

JUNE 26, 2011

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

THOUGHTS FROM FR. ORTIZ

Guidelines for Receiving Holy Communion

This Sunday is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. The Church around the world is reminded on this special day of the great gift we receive in the Eucharist. Augustine once said: “no one eats that flesh unless he adores it.” The Eucharist is our spiritual food, our strength for the journey of life; it is the promise of eternal life and the real presence of Jesus who promised to stay with us until the end of time. The life of the Church is a calling to gather and celebrate the Eucharist, where we find forgiveness, peace and the love of God for us. In the Eucharist, we learn to offer our lives as a gift to the Father in heaven. Because of the importance of the Eucharist in our life of faith together, today is an opportunity to remember the guidelines for receiving communion for the Catholic faithful:

- Only baptized Catholics who have been catechized and initiated for the Eucharist may receive Holy Communion.
- Catholics are required to fast for one hour prior to receiving communion, which means we do not eat or drink anything, with exceptions for water and medicine.
- Catholics are required to receive communion at least once in the year during the Easter season, unless serious circumstances such as illness prevent them.
- In order to be open to the graces received in the Eucharist, the faithful are required to go to private confession with a priest at least once a year, and especially for the forgiveness of any mortal sins as needed.
- Participate in the communion hymn to the best of your ability.
- Bow your head prior to receiving communion as a sign of reverence and respect for the presence of the Lord in the sacrament.
- The priest, deacon or minister will offer the host to you and say “The Body of Christ.” The response is “Amen.”
- You may receive the consecrated bread in the mouth or in the hand.
- If you receive communion in the hand, and you are right-handed: place your left hand on top of your right hand, palms facing up. The host of consecrated bread will be placed in your left hand, step to the side to consume the host and use your right hand to bring it to your mouth.
- People who are left-handed should reverse the order of hands listed above, beginning with the right hand on top of their left, etc.
- If you receive communion on the tongue, keep your hands folded together low on your sternum, respond “Amen”, open your mouth and put your tongue out comfortably to receive the host.
- You may receive the consecrated wine as well. The minister will offer it to you saying “The Blood of Christ”, and you respond “Amen”.

- If you are receiving the sacrament from the cup, you should carefully use your dominant hand, left or right, to take the cup firmly in your grip. Take a small sip of the Precious Blood and carefully return it to the minister to make sure there is no chance of spilling the contents.
- Reverently return to your seat and, as best you can, spend time in quiet prayer, reflection and singing the hymn in gratitude to the Lord for the gift of his love and his presence in the Eucharist.

May today’s celebration renew and encourage the faith we have received through the sacraments of the Church. Please keep each other in prayer during Mass and daily for the blessing and protection of God for each of us. We want to especially acknowledge and show gratitude to the many ministers in the parish, the lectors, the Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, the greeters and ushers, who give of their time in many ways for our liturgical celebrations and outreach to the sick, the elderly and the poor. May God reward you for your generosity and fidelity to the Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament and in his Church.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY HOUR



Join us for Holy Hour this Monday June 27, 5:00-7:00pm in the Church. Please note this will be the last Holy Hour until October.

A New Coordinator and Gratitude for our Ushers

New Coordinator and Gratitude for our Ushers Hospitality is an important theme in the Scripture and in the Judeo-Christian traditions. The Lord himself said “I was a stranger and you welcomed me” and the First Letter of Peter says, “honor everyone; love the family of believers.” I am grateful for those members of our community that serve in each Mass as an usher. They are faithfully present to assist with greeting new people, answering questions, seating the congregation, receiving the collection and assisting with communion. I have seen them handle unusual emergency situations with compassion and urgency. I thank them for their service and encourage them to continue to show their care for this parish. I would also like to announce the new coordinator of the ushers, Mr. Richard Greenwood. He and his family have been faithful members of this parish for many years. We wish him the best as he assists the parish with this important part of our hospitality to the community, visitors and new members. Anyone interested in joining this ministry can contact Fr. Ortiz in the parish center or Mr. Greenwood at 201-739-2143 for more details.

**ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH
IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE
OUR ONLINE GIVING PROGRAM**



Online Giving is a simple yet powerful way for our parishioners to support Saint Elizabeth Church and completely manage contributions online. Anyone with a bank account or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express) can take advantage of this convenient and secure system. With a point-and-click user interface, novice users and experienced computer users will find online giving very user-friendly. For members who are unable or who prefer not to use the Online Giving application, Saint Elizabeth Church staff can set up and manage an online account for them.

Giving electronically online is ideal for those who wish to manage their personal finances and business via the internet. Using Online Giving costs parishioners nothing and the system is both safe and secure. Personal information is kept private because confidential data is directly entered into a secure Online Giving site. The system uses the most current encryption methods to help safeguard a giver's privacy.

