

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 11, 2023

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MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - 8:30 AM TUESDAY - 8:30 AM
WEDNESDAY - 6:00 PM
THURSDAY - 8:30 AM FRIDAY - 8:30 AM
SATURDAY - 4:00 PM
SUNDAY - 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

June Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

For the Abolition of Torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.



NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Sat. June 17 - 4:00 PM - Joyce Cunningham, James Krug
 Sun. June 18 - 8:00 AM - Ginny Reeder, Susan Podoletz
 Sun. June 18 - 10:00 AM - Bob Olson, Patrick Schurr

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. June 17 - 4:00 PM - Sadie Swope, Lexi Tatar
 Sun. June 18 - 8:00 AM - Emily Miller, Nicholas Helsley
 Sun. June 18 - 10:00 AM - Camille Krug, Aidan Schurr

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. June 17 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED,
 NOT FILLED
 Sun. June 18 - 8:00 AM - Lou Ann Clark, Darlene Scarpaci,
 Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
 Sun. June 18 - 10:00 AM - Cecelia Bloom, Walter Bloom, Dolores
 Capriotti, Kenneth Gorman, Barbara Bundy, Susanna Tomlinson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. June 17 - 4:00 PM - Dennis Moughemer, Karen Moughemer,
 Billy Sweet, NOT FILLED,
 Sun. June 18 - 8:00 AM - Carolyn English, Mike O'Neill, Jane Strasser,
 Mary Truesdale
 Sun. June 18 - 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevin, Peg Madden, Mary Grace
 Horton, Patrick Podoletz,

SACRISTAN

Sat. June 17 - 4:00 PM - Jane Byrne
 Sun. June 18 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
 Sun. June 18 - 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

SCRIP

Sat. June 17 - 4:00 PM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
 Sat. June 18 - 8:00 AM - Christopher Palazzi, NOT FILLED
 Sun. June 18 - 10:00 AM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED

A Few Words from the Pastor:

CORPUS CHRISTI - This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi (The Body of Christ). This feast celebrates the reality that Jesus is Truly, Really, and Substantially Present to us in the Eucharist under the appearances of bread and wine. This happens through the process of Transubstantiation (change of substance). This happens through the Eucharistic Prayer during which the priest calls down the Holy Spirit and speaks the words of Christ "This is My Body," and "This is My Blood." Jesus told his 11 disciples (the 12 minus Judas), the first priests of the New Covenant, to "do this in remembrance of me." The celebration of the Eucharist re-presents (makes present again) Jesus' sacrifice of His Body and Blood for us at the Last Supper and on the Cross. The second focal point of this Solemnity is that Christ's Mystical Body, the Church, is most present in the Mass where the members of the Body of Christ gather to celebrate the Source and Summit of our Faith, The Eucharistic Liturgy.

THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL CELEBRATION OF CORPUS CHRISTI – The Diocese will open Year II of the Eucharistic Revival, with a Diocesan Celebration of Corpus Christi at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies, in Loretto, on Sunday, June 11, with Eucharistic Adoration and opportunities for Confession at the Basilica from 3:00 -6:30 p.m. The Historic Prince Gallitzin Chapel House will be open from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. **Bishop Mark Bartchak will celebrate Mass at the outdoor Shine at 7:00 p.m. with Concelebrating Priests and Deacons and a procession around the Shrine following Mass which will include the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters, Honor Guards, and many others.** We would like to invite the First Communion Classes of 2023 from all Parishes, to join in the Procession, wearing their First Communion Clothes and paying honor to the Eucharist which they have just received for the First Time. **DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIR.** Please consider joining in this opportunity for confession and this procession to honor our Lord who gave us the gift of His presence in the Eucharist.



FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART – This feast day occurs on June 16th this year. The feast was first instituted in France, after Our Lord Jesus Christ appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1675. In 1856 the Feast of the Sacred Heart became a universal feast day, meaning it is celebrated by the entire Catholic Church throughout the world. This feast celebrates the forgiveness offered to all the world by Jesus Christ. We recall that after His Resurrection, Jesus continued to bear the wounds of the crucifixion as a sign of His everlasting love for us. Like the Father in the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32), Jesus always forgives us when we go to Him in confession and present our broken hearts and our sins before his forgiving Sacred Heart. In a letter on May 15, 2006, Benedict XVI wrote: "By encouraging devotion to the Heart of Jesus, [we exhort] believers to open themselves to the mystery of God and of his love and to allow themselves to be transformed by it."

THURSDAY MORNING MASS CANCELLED - Because Monsignor Becker will still be away on vacation, there will be no morning Mass on Thursday, June 15.

MASS FOR OUR GRADUATES! Mark your calendars for our celebration of our graduates on Saturday, June 24, at 4:00 PM Mass.

INDEPENDENT CATHOLIC FOUNDATION GRANT: Our Parish is grateful to the Independent Catholic Foundation in Altoona for a \$1,500.00 grant to aid in the purchase of our FORMED subscription as well as a subscription to Catholic Social Media. The gift was made through the foundation's new Impact Grant Program. To learn more about the foundation, you may contact them at (814) 201-2080 or visit the website at www.icfdaj.org.



CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH: There is still time to make a donation to Cross Catholic Outreach. With your help, Cross Catholic brings food, water, shelter, education, orphan support, medical care, elderly care, microenterprise, and disaster relief to the poorest of the poor. Your gift empowers them to serve the poor by channeling life-changing aid through an international network of dioceses, parishes and Catholic missionaries. This cost-effective approach helps break the cycle of poverty and advance Catholic evangelization. Brochures with attached envelopes are available in the Gather Space.

Schedule for the Week of June 11

Sunday, June 11 - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

8:00 AM - Mass for *Karen Pleva* requested by
Fran Semelsberger

10:00 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

Monday, June 12 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Fred Mazzarella* requested by
Karen Mazzarella

Tuesday, June 13 - St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & doctor of the Church

8:30 AM - Mass for *King Family* requested by
Ray & Mary King

Wednesday, June 14 - Weekday

6:00 PM - Mass for *Karen Brooks* requested by
Barbara Bundy

Thursday, June 15 - Weekday

NO MASS

Friday, June 16 - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:30 AM - Communion Service

Saturday, June 17 - Vigil of 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Mass for *Bill & Josephine Seiler* requested by
Ron & Joyce Cunningham

Sunday, June 18 - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

10:00 AM - Mass *In Honor of Jim & Wendy Campbell's*
40th Wedding Anniversary requested by
Jan & Dave Myers



GOING ON VACATION? Please use
Online Giving to catch-up on offertory.
Go to www.stjohnsaltoona.org and
click on the Online Giving link, it's quick

and easy. *Your support during summer months helps sustain our parish.*

FAITH DAY JUNE 25, 2023: The Family Life Office of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown invites you to join us for the return of Faith Day at Delgrossi's Amusement Park on Sunday, June 25. While admission to the park is always free, for those attending Faith Day, Ride-and-Slide passes are reduced to \$20! The day will culminate with Mass with Bishop Mark at the large pavilion at 4:30pm. Following Mass, we will share a meal. You can purchase a meal ticket in advance for \$10/person, which includes rotisserie chicken, penne pasta, salad, pickle, a roll, an ice cream cup and a beverage. You can purchase a smaller children's portion for \$8, or a vegetarian meal for \$9, which includes everything but the chicken. This discounted dinner price must be purchased in advance by Friday, June 16, by using the order form in the Gathering Space. If you would prefer to purchase through the park food vendors or restaurants, or to bring your own dinner, you are welcome to do so. We are looking forward to celebrating with you again!!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: The Feast of the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ has deep significance to those living the stewardship way of life. The most precious gifts God has given us are His Word and His Body and Blood. They are all we need to sustain us in this world and guide us to heaven. Let us resolve to steward these precious gifts well with all our hearts, always. This is the essence of a stewardship way of life. (www.CatholicSteward.com, 6/14/2020)

