

June 18, 2017

Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

Reading 1: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a

Psalm: Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20

Reading 2: 1 Cor 10:16-17

Gospel: John 6:51-58



FAREWELL FROM FR. LUDVIK

With regret and relief, fatigue and gratitude, I'm retiring. I'm 73, been a priest for 46 years, and I am retiring from Buckley and Wilkeson Parishes. I say that with regret and relief, fatigue and gratitude.

I'm moving to Florida but will still help parishes in that area of the world. I won't have the direct responsibility for the care of souls or the many programs and activities of an active parish to concern me.

After six years here, there is a bond of love with these churches and the people. I feel that they are my spiritual family. My bond with the people is as strong as any bond of blood or DNA. Wilkeson, Our Lady of Lourdes closes today... the last Mass on June 18th.

Basically the two parishes are becoming one at St. Aloysius. They are my real legacy. I will be missing the people and many people from this area. I have had some health problems and I take consolation in the advice of St. Francis de Sales: "Once we have reached a decision in a holy manner, we must never doubt about the holiness of carrying it out."

As a general rule, I have always thought it is a good idea to "get off the dance floor before the music stops." So I will go and the date of departure has now come so soon. I am part of a whole huge cohort of "baby boomer" priests who are retiring.

In some places like our Archdiocese of Seattle, the retirement of so many priests is a true crisis. It means closing parishes and combining communities. In the next 10 years, the priesthood will be radically changed by the departure of so many.

But, for now, I am of a divided heart. I am filled with regret and sorrow at leaving. I am also filled with gratitude for the past and anticipation about the future. For all that has been, I say thanks. For all that will be, I say yes. You have two wonderful priests that will be serving St. Aloysius. Blessings to all of you!!!! ~ Fr. John J. Ludvik

PRAYER FOR THE SICK



At the celebration of the Eucharist this week and in your own prayers, please remember those for whom we have been asked to pray:

Dick Andrews, Shawn, Ellen Boyd, Vince Johnson, Ed Wells
and please

Pray for the repose of the soul of Rosemary Eymann Johnson St. Aloysius Parishioner and wife of Dennis Johnson

Prayer request must be made through Cindy Guillot 253-862-9100. Please call with names for Long Term Prayer also.

SAINT QUOTE

"Prayer is the best armor we have, it is the key which opens the heart of God."

— St. Padre Pio

PRAY THE ROSARY

For a Christian, vocal prayer must spring from the heart so that, while the rosary is said, the mind can enter into contemplation of each one of the mysteries.

— St. Josemaría Escrivá

POPE TWEETS

There is much need of prayer and penitence to implore the grace of conversion and an end to the many wars throughout the world.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Jesus says, "I am the living bread."

Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This day was once called Corpus Christi, which is Latin for "Body of Christ." In the revised Lectionary the name for this day is expanded to reflect more completely our Eucharistic theology. The reading is part of a discourse between Jesus and a crowd of Jews, which comes shortly after the miracle of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and fishes.

Having seen Jesus multiply the loaves and fishes, the crowd pursues him, perhaps seeking more food but also looking for another sign. Jesus tells the crowd that he is the bread of life. He explains that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. It is in this context that Jesus repeats those words in today's Gospel and tells them again that he is the living bread that came down from heaven.

Jesus' words are not well understood by the crowd; they argue that Jesus is not from heaven but born of Mary and Joseph. The crowd also has trouble understanding how Jesus could give them his flesh to eat. Jesus tells them that when they eat his flesh and drink his blood, they will remain forever connected to him. These are difficult words, but they are important because they seek to show us our intimate connection with Jesus.

This is the mystery that is at the heart of our Eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood are truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's Body in the world.



CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday – Jun 19

Rosary 3:30pm

Tuesday - Jun 20

Mass – Andrew Berger by Family 8:30am
 Last Weekday mass until 5th July 10:00am
 St. Vincent de Paul Society

Wednesday - Jun 21– St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

No Mass – Father Vacation —
 Parish Potluck Lunch all are invited 12:00pm

Thursday - Jun 22– Ss. John Fisher, Bishop and Thomas More, Martyrs

No Mass – Father Vacation —

Friday - Jun 23

No Mass – Father Vacation —

Saturday – Jun 24– Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Confessions 3:30pm

Mass 5:00pm

Sunday - Jun 25

Mass—at St. Aloysius 8:30am

Mass for parishioners/intentions 10:30am

St. Aloysius Altar Society Potluck and Raffle 11:30am

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Informational Meeting Tuesday June 20th
 10am in the Parish Hall

The Society of St Vincent de Paul is an international Catholic Church voluntary organization founded and operated by Catholic lay persons which states as its aim tackling poverty and disadvantage by providing direct practical assistance to anyone in local communities, addressing social and material needs in all its many forms. The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is a charitable organization and is not financially supported by the Catholic Church; it is supported by your donations.

