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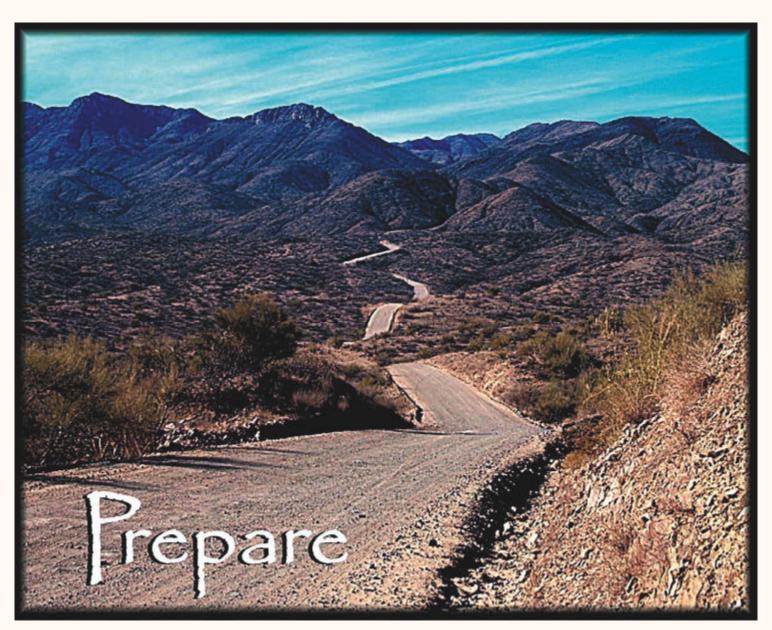
The united Catholic Community worshipping in Portsmouth, NH

Welcome!

If you are new to our community, we hope you have felt welcome!

If you are a visitor, we're glad you joined us!

If you're considering parish membership, please introduce yourself to Fr. Gary after Mass.



Parish Mission Statement

Rooted in the Word, nourished by the Eucharist, and strengthened by the sacraments, Corpus Christi Parish is a vibrant, welcoming Catholic community of many parts united in the one Body of Christ. Seeking to reflect the unconditional love and embrace of Christ, we strive to live out our baptismal call as disciples and enthusiastic witnesses to our faith.

Immaculate Conception Church 98 Summer Street

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM 10:30 AM 4:30 PM

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

Confessions

Monday—Friday 8:30 AM Saturday 8:30 AM and 3:00 PM Sunday 3:45 PM

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday—Saturday 7:00-7:55 AM Wednesday 8:30 AM-6:00 PM

Doors Open For Prayer

Weekdays 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

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Covid Protocols

- A reminder that if you are feeling ill in any way, or have been in contact with someone who is, you should not be coming to Mass and putting others at risk.
- Enter/exit through the main front doors only.
- Seating will be in every other pew. Those not related to each other should maintain distance between themselves and others, which will involve spacing as you share pews. Greeters will be at the door to assist with seating and to answer any questions.
- Masks are to be worn, covering both nose and mouth, according to State of NH Mandate, Portsmouth City ordinance, Diocesan guidelines, and safe practices recommended by the CDC, lowered only when you stand before the priest/minister to receive communion, and then replaced.
- A basket for your offertory envelope will be at the main entrance to receive your offerings as you enter or leave.
- Form a spaced line down the center aisle for Communion, returning to your pew by the side aisles.
- When Mass ends, maintain social distance as you proceed out the doors. Do not congregate on the front plaza, and keep masks in place until you reach your vehicle.

Sanctuary Lamp & Votives

The sanctuary lamp will burn this week for Robert and Rose Ford, requested by Sue Ford.

The votives at the Mary altar will burn in memory of Kathy Masi, as requested by her husband.

At the St. Joseph altar, the votives will burn in memory of Peg Ibscher.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the high altar this week were given in memory of Leo Auger, donated by Kathy & Kevin Kelleher.