May 27/28

Envelopes	\$ 4,084.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 552.00
Parish Development	\$ 90.00
Ascension	\$ 25.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,653.00
Total Offertory	\$ 6,404.10

2023 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal - \$41,761

January 1, 2023 to April 30, 2023

Gifts/Pledges \$31,885

Pledge Balance (Not yet received) \$425

Total Gifts/Pledges (Received) \$31,460

BABY DRIVE: This is the last weekend that the Altoona Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Prince Gallitzin #2625 will be collecting baby items for Catholic Charities and other agencies in need. Please place your donated item(s) in the baby box provided in the Gathering Space. As always, thank you very much for helping with this endeavor. God bless you all. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mary Grace Horton @ 814-942-0397 or Jennifer Crum-Waite @ 814-215-1067.

FATIMA DEVOTIONS: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating Fatima Devotions on Tuesday June 13th, 2023 at 6:30pm (In case of inclement weather we will be at the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel). Our choir will be from the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel and our presider will be Fr. Peter Lyons, T.O.R. We are really looking forward to seeing you.

ST. JOHN BIG CHICKEN BBQ **Sunday, July 16, 2023 \$12.00**

11:00 AM until SOLD OUT

DRIVE THROUGH ONLY

Chicken, Baked Beans,

Applesauce, Roll

Pick up at Knights of Columbus

324 Bedford Street,

Hollidaysburg

Tickets will be available beginning June 10 after all the weekend Masses and in the Parish Office on weekdays.



ST JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

Please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at giny.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:*

**All Garvey Manor Residents • Anne Showalter
Idy Caporuscio • Mary Lee DeStefano
Michael DeStefano • Sherryl Hartman • Patricia Olson
Ryan Raybuck • Reed Stellabotte • Dorothy Yingling**

SUMMER CLASS: *Heart of Faith: Foundations of Catholicism* taught by Fr. Timothy Harris, TOR at St. John Vianney in Johnstown, PA. Mondays and Thursdays from 6:30-9:00 PM (Running for 6 weeks) beginning June 19. The cost for this class is \$35.00 and must be turned in with the Registration Form. Two books are also required for this class and can be purchased on Amazon. To complete the Registration Form please visit www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry or contact Jessica, Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry at (814) 361-2000 or via email at jgramling@dioceseaj.org All are welcome!

FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY DAY OF CELEBRATION: Please join us for a celebration honoring the Feast of St. Anthony of Padua this Tuesday, June 13th at St. Bernardine Monastery, Hollidaysburg. The event will include an outdoor Mass, Blessing of St. Anthony's Bread, and veneration of a first-class relic of St. Anthony. Mass will begin at 10:00 AM, followed by bread distribution. At the conclusion of Mass, join us for an outdoor BBQ lunch which is \$15.00 per person. Please pre-pay if you will be staying for lunch by June 6th by sending payment to 788 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. The celebration will be rain or shine as it will be under a tent and please bring a chair!

SCRIP TIP: Don't leave for vacation without your scrip! You can purchase scrip online for flights, cruises, and hotels. Go to <https://www.raiseright.com/> to get started. If you're more into road trips, equip your wallet with scrip for fast food and gas stations! Shop gift cards from more than 750 top brands to earn on your daily purchases with the mobile app RaiseRight. Anytime you want, anywhere you go. Get the app: <https://www.raiseright.com/>
Call the office for the enrollment code to link your account to St. John the Evangelist Church.



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FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Registration is now open for the 2023-2024 school year.

