

Corpus Christi Parish

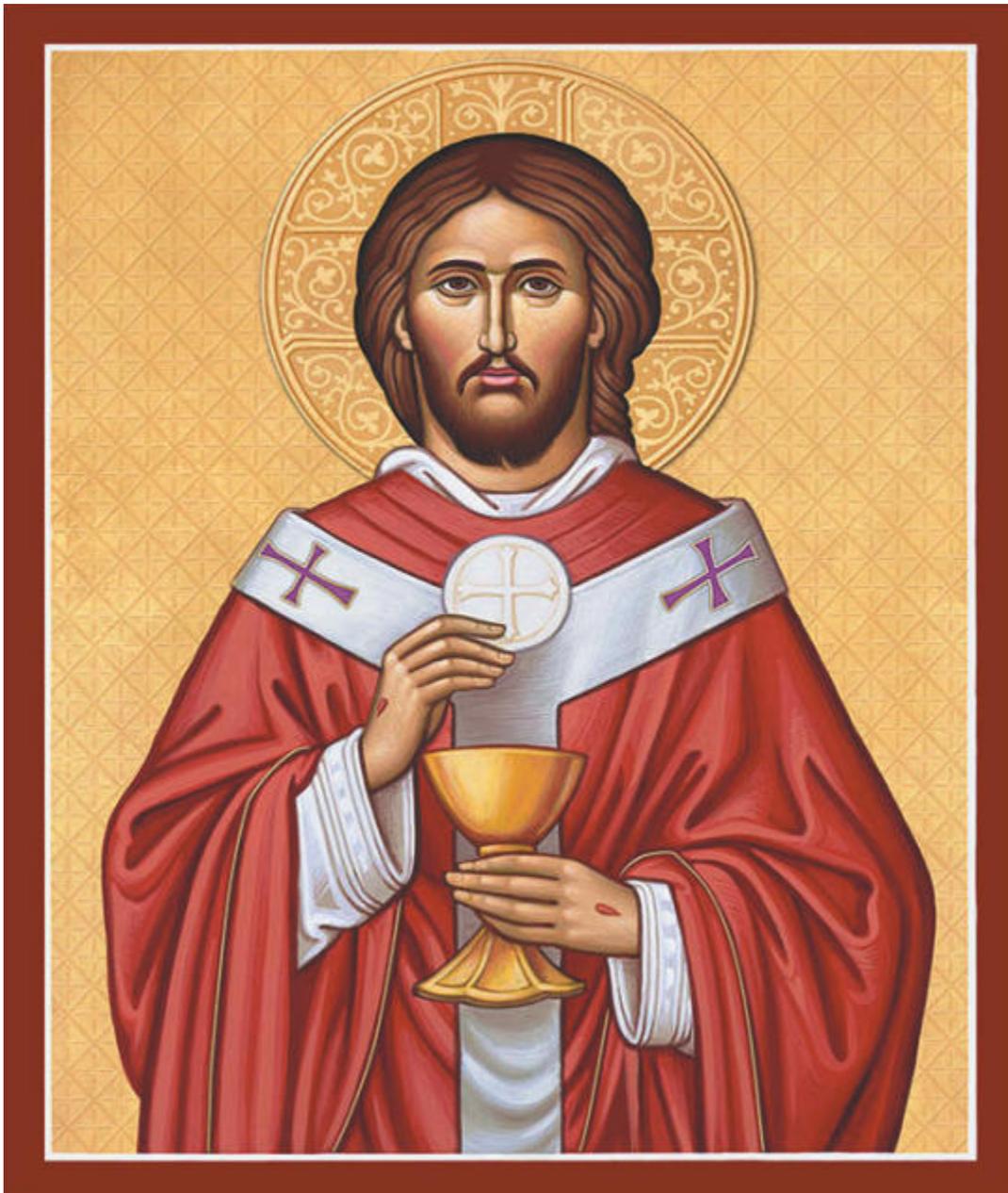
The united Catholic Community
worshipping in Portsmouth, NH

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.

Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

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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 23rd

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

Tuesday, August 24th

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

Wednesday, August 25th

Exposition/Adoration—8:30AM-Noon (C)
Knights of Columbus Meeting—6:30 PM (PC UH)

Thursday, August 26th

Televised Parish Mass—7:00 PM, Channel 98
Wedding Rehearsal—4:00 PM (C)
Our Lady of Czestochowa Feast Day Mass—7:00PM (C)

Friday, August 27th

Wedding Liturgy—3:00 PM (C)
Wedding Rehearsal—5:00 PM (C)

Saturday, August 28th

St. Joseph Rosary with Men's Ministry—7:30 AM (C)
Baptism—10:00 AM (C)
Wedding Liturgy—1:00 PM (C)
Rosary—3:30 PM (C)

Sunday, August 29th

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
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 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,

What is your decision? God asks us today to decide about Him, to decide about Jesus Christ. Jesus wants us to stay with Him, but also to believe in Him. What is your decision?

The first reading today is from the Book of Joshua and speaks about the decision of our ancestors in the faith. They also had to decide to serve the one God or to continue with other gods. This decision always sounds simple, but is very complex, just as it is for us. So often we say that we will serve the Lord, and yet we go on as if we are serving other gods. Our values remain foreign from this God who reveals Himself to us in the Scriptures. Today it is so very common for people to say that they are "Catholic," and yet reject most of the teachings of the Church. It is easy to *say* "I am a Catholic," and it is truly difficult to *be* Catholic. Living as the authentic domestic church, we need to take the same bold step of decision and live it out in the minor details, daily opportunities, and the major game-changers: "As for me, and my household, we will serve the Lord!"

The second reading is from the Letter to the Ephesians and is another difficult reading because the teaching is barely acceptable to many people today, because they jump to assumptions without looking deeper.

"Wives, be subordinate to your husbands." That is a strong teaching, and yet in the context makes perfect sense. So many people get upset with this teaching and yet in the same teaching, we are told that we should be subordinate to one another. This is not a one way street! The teaching also tells us that "husbands should love their wives as their own bodies." Always we must listen to the whole context of a teaching. In this context, the author is speaking about a mutual care for one another. His way of expressing that care for one another comes from another time and another culture, so we must listen attentively not to read in our own meanings

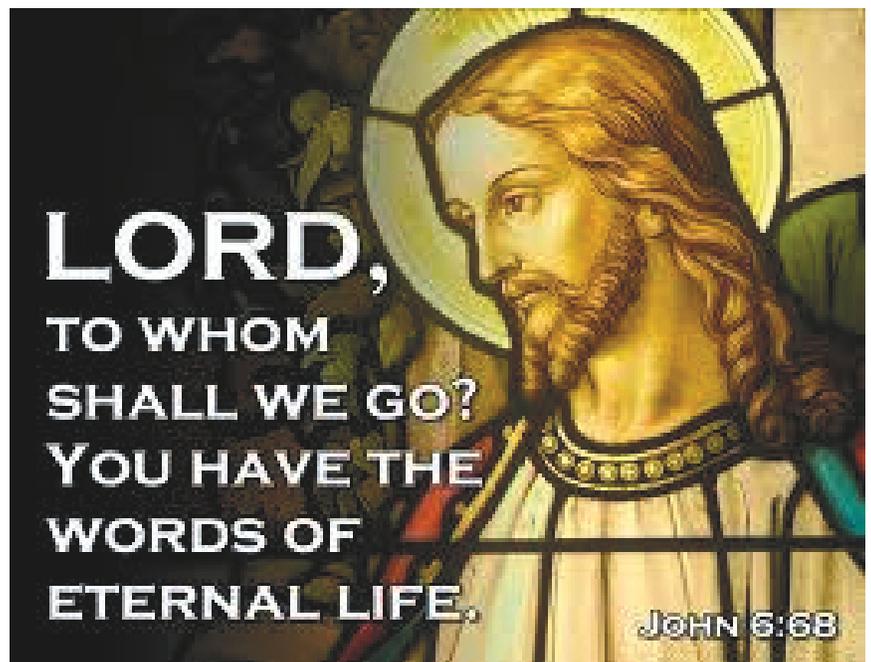
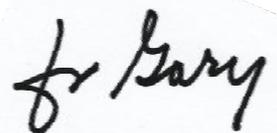
or to take out the author's meaning. It is as we hear so often in the books of Wisdom: Be attentive!