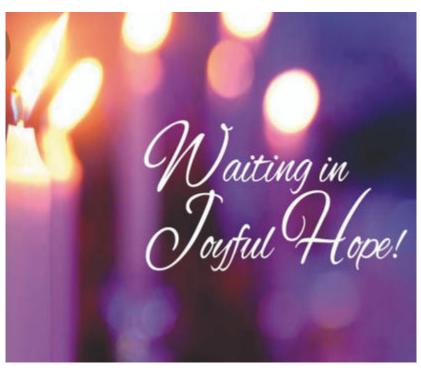
The Pastor's Letter

Dear Family in the Lord,

Waiting in line can be one of two experiences. See if you identify with the examples below:

First Example: Waiting in Dread

You're standing in line at the post office or the grocery store, waiting for your turn. You're tapping your foot and keep looking at your watch. You don't want to be in this line. Before long, you begin to think, "Oh, I can't wait for this to be over!" Oftentimes, the other people in line with you feel the same way! No one speaks to anyone else. Clearly, few are enjoying the experience; and the impatience or irritability you feel might even be visible on your face. Such an experience of waiting in line can seem isolating, almost lonely.



Second Example: Waiting in Excitement

Now think about the times when you waited in line at an amusement park, to buy tickets to see your favorite baseball team, or to hear your favorite band. In these instances, the waiting is much different. People are excited and you might even be talking to some of them about the ride you're getting ready to experience, the sports team that you love, or the band you're about to hear. This second example is the kind of waiting we are called to in Advent.

Waiting in Joyful Hope

At Mass, after praying the Lord's Prayer, we hear "... as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ." This prayer reminds us that during Advent, we wait in joy, in hope, and in anticipation for the wonderful event we are about to experience—the feast of Christmas, the coming of Christ into our lives in new ways, the return of Christ in glory at the end of time. As the Church, we wait during Advent and look forward to celebrating the fact that God loves us so much that he sent his Son into the world to save us. This waiting is far from empty; rather, it is full of the hope that God promises us as we prepare for Christ in the feast of Christmas.

With you on the Journey,

Second Sunday of Advent



Intentions for Holy Mass

DEC 7 St. Ambrose Monday 8:00AM Robert McKechnie, by his Wife DEC 8 Tuesday Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8:00AM Ryan Kelley, by his Family 12:00PM Margaret & Patrick Corless, by Annie Osborn 7:00PM Leo Auger (2nd anniversary), by Sherry Moniz St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin Wednesday DEC 9 8:00AM Charles Hamlin Jr. and Charles Hamlin Sr., by Skip & Cathy Homicz 6:30PM Lorraine Hensen, by Stefanie Crawford Thursday **DEC** 10 Advent Feria (weekday) 8:00AM T J Bassett, by the Maloney Family Dt. Damasus I Friday **DEC 11** 8:00AM A J Rava, by Ellisa Arbogast Saturday DEC 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe 8:00AM Peg Ibscher, by Marilyn and Mary Kay Vigil 3rd Sunday of Advent 4:00PM Pat & Mario Semprini, by their Family Sunday **DEC** 13 3rd Sunday of Advent 8:30AM Mary Gordon, by Patty Nadeau 10:30AM Thomas Fogarty (14th anniversary), by Family) 4:30PM Pro Populo (For Our Parish Family)

To schedule Mass intentions or for sacramental records, please visit Kathy at the parish office, 845 Woodbury Avenue, or call 436-0344, X 113.

Our reflection of God's generosity to us!

Weekend of November 21/22, 2020

 Online Giving
 \$ 6,248.00

 Envelopes
 \$ 6,613.00

 Loose
 \$ 940.00

 Total
 \$ 13,801.00

That weekend 116 envelope/75 Online Giving users contributed 93% of our income.

Poor Box/SHARE Donations \$ 878.00

Weekend of November 28/29, 2020

 Online Giving
 \$ 2,288.00

 Envelopes
 \$ 4,453.00

 Loose
 \$ 1,018.00

 Total
 \$ 7,759.00

Last weekend 110 envelope/53 Online Giving users contributed 87% of our income.

Poor Box/SHARE Donations \$ 2,322.00



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

THIS Tuesday, December 8th, is a Holy Day of Obligation and a special Feast day since, under this title, our Lady is honored as Patroness of our country, and it is also the Patronal Name Day of our Parish Church.

