

METHUEN CATHOLIC

THE PARISHES OF ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY

JUN 11
2023

BODY AND
BLOOD OF
CHRIST



"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." John 6:51

Photo: Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P.

CORPUS CHRISTI

THE SOLEMNITY OF BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Second Sunday after Pentecost

On the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, we give special honor to Jesus, truly present in the most Blessed Sacrament of the altar. As Catholics, we worship the presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, both during Mass and outside of Mass. We are encouraged to spend time in prayer before the Lord in the Eucharist. Many parishes offer regular exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in a monstrance. We may also choose to visit the church at other times to adore the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle.

Why does Jesus give himself to us as food and drink?

Jesus gives himself to us in the Eucharist as spiritual nourishment because he loves us. God's whole plan for our salvation is directed to our participation in the life of the Trinity, the communion of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Our sharing in this life begins with our Baptism, when by the power of the Holy Spirit we are joined to Christ, thus becoming adopted sons and daughters of the Father. It is strengthened and increased in Confirmation. It is nourished and deepened through our participation in the Eucharist. By eating the Body and drinking the Blood of Christ in the Eucharist we become united to the person of Christ through his humanity. . . . In being united to the humanity of Christ we are at the same time united to his divinity. Our mortal and corruptible natures are transformed by being joined to the source of life. . . .

By being united to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in us, we are drawn up into the eternal rela-



Pope Francis leads Benediction outside the Basilica of St. Mary Major on the feast of Corpus Christi in Rome May 26, 2016 (CNS/Paul Haring)

tionship of love among the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. As Jesus is the eternal Son of God by nature, so we become sons and daughters of God by adoption through the sacrament of Baptism. Through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation (Chrismation), we are temples of the Holy Spirit, who dwells in us, and by his indwelling we are made holy by the gift of sanctifying grace. The ultimate promise of the Gospel is that we will share in the life of the Holy Trinity. The Fathers of the Church called this participation in the divine life "divinization" (theosis). In this we see that God does not merely send us good things from on high; instead, we are brought up into the inner life of God, the communion among the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In the celebration of the Eucharist (which means "thanksgiving") we give praise and glory to God for this sublime gift.

When the bread and wine become the Body of Christ, why do they still look and taste like bread and wine?

In the celebration of the Eucharist, the glorified Christ becomes present under

the appearances of bread and wine in a way that is unique, a way that is uniquely suited to the Eucharist. In the Church's traditional theological language, in the act of consecration during the Eucharist the "substance" of the bread and wine is changed by the power of the Holy Spirit into the "substance" of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. At the same time, the "accidents" or appearances of bread and wine remain. "Substance" and "accident" are here used as philosophical terms that have been adapted by great medieval theologians such as St. Thomas Aquinas in their efforts to understand and explain the faith. Such terms are used to convey the fact that what appears to be bread and wine in every way (at the level of "accidents" or physical attributes—that is, what can be seen, touched, tasted, or measured) in fact is now the Body and Blood of Christ (at the level of "substance" or deepest reality). This change at the level of substance from bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ is called "transubstantiation." According to Catholic faith, we can speak of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist because this transubstantiation has occurred (cf. Catechism, no. 1376).




The Society of St. Vincent de Paul St Monica/St Lucy Conference is collecting your donations of Clothes, Shoes and Bedding only

Saturday, June 17th (9am-4pm) and Sunday, June 18th (9am-1pm) 2023.

No furniture or household items accepted

Please help us-help others!

An SVDP truck will be located in the Parking Lot of St. Monica's Parish
212 Lawrence Street
Methuen, MA 01844




The World Apostolate of Fatima in the Archdiocese of Boston cordially invites you to attend their Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 17, 2023 from 9:00am-3:00pm at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, Holliston, MA.

There will be Mass, a talk on "Eucharist & Fatima" as well as lunch and praying the Rosary for world peace.

For more information or to register, please contact Mrs. Judi Scherba at Judith.Scherban@gmail.com.

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers, it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God ... and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary."
-Pope St. Pius X



SOME OF OUR YOUTH GOT TOGETHER IN MAY FOR A NIGHT OF BOWLING AT ACADEMY LANES IN HAVERHILL. If you're in high school and are interested in attending one of our youth events, invite a friend and join us.