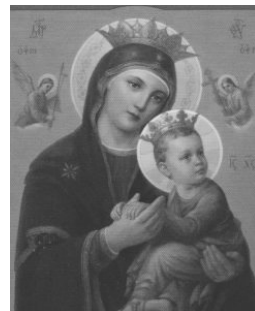
If you would like more information or have questions, please contact Diane Ryan at 814-942-5503 or email stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COMING SOON! A Mini Vacation Bible Camp will be coming to St. John's June 20th, 21st and 22nd from 6 PM to 7:30 PM in the gym for children ages 5-10 years. Cost is \$10. Please look in the bulletin for a flyer with additional information and a registration form. Please call the office with any questions!

CCW PRAYERS FOR HAITI: The Sisters of the Carmelite Community of the Word invite you to join us in three days of prayer June 25, 26 & 27 in honor of Mother of Perpetual Help for the needs of the people of Haiti. The situation in Haiti is tragic and there is little intervention by the world community to alleviate the suffering of the people. In the midst of the turmoil that exists in Haiti at the present time we ask your help in praying for a resolution to the violence, starvation and isolation that plagues the people of Haiti. A recent article details what life is like in Haiti right now. It highlights the very urgent need for our prayers.

<https://reliefweb.int/report/haiti/not-country-where-you-can-dream-shattered-hopes-haitian-people>

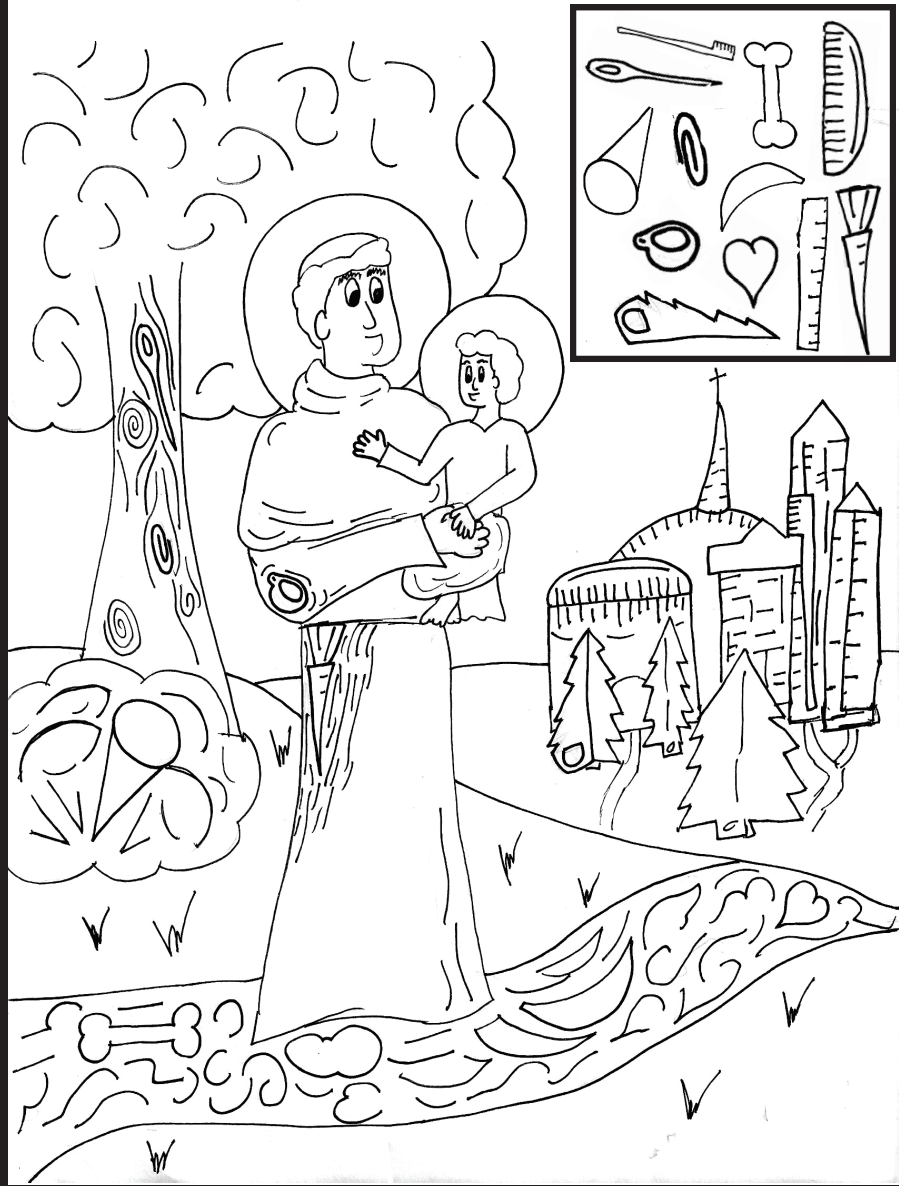
Prayer to Our Mother of Perpetual Help Patroness of Haiti




