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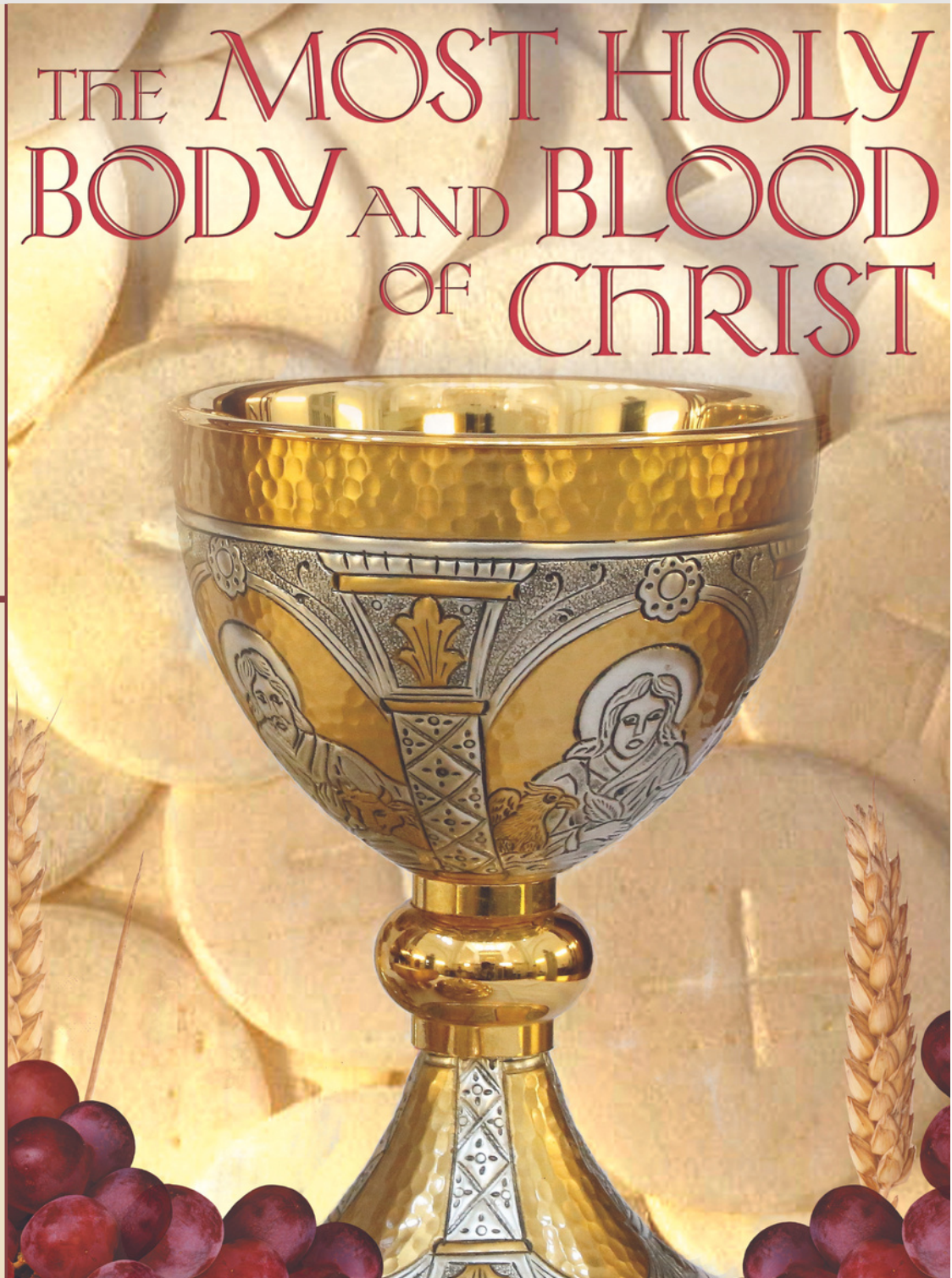
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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



THE THEOLOGY BEHIND OUR BELIEF IN THE EUCHARIST

In order to understand the Eucharist as the Body and Blood of Christ, we must distinguish between substance and accidents (appearances).

Accidents: The accident of thing does not answer what something is, but how something is.

Accidents include color, taste, smell, sound, heat, texture, size, position, movement, and so on. Accidents are not just physical, but also spiritual. For example, spiritual accidents include knowledge, virtue, and grace.

Substance: Answers the question of what a thing is. Substance is what gives something its core identity, the reality that underlies all the outward appearances or changeable “accidents” of a thing.

