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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.



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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

Parish Center & Parish Office:

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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 two spaced lines 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.

Parish Mass Online and on TV

Our 4:00 PM Saturday Mass is recorded for the benefit of all who are sick, at risk, or vulnerable and unable to join us for Mass in the church. The Mass then airs on Channel 98 (local public access television) at 7:00 PM on Tuesday and Thursday, and is repeated at 10:00 AM on the following Sunday morning. The recorded Mass is also available on our YouTube Channel.

Visit our Corpus Christi Parish YouTube channel to see our recorded Mass online:

- Visit **corpuschristinh.org**
- Click on “Media”
- Choose “Recorded Parish Mass”
- Look for “Via Our YouTube Channel”
- Click on this week’s Mass (listed by date)

The Pastor's Letter

Dear Family in the Lord,

A week from this Wednesday we will be entering the Season of Lent. Now is the time to look at how we can more deeply enter into prayer, what penance we can embrace to fortify our lives and refocus on the essential, and how we might, in doing without some wants, be able to reach out to assist the needs of others through almsgiving. These “three pillars” of Lent, when entered into wholeheartedly, can really help us to emerge after forty days changed by Lent, rather than simply changing a few things for Lent.

We will have a number of opportunities held out to you to be able to live this season of repentance and renewal well. All the details will be in next weekend's bulletin. Among these will be additional opportunities given to enable you to join us for Holy Mass more often during these

days. In addition to the morning Mass, we will have evening Mass three times a week, the devotion of the Way of the Cross on Fridays, Lenten Lamentations and Benediction on three Sundays, and additional opportunities to embrace the greatest Lenten action—a good confession—throughout these days. We will have Adoration opportunities and some faith enrichment sessions too. I will offer some “one nighters” to help us go deeper in our faith. We will hold these in church so we can observe precautions and yet still gather. Our Men's Ministry will welcome Benedictine monk Fr. John Fortin for a Lenten Morning of Reflection for guys of all ages. Details are elsewhere in this bulletin.



As in past years, we will feature a book for a parish-wide Lenten read. This year we will offer *I Thirst: 40 Days with Mother Teresa*, with copies made available at Masses next weekend. In addition, in this year of St. Joseph, a group from our Men's Ministry will be using the book by Fr. Calloway on Consecration to St. Joseph, and we will have copies available for anyone who may wish to get it for this special year. We will also have the little Daily Meditation booklet available at the doors next weekend to help you draw on the richness of the daily scriptures of the season.

Finally, in this season we will have three people preparing to be received into the Church, to be Confirmed, and to share in the Holy Eucharist for the first time at the Easter Vigil. I commend them to your prayers as they use these days of “purification and enlightenment” to prepare well as this great moment draws near.

So, just a heads up! Watch next week's bulletin for details and let's all use these days to chart out our personal plan for approaching these grace-filled days to experience all they can bring to our lives!

With you on the Journey,

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time



Intentions for Holy Mass

Monday	FEB 8	St. Josephine Bakhita
8:00AM		William Ferguson, by Rosemary Kent
Tuesday	FEB 9	Feria (weekday)
8:00AM		Kathleen M Morrissey, by Kathleen A Morrissey
Wednesday	FEB 10	St. Scholastica
8:00AM		T J Bassett, by the Maloney Family
Thursday	FEB 11	Our Lady of Lourdes
8:00AM		Jason Gigis, by the Scontras Family
Friday	FEB 12	Feria
8:00AM		Joseph Kane, by Gerry & Marsha Sieve
Saturday	FEB 13	Feria
8:00AM		Pro Populo (For Our Parish Family)
		Vigil 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time
4:00PM		Mike Wyka, by his Wife & Family
Sunday	FEB 14	6th Sunday of Ordinary Time
8:30AM		Duane Date Jr., by his Family
10:30AM		Maureen Quirk Lyons, by her Family
4:30PM		Intentions of Katherine Glynn, by Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Hollywood

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

Our reflection of God's generosity to us!

Weekend of January 30/31, 2021

Online Giving	\$ 4,210.00
Envelopes	\$ 4,473.00
Loose	\$ 894.00
Total	\$ 9,577.00

Last weekend 97 envelope/90 Online Giving users contributed 91% of our income.

Poor Box /SHARE Donations \$ 4,506.00

Status of the Capital Campaign

Our goal: \$ 2,500,000

As of February 1st: \$ 2,278,115

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



Men's Lenten Morning of Reflection

Our Men's Ministry invites all guys to save the date for this year's morning of reflection in Lent, with presenter Fr. John Fortin, OSB, a Benedictine monk from St. Anselm Abbey and Professor at the college.

For You? Men of all ages and stages of life!

Topic? A fresh look at the "pillars" of Lenten Living: Prayer, Penance, Almsgiving—getting practical and getting renewed!

When? **Saturday, February 20th, 9 AM to Noon**
(Snow Date: February 27th)

Where? Parish Center, Upper Hall

Questions? David Gutierrez at 603-494-6777

RSVP? RSVP by February 17th to David G at daveg6777@gmail.com or to Fr. Gary at frgary.ccnh@gmail.com

We highly encourage this as a great enrichment opportunity for dads/grandpas and sons/grandsons – maybe even all three generations!

Sanctuary Lamp & Votives

The sanctuary lamp will burn this week with Birthday Blessings for Angie Houle and Oley Sofarelli.

The votives at the Mary altar will burn in memory of Jill Armitage, requested by her husband Phil.

At the St. Joseph altar, the votives will burn with Birthday Blessings for Roy Helsel.

