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**Sunday, June 23rd, 2019**

**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets. - Lk 9:16-17

Sat. June 22	9-10am	<b>Confessions</b>
	4 -4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession
	5:00pm	✠ Harry Atkins (Wendy Atkins)
Sun. June 23	9:30am	✠ Stanley & Sophie Bryk (Stan & Gloria Rutyna)
	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo
Mon. June 24	9:30am	✠ Michael Silenzi (Karen Jankovich)
	7-8pm	<b>Holy Hour &amp; Confessions CANCELLED</b>
Tues. June 25	9:30am	✠ Sam Lopinski (Karen Jankovich)
Wed. June 26	9:30am	✠ Patricia Schmahl (John & Diane Szydowski)
Thurs. June 27	9:30am	✠ Deceased Members of the Walters and Radford Families (Walters Family)
Fri. June 28	9:30am	✠ Maria Forte (Liliana Haynes)
Sat. June 29	9-10am	<b>Confessions</b>
	4 -4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession
	5:00pm	✠ Gerry Berkhout (Leo & Emmy Reus)
Sun. June 30	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Anthony Filbert (Lynda Filbert & Family) Blessings & Health for Irena Baran (Jan & Lana)

**Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.**  
**Offertory June 15th & 16th, 2019**

79 Envelopes	\$2, 180.00
Loose Collection	\$ 110.00
Total Offertory	\$2, 290.00
Education of Seminarians	\$ 30.00
Cathedral Appeal	\$ 100.00

**Elisha House Pregnancy & family Support Centre—Baby Bottle** Please return them to the parish as soon as possible.

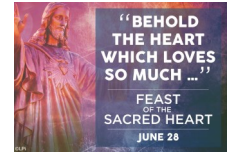
**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

"They all ate and were satisfied." Why read the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves this Sunday? Here we see the mystery of our physical and spiritual realities intermingling. Too often, they can feel separate. When we go to Mass, how often we appear more ordinarily human rather than stretching toward the divine.

Perhaps our experience of the Eucharist is fairly mundane. We notice when a new sacramental wine has been selected. We feel the varying textures of the host and wonder if they'll ever bring back the one that tasted distinctly like wheat. As we shuffle up to the front and stride back to our pew, we notice the looks on people's faces and the clothes on their backs. We get distracted by the crying child, the man blowing his nose, and the mechanical sound of the air conditioner kicking in. How human we are, how earth-bound, how material!



And how good God is for entering into these selfsame realities. How good God is for proclaiming "the kingdom of God," for "heal[ing] those who needed to be cured," for having mercy on a tired and hungry crowd. How many of the crowd noticed what had been done for them? Did they realize their dinner was a miracle? How often do we miss the deeper reality of the Eucharist? Even if in the moment of receiving Communion we don't experience radical ecstasy and don't feel any different, there is a tangible reality to cling to. Our God loves us enough to come down to us under the appearances of bread and wine to feed us with Himself.



**The month of June has traditionally been dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.** "In that divine heart beats God's love for everyone, for each one of us individually." —St. John Paul II

**World Day of Prayer for Priests:** Catholics are urged to pray for priests on June 28th, the World Day of Prayer for Priests. The day was begun by Saint John Paul II in 2002 with the objective of having all Catholic faithful join in prayer for the sanctification of Priests. The World Day of Prayer for Priests coincides with the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**A Prayer for Priests:** Gracious and loving God, we thank your for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

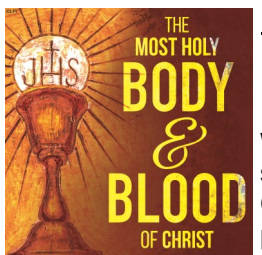


**The Nativity of St. John the Baptist, June 24th** was a momentous occasion. He was no ordinary child. Jesus said of John, "Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist" (Mt 11:11). John the Baptist ranks first among the prophets. All of the prophets that went before him announced that the Messiah was coming. The Baptist was blessed with the singular privilege to announce that the Messiah had come. He was the only prophet who pointed to Jesus and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world" (Jn 1:29).



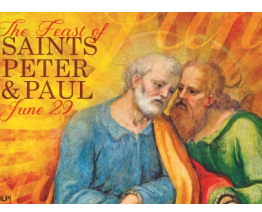
**Cathedral Appeal Update:** Did you know that the Church of St. Catherine of Alexandria opened June 10, 1845? It was not until November 25, 1958 that it became the cathedral church of the newly formed Roman Catholic Diocese of St. Catharines. The Pope at the time was John XXIII, now Pope Saint John XXIII. His papacy began on October 28, 1958.

Consider giving to the Cathedral Appeal today and play a part in the history of this treasure in our diocese! If you are donating by cheque through the parish, please make it payable to "St. Ann Parish." All donations will be forwarded to the diocese for this project and are tax deductible. **Donations to date, from our parish total \$3400.** Thank you for your generosity!