Reach out to Sandra Freitas at sandrafreitas613@gmail.com or 978-376-7309 for more information.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION PROMOTING THE GOSPEL - JUNE 18

Next week's second collection will be shared by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) and the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). These two organizations communicate the Gospel by promoting works of justice, education and the dignity of human life. Your generous donations will give those in poverty the support they need to make lasting changes and will support ur local communications needs, such as Catholic TV programming.

For more information about these organizations, please visit

1. www.usccb.org/cchd
2. www.usccb.org/catholic-communication-campaign/index.cfm

While this collection supports national efforts, a portion of the proceeds are designated for local CCHD grants and parish communication efforts.

2023 JUNETEENTH

The Parish Offices will be
CLOSED
Monday, June 19

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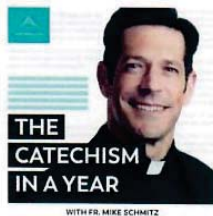
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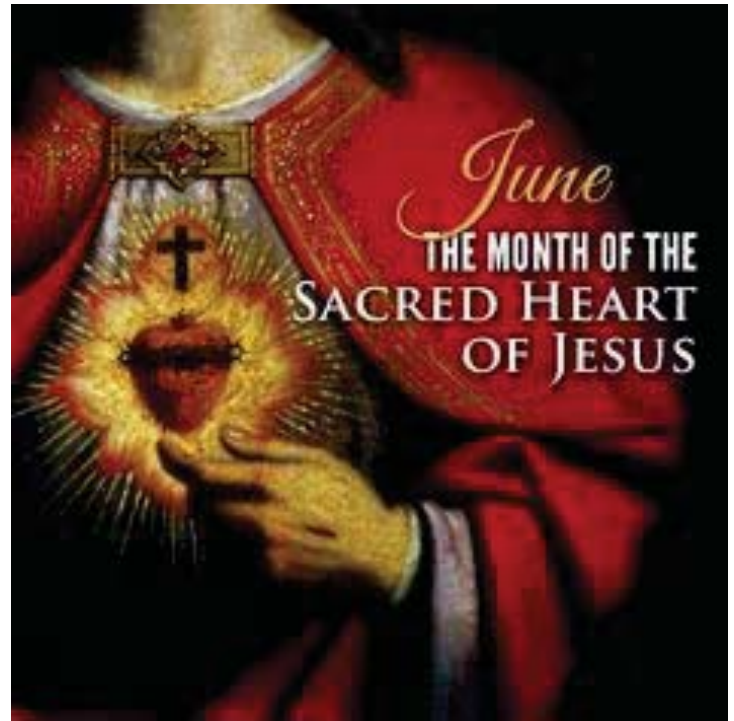
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PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle,
be our protection against the wickedness
and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host,
by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about
the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.



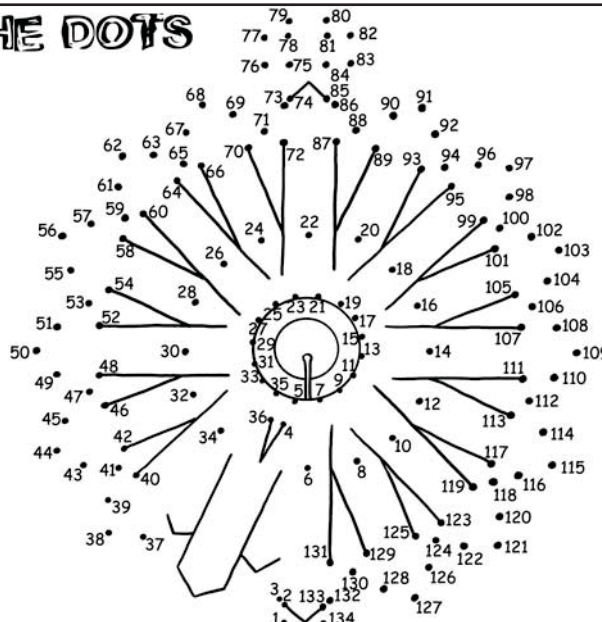
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READING: JOHN 6, 51-58

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THE BODY OF CHRIST - IS
SOMETIMES DISPLAYED IN
A MONSTRANCE.

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DECORATED HOLDER.

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SEE A BASIC
MONSTRANCE DESIGN



David Fielding

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By establishing a planned bequest, donation or trust gift, you can create a one-time or continued source of income that funds the perpetual mission of our Parishes.

For detailed information regarding how to support the future viability of our Faith Community please email methuencatholic@gmail.com or fill out the information below and drop in the offertory basket.

