June 6, 2021

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Psalm 116:13

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June Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

The beauty of marriage

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Sat. June 5 - 4:00 PM - Susanna Tomlinson, NOT FILLED
Sun. June 6 - 8:00 AM - James Krug, Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. June 6 - 10:00 AM - Barbara Bundy, Donna Moyer

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. June 5 - 4:00 PM - Keaton Swope, Ryan Donoughe
Sun. June 6 - 8:00 AM - Mai Linh Do, Amber Yasolsky
Sun. June 6 - 10:00 AM - Bob Olson, NOT FILLED

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. June 5 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker
Sun. June 6 - 8:00 AM - Lou Ann Clark
Sun. June 6 - 10:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti, Kenneth Gorman

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. June 5 - 4:00 PM - Billy Sweet , Judy Sneath, Paula VanSickel, Larry VanSickel
Sun. June 6 - 8:00 AM - Ginny Reeder, Jane Strasser, Diane Turcovsky, Daniel Turcovsky
Sun. June 6 - 10:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Marilyn Bevan , Peg Madden , Patrick Podoletz

SACRISTAN

Sat. June 5 - 4:00 PM - Mary & Ray King
Sun. June 6 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. June 6 - 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

SCRIP

Sat. June 5 - 4:00 PM - Chris Palazzi, Julie Beiswenger
Sun. June 6 - 8:00 AM - Erika & Heather Yasolsky
Sun. June 6 - 10:00 AM - Jane Byrne, Carolyn English

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A Few Words from the Pastor:

Monsignor Becker is on vacation from June 1 to June 11.
A Few Words from the Pastor will return to the bulletin when he gets back.

Also, during the month of June we will be taking a break from recording a daily reflection to post on our website and Facebook pages.

This weekend we welcome Father Eloy Romero-Rojas from Cross Catholic Outreach. He will share some touching stories about the amazing work the ministry performs with mission partners worldwide.

Fr. Romero-Rojas was born in Caracas, Venezuela and ordained to the priesthood on March 17, 2000 in the Military Diocese of Venezuela. He resides in Fort Lee, New Jersey.

Fr. Romero-Rojas went to the Military Seminary of Bogota, Colombia from 1995 to 1999. He obtained degrees in theology and international affairs from the Pontifical University Xaveriana in Bogota. He also holds a Master in Bioethics & Law from the University of Barcelona.

Before coming to the United States, Fr. Romero-Rojas was a military chaplain for the Venezuelan Air Force.

Since 2003, Fr. Rojas has been preaching in parishes across the United States raising funds for the downtrodden and the neglected in the developing world. He not only brings his experienced bilingual preaching skills to Cross Catholic Outreach but also his dedication to God's most precious lambs — the poor!**"**

Please be generous in your response to his appeal. Please be sure to say "hi" after Mass. Brochures with a donation envelope will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.

Cross Catholic Outreach has very little overhead, and the majority of funds raised go directly to the projects helping the poorest of the poor around the world. To learn more about Cross Catholic Outreach, please visit CrossCatholic.org/outreach or text BLESSINGS to 474747.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL: *(Mark 14: 12-16: 22-26)* One gets the impression there was always a lot of sharing, discussion and learning during the many meals Jesus and the disciples ate together. How does this compare to the meals in your home? Today's gospel challenges us to make our meals more than physical functions and more a time for sharing. *Reprinted with permission: A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar.*

ST. JOSEPH MISSION CHURCH OPEN FOR VISITATION AND SELF-GUIDED TOURS*:* Hart's Sleeping Place, Carrolltown. This historic Church, blessed by Servant of God, Demetrius Gallitzin himself on October 10, 1830, will be opening once a month for visitation and self-guided tours. Schedule: The Church will be open from Noon – 3:00 PM on Sundays: June 6th, July 4, August 1 and September 5. New website: Website: http://www.sjmc1830.com; *Save-the-Date: Sunday, August 1, at 4:00 PM:* A special outdoor Mass with Bishop Mark as Main Celebrant, will be held. The Church will be open from Noon - 3:30 PM, with Confessions from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM.

