

**Pastoral Reflection**  
**The Feast of Body and Blood of Christ**  
**June 19, 2022**

My reflection connects this feast day, Corpus Christi, which falls on June 19<sup>th</sup> this year, with Juneteenth and how I'm thinking a lot about the incongruence of the U.S. Catholic Church's reverence of the body of Christ and its mistreatment of African American bodies through slavery, Jim Crow and the white supremacy still present in its body.

I'm sitting in the offices of Pax Christi USA in Washington, D.C. My office window faces the Catholic University of America (CUA) across the street. Earlier this year, CUA displayed an icon, an African American Pietà depicting Mary and Jesus created by Kelly Latimore in response to the murder of George Floyd. Twice it was stolen in shameful acts of cowardice and racist intimidation.

Two of our staff members, with the permission of the artist, printed a larger version of the icon and mounted it inside my window, prominently facing CUA's campus. As we celebrate the body of Christ today, I'm reminded of that image and the substitution of George Floyd's body for the body of Christ in the traditional Pietà.

"Representations of Mary and Jesus as African Americans are a gift to our faith and a representation of its universality. Icons and imagery reflecting African American spirituality declare who we are and whose we are," Charlene Howard, Pax Christi USA's National Council Chair stated when we posted the display. "This sacred art acknowledges that God loves us and understands what we go through. Most importantly, it reminds all God's people that people of African descent reflect the justice-seeking image and likeness of God."

For me as a white Catholic, the celebration of this feast day, Corpus Christi/Juneteenth, is empty without acknowledgment of the racism that has disfigured the Church and a commitment to be accountable to my sisters and brothers of color. There can be no authentic reverence of the body of Christ until we revere the bodies of Black and Brown people in our Church and society as well.

*Johnny Zokovitch*



**St. Cronan Catholic Church**  
**The Feast of the**  
**Body and Blood of Christ**  
**June 18-19, 2022**

**Mass Information**

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesdays – 8:00 a.m

Masks are suggested for all Masses

Live-streaming continues at the 10:00 am Mass. PLEASE BE ON TIME! Live-streamed masses are available on our Facebook page any time after the 10:00 Mass, <https://www.facebook.com/StCronan>

The Mass for Sunday, July 3 will be recorded and placed on our website: <https://www.stcronan.org/> If anyone is available to serve as lector on Thursday, June 30 at 9:30, please contact Diane G. [diane@stcronan.org](mailto:diane@stcronan.org)



**ALL THINGS NEW**

Sr. Chabanel and our leadership team has answered the 64 questions that will be included in our next report to the Archdiocese. Thanks to all who contributed to question #64. The team summarized these responses and included them in the report going to the Archdiocese on June 24.

**Seeds of Justice Network:** Interested in social justice activities in our area? Visit [www.seedsofjusticenetwork.org](http://www.seedsofjusticenetwork.org) or use the QR code on the flyer in the Chapel to sign up for the Seeds of Justice Network newsletter! The weekly email features a justice-focused article of the week, a listing of local events, and a few national events & trainings.

**ACA Update:** We have made our published goal and new donor goal, and are just \$826 away from our challenge goal! Thank you for your generosity!

**Juneteenth:** Juneteenth is being celebrated this weekend. Please keep all those victims of racially-motivated violence in your prayers and actions.

**Cardinal Glennon:** There will be a second collection for Cardinal Glennon Hospital this Sunday, June 19. Please be generous.

**Pride Parade:** The Pride Parade takes place this year on Sunday, June 26. We will be marching with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Sr. Clare Bass is the point person. She will be sharing details via CronanTalk soon. If you have questions, you can contact her at [Cbass@csjls.org](mailto:Cbass@csjls.org)

Andrew Viragh has offered to have shirts made for the parade. If you are interested, please contact him at: [ANDREW.VIRAGH@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ANDREW.VIRAGH@GMAIL.COM)

**Marianist Retreat Center Summer Schedule:** This summer, the Marianist Retreat and Conference Center, located in Eureka, MO, is offering three unique retreat opportunities, and you are cordially invited! These and all summer events can be found at: <https://marianistretreat.com/blog/summertime-events-2022/>

**Transformational Journey:** A Pilgrimage to the Edmund Pettus Bridge, the National Voting Rights Museum in Selma, the National Memorial for Peace & Justice and the Legacy Museum in Montgomery, Alabama is being planned for Thursday, October 20 – Sunday, October 23. Save the dates – more details will follow as they are finalized. A community member who now lives in Florida, Jenny Marquardt, recently wrote that she has visited these sites, and the journey is truly transformational.