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Please fill out the information below to receive Legacy Foundation Information:

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THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

- Hospitality Sunday 10-11am St. Monica School Hall
- BVM Sodality Meeting 11:30-12:30 St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- Corpus Christi Procession 1-1:30pm St. Monica Church
- Spring Picnic 1:30-3pm St. Monica Church Parking Lot
- AA 7pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

MONDAY, JUNE 12

- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church
- Boy Scouts 7-8:30pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church
- MRA Group Meeting 9:30-11:30am St. Lucy Schoolhouse
- Rosary Prayer Group for Priests 6pm Gethsemane Chapel

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

- Last Day of School - HALF DAY
- Eucharistic Adoration 6-7pm St. Lucy Church

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church
- Rosary 6pm (Zoom)
- AA 6:30-8:30pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

FRIDAY, JUNE 16: Sacred Heart of Jesus

- SVDP Bundle Truck 9am-4pm St. Monica Parking Lot
- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church
- Eucharistic Adoration 2-5pm Gethsemane Chapel
- Confessions 4-5pm Gethsemane Chapel

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

- SVDP Bundle Truck 9am-1pm St. Monica Parking Lot
- Faith2Fit 8-9am Methuen Track and Field
- Mass 9am St. Monica Church
- Bettors Anonymous 2pm St. Monica SVDP Hut
- Confessions 3-3:45pm Gethsemane Chapel & St. Lucy Church



Jesus is longing for your presence.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
WEDNESDAY 6:00-7:00PM
FRIDAYS 2:00-5:00PM



FLAG DAY
JUNE 14
THE BIRTHDAY OF THE STARS AND STRIPES

OFFERTORY MAY 27 & 28

St. Monica - \$7,709.⁰⁰

St. Lucy - \$4,801.⁰⁰

Weekly Offertory needed to sustain parish operations: St. Monica - \$10,000 | St. Lucy - \$6,000

Thank you for your continued generous contribution to the mission of our parishes.



Yes, I CAN... We are in need of mashed potatoes, cereal, canned spaghetti, canned corn, canned fruit, canned pork & beans, and instant rice. Donations can be dropped off anytime at the entrances to St. Lucy Church and the side door of Gethsemane Chapel at St. Monica Church.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Mondays @ 10 am. Please email all bulletin notices to parishoffice.stlm@gmail.com.

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BAPTISMS 2nd Sunday of the month, 2:00pm at St. Monica's | 3rd Sunday of the month, 12:00pm at St. Lucy's

MARRIAGES Please call the Parish Offices at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date and before booking a reception hall.

MASS SCHEDULE SAT 4 pm (VIGIL) both parishes
SUN 9 am & 12 pm St. Monica
10:30 am St. Lucy
MON/TUES/THURS/FRI 9 am St. Lucy
SATURDAY 9 am St. Monica

CONFESSIONS

3 - 3:45 pm both parishes | Sat
4 - 5pm Gethsemane Chapel | Fri
6 - 7pm St. Lucy Church | Wed

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

2 - 5 pm Friday Gethsemane Chapel
6 - 7 pm Wednesday St. Lucy Church

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON*Ps 81 (80): 17*

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

ENTRANCE HYMN*Alleluia! Sing To Jesus*

1. Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! His the
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans Are we
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of An - gels, Here on

1. scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia!

1. his the tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone;
 2. he is near us, Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how:
 3. here the sin - ful Flee to you from day to day:

1. Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
 2. Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him, When the
 3. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, Earth's re -

1. like a might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - 'ry
 2. for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for - get his
 3. deem - er, plead for me, Where the songs of all the

1. na - tion Has re - deemed us by his blood.
 2. prom - ise? "I am with you ev - er - more!"
 3. sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.

PENITENTIAL ACT - GLORIA*Refer to Pew Card***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*Ps 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20*

℟. Praise the Lord, Je - ru - sa - lem. [Al - le - lu - ia!]

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.

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!

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.

SECOND READING*1 Cor 10: 16-17*

Brothers and sisters: 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

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 is 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;
Sign, 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 tastes:

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 taken doth
the very whole contain.

Nought the precious gift divides,
Breaking but the sign betides
Jesus still the same abides, still
unbroken does remain.

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Jn 6: 51*

℣. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

GOSPEL*Jn 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."