COME AND JOIN US FOR A NEW ADVENTURE!!
CAMP ZACCHAEUS 2021 DAY CAMPS!

For Youth entering Grades 3-9 in the Fall of 2021
Three great days of Faith, Fun and Friendship in three easily accessible areas of the Diocese!
July 19, 20, 21, 2021 – 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
(Daily check-in begins at 8:30 AM)
Altoona Area – St. Patrick, Newry
State College Area – Good Shepherd, Port Matilda
July 26, 27, 28, 2021 - 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
(Daily check-in begins at 8:30 AM)
Johnstown Area - Resurrection Picnic Grove, Johnstown
Campers will enjoy daily Liturgies, inspirational music, prayer experiences, evangelization sessions (our theme lesson for the day), games, arts and crafts and lots more! Camp will be held following all current Federal (CDC), State and Diocesan protocols for Camp Zacchaeus for COVID. For more information or to receive a brochure, contact Francine Swope in the Youth Ministry Office at (814)317-2646.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Please register now for the 2021-2022 year!

To register for the Diocesan Summer Camps - Camp Timothy (Grades 10-12 & Newly Graduated Seniors) and Camp Zacchaeus (Grades 3-9) - please contact Francine Swope in the Youth Ministry Office at (814)317-2646.

If you have any questions about Faith Formation, you may contact Diane Ryan by calling 814-942-5503 or by emailing her at stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net.

PARISH PICNIC UPDATE: This year's parish picnic will be held here at St. John's on *August 1st after the 10:00 Mass*. We had a good first planning meeting and discussed needs for the picnic. We are looking for folks who would allow us to use any canopies or large tents and we are also considering a DJ. If anyone can or knows of someone who could help us out, please give us a call. Pat 717-575-4224 or Sue Podoletz 717-575-1142. Sue's email is mrspodo@hotmail.com.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, June 6th after the 10:00 Mass in the Parish Center. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to join us.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: In Ezekiel's version of the prophecy by Isaiah we hear that God promises to bring forth a wonderful and productive growth-Jesus. St. Paul's perspective of being a branch or a limb from a tree compares us to the Body of Christ, the Church. The branches can each serve a different purpose, but all be combined to produce the fruits of the whole. Each of us is important to the "Tree of Life," which is held together by the Holy Spirit.

Only God can truly make us what we are to be and what we are called to be as part of the Body of Christ. We are all accountable for the gifts God has given us on Earth – our time, talent and treasure. One day each of us will be asked by God what we did with those gifts. How will you respond? (*Stewardship Reflection*, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2018/6/01)

May 23, 2021

Envelopes	$	3,746.00
Loose Offerings	$	665.00
Children's Offerings	$	3.00
Catholic Communication	$	5.00
Ascension of the Lord	$	35.00
Food Bank Collection	$	345.00
Subtotal	*$*	*4,799.00*
Online Giving	$	1,948.00
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Payments/Donations $175,148
Pledge Payment Committed 11,925
Total Pledges/Donations $187,073

2021 Catholic Ministries Drive: Goal $42,813.

January 1 to March $31, 2021:
Payments/Donations $32,820
Pledge Payments Committed $1,000
Total Pledges/Donations $33,820

ST JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

Please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at ginny.reeder@gmail.com to add or remove someone from the prayer list. PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING and their caregivers and give thanks for those who have recovered. *Lord we ask for your blessings and care for these and all people in need*:

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HOME WITH THE LORD

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:

Ron Peschock

Patty Bartley

May they rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.

BIG CHICKEN BBQ TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW: On Sunday, June 27, we will hold a *DRIVE THRU ONLY* Chicken BBQ at the Knights of Columbus, 324 Bedford St., Hollidaysburg, beginning at 11:00 AM. The $10 tickets will go on sale next weekend (June 5 & 6). Tickets will also be available in the Parish Office, which is open weekdays from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM - (814-942-5503) The proceeds will go to our Twin Parish in Haiti.

