

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-seventh 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-6:00 PM

Doors Open For Prayer

Weekdays 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Parish Center & Parish Office

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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

The Week at a Glance

Monday, October 4th

Young Adult Theology of the Body—6:30 PM (JPII)

Tuesday, October 5th

Introduction to the Creed Study—9:00 AM (PC LH)
Prayer Cenacle—2:00 PM (C)
RCIA—6:30 PM (PC UH)
Televised Parish Mass—7:00 PM, Channel 98

Wednesday, October 6th

Exposition/Adoration—8:30AM-6:00 PM (C)
Walking With Purpose—9:00 AM (PC LH)
Lay Carmelite Meeting—6:00 PM (PC LH)
Knights of Columbus Meeting—6:30 PM (PC UH)

Thursday, October 7th

Men's Ministry Book Study—6:00 PM (PC LH)
Televised Parish Mass—7:00 PM, Channel 98

Friday, October 8th

Wedding Rehearsal—2:00 PM (C)
Wedding Rehearsal—4:30 PM(C)

Saturday, October 9th

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

Sunday, October 10th

Televised Parish Mass—10:00 AM, Channel 98
Baptism—12:00 (C)

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Sanctuary Lamp & Votives

The sanctuary lamp will burn this week for Rita Sheehan, requested by her family.



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

At the St. Joseph altar, the votives will burn with Birthday Blessings for Norm Houle.

The votives at the Divine Mercy shrine will burn for Abel and Annie Lajoie, requested by Bernard Lajoie.

At the shrine of the Black Madonna, votives will burn this week in thanksgiving for Fr. Gary, requested by a parishioner.

Altar Flowers

The flowers at the Black Madonna shrine were donated in thanksgiving for Fr. Gary, by a parishioner.



The Pastor's Letter

Dear Family in the Lord,

October is the month traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It's a time to go deeper in our appreciation for, and praying of, this form of meditative prayer, or, if we've lost it or never knew it, it's a time of discovery. It's not to be a mindless rattling on of prayers, but rather, the prayers form the "background" music against which we ponder profound mysteries in the life of Jesus and Mary.

What consolation the Rosary brings! Remembering the mysteries of Christ's life and Our Lady's life, we repeat Hail Mary after Hail Mary. Indeed, the mysteries of the Holy Rosary—joyful, sorrowful, glorious, and luminous—are the mysteries of our own lives as well. As we pray the Rosary, we beg Our Lady to draw us closer to Him who is our Light. We remember seeing parents and grandparents so often praying their rosaries, "telling their beads" as some referred to this devotion. We remember as well that, for many saints, the Rosary was an indispensable part of their daily prayer. It is a powerful weapon against the attacks of the Evil One, as many saints attest.

In his biography of Pope Francis, Austen Ivereigh recounts then Cardinal Bergoglio's experience of praying with Saint John Paul:

One afternoon, I went to pray the Holy Rosary that the Holy Father was leading. He was in front of us on his knees. With the Holy Father's back to me, I entered into prayer. In the middle of the prayer, I became distracted looking at the pope, and time began to fade away. I began to imagine the young priest, the seminarian, the poet, the worker, the child from Wadowice in exactly the same posture as he was now, praying Hail Mary after Hail Mary. His witness struck me. I felt this man, chosen to guide the Church, was the summation of a path trod together with his Mother in heaven, a path that began in his childhood. And I suddenly realized the weight of the words spoken by the Mother of Guadalupe to Saint Juan Diego, "Do not be afraid. Am I not your mother?" I grasped the presence of Mary in the Pope's life. His witness did not get lost in memory. From that time onward I have prayed the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary every day.

