



# Holy Spirit Catholic Church

June 2nd & 3rd, 2018

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## Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5p.m.

Sunday: 7:30a.m. & 10:15a.m.

Liturgy of the Word for Children; Sundays at the 10:15 a.m. Mass

Weekdays: Mon.-Thurs. & First Friday & First Saturdays 9a.m.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Every Thursday, First Fridays and First Saturdays following the 9a.m. Mass or at the Rectory with an appointment

## For other Sacraments:

Please call the Parish Office

6 months in advance for Marriage

3 months in advance for Baptism

# The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

## June 2nd & 3rd

... from the Pastor's desk...

### ***The Solemnity Of The Most Holy Body And Blood Of Christ***

*Today's feast always brings to mind the somewhat disturbing phrasing of eating flesh and drinking blood. But, there is no way around it; that is CLEARLY what Jesus said. And His words were as polarizing and disturbing then as now. Surely He can't mean this literally? Can He? For centuries scholars have offered reasons and explanations as to why He said what He did. Here is a contemporary one. It also does a good job of explaining why we call it the 'Sacrifice' of the Mass. Fr. Ron*

#### **Indelicate Question**

Why are you eating somebody's body and drinking his blood? An indelicate question, but still, why?

You walk up the aisle and receive what appears to be bread and wine, but which is really Christ's Body and Blood. The Roman historian Pliny the Elder (23-79 AD) described Christians as cannibals. And many of Jesus' followers simply walked away when he said, "*Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.*" (Jn 6:56ff)

One answer is found in the word "*sacrifice.*" Oh not in today's meaning of the word: some items we enjoy but give up for Lent. Or as parents might say: "*I sacrificed my own interests in order to raise you kids.*" Many meanings, but the basis is the real one.

Once upon a time, the tribes of the world tried to please whatever gods they believed in, by offering "*sacrifices*" to them. They wanted a better harvest, prevention of the storm, or the drought, receipt of plenty instead of starvation, victory in battle, and so on.

Why do this? It involved taking the best lamb from the herd, for example, and making it a gift for the gods by freeing it from earth. This is why sacrifice usually meant killing an offering. Sacrifice of the lamb or dove was meant to represent the best things that belonged to earth, now directed to heaven. Send the finest of earth up to paradise in order that the best of paradise could come down to earth.

Also, people ate the flesh and drank the blood of their offering. Why? So that they too could be part

of the giving to the gods. They became an integral portion of the sacrificial union of heaven and earth.

The desire for earth to join the gods is lodged deep in human culture and human nature. In the fullness of time, the one God gave his people at last a real connection with the One for whom they had been thirsting. He did it through sacrifice, reversing the order of the offering by sending himself to be sacrificed.

God sent the best of heaven to earth in order that the best of earth (Christ on the cross) could go up to heaven!

Christ was emphatically of the earth, and thus he achieved a perfect unity of heaven and earth in this "*sacrifice.*" Animals could not choose to be offered, but Christ did so choose, freely, out of love, on our behalf.

Alright, what about sacramental signs? At what we call the Last Supper, he symbolized what would happen the next day when he handed over his body and blood. But he did it under the sacramental appearance of bread and wine. This was a representation for all time of the bloody sacrifice on the cross, now in an 'unbloody' form, and remaining today in every mass

So what is the answer to the question we began with? You and I eat flesh and drink blood in order to be a part of Christ's sacrifice. In order to join in the new and eternal covenant. It is our salvation and that of the world.

Let us let it in.

John Foley, SJ



# Holy Spirit Men's Club Man of the Year Award 2018



**JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**

Man of the Year Award 2018  
Distinguished Achievement Award  
Election & Installation of Officers  
Cocktails at 6:00-Dinner 7:00 PM

***Bring your wives and  
friends!***

(Adults only please)

Wonderful Dinner ....  
by our (in)famous cooks

**Don't miss this great menu  
and our final meeting  
of this year.**

**\$20.00 FOR DINNER-NO HOST BAR**

**PAY AT THE DOOR-  
RSVP PLEASE**

SO THE COOKS CAN PLAN THE MEAL

[HSMCSR@AOL.COM](mailto:HSMCSR@AOL.COM)

or call 707-696-1279-John Caruso

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND THOSE WHO NEED**

**OUR PRAYERS:** The intentions of the Holy Spirit Prayer Chain, Steve Straessler, Tristan Humble, Mauro DeTrizio, Helen Hubbard, Joey Benjamin, Karen D'Ambrogi, Bonnie Clark, Renee Dierckx, Jackson Langdon, Nina Cantacessi, Debbie Sickma, Lisa Adams, Margaret Potchatek, Charlotte Facchini, Anne Benjamin, Erasmo Roque, Ken Davis, Marilyn Lechuga, Chuck Fritch, George Fannuci, Pat LaRussa, and Irma Schelter