The Saint Vincent de Paul chapter which provides short term help to those in need in the Buckley and the surrounding area is staffed by volunteers from and financially supported by donations mainly from the parishioners of SS. Cosmas and Damian parish in Orting. It is only fair that assistance for those in need in the St. Aloysius parish and surrounding cities be provided by volunteers and donations from St. Aloysius.

We have scheduled an informational only meeting on Tuesday June 20 at 10 AM in the Parish Hall for anyone who would like to find out more about the Society. If you are interested just come or call Bill Peterson at 360-869-1031. If you are in need or know someone who is in need of assistance, call 360-830-6879.

To make donations for those in need in our parish, please use the brown envelopes in your pews labeled ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HELP FOR THE POOR and place them in the collection baskets.

NO WEEKDAY MASS

Father will be officially retired the 27th – 30th of June, so there will be no weekday masses.

CONTACT INFORMATION

You may email: jjludvik1@juno.com

Call me on my cell: 425-749-6349

And Facebook - John Ludviik two eyes (ii)

New address: 5204 NW 66th Ave. Lauderhill, FL 33319



PETER'S PENCE 2017

The Peter's Pence Collection will take place in all parishes and faith communities, at all Masses next weekend, on June 24 and 25, and I ask that you make every effort this year to support this important collection. The theme of this year's Peter's Pence collection is:

“Be a Witness of Charity.”

As you know, the mission of this collection is to assist our Holy Father in supporting victims of war and natural disasters throughout the world, helping those most in need of assistance. This year, Pope Francis reminds us of the resurrection message of hope and new life. He encourages us, “May this comforting message of Jesus help each of us to set out anew with greater courage and hope, to blaze trails of reconciliation with God and with all our brothers and sisters. How much we need this!” and how much we need your help to blaze these trails. We rely on your support to ensure the success of this collection so as to help each parishioner become a witness of charity, a force of mercy that reaches around the world. Envelopes are in your pew for collection next weekend, Thank you for your generosity. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

HEALING AFTER ABORTION

“Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone.”

—Pope Francis

Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and find the strength you need to face your past is given to you by God as you trust Him with your healing. You have never been and will never be alone. Let Him show you how much He cares for you. The next retreat - August 4-6th

Call Valerie at (800) 822-HOPE (4673) Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.

BULLETIN COVER ART

Thomas McGee, Graphic Designer, Founder of rightlydesigned.com and a St. Aloysius parishioner.

FISCAL YEAR REPORTS FOR 06-11-17

<u>St. Aloysius</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Weekly Revenue	\$2,267.00	\$2,963.00	-\$696.00
Fiscal YTD	\$165,450.56	\$148,150.00	\$17,300.56
<u>Our Lady of Lourdes</u>			
Weekly Revenue	\$629.00	\$790.00	-\$161.00
Fiscal YTD	\$42,581.40	\$39,500.00	\$3,081.40

2017 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

ST. ALOYSIUS

Assigned Goal: \$23,219.00
Participation: 84%
Amount Pledged: \$37,986.00
164% of Goal

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Assigned Goal: \$6,261.00
Participation: 87%
Amount Pledged: \$9,561.00
153% of Goal

A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE

We have now moved into our 6th week of the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal. The good news is we have received pledges/gifts from 86% of households! But it means there are still 14% of the parish households that have not yet responded! And it's not too late for you to give!

Your gift can still help the Annual Catholic Appeal by its support of more than 60 ministries and services that are offered to thousands of individuals across Western Washington. If you haven't already made your gift, won't you please consider making a gift this year? No gift is too small. If you're unsure what to give, please consider a gift of \$1 a day or \$365 or more.

Go online to www.seattlearchdiocese.org/donate or use a pledge envelope. Thank you!