**Everyday Stewardship—Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments**  
**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

When I was a child, I can remember stopping by my parish or another local Catholic church to just spend some time in prayer before the Holy Eucharist. We didn't have exposition and adoration much in those days, but we were keenly aware of the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle. I would sometimes stare at the lighted candle near it and know that Jesus was alive. I had never heard someone speak about a stewardship way of life back then. If I am honest, the primary message I heard in those days was along the lines of "We need to be as good as we are able." Sacrifice was only at Lent, disciples were people in the Bible, and generosity mostly had to do with the collection basket and the poor box at the church entrance. I even went to Catholic schools! Maybe the message of stewardship was there somewhere packaged differently, and I just missed it. It wasn't until I was an adult, and after acquiring two theology degrees, that I understood both with my head and my heart what a stewardship way of life really meant. But I look back at those days, and I realize that the groundwork was laid for me to understand these things. It was those times before the Holy Eucharist that I began to understand true sacrifice. It was at those times that I began to understand how actions and realities that seem so simple to the human eye can be so profound. And it was at those times that I began to see true love knows no bounds. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



**Feast of Saints Peter and Paul—June 29th:** "In their apostolic mission, Saints Peter and Paul were obliged to face difficulties of every kind. But, far from deterring their missionary activity, these difficulties reinforced their zeal for the Church's welfare and for the salvation of mankind. They were able to overcome every trial because their trust was not based on human resources but on the grace of the Lord, who delivers his friends from every evil and saves them for his kingdom. May our holy patrons, Peter and Paul, sustain us and obtain for us that missionary zeal which made them witnesses of Christ to the ends of the then-known world" (Saint Pope John Paul II).

**Retrouvaille: A Lifeline for marriages.** Is Catholic in origin and orientation but is open to all married couples regardless of religious background. Information pamphlets can be found at the back of the church.

**Parish Calendar**

- June.....**
- June 23rd....** The Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood Of Christ.
- June 24th.....** **Holy Hour Cancelled**
- July.....**
- July 5th.....** First Friday Holy Communion to the sick and homebound. Phone the office to arrange a visit.
- July 7th.....** Spanish Mass 1pm
- July 8th.....** **Holy Hour Cancelled**
- July 8th -19th..** **Weekday Masses Cancelled**
- July 13th....** **Confessions 9-10am Cancelled**
- July 15th.....** **Holy Hour Cancelled**
- Confirmation classes & Youth Ministry resume September 4th!**

**Summer Mass Hours**  
**Beginning the weekend of July 6/7, weekend Masses will be celebrated on SATURDAY @ 5PM, & SUNDAY @ 10AM . This schedule will be in effect for weekends in JULY AND AUGUST ONLY.** Regular weekend Mass hours resume Labour Day weekend—Aug 31/Sept 1. Beginning the first weekend of July, the bulletin will be published every 2 weeks to the end of August.

**Society of St Vincent de Paul- North of 60:** The St Ann Conference of St Vincent de Paul will once again be participating in a national initiative to support Inuit peoples in Northern Canada. Our parish, along with others in the Niagara area has been asked to support the community of Naujaat (pronounced "now-we-ought"). This will be the third year that we offer support to the northern community, by filling a sea container with food items needed by the community. Once there, monthly food hampers will be made up and will provide support for approximately 75 families over a one year period. Once again, we will partner with other St Vincent de Paul conferences to raise money for the purchase of food. If you would like to contribute to this worthy cause, donations can be placed in the St Vincent de Paul box. Please place donations in an envelope marked "North of 60". Cheques should be made out to the Society of St Vincent de Paul, Welland Particular Council. If you would like a receipt, please provide your name and address.

**Seasonal Workers:** We are looking for volunteers to assist at the luncheon that follows the Spanish Mass on July 7 and August 4. If you are able to contribute a dish, help with set up and clean up, or come and visit with the men who are here to work in our community during the growing season, please contact the office. The last two meals have been provided by the grade 7/8 class at St Ann's, and the Youth Ministry and were very well attended and appreciated by the men. This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome and visit with the workers who will be in our community over the summer and fall months.

Please join us for the **Annual Global Rosary Relay** for the Sanctification of Priests on Friday, June 28, 2019, Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, 7:00pm at Le Sanctuaire du Rosaire/Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine, 4706 Miller Road, Port Colborne. Pray the Rosary, unite with your country and help encircle the world in prayer. For info: Cathy Kruger, 289-820-7433

**Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Shrine,** 4706 Miller Rd. Port Colborne, Celebrating 35 Years as a Faith Community on Saturday, July 20, 2019. 9:00 a.m. Morning Gathering with Refreshments, 9:30 a.m. Presenter: Fr. Peter Rowe, Theme: Marian Apparitions, 11:30 a.m. Mass, 12:15 a.m. Lunch: (Free Will Offering), 1:15 p.m., Praying of the Rosary. Info: Shelley at 905-714-7677.



