

# Corpus Christi Parish

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.

## Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### 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-Noon

#### Doors Open For Prayer

Weekdays 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

#### Parish Center & Parish Office

845 Woodbury Avenue, Portsmouth, NH 03801  
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www.corpuschristinh.org  
parishmail.ccnh@gmail.com

#### Calvary/St. Mary Cemetery

Kate Gordon, Cemetery Manager 603-436-9239

#### St. Patrick Academy

315 Banfield Road 603-436-0739

#### Vianney House

98 Summer Street  
*Residence for Fr. Gary*

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## The Week at a Glance

### Monday, August 16th

Young Adult Bible Study—6:30 PM (PC LH MR 3/5)

### Tuesday, August 17th

Prayer Cenacle—2:00 PM (C)  
Televised Parish Mass—7:00 PM, Channel 98

### Wednesday, August 18th

Exposition/Adoration—8:30AM-Noon (C)  
Lay Carmelite Meeting—6:00 PM (PC LH)

### Thursday, August 19th

Wedding Rehearsal—4:30 PM (C)  
Televised Parish Mass—7:00 PM, Channel 98

### Friday, August 20th

Wedding Rehearsal—1:00 PM (C)  
Wedding Liturgy—3:45 PM (C)

### Saturday, August 21st

Baptism—10:00 AM (C)  
Wedding Liturgy—1:00 PM (C)  
Rosary—3:30 PM (C)

### Sunday, August 22nd

Televised Parish Mass—10:00 AM, Channel 98  
Wedding Music Consultation—11:45 AM (C)

#### **KEY:**

#### On Summer Street:

C = Church  
VH = Vianney House (rectory next to Church)  
SO = SHARE Office (lower level Vianney House)

#### At 845 Woodbury Avenue:

PC = Parish Center (lower level of former church)  
UH = Upper Hall at Parish Center  
LH = Lower Hall at Parish Center  
MR = Meeting Room (1-6)  
PO = Parish Office (former rectory)

### 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 YouTube channel to see our recorded Masses:**

- Visit [corpuschristinh.org](http://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,

When the Risen Lord ascended, the disciples looked up into heaven as their Lord and Master disappeared from sight. Contemplating this scene from Scripture, we may be tempted to think that, once the Lord finished His work on earth, He left us behind, disentangling Himself from this vale of tears until He should return in glory. Celebrating today's solemn feast, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may find ourselves harboring a similar temptation. We may imagine that, in being raised to the heights of heaven, Mary has left the playing field of history and has escaped the world that pierced her immaculate heart with the sword of sorrow. Let us harbor no such thoughts on this joyful feast.

When the Exalted Lord disappeared from human sight, through the power and working of the Holy Spirit, He became even more powerfully present to the newborn Church. Even though the disciples could no longer see or touch Jesus, or eat with Him or listen to the sound of His voice, they were closer to Him than ever. Thanks to the gift of the Holy Spirit, they could proclaim His Gospel from the rooftops, with conviction and power, even at the cost of their lives... So too, as Mary is lifted up to heaven from the desert of our earthly existence, let us not imagine that we are deprived of her presence or her prayers. Because she shares fully in her Divine Son's victory over sin and death, Mary is closer to us than ever, uniting herself to us in the celebration of Holy Mass, listening like a loving Mother to our pleas, and interceding for us before God's throne.

Our Virgin Mother wants nothing more than that we, her spiritual children, share fully in the Risen Lord's victory over the forces of sin and death still at work in the world. Even so, doesn't it sometimes seem as if that victory over sin is out of our reach? When we think of our sins and sinful inclinations, don't we sometimes wonder if we will ever attain that purity of heart so necessary if we would see God? (Cf. Mt. 5:8) When we see the Church buffeted on every side by scandal and persecution, do we not ask whether the triumph of love proclaimed at Mass will ever be ours? How can we share in Jesus' triumph as long as we are plagued by weakness? How can it be said that the Church shares in the Lord's victory when she is the object of scorn, from within and without?

