Saint Stephen Parish

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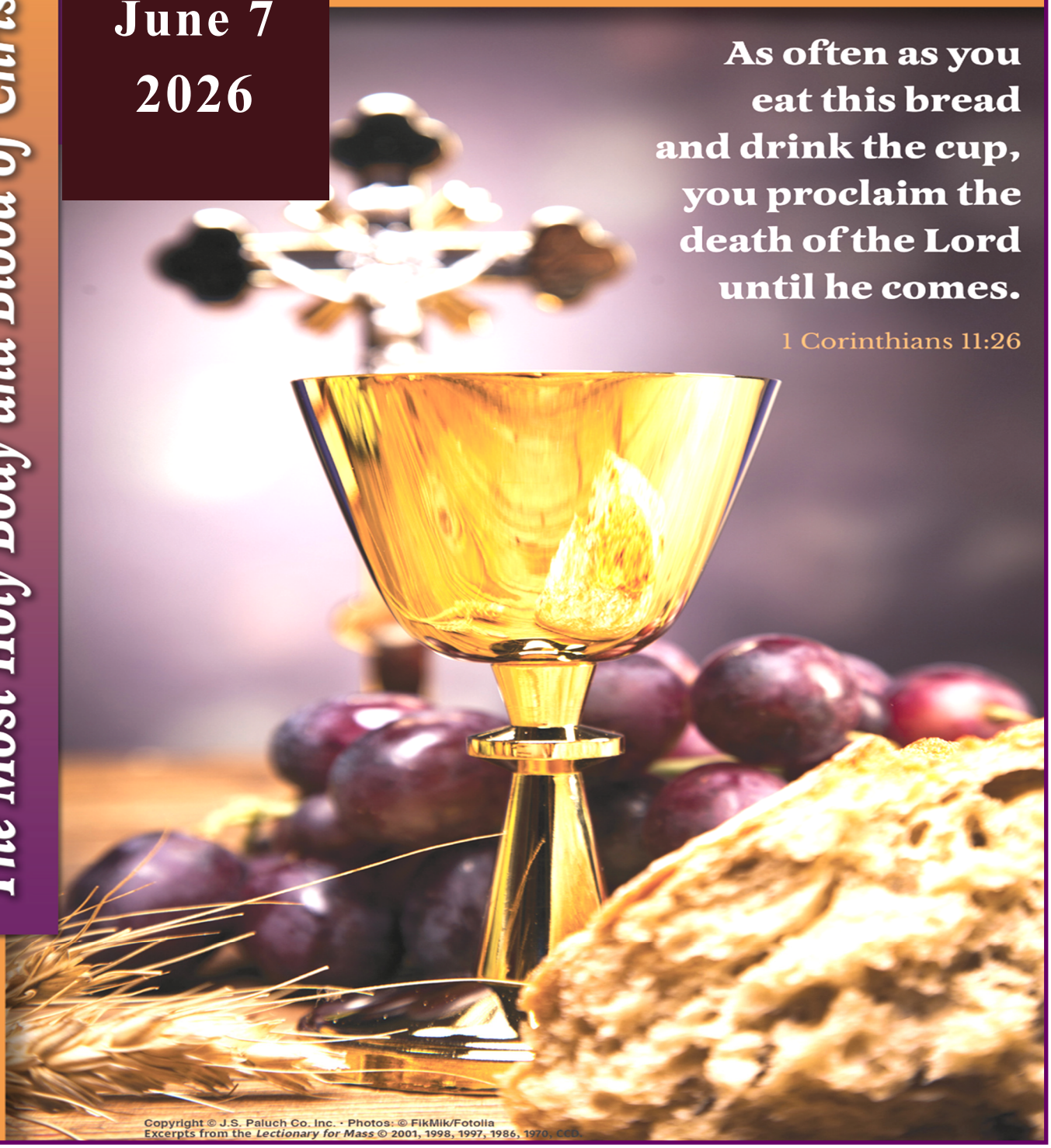
Daily Mass: Mondays thru Saturdays 8:00 a.m.
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 p.m. or 30 min. before each Sunday Mass
Vigil Mass Saturday 4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 7 2026



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Pastor's Corner

June 7, 2026

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Risen Christ,

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. It is a particular day we as Catholics give thanks to God for the gift of the Eucharist – that he remains with us and nourishes all nations with his very self. Today we may be grateful for all those who assist us in our daily worship and celebration of the Mass, and I thank all our volunteers who help us to celebrate this Mystery every day. First, thank you to our sacristans, Ed Quan, Frank Garcia, and Dan Salvemini for opening and setting up the church. We are also grateful to all of our student altar servers under the leadership of Giovanna Hrvatin who prepares them so well. A thank you to all of the parishioners who serve at Mass as Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, and those who assist with doughnuts on Sunday mornings. Not to be missed are the members of the liturgy committee, our musicians, and parishioners who help clean and prepare our church for the various liturgical seasons throughout the year. And a well deserved thank you to our custodian Anibal Rodas who keeps the church clean and orderly.

