

The gospel for this Sunday makes clear to us that Jesus gave himself not only in self-sacrifice on the cross but also in the self-giving of his very Body and Blood as Food for us to eat and drink, which brings us to eternal life. Unlike the food given to the people in the desert, this gift of Jesus brings us eternal life. This is how we remain in Jesus, through our own daily self-giving and our participating in the common Meal. This is how we remain in each other through self-giving and yes, participating in the common Meal. This gift of life given to us through our participation in his Body and Blood is not simply for our own sakes but also for the sake of others. To receive the gift of life is to be compelled to give this gift to others. This is what Eucharist is all about. This is what this solemnity is all about: self-giving for the life of others.

The gift of the Eucharist nourishes us and gives us the strength to choose self-giving sacrifice as a way of living, and this is the only way to achieve eternal life. No wonder we call ourselves a Eucharistic people and no wonder Eucharist defines who we are as those baptized into Christ. By sharing in Jesus’ Body and Blood we share in his cross and resurrection.

### Weekly Collection June 4

Votive Candles:	142
Utility & Energy:	206
Accent:	29
St. Anthony:	58
Children & Adult Collection:	\$6,554
Online Collection:	1,380
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$8,369</b>
Peter’s Pence:	25
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$8,394</b>

## Around the Diocese

### Widowed, Divorced, Separated?

The loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation is a traumatic experience. The Beginning Experience© Pittsburgh Lay Apostolate will host a **1-day Saturday seminar, Coping with Life Alone on Saturday, July 22 from 8:45am – 4:00 pm** at St. Emma Retreat Center, 1001 Harvey Ave., Greensburg. The fee is \$25 (beverages & lunch included). Register by July 16 at [www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com](http://www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com) or call Kim at 412-352-2653 to learn more about this healing ministry.

**With Deepest Sympathy** — Condolences are extended to the family of BARBARA FELAK AND ANTHONY L. RENO May God grant them eternal rest, and comfort to their families. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

## Stewardship

### Brown Bag Sunday

This weekend we are sponsoring another Brown Bag Sunday collection. This time we are asking for donations of yarn. Please know **how grateful I am to all of you for your generosity** not only with this collection but with all of the Brown Bag Sunday's we have had over the years.

The yarn that is donated will be crocheted and knitted into shawls and afghans for many people. It is because of your kind hearts that our parish family is able to touch so very many people in our communities, **this is a gift that is beyond words.** I am grateful to you all and thank you for your generosity.



## T-Shirt Time



We will still be taking orders for this year's festival t-shirts. The deadline has been extended until Thursday, June 15. The shirts are **\$20.00** each. Sizes run from Adult Small to 3XL. Please place orders in the collection basket or mail to the office.

## Festival Meeting

There will be a festival meeting on **Monday, June 12 at 6:30 p.m.** in the church hall. It's not too late for ideas to make this festival the best one yet. This year's theme will feature the '50s.

## Pierogi Making

Ladies and Gents, it's time to sharpen the potato peelers! We will be making pierogis for the festival on **Sunday, June 25** after 8:30 a.m. Mass, and on **Monday, June 26 and Tuesday, June 27** from 7:00 a.m. on. Come when you can. All help appreciated.



## Daily Readings

### Readings for the week of June 11, 2023



**Sunday:** Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 (12)/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

**Monday:** 2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 5:1-12

**Tuesday:** 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135/Mt 5:13-16

**Wednesday:** 2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9/

Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:** 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 5:20-26

**Friday:** Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10 (see 17)/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30

**Saturday:** 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 2:41-51

**Next Sunday:** Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36—10:8

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## Faith

### Real Presence

Children who receive their first Communion are filled with excitement. They are just awestruck by every new thing they learn about Jesus. They rattle off the names of the things in church, the vessels and vestments used at Mass, and the names of their pastors and priests. Of course, they know Christ can do anything because he's God. He comes to us in holy Communion because he loves us so much that he wants to be with us. And he comes to us in the form of bread and wine. We really receive him in the Eucharist.



Sometimes it is easier to explain this to children than to adults. Their faith and trust in Jesus is not limited by the questions and doubts that often come with the question of how he does it. Rather, they focus on the question "why," and the answer is something they can easily grasp: love. **Christ wants to be with us because he loves us.** Nothing is purer in truth or in faith. Not even the theological explanation of transubstantiation, or philosophical reasoning or symbolic references, come close. Christ takes on the form of bread and wine to be simple and approachable, so that no one is afraid or turned away. His love for us is complete and total. We try to love him the same way in return. For a child, it is simple. For us adults, we keep trying. "Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 18:3).

## Mother's Day /Father's Day

### Mother's Day – Father's Day Breakfast

After the 8:30 a.m. Mass this weekend the Holy Name Men, along with some help from Epiphany Ladies, will provide a breakfast in honor of Mother's day and Father's day. The Holy Name Society has sponsored this event for many years and it truly is a great service to our Parish Family. Please let them know how grateful we all are to them for this service.

Also, at this breakfast we will announce the award for **Outstanding Boy of the Year** as well as recognizing our **Man of the year!** I do hope that you will be able to stop by and enjoy breakfast with your parish family.

## New Pavilion

### New Pavilion

For many years we have gone to Cedar Creek Park for our parish picnic. Over the past couple of years our numbers have certainly declined. So, this year we are going to have our parish picnic here at the Church in July. In making preparations for the picnic, and other future events at the church, we are going to put up a **pavilion on the church grounds.** I think that this will certainly be a good addition and it will get a lot of use throughout the year. I will have more information about this year's picnic in the coming weeks.



## Groups

**Epiphany Ladies** will meet in the church hall on Tuesday, June 13 at **6:00 p.m.** **This meeting will be a covered dish dinner.** Members are asked to bring their favorite side dish or dessert. Since this is also St. Anthony feast day, if you **bring your St. Anthony bread to the meeting,** Fr. Mike will bless bread before the dinner/meeting.