In search of answers, let us turn to the woman clothed with the sun whose image shines forth in our reading from the Book of Revelation. This woman stands both for the Church and also for Mary, the Mother of the Church. The sun with which she is clothed is the glory of God's self-giving love: the glory revealed on the face of Christ as he stood transfigured on Mount Tabor, the glory that shone forth from the Cross and from the wounds of Christ whose death destroyed our death and whose rising restored our life. More perfectly than any other human being, Mary reflects this glory. This is the sun with which she is clothed: the glory of the Sun of Justice. Nonetheless, she is under siege by a dragon who seeks her demise and that of her Divine Son, and by extension, all of us, who are her spiritual offspring. In the Book of Revelation, the dragon stands for the forces of evil—for Satan, for our concupiscence, and for that worldly power opposed to God's reign.

At first glance, the woman appears to be no match for the dragon's ferocity, just as the Church appears powerless in the face of the world's violence and hatred. Yet the woman is stronger because God is stronger. In the end, it is not power and hatred that triumph, but love, God's love, and that peace which the world cannot give but only the Risen Lord. But in the meantime, both the woman and her Son remain vulnerable to those forces. So too, neither the Church nor her members are spared trials and suffering. The Church's long history bears this out. So does the life of any serious Christian.

But let us take heart: even as the Blessed Mother goes up to heaven, so too she visits us, as once she visited her cousin, Elizabeth. From her exalted place in heaven, she journeys to the threshold of our hearts to teach us the way of love and to help us follow her to the courts of heaven. Under Mary's loving gaze, isn't it the case that our sharing in the Lord's triumph of love somehow seems doable—doable for each of us in our journey of priesthood and priestly formation—doable for the Church whom we love and passionately wish to serve? What does Mary teach us about sharing in her Divine Son's triumph?

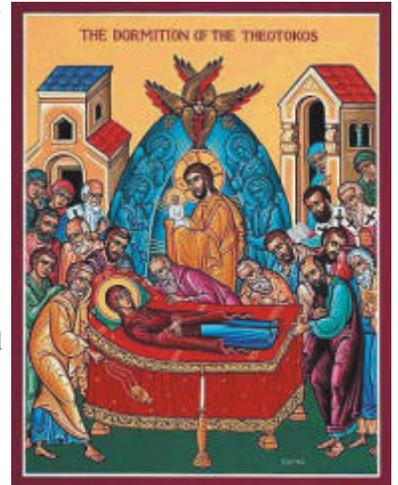
First is faith and trust in God and in his promises. In today's Gospel, Elizabeth calls Mary blessed because she believed "that what was spoken to [her] by the Lord would be fulfilled"... And not only Elizabeth, but every generation calls Mary blessed precisely because she believed and trusted in God's promises. If we examine the quality of Mary's faith, we see in it nothing casual or half-hearted. Rather, faith in God gave her life its whole direction, its meaning, and its destiny. Faith is that theological virtue, that gift of the Spirit, which opens the door to the great and mighty deeds which God wishes to accomplish in us and in the Church. Do we have a faith like Mary's? Do we believe with every fiber of our being? Does our faith give our lives their direction, meaning, and destiny? Only when we are armed with a faith like Mary's, can we withstand anything and everything the dragon throws at us and at our beloved Church.

Second, Mary shows us that the triumph over sin and death can be ours if only we would engage in heartfelt prayer and steady contemplation of God's Word. St. Augustine says of Mary that "before she conceived the Lord in her body, she had already conceived him in her soul." In other words, by absorbing God's Word in prayer, Mary made room for Jesus both in her heart and in her womb. Thus she became the Ark of the Covenant, a living tabernacle, for God's Son. While only Mary was destined to be the Mother of God, we too can make room for Christ in our hearts by prayer and contemplation, and like Mary we can weave our prayer together from the golden threads of Scripture.

