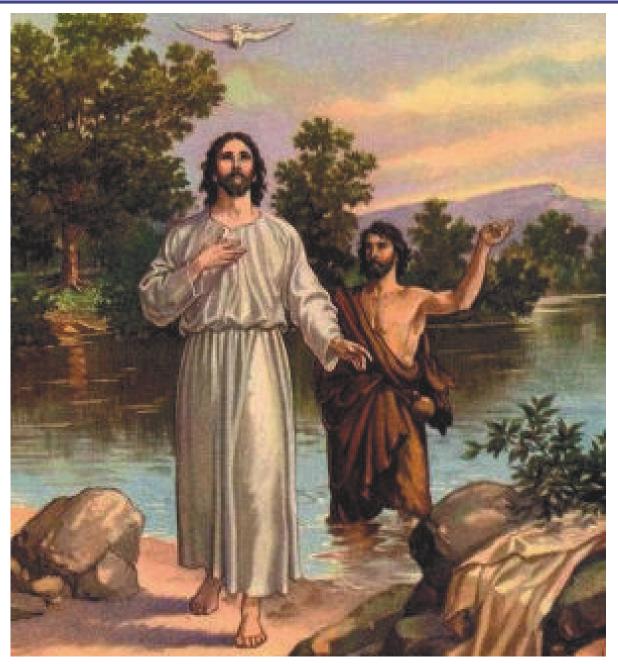


# Corpus Christi Parish

### EMBRACING A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE!

### 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.

### Baptism of the Lord

#### **Immaculate Conception Church 98 Summer Street** Mass Schedule Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM 8:30 AM 10:30 AM 4:30 PM Sunday 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 845 Woodbury Avenue, Portsmouth, NH 03801 603-436-4555 603-436-0344 Fax: 603-433-4401 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 Viannev House **98 Summer Street** Residence for Fr. Gary Parish Staff 436-4555 email address Fr. Gary Belliveau Pastor Ext 125 frgary.ccnh@gmail.com Fr. David Affleck Assisting Priest Lisa Boucher Music Director musicdir.ccnh@gmail.com Ext 112 Kate Gordon **Business Manager** businessmgr.ccnh@gmail.com Ext 115 Carol Jacques-Dow Pastoral Minister pastoralassoc.ccnh@gmail.com Kathy Kelleher Administrative Assistant Ext 113 aa7.ccnh@gmail.com Mary Kay Linscott Admin Assistant/Bulletin Ext 110 aa1.ccnh@gmail.com **Dominic Paradis** Facilities buildingmgr.ccnh@gmail.com Dave Perrella Young Adult Minister voungadultmin.ccnh@gmail.com Brenda Stinson Faith Formation Director Ext 120 faithformdir.ccnh@gmail.com

### The Week at a Glance

Monday, January 10th Men's Ministry Core Group Mtg-6:00 PM (PC LH) Young Adult Bible Study-7:00 PM (JPII)

#### Tuesday, January 11th

Prayer Cenacle-2:00 PM (C) Martha & Mary Rosary-6:00 PM (C) RCIA-6:30 PM (PC UH) Televised Parish Mass-7:00 PM, Channel 98

#### Wednesday, January 12th

Exposition/Adoration-8:30AM-6:00 PM (C) Walking with Purpose–9:00 AM (PC)

Thursday, January 13th Televised Parish Mass-7:00 PM, Channel 98

#### Friday, January 14th

#### Saturday, January 15th RCIA Retreat-8:00 AM (PC UH) Rosary-3:30 PM (C)

#### Sunday, January 16th Young Adult Book Club-8:00 AM (JPII)

Televised Parish Mass-10:00 AM. Channel 98

### 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 (former church)

- UH = Upper Hall at Parish Center
- L H = Lower Hall at Parish Center
- PO = Parish Office (former rectory)
- YC = Youth Center (lower level of office)

### 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

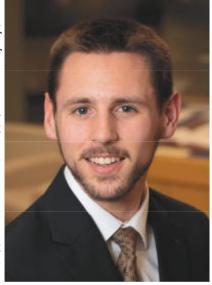
Friends, today I'm relinquishing my letter page to share a recent blog post made by **Nate Bald**, the young man of our parish discerning the priesthood and currently teaching English as a Fulbright scholar in Madagascar. I found it spot on! I'm happy to share it with you! Let's continue to keep him, his current work, and his discernment of priestly vocation in our prayers! Fr. Gary