Mother of Perpetual Help, today we face so many difficulties. Your picture tells us so much about you. It reminds us to reach out and help those in need. Help us understand that our lives belong to others as much as they belong to us. Mary, Model of Christian love, we know we cannot heal every ill or solve every problem. But with God's grace, we intend to do what we can. May we be true witnesses to the world that love for one another really matters. May our daily actions proclaim how fully our lives are modeled after yours, Mother of Perpetual Help. We come to you today as your loving children. Watch over the people of Haiti and take care of the Little Sisters and Brothers of the Incarnation. As you held the child Jesus in your loving arms, so take them in your arms. Be a mother ready at every moment to help them. For God who is mighty has done great things for you. Intercede for them, dear Mother. We ask you for aid, protection and restoration in Haiti and relief from the many sufferings that that your faithful people continue to endure. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

Saint Anthony


Saint Anthony is the patron saint of lost things. Pray to Saint Anthony if you can't find your shoes in the morning. There are 12 items lost in this picture. Can you find a needle, toothbrush, bone, comb, party hat, paper clip, banana, cup, heart, ruler, saw, and carrot?





Catholic Kids

June 11, 2023
Solemnity of the Body
and Blood of Christ
Color: White



Bulletin

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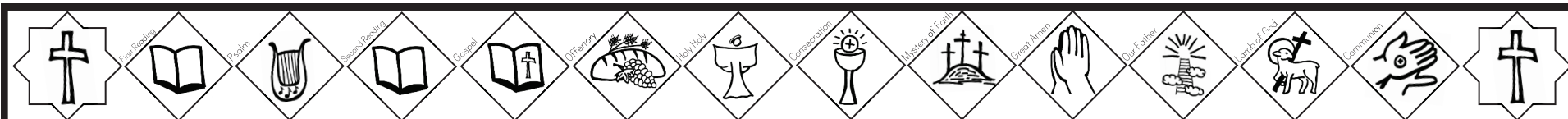
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Lord,
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How many crosses can you find in your church?