Mary, the Mother of Mercy, teaches us that love triumphs over sin and death when, in the power of the Spirit, we experience remorse for our sins, when we allow the Lord to overturn our worldly values and upend our petty concerns, and place ourselves humbly before God's throne in the Sacrament of Mercy. In that Sacrament we experience in a very deep and personal way the Savior's love, the only love that is "stronger than sin and more powerful than death."

Yes, Mary teaches us the way of faith, prayer, and repentance as the path to victory. And more than that, Mary intercedes for us, powerfully, as the first of all the saints, as the source of so many graces for each of us and for the Church in difficult times. On this feast of the Assumption, we acknowledge that Mary is closer to us than ever, if only we would welcome her, if only we would give her permission to help us to entrust our lives to God the Father, through Christ, in the Holy Spirit.

With you on the Journey,



*for Mary*

## Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



### Intentions for Holy Mass

- Monday AUG 16 St. Stephen of Hungary**  
8:00AM Mary Louise Filteau,  
by Arthur Sacramone
- Tuesday AUG 17 Feria (weekday)**  
8:00AM Leo Auger, by Sherry Moniz
- Wednesday AUG 18 Feria**  
8:00AM Helen, Mary, and Frank Demers, and  
Ellen Morrison, by Helen Demers Fund
- Thursday AUG 19 St. John Eudes**  
8:00AM David Sullivan, by Brenda Stinson
- Friday AUG 20 St. Bernard**  
8:00AM Thomas "Mucka" McCann,  
by the Dufton Family
- Saturday AUG 21 St. Pius X**  
8:00AM Thomas DiNapoli, by his church friends  
**Vigil 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
4:00PM André Deshaies, by his Wife
- Sunday AUG 22 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
8:30AM Barbara Meara, by Elizabeth Faiella  
10:30AM Carl Anania (40th anniversary),  
by his Family  
4:30PM Cathy Rose, by Jacob Descheneaux

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

### Our reflection of God's generosity to us!

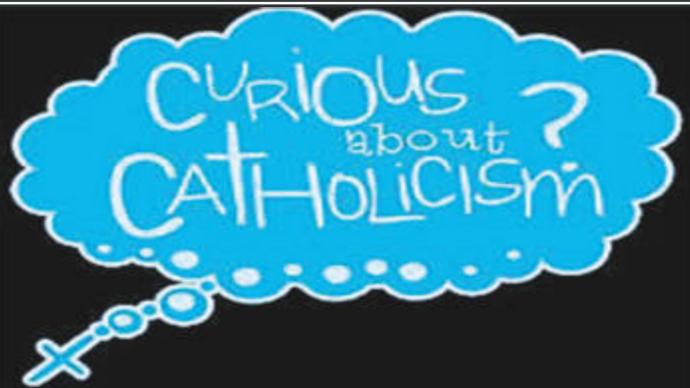
#### Weekend of August 7/8, 2021

Online Giving	\$ 4,763.00
Envelopes	\$ 6,561.00
Loose	\$ 1,746.45
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,070.45</b>

Last weekend 146 envelope/85 Online Giving users contributed 87% of our income.

Poor Box /SHARE Donations	\$ 2,135.08
Capital Campaign as of 8/9	\$ 2,343,613.00

August 15, 2021



### RCIA INFO NIGHT!

In early Fall, we begin a series of Inquiry sessions for those who were: never baptized, baptized in another Christian denomination, or baptized Catholic but never brought up in the faith. These are relaxed informal gatherings that give insights and offer enrichment in understanding how Catholic Christians live out the Gospel and deepen their walk with the Lord. It's an opportunity to ask questions and question answers. A time to explore without any obligation.

After initial inquiry sessions, those who feel the Lord calling them to go deeper continue in the process known as the "RCIA": Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. For those who so choose, the RCIA leads to reception of the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist—at the Easter Vigil. (If already baptized then the person is "received into the Church" as they renew their baptismal vows, and receives the other two Sacraments to be fully initiated members of the Catholic community.)

