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Masses: Saturday at 4:00pm & Sunday at 7:30(Memorial -Labor Day)& 9:00am
Tuesday – Friday 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days: check bulletin, Facebook, or website

Adoration: 1st Friday of the Month Following 8am Mass

Confessions: Saturday 3:00 – 3:30 pm, Anytime by request

Parish Office Hours Tuesdays 10:30-4:30pm

REFLECTIONS:... from Father Daniel

The three readings today invite us to reflect on the meaning of the Eucharist. The Eucharist is nourishment. It is not like a medicine that does something automatically, it must be received with faith, accepting the commitment that the act of eating and drinking the body and blood of Christ entails. All three readings insist on the close link between the Eucharist and life, between the Bread that is Christ and the bread that nourishes the body. We cannot be in communion with the Body of the Lord without sharing what we have. We see this in the first reading and in the Gospel. The second reading stresses the incompatibility between the “breaking of bread” and dissensions and divisions in the community.

Just as we nourish our bodies three or more times a day to be physically healthy. So Jesus tells us what we need to be healthy spiritually and worthy of God’s kingdom. Christ gives us himself because he knows we need him. “Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.” Today’s feast celebrates the life of Christ in us. The Church is his body and he nourishes us through the gift of the Eucharist, a mystery of love and hope for eternal life from God. The Eucharist is the spiritual source of our Christian lives, where we are able to be nourished in faith and joy by the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation. As St. Augustine says, “God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.” And Pope Leo XIV said, “Let us build a church founded on God’s love, a sign of

unity, a missionary church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the word, allows itself to be made restless by history, and becomes a heaven of harmony for humanity.”

Local Food Pantry: Item of the week-Boxed Goods!

Homes: please contact the Parish Office.

Homebound: Wishing to receive Communion? Please contact the parish office. Anointing of the Sick is available anytime, please contact the parish office.

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated as needed.

One parent must be a practicing Catholic. One godparent must be a Catholic at least 15 years of age. Contact the Parish Office for more info and to schedule.

Marriage: Anyone contemplating marriage in the Catholic Church must be a practicing Catholic. Father must be contacted six months prior to the wedding. Prenuptial requirements must be completed prior to the wedding. Contact the Parish Office.

In the Event of a Death: Please notify the parish office
Those interested in being put on a prayer list: Please contact the parish office. There is also a form on the website.

Register w/the Parish: There are registration forms on the bulletin board at the back of church, feel free to fill one out and throw it in the collection basket. Or you may register on our website.

Parish Hall: Parishioners may rent the hall, as long as the rental doesn’t conflict with parish events/meetings. Contact the office for more info.
Suggested Donation \$50.00

Last Week’s Collection:

Loose: \$548

Envelopes: \$895

Readings for Solemnity Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ:

Reading 1 [Genesis 14:18-20](#)

Psalms [Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4](#)

Reading 2 [1 Corinthians 11:23-26](#)

Gospel [Luke 9:11b-17](#)

Mass Intentions for the Week and Activities:

Saturday, June 21, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 Pope Leo XIV

Sunday, June 22, Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

7:30 Our Parish

9:00 + Sam Long

Monday, June 23, No Mass [Genesis 12:1-9](#) [Matthew 7:1-5](#)

Tuesday, June 24, No Mass [Jeremiah 1:4-10](#) [Luke 1:5-17](#)

Wednesday, June 25, No Mass [Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18](#) [Matthew 7:15-20](#)
 Thursday, June 26, No Mass [Genesis 16:1-12, 15-16](#) [Matthew 7:21-29](#)
 Friday June 27, No Mass [Ezekiel 34:11-16](#) [Luke 15:3-7](#)
 Saturday, June 28, 3:00 Reconciliation
 4:00 + Sandra Robb
 Sunday, June 29, Solemnity of St. Peter & Paul, Apostles
 7:30 Our Parish
 9:00 Haley Family

Upcoming Calendar Events:

Tuesday, July 1 st ,	K of C Recruitment Dinner	6pm
Friday, July 4 th ,	Fourth of July	
Friday, July 4 th ,	Adoration	8:30am
Sunday, July 6 th ,	Donuts & Coffee	Following 9am Mass
Tuesday, July 8 th ,	Parish/Financial Council Meeting	6:30pm
Thursday, July 17 th ,	Drive Thru Community Dinner	5pm-out
Saturday, July 26 th ,	Hot Dog & Ice Cream Social	Following Mass
Friday, August 1 st ,	Adoration	8:30am
Friday, August 1 st ,	Women's Fellowship Meet-up	8am
Friday, August 1 st – Saturday, August 2 nd Piercetown Days		
Sunday, August 3 rd ,	Donuts & Coffee	Following 9am Mass
Tuesday, August 5 th ,	Knights of Columbus Meeting	6:30pm
Sunday, August 10 th ,	Confirmation @Sacred Heart	2pm
Tuesday, August 12 th ,	Parish Council Meeting	6:30pm

Ministers Schedule:

Saturday, June 28, 4:00pm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sandy Miner

Lector: Angie Burkhart

Sunday, June 29, 9:00am

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Linda Seiss

Lector: Greg Rostochak

Please Keep in Your Prayers this Week:

Sue DeLaCruz, Tom & Jena Brovont, Brent Widman, Niece of Carolyn Perry, Roman Martinez, & Maggie Elpusan.

Parish Announcements:

We are still in need of a few more counters for collections for the 1st & 2nd Sundays of the month. Counting happens after Mass on Sunday. Contact the office for more info.

Knights of Columbus:

Call all men of Christ! You and your guest can join us for a Free Dinner to find out how you can help us serve our church community! Tuesday, July 1st from 6-7:30pm in Parish Hall. Please fill out a form and throw it in the collection basket by June 22nd (to help us with a head count for food).

Women's Fellowship Group:

It was so lovely to see everyone that came out for our tour of the Biblical garden, rosary, & picnic. Don't forget to join your fellow women of the parish every 1st Friday for Mass/adoration then meet up for breakfast at Maria's after. *There will be no meet up in July.

Fall Adult Bible Study:

Thank you to everyone who participated during the Lenten Season. Look for fall topics coming soon.

Land of Peace:

In these challenging times, we invite you to a special event next weekend. Following all Masses, a representative from Land of Peace, a not-for-profit organization will be with us to shed light on the struggles faced by Christians in the Holy Land.

This mission aims to bring hope and support to Christian families and churches in the Middle East, who are enduring continuous violence and a decline in tourism. Your participation can help make a profound difference.

Available for purchase will be religious articles made from Olive Wood, a material native to the Holy Land and Bethlehem. These items, including crucifixes and rosaries, offer a tangible connection to a land that holds deep spiritual significance.

We encourage you to join us and support this meaningful cause. For more information, please visit www.landofpeace.org.

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Kingdom Builders:

Kingdom Builders is seeking a part-time Bookkeeper and a part-time Development Coordinator to support our growing mission! To learn more about these opportunities and view the job description, please email Stephanie Weigert at stephanie.weigert@buildingthroughhim.com.

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