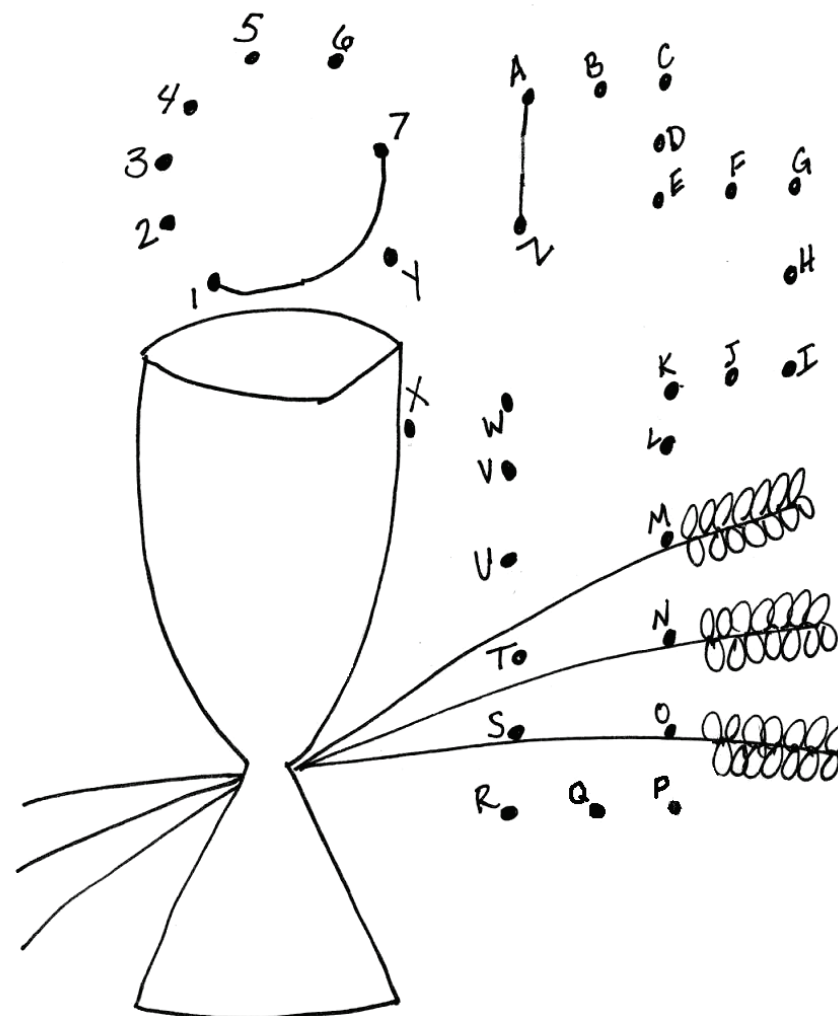
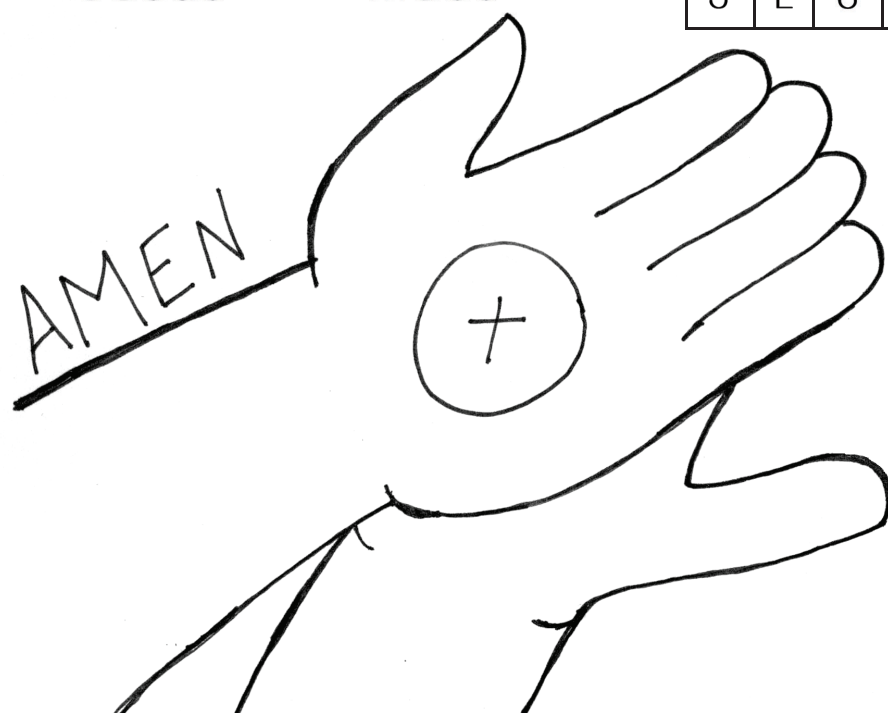


Find these
Eucharistic Words

Blood
Jesus

Body
Mass

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J	E	S	U	S



Jesus sat with his disciples to eat a special meal. He surprised them by holding up bread and wine and saying, "This is my body...this is my blood."