



JUNE 14, 2020

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI



This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi - Latin for "the body of Christ".

It is the celebration of Christ's presence in the Eucharist. As Catholic faithful we believe that during the Eucharist the bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It is the heart of our faith. It brings us back to our great love of our Lord and Savior.

This weekend and every Eucharistic celebration let us be mindful - fully present. Let it be as if we are at first Eucharist - the Last Supper with Jesus and His disciples before the passion, death, and resurrection.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us the significance of the Eucharist:
1324 The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life."

134 "For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch."

1374 The Eucharist is "the perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all the sacraments tend."

199 "The body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained."

1416 - Communion with the Body and Blood of Christ increases the communicant's union with the Lord, forgives his venial sins, and preserves him from grave sins. Since receiving this sacrament strengthens the bonds of charity between the communicant and Christ, it also reinforces the unity of the Church as the Mystical Body of Christ.

Let us renew our spirit this Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ and not take our Eucharist for granted or let it become so routine that we lose our focus.

This year celebrating the solemnity may be a bit subdued because of health concerns, however it can still be powerful with prayer and meditation.

Those going to Mass may have their priest lead a Eucharistic procession around the church or community visually reminding us we need to always honor the Body and Blood of Our Lord in the Eucharist; as well as acknowledge the real presence of Jesus during the Eucharist.

For those of us not attending Mass let us sincerely pray an act of spiritual communion:
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to separate from You.

Amen

PILGRIMS FLOCK TO ORVIETO ITALY TO CELEBRATE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE

The Feast of Corpus Christi (Corpus Domini) is a beautiful and joyous celebration in Orvieto, Italy. This rich religious festival celebrates a Eucharistic miracle from centuries ago.

In 1263, a visiting priest, referred to as Peter of Prague, was making a pilgrimage to Rome. He celebrated Mass at the Church of Saint Christina, a small parish in Bolsena, a town approximately 10 miles outside of Orvieto and 85 miles from Rome.

During this time of Father Peter's life, he had doubted the true transformation of the Eucharist - bread to the Sacred Body of Christ and wine to Precious Blood of Christ.

After he recited the prayer of consecration and lifted the host it began to bleed and the blood dripped down onto the Corporal (linen altar cloth). Father Peter was unable to hide the fact that he was shocked. So he ended the Mass and went to see Pope Urban IV, who was in Orvieto. The Pope ordered the miraculous host and Corporal which was stained with blood be preserved and displayed. The relic of the Eucharistic miracle is on display today in the Orvieto Cathedral.



On the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Miraculous Corporal of Bolsena is paraded through the streets adorned in elaborate and colorful carpets of flowers as religious and the faithful follow. Pilgrims from all over the world come to watch the procession.

ORDINATION TO BE LIVESTREAMED GOLNA EAGER TO SERVE WV

Mark your calendars now! Deacon Justin Golna's ordination to the priesthood will be live-streamed from the Cathedral of St. Joseph at 11 am on June 27th on [FACEBOOK](#) and also at [DWC.ORG](#).

Deacon Golna's home parish is Our Lady of Peace in Wheeling. After the ordination, Golna will serve St. Joseph the Worker and Sacred Heart of Mary parishes in Weirton this summer before returning to Rome to finish his canon law degree at the Gregorian University.

The following is an excerpt of an article published in The Catholic Spirit June 5, written by Colleen Rowan:

During the ordination, Deacon Golna will stand before Bishop Mark Brennan and promise to serve the people of God as a priest. As he kneels before the altar, the bishop will lay his hands upon Deacon Golna's head, calling upon the Holy Spirit to ordain him a priest. The bishop will then pray the prayer of ordination.

Deacon Golna will be vested with the stole and chasuble by Very Rev. Dennis R. Schuelkens, V.E., pastor of the Parishes of St. Joseph the Worker and Sacred Heart of Mary in Weirton, and Msgr.

Kevin M. Quirk, pastor of the Parishes of St. Vincent de Paul in New Martinsville and Mater Dolorosa in Paden City and the Missions of St. Joseph in Proctor and Holy Rosary in Sistersville.



“During this time of preparation for the priesthood, I have been overwhelmed with the love and support that people have offered me,” Deacon Golna said. “More importantly, I have been humbled by prayers that people have offered on my behalf so that I may become a happy, holy priest. No vocation is born in a

vacuum and no vocation can continue without the support of many people and as I approach the date of my ordination I want to thank each and every person that has helped me to get to this point.

