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Welcome!

If you are new to our community, we hope you have felt welcome!

If you are a visitor, we're glad you joined us!

If you're considering parish membership, please introduce yourself to Fr. Gary after Mass.



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.

Epiphany of the Lord

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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The Week at a Glance

Monday, January 3rd

Men's Ministry Core Group Meeting—6:00PM (PCLH)
Young Adult Bible Study—7:00 PM (JPII)

Tuesday, January 4th

Prayer Cenacle—2:00 PM (C)
RCIA—6:30 PM (PC UH)
Televised Parish Mass—7:00 PM, Channel 98

Wednesday, January 5th

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

Thursday, January 6th

Televised Parish Mass—7:00 PM, Channel 98

Friday, January 7th

Saturday, January 8th

Rosary—3:30 PM (C)

Sunday, January 9th

Young Adult Book Club—8:00 AM (JPII)
Televised Parish Mass—10:00 AM, Channel 98
Family Faith Formation Session—10:00 AM (PC UH)

KEY:

On Summer Street:

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

At 845 Woodbury Avenue:

PC = Parish Center (former church)
UH = Upper Hall at Parish Center
LH = Lower Hall at Parish Center
PO = Parish Office (former rectory)
YC = Youth Center (lower level of office)

Sanctuary Lamp & Votives

The sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of George Panayiotou, requested by Carolyn Hartnett.

At the St. Joseph altar, the votives will burn with Birthday Blessings for Joe Mitchell.

The votives at the Divine Mercy shrine will burn for the intentions of Donna Barrett and Mary Tosi, as requested by Annie Osborn.



The Pastor's Letter

Dear Family in the Lord,

As the Christmas Season continues, this Solemnity of Epiphany reminds us of our journey into another year following the individual path which we alone are to tread, the way He invites us to walk, the call He gives us. Life must certainly be seen as a pilgrimage, a long journey, but we need not necessarily travel alone, fumbling in darkness in search of our destination.

The familiar Epiphany story concerns the wider world and the many varying challenges and circumstances of joy and sorrow in which we encounter Christ. It calls us to look around and search for the Lord who is in our midst, in situations where previously we were unaware of His presence. He comes in people and places we least expect, and at times we are most unprepared for His company. God reveals Himself; He calls us to encounter and relationship. He invites us into His presence in the Word that lights the way, in the sacramental signs that make present what they signify. Nothing is ever the same for those who discover His light, walk the path it illuminates, enter into the encounter, and move forward changed, graced, made new.



The responsibility we all share is to let the light that has illuminated our way shine for others. As we enter this new year, let's renew our resolution to rise, move forward, cling less to what seems "safe" and "familiar," and be led to encounter Him as we never have before – in His Word, in His Sacraments, in our community, in our homes, and in His stirring within our souls.

As He was manifested as Lord and Savior of all, may we manifest that universal embrace He came to bring to all we meet along our journey.

With you on the Journey,

for Gary

Epiphany of the Lord



Intentions for Holy Mass

Monday	JAN 3	Holy Name of Jesus Sr. Bernadette, by the Maloney Family
Tuesday	JAN 4	St. Elizabeth Seton 8:00AM For those with no one to pray for them
Wednesday	JAN 5	St. John Neumann 8:00AM Nancy Loughlin
Thursday	JAN 6	St. André Bessette 8:00AM Rosalie Wallace, by the Maloney Family
Friday	JAN 7	St. Raymond of Peñafort 8:00AM Margherita Mentill, by Marco & Megan Vincenzi
Saturday	JAN 8	Christmas Feria (weekday) 8:00AM Patricia Wise, by Glen & Kate Gordon Vigil Baptism of the Lord 4:00PM Mary Sullivan (8th anniversary), by Shirley Sisson
Sunday	JAN 9	Baptism of the Lord 8:30AM T J Bassett, by the Maloney Family 10:30AM Mrunal Bhagat, by Helen Steele 4:30PM Patricia Floyd Turner, by Kelly & Charlie Turner

To schedule Mass intentions or for sacramental records, please contact Kathy Kelleher at the parish office, 845 Woodbury Avenue, or 436-0344, Ext. 115.