If you would like to get together for more information in a one-on-one meeting, or be added to the email list to get notices about details of start up dates and times, please reach out to Fr. Gary ([frgary.ccnh@gmail.com](mailto:frgary.ccnh@gmail.com)) or Brenda Stinson ([faithformdir.ccnh@gmail.com](mailto:faithformdir.ccnh@gmail.com)). We will get underway in mid-September. Don't hesitate! You? Someone you know? Show this to them! Offer to come with them!

### Sanctuary Lamp & Votives

The sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Helena Niland, as requested by her family.

The votives at the Mary altar will burn with Birthday Blessings for Kathy Kelleher.

At the Joseph altar, the votives will burn with Birthday Blessings for Phil Armitage.



**NEW!** *Eucharistic Adoration*

You are invited to come to the quiet, linger in His presence, experience some One-on-one time with Him in adoration! The Blessed Sacrament is exposed from 7:00 to 7:55 AM Monday—Saturday as a great way to start the day, offering Him the “first fruits.” Additionally, adoration extends from 8:30AM to Noon on Wednesdays. Discover this great opportunity!

**NEW!** *Gardening Angels Wanted!*

Recently at weekday Mass, we’ve been hearing the “weeds among the wheat” gospels. Well, with all our beautiful landscaping we want to meet the challenge of the weeds among the plants too! Can you help? We want to divide the various areas into sections and then assign each section to a person or team of two. Each team would simply keep an eye on their small section to keep the weeds in check. The days/times of checking are up to you! The sections are not too large, so no one is overwhelmed. So, how about it? Interested in becoming a “Gardening Angel”? Simply call 436-4555 and leave your name and contact info with Mary Kay or Kathy, or email [aa1.ccnh@gmail.com](mailto:aa1.ccnh@gmail.com) (MK) or [aa7.ccnh@gmail.com](mailto:aa7.ccnh@gmail.com) (Kathy). Many thanks to the “angels among us” who are already caring for the beds at Calvary Cemetery, the Parish Office, and at our Lady on the front lawn of the church. We’d like to get areas assigned ASAP, so please let us know this week!

**NEW!** *Day of Prayer Thanks*

Thank you to so many who took part in observing the recent Feast day of the Patron of Priests, St. John Vianney, as a special day of prayer for all priests, for their sanctification, and for all those in formation and discerning priestly vocations! Whether at Mass, during Adoration hours, or with visits to the church and our Shrine of St. John near the confessional throughout the day, your prayers brought down many graces! In addition, the many notes, emails, and acts of love and support were greatly appreciated!

**NEW!** *Recently Baptized*

We warmly welcome **Finn Kinneavy**, who was given new life through water and the Holy Spirit in our parish community! To his parents and godparents we extend our congratulations and prayerful support as they live out their commitment 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.”

**NEW!** *Wedding Bells!*

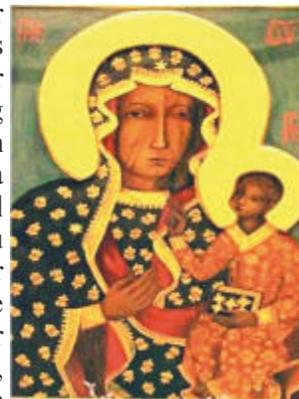
Next weekend, **Cara Dowdle & Brian Ciccone** and **Sarah Matthews & Charles Tangerini** will pledge life and love in the sacrament of Marriage in our parish. We extend our congratulations and prayerful best wishes to them! May He who brought you together bless you in abundance in the years ahead as you live out this wonderful vocation.

**NEW!** *Called Home to the Lord*

We remember in prayer the repose of the soul of **Sheila Lane**, whose funeral Mass was recently celebrated in our parish. To her family we extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayerful support as well.