We are seeking everyone's participation again this year. All contributions received in excess of the Archdiocesan goal will come directly back to our Parish as a rebate. Our 2017 ACA rebate, along with the 2016 rebate, will be used for our **parish project** of upgrading and remodeling the Parish Hall Kitchen. Our **2016** rebate for St. Aloysius is \$17,702.00 and Our Lady of Lourdes is \$8,702.00. Help surpass these rebates in 2017. **Thank you! To all who have participated so far this year.** It's not too late to make a pledge for 2017. If your name is not on the list and you have made a pledge, please contact Patty in the office.

Richard & Mary Andrews	Barbara Dunn	Clifford & Jeanne Jones	Rick & Patty Ross
Maureen Akins	Bruce & Claudia Dupuis	John & Susan Kaelin	Billy Rumpza
Gerald & Alice Alfano	Jeffery & Monica Eddy	Isabell Kaelin	Patty Rumpza
Jan Alfano	Bill & Karen Eberlein	Paul & Donna Kelly	William & Marieta Rumpza
Barbara Anderson	Marian Euscher	Dave & Teri Koch	Les & Teresa Russell
Mike Anderson	Joyce Farrell	Cathy Kombol	Gary & Bonnie Sambila
Douglas Beck	Robert Fetch	Justin & Chris Korolsky	Curtis & Shelly Satterthwaite
Linda Benson	Ray Fitzgerald	Steven & Rosanne Lee	Tom & Sue Saunders
Damien & Laurel Berger	Jack & Michelle Franich	Julie Loofbourow	Don & Cherie Schaefer
Donna Berube	Dolores Fresonke	Linda Macoubrie	Joe Schamer
Lloyd & Rosemary Blanus	Daniel Gaschler	John & Pat Magee	Marvin & Yvonne Slenning
Colin & Yevgeniya Brady	Ron & Josie Gatto	Linda McCann	Paul Slenning
Dean & Sandy Brand	David & Maureen Graham	Ray & Pauline Meisgeier	Eileen Smith
Juanita Breeden	Dolly Grennan	John & Patricia Mergens	Susanne Smith
Dave & Janice Buck	Cindy Guillot	Georgia Michael	Leonard & Kathie Soler
Rey & Germaine Cabardo	Tom & Gina Halkjar	George & Francene Mikulich	Grace Stansell
Norma Catchpole	Don & Laurie Hanny	Daryl & Carol Miller	Van & Jan Thomsen
Sally Chihuly	David & Jeanne Heldstab	Rick & Penny Mutchter	Lora Tomaszewski
Jean Clark	Donna Hiam	Dan & Perci O'Brien	Nanette Turner
Bruce & Sharon Cochran	Larry & Barbara Holbrook	Teresa Ochsner	Keith & Sandra VanHoof
Jim & Cindy Codiga-Judd	Larry & Brenda Holdener	Linda Osborne	Lance & Kathleen VanParys
Charles & Lonie Colyar	Marie Holdener	Jeanne Parkko	Sharon VanWieringer
Teresa Cover	James Hopkins	BettyAnne Peterson	Rob & Magdalena Verhasselt
Marie Deady	Dick & Bev Howard	Jon & Sharon Peterson	Greg & Barbara Vesey
Tom & Rita Delaat	Rosemarie Howard	James Plowden	Keith & Michelle Westling
Jim & Dar Devlet	Caroline Inglin	Mike & Mary Pritchard	Andrea Weymiller
Joe & Gerry Dieringer	Ron Ingraham	Terry & Mandy Pruss	Ed & Bea Wilson
Bart & Araceli Dinwiddie	Ed & Joan Jarvis	Chris & Betty Rankin	Ignacio & Kristine Yanez
Peter & Paige Dowling	Kevin & Alison Jenne	Deryl & Teresa Ross	Dolores Young
Karen Durgin	Dennis & Rosemary Johnson		Michael Zeiss

BUMPER STICKERS

- If You Can Read This, I Can Slam On My Brakes And Sue You
- Forget World Peace -- Visualize Turning Off Your Turn Signal!
- HANG UP AND DRIVE!
- Where There's A Will...I Want To Be In It!
- Ever Stop To Think, And Forget To Start Again?
- If We Quit Voting Will They All Go Away?
- I Haven't Lost My Mind - It's Backed Up In The Cloud!