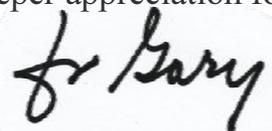
~Excerpts from The Great Reformer: Francis and the Making of a Radical Pope, Austen Ivereigh, p.275

Join us, if you're able, on Wednesdays at 6PM as we pray the Rosary reflectively and with intercessions for the sanctity of human life to be defended and respected. Our prayer, before the exposed Blessed Sacrament, at the end of our weekly Parish Day of Adoration, will conclude with the blessing of the Lord Himself in Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. This could be a great way to unite your prayers with others all over our nation in this Respect Life month and the *40 Days for Life* campaign of prayer and witness.

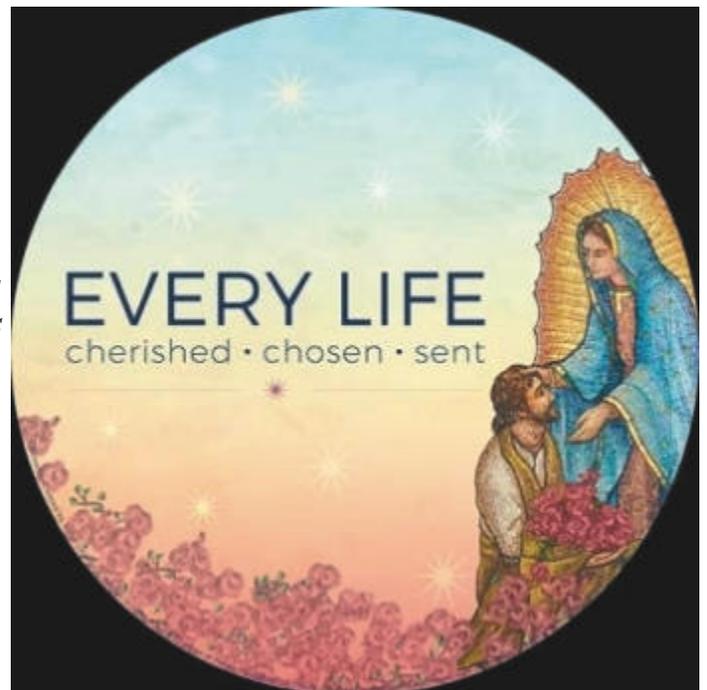
You can round it out, perhaps, by leaving a few baby items in the crib set up in the back of the church all month for our Respect Life Baby Shower, showing tangible support for women who say YES to life in challenging situations. Our donations will be shared through *Birthright* of Dover, *Options* of Rochester, and *New Generation* in Greenland.

Let's be united in prayer with our Lady throughout this month, in our deeper appreciation for the Rosary and our commitment to stand up for life!

With you on the Journey,



for Mary



Twenty-seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time



Intentions for Holy Mass

Monday	OCT 4	St. Francis of Assisi
8:00AM	Sr. Bernadette, by the Maloney Family	
Tuesday	OCT 5	St. Faustina
8:00AM	Rosalie Wallace, by the Maloney Family	
Wednesday	OCT 6	St. Bruno
8:00AM	Carol French, by her sister Marilyn Chavez	
Thursday	OCT 7	Our Lady of the Rosary
8:00AM	Olga Helsel and the Ozbolt Family, by Roy Helsel	
Friday	OCT 8	Feria (weekday)
8:00AM	Sam Price, by Louise Novak	
Saturday	OCT 9	St. Denis and companions
8:00AM	Kathleen M Morrissey, by Kathleen A Morrissey	
	Vigil	28th Sunday of Ordinary Time
4:00PM	Edward Duffy, by Gary Wilmott	
Sunday	OCT 10	28th Sunday of Ordinary Time
8:30AM	John McMaster, by his Family	
10:30AM	Patricia Shelley, by Claudia Bedoya	
4:30PM	Jackie Gauvin, by the Gauvin Family	

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

Our reflection of God's generosity to us!