Our reflection of God's generosity to us!

Weekend of December 18/19, 2021

Online Giving	\$ 5,693.00
Envelopes	\$ 5,693.24
Loose	\$ 1,934.14
Total	\$ 13,320.38

That weekend 130 envelope/79 Online Giving users contributed 85% of our income.

Poor Box /SHARE Donations	\$ 3,183.00
Capital Campaign as of 12/20/21	\$ 2,415,892.00

A Special Note of Thanks!

As we ponder the gift giving of the Magi in today's Liturgy, and their readiness to look to the light and discover the Lord, I want to express my deepest gratitude for you—for who you are, for the witness you give me, and for your extraordinary generosity of time, talent, and treasure shared in these unfolding days of Christmas!

All we see in the surroundings of our church, all we experience in our beautiful liturgies, and all we enjoy in our life as a community of faith, would not be possible if it were not for generous souls, gifts given in diversity by God and shared in unity for the good of our parish family and for His glory!

Thank you to all who made our Advent days, our preparation to really embrace these days of Christmas more deeply, so beautiful—music ministers, liturgical ministers, behind the scene helpers, Martha & Mary Ministry, and all who lent a hand in any way. This spirit of time and talent shared generously continued as we readied all for these days of Christmas! I can't say enough about the obvious faith and great spirit manifested in these works—lovingly embraced and carried out for the Lord and His people who gather here to worship in Spirit and Truth. It inspires and encourages me more than you know!

For the generous offerings made for flowers, liturgical items, and in the Christmas Extra Effort Appeal, as well as ongoing support of our outreach through SHARE and for our "Embracing Hope" Capital Campaign, I can only stand amazed and grateful for the spirit in which so many of you invest in your parish, its operation, mission, ministry, outreach, and future full of hope!

This is our 11th Christmas together, and I never take for granted the gift of being your pastor! This leads me to my final words of thanks to our staff for their invaluable service and obvious love for this community and to all of you who invest yourself in our parish.

In addition, I am so thankful for your thoughtfulness and support, manifested to me over these days by your cards, notes, generous gifts, words of witness and thanks, as well as the goodies shared with me—and with Buddy & Hershey too! I thank you also for your care and kindness expressed in your support for Sr. Haley, Fr. Joseph and Fr. Bobby.

Know that I carry all of you and your needs with me each time I go to the altar and pray that our God, never outdone in generosity, lavish His graces and blessings on you and your generous hearts!

*In His Love,
~ Fr. Gary*

NEW! *Christmas Extra Effort*

Thanks to all who are helping us reach our budgeted goal for the Christmas collection. This goal is part of our fiscal planning each year to support the operations of our parish and to develop our ministries. We will give the final tally in a couple of weeks. Thanks to all who gave at Christmas, as well as those who were away but contributed recently upon their return. If you can help with this effort and have yet to, simply drop your offering in an envelope marked "Christmas Extra Effort" in the collection, mail it in, or donate via online giving. Whatever you've done, or can do, please know it is deeply appreciated!

NEW! *Are You A Snowbird?*

It would be helpful for the parish staff to know if you are among those parishioners fortunate each year to leave behind New England and its winter for warmer climes. It's especially important for those who receive offertory envelopes and Parable magazine that we know your approximate "leave" and "return" dates. Please call 603-436-4555 to let us know!

News from the Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus Immaculate Conception Council 140 recently presented charitable donations to 40 Days For Life, Habitat for Humanity, and SHARE.

In the photo at right are (left to right):

Brian O'Hara, Gil Tavares, Debra Dwyer & Carol Ingraham from *40 Days for Life*, Bob Allard, and Bob Valeri.



Additional Christmas Flower Memorials

All the souls in whose memory donations were received for our Christmas flowers and decorations were remembered in the Masses of the Christmas Octave.

