

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Real Needs Require Real Presence

There was a struggling parish that was shrinking in numbers at such an alarming rate that the pastor placed a large sign on the front lawn of the church that read: "Everyone who attends church here next Sunday will receive a one hundred dollar bill as you leave!" To his great delight the church was packed the following weekend and as the time of worship came to an end the people anxiously approached the ushers by the exits to receive their promised reward. The ushers handed each individual an envelope with a crisp \$100 bill enclosed. However, as the people began opening the envelopes on the way out they quickly realized that the bills were smaller than normal - and bright yellow!

Though Monopoly money clearly has printed on it "\$100" it's not the real thing. It's symbolic money. The problem of course with symbolic money is that it can't do anything to help with your REAL bills! A symbolic solution to real problems just doesn't cut it! St Paul asks: **"Is not the cup we bless a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?"** (1 Corinthians 10:16). Paul is clearly speaking rhetorically here which means that his question is actually an emphatic statement: **"Duh! Of course it is as sharing in Christ's body and blood!"** In other words, it's not just symbolic. It's for real. And that is great news for us who have real issues, real fears, real challenges and real needs.

Christianity is radical precisely in its tangible expression. Jesus again and again shocks his hearers on this point whether pointing out that his flesh is real food and blood real drink (John 6:55) or saying that he is truly present in the poor: **"whatever you did to the least... you did it to me"** (Matthew 25). We don't have a Savior who promises only to "be there is spirit" or symbolically. No, we have a redeemer who **every day** becomes radically accessible to us on altars all across world! The Eucharist is proof that Jesus did not retreat from us when he ascended into heaven! No, when he was born in a manger and died on a cross... he was just getting started when it comes to his desire to be as close to us as possible! The Holy Eucharist is extreme. So is God's love. In it Jesus assures us that as long as we dwell on this earth in the flesh, so will he! How would our lives, our priorities and our attitude toward ourselves and others be different if we actually believed that Jesus was truly present in the Eucharist and in those most in need in our society? I suspect that we would not settle for being counterfeit Christians... because our world desperately needs us - needs you - to be the real thing.

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Sunday, June 18, 2017

Scripture Readings

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a

1 Cor 10:16-17

Jn 6:51-58

12th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Jer 20:10-13

Rom 5: 12-15

Mt 10:26-33



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

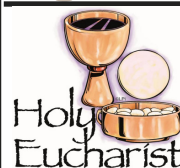
Mon	June 19	Rick Middleton	- Living
Tues	June 20	Marlene Jackson	- Living
Wed	June 21	Charles Jackson	- Living
Thurs	June 22	Daniela Joy	- Living
Fri	June 23	Angelina Arnold	- Living

Attendance 1063



BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is held every Wednesday at 7:00pm in the School Cafeteria.



Congratulations to all the children who received the



Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation this Spring!



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Corpus Christi Sunday

**This Sunday's Second Collection is for our Parish Poor. Thank you for your generous support.
Next Sunday's Second Collection is for Peter's Pence — An Archdiocesan Collection.**

St. Augustine School *Love to Learn; Learn to Love*

SR. GLORIA AGUMAGU, HHCJ PRINCIPAL

INFORMATION: 202-667-2608

Catholic Education Corner



Saint Augustine School is now registering for the 2017-2018 school year for grades Pre-K3, Pre-K4 through Eighth. For an application or more information, please contact Mr. Wilkins,

Direction of Admissions at 202-667-2608 or email: admissions@saintaugustine-dc.org



**A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD!
Sunday, June 25, 2017 at 5:00pm**

The Chorale, one of the oldest organizations in historic St. Augustine Catholic Church, celebrates 144 years of music ministry rich in Catholic and African American traditions. Under the direction of Mr. Samuel E. Cromwell, the choir will celebrate this anniversary by performing anthems, spirituals, and hymns in the Church. There will be a free will offering.



CONGRATULATIONS!

If you have graduated or know of someone who has, please contact the Church Office (202-265-1470) so that we may recognize them in the Bulletin.



**CONGRATULATIONS
2017 VINCENT BROOKS
AWARDEES**

*Bonita Spurgeon Greene
Ernest Hoosman
Marsha Lyons*

Please Pray for Our Sick & Homebound

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| Gwendolyn Adams | Robert Greenfield | Julius Oben |
| John Adams, Sr. | Frances Gulston | Colelle Ogbey |
| Beatrice Alexander | Louise Harrison | Eileen Ogu |
| Francis Arnold | Grace Hansberry | Harriet Parker |
| Ronald Ausbrooks | Brian Harvey | Marguerite Parker |
| William Barksdale | John Harris | Audrey Plaskett |
| Althea Black | Patricia Herndon | Theresa Purcell |
| Frances Brooks | Emily Hill | Samiya Rajah |
| Charles Brown | Jeanne Hinckley | Ze'La Rajah |
| Norma Brown | Deborah Jackson | Ashley Redhead, Jr. |
| Williams Burgan | Charles Jackson | Royal Robinson |
| Andrew Burton | Marlene Jackson | Lisa Rivera |
| Angela Callighan | Malcom Jamison | Gertina Simms |
| Elizabeth Carter | Eleanor Johnson | Alise Simmons |
| Phillip Cephas | Daniela Joy | Mary Smith |
| Billy Chesley | Paul Joy | Zedekiah Smith |
| Ollie Mae Clark | Sedonia Labee | Donnie Stewart |
| Ernestine Coghill Howard | Keats Labule | Don Strong |
| Pauline Dines | Raymond Lane | Willis Thomas |
| Theola Douglas | Louisa Lee | Juanita Towns |
| Susan Epps | Mary Leonard | Selma Twitty |
| Barbara Ferguson | Bernadette Mahoney | Hayden Vaughn |
| Julie Fish | Lita Majors | Lillian Vaughn |
| Toni Fisher | Catherine Mason | Terry Vaughn |
| Richard B. Fowler | Florence Matthews | Shirley Ward |
| Daniel Galloway | Floyd McCrory | Betty Washington |
| Inez Gaskins | James McNamara | Elliot Weaver |
| Charles Gathers | Rick Middleton | Cynthia Wilkins |
| James Griffiths | Sylvia Monroe | Bernice Williams |
| Rev Charles Green | Armetia Montague | Teresa Wilkings |
| Valencia Green | Alpha Nacnas | Lozzie York |



PRAY FOR OUR DEAD



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Pastoral Parish Council Meetings are held every 3rd Saturday of the month at 9:00 am in the Gingras Center. Meetings are open to all parishioners.



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