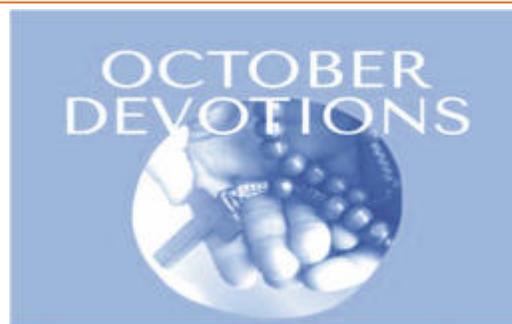
Weekend of September 26/26, 2021

Online Giving	\$ 5,499.00
Envelopes	\$ 5,372.74
Loose	\$ 1,823.85
Total	\$ 12,695.59

Last weekend 129 envelope/79 Online Giving users contributed 86% of our income.

Poor Box /SHARE Donations	\$ 525.00
Capital Campaign as of 9/27/21	\$ 2,348,178

October 3, 2021



October is traditionally the month honoring Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, and, is also Respect Life month, with the *Forty Days for Life* campaign running through the month.

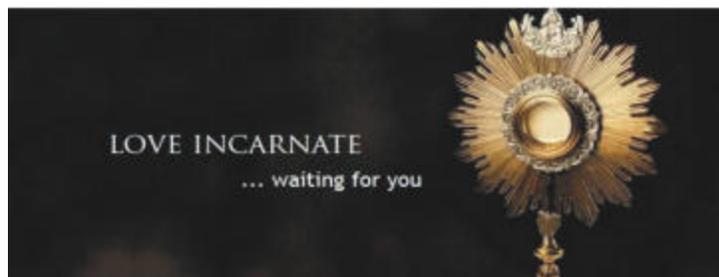
We invite you to come together each Wednesday at 6:00 PM, **BEGINNING THIS WEEK**, as we conclude our weekly all-day Adoration with a Rosary for Life and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. This could be a great way to unite yourself and your prayer with all those praying for protection of all human life throughout our country in these days of the *40 Days for Life* campaign.

ROSES FOR OUR LADY & LIFE!



Would you like to offer a donation of roses for our Lady's altar and icon in this coming month of the Holy Rosary? The requested offering is \$50 to cover the cost for a week. If you would like to select a week, please call our office or drop in. Thanks in advance for considering this action of devotion, and offering of a symbol of love for Our Lady and respect the most vulnerable of human life!

The roses on Our Lady's altar this first week of October were donated by Peg Ryan.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

It's a great joy to see more and more coming to experience and appreciate the great grace and gift offered for some one-on-One time with our Lord during the time of Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament! An opportunity is held out to you every weekday—Monday through Saturday from 7:00 to 7:55 AM—for adoration before Holy Mass. In addition, **our regular schedule has begun, and continuing every Wednesday, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for your adoration visits from 8:30AM to 6:00PM.** Why not embrace the opportunity?

NEW! Feast of St. Faustina

This Tuesday is the feast day of St. Faustina Kowalska, to whom the Lord entrusted the message of Divine Mercy. We are blest to honor her with her statue as part of our Divine Mercy Shrine and her relic located there as well. The relic will be lowered and available for veneration at Holy Mass this Tuesday. Consider joining us! If you have yet to, consider ordering the Diary of Divine Mercy of St. Faustina for good spiritual reading!

NEW! All Souls Novena

Once again we invite you to enroll your departed loved ones in the Novena of Masses we will offer beginning with the three on November 2, All Souls Day. Envelopes to inscribe their names are available at the church entrance and should be returned in the collection no later than Sunday, October 31st.

NEW! Altar Flowers

If you would like to offer the flowers that adorn the high altar in our church (donation is \$150 for the two) on a particular weekend, as a gift in memory, in celebration of a birthday or anniversary, etc., simply contact our office to reserve the date. These intentions are then listed in our bulletin that weekend for prayerful remembrance.

NEW! Recently Baptized

We warmly welcome **Rigby Chase**, 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 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 Saturday, **Marie Costanza & Daniel Cabral and Kyla Natali & Michael Bobola** 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 **Gerard Leary**, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated in our parish recently. To his family we extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayerful support as well.