AN ARISE CELEBRATION OUTDOOR MASS: To bring Arise to a close and to celebrate in thanksgiving that which we have experienced, we invite you to the Outdoor Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies on June 6, at 7:00 p.m. This is one of the regularly scheduled outdoor Masses but with your presence in the crowd, together in Christ we will celebrate what God has done for us and what is still to come. All are invited to attend. Please bring a lawn chair.

WELGE COLLEGE JUNIOR & SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS:
Available students who will be juniors or seniors at accredited college or university this fall may apply for an opportunity to receive one of three $500 grants from the Adelaide Heverly Welge Scholarship Endowment. Please visit the "Grants" page of the Independent Catholic Foundation website, www.icfdaj.org to download, complete and sign the application, which should be emailed to grants@icfdaj.org no later than 12:00 p.m., Friday, June 11. Award recipients will be notified in July.

Patris Corde 1. A Beloved Father, Head of the Holy Family

The greatness of St. Joseph is that he was the spouse of Mary and the father of Jesus. In this way, he placed himself, in the words of Saint John Chrysostom, "at the service of the entire plan of salvation." In a similar way, every father plays an essential role in bringing their families to Christ, because fatherhood is at the service of God's plan for salvation.

The veneration and naming of the Feast of St. Joseph was established by Pope Sixtus in 1479 for the growing commemoration of his marriage to Mary and his conscientious fatherhood and his defense of life. So let us pray that all fathers fulfill that role well, as they love and serve their families.

St. Joseph, a beloved father, head of the Holy Family, pray for us.

(Pope Francis Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde,* 1. Dec. 8, 2020; *St. Joseph Man of Faith*, Jacques Gauthier, Catholic Book Publishing, N.J., 2014) 2021, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Liturgy Committee, Liturgy Office, *Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center*, 2713 W. Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

Court Prince Gallitzin #2625 — Serving all 11 Altoona parishes and beyond. We are gathering on Monday, June 14th, in the St. Rose of Lima Social Hall, at 6:45 PM with the business meeting beginning at 7:00 PM. Enter through the automatic double doors on the 56th Street side of the school building. Catholic Daughters primary focus is *Spirituality and Service*! New members are always welcome – Please come and join us! You can find us online at: www.cda2625.com.

ROSARY RALLY JUNE 11: Join us for the 12th Annual Global Rosary Relay on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, June 11, 2021 at Saint John the Evangelist Church, 344 Baynton Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602. A quiet, prayerful gathering begins at 5:15 PM with the Rosary starting at 5:45 PM. We're praying the Rosary, to help encircle the world in prayer, for the sanctification of priests, and joining with the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., a Catholic Daughters of the Americas national charity, in praying the Glorious Mysteries. To participate privately, go to: https://www.worldpriest.com/participating-prayer-location-list/. Once the page opens, scroll down until you see "Individual registration form for participation in the Worldpriest Annual Global Rosary Relay." For more information visit us at: https://www.cda2625.com/ or contact Pattie at info@cda2625.com.

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
June 6, 2021

The cup of salvation I will take up,
and I will call upon the name of the LORD.

— Psalm 116:13

Schedule for the Week

Sunday, June 6 – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
8:00 AM - Mass for *Joseph Gallagher* requested by Bernadine Farrell & Family
10:00 AM - Mass for *Andrew Dancha* requested by Frank & Nancy Mincin
11:00 AM - Communion in the Front Circle

Monday, June 7 – Weekday
8:30AM– Morning Prayer and Communion Service

Tuesday, June 8 – Weekday
8:30AM– Morning Prayer and Communion Service

Wednesday, June 9 – Weekday
6:00 PM - Evening Prayer and Communion Service

Thursday, June 10 – Weekday
8:30AM– Morning Prayer and Communion Service

Friday, June 11 – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
8:30AM– Morning Prayer and Communion Service

Saturday, June 12 - Vigil of The 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
3:00 PM - Confessions
4:00 PM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