An example of this would be that, in a human person, the accidents include eye color, shape of nose, color of hair, height, weight, IQ, language, virtue, etc. The substance of a human person is a creature by God who is what we call a ‘body-soul’ composite (in other words, a creature with both a body and an immortal soul).

So in regards to the Eucharist, when Jesus at the Last Supper says ‘this is my body’, he is converting the substance of bread and wine into the substance of Christ’s Body and Blood. The outward appearances or accidents of bread and wine, however, miraculously remain exactly what they were before the substance changed.

How does Christ come to be really and substantially present in the Eucharist? The answer of the Church is that this occurs through a unique and marvelous conversion of the substance of the bread and wine on the altar into the substance of the body and blood of Christ.

Does Jesus ‘move in’ to the bread and wine? No. This suggests that the Eucharist is not the substance of Jesus’ Body and Blood. It suggests that the Eucharist is Bread and Wine + Jesus. The Eucharist is not Bread and Wine + Jesus. It is simply Jesus, with the accidents of bread and wine. This bad way of thinking about the Eucharist is called consubstantiation. So Jesus does not move into the bread and wine, but the bread and wine is converted into Jesus. Are the bread and wine annihilated by Jesus? No. The elements of bread and wine are not turned into nothingness. At the last supper, Jesus did not say “Let the bread cease to exist and let my Body take its place.”

So Transubstantiation involves a twofold miracle: a miraculous conversion of substance and a preservation of the accidents.

Why does God do this second miracle of preservation? First of all, the appearances of the bread and wine enable us to receive Christ as spiritual nourishment in a manner fitting for human nature and without the appearance of cannibalism! Second, Christ wished His presence on our altars and in our tabernacles to be an article of faith and not of vision. He did not wish us to see His glorious Body made present by the words of consecration and, so, lose the merit of faith. Remember, faith is firm belief in what is unseen. So He chose to have the appearances of bread and wine remain in the sacrament as a kind of veil.

One may think that it sure sounds like God is ‘tricking’ us, by changing the substance, yet keeping the accidents. But the response to this argument is that nothing is deceptive. We can see that the accidents have not changed, and our faith informs us that the substance has changed. No deception - just a realization that not all knowledge is acquired through the senses.

Lastly, in response to the popular argument that the Eucharist is Cannibalism: Cannibalism is eating a part of a dead body with its accidents....we consume the totality of Jesus’ resurrected and living body. We do not consume the accidents of Jesus’ arm. We consume the accidents of bread and wine that are the substance of Jesus’ risen and living body and blood.

DAILY MASS

**Mass on
Mon. June 12th
&
Fri. June 16th
will be at
6pm**

STEWARDSHIP
MAY 28 & JUNE 4, 2023

Offering	\$1259.00	\$1594.00
Pentecost	\$534.00	\$250.00
St. Nick		\$95.00
Total	\$1793.00	\$1939.00

BECOME A SPONSOR OF OUR NEW BULLETIN

If you have a business and want to advertise, or if you want to put a personal message for a loved one or in memory of someone, we have space on the last page of our new bulletin. Please call the office at 570-925-6969 or contact Adam Snyder at ASnyder@Diocesan.com or 814-771-8628

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER,
- ALL PRIESTS INCLUDING:
 - FR. MOWERY
 - FR. ST. HILAIRE
 - FR. SOLA
- CARL BARCHIK
- MICHAEL BARDI
- MAUREEN BECK
- LORENA BENNET
- BUTCH BOGART
- CHRISTINA CAPRIOLA
- RUSSELL CASTROGIOVANNI
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- RYAN DELL
- VIVIAN WHITENIGHT HYNICK
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- NANCY OMAN
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- JOSEPHINE WILSON
- NANCY WISBAR
- SONNY WOMELSDORF
- MARY ANN ZEVENY



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 10

Daniel & Joan Kozak by Mark Kozak

Sunday, June 11

Mary Ann Paragian by Nora & Rich Folkers

Monday, June 12

Anne Eustice by Renee Hansen

Friday, June 16

Joseph Rosencrans by Mary & John Everett

Saturday, June 17

Christopher Carpenter by Mark & Patricia Sullivan

Sunday, June 18

Nicholas Sabo by Justa Sabo

Mass intentions are available in memory of, or in honor of a loved one. The donation for having a Mass said for a personal request is \$10.00. You can drop your request in the collection or contact the parish office.

LITURGICAL ROLES

Lector Schedule

June 11 - Barb Treier
June 18 - Paul Haden

Extraordinary Minister

June 11 - Judith Scavone
June 18 - Patricia Sullivan

Collection Stewards

June 11 - Lee Ann Boiwka & Gloria Galer
June 18 - Mark & Patricia Sullivan

LITURGY OF THE WORD

ARE WE LIVING OUR LIVES ON EARTH AS IF WE ARE DESTINED FOR HEAVEN?