“At my ordination,” Deacon Golna said, “I will be vested by Very Rev. Dennis Schuelkens, J.R., V.E., and Rev. Msgr. Kevin Quirk, J.C.D. Father Dennis was my pastor at Our Lady of Peace in Wheeling. He was instrumental in my growth in the spiritual life and the ways in which he involved me in the parish life, by inviting me to teach the confirmation classes, becoming the RCIA director, and serving at Mass when needed, directly led me to seek to serve the people of God as a priest of our beloved diocese. Rev. Msgr. Kevin Quirk was my spiritual director before joining seminary and his care for souls, his deep knowledge of the faith, and his priestly zeal has continued to inspire me to this day.”

“Please continue to pray for me before and after my ordination!” Deacon Golna said. “I cannot wait to serve the people of God in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston as a priest!”



Join us as we celebrate the
ORDINATION TO THE SACRED PRIESTHOOD
of *Deacon Justin Golna*



*The Ordination will be livestreamed
on the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's
website & Facebook page.*

June 27, 2020
11:00a.m.
from
The Cathedral of Saint Joseph
Wheeling, WV



Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston
Office of Vocations

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MASS READINGS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

First Reading DT 8:2-3, 14B-16A

Moses said to the people:

“Remember how for forty years now the LORD, your God, has directed all your journeying in the desert, so as to test you by affliction and find out whether or not it was your intention to keep his commandments. He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna, a food unknown to you and your fathers, in order to show you that not by bread alone does one live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the LORD. “Do not forget the LORD, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery; who guided you through the vast and terrible desert with its saraph serpents and scorpions, its parched and waterless ground; who brought forth water for you from the flinty rock and fed you in the desert with manna, a food unknown to your fathers.”

Responsorial PSALM 147:12-15, 19-20

R. (12) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem. or Alleluia.

Glorify the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed your children within you.

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem. or Alleluia.

He has granted peace in your borders; with the best of wheat he fills you. He sends forth his command to the earth; swiftly runs his word!

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem. or Alleluia.

He has proclaimed his word to Jacob, his statutes and his ordinances to Israel. He has not done thus for any other nation; his ordinances he has not made known to them.
Alleluia.

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Second Reading 1COR 10:16-17

Brothers and sisters, rejoice. The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

Sequence

Lauda Sion

Laud, O Zion, your salvation, Laud with hymns of exultation, Christ, your king and shepherd true: Bring him all the praise you know, He is more than you bestow. Never can you reach his due. Special theme for glad thanksgiving Is the quick'ning and the living Bread today before you set: From his hands of old partaken, As we know, by faith unshaken, Where the Twelve at supper met. Full and clear ring out your chanting, Joy nor sweetest grace be wanting, From your heart let praises burst: For today the feast is holden, When the institution olden Of that supper was rehearsed. Here the new law's new oblation, By the new king's revelation, Ends the form of ancient rite: Now the new the old effaces, Truth away the shadow chases, Light dispels the gloom of night. What he did at supper seated, Christ ordained to be repeated, His memorial ne'er to cease: And his rule for guidance taking, Bread and wine we hallow, making Thus our sacrifice of peace. This the truth each Christian learns, Bread into his flesh he turns, To his precious blood the wine: Sight has fail'd, nor thought conceives, But a dauntless faith believes, Resting on a pow'r divine. Here beneath these signs are hidden Priceless things to sense forbidden; Signs, not things are all we see: Blood is poured and flesh is broken, Yet in either wondrous token Christ entire we know to be. Whoso of this food partakes, Does not rend the Lord nor breaks; Christ is whole to all that taste: Thousands are, as one, receivers, One, as thousands of believers, Eats of him who cannot waste. Bad and good the feast are sharing, Of what divers dooms preparing, Endless death, or endless life. Life to these, to those damnation, See how like participation Is with unlike issues rife. When the sacrament is broken, Doubt not, but believe 'tis spoken, That each sever'd outward token doth the very whole contain. Nought the precious gift divides, Breaking but the sign betides Jesus still the same abides, still unbroken does remain. Optional shorter sequence Lo! the angel's food is given To the pilgrim who has striven; see the children's bread from heaven, which on dogs may not be spent. Truth the ancient types fulfilling, Isaac bound, a victim willing, Paschal lamb, its lifeblood spilling, manna to the fathers sent. Very bread, good shepherd, tend us, Jesu, of your love befriend us, You refresh us, you defend us, Your eternal goodness send us In the land of life to see. You who all things can and know, Who on earth such food bestow, Grant us with your saints, though lowest, Where the heav'nly feast you show, Fellow heirs and guests to be. Amen. Alleluia.