Holy Day Masses: 8:00 AM 12:00 Noon

7:00 PM

Christmas Mass Attendance BY RESERVATION ONLY

Due to ongoing concerns, and the need to follow the protocols set out by both the State and our Diocese in these days of pandemic, we will join with other parishes in our area requiring pre-registration for Christmas Masses. This will allow those who wish to come to be assured of a place while limits are still followed. Please note the following:

- You need to call our office to give your name, number in your party, and the Mass time you wish to register for. Calls will be taken, first come, first served.
- ♦ You cannot make a reservation by email or by leaving a message. You need to speak to Kathy or Mary Kay directly in our office, 436-4555.
- ♦ We have begun accepting reservations. Calls will only be answered between 9AM and 12 Noon, and from 1 to 5PM Monday through Friday.

Mass options include:

CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00 PM (Full/Closed) 6:00 PM (Full/Closed)

12.00 Midnight

MIDNIGHT MASS
CHRISTMAS DAY

8:30 AM
10:30 AM

- You are asked to be here no later than 15 minutes before Mass in order to be assured seating.
- **♦** We CANNOT accept walk-ins or add to the number in your group that day.

(For those who are at risk or unable to attend Mass, we will have distribution of Holy Communion on Christmas Day from 11:45 AM to 12 Noon.)

Advent Opportunities



The Season of Advent can do so much for us if we carve out some space and embrace Advent living. But, for so many, the secularism around us can have it be all about pre-Christmas rush and all the "stuff." Here are some simple opportunities your parish family holds out to you to make it different this year!

Advent Evensong and Benediction

will take place **TONIGHT** at 6:00 PM and also on Sundays **December 13 and 20**. It's a brief half hour in a candlelight setting, with reflection, intercession, and the beautiful anthems of the season. It's a restful, focused, opportunity to simply come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and receive His blessing for our living of these days. (Please note that Adoration opportunity precedes at 5:30 PM and follows until 7:00 PM for those who want to linger, as well as Confession availability.)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is possible daily in our church throughout Advent. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place Monday through Saturday from 7:00 to 7:55 AM; Wednesdays from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM also; Sundays from 5:30 to 6:00 PM Evensong, then after Evensong until 7:00 PM. Sitting quietly before Him, experiencing Him as Emmanuel – God with us! Discover this awesome gift!

Candlelight Evening Mass will be offered on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM on December 9 and 16. This unique style of celebration, in the darkness, offered "ad orientem" at the high altar, and accompanied by the Gregorian chant of the ancient "Rorate Mass," is soul-stirring and a great mid-week way to keep focus!

Weekday Morning Mass is offered at 8:00 AM Monday through Saturday. What a great start and focus to your day to keep you grounded in the reason for the season! Holy Mass.

Confessions will be heard daily, with opportunities Monday through Saturday at 8:30 AM; Saturday afternoon at 3:00 PM; Sunday afternoon at 3:45 PM and again from 5:30 to 6:00 PM, and 6:30 to 7:00 PM (before and after Evensong, while Adoration is ongoing). Don't delay! Don't miss this *most important* of all Christmas preparations!

Looking to Christmas

Christmas Cards

Once again, our Knights of Columbus will be offering a beautiful selection of reasonably-priced cards to help us all keep Christ in Christmas. These will be available in the back of the church **this weekend**.

Christmas Wafers

The wafers, made in the same unleavened way as the Eucharistic bread, and used in Slavic tradition to break bread and offer bless-

ing at the first meal of Christmas, will be available from the Knights of Columbus in the back of church **THIS weekend**. Flyers with the explanation of this beautiful custom, along with accompanying prayers, will be available with them. If you've yet to, we encourage you to explore the possibility of introducing this beautiful "domestic church" tradition in your home this Christmas! For those of Slavic background, the name of these wafers will be well known—Oplatek! This translates as "an oblation"—an offering!

Christmas Flowers

Envelopes are at the church doors for offerings to help us adorn our church for this upcoming season. If you clear-

ly print the name of a loved one in whose memory you are making the offering, these will be listed for prayerful remembrance in the December 20 bulletin and they will be remembered



in the Masses celebrated here in the Christmas Octave days. The **deadline** is **December 9th** to be in the bulletin listing.