The Gospel of John today brings us back to the place of decision. Many of the followers of Jesus left Him because of His teaching about the Bread of Life, that He Himself is the Bread and that we must eat His body and drink His blood. If that teaching were only symbolic, it would not have offended those followers. So many today, even among Catholics, no longer believe in the Real Presence. Jesus Christ is truly present under the appearances of the bread and wine, which become His body and His blood. Only when the strength of that teaching is present can we understand why followers left Him in His own time and why people today still find it difficult to accept the Divine Presence, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, in the Holy Eucharist.

When we come to communion in our Catholic Church, we affirm that Christ is truly present, not just as symbol and not just as remembrance—but truly present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity! This is what we've been looking at as we reflect on what our actions—within the church, in the Liturgy, at the time of reception of Holy Communion—are conveying about Who we encounter, or betray that we don't get it. This is why the early Christian believers could rejoice and could be strong when they were persecuted. They knew that Jesus is with us, now and always, and in this Sacrament.

What is your decision?

With you on the Journey,



Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time



Intentions for Holy Mass

- Monday AUG 23 St. Rose of Lima**
 8:00AM The Frank & Mary Demars Family,
 by the Helen Demars Fund
- Tuesday AUG 24 St. Bartholomew**
 8:00AM John Mulville Jr., by his Family
- Wednesday AUG 25 St. Louis**
 8:00AM Charles & Elsen Fleckenstein, Nicholas &
 Florence Fleckenstein, by Sue Ford
- Thursday AUG 26 Our Lady of Czestochowa**
 8:00AM Matthew Sullivan, by Brenda Stinson
 7:00PM Kevin Hardiman, by Kate & Glen Gordon
- Friday AUG 27 St. Monica**
 8:00AM Intentions of Harry Revels, by Cassy Saltus
- Saturday AUG 28 St. Augustine**
 8:00AM Greg Guerra, by his Family
Vigil 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
 4:00PM Pro Populo (For Our Parish Family)
- Sunday AUG 29 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time**
 8:30AM Rev. Msgr. Lawrence Burns,
 by the Chavez & Linscott Family
 10:30AM Dick Ferguson,
 by the Knights of Columbus Council #140
 4:30PM Barbara Spinney, by her daughter-in-law
 Rosemary Spinney

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 14/15, 2021

Online Giving	\$ 8,002.00
Envelopes	\$ 7,351.23
Loose	\$ 1,703.92
Total	\$ 17,057.15

Last weekend 121 envelope/77 Online Giving users contributed 90% of our income.

Poor Box /SHARE Donations	\$ 887.00
Capital Campaign as of 8/16/21	\$ 2,343,992.00

August 22, 2021

I left the light on
 so you know I am home,
 come and visit Me...

