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Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

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When I originally set the times for the Mass Schedule for the remainder of the corona crisis the thinking was as many masses as possible to avoid overcrowding. Thankfully, we have not had that experience at last weekend's masses. The vast majority are staying home for now, and that is a good thing for those who are unsure, feel vulnerable because of health concerns or other reasons. I commend you. I know how much you want to be back in the pews and to receive Holy Communion once again. The time will come when that will be a reality. For now, whatever decision you make is the right decision for you. Again, the obligation to attend Eucharist remains lifted until the Bishop declares otherwise. Those of you who are coming know that we are taking extraordinary steps to keep everyone safe with social distancing, cleaning, wearing masks, and the other recommendations made by the CDC and the Diocese of Scranton. The need for the number of people who have been attending masses has been between 25-35 so we do not feel the need to take reservations for Mass at this time. The 7:00 pm Saturday Mass has the lowest attendance and seems unnecessary at this time. We will discontinue the Saturday evening 7:00 Mass after this Saturday. If need arises, we can always put it back in the schedule. For now, the Weekend Schedule will be: Saturday 5:00 pm, (Confessions at 4:30), Sunday 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am and 5:30 pm. It appears these masses can handle the number of people easily during this time of the pandemic. As always, keep safe and healthy. We are praying for everyone. God Bless You, Father Joe

On Another Note:

Next weekend we will mail home the bulletin for Father's Day. Included in that mailing will be a form that we ask you to fill out and return to us as it will help us significantly update our Parish Census. We are missing lots of information on a good number of people and would like to rectify that at once. Also as the Diocese continues to develop Pastoral Plans for Parishes we need accurate numbers and stats to provide them for discernment of needs. We ask that you take a few moments and fill it out as best you can and get it back to us as soon as possible. Your personal information will kept confidential. Please do not skip the survey. It will also be available to download from our homepage for those who may miss the mailing.

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera today, Sunday, June 14th, at 2:30pm. The Mass will be broadcast live on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton and also can be viewed live on the Diocesan website. Anniversary couples will be invited to participate in the Mass from home, using the Wedding Anniversary Mass program which they received in the mail. Anniversary packets, with updated information for celebrating couples, were mailed to all couples whose names were submitted by parish offices. Because the Mass will be live-streamed, all married couples in the Diocese are invited to participate in the Mass from home as well.

Office Hours Resume

Our office hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30am -5:00pm and Friday, 8:30am-3:00pm. Please call for an appointment if you have business to do at the rectory. Masks are required, along with proper hand sanitization. No social calls at this time, please. Essential business only.

GFT Scholarships - Attention High School Seniors!

Two scholarships will be offered by the GFT Foundation to members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish who are looking to continue their education whether it be college, technical or vocational school. The scholarships will be awarded based on merit and need. Guidelines for the scholarship and the application are on our website or can be requested by email at seton.swoy@aol.com. The deadline is **June 30**, **2020** for the 2020 fall semester.





We have been experiencing a decrease in the number of envelopes and offerings in the past several weeks. We are grateful to all who have been sending in envelopes and donations regularly. The summer months are a particular chal-



lenge for us especially with the loss of fundraising and the loss of income from the Festival that is cancelled. Our expenses continue mount as we strive to keep the 3 buildings operating and the 5 properties entrusted to our care maintained. Along with assessments, salaries, and other expenses, we need your support.

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If you are not able to contribute at this time, know that your prayers are just as important for our parish. We need you help, both spiritually and financially. If you find that you are in need during this time, please contact the pastor as we are here to do whatever we can to assist you in procuring resources needed.



The Body and Blood of Christ

A little boy in the First Communion class proved that kids might listen more than parents think. He was one of the more difficult—or rather, interesting—students and he had proven himself a challenge to teach. When asked why we receive Jesus in Holy Communion, he told the class that his mom said that his receiving Communion was her last hope. The only way to get the devil out of him was to get Jesus into him!

Celebrating and receiving the Eucharist is central to our faith. But also important is what we do afterwards. If we simply go through the motions and receive Communion because it's that time of the Mass, then we miss the point. Joining ourselves to the Lord means that we accept His command to love one another and carry on His mission of teaching, healing and forgiving. Receiving Communion is never a passive thing, but always one that moves us to act with greater virtue and faith. It brings us to a deeper union with Jesus and with His Body, the Church.

Today we celebrate the Body and Blood of Christ with special prayers and processions. Recall those special times in your life when receiving Communion was so special: your First Communion, your wedding, an anniversary or special celebration. As you offer your thanks, resolve to let your public acts of faith inspire you to grow in the image of Jesus. Give the devil reason to flee! Become more like the One who you receive.

~James Gaffney, © 2008 Karides Lic. to St. George Publishing jim@stgeorgepublishing.com





REMEMBERING AT EUCHARIST

Monday, June 15

6:30 am Chet & Sonia Swimley Irene Gulla

Tuesday, June 16

6:30 am Carly Baker Nanny & Pop

Wednesday, June 17

6:30 am Richard Morrissey Jim & Carol Morrissey

Thursday, June 18

6:30 am Health & Blessings for Deacon Jack Social Concerns Committee

Friday, June 19

6:30 am Frank Conniff VFW Post 396, Wyoming

Saturday, June 20

5:00 pm Father's Day Intentions

Sunday, June 21

7:00 am **Pro Populo**

9:00 am Father's Day Intentions

11:00 am Father's Day Intentions

5:30 pm Father's Day Intentions

This Week's Sanctuary Candles

1. In Memory of Carly Baker offered by Nanny & Pop

2. In Memory of Louis R. Cremard offered by Family



Sanctuary Candles

IN DYING THAT WE ARE BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE...

~~Mary Ann Pavalonis~~

May the Lord grant her Eternal Rest. Amen.



ALTAR FLOWERS

~In Memory of Elaine Smith offered by husband, Richard





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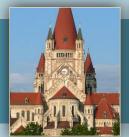
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