When we consider that Christ is King, we should think exactly what is worthy of a king. When an important person comes to visit, we obviously prepare the place. We clean up, we get a welcoming party together, we put up decorations, and we offer welcoming gifts. It's no different at Christmas. We get dressed up, we celebrate Mass, we decorate our homes and churches, and we, ourselves, are the welcoming gifts to the King. Now put into perspective that Christ is not just King, but the King. Does it not make sense then that we should go out of our way to make His arrival the most spectacular? Is it not right that our dress, conduct, and décor reflect the inward desire we have to give honor, glory, and reverence to the King of kings, the one for whom our ancestors waited generation after generation to come into the world? Say what you want about excessive Christmas decorations. When I see them, I cannot help but think, "Yes, He is coming. Not just on December 25th, but every day, every moment. And He will come again. Is my heart ready to receive Him? Do my actions reflect this?" Let us not forget that we are physical and spiritual, that our physical actions are to manifest our spiritual disposition.

The second point I make is in reference to Christ as Love. Love is self-giving. Love is an outpouring. Love is a sacrifice. When we consider these aspects of love, it is necessary to recognize that Christ, the Word, took on the form of man, lowering Himself for our sake in an absolute outpouring of love. In other words, He

made of Himself a complete and total gift, one unlike any other because, indeed, this gift from God to mankind is nothing less than God Himself. With this in mind, we should ask ourselves how do we imitate this love. Do we give of ourselves? Do we sacrifice ourselves, especially our own wills, for the benefit of those around us?

There is a reason why we exchange gifts at Christmas. And it is because this tradition mirrors, even if ever so slightly, the Love of Christ. The giving of a gift is a symbolic and physical way of manifesting love. Mind you, we should not be excessive or stress ourselves. All good things can be taken to extremes. If the thought or process of buying a gift causes anxiety, drop it all together. Anxiety never comes from God. But if there is a gift that you want to give, and the thought of giving this gift gives you peace, by all means, please give it. Peace comes from God alone. Anxiety is always a sign that there are contrary forces at work. Nonetheless, the exchanging of gifts, even to what may appear to be excessive levels, should never be sacrificed, overlooked, or undervalued. Not that we can't get excessive with gift giving. We can and do. But we should never lose the perspective of what exchanging gifts means on a transcendental level. That is,



it is a tradition that echoes the love of Christ that we are all called to imitate in our lives. And if this generosity only comes about in such force every December 25th, then so be it. Let it be a moment of conversion. A moment of grace.

In conclusion, what may be considered an over commercialized Christmas culture in the United States is actually a closer manifestation of the spirit of Christmas. That is, we should properly order our passion for decoration and grandeur to the reverence due to the King of kings. And we should not hold back a spirit of generosity and love revealed in the tradition of exchanging gifts. And there you have it. My weak defense for commercialized Christmas.

Never forget that Americans are considered a very generous people. It is a stereotype I hope we never lose. It hints a reminiscence of a genuine Christian worldview that clings to the heart of America and her people. Generosity and gratitude are complimentary virtues. One must be grateful before one can be generous. Perhaps that is why Thanksgiving is positioned so closely to Christmas. A season of gratitude followed by a season of generosity. Or maybe I'm just crazy and reading into it too much. Regardless, merry Christmas. And as always, know that you are in my prayers each morning. All I ask is that you do the same for me.

May God be praised.