Sunday, June 13 – The 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM - Mass for *Ron Peschock* requested by Fran & Tom Semelsberger
10:00 AM - Mass for *Nicholas Podoletz* requested by Arise Group
11:00 AM - Communion in the Front Circle

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7; Ps 34:2-9; Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22; Ps 119:129-133, 135; Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5-9; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15 — 4:1, 3-6; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 5:20-26
Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Is 12:2-6; Eph 3:8-12, 14-19; Jn 19:31-37
Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 2:41-51
Sunday: Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

JESUS' SELF-GIFT

Today's solemnity celebrates Jesus' self-gift to us in the Eucharist, the Living Bread that nourishes us, the perpetual Sacrifice that redeems us, the Real Presence that comforts us on our pilgrimage and challenges us to self-sacrificing love. As in our own Liturgy of the Word, Moses in Exodus solemnly proclaims God's word to the assembled people, who solemnly affirm their acceptance of that word and pledge obedient fulfillment. Then, in a ritual reminiscent of our own liturgy, Moses seals the people's spoken assent by sprinkling the assembly with sacrificial blood. The Letter to the Hebrews portrays Christ as our High Priest, entering the Holy of Holies with his own Blood to seal the New Covenant that frees its participants from death. This Sacrifice Jesus instituted sacramentally at the Last Supper and offered on the altar of the cross, the Sacrifice and Supper of which we partake at every Eucharist.

JESUS' SACRIFICE AND OURS

In presenting the still-familiar four-fold "Shape of the Eucharist"—Jesus takes / blesses / breaks / gives (Mark 14:22)—Mark omits Matthew's specification of purpose "for the forgiveness of sins," and Luke's "for the remembrance of me." But Jesus does recall the covenant, Israel's liberation from Egypt's slavery. And could the disciples—or we—fail to recall that, in Mark's earliest verses, Jesus sits at table "with tax collectors and those known as sinners" (2:15)? Mark also emphasizes the Eucharist as our participation in Jesus' passion and pledge of our share in his future glory. Jesus had earlier referred to his disciples' suffering as "drinking from the cup he would drink" (10:38–39). Soon he would beg his Abba to "take this cup away" (14:36). But while sharing the Eucharistic cup, Jesus promises a day when he would "drink it new" (14:25): the cup of suffering and sorrow is not the last cup he—or we—will drink, the cup of the Garden of Agony will be transformed into the cup of the Kingdom of God.

WORSHIPING AND SERVING

Through both scripture and tradition, Jesus' Eucharistic self-giving challenges us who partake so frequently of the Eucharist (or hope to do so again once the pandemic is past) to become a community of self-sacrificing love that both worships Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament and serves Christ's presence in others. In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium), Pope Francis praises the presence, in so many communities, of groups devoted to prayer and intercession, prayerful reading of God's Word, and perpetual adoration of the Eucharist. But then Francis repeats Saint John Paul II's warning that such personal devotion must never become a privatized, individualistic spirituality that forgets the demands of charity or the implications of Jesus' incarnation (*EG*, 262). As we receive Jesus' body sacramentally in the Eucharist, so we should touch Jesus' flesh compassionately in the suffering flesh of others (*EG* 270).