Covid Safety

We thank you for your ongoing attentiveness. The use of masks for indoor gatherings is optional, recommended for those who are vulnerable and for those who are unvaccinated for the sake of safety of others. The understanding we show to one another and respect for choices made is always a key aspect of charity. Thank you!

NEW! Seacoast Catholic Women's Book Group

You are invited to come to a Well-Read Mom group. Well-Read Mom is a national book club for Catholic women at all stages of life. The first book is *Jaybar Crow* by Wendell Berry. Copies are available via interlibrary loan and both new and used online bookstores. We'll meet to discuss at 5 Night-hawk Drive, York, on Thursday, **October 7th**, at 7:30 PM. Come and bring a friend! For details, call Karin at 207-361-4837. For national information, visit wellreadmom.com.



Save the Date!

**PARISH FAMILY
HARVEST SUPPER**

Saturday, October 23

**Parish Gathering Hall, 845 Woodbury Ave
Serving from 5:00 to 6:15 PM**

Enjoy a delicious roast chicken dinner with all the fixings, prepared by Bob McDonough (of Bob's Broiled Chicken), as well as a “Fall feel” dessert!

Tickets will be on sale after Masses on the first three weekends of October—while they last! Don't delay! Just \$10.00 for adults; \$5.00 for kids 6-12; Kids 5 and under, Free!

With lots of gratitude for so many who did so much, in ways seen and unseen, to get us through the challenges of the past year, and whose generous support made possible the restoration of our Church and repurposing of our grounds, even through the days of Covid, we would like to come together to share food and fellowship!

In a particular way we want to be able to publicly, as a grateful community, thank two members of our staff who recently retired: **Marilyn Chavez** (who retired after 42 years of service in our office) and **Dave Stolz** (who recently retired after 22 years of service in facilities/grounds upkeep). We hope you can plan to come, enjoy time together, and personally offer thanks to these two very generous parishioners!

That weekend also marks the 87th Anniversary of the Consecration of our Parish Church, which is celebrated with special solemnity each year, but this year, for the first time since restoration! Bring the family, bring friends!





BLESSING OF ANIMALS

In anticipation of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4th, we invite you to bring your pets for the annual blessing **TODAY, October 3rd**, at 12:00 Noon in the Courtyard of Vianney House, next door to the church. At that time we will also bless a new statue of St. Francis of Assisi located there. **Please have your pets leashed or caged.** With the psalmist we proclaim: "All you beasts, wild and tame, bless the Lord!"

Mission Co-op Thanks!

Your generosity and hospitality offered to Fr. Dan when he was with us for this year's Mission Co-Op appeal, benefiting the mission diocese of Lexington, Kentucky, was outstanding! Thank you! **A total of \$ 9,881.35 was contributed!** We recently received this note from him:

Dear Fr. Gary,

I am so grateful for your open heart -- to me personally, and to the appeal for the mission work in my Diocese of Lexington. Your personal hospitality was such a comfort and an affirmation, and the warmth of your parishioners was heartfelt. The liturgies were lustrous and a true gift.

The whole experience left me with an even deeper sense of thanksgiving to God for being a Roman Catholic, for being a member of such a loving, worldwide community. God bless you and all of the members of Corpus Christi Parish!

Fr. Dan Noll

P.S. What a blessing it would be for some of your parishioners to come and join us, if only for a visit, in the mission work of our diocese!

Women's Ministry



walking with purpose
SO MUCH MORE THAN A BIBLE STUDY

THIS WEEK!

