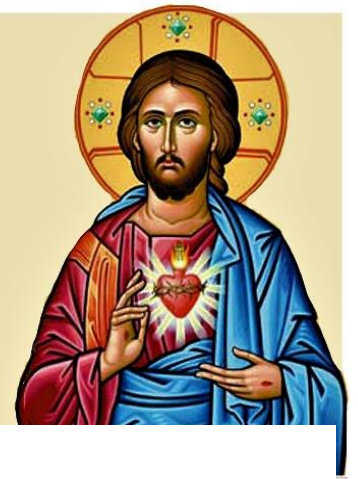


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CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY THE SACRED BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST June 2/3, 2018



Pope Francis'

MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

FOR JUNE

Social Networks: That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

June 2/3 – Corpus Christi (The Body and Blood of Christ)

June 6 – Birthday of Fr. Anton, St. Mary of Nazareth Church

June 8 – The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus – Patronal Feast of Our Parish

Birthday of Fr. Michael Linden, SJ

June 9 – Immaculate Heart of Mary

June 9/10 - SECOND COLLECTION FOR SACRED HEART PARISH IN BOTH CHURCHES

June 11 – St. Barnabas, Apostle

June 15 (Approx) – Beginning of Eid al Fitr

June 21 – St. Aloysius Gonzaga – 1st Day of Summer
Father's Day (*Take A Priest to lunch*)

June 24 – The Nativity of John the Baptist

June 27 – Fr. John returns from U.S.

June 29 – Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul

July 2 – St. Elizabeth the Prophet (Saint of Jordan)

July 3 – Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle

July 4 – US Independence Day

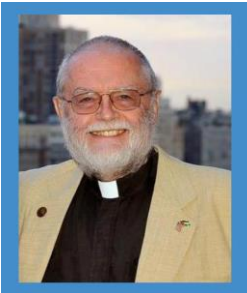
July 6 - First Friday; Adoration following Mass in the Francis Xavier Chapel

July 24 – St. Charbel Makhluf

July 25 – St. James, Apostle

July 26 – Ss. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Mother

July 31 – ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA, FOUNDER OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS
(*Observed as a Solemnity at the Jesuit Chapel*)



RAMBLINGS

OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

In my life, there have been a number of “coincidences,” which I suspect is a word we use when the hand of God is evident in our lives, and that makes us uncomfortable, so we call it a coincidence.

Our family has had a particular devotion to St. Anthony since my great-grandmother discovered his church in Boston in the late 1800’s. In my parents’ bedroom, there was a statue of the Blessed Mother over my mother’s bed, and a statue of St. Anthony over my father’s. When it came time for me to be ordained, the Provincial announced the date of our ordination – June 13 – the feast of St. Anthony.

When I got the assignment to run the Xavier Society for the Blind, I didn’t know much about the blind community, and I quickly learned that the patron saint of the blind is St. Lucy, whose feast day is December 13. My birthday is December 13th.

In my life God keeps dropping these little coincidences that suggest to me that perhaps I am in the right place at the right, for whatever reason He may have. And this is another one.



The picture is a small shrine to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. My great-grandmother, grandmother, my mother (who was about 7) and one other relative went on a trip to Europe right after the First World War, around 1918. In France, great-grandmother bought this shrine. The picture is painted enamel, but the casing, and the little ornate doors that open and close, are made from the brass shell and bullet casings that were left on the battlefields of France. It has been a treasure of mine for years – and now, here I am, at Sacred Heart English Language Parish. Another coincidence.

But I tell this story for another and a more important reason. At some point, I gave this little shrine away to someone, as a gift, because I knew they would treasure it and it is never good to be too attached to “things.” I did that before I knew I would be coming here. And I realized the other day that I have completely forgotten to whom I gave it. I was telling someone about the little shrine, and they said, “Oh now that you’re here, you should ask if they would give it back.” That was when I realized that I had no idea whom to ask. I wouldn’t ask anyway – a gift is a gift, and hopefully it has become as important to them as it was to me.

But I was comforted that I did not know who now has this shrine. They have the story of how it came to be, and they have the object. I have pictures. More important, I have the freedom of knowing that I can give away, or give up, or even lose the physical things that are important, that I do hold dear. And I can give them up easily, without thinking back on them a lot. That is encouraging. It may mean I am growing a little closer to God.

St. Ignatius has a wonderful and difficult prayer, which is reproduced elsewhere in this edition of HEARTBEAT. It assumes we can give up the physical things, and it challenges us about giving up everything – my mind, my memory, my entire will. It is a difficult prayer to really mean – but it is what we will face at the end of our lives when we face our Creator. Probably a good idea to start practicing now.

And let us continue to pray for one another.

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Fr. John’s Mobile: 079 013-8985 (If no answer, leave a message.)

Website: Jordanjesuits.org **Facebook:** Go to Parish Group and ask to be admitted to the group. You will be.

MASS SCHEDULE

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Mon - Sat	8:30 AM	Jesuit Center
Saturday	5:00 PM	Sweifieh, St. Mary of Nazareth
Sunday	6:00 PM	Jabal Hussein, St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle (Al Razi Street)

SUSCIPE

*Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,
my memory, my understanding,
and my entire will,
all that I am
and all that I possess.*

*You have given all to me;
to you, O Lord, now I return it.
All is yours,
dispose of it wholly according to your Will.*

*Give me only your love and your grace;
this is enough for me.*

JUNE

2 Sandra Hill
Natalie Al Naber
8 Fr. Michael Linden, SJ
11 Rita Okechukwu
13 Fr. Gerald Metal
Kelly Connors



21 Al fares Hattar
27 Pedro Herrera Gomez
28 Karim Mubarak
29 Eileen Doherty
30 Maysam Ziadeh

IFTAR DINNER

On Thursday, May 24, Sacred Heart Parish, with the support of the Jesuit Center and the assistance of Jesuit Refugee Services, hosted an Iftar Dinner at the Center. We had around 85 present, including small children, members of the Parish, some JRS staff and staff of the Jesuit Center.

Dinner started with dates and water on the tables, soup, rice and chicken, three kinds of salad, fruit, sweets and fruit juice and soda. Thanks to the work of the JRS staff and the generosity of the parish, our guests had a very good time and those with the experience of many Iftar dinners rated it a good effort



Left: Dinner at night;
Below: Waiting for the prayer to end.
Above: The wonderful JRS Staff
Right – Raed Awwad, Center Director, and Calaf of the Center staff start to serve the soup.