## *Novena to Our Lady* *Begins THIS Tuesday!*

Between the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary (August 15th) and the Solemnity of Our Lady of Czestochowa, the Black Madonna, (August 26th), we invite you to unite in prayer with our parish community as we seek the intercession of our Blessed Mother in these trying times in our lives as a nation and in the Church. The Novena prayers will be offered at all Masses. You can join us as you are able and also unite in prayer as you offer some of the nine days of the novena in your home. Copies of the Novena, with brief explanation of the “Black Madonna,” are available at the church doors. **The Novena is from August 17th to the 25th.** There will be a **Solemn Mass at 7:00 PM on August 26th**, the Solemnity of the Black Madonna, as has been our custom over these past years. Plan to join us!



walking with purpose  
SO MUCH MORE THAN A BIBLE STUDY

**ALL WOMEN INVITED!**

Women of all ages and stages of life are invited to consider getting involved in a wonderful opportunity for going deeper in faith and experiencing fellowship! Walking with Purpose (WWP) has been offered here for the past four years, even “remotely” during Covid days! Women come together for scripture study, deepen their faith walk, and make lasting bonds of friendship. Some have been in the parish many years, others join as newcomers hoping to plug in and connect. Many blessings continue to flow from WWP. Consider it! Invite a friend! Watch the bulletin for announcements about Fall start up. If you want to check it out a bit more, feel free to visit their website: [walkingwithpurpose.com](http://walkingwithpurpose.com), or contact this year’s WWP parish coordinator, Barbara McKechnie, at [wwpn1@gmail.com](mailto:wwpn1@gmail.com).

**New 20/20 Series!**

The next 20/20 Raffle series will begin in **September**. Tickets cost \$20 each and are good for 20 weeks. Each Sunday for 19 weeks, we draw two numbers to win \$25 each. On the 20th week is the final drawing, with prizes of \$500, \$300, two at \$100, and two at \$50. Tickets for the next 20/20 series are available now at the parish office, 603-436-4555 and will be sold after the weekend Masses this month.

**DON'T  
MISS YOUR  
CHANCE  
TO WIN!**

## Keep Them in Prayer

### *Sending Blessing for Colleen*

This Sunday we will offer a “sending blessing” at the 10:30 AM Solemn Mass for our parishioner Colleen McDonough as she begins a year of service with Christ in the City. She is deeply grateful for the financial support that many of you were able to offer her to make this possible! Colleen recently graduated from UNH, and over the years has been involved in our Youth Ministry, and various parish outreach and service opportunities, and she also served as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. We will continue to keep her in prayer as she embraces this year, which she describes in her own words below:

*“The mission of Christ in the City is to know, love, and serve. This year I’ll be living in intentional community with 30 fellow Catholic young adults. Together we will pray Liturgy of the Hours, attend Mass, cook, pray a daily Holy Hour, take theology classes, and in teams of three walk the same street route everyday. Over time we will build friendships with those experiencing homelessness through consistent and authentic encounter. The vision is that, with time, these friendships can aid in restoring their feelings of self-worth and dignity.”*

### *Entering Religious Life!*

After moving into the area, a very warm and vivacious young woman named Haley Thompson plugged into our parish family, and especially got involved in our Young Adult Ministry. She was working as an airline flight attendant. A year ago she moved back to the West coast, where she was originally from, and was discerning God’s “next step” for her in her life. She explored various options and had contemplated religious life among the possibilities. Haley entered the Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa as a candidate on August 6th. Let’s be united in our prayer for her as she deepens her discernment and begins formation for the consecrated religious life. If you would like to drop her a note assuring her of your prayerful support and that of our parish, that would be much appreciated. You may address them to: Haley Thompson, 400 Angela Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95403. While she will not be able to reply at this point in the formation process, know that your assurances will be a great source of joy!