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Jesus



Adoration Expanding Hours

*As we move toward Labor Day, we want to begin planning to be able to expand our hours of Eucharistic Adoration opportunity. **Beginning on Wednesday, September 8th**, and continuing each week, we hope to return to Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from after Mass until 6:00 PM. In order to do so, we need "scheduled adorers"—those who can commit to a weekly hour time slot to be with the Lord and ensure that we have ongoing presence before the Holy Eucharist during the whole time as people drop in and out all day. Can you help make this possible? Can you commit to a weekly hour "appointment" with our Lord? Sign-up lists are out at the church entrance. We hope to have four people for each slot. Can you drop by, take a look, and sign up?*

NEW! Recently Baptized

We warmly welcome **Elizabeth Wooldridge** and **Filas Merkle-Waterman**, who were given new life through water and the Holy Spirit in our parish community! To their 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, **Hope Kissick & Vincent Calorio** and **Emily Lundstedt & Zakk McNutt** 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 souls of **Adelaide O’Neil** and **Joseph Hurley**, whose funeral Masses were recently celebrated in our parish. To their families we extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayerful support as well.

NEW! Catholic Women’s Book Group

You are invited to come and find out about a Well-Read Mom group forming in the Seacoast area this fall. Well-Read Mom is a national book club for Catholic women at all stages of life. The goal is to help women to reclaim the time to read great literature, discuss it with other Catholic women, and grow in friendship in the process. Our group will read one book a month, ranging from literary to spiritual classics (during Advent and Lent). We’ll explore the human condition and orient ourselves toward the true, the good, and the beautiful. To find out more information, please come to a 45-minute interest meeting at 5 Nighthawk Drive in York, Maine on **Thursday, August 26**, at 7:30 PM, or call Karin at 207-361-4837. For national information, take a look at wellreadmom.com.

Gardening Angels, Thank You!

We appreciate all who reached out and offered to help keep our grounds “weed free”! We will reach out to all who contacted us and offer details. You will simply be assigned a section to “keep an eye on” and weed when you see a need, as you are able, in your own time schedule. (Maybe following a visit to the church? Before or after a Mass? Whatever works for you!) Many hands will make light work! Want to help? Just call our office this week, 436-4555.

**Get Your Ticket Today!****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 during the week at the parish office, 603-436-4555 and will also be sold after the weekend Masses this month.

Enhancement of Our Grounds

Thanks to all donors who supported our recent effort to provide an outdoor flagpole and monument for veterans, as well as remembrance of the former school and convent on this site, using one of the roof crosses as part of a special monument. The latter honors the many Sisters of Mercy who staffed the school for generations and celebrates the great joy that the work of Catholic education continues here in Portsmouth—which is thriving—in the new facility of St. Patrick Academy on Banfield Road! Thanks to all who helped us reach the goal! The various elements are in the works and will be dedicated once they are completed.

In addition, we want to thank a parishioner for her generous donation, which enabled us to install the new “Welcoming Jesus” statue that graces the back corner of Vianney House, with arms extended in welcome to all as they enter the new lower level parking area. This gift is in loving memory of the Boston, Davis, and Johnson families.

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!



Feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa

This Thursday, we celebrate the Feast of our Lady of Czestochowa, known also as “The Black Madonna,” as depicted in the Holy Icon venerated in our Marian Votive Shrine in Church. Join us in solemn celebration and entrustment of our Nation, our Church, our families, and ourselves to her powerful intercession, she who is the “Madonna who bears scars.” We are in the midst of the Novena in preparation.

Blue prayer fliers are at the church doors with information about this image and a beautiful Litany that can be offered, as we are doing in the Novena, leading up to the Feast. Join us in celebration **this Thursday, August 26th!**

SOLEMN HOLY MASS will be at 7:00 PM, including Devotions at the Icon and the traditional Hymn of Czestochowa.

(For those unable to join us in the evening, we will have the daily Mass at 8:00 AM as well).

Sanctuary Lamp & Votives

The sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of André Deshaies, as requested by his wife and family.



The votives at the Mary altar will burn for the intentions of Riley Perkins, requested by Aunt.

At the Joseph altar, the votives will burn in memory of Leo Auger, requested by the Tosi Family.

The votives at the Black Madonna Shrine will burn in memory of Grace von Bartheld, as requested by her daughter Terry Sofarelli.

