

JUNE 14, 2020

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This Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of our Lord. It also marks the beginning of the Year of the Eucharist in the Archdiocese of Boston, a celebration of the Real and True Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

To mark the beginning of this holy year, we will once again offer **Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays in Gethsemane Chapel from 12:00-3:00 pm** beginning next Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. We invite you to come and adore Our Lord, present in the Eucharist.



## SCHEDULE FOR THE UPCOMING WEEKS

**SATURDAYS**

**CONFESSIONS** 3:00 - 3:45 PM  
ST. MONICA CHURCH & ST. LUCY CHURCH  
**SUNDAY MASS** 4:00 PM  
ST. MONICA CHURCH & ST. LUCY CHURCH

**SUNDAYS**

**SUNDAY MASS**  
10:00 AM ST. LUCY CHURCH  
9:00 AM & 12:00 PM ST. MONICA CHURCH

**DURING THE WEEK**

**DAILY MASS**  
9:00 AM MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, & FRIDAY  
GETHSEMANE CHAPEL  
**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
12:00 - 3:00 PM FRIDAYS GETHSEMANE CHAPEL

WE WILL CONTINUE TO FILM THE SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY MASSES AND POST THEM ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL AND AIR THEM ON METHUEN COMMUNITY TV.

### VIRTUAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

**Course on Zoom**

Join us every Wednesday at 6pm for a course on the Holy Spirit. We are also running our Wednesday morning prayer group at 10am on Zoom. All are welcome to join one or both. Contact Bonnie Doherty for more information and the link to join: [bonnieocds@gmail.com](mailto:bonnieocds@gmail.com).

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"Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me." - Jn 6:57

### Excerpt from the Cardinal's Letter

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

For four hundred and one years this land, which would become the United States of America, has had to deal with the evil and moral cancer that is racism.

When the word racism is invoked it is often identified in personal terms: someone whose attitudes, convictions and actions target a group of other individuals because of color...From such people as Fredrick Douglas and Harriet Tubman, to contemporary leaders, thinkers and activists, African Americans have tried consistently to expand the general understanding of racism...They have pointed to the reality of systemic and structural racism.

The murder of George Floyd...at the hands of four rogue police officers was tragically all too familiar to the African American community...His death makes clear that racist premises and attitudes, often implicit, are woven through basic structures...in the United States.

The earliest days of my priesthood were lived in Washington, D.C. on 16th St. in the heart of the city. I was there the night Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated...In the weeks following his assassination, during the time of the Poor People's March on Washington, I joined the individuals and families at Resurrection City at the Lincoln Memorial. Off duty police officers hurled tear gas at our encampment and shouted vile profanities at us. I did not then, and we do not now judge all police officers on the basis of the reprehensible, criminal acts of those few who betray their brothers and sisters in uniform. The vast majority of police officers, very notably in Boston through the leadership of Commissioner Gross, serve as heroic, selfless first responders..

The antidote to the poison of racism is community and solidarity. The protests in response to George Floyd's murder, in my view, have been predominantly peaceful and focused on the urgent need to address racism as a systemic, cultural, and legal reality. Some violent protesters and out of town infiltrators, few in number but by intention disproportionately visible, had interest in neither justice nor its achievement. As Governor Baker stated, they should be legally punished and should not be able to tarnish the greater significance of the peaceful marches and demonstrations we have witnessed.

Catholic moral teaching is based on the fact that all people – without regard to race, religion, ethnicity or nationality – are created in the image of God. This teaching rejects any form of racism, personal or systemic. Our faith calls us to leadership in breaking down barriers and standing against injustice. To violate human dignity is to dishonor the presence of Christ in each person.

The killing of George Floyd is painful evidence of what is and has been at stake for African Americans - the failure of society in too many ways to protect their lives and the lives of their children...Going forward...we must uphold the commitments to equal dignity and human rights in all institutions of our society, in politics, law, economy, education...Our work will not be done until African American men, women and children are treated equally in every aspect of life in the United States...

With the assurance of my continued prayers

Devotedly yours in Christ,  
Cardinal Sean O'Malley, OFM, Cap.  
Archbishop of Boston

(for the entire text please visit our website [methuencatholic.org](http://methuencatholic.org))

MASS INTENTIONS

**ST. MONICA PARISH**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 13**

**4:00 pm** Marianna Zielinski and Diane Margosian

**SUNDAY, JUNE 14**

**9:00 am** Deceased members of the Chouinard Family  
 Maria Consentino  
 Theresa Lynch  
 Mary D. Kubit  
 Demetrio Faunillan  
**12:00 pm** Kevin Waterworth

**MONDAY, JUNE 15**

**9:00 am (at Gethsemane Chapel)**  
 James Miner, Gerard Hamel, and Leo Hamel

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17**

**9:00 am (at Gethsemane Chapel)**  
 Anthony Fusco Sr.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 19**

**9:00 am (at Gethsemane Chapel)**  
 Yvette Moran and Don Lavigne

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**SATURDAY, JUNE 13**

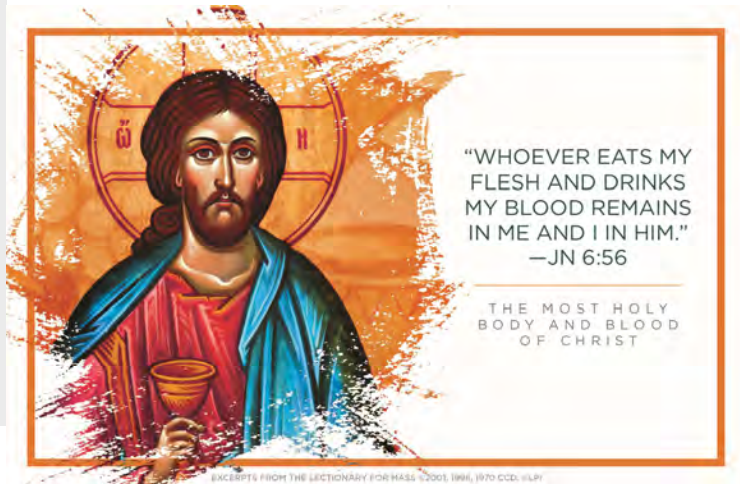
**4:00 pm** Christine Bolduc

**SUNDAY, JUNE 14**

**10:00 am** Helen A. Piskadlo  
 Salvatore R. Boragine Jr.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 16 (Private Mass)**