As you may imagine, without the help of all of these generous people, our worship would certainly not be as vibrant and life-giving.

As the end of the school year now concludes, gratitude is also deserved for our director of faith formation, Mary Molly Mullaney, and all of our catechists for our faith formation, Christian Initiation, and children's liturgy programs. We rely on volunteers who love the Lord and desire to share Him with others to help form children and adults as disciples. They do this because they recognize this is an integral part of being a disciple of Jesus themselves.

This coming Friday is the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. As I have written, the day before (Thursday, June 11), the bishops of the United States will consecrate our nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as our nation this year celebrates the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. We have been praying a special novena prayer after our daily Masses leading up to this event and this weekend, we include the consecration prayer at the end of Masses this weekend.

Finally, our donation tree at the back of church has been looking like it was autumn for the past several months. We have been working on having the donation leaves engraved, which like many things in life, has taken a wee bit longer than initially planned. However, the leaves are finally done and if they are not up on the tree by the time you read this, they soon will be. A big thanks to Shay Ingelfinger in the office who has been coordinating the engraving process. And thank you for the $1k donors to the 75th anniversary fund. Our parish is grateful for all of the support.

Father Schunk

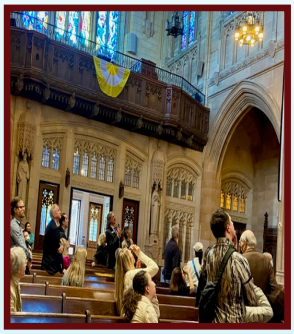
31st Annual Twilight Windows Tour at Saint Dominic Parish

Date: Sunday, June 21

Time: 6:35 pm to 7:30 pm

Location: 2390 Bush Street

Contact: Teresa at 415.567.7824 and/or info@stdominics.org



In honor of America's 250th anniversary, docents will highlight an American-born saint and a Dominican saint, and briefly point out the Christ in Glory window and the Seven Sacraments windows.

The tour is free, parking plentiful, and all are welcome!

Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

On the Occasion of the U.S. Bishops Consecrating the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:

You know the longings of our hearts, and you desire that we enjoy friendship with you.

From your pierced side, you have poured out the wellspring of life, for which we thirst.

Your heart burns with a love for all people to return to a right relationship with you.

We celebrate the abundant gifts you have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

We make reparation for the offenses against you and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation.

May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness; may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed.

May your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign, pointing all people to your infinite love.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Jun 8
8:00 a.m † **Doug Benbow** *B-Day*
(By: Maria Amora)

Tuesday, Jun 9
8:00 a.m. *Sp. Int.* **John & Malvina Farrell**
(By: The Farrell Family)

Wednesday, Jun 10
8:00 a.m. † **Simeona Quiatzon Esber**
(By: Stella Esber)

Thursday, Jun 11
8:00 a.m. *Sp. Int.* **Deasy Dimayante**
(By: Fely Boquiren)

Friday, Jun 12
8:00 a.m. † **Carmino Sagala**
(By: Emma Sagala) .

Saturday, Jun 13
8:00 a.m. **Ginger Trumpbour** *B-Day*
(By: Mary Molly & Marilyn M.)

4:30 p.m. † **Denis O'Connor**
(By: Rose O'Connor)

Sunday, Jun 14
8:00 a.m. **People of the Parish**

10:30 a.m † **Don Rodis**
(By: Rodis Family)

6:30 p.m. † **Dr. James & Sylvia Jacobitz**
(By: Anna Maria Mendieta)

Sick Family & Friends

Please pray for the sick and homebound of our community and for all those written in our book of the sick. May they know the healing touch of Jesus.

Jim Thompson, Sean Chan, Byron Petty, Genevie Dy, Glenda Miller, Daniel W., Tresa Matthews, GeriAnne Martin, Mary MacKinny, Alex & Marie, Greg Iorio, Ana Caballero, Perry Young, Araceli Caparas, Larry & Carmelita Gallager, George Farrales, Al Vicente Jr, Antoinette Mishirsky, Tony Devincenzi, Julie Burton, Nestor & Nelson Plondaya, Marie Bachand, Michelle Vicente, Michelle Weeks, Franz Tittiger, Robert Liam, Larry Barbiere, Kenneth Fambrini, Mark Gutierres, Gwendolyn Walsh, Joel Rivera, Eden Finn,

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Sunday Collections - May 31, 2026

$4,812.61 **Sunday Offertory**

$1,792.52 **Online Giving**

We were saddened to learn of the passing of longtime parishioner Ceceila Prete. We hold her family in our prayers.