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Lost and Found

Looking for your glasses? Lost your Rosary? Can't find your hat? Or, did you find something and want to return it to its owner? Call the parish office at 436-4555 to claim or drop off your Lost and Found items!

<u>Found recently</u>: reading glasses, prescription sunglasses, and a plum colored fleece jacket.

Lost recently: bronze crucifix with leather beaded cord

We are still in need of volunteers to help carry out Covid protocols by wiping down the backs of pews, door handles, railings, etc. after each Mass. With three or four people, the task can be done in about 15 minutes. As the saying goes, "Many hands make light work." If you are able to help, please call the parish office and leave your name, phone number, and which Mass you usually attend. Thank you!



Parish News

Week of December 6, 2020

Weekly Adoration Now on Wednesdays

Just a reminder that our weekly Day of Eucharistic Adoration is now on Wednesdays. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from after the 8:00 AM Mass until 6:00 PM each Wednesday.

We are able to offer this weekly day for all who wish to drop in thanks to the dedication and commitment of a great group of "scheduled adorers" who commit themselves to an hour slot each week. We like to have at least four people for each hour so that if one has to be away, the others are there, ensuring that the Blessed Sacrament is never left unattended when exposed.

We thank Patti Loiodice for scheduling and overseeing all the scheduled adorers. If you would like to join the ranks of scheduled adorers (we could especially use you from 4:00 to 5:00 or 5:00 to 6:00 PM), please email her at pattiloiodice91@gmail.com for more information and to sign up.

Prayer Cenacle Moving to Tuesdays!

Our weekly Prayer Cenacle has moved to Tuesdays at 2:00 PM. "Cenacle" is a word for the upper room where Jesus' apostles gathered together in prayer with his Mother Mary, and the Holy Spirit powerfully descended upon them. It was during this original Pentecost that the Catholic Church was born. Our Lady renews the call to gather together with her in cenacle of prayer in anticipation of the Holy Spirit. A cenacle consists basically of Recitation of the Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Feel free to join us!

We received the following note to share:



On behalf of my wife and myself, I would like to thank those parishioners who assisted us on Thanksgiving morning in front of the Church before the 9AM Mass. Your help and concern was very much appreciated as we worked though the situation that unfolded.

It was certainly a blessing to witness the sincere kindness of fellow parishioners.

Thank you again. Sincerely, John & Maureen Sullivan

Status of the Capital Campaign

Our goal: \$ 2,500,000 As of November 30: \$ 2,170,791

Thank you to all who have helped us so far and to all who will invest in the coming weeks to bring us an additional \$500,000 over our original goal so that all work will be covered!

CHRISTMAS EXTRA EFFORT

Over the years it has been a wonderful gift to see the response to this annual special appeal for "extra effort" at Christmas. Our parish budget plans on this annual appeal to fund a major part of our operating expenses. Some parishes do "Grand Annual Appeals" with mailings, etc. We have simply counted on your prayerful consideration and response to this

occasion to see your offering as your Christmas Gift to your parish!

We are most grateful for whatever you can do. (If you give electronically, you can designate this gift



online. If you use envelopes, you will have in your packet a special Christmas envelope right after the ordinary weekly envelope for Sunday, December 20th. You could also use your own envelope and simply mark it "Christmas Offering.") We are happy to include this offering, individually or as a business if you are a business owner, in our statement to you for tax purposes. Thanks in advance for all you do and all you can do in this annual "Extra Effort"!



Thank you from BLAZE!

BLAZE, our middle school ministry, recently packed up shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Our parish was extremely generous this season, and we were able to pack up 48 boxes, doubling our total of 23 from last year. The girls pack up the boxes outside, social distanced, and masked, and even enjoyed a (donated) pizza picnic in 41 degrees. It was great for the girls, on Thanksgiving week and in preparation for Advent, to gather and pray for all of our gifts and blessings, even in this strange year!





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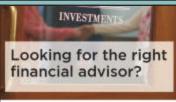
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