Online giving is convenient and donations may be made at any time and from any location. So, if you travel or if you are away from Saint Elizabeth Church for an extended period, you are always able to designate gifts to the funds of your choice and you may do this anonymously if you wish. At any time, members can easily adjust the amount and/or timing of their next contribution and cancel a gift at any time before the date of their next contribution. Contribution statements and summaries of past donations are available online at any time.

"I gave online" cards will be available in the narthex for the offertory collection during Mass. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Marlene Nardone at 201-891-1122, Ext. 202 or e-mail her at marlene@saintelizabeths.org.

ANGEL FUND UPDATE



Please consider a donation to the Angel Fund. The Sacred Heart School relies on our support to continue its mission with the children. Contributions may be placed in the Sunday collection or dropped off at the Parish Center. As of June 20, \$34,139 has been collected. Thank you to all who have donated, keep us in your prayers.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PEACE GARDEN

Almost filled!

There are only a few personalized Living Rosary Beads (2 ft. stones) available. To assure your presence or to gift a loved one, please respond ASAP to avoid missing out on this most blessed opportunity. Please contact Eagle Scout Peter Ricciardi for any help you may need at 201-790-2500.

**To everything there is a
Season and a time for every
Purpose under heaven."
Ecclesiastes 3:11**



"A time to be healed..."

Prayers for those ill: will be included in the weekly bulletin with a name listing. Please call the Parish Center by Monday of each week to be included. All names will remain on this list for 3 weeks unless we are notified.

Please pray for:
Eliseo Lettieri

A time for sorrow....

Recently deceased: Barbara Sweeney, Peter Pius Burns

"A time for war and a time for peace..."

For national and world leaders and for those in the Armed Services: Jessica DeRosa, Major Christopher Crotty, Miguel Tully, John Paul Phillips, Jennifer Smolinski, Michael Zahorniak, LT. Brendan McGovern, 1LT. Colin McNulty, Captain Christopher DeFiori, Captain Luke Walsh, Capt. Raymond G. Tierney. Capt. Michael Toth, USMC, LT. Joseph Toth, JAGC, USN, Capt. Brian Donlon, USMC, Major Brian Ferguson, US Army. Amen.

Calling all family members. If you have a loved one serving in the armed forces, we would like to include them in our weekly bulletin so we can keep them close in prayer. The names will remain on our list for three months. If you would like their name to remain longer, please call Lisa H. at 201-891-1122 ext. 203.

VAN DRIVER NEEDED



St. Elizabeth is in need of 1 driver for the Christian Health Care van that picks up the mobile residents of Longview, Hillcrest and Evergreen Court. The time commitment is once every 5 weeks. Won't you help our brothers and sisters at CHCC to come to Mass on Sunday? No special driver's license is needed. Please call Lisa T. at the Parish Center if you can help 201-891-1122 x 200.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



There have been times during our vigils at the Abortion Clinic in Hackensack that we have been in need of someone who can speak Spanish to assist the sidewalk counselors communicate with the young men and women. If you could help, please contact Teri 201-485-8242.

End of Life Care measures are advancing in Trenton. One proposal in the 3 package bill creates an "Advisory Council" that would conduct a study on the quality and cost effectiveness on of end-of-life care services as well as 4 state lawmakers. These measures would allow health care facilities to make decisions on the treatment of patients who lack the capacity to do so for themselves including forgoing life-sustaining treatment. Learn more.

SAVE THE DATE...

Come learn how Natural Family Planning can strengthen your marriage and family in a 60-minute seminar on July 13 at 7:30 pm in the 8th Grade Classroom at St. Elizabeth School. Coffee & dessert will be served! RSVP 201-848-1082.

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

*"God doesn't call the equipped
He equips the called."*

Help Needed for Fall 2011!!!

Through our baptism, each and every one of us has been called to serve the Church, our faith family, in some way. As we plan for the next year of religious education, **WE ARE IN NEED OF CATECHISTS, CO-CATECHISTS, AIDS, ACTIVITY COORDINATORS, and BABYSITTERS** during the hours of 4:00-5:15 PM on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays for Grades 1-5. We also are looking for those that would like to work with the Middle School program for Grades 6-8 on a total of 12 Mondays nights from 7:00-8:30 PM during the fall, winter and spring.

Religious Education is a great opportunity to share your love of Christ, the stories of faith that have influenced you, and inspire the next generation of Catholics. Please prayerfully consider this ministry; if interested in serving please contact Debbie Gaertner (Grades 1-5) at 201-891-3262 ext. 228 or Lidia Tramontozzi (Grades 6-8) ext. 226. Any questions, comments, concerns or ideas for our Religious Education Program, please call Jonathan Camiolo at ext. 225.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Just a reminder to parents of 1st-8th graders in the fall of 2011. We ask you to resister your child for Religious Education class by June 15; noting, classes are filled on a "first come, first served" basis. Please consult our website www.saintelizabeths.org under Faith Formation to ensure there is availability on the day of your 1st choice. If your child's grade level is completely booked on a given day, they will have to register on a day when there is space. Don't hesitate, register NOW!