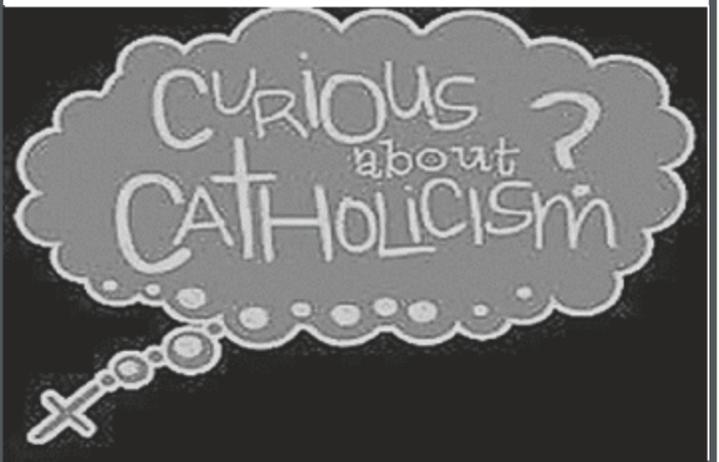
At the Divine Mercy Shrine, the votives will burn for Charles & Elsen Fleckenstein and Nicholas & Florence Fleckenstein, requested by Sue Ford.

RCIA Starts this September!

Soon we will 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.)

We will kick off the weekly inquiry sessions on **Tuesday, September 21st**, at 6:30 PM in the lower level of our Parish Gathering Hall at 845 Woodbury Ave. Maybe invite someone? Offer to come with them? To plan for set up, please let us know if you're coming or know someone who is. Simply contact Brenda, our RCIA Director, at 603-436-4555, X120, or faithformdir.ccnh@gmail.com. If you/they would like to get together one-on-one first, with any questions, etc., please reach out to Brenda or Fr. Gary (frgary.ccnh@gmail.com). Either would be happy to set something up. We had a great diverse group of folks join us for a recent Info Night and are looking forward to getting underway!



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 and 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 *faith-formdir.ccnh@gmail.com* or 603-436-4555.

Young Adult Ministry

The month of September will bring a couple of opportunities for all, ages 18 to 30—something, to enjoy fellowship and go deeper in faith, one to especially understand the richness of human sexuality, marriage, and God's plan for not settling for anything less, and another to capture autumn beauty and get some exercise as well! Save the dates! Note the RSVP contacts and deadlines. Plan now to join in. Feel free to invite friends!

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY is an eye, mind, and heart -opening teaching of Pope St. John Paul II that has been enthusiastically embraced and lovingly lived by many—enriching their personal lives, easing struggles, enhancing dating and marriage as well. Christopher West opens this up in a dynamic and easy to grasp way in a series of brief and pointed teachings. We will offer the series here in our Parish Gathering Center on **Mondays, September 20 to October 25**. We will get underway with the DVD and conversation at 7:00 PM, wrapping up by 8:30. You can bring your own food and join us at 6:30 PM if you'd like to come a bit early to enjoy some fellowship together while we eat. (We will probably provide desserts ☺) Interested? We need a count for set up and materials, so if you're planning to join in, RSVP by September 16th to Pat Hampson at PatHampson@protonmail.com.

JOHN PAUL II

THE
Theology
OF THE
BODY

HUMAN LOVE IN THE DIVINE PLAN

AUTUMN HIKE & DINNER will be happening on **Saturday September 25th**. Full details to come next week. Save the day to head out with us early that morning, enjoy a day of hiking, then share dinner at Vianney House upon return, about 5:30 PM. Our Young Adult Minister, Dave Perrella, will be the contact for info and RSVP with September 23rd deadline. Save it! Watch for more!

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY follows 10:30 Mass on Sundays. Just gather after Mass in front of our Lady's statue outside the church and join others in walking downtown for coffee, conversation, brunch, or lunch. Informal, open to all, stay as long/short as you would like. Great friendships have developed in this spontaneous, informal way!

