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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

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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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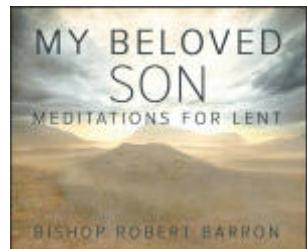
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This week's picks on Formed:



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

*Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him,
the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.” (Luke 4:13)*

Dear Family in the Lord,

These are menacing words, don't you think? Defeated now, the devil slinks away, but not for long. He's off to bide his time, wait for a while, lurk in the shadows, never too far away, just looking for his opportunity. But we live in an age where people struggle with the idea of the devil. A man in a red suit with a long curly tail? Really! And sure enough, even religious people, especially religious people, do not believe the devil exists. We surround ourselves with such a comfortable notion of faith, a God of love, the Good Shepherd, the forgiving Father. Wickedness and evil seem so far from what our faith and our idea of God is all about, that it is just so difficult to understand how he could allow there even to be a Devil. And this is dangerous stuff. Fighting an enemy that you don't believe exists is wrestling with shadows.

It was the writer C. S. Lewis who said that the devil's greatest achievement was convincing people that he doesn't exist. We must not fall into that trap. We don't need to believe that he's red and has horns and a tail, that he lives under the earth in fire and brimstone. But if we stop believing that evil can be a power, and even have a mind and a will, if we don't recognize that the life of faith is a struggle and that obstacles often fall in our way, if we don't accept that when bad things happen it may not be God's will but might in fact be ill will, if we don't accept these—then there is no battle to be fought, no struggle to be won. We are like those without hope. The devil skulks in the shadows, waits in the darkness—and we may not even realize he is there.

Lent is our time in the wilderness—our time when we confront temptation and remember that there is a power of evil. It is our time for recognizing Satan, and all his works, and all his empty promises, and defeating him. It is our time to draw nearer to the God who is so near to us and walks us through all the valleys of darkness, the God who, in His Son, won the victory. The reflection on this reality can fill us with renewed hope and zeal as we strive in these days, and well beyond, to answer love with love, and to go deeper to KNOW mercy and strive to SHOW mercy!



With you on the journey,

J. Barry

First Sunday of Lent



Intentions for Holy Mass

Monday	FEB 22	Lenten Feria (weekday)
8:00AM		Olivia Martin, by William Murray
6:30PM		Margaret "Peggy" Ibscher, by Paul & Chris Kayne
Tuesday	FEB 23	Lenten Feria
8:00AM		Intentions of Sr. M Francanne
Wednesday	FEB 24	Lenten Feria
8:00AM		Dante Tosi, by his Wife & Family
6:30PM		Lynda DeHaan, by Pat Jones
Thursday	FEB 25	Lenten Feria
8:00AM		Helen Savage, by Patti & Don Liodice
Friday	FEB 26	Lenten Feria
8:00AM		Abel Lajoie, by Bernard Lajoie
6:30PM		Fr. Francis Kocik, by Kathy McHenka
Saturday	FEB 27	Lenten Feria
8:00AM		Alice & Ted Young, by the Scontras Family
	Vigil	2nd Sunday of Lent
4:00PM		Jan Morrissey, by Rosemary Spinney and the Tosi Family
Sunday	FEB 28	2nd Sunday of Lent
8:30AM		Greg Guerra, by his Family
10:30AM		Dante Tosi, by his Wife & Family
4:30PM		Pro Populo (For Our Parish Family)

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 February 13/14, 2021

Online Giving	\$ 8,343.00
Envelopes	\$ 5,645.00
Loose	\$ 846.81
Total	\$ 14,834.81

Last weekend 100 envelope/75 Online Giving users contributed 94% of our income.

Poor Box /SHARE Donations \$ 3,072.00

Capital Campaign a/o 2/16/21 \$ 2,282,499.00

If anyone is new to the parish or has not yet had an opportunity and would like to support our Capital Campaign, please take a packet at the church doors to learn more about how you can participate.