ANNUAL GLOBAL ROSARY



The Annual Global Rosary Relay for Priests is inviting all local prayer groups to get involved with this great day of prayer. The participating local shrine nearest us is The National Sanctuary of Our sorrowful Mother (The Grotto in Portland, Oregon USA). The Luminous Mysteries will be prayed starting at 12:45pm. Read the special Apostolic Blessing from Pope Francis and more details at www.worldpriest.com.

**FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM 2017:
FREEDOM FOR MISSION -
PRAY, REFLECT, ACT**

Hold firm, stand fast, and insist upon what belongs to you by right as Catholics.- Our First, Most Cherished Liberty. The Fort-night for Freedom is from the vigil of the Feasts of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More to Independence Day. We are called to follow Christ as missionary disciples by seeking the truth, serving others, and living our faith in all that we do. Let us take a few moments each day from June 21 – July 4 to pray, reflect, and take action on religious liberty, both here in this country and abroad. For more information visit the USCCB website: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/fortnight-for-freedom/index.cfm>



PASS ON YOUR FAITH - VOLUNTEER

Being a Catechist is a wonderful opportunity that each person plays, by virtue of his or her Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. It's also an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. Please contact Chris Korolsky (253) 686-0784 or the office (360)829-6515 for more information and to volunteer to pass on your faith in the 2017-2018 school year. We are looking for catechists and assistants for each grade K - 6th. Thank you.

THANKS FROM FR. LUDVIK

The time has come. The day is arriving for my leaving.



The Retirement Pot-Luck lunch was energizing and fun. The day was a blessing for me and it was good for so many parishioners to attend.

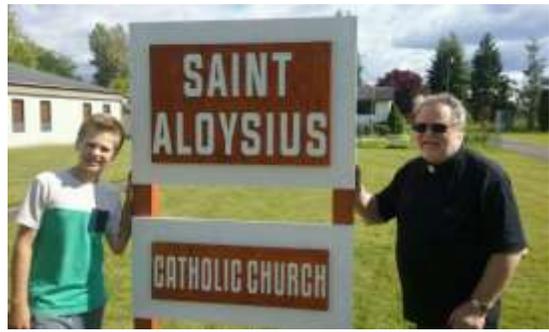
I very much appreciated the gift certificates and moneys in your cards with so many wonderful comments. I was shocked at the generosity of so many parishioners and especially

the Altar Societies and the Knights of Columbus. Thank you. I wish I could write a personal thank you to each who gifted me with their presence and also with your cards and donations for my retirement. I am taking this opportunity to thank you.

Blessings to all of you as you make the transition from two churches becoming one. May the graces of the Feast of Corpus Christi continue to draw you together. I pass on the torch to Fr. Davis and Fr. Jones.

Hugs and Blessings.
Pray for me as I will for you.
~~Fr. John Ludvik

NEW SIGN...FINALLY!



Theo Weymiller, age 13, member and altar server of Our Lady of Lourdes/Saint Aloysius Catholic Church, constructed this sign in recognition of the retirement of our beloved priest, Father John Ludvik, which was presented on June 11, 2017 at Father Ludvik's retirement celebration.

He wanted this sign to bring together our two churches, Our Lady of Lourdes in Wilkeson, WA and Saint Aloysius Catholic Church in Buckley, WA.

Our Lady of Lourdes has its final mass on Sunday, June 18th, and will be closing. The two churches will combine to become one parish, Saint Aloysius Catholic Church in Buckley, WA.

Theo spent 10 hours creating this project at his middle school using a laser engraver, sander, stain and paint. He would like to recognize his technology teacher, Mr. Koosmann, for his assistance with this project. The plywood was donated by Shawn Roehr, Saint Aloysius parishioner and owner of Arrow Lumber in Buckley.

FOREST SERVICE COMMENTS

These are reported to be actual comments left on Forest Service registration sheets and comment cards by campers and backpackers completing their trips:

- "A small deer came into my camp and stole my bag of pickles. Is there a way I can get reimbursed? Please call."
- "Trails need to be wider so people can walk while holding hands."
- "Trails need to be reconstructed. Please avoid building trails that go uphill."
- "Too many bugs and leeches and spiders and spider webs. Please spray the wilderness to rid the area of these pests."
- "Chairlifts need to be in some places so that we can get to wonderful views without having to hike to them."
- "Need more signs to keep area pristine."
- "The places where trails do not exist are not well marked."
- "Too many rocks in the mountains."