Continue...

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

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Gospel JOHN 6:51-58

Jesus said to the Jewish crowds:

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. 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."

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For Christian leaders that they may work to heal divisions among people regardless of their race, economic status, gender or other differences, we pray . . .

For medical personnel, who must make important decisions to treat all those who are ill, especially those affected with the Coronavirus, we pray . . .

For an end to the violence and rioting happening across our nation, that harmony and peace may be restored, we pray . . .

For children who will be celebrating their First Holy Communion in the upcoming weeks, that they may always have a deep love and awe for the Lord Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist, we pray . . .

Lord hear our prayer



PRAYER TO OVERCOME RACISM

Mary, friend and mother to all, through your Son, God has found a way to unite himself to every human being, called to be one people, sisters and brothers to each other.

We ask for your help in calling on your Son, seeking forgiveness for the times when we have failed to love and respect one another.

We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society.

We ask for your help in following your Son, so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our minds or hearts but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person.

Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son Jesus warms our hearts: pray for us. Amen.



Faith IN WV
DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

For the past three months it has been our privilege to present you information to keep you informed, online resources, special prayers, Mass readings, and feature stories to help us all grow in wisdom and faith.

With our churches reopening many parishes are again providing congregations with their own weekly bulletin. We would like to know if you want us to continue to publish Faith In WV the e-bulletin.

Please, take our poll. Go to WWW.DWC.ORG and let us know your preference.

It is our honor to keep you informed and enriched in spirit. Thank you for your time and reading our bulletin each week these last 13 weeks as a resource of hope and enlightenment throughout the pandemic and stay at home orders.

Continue to follow us on social media ([FACEBOOK.COM/DIOCESEOFWHEELINGCHARLESTON](https://www.facebook.com/DIOCESEOFWHEELINGCHARLESTON) and [TWITTER.COM/DWC1850](https://twitter.com/DWC1850)) and the DWC.ORG website.

Let us all strengthen our FAITH IN WV, giving hope, rising above the odds, and being a blessing to others. Let us continue to find the good in all circumstances, letting others see Christ in us especially in times of uncertainty and adversity.

GOD BLESS OUR ALMOST HEAVEN WEST VIRGINIA.



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YOUTH MINISTRY CONTINUES

YOUNG WV CATHOLICS invites teens to be part of



Instead of feeling cooped up, encourage your teen to feel energized by participating in the PROJECT YM LIVE event and Young WV Catholics Zoom conversation. Office of Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministry Interim Director, Shawn Madden, invites you to find out more and sign up at:

www.youngwvcatholics.com/ymlive.html

Project YM, a national youth ministry organization, streamed its first hour-long live youth night last week. It was attended online by more than 9,000 households! The event at projectym.com/live had games, prizes, a solid message, and engaging prayer. Help middle and high school students you know by sharing this opportunity.

DAILY MASS

The live streaming of the noon Mass from the Cathedral of St. Joseph will discontinue after the June 12th broadcast. We will continue the live stream of the Saturday at 6pm Mass, and it will be available on our website each Sunday at DWC.ORG.

Below are four options for enriching your spirit through daily Mass online.

- EWTN airs daily Mass from Our Lady of Angels Chapel, in Irondale, Alabama, at 8am, noon, and 7pm:

[HTTPS://WWW.EWTN.COM/TV/WATCH-LIVE](https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live)

- St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York has daily Mass live streamed at 7am: [HTTPS://SAINTPATRICKSCATHEDRAL.ORG/LIVE](https://saintpatrickscathedral.org/live)

- Catholic TV also streams its daily Mass: [HTTP://CATHOLICTV.ORG/MASSES/CATHOLICTV-MASS](http://catholicTV.org/masses/catholicTV-mass)

- Daily Mass at Notre Dame' Basilica of the Sacred Heart is live at 11:30 am Monday-Friday:

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