When we consume the body and blood of the Lord, do we let our Lord consume us? If we are in Christ and he is in us, how does it change us? Let the living bread we eat today transform and strengthen us to do Christ's work on earth.

In today's first reading, Moses reminds the people that God fed them with manna to show them that one does not live by bread alone. In the second reading, Saint Paul beautifully describes the bread and the cup as a participation in Christ, making us one body. In the Gospel, Jesus declares himself the living bread, promising life to those who eat his flesh and drink his blood.

CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES

Did you know that many parishioners are in our system without a working phone number? As more people drop their landlines, we are in urgent need of updated phone numbers and email addresses. We keep all contact information private.

Please call the office at 570- 925-6969 or email us at ctk@epix.net to update your information.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Saturday, June 24th, at Christ the King

The Secular Carmelite Order invites you to a DAY OF RECOLLECTION/RETREAT WITH FATHER ANDREW ST. HILAIRE at Christ the King on Saturday, June 24 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The program includes: spiritual presentations, Mass, Confessions, lunch and more. Register by June 18. The cost is \$20. Registration forms are on the back counter. Questions contact Meg Geffken at 570-925-6264 or Mary at 570-205-2100,

UNBORN CANDLE DONATIONS

\$3.00/ week,
\$5.00/ 2 weeks or
\$10.00/ month.

Month of June - Richard & Tamara Lindner

BENTON FOOD BANK

For the month of June we will be collecting canned soup due to the Food Bank by June 18th. The Food Bank at the N4C's is the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

INSTALLATION OF REV. TIMOTHY C. SENIOR

All the faithful of the Diocese are asked to pray for the Most Rev. Timothy C. Senior as we near his Installation as the Twelfth Bishop of Harrisburg. Solemn Vespers for Bishop Senior will be Tuesday, June 20 at 6 p.m. at Holy Name of Jesus Church, 6150 Allentown Blvd., Harrisburg. All are welcome to attend. Seating is on a first come, first served basis. A light reception to welcome Bishop Senior will immediately follow.

The following day, Wednesday, June 21, the Rite of Reception for Bishop Senior will take place at Saint Patrick Cathedral. Due to seating limitations, this installation Mass is by invitation only. The Mass will be live streamed to the Diocesan YouTube channel and broadcast on several stations. Please visit the Diocesan website, www.hbgdiocese.org, for full details.



CONGRATULATIONS JOSIE



CYE

Congratulations to Josie Weibel, high school 2023 graduate from Benton High School.

Josie has earned the diocesan senior award this year. She has continued to attend CYE classes through high school, has continued to assist as an altar server, and has actively participated in youth group and assisting in the CYE classroom, particularly in the Confirmation prep class.

We are proud of Josie and look forward to sharing with her the next adventures on her journey, in life and faith.

DAILY MASS

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THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN provides resources, expertise, guidance and support for more than 90 ministries and programs throughout the 15 counties of the Diocese of Harrisburg. Gifts from donors like you sustain, expand and support our ongoing evangelization efforts, provide continuing education programs for our Catholic schools and Religious Education programs, seminarians, clergy and permanent deacons, and investments in pro-life activities. Now, more than ever, the programs and ministries that received funding from the Diocesan Annual Campaign need your prayers and steadfast support. Your gift, no matter the size, truly makes a difference. On behalf of those who benefit from our ministries, please accept our heartfelt appreciation and deep gratitude. Checks should be payable to the Diocese of Harrisburg. If you did not receive an envelope but would like to contribute, envelopes are at the entrance of the Church, or go to <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/diocesan-annualcampaign/ways-to-give/>

WORLD YOUTH DAY

We have the opportunity to sponsor two of our parishioners here at Christ the King who will be attending World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal. Eric Weibel and Father Andrew are attending this year and will personally be absorbing the cost of \$2,998 per person.

It is for young adults ages 18-39 who will have the opportunity to experience this exciting adventure to convene with the Holy Father and young people from around the world. The pilgrimage will take place July 30th - August 7th and will also include a visit to Fatima where our Blessed Mother famously appeared to the three shepherd children. The costs include lodging, flights and other travel accommodations.

If you are interested in donating to help with their expenses, please make your check payable to Catholic Campus Ministry which can be tax deductible. You can drop it in the collection or give to Father Andrew or Lee Ann. Please mark on the envelope "World Youth Day". Thank you in advance for your generosity!