The votives at the Divine Mercy Shrine will burn for the special intentions of Mary Tosi, requested by Annie Osborn.

At the Black Madonna Shrine, the votive candles will burn this week for the special intentions of a parishioner.



NEW! *Votive Shrine Candles*

We are happy to provide votive candles for your use at two Shrines in our Church. We remind you that the requested offering for lighting a candle is \$3.00, to cover the increased cost of the candles. Please use care in lighting with the tapers so that remnants of the lighting stick do not remain in the candle, which could cause a larger flame to be present than simply the candle light. The numerous flickering candles are a wonderful, silent sign of faith, thanksgiving, hopes, and prayers placed before the Lord within His house and seeking unity in prayer with the intercession of our Lady and the saints.

NEW! *Adoration Opportunities*

We are happy to offer opportunities for some one-on-One time with the Lord, present in the Most Blessed Sacrament, six days a week. It's inspiring to see more and more discovering and taking advantage of this graced-filled encounter. Exposition takes place Monday through Saturday from 7:00 to 7:55 AM and, in addition, on Wednesdays from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM. And, remember, the center door of the church is open for your prayerful visits to Jesus in the Tabernacle, every day from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM. Take advantage!

NEW! *Prayer, Fasting, & Witness for Life!*

For the past few years, the national *40 Days for Life* campaign has coincided with the Season of Holy Lent. In light of some of the very disturbing pro-abortion statements coming from the White House in recent weeks, we need to rise to this occasion more than ever with prayer, fasting, and peaceful witness for the victims of abortion. We need to support agencies and programs that reach out to support and assist mothers in crisis and stand strong that abortion is not "healthcare," but rather than destruction of innocent life. Mother Teresa once said that no nation is poorer than the ones where some can be made to die so others can live the way they want. In our local area, folks gather to pray on the sidewalk in front of the Loving Health Center at 559 Portsmouth Ave in Greenland during these forty days. From 7AM to 7PM there are various individuals, groups, families, and folks of all ages who simply go to give witness and to pray for conversion, change of hearts, and respect for all life without condition. Some folks offer particular fasts during Lent for this intention. Some come to pray before the Blessed Sacrament exposed. Some make offerings from their almsgiving for New Generations in its support ministry for women (located across the street from the Loving Center). Elsewhere in this bulletin are details. What can you do to be a part of the 40 Days for Life?

NEW! *Recently Baptized*

We warmly welcome **Felicity Bradley**, who was given new life through water and the Holy Spirit in our parish community! To her parents and godparents we extend our congratulations and prayerful support as they live out the commitment they made to be "the first teachers of these children in the ways of faith." In the words of the rite, "may they be the best of teachers, bearing witness to the faith in what they say and do."

**20/20 Anyone?**

Twenty dollars gets you twenty weeks of chances at weekly drawings and then BONUS drawings at the end! The next 20/20 Raffle series will begin in a few weeks. This is a great way to help support the ongoing ministry of our parish and, perhaps, have a little "extra" spending money come your way! Interested? Get your tickets now! They will be on sale after Masses, or you can drop by the office. Good Luck! Thanks to all who continue to support this effort and to those willing to take a chance for the first time too!

Young Adult Ministry

- ◆ Frassati Fraternity will gather as part of our Lenten Men's Morning of Reflection coming 9AM to 12noon on **Saturday, February 20**, rather than on a Wednesday this month. See details elsewhere in this bulletin and RSVP by the 17th as noted.
- ◆ Young Adult Ministry for all ages 18 to 30-something will be having upcoming monthly breakfast fellowship after 10:30 Mass, a Friday night simple supper after Mass and Stations in Mid-Lent, a Ski day and dinner, and a few other enrichment opportunities in Lent. Watch the bulletin and our Facebook page—Corpus Christi Young Adults—for details. Questions? Reach out to our Young Adult Minister Dave Perrella at youngadultmin.ccnh@gmail.com.

SEMINARIAN SUPPORT THANKS!

Once again our parish, so supportive of vocations in so many ways both locally and beyond, has offered tremendous generosity in the annual collection to fund the formation of our future priests. A total of **\$14,045** has been received! Your daily prayer for and your personal support of our future priests, especially our own two, months away from priestly ordination, is most appreciated!

Income Tax Statements

If you would like to receive a statement for income tax purposes indicating your 2020 church contributions, please email aa7.ccnh@gmail.com or call Kathy at 603-436-4555. We can do this only for those who use envelopes, checks, or Online Giving, since we have no way of documenting what others give.



February 17 - March 28 **40 DAYS FOR LIFE®**

HELP SAVE LIVES IN GREENLAND!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, *40 Days for Life* has inspired 1,000,000 volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results over 27 coordinated campaigns:

- **18,000** babies saved from abortion
- **211** abortion workers converted
- **107** abortion centers closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

- **Vigil location:** Loving Health Center's public sidewalk, located at 559 Portsmouth Ave. in Greenland, NH
- **Vigil hours:** 7 AM to 7 PM daily
- **Local contacts:**
Carol Ingraham: 207-985-3166
Deb Dwyer: deb40days@yahoo.com
- **Learn more... get involved... and sign up for prayer times** by visiting our campaign website:

40daysforlife.com/Greenland

Kickoff Rally!

February 21st, 2:00—3:00 PM at the Loving Health Center's public right of way

Come to pray and be inspired by our speakers:

Reverend Christian Tutor, OSA
All Saints Anglican Church, Concord NH
Trustee & EFT Chair, NH Right to Life

Kelly
Personal Testimony

Sister Mary Rose Reddy
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