

**PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS  
FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST  
JUNE 6, 2021**

**Welcome to all who are here to worship with us.**

**Today we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.**

**Whoever you may be, or wherever you find yourself on the journey, please know that here at St. Matthias,  
*All Are Welcome.***

- Congratulations to our St. Matthias graduates. This weekend we celebrate the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates at 2:00 pm **Sunday/today** with an invitation only baccalaureate Mass followed by the graduation ceremony itself. Both the Mass and ceremony will be live-streamed on our YouTube channel.
- Please see the cover of the bulletin for an important letter from Fr. Abraham on the selection of the new SMS principal, Mary Lynch, whose announcement was issued this past Friday. We welcome Mary Lynch to this important role and we pray for her future success. And we give thanks to Elena Malinonico for her leadership in the parish and school during one of the most challenging years on record, and wish her only the best in her new role.
- Empty Bowls is back! The in-person sale (yes, I said in-person) is being held on Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm here in Somerset. Proceeds from Empty Bowls benefits the Franklin Township Foodbank. More information is on page 10 of the bulletin.
- The Diocese recently issued new guidance for the Mass in keeping with relaxed COVID restrictions from the State of NJ and the CDC. This weekend at St. Matthias, we begin the return to a full celebration of the liturgy which will continue over the summer. A flier with the initial changes is at each exit of the church and the cafeteria this weekend. Further communication will roll out in the coming weeks.
- Finally, if you are a high school senior altar server, please note that the parish would like to honor you on Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at the 12:00 Mass. If any senior servers would like to participate in the Mass, please contact Cathy Allegro or Phyllis Stone. Senior Altar Server names are listed on page 8 of the bulletin.

**Today's feast celebrates Jesus' gift of himself to us a spiritual food and drink. What do we do with this gift? Do we become the Body of Christ alive in the world – bread broken and wine poured out for others?**

## Music for Our Assembly

### June 5, 2021 - Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

*He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock...Psalm 81*

#### Entrance Hymn - Here at This Table

##### Refrain

**Come and be filled here at this table. Food for all who hunger and drink for all who thirst....Drink of his love, wine of salvation. You shall live forever in Jesus Christ the Lord.**

You who labor for justice, you who labor for peace, you who steady the plow in the field of the Lord, **Refrain**

You with lives full of pain, you who sorrow and weep, you, beloved of Christ, come to him, come to him! **Refrain**

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#### Responsorial Psalm 116

I will take the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, and call on the name of the Lord.

#### Communion Hymn - Gift of Finest Wheat

##### Refrain

**You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat;  
Come give to us, O saving Lord, The bread of life to eat.**

As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;  
So when you call your fam'ly, Lord, we follow and rejoice. **Refrain**

With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude,  
That you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heav'nly food. **Refrain**

Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured?  
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord? **Refrain**

The myst'ry of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell:  
Whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell. **Refrain**

You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be,  
To serve each other in your name In truth and charity. **Refrain**

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#### Closing Hymn - From This Table

From this table feed the hungry, from this table clothe the poor.  
In the eyes of friend and stranger, recognize the living Lord.  
With conviction and compassion go and do what Christ commands  
From this table be a vessel of the love that never ends.

From this table hold in reverence those deprived of hope and choice;  
Let the children and the old ones find a future and a voice.  
Listen closely to the struggles of the broken and the lost.  
From this table be their comfort, thinking not of gain or cost

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## **PRAYERS FOR THE MASS**

### **GLORIA**

***Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.***

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty  
Father.

***Glory to God...***

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the  
world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy  
on us.

***Glory to God...***

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God  
the Father. Amen.

***Glory to God...***

### **CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and  
earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was  
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered  
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He  
descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the  
dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge  
the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy  
Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of  
sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

**Responsorial Psalm  
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**R. I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name  
of the Lord**

**How shall I make a return to the LORD  
for all the good he has done for me?  
The cup of salvation I will take up,  
and I will call upon the name of the LORD.**

**Precious in the eyes of the LORD  
is the death of his faithful ones.  
I am your servant, the son of your handmaid;  
you have loosed my bonds.**

**To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
and I will call upon the name of the LORD.  
My vows to the LORD I will pay  
in the presence of all his people.**

**R. I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name  
of the Lord.**

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

June 5 - 6, 2021

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***Our response: "God of Glory, hear our prayer."***

1. For Pope Francis, bishops, and all church leaders...Make them zealous in preaching Your Gospel of redemption, we pray... ***Our response: "God of Glory, hear our prayer."***
2. For global, national, and civic leaders...Guide them to establish covenants among peoples that are centered in Your justice and peace, we pray... ***Our response: "God of Glory, hear our prayer."***
3. For this intentional faith community of Saint Matthias...May the sharing of the Eucharist bind us closer to one another in the Body of Christ...and may we, in this Pride Month, build bridges that recognize the human dignity and the God-given gifts and talents of all, we pray... ***Our response: "God of Glory, hear our prayer."***
4. For all graduates, especially those from our parish...As they move on to new challenges and opportunities, keep them close to the Eucharistic table as a source of spiritual nourishment, we pray... ***Our response: "God of Glory, hear our prayer."***
5. For those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our parish and school sick lists...In Your mercy, journey with them and provide for their physical and spiritual needs, we pray... ***Our response: "God of Glory, hear our prayer."***
6. For those who have died, especially Robert Bachmann and Dorothy Dugan...May they now receive the eternal inheritance promised to all the faithful, we pray... ***Our response: "God of Glory, hear our prayer."***
7. For the intentions of all of us assembled today in worship...Answer our petitions and hold us always in Your love, we pray... ***Our response: "God of Glory, hear our prayer."***

## **Spiritual Communion Prayer**

**My Jesus,**

**I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.**

**I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.**

**Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.**

**I embrace You as if You were already there and  
unite myself wholly to You,  
and I believe your words,**

**"Come to me all you who labor and are heavy laden,  
and I will refresh you."**

**Never permit me to be separated from You.**

**Amen.**