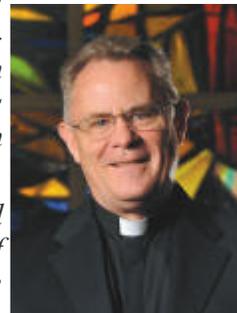
The Sunday before she entered the Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa on August 6th, Haley wrote, *“At this point, my heart sings for my next steps before me. It flutters—it is not something I can explain, as much as I always try to—for today, it is an inexplicable experience.”*



## Update on Fr. David

*We recently heard a positive update from Fr. David regarding the debilitating back issues he has been suffering over the past few months. He is very grateful for the prayers, and reported hopeful news on the feast of St. John Vianney! His mobility and comfort level have improved a bit and he is scheduled for surgery later this month. It looks like it will be less invasive than originally thought, so the recuperation time will not be as prolonged. Let’s continue to be united in prayer with him in these days.*

*If you’d like to send a note or card of encouragement and assurance of prayer, please know it would be gratefully received. You can drop them in the collection basket or mail to him c/o our rectory here at 98 Summer St. and we will be sure he gets them!*



## Restoration Work to Resume

The second of the three phases of exterior restoration of our church, with attention to cleaning and repairs to the brick and limestone on the facade of our church, will get underway soon with scaffolding being erected beginning August 23rd.

While it will obviously be a “work zone,” access through the front doors will not be affected. We again thank all contributors to the Capital Campaign—those who completed their pledge payments, those who recently joined in, those who made additional donations, and those who currently are paying off their pledges in monthly, quarterly, or annual contributions.

For information on how to donate or any questions on your payments please feel free to contact Kate Gordon in our parish office. All of this—interior and exterior restoration of the church building, and the repurposing and beautification of the grounds, would not have been possible without the generous support of our Capital Campaign donors!

## WEED-FREE! (FOR A WHILE!)

Many thanks to the folks who called our office to offer help and then did a phenomenal job in weeding all the new planting areas on our grounds! It was a huge task and is MUCH appreciated! Given the nature of weeds, and the expansive areas, we are hoping many more will respond to our request, found elsewhere in this bulletin, to become one of our “Gardening Angels”! We plan to “divide and conquer” in teams of two or more, and assign limited areas to each team, to keep weed watch on.

Come whenever you can, as often as you want. Can you help? Call this week! And thanks to Kevin Perkins, who kicked this off—and earned his “wings” for sure!



## Men's Ministry



*Brothers in Christ, to support men on our individual and collective journey to learn more about the Catholic Faith, to know and serve God and our families and others. Our Men's Ministry invites you to join in any or all of the offerings below. Each one is presented to help us in our Mission!*

### Golf Outing

WHAT: Enjoy a round of golf and some fellowship!  
WHERE: Montcalm Golf Course in Enfield, NH  
<https://montcalmgolfclub.com/>  
WHEN: To Be Determined  
WHO: Contact David Gutierrez for information, at [daveg6777@gmail.com](mailto:daveg6777@gmail.com) or 603-494-6777.

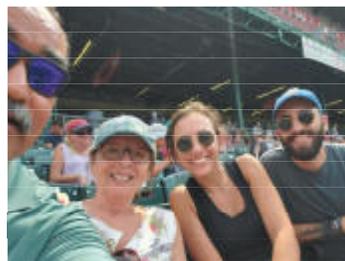
### Fall Men's Retreat

WHAT: Our annual Men's Retreat is back!  
WHERE: Camp Fatima, Gilmanton Iron Works, NH  
WHEN: Friday—Sunday, September 24th—26th  
WHO: For information, contact David Gutierrez at: [daveg6777@gmail.com](mailto:daveg6777@gmail.com) or 603-494-6777.

### Fall Book Study

WHAT: Consecration to St. Joseph  
WHERE: Parish Center, Lower Hall  
WHEN: Weekly meetings (six total) beginning Thursday, September 30th, at 6:00 PM  
WHO: Kevin Kelleher will lead this study. FMI: [kk0625@comcast.net](mailto:kk0625@comcast.net) or 978-201-3119.

Keep an eye out in the Bulletin for more details!



*Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Fisher Cats game last week, and especially to Ted Ristaino for coordinating this event!*



The mission of Gianna Ministries is to provide support and resources to expectant and new parents. In addition, we will offer moms and moms-to-be opportunities to come together for fellowship and support. Looking forward, we hope to include prenatal and postpartum preparation and parenting courses. Check the bulletin for more news and offerings as the ministry evolves.

Currently, we are in the initial phase of seeking out and screening qualified individuals to include in our referral resources.

We need your help in developing a resource that provides expectant and new parents information on a variety of related services from **faith-based professionals**.

Check out the list to the right and contact us if you or someone you know has training and credentials in the areas listed.

**Prenatal Doula**  
**Prenatal Wellness and Fitness**  
**Prenatal Nutrition**  
**Prenatal Parenting – New infant training**  
**Postpartum Doula**  
**Lactation Specialist**  
**Postpartum Fitness**  
**Postpartum Nutrition**  
**Postpartum Depression**  
**Faith-based Parenting Training**  
**Maternal and/or Baby Wellness**  
**Grief & Loss: Specifically, for those who have experienced miscarriage or loss of an infant.**  
**Parenting Infants with Special Needs**

To submit your name, or to refer someone you know, please email Alanna Schreck or Ali St. Pierre at [gian-naministries.cnh@gmail.com](mailto:gian-naministries.cnh@gmail.com) or call the parish office at 603-436-4555.

St. Gianna Molla was a physician, professional woman, working mom, and loving wife. She refused to sacrifice her unborn child to save her own life when it was discovered she had a tumor while pregnant. She died on April 21, 1962, a week after the birth of the child. Gianna Emmanuela, the child she sacrificed her life for, was present at her canonization on May 16, 2004.



## Young Adult Ministry

*Below you'll find an outline of what's planned so far, from now 'til year's end for all aged 18 to 30 something. Watch for details and other opportunities!*

**FRASSATI FRATERNITY** for guys will meet for food, fellowship, and faith enrichment **THIS Wednesday, August 18**, starting at 6:30 PM in Vianney House, our rectory next door to the church. (We'll meet in the courtyard out back if weather permits.) To have a count for dinner, we need **RSVP by tonight, 8/15**.

**TOB SERIES** is open to all and will run for **six Mondays, September 20 to October 25**, in the lower level of the Parish Center. Christopher West does an outstanding job in opening up the *Theology of the Body* of St. John Paul II in concise DVD teachings. You can bring your own food and come together for dinner at 6:30 PM if you wish, with the session starting at 7:00 PM. Watch for RSVP info. Save the dates! Great for singles, and for those dating, engaged, or married too!

**AUTUMN HIKE & DINNER** will happen **Saturday, September 27**. Save the date and watch for more details.

**RESPECT LIFE ACTION** during October will include two opportunities to join us for 8:00AM Mass, then Rosary for Life and prayer on the sidewalk in front of the Loving Center in Greenland—9:00 AM on **October 16 and 30**, followed by grabbing breakfast together for those who can linger. Also, as a service/outreach, we will be offering a parish-wide “baby shower” throughout Respect Life month to support moms/infants in need.

**FRIENDSGIVING** is planned for **Saturday, November 20**, with a full Turkey dinner and the opportunity to give thanks together and enjoy fellowship. Starting at 5:30 PM with apps, then dinner 6:15 PM. Early start so those with young kids can still join and be able to head out earlier, and, for those who want to linger, we'll have Game night after dinner. This has become a great annual event! Hope you can save the date!

**ADVENT DEVOTIONS & DINNER** will once again be offered. Join us as we gather at 6:00 PM with the parish for beautiful Evensong and Benediction, then meet out front to walk downtown to grab simple dinner together on Sundays (**11/28, 12/5, 12/12**). The last week (**12/19**), we'll go over to Vianney House for pre-Christmas food/fellowship. Join us for any or all.

**COFFEE CONNECTION** continues to happen most Sundays, with Brunch as an alternative sometimes, after Sunday 10:30 Mass, as announced at Mass by Fr. G. Feel free to come when you can.