CREED*Refer to Pew Card*COMMUNION ANTIPHON*Jn 6: 57*

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

COMMUNION HYMN*Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All*

1. Je - sus, my Lord, my God, my All, How can I
 2. Had I but Ma - ry's sin - less heart, To love thee
 3. O! see up - on the al - tar placed The vic - tim



1. love thee as I ought? And how re - vere this
 2. with, my dear - est King; O! with what bursts of
 3. of di - vin - est love! Let all the earth be -



1. won - drous gift, So far sur - pass - ing hope or thought?
 2. fer - vent praise Thy good - ness, Je - sus, would I sing.
 3. low a - dore, And join the choirs of heav'n a - bove.



Sweet Sac - ra - ment, we thee a - dore! O make us love thee



more and more! O make us love thee more and more.

RECESSIONAL HYMN*Praise To The Lord*

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the king of cre - a - tion! O my soul,
 2. Praise to the Lord, who shall pros-per our work and de-fend us; Sure-ly his
 3. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in us a-dore him! All that has



1. praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion! Come, all who hear:
 2. good-ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at-tend us. Pon - der a - new
 3. life and breath come now with prais - es be-fore him! Let the "A-men"



1. Now to his al - tar draw near, Join-ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 2. what the Al-might-y can do, Who with his love will be-friend us.
 3. sound from his peo-ple a - gain, Now as we wor-ship be - fore him!

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, June 10

9:00am Richard Pantaleo
4:00pm Julie Ahles

Sunday, June 11

9:00am Leo Hamel
Gerard Hamel
James Miner
Antoinette & Nemetallah Khalife
Donald & Patricia Leslie
12:00pm Guy Beninati

Saturday, June 17

9:00am Joseph Lavigne
Yvette Moran
Mike Milnes
4:00pm For the Parishioners of
St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes

Sunday, June 18

9:00am Joseph Indoccio
Albert Zampelli
Kevin Waterworth
Marianna Zielinski
Diane Margosian
12:00pm Walter Witkos

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Sun	06/11/23	Pope Francis	Alexander Charrow
Mon	06/12/23	Fr. Stephen Donohoe	Gerson Garcia
Tues	06/13/23	Fr. Anthony Medeiros	Chris Barton
Wed	06/14/23	Fr. John E. Kelly	Alden Bronson
Thurs	06/15/23	Fr. James Laughlin	Alexander De Tirado
Fri	06/16/23	Bishop O'Connell (ordained 1990)	Joe Jasinski
Sat	06/17/23	Fr. Derek Borek	Diego Mendoza

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, June 10

4:00pm For the Parishioners of
St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes

Sunday, June 11

10:30am Deceased Members of the BVM Sodality
Silvia Arcidiacono
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Mentor
Vileja Denis
Cecilia DelliColli

Monday, June 12

9:00am Helen Mahoney

Tuesday, June 13

9:00am LIVING INTENTIONS
Phyllis Thomas
Charlene Pinette
Kate Jackson

Thursday, June 15

9:00am Camille McKenney

Friday, June 16

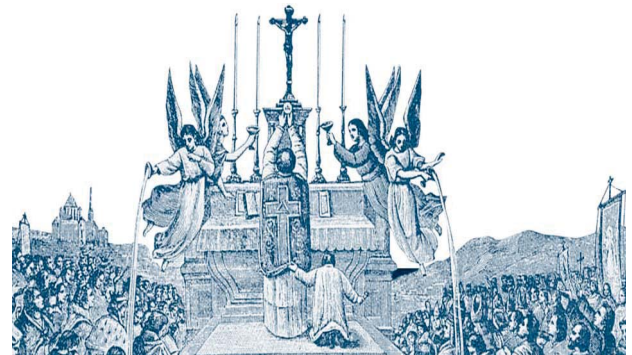
9:00am Sandra "Cookie" Rogalski

Saturday, June 17

4:00pm Helen Piskaldo

Sunday, June 18

10:30am Dennis Miele
Isidore Trovato
Jim Gablosky



PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Ellen W., P.K., Patrice K., Matt W. & Bill R.

Please pray for Claire G. Pollard, Judith Entwistle, Frederick J. Beeley, Guy Arsenault & Claire A. Caredeo whose funerals we recently celebrated. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

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Fr. Tom Nestor has served as pastor at the Collaborative Parishes of Resurrection and Saint Paul in Hingham for the past ten years, and previously served at St. Eulalia's in Winchester for 17 years. A Harvard graduate and native of West Roxbury, Fr. Nestor is known for fostering a sense of community wherever he goes.

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