FOR MORE INFO & UPDATES:

- ◆ **Discord group**—The Young Adult Ministry has a group chat on the app Discord, where we coordinate group activities. FMI: 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.



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 giannaministries.ccnh@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.



Women's Ministry



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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, or contact this year's WWP parish coordinator, Barbara McKechnie, at wwpnh1@gmail.com.

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 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 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 or 978-201-3119.

Keep an eye out in the Bulletin for more details!

Community News/Events

NEW! *Wedding Anniversary Celebration*

Bishop Peter Libasci invites all couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2021, and those recently unable to participate due to COVID-19, to attend the Fall Wedding Anniversary Mass. This celebration will be held on **Sunday, October 17th**, at 2:00 PM at St. Joseph Cathedral in Manchester. To register, please contact the parish office by September 22nd to submit all the necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all registrants will receive an invitation to this special celebration. To all you married couples, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at this fall's Wedding Anniversary Mass!

(Please note that this celebration may be subject to change and that any in place diocesan COVID-19 protocols will be observed. Registration will remain open until we have reached capacity; please no guests.)

NEW! *Diocesan Annual Blue Mass*

The Most Reverend Peter Libasci cordially invites members of law enforcement, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, dispatchers, and their families and communities to the third annual Blue Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral on **Sunday, September 26th**, at 10:30 AM. All in New Hampshire are welcome to this Mass to pray for and with the members of law enforcement, firefighters, EMTs, and dispatchers. For more information, please contact Alyse Hlasny at ahlasny@rcbm.org or 603-663-0108.

NEW! *Got Questions? Try Alpha!*

Ever wonder about your purpose? About life, faith, meaning? **You are not alone.** If you—or someone you know—wants to explore life's big questions in a casual, open, judgement-free and friendly environment, then “Welcome to Alpha!” Join us—or send a friend—for food, fellowship, and honest conversation, **Wednesdays** through the fall. Sessions start on **September 8th**. Hosted in Colter Hall at St. Michael Parish in Exeter. Dinner begins at 6PM. Please visit stmichaelparish.org/alpha or contact Renee at mportu@comcast.net to sign up!

NEW! *Fall Bereavement Support Groups*

Rockingham VNA & Hospice will offer two six-week interactive support groups to provide an opportunity for members to meet in a safe, supportive environment to explore the grieving process and share with others who are coping with the loss of a loved one. All groups are free and open to the public. Minimum enrollment is four participants for each group, and a maximum of seven participants for the evening group due to our social distancing policy. Please be able to commit to all six sessions.

DAYTIME GROUP

Mondays, 2:00—3:30 PM
Sept. 13th—Oct. 18th
Exeter Hospital
5 Alumni Drive, Exeter NH
Conference 1 North

EVENING GROUP

Wednesdays, 6:30—8:00 PM
Sept. 8th—Oct. 13th
Medical Building
4 Alumni Drive, Exeter, NH
Conference Room #2
(On Exeter Hospital campus)

To register, please contact Hillary Coughlin at 603-580-8948 or hcoughlin@ehr.org.



September 22 - October 31
40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

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

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- **221 abortion** workers converted
- **112 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, Greenland, NH
- **Vigil hours:** 7 am to 7 pm daily
- **Local contact:**
Carol Ingraham call 207-985-3166
Debbie Dwyer deb40days@yahoo.com text 603-833-3364
- **Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!**

40daysforlife.com/greenland

KICKOFF RALLY

Sunday September 19th at 2:00 PM

- Meet on the sidewalk in front of the Loving Health Center, 559 Portsmouth Avenue in Greenland. Please park in the dirt lot next to the Town Hall paved lot.
- Our Corpus Christi Parish contact is Diane Binger, dbinger59@hotmail.com.
- If you're not able to pray on the sidewalk, please consider praying one hour/week for the end of abortion.
- Corpus Christi Parish is assigned to Mondays, however, please sign up for whatever day and time that works best for you.

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