Lenten Opportunities

WEEKDAY MASS

8:00 AM Monday through Saturday
6:30 PM Monday, Wednesday, Friday

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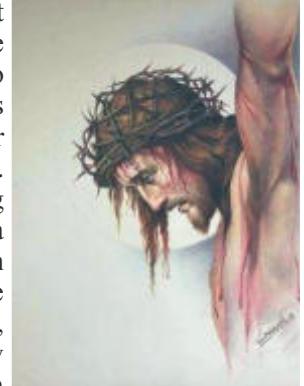
Each Friday at 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM, using different reflections each week to link His way with ours. Concludes each week with blessing with the relic of the True Cross.

EUCARISTIC ADORATION

Monday thru Saturday before Holy Mass, 7:00—7:55 AM
Each Thursday from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM

LENTEN LAMENTATIONS

Sundays (**March 7, 14, 21**) at 6:00 PM. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed at 5:30 PM for those wishing quiet prayer time prior to the devotion, and remains exposed after until 7:00 PM for those wishing to linger after. Confessions are heard during these times as well. (This is a half hour meditative reflection in somber song, divided in three parts, on the Passion of the Lord, which is soul-stirring and very moving. Drawn from the Polish devotion dating back to the 1800s.)



CONFESIONS

8:30 AM Monday through Saturday
6:00 PM Monday, Wednesday, Friday
3:00 PM Saturday
3:45 PM Sunday

CHURCH OPEN DAILY

Our church is open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM every day for your personal one-on-One time with Him!

ADULT ENRICHMENT IN LENT

In keeping with our quest to "go deeper" in understanding and thus living our Catholic faith, Father Gary will offer a series of one-nighters as a Lenten opportunity for adults of all ages, and high school youth as well are urged and invited to come with their folks!

Each night will be independent, so come to any or all! **Mondays, March 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd**, after the 6:30 PM Mass, from 7:00 to 7:45, with a Q & A opportunity at the end. The first two weeks will focus on the Mass, the third on Sacraments of Healing, and the last on the Liturgy of Holy Week.

Plan to join us!

NEW! Youth Ministry

As part of family and intergenerational catechesis, we encourage parents to bring their youth in grades 7 to 12 to any or each of the Wednesday night sessions, described elsewhere in this bulletin, that Fr. Gary will be offering. Great insights, deepening of appreciation for the great gifts of our faith, and good discussion starter for follow up at home. Later in Lent we will invite youth to join with some of our young adults for reflections on the Passion after attending one of the Adoration, Lenten Lamentations & Benediction services. Watch for more.

NEW! Lenten Reading/Reflection

Our parish Lenten read, based on the teaching and spirituality of St. Teresa of Calcutta, offers a focus for each day. The book, "*I Thirst*" is on sale in the back corner table in church for a free will offering. In addition, we have copies of the book for Consecration to St. Joseph by Fr. Calloway. This book is likewise found on the table. The donation requested to cover our costs for that book is \$16.

NEW! Year of St. Joseph Novena

Whether individually at home, or at Mass with us, our parish will be offering the Novena in preparation for the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19th. It begins on March 10th. Copies will be in church for use beginning in early March.

NEW! Called Home to the Lord

We remember in prayer the repose of the soul of former parishioner **Mrunal Bhagat**, whose Funeral Mass was recently celebrated in Texas. To his family we extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayerful support as well.

NEW! Many thanks to our Pew Crew!

We are grateful to those who clean/disinfect our pews every weekend for the safety of those attending Mass. Thanks for your dedication and help with this task!

NEW! Think Summer!

Camp Fatima for boys and Camp Bernadette for girls are now accepting online registrations for the 2021 summer season. The camps, located in the Lakes Region of NH, offer 2-week overnight sessions for children, ages 6-15. For more information, pick up a flyer at the church entrance, visit www.bfcamp.com, email info@bfcamp.com, or call 603-931-5500. Sessions fill up quickly—don't wait!

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 soon!** 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 and see Kathy. Good Luck! Thanks to all who continue to support this effort and to those willing to take a chance for the first time too!

Easter Flower Fund

You may make offerings in memory of deceased loved ones, and these souls will be remembered in the holy Masses of the Easter Octave. Please **print the names clearly** on one of the flower envelopes available in your envelope packets or at the church doors. **The deadline to return your donation to the parish office is Thursday, March 25**, so that the names may be listed in the Easter bulletin.