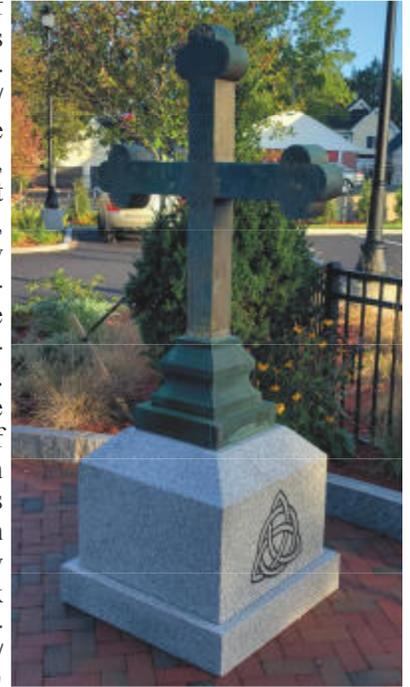
The WWP Bible study helps women of all ages deepen their relationship with Christ. Our study provides a weekly opportunity to slow down and reflect on the gospel and how to apply it to our life. It is also a nice outlet to meet other women and make new friendships. Come for fellowship and to reconnect this fall!

Bible Study classes will start THIS Wednesday, on October 6th, from 9:15 to 10:45 AM, at the Parish Center. For details, please contact Barbara McKechnie, at wwpnh1@gmail.com.

Monumental News!

School/Convent Monument In Place!

Stop by and take a look at the beautiful monument on our grounds at the corner of Austin and Winter Streets. The granite base features carvings of a Celtic image of the Trinity and is topped by one of the crosses that was mounted above the entrance of the old school/convent building. The same kind of monument, featuring the cross that was over the second entry, is now part of the new gym at St. Patrick Academy, as it carries on the mission of Catholic education here in Portsmouth. The monument honors the service of the Sisters of Mercy who staffed it from the time the building was first erected on this site in the early 20th century through the 1980s. Thank you to all whose contributions made this tribute/remembrance possible!



When we pass by it, may we utter a prayer of thanks for all that happened here and for the great grace that this effort continue in the new St. Patrick Academy with its faithful and dedicated staff and community of families.

Veterans Monument

The monument in honor and memory of all veterans of the parish is in the works and will soon be placed at the foot of the flag pole. We plan to dedicate it on Veterans Day and embellish it with a garden area around it next Spring. Plan to join us for Mass on November 11th at 9:00 AM, followed by the Patriotic Rosary sponsored by our Knights of Columbus, and the blessing/dedication.



If you have a flag from a family member who was a Veteran and would like to have it fly on our grounds for a month in memoriam, please call the Parish Office at 603-

436-4555. The flags should measure approximately 5'x8'.

20/20 WINNER\$

\$25 Winners—Week 5

231 Donna Barrett

30 donated to Fr. Gary



RESPECT LIFE BABY SHOWER

Our Young Adult Ministry will sponsor a Baby Shower to help moms in need who are being assisted by various Pro-Life outreach programs. Everyone is invited to check out the list of needs below and bring items to the crib that will be in the back of church all through the month of October. A great opportunity to demonstrate our tangible care and support to those who say YES to life even in difficult circumstances.

- **diapers—sizes newborn to size 5**
- **winter clothing sizes newborn to size 5**
- **gift cards to Wal-Mart or Market Basket**
- **slightly used but clean and useable baby clothes for infants and small children**
- **other items for newborns that Moms might know and want to share**



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!

Here's how to take part in **40 Days for Life** locally:

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

40daysforlife.com/greenland

Young Adult Ministry



Check out upcoming opportunities for all ages 18 to 30-something. Feel free to invite friends!

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY series by Christopher West continues **each Monday** at 7:00 PM in the JP II Center (lower level of parish office building, next to the Parish Gathering Hall at 845 Woodbury Avenue; enter by side door marked "JP II"). Feel free to join in as you can. Come at 6:30 PM and BYO dinner if you'd like to share some fellowship before we get underway with others doing the same.