- Annette & Gerry Bean
- Mary & Gordon Beaupre
- David & Lisa McInnis
- Gregory Ornellas
- Robert Ornellas
- The Ornellas Family
- Frank & Fannie Piantoni
- The Piantoni Family



House Blessing for Epiphany

This year, we continue the beautiful tradition of the blessing of chalk on this Epiphany day to be used in blessing the homes of our parish. TODAY, we invite you to take a piece from the table before the altar. Gather your family in your home at the most often-used door. Using the chalk, inscribe the following on the top of the door, on the wall above, or on the trim, wherever it will stand out:

20 † C M B † 22

The initials represent the legendary names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The numbers ask the Lord's blessing on the year ahead, with the crosses asking for blessings on those "coming" and "going" through the portal. After inscription, someone reads the prayer of blessing below, and then all join in praying the Our Father.

***Heavenly Father, bless this home,
all who dwell here, and all who visit here.
As the Magi found Christ on their arrival,
may all our guests see Christ in us
and in the life we share.***

***Be our protector as we leave this house
and our comfort and joy as we return.
We ask this through Christ our Lord,
the Word made flesh,
who lives forever and ever.
Amen.***



Young Adult Ministry

Our Young Adult Ministry is open to all aged 18 to 30-something, and is meant to foster fellowship, enrichment, and support for all who seek to live as faithful disciples of Jesus. Bring friends! Watch this weekly column and links given below for upcoming opportunities!



THANKS to all who joined in weekly time for prayer at Evensong with our parish family on Advent Sundays and then joined us for food and fellowship. Great to welcome new faces and see friendships forming and growing as we seek to support each other in “walking the walk.” Special thanks for the FULL house, that included college students home for the holidays, when we gathered for celebration on the last Sunday at Vianney House!



Posted by Young Adult Minister Dave Perrella: “LOVE this photo taken on December 17th of our young adults spreading the Christmas spirit with some neighborhood Christmas caroling! What a witness to keep CHRIST in Christmas in Market Square! Love you guys and great work!”

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY happens each Monday in the JP II room (lower level of the parish office building at 845 Woodbury Ave, entry on the side of the building) at 7:00 PM. Dominic leads our study in going deeper with the upcoming Sunday scriptures for each week. Come every week, or any week, as you’re able. *(Feel free to bring your own dinner and come at 6:30 if you would like to join with others to eat before we get underway at 7PM.)*

TO KEEP CONNECTED AND INFORMED:

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



An Invitation

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TRAINING

Those who responded to Fr. Gary’s request for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion when it was put out in October and November are asked to attend a brief session with him, which will also include commissioning, after any of the weekend Masses on January 15/16. The schedule will then go into effect the first weekend of February.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Any young people, in grade 4 and up, who would like to be trained for serving Holy Mass, would be welcome! Parents should email Father at frgary.ccnh@gmail.com.

MASTERS OF CEREMONY

Men of high school or college age, or young adults who would like to join the ranks of our MCs should email Fr. Gary (frgary.ccnh@gmail.com) to set up training time with other current MCs.

LECTORS

High school youth and adults are welcome to serve as readers at Holy Mass. To express interest and set up time for training please email Carol Jacques-Dow, our Pastoral Associate, at pastoralassoc.ccnh@gmail.com.

SACRISTANS

As we enter a new year, Fr. Gary would like to establish the ministry of Sacristan in our parish for both weekday and weekend Masses. This would include training in sacristy procedures and care for sacred vessels, as well as set up and clean up before/after liturgies. If you might be interested, please see Father for more information. We hope to begin training later this month.

Snow Days & Daily Mass

Once again, it’s time for this winter reminder! Since we offer Holy Mass in the building next door to Vianney House, the residence of our pastor, he is able and will celebrate Mass, offering the intention given for that day’s Mass, regardless of weather conditions. That being said, there are no expectations that scheduled liturgical ministers would feel obligation to get there on days of adverse weather. There is no assurance that the parking lot, walkways, or paths will be all clear by early morning hours, so all should use common sense and good judgment on such days to avoid hazardous conditions.

20/20 WINNER\$

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- # 143 Patricia Bussiere

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