**City Greens Market** would like to partner with the St. Cronan Community in providing fresh, quality food to our neighbors. The Grove's neighborhood nonprofit grocery store, the market is located just up the street at 4260 Manchester. Our mission is to provide access to fresh, quality and affordable food to our neighbors; to promote healthy living in the community; to provide a safe and welcoming space for neighbors to interact; and to support local farmers as part of our extended community. We offer fresh fruits and vegetables, bulk grains and flours, staple goods like beans and pastas and soups, frozen foods, and a variety of quality and humanely raised meats, eggs, and dairy products. While anyone is welcome to shop with us, our members get a 30% discount on all food. And anyone - member or not - who purchases food with their EBT card at City Greens Market can take advantage of the Double Up Food Bucks program to increase their purchasing power - if they purchase at least \$25 of produce, they can get up to \$25 of produce for free. Fresh food, healthy choices, and a united and empowered community. That's our commitment. Please come check us out! [www.stlcitygreens.org](http://www.stlcitygreens.org)

**Rummage Sale:** Holy Innocents Parish is having a rummage sale the weekend of June 24-26. Please see the flyer in the Chapel for further information.

**Donations for Ukraine:** If you would like to help, please give to the Ukrainian Children's Aid and Relief Effort, Inc. or UCARE, Inc., which is a charity serving the needy and orphaned children of Ukraine. If anyone wants to financially help the Ukrainian situation, please consider this charity. The website is [www.ucareinc.org](http://www.ucareinc.org). Bob Hoffman has worked with this group for years. He shared an update via Cronantalk on June 12, if you would like to see how the contributions are being used.

**Day-Long Women's Retreat:** The Women's Retreat has been postponed to a later date due to the hot weather. We will keep you informed of the new date when it is selected.

**Black Lives Matter Vigil,** takes place the third Friday of the Month at the corner of Manchester and Kingshighway, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. The next vigil will take place on Friday, July 15. Please join us!

**COFFEE AND DONUTS IS BACK.** Please join us for Fellowship and community in the COFFEE AND DONUT ROOM after the 10:00 Mass on Sundays. Many thanks to Maggie Hart-Mahon and Dorothy Strathman-Lucy for organizing. People mentioned that they missed having it last week - If you are interested in taking one weekend a month to host, or even the fifth weekend when it occurs, please contact Maggie: [ofccomp17@gmail.com](mailto:ofccomp17@gmail.com)

**Eucharist Cup?** The Archdiocese is lifting the ban on receiving the Eucharist Cup. We will not be instituting this until we hear how comfortable people are for receiving and distributing wine at Masses. Please let Fr. Jack or Diane know your opinion.

**Prayers Please:** Laurel Hayes; Laurel Hayes' parents, Jerry and Nancy; Rose; Robert Nathe's Mother, Eileen; Colleen Wallace's godson, Lachlan; Michelle Frank; Jennifer Lyle and Krista Rakers; Jessica; Nick Ambrose; Al Sprehe; Leslie Conway; Mike's grandson, Jack; Jim Gorman; Andrew Viragh's father,; Sharon Orlet's sister, Betty; Nancy Buck's daughter, Jeanne; Kathy Bayless; Tom Kuciejczyk-Kernan's brother, Steve; Barry Buchek's wife, Mary; Trish Curtis' mother and brother; Gavin Barrett-Hayes; Barb Sopp's cousin, Patty Struckhoff; Marie and Roland Martir's granddaughter, Madie, and great-grandson; David Gaillardetz' father, Richard; Fr. Gerry's classmate, Fr. Pat O'Laughlin; Nick and Shirley Ambrose's daughter, Brigid Costello; Shelly Kurtz; Varrietta Anthony; Teresa Sullivan's friend, Caroline Bucci; Kathy Stock's niece, Jill, Fr. Jack's brother, Mike; Natalie Johnson and the Johnson Family; Nancy Buck; Nancy Buck's daughter, Nancy Hall; Blanca; Barb Sopp's friend, Joe Sinibaldi; Tim Herzel.