RESPECT LIFE opportunity to get together for prayer, peaceful witness, and then some fellowship will be offered on two Saturdays during the "40 Days for Life." We will gather on **October 16 and 30**. We invite you to come to our Parish Mass at 8AM those days, then we will meet up outside in front of our Lady's statue to head over for Rosary and Witness on the sidewalk in front of the Loving Center, 559 Portsmouth Ave., Greenland. We can carpool or you can meet us there for 9AM start. Following, we invite you to join us for coffee/breakfast if you're able to hang out a bit. Invite friends!

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. For more information, email pathsampson@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.



Corpus Christi parishioner Margaret O'Connor has asked for prayers for her sister, Anne Hartnett Geraghty, who is seriously ill in Washington DC. Thank you.



Saint Patrick Academy

EDUCATION FULLY ALIVE

A Message from Rebecca Liguori, Director of Faith Formation at Saint Patrick Academy

In order to grow and to be the best versions of ourselves, we have to remain close to Jesus! Without him, we can do nothing. During the month of September, students at Saint Patrick Academy learned that one way to remain close to Jesus is to attend Mass.

This year, students will discover *why* we do what we do during Mass. Fr. Gary Belliveau generously celebrated two Masses in one day, one for our Lower School and one for the Middle School, to begin the school year. Thank you, Fr. Gary, for your continued support of our school!

In October, students will learn about the virtue of **leadership**, specifically Christian servant leadership.

Please keep the students and staff at Saint Patrick Academy in your prayers as we grow together in faith!

Shamrock Tots Pumpkin Painting

Thinking about Saint Pats for your little one?

We are excited to invite current and prospective families with young children onto campus for pumpkin painting on **October 7th from 8:15 until 10:00 AM!** Parents may attend with children who are not yet of school age (i.e. prospective PreK-3 and PreK-4 students). The purpose of this event is to give young children the opportunity to see campus and connect with potential future classmates.

*To register,
please call the Admissions Office
at 603-436-0739*



Saint Patrick Academy is education fully alive: Excellence in the pursuit of faith, academics, leadership and virtue.

www.saintpatrickacademy.org

VOCATION SUPPORT ASSOCIATION

An effort to prayerfully and materially support those discerning vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life



Dear Family in the Lord,

The “culture of vocations” that is tangibly experienced in our parish has provided many graces and an atmosphere that encourages those who might be nudged to consider the priesthood or the consecrated religious life to actively discern. So many of you, in so many varied ways, individually and as part of community, are making prayer for all in formation, all discerning, and all who are being nudged and may be hesitant, a part of your daily prayerful intercession.

In recent years, the support of the VSA was instrumental in our parish being able to assist two men in formation for the Priesthood. Fr. Joseph and Fr. Bobby are so grateful, and continue to lift up in their prayers all who assisted. In addition, we were able to provide funding for various efforts to support and encourage others in discernment. These opportunities would not have been possible otherwise.

This Fall, we look to continue our prayerful and personal support for Haley Thompson, who entered the Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa as an aspirant on August 6th. In addition, we wish to support Nathaniel Bald and Dominic Paradis, two young men who recently consecrated their upcoming year of discernment of Priesthood in the consecrated Religious Life to Jesus through Mary here on the Feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa. Dominic will be a full-time employee of the parish this year, overseeing maintenance and upkeep of buildings and grounds. Nate will assist in this area and assist us in Liturgy over the coming months before he leaves for a missionary period teaching English in Madagascar. Your financial support in the VSA will help provide a living stipend for Nate and reduction of college loans for Dominic, needed before admission to any Religious community is possible. We have reason to rejoice in hope in these two faithful and joyful young men!

Now is the time to recommit for another year in the VSA if you’re currently a member, or, to sign up and be part of this parish outreach if you’ve yet to share in it. Prayerfully consider it!

Here’s what’s involved:

- Include those discerning and all in formation in your prayers
- Send occasional cards/notes of support
- Contribute, if you’re able, \$10 per month to the VSA Fund. These offerings can be made monthly, quarterly, bi-annually, or up front at the start. (Inability to offer any financial support should not, in any way, keep you from signing up!)