TODAY'S READINGS

Exodus 24:3–8
Psalm 116:12–13, 15–18
Hebrews 9:11–15
Mark 14:12–16, 22–26

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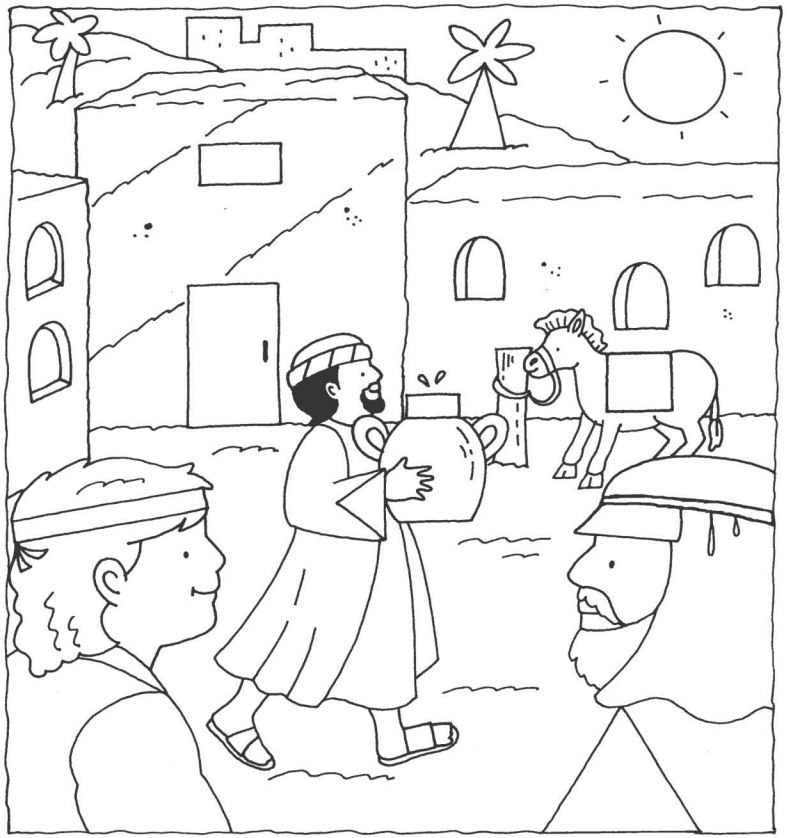
Jesus sent two of his disciples to prepare the Passover.
He told them to go into the city
and follow a man carrying a jug of water.
The man would lead them to a house where
they were to prepare the meal (see Mark 14:12–16 in your Bible).
Look at this picture and darken in
1 circle, 2 squares, 3 triangles, and 4 rectangles.



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God's Word for Children

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Moses told his people what the Lord wanted them to do.
Use the shapes and numbers on the side and top of the grid
to find what they said.
You can read the story in your Bible at Exodus 24:3–8.

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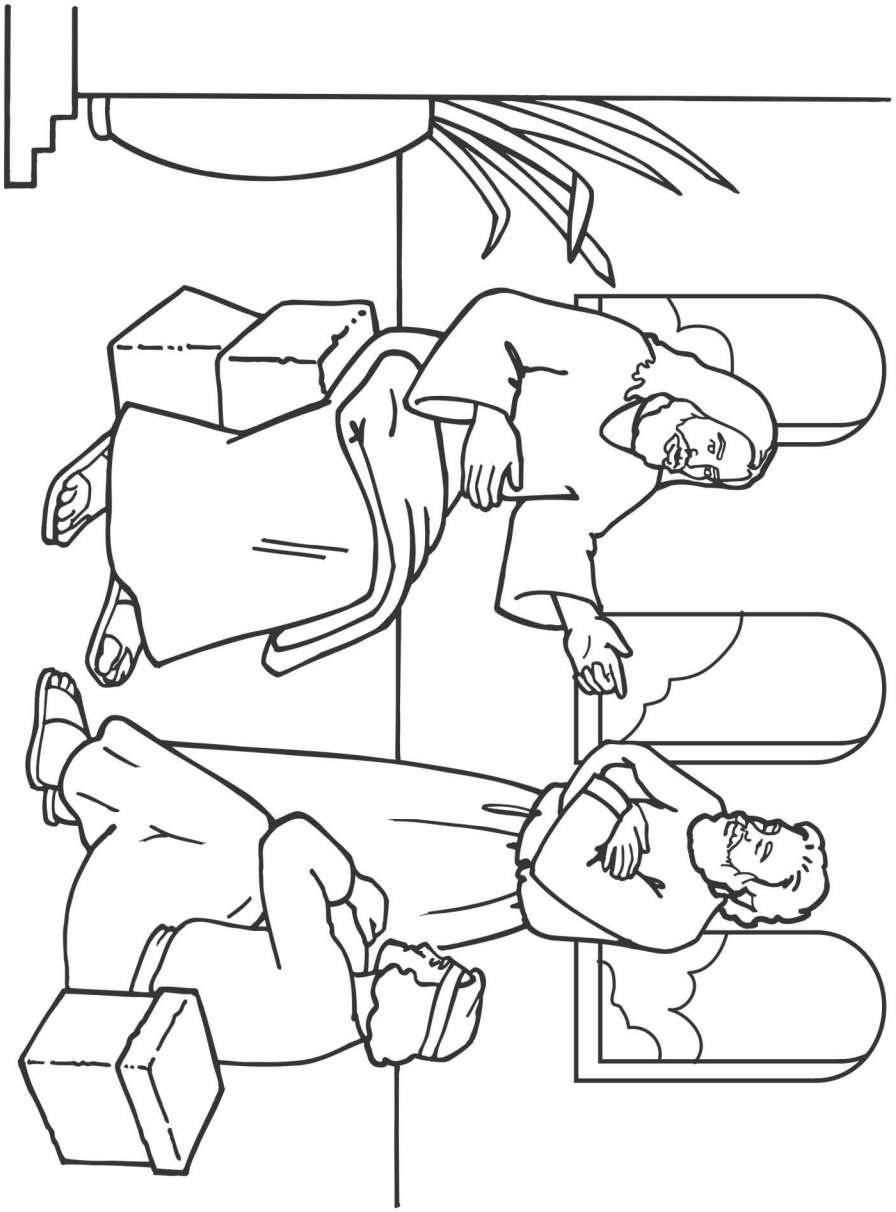