**FOR THE SOULS OF:** Bruce Campbell, Dennis DeCota, Charlie Rogers, Frank Mantellina, Ray Hill, Alice Puruggannan, Howard Furlong, Al Pisenti, Richard Marson, Margaret Winrich, Carmen Leon-Guerrero, Rose Mary Bernstein, Barbara Bobrowski, Virginia Marson and George Gooding

**The Mass Schedule June 2nd-June 10**

06/02	Sat	9:00am	†Patricia Abbatiello
06/02	Sat	5:00pm	†Daniel Sullivan
06/03	Sun	7:30am	Mass for the People
06/03	Sun	10:15am	†Floyd Wilson
06/04	Mon	9:00am	†Floyd Wilson
06/05	Tues	9:00am	Greg Gollan
06/06	Wed	9:00am	Int. of Sarah Neal
06/07	Thurs	9:00am	Int. of Nolund & Tara Kowalski-10th Anniv.
06/08	Fri	9:00am	Communion Service
06/09	Sat	5:00pm	†Linda Capuano
06/10	Sun	7:30am	Mass for the People
06/10	Sun	10:15am	†Elaine Darling



ALTAR FLOWERS

Our altar flowers this weekend are in  
loving memory of  
Cyril & Madeline Darling



**LAST WEEK'S PLATE COLLECTION: \$ 5,801.60**

**THIS WEEK'S COLLECTION: BUILDING MAINT:**

**June 9th & 10th—10th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Greeters	Servers
Sat, June 9th 5 pm	#1-H. Kimrij. #2-R. Brady	Cheryl Dudley, Joanne Landen, Martha Johnson, Ed. Mattingly, Judith Mattingly	As Available	As Available.
Sun., June 10th 7:30 am	#1.L. Davis #2-K. Leroy	Robin Kunde, Kurt Kunde, Lee Ward	As Available	Elizabeth McDonnel.
Sun, June 10th 10:15 am	#1-D. Bowers #2-H. Kelley	Diane & John Lisciandro, Jacky Macy, Griff & Gloria McKay, Tim & Shirtly Sullivan, Tony Pimentel, Patty Zack	As Available	Jerome Salvador
Children's Liturgy of the Word – Jennifer Marinace				
Homebound Week of May 6th M. Hoefft, T. Pimentel, M. Davis				

# FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

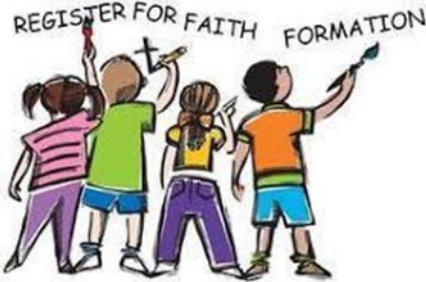
## Faith Formation Grades 1-6

June 2nd & 3rd

### REGISTRATION 2018-19

*You are invited to join us next year, no matter what your age, and take the opportunity to grow in your relationship with God and others!*

#### NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN FOR THE FALL!



Grades K to 5... classes will be held Sunday mornings 9-10:05AM and possibly Wednesday afternoons 3:30-4:30PM  
Confirmation Preparation; Monday Evenings 6:30-8:30PM

Middle School Youth Ministry: Tuesday Evenings 6:30-8PM  
High School Youth Ministry: Wednesday Evenings 7-8:30PM

#### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

##### First Communion Preparation

(2 year process... 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade or RCIC for older children\*)

Middle School Confirmation Preparation (2 year process... 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade)

High School Confirmation (2 year process... 1 year Youth Ministry & 2<sup>nd</sup> year Confirmation Class)

We will take registrations through June 25<sup>th</sup> or until classes are full.

Registration forms are in the back of the church!

**Any parent wishing to enroll an older child (4<sup>th</sup> grade to high school) wanting to receive further Sacraments ( i.e. Baptism, First Communion or First Reconciliation), may contact Megan O'Neill for more information. You and your child are invited to a period of Inquiry!**



**ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS ARE WELCOME** to join us for Breaking Open the Word and an episode of Joan of Arcadia! "God asks Joan to perform certain tasks which ultimately have moral and philosophical consequences.

This week **"Drive He Said"** Join us for a great show, discussion and prayer  
Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 7-8:30PM

**BRING A FRIEND!**



### **SAVE THE DATE MIDDLE SCHOOL MOVIE MADNESS!**

**Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> 6-9PM**

**Holy Family Room**

**Dinner, Popcorn and drinks will be provided!**

**All middle school teens (incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders to outgoing 8<sup>th</sup> graders) are welcome to join the fun!**

**RSVP to Megan O'Neill by June 7<sup>th</sup> m.oneill-hsc@outlook.com**



#### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

**Anyone wishing to become Catholic or wanting to receive further Sacraments, i.e., First Communion or Confirmation, may contact Megan O'Neill for more information. You are invited to a period of Inquiry!**