If you would like to sign up, please fill in the slip below, clip, and drop in the collection by the end of October in an envelope marked “VSA” (Vocation Support Association). If you are choosing a payment method spaced out over the year, you will be sent envelopes to use in the mail. The commitment is for one year. Once we hear from you, you will also receive information about the seminarians and a prayer to use daily. Thanks for your consideration!

YES! I want to be a part of the Vocation Support Association!

New *Recommit*

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

For Financial Support, please choose one below:

\$10 monthly \$25 Quarterly \$60 Biannually
 \$120 Up front Unable Other

*Checks should be made payable to Corpus Christi VSA Fund
Donations can also be made through Online Giving. Choose
the “VSA Vocations Support” fund.*

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

NEW! *Men’s Ministry Thank You!*

Thanks to David Gutierrez for pulling it all together and to all who helped in any way with last weekend’s Men’s Retreat. In these times, more than ever, we all need to be bolstered up and such opportunities help with that for sure. We urge all men, of all ages and stages of life, to watch the bulletin for various opportunities throughout the year sponsored by our Men’s Ministry and consider plugging in!

NEW! *Women’s Ministry Thank You!*

The intro session has happened and the Women’s Bible Study—Walking with Purpose—is getting underway, as noted elsewhere in the bulletin. Thanks to all who are making this possible, getting involved, and to Barbara McKechnie, who is coordinating efforts. Women of all ages and stages of life are invited to be enriched, go deeper, and join in fellowship. Feel free to reach out to Barbara for details—it’s not too late!

NEW! *Thank you for Memorials!*

We would like to thank the folks who responded to our announcement about items available to be offered for the Sacred Liturgy as memorials of loved ones. Three new vestment sets, a ciborium, the cross and candles used on the Altar of Sacrifice, and the replating/refinishing of an antique ciborium have all been taken care of. Your kindness and generosity are much appreciated!

NEW! *Thank you for Liturgy Help!*

We are most thankful for our great dedicated crew of Ushers, Greeters, Mass coordinators, Lectors, youth and adult Altar Servers/MCs, Music Ministers, and those re-committing or newly joining the ranks of Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. In addition, the weekly cleaning, care for vesture and linens, and the attention to daily details by our Martha/Mary ministry, is such a blessing! All you all do, and the way in which you do it, conveys reverence and great care for the Sacred Liturgy and the House of the Lord. Thank you for your service and witness!

COLLEGE CONNECTION

This year we have been blessed with great zeal and dedication in some of the young people who have assisted us in Parish life and worship through these difficult times. A number of them have headed off to college for the first time, or have returned to continue their studies, and two young women have embarked on a year of Christian witness, outreach, and service. In many ways these young people who have “come of age” among us give us great reason to be proud and have hope! We would like to stay connected with them via email in the coming year and be able to periodically invite them to plug in with young adult events, a College Christmas Gathering, and other opportunities when they are back with us. Parents, we’re asking for your help! Please forward their name, college attending, and email address to frgary.ccnh@gmail.com. He will reach out periodically, as will our Young Adult Ministry. We don’t want to leave anyone out, so please get this info to us ASAP. We want to keep them in the loop, connected, and assured they are not “out of sight/out of mind” and are very much appreciated, prayed for, and a source of encouragement to us!



WORD
on FIRE

Bishop Robert Barron's newest study program

THE CREED

Six consecutive Tuesdays
October 12 – November 16
9:00 – 10:30 AM

Corpus Christi Parish
Gathering Hall
845 Woodbury Ave.

**Introduction to the study and
distribution of Study Guides
October 5th
9:00-10:00 AM**

Recent decades have witnessed a surge of the religiously unaffiliated, especially among young people. Many former believers have simply turned their backs on Christianity and no longer accept its teachings. But what are those teachings?

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