**Guidelines for Fast & Abstinence**

While everyone should embrace the spirit of Lenten penance with their own voluntary acts of penance, going without or doing something extra, along with personally chosen days of fast (from food, or TV, or other such things), the whole Church unites on some days of Lent in observing communal acts of penance. These are as follows:

Ash Wednesday

A Day of Fast for all aged 18 – 59 who are in good health and able. A Day of Abstinence from meat for all aged 14+.

All Fridays of Lent

These are Days of Abstinence from meat for all aged 14 and over. Simple meatless meals on these days is the penitential practice of the universal Church.

Good Friday

This is a Day of Fast & Abstinence as well.

FASTING means taking only one simple meatless meal. Lesser amounts may be taken at two other times of the day to maintain strength but, together, these should not constitute a second meal. No eating between meals. A Fast Day is a choice that helps us to choose less and become more mindful of those who go without daily meals. (For all aged 18 – 59 in good health.)

ABSTINENCE means refraining from eating any meat. In keeping with the spirit of penance, whatever we do eat should not only be meatless but simple. (For all aged 14+)

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.



Praying the Rosary of Saint Joseph

Join the Corpus Christi Men's Ministry this month as we pray this special rosary together.

WHEN: The fourth Saturday morning of every month, starting at 7:30AM

WHERE: We will gather in front of the Statue of St. Joseph at Immaculate Conception Church.
(Please note that this is a silent prayer, as Adoration is occurring at the same time.)

WHO: Men of all ages and from other parishes are welcome!

WHAT: Praying this special Rosary will help us be better men. Someone from the Men's Ministry will be there early to hand out the prayer if you need it.

WHY: Pope Francis has announced that 2021 be a year dedicated to Saint Joseph. We can all use this shining example of Fatherhood, Protector, and Provider to guide us through these turbulent times.

Everyone is encouraged to stay for 8:00AM Mass afterwards. For details, please contact Thomas Kasetta at thomaskasetta@gmail.com or 860-978-7090.

Sanctuary Lamp & Votives

The sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Dorothy Cerilli, and the votives at the St. Joseph altar will burn in memory of Richard Cerilli, as requested by their daughter, Elizabeth Choate.

At the Mary altar, the votives will burn in memory of Olga Helsel, requested by her family.



February 17 - March 28
40 DAYS FOR LIFE

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!

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

- **Vigil location:** Lovering 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

Help Save Lives in Greenland!

Kickoff Rally TODAY!

February 21st, 2:00—3:00 PM
at Lovering 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
The Daughters of Mary, Mother of Healing Love
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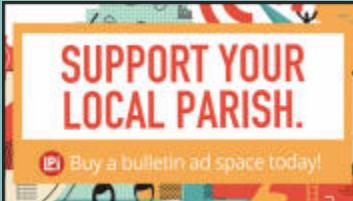
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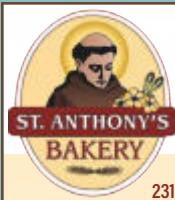
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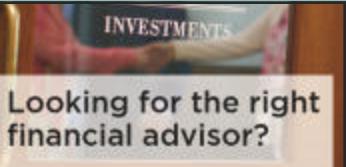
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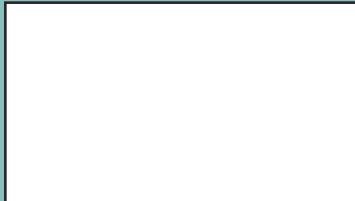
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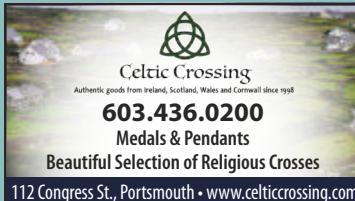
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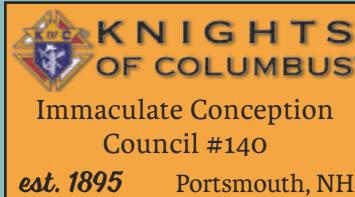
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