

## Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – June 3, 2018

### The Blood of New & Eternal Covenant

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

All of today's readings are set in the context of the Jewish Passover. The 1st Reading recalls the old covenant celebrated at Sinai following the first Passover and the Exodus. In sprinkling the blood of the lambs - of the covenant - on the Israelites, Moses was symbolizing God's desire in this Covenant to make them His family, His "blood" relations. Covenant is an exchange of persons. Not a contract. Quoting Moses' in today's Gospel, Jesus our Savior elevates and transforms this covenant symbol to an extraordinary reality. In the New Covenant of Love made in the blood of Christ, we truly become one with His body and blood. The 1st made with Moses and Israel at Sinai was but a shadow of this new and greater covenant made by Christ with all humankind in that upper room ([Hebrews 10:1](#)). Shadows show things--shapes--but the greater reality is more real. The Passover Jesus celebrates with His 12 apostles "actualizes," makes real, what could only be symbolized by Moses' sacrifice at the altar with twelve pillars. What Jesus does today is establish His Church as the new Israel, and His Eucharist as the new worship of the living God.

In offering himself to God through the power and reality of The Holy Spirit, Jesus delivered Israel from the transgressions of the first covenant. And, as we hear in today's Epistle, by His blood He purified us and made us capable of true worship. God does not want dead works or animal sacrifices. He wants our own flesh and blood, our own lives, consecrated to Him, offered as a living sacrifice. This is the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving that we sing of in today's Psalm. This is the Eucharist.

What we do in memory of Him is to pledge our lives to Him, to renew our promise to live by the words of His covenant, and to be His servants. There is no other return we can offer to Him for the eternal inheritance He has won for us. So, let us approach the altar, calling upon His name in thanksgiving, taking up the chalice of Salvation.

Father Blake Evans, Pastor



### Rest in Peace!

Lifetime parishioner **Cecil Whittman Barlowe**, 102, husband of Annabelle Virginia Tetlow, father to 4 Nativity alumni: Cecil, Jr. Michael, Peter and Galen; grandfather of 3, US Army Veteran and US Navy staffer. Funeral Mass 11am Tuesday. Burial at Quantico, Va.

Funeral Home: B.K. Henry, Washington DC

**Deacon Daniel R. Thompson** died on May 9. Deacon Thompson as ordained to the permanent diaconate on September 11, 1971. He served at Saint Raphael Parish, Rockville, Md and at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Washington, DC.

**Leonor Caceres de Diaz**, mother of Rev. Alejandro Diaz.

### Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them oh Lord!

**A Priest Forever!** Blessings & prayers for Father Patrick Hake who ordained Saturday at the Cathedral of Ft. Wayne, Ind. by Bishop Kevin Rhoades. Father Hake will be serving in a large bilingual parish in his diocese as the Associate Pastor; he served as Deacon here for 6 months. God bless Father Hake. He will return to visit us this year.



To our own Nativity Confirmation Students (10) confirmed by Cardinal Wuerl this weekend at the Basilica and to Nelson Rosales who was confirmed by Bishop Dorsonville two weeks ago.

**Ordination Day: Priesthood!** "Behold...your sons become your Fathers". Join thousands of faithful from the ADW as we celebrate & thank God for our new Priests, Saturday June 16th at 10am at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception for Mass and the ancient Rite of Ordination celebrated by Cardinal Wuerl. Come Holy Spirit!



## Mass Intentions

### June 2 - 9, 2018

Sat. 6/2	8:00am	Ordination Day. Father Patrick Hake
	5:30pm	Nativity: Confirmands
Sun. 6/3	8:00am	+Valencia Santoyo
	10:00am	Father Patrick Hake
	1:00 pm	People of the Parish
Mon. 6/4	Noon	+Bienvenida de Roman
Tue. 6/5	11:00am	+Cecil W. Barlowe (Funeral)
Wed. 6/6	Noon	+Deacon Daniel R. Thompson
Thu. 6/7	Noon	Rohini Perera
Fri. 6/8	Noon	+Cher Perera & +Rohan Perera
Sat. 6/9	8:00am	Father Patrick Hake
	5:30pm	Deacon Ebuka Mbnude

### **Please pray for the sick of our Parish:**

\*Alice R. Allen, \*Amina Anderson-Pringle, \*Ann Butler, \*Carla Andrea Catacora, \*Shawn Coleman, \*William Corbel, \*Maria Cruz, \*Maurice & Flora Detiege, \*Isel Fitzgerald, \*Dion A. Fortune, \*Linda Foster, \*Charlie Gick, \*John Green, Sr., \*Janet Henery, \*Blanca Hernandez, \*Lawrence C. Hill, \*Lee Hobbs, \*Francis Howard, \*Elaine Hunt, \*Helen Hurd, \*Larry Ivy, \*Geraldine Jones, \*Odile Kalla, \*Michael Kelly, \*Busara Kennedy, \*Claude Kolthoff, \*Betty Lawton, \*Yavonna Lewis, \*Sandra Lucas, \*Eric Malcolm, \*Edwin & Regina Mbanude, \*Edith Mebane, \*Maria Magdalena Medrano, \*Agnes Moore, \*Robert Myers, \*Iris Newman, \*D. Cynhia Peters, \*Willie Poole, Jr., \*James Pope, \*Margaret Pope, \*Dorothy Richburg, \*Rosa Maria Santos, \*Bonafacio Selayo, \*Delores Sloan, \*Adrian Smith, \*Alice Smith, \*Bernadette Smith, \*Theresa Smith, \*Louise Sweatt, \*Emily Towles, \*Dominic Valentine, \*Dorothy Waring, \*Paul Williams, \*Florentina Zoretta.

**Supreme Court Decisions:** The Roman Rota, the Supreme Court of The Church based in Rome has made announcements in response to concerns and requests by Pope Francis the Bishop of Rome, who is the Supreme Pontiff (bridge builder) and Chief Justice of The Court. Changes in Church Law have been made. If you would like a copy of these updates please email the rectory to Laura Juarez at [juarezlau@verizon.net](mailto:juarezlau@verizon.net) for an email copy.

### ATTENDANCE REPORT

5/27/18

**Attendance: 317 souls**

Offerings & Tithes: \$4,160

Spanish Mass: \$96

Utility fund: \$287

**2018 Annual Jubilarian Mass** – Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the Annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 50+ years on Sunday June 17, 2018 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the rectory at 202-726-6263 or use the sign-up forms located at both entrances to the church to register.



### **Upcoming Days of Grace!**

**June 9:** Ordination of Deacon Ebuka Mbnude

**June 16:** Youth Day

**June 17:** Annual Jubilarian Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