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven." John 6 : 51

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Your heart encouraging you to help your neighbor?

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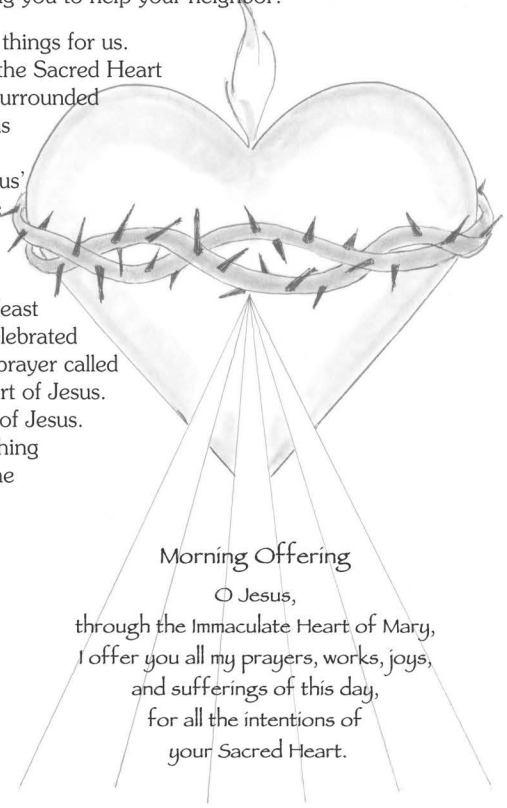
On Friday, June 8, we will celebrate the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This feast is celebrated nineteen days after Pentecost every year. A prayer called the Morning Offering is dedicated to the heart of Jesus. It unites us each day with the love and work of Jesus. The words express our desire to offer everything we do and say to Jesus so that his work in the world can continue.

Part of the prayer is printed here.
Cut it out and place it on a mirror
you look into every day.
Try to learn it and pray it every morning
as you begin your day.

You can find the rest of the prayer
and learn more about the
Society of the Sacred Heart on line.



Morning Offering

O Jesus,
through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I offer you all my prayers, works, joys,
and sufferings of this day,
for all the intentions of
your Sacred Heart.

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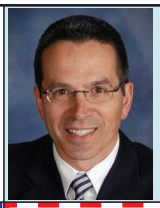
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