**Connect with us and stay tuned for upcoming events!**

- ◆ **Discord group**—The Young Adult Ministry has a group chat on the app Discord, where we coordinate group activities. FMI: [pathampson@protonmail.com](mailto:pathampson@protonmail.com)
- ◆ **Facebook group**—Corpus Christi Young Adults
- ◆ **Questions about Young Adult Ministry**—Please contact Dave Perrella, our Young Adult Minister, at [youngadultmin.ccnh@gmail.com](mailto:youngadultmin.ccnh@gmail.com).

## Family Faith Formation News

**In person sessions resume this year!**

Our *Bring It Home! Family Program* resumes this Fall. We are very excited to begin gathering in person again for our shared time together!



**Registration now open for the 2021-2022 year!**

**Registration Forms and the calendar were emailed to families who registered for Bring It Home for the 2019-2020 and/or 2020-2021 years.**

Registration Forms and the calendar are also available on the parish website, at the entrance to the church, and at the parish office.

## Welcome Back Brunch!

We'll kick off the year with a Brunch for all families involved in Bring It Home.

**Sunday, September 26th**

**10:00 – 11:30 AM**

**Parish Gathering Hall on Woodbury Ave.**

## Join the mission—Shape the vision

Our mission for *Bring It Home! Family Formation* is to support and equip parents to be the primary faith formation teachers and role models for their children with the vision of bringing the Domestic Church to life in homes of our families.

## Here are some of the ways in which you can help bring this to fruition!

### Session Assistants:

We need assistants to help check in families as they arrive, set up and serve food as needed, (no cooking – meals delivered), clean up, and more.

### Catechists:

Grade level catechists teach the children the lesson of the month. Materials are provided.

### Classroom Assistants:

Assistants help the Catechists in the classrooms.

## Sessions take place once a month.

**To volunteer or for more information, please contact Brenda Stinson at [faithformdir.ccnh@gmail.com](mailto:faithformdir.ccnh@gmail.com) or 603-436-4555.**

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Grades K-8

**Check One**

Our family will attend:

Sunday Morning Sessions: 10-11:30 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday Evening Sessions: 5:30-7:00 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_

*See calendar for dates*

FAMILY LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Registered with parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_

\*Mother's Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*(Needed for Sacramental Records if your child celebrates First Eucharist and/or Confirmation this year.)

Mother's Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contacts: 1 \_\_\_\_\_

**NAMES OF PARTICIPATING ADULTS (In addition to parents)    Role in Family (ex. Grandparent)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Does anyone in your family have allergies, food restrictions, medication needs, or special learning needs we should know about? \_\_\_\_\_ List below:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>AGE</b>	<b>MEDICAL CONDITION/ALLERGY</b>
_____	_____	_____
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**REGISTRATION FEES**

Registration is \$120.00 per family which is applied to the cost of session and classroom materials, the *Bring It Home! Family Packet* materials, food, and supplies. Classroom catechists and assistants receive a \$60.00 discount.

**Sacramental Preparation Fees** (in addition to family registration fee)

First Reconciliation: \$40.00    First Eucharist & Confirmation: 60.00

Maximum sacramental preparation fee per family is \$100.00/family

**No one is ever turned away due to an inability to pay.  
If you cannot pay the full amount, or cannot pay at all, just note it on the back of your form.**

YOUTH'S FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE for 2021-2022 \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ City & State of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Is youth baptized? \_\_\_\_\_ Date of baptism \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Baptized: \_\_\_\_\_ City & State: \_\_\_\_\_

First Communion Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ City & State: \_\_\_\_\_

***Middle School and High School Only:***

Youth's email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Youth's Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Return your completed forms and fee to the parish office, drop it in the collection basket, or send it in the mail.

Family fee enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Sacramental Preparation fee enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to help sponsor a family: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I did not receive an altar kit last year and would like one for my home \_\_\_\_\_ (no charge)

***Did you remember to check off which session you will attend?***

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