Did Your Faith Grow Up With You?



The Institute for Christian Spirituality, part of Seton Hall University's Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, is accepting **new student applications to the STEPS program for the fall 2011 semester.**

STEPS (Seminary's Theological Education for Parish Services) is a graduate level certificate program for adult Catholics who seek a deeper understanding of their faith.

Classes are offered one night each week at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Ridgewood, NJ, on a variety of subjects including, Scripture, Christians Ethics, the Sacraments and Church History.

Courses for next semester include "The History of Christianity" on Monday nights and "Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation" on Thursday nights. Don't miss out on this opportunity to grow in your Catholic faith – enroll today! The only pre-requisite is a BA or BS degree.

For more information and applications materials, please contact Stephen Kass at [973.275.2319/kassstep@shu.edu](tel:973.275.2319). You may also request information online at www.shu.edu/go/steps.

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS



**July 5th through September 5th
Sunday – Closed
Monday – Friday 9 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday 9 am – 1 pm**

Second Annual St. Elizabeth's Luau



Sponsored by
The Cornerstone Community
September 24, 2011
7pm – 11pm
Live Music
Great Food and Drink!
Reserve your babysitter now!



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

If you are interested in inquiring about RCIA, please contact Jonathan Camiolo at 201-891-3262 ext. 225 or submit the form below.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

I am interested in becoming a Roman Catholic.

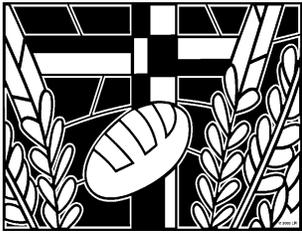
I am a Roman Catholic, but haven't received Confirmation.

I would like more information.

I am a parish member and would like to join the RCIA team.

Please detach and return to the Parish Center.

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"Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever." - Jn 6:57-58

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58
 Monday: Gn 18:16-33/Mt 8:18-22
 Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Mt 8:23-27
 Wednesday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19
 Day: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/
 Mt 16:13-19
 Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Mt 9:1-8
 Friday: Dt 7:6-11/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30
 Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Lk 2:41-51
 Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

OTHER PRAYER EXPERIENCES

Miraculous Medal Novena – Thurs. after 9 am Mass
Novena to the Divine Mercy – Fri. after 9 am Mass
Men's Sharing – Elizabeth Rm. Sat. 7 am
Morning Prayer – Mon.-Sat. 8:40 am
Rosary – Each day after 7:00 & 9:00 am Mass

SUPPORT FOR OUR PASTORAL ACTIVITIES



"Do not forget the Lord, your God...who brought forth the water for you from the flinty rock and fed you in the desert with manna." Deuteronomy 8:14-16

It takes great trust to follow the Lord in a life of stewardship. Yet, just as He provided for the Israelites, God will provide us with all that we need. We in turn must be willing to hold our many gifts-not with a clenched fist-but rather with an open hand, ready and willing to share.

The gift of treasure for last week was \$23,028 vs. our weekly budgeted amount of \$24,235.

Year to date collections amounted to \$1,150,451 vs. our year to date budget of \$1,211,750.

The total amount collected for the "Tornado in Alabama" was \$5,806.

In these economically difficult times, your generous sacrifices are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of our church!



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Sat.	June 25	5:00 PM	Anna & William Hopf
Sun.	June 26	7:30 AM	Donna D'Anton
		9:00 AM	People of the Parish
		10:30 AM	Stefano & Carmela Morelli
		12:00 PM	MaryLou Gallagher
Mon.	June 27	St. Cyril of Alexandria	
		7:00 AM	Vito Recupero, Ted Buczek
		9:00 AM	Bob McGarvie
Tue.	June 28	St. Irenaeus	
		7:00 AM	Inocencio Lorenzo
		9:00 AM	James Mahometa, 4 th Anniv. Pat & Al Jenski, 42 nd Wed. Ann.
Wed.	June 29	St. Peter and Paul	
		7:00 AM	Mary Nelke
		9:00 AM	Sylvia Visconti
Thu.	June 30	The First Holy Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church	
		7:00 AM	Antony Tranchina
		9:00 AM	John Plunkett, Doris Lavery
Fri.	July 1	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	
		7:00 AM	Marie & James Salerno
		9:00 AM	Joseph Anthony Kroth
Sat.	July 2	9:00 AM	Memorial Mass
	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
		5:00 PM	Mary Berardinelli
Sun.	July 3	7:30 AM	George Romano
		9:00 AM	Paul Kreuzsch
		10:30 AM	People of the Parish
		12:00 PM	Dorothy Kilgallen Kollmar

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF:

Altar Bread & Wine: *In Memory of Anne Boffa,
 Given by: Mary & Gary Holloway.*

Sanctuary Lights: *In Memory of Anne Boffa,
 Given by: Mary & Gary Holloway.*

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