Funeral services will be held at St. Stephen Parish on **Wednesday, June 10.** The Rosary will begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by the Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m.

Rest in Peace

Ceceila Prete

December 3, 1937—June 1, 2026

Parish Office Closure Notice!

Due to safety concerns, the Parish office will be closed on **Thursday and Friday, June 11-12,** as we undertake necessary tree removal and repairs at the front of the office.

Staff will still be available by phone during this time, so please feel free to reach out at (415) 681.2444.

Consecrating the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus (part 1)

…Continuing from last week.

By Grace Mazza Urbanski, Asst. National Director, Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network - USA

Hope For All

Not every American–and not even American Catholic–will know about the consecration of our country. But our country, and the whole world, will benefit from this act of love. As Pope Leo XIII wrote in the 1899 Annum Sacrum when he consecrated the entire human race to the Sacred Heart, consecration expresses our devotion to Jesus who "snatched us 'from the power of darkness' (Colossians 1:13) and 'gave himself for the redemption of all' (1 Timothy 2:6) . . . [so all people], individually and collectively, have become to him 'a purchased people' (1 Peter 2:9)." Jesus offers salvation to all, whether or not they accept the gift. Likewise, a national consecration proposes hope and blessing to all Americans, whether or not they will choose to delight in the special sharing of love. Because God honors the free will of this human race saved by his Son, our conscious choice to observe the national consecration permits God's grace to work more deeply throughout our land.

All good things come from God, and even our free choice to consecrate ourselves to the Heart of his Son is really only a re-gifting of God's own love back to our creator. As Pope Leo XIII explains in Annum Sacrum 7, "by consecrating ourselves to him we not only declare our open and free acknowledgment and acceptance of His authority over us, but we also testify that if what we offer as a gift were really our own, we would still offer it with our whole heart."

Pope Leo XIII continues, reflecting on the universal benefits of Sacred Heart consecration, which he calls "a blessing to all."

1. Disciples of Christ who know the love of God experience an increase of faith and love.

2. Cultural Christians who may not explicitly practice their faith "may still gain from his Sacred Heart the flame of charity."

3. Those who do not share religious belief benefit from the surge of prayers we offer during the consecration for Jesus to inspire faith and holiness in our fellow citizens.

Consecrating the entire United States of America is not presumption, then, but an act of deep humility; in entrusting our country to the special care of the Heart of Jesus, we recommit to the God-given desire to see all of our compatriots thrive.

The Heart of Jesus

How can the specific image of the Sacred Heart bless our nation at this moment in history? In his reflection on the upcoming 2026 Consecration to the Sacred Heart, Archbishop Alexander K. Sample draws from Pope Paul VI's 1965 decree on the apostolate of the laity, Apostolicam Actuositatem: "By celebrating this important national anniversary with this devotion, we have the opportunity to encourage all Catholics to honor our Lord and to 'infuse the spirit of the Gospel into various communities and departments of life.'" Truly, the good news of Jesus' love for us is relevant in all communities and in all aspects of our lives. The Sacred Heart of Jesus embodies God's infinite love for each one of us, at all times.

As Pope Leo XIII said in 1899, "since there is in the Sacred Heart a symbol and sensible image of the infinite love of Jesus Christ which moves us to love one another, therefore it is fit and proper that we should consecrate ourselves to his most Sacred Heart—an act which is nothing else than an offering and a binding of oneself to Jesus Christ, seeing that whatever honor, veneration and love is given to this divine Heart is really and truly given to Christ himself. . . . In that Sacred Heart all our hopes should be placed" (Annum Sacrum 8, 12).

Exactly 100 years after Leo XIII wrote those words about the Sacred Heart, John Paul II preached a homily emphasizing the importance of praying with the Sacred Heart in order to know more intimately the love of God. He said, "Everything that God wanted to tell us about himself and about his love, he placed in the Heart of Jesus." Jesus gave us the image of his Sacred Heart as a dramatic reminder of his love.

The image helps us pray. Images often depict his Heart, symbol of the most intimate center of who he is, outside of his body, vulnerable and offered to us in love. We consider the wound, where a soldier's spear pierced Jesus, and we marvel at the depth of suffering Jesus accepted on our behalf. We see the thorns and cross, and we feel close to our God who knows what it is like to be ridiculed and abused. We see the flames, and we rejoice that God's passionate love can never be extinguished. We trust in the sure hope of his Resurrection. Even death cannot separate us from the love of God.

May our national consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus draw the United States, and all nations, closer to the infinite love of God.