Deceased members of the  
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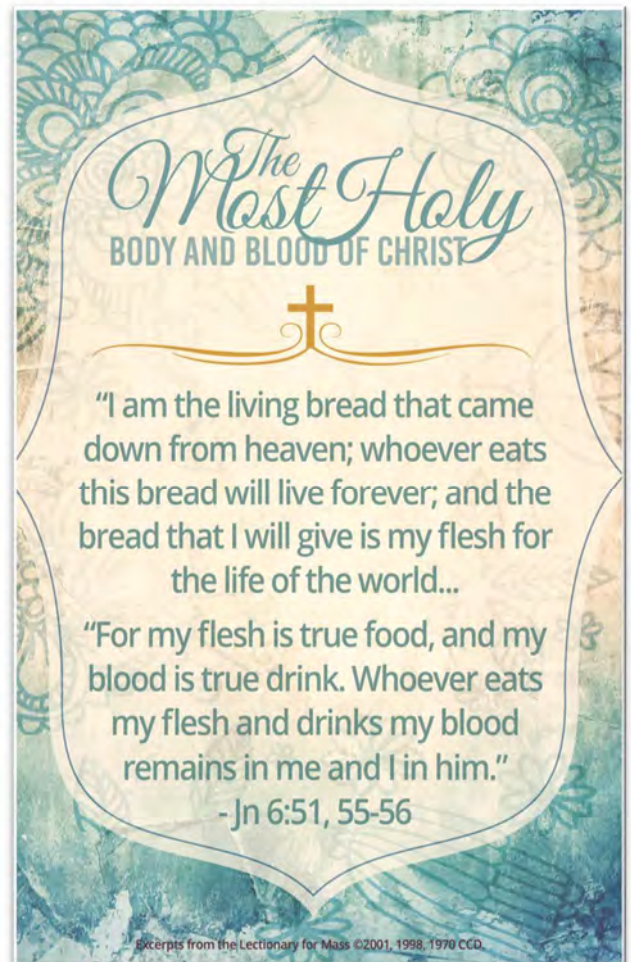
**WEEKLY PRAYER**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 14, 2020**

- SUN 6/14** Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12]/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58
- MON 6/15** 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7 [2b]/Mt 5:38-42
- TUE 6/16** 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16 [cf. 3a]/Mt 5:43-48
- WED 6/17** 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24 [25]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- THR 6/18** Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7 [12a]/Mt 6:7-15
- FRI 6/19** Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10 [cf. 17]/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30
- SAT 6/20** 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Lk 2:41-51
- SUN 6/21** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 [14c]/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

**OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 14, 2020**

- Sunday:** The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ; Flag Day
- Friday:** The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Saturday:** The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; World Refugee Day
- Sunday:** 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day

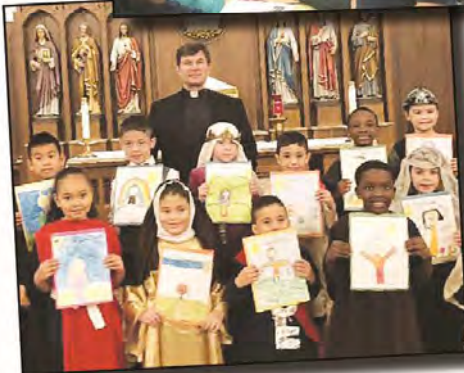
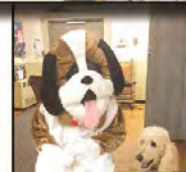


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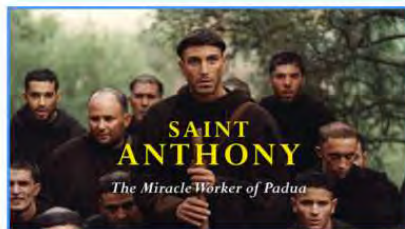
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Please pray for **Bernie** and **Paulo L.**

Please pray for **Francis R. Covey Jr., Doris Cleary, Mollie Gueli, and James Battye** whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our parishes. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

Please pray for our priests/seminarians/vocations daily. Pick up a Pray for Our Priests calendar and a seminarian prayer card at the back of the church or just use this list each day. Our priests and seminarians need our prayers and we should be praying for vocations!

Date	Priest	Seminarian
6/14/20	Pope Francis	John O'Dowd
6/15/20	Fr. James Kelly	Andrew Rondelli
6/16/20	1990: Bishop O'Connell ordained	Deacon Joseph Hubbard
6/17/20	Fr. Vincent Daily	Deacon Denis Nakkeeran
6/18/20	Fr. Daniel O'Connell	Deacon Matthew Norwood
6/19/20	Fr. Carlos Suarez	Deacon Fernando Vivas
6/20/20	1987: Archbishop Russell ordained	Giovanni Argote

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