### Baptism of the Lord



**Intentions for Holy Mass** 

Monday JAN 10 Feria (weekday) Barbara LaSala, by Mary Kay Linscott

Tuesday JAN 11 Feria

8:00AM Don Poisson, by Patti & Don Loiodice

WednesdayJAN 12 Feria

8:00AM Intentions of Fr. Marcos Gonzalez, by Bernard Lajoie

Thursday JAN 13 St. Hilary

8:00AM Madeline Malone, by Madeline Reblee

Friday JAN 14 Feria

8:00AM Peter Braseth, by the Maloney Family

Saturday JAN 15 Feria

8:00AM Albert Lefebvre, by his Wife & Children

Vigil2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time4:00PMBob Tosi, by the Tosi Family

- SundayJAN 162nd Sunday of Ordinary Time8:30AMNick DeMasse, by his Family
- 10:30AM Robert "Bud" Ricci, by his Wife

4:30PM Kathleen M Morrissey, by Kathleen A Morrissey

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 January 1/2, 2022

Online Giving	\$ 3,388.00
Envelopes	\$ 9,238.35
Loose	<u>\$ 1,376.35</u>
Total	\$ 14,002.70

Last weekend 138 envelope/72 Online Giving users contributed 90% of our income.

Poor Box /SHARE Donations	\$ 5,476.00
Capital Campaign as of $1/3/22$	\$ 2,419,232.00

### January 9, 2022



### CHRISTMAS EXTRA EFFORT UPDATE

As I mentioned in Advent, our operating budget sets a goal each year for our Christmas collection. This year's goal was \$50,000. With a grateful heart, it's my pleasure to report that we have exceeded the goal and we still have folks completing steps to make their contribution! A total of **\$ 54,036.00** has been received as of January 4th, when this bulletin goes to press!

Your generosity, not only in this, but in so many diverse expressions of time, talent, and treasure shared is a rich blessing and tangible sign of your care, support, and investment in our future full of hope!

In addition to this, your consistent support of SHARE, our sister community in Ecuador, as well as payments on Capital Campaign pledges, additional offerings from past donors, and new donations from those who had yet to invest, are further signs of your generous hearts!

May our Lord, never outdone in generosity, bless you in abundance!

Your Grateful Pastor, Fr. Gary

### 20/20 WINNER\$

<u>\$25 Winners–Week 19</u>

# 121 Mark Chavez

# 70 Karen Taylor

Join our Martha & Mary Ministry in supporting our seminarians!

### THIS Tuesday, January 11th

6:00 PM Immaculate Conception Church Open to All!



We will meet first in the church to pray the rosary, and then we'll gather downstairs for fellowship and to write cards/brief notes to all the Seminarians from our Diocese!

### Week of January 9, 2022

### **NEWD** Has Something Changed?

Have you moved, or changed your phone number or email address? Are you newly married or new parents? Are you receiving duplicate Parable magazines? Do you now use Online Giving and don't need offertory envelopes mailed to you anymore? Please call the Parish Office at 603-436-4555 to let us know so we can update our records!

### **NEWL)** Called Home to the Lord

Please remember in prayer the repose of the souls of **Barbara LaSala**, **Helen Burnham**, **Rose Zubkus**, **Vincent Brown**, and **Pauline Dowd**, whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated in our parish. To their families we extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayerful support as well.

#### **NEWD** Income Tax Statements

If you would like to receive a statement for income tax purposes indicating your 2021 church contributions, please email **aa7.ccnh@gmail.com** or call Kathy at 603-436-4555. We can do this only for those who use envelopes, checks, or Online Giving, since we have no way of documenting what others give.

### NEWD Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are held on weekends, while others are seven sessions on weekdays, from 7:00 to 9:30 PM. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited, and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, visit them at **https://wwmema.org**/. Bring the Holy Spirit into your marriage. Sign up today to attend an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

#### **NEWD** Lost and Found

Looking for your glasses? Lost your Rosary? Can't find your hat? Check out the Parish Lost & Found, on the radiators at the church front doors. Items that are valuable may be located in the sacristy. Recently found in the parking lot: a post earring, circular, about a 1/4" diameter, gold with a small stone in the center encircled by smaller stones.



Our gratitude to John Leith at **Farrell Funeral Home** for sponsoring our parish calendars once again. They are available on the tables in the back of church for you to take home this weekend.

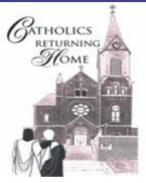
### Sanctuary Lamp & Votives

The sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Robert Ford, as requested by Sue Ford and family.



At the Mary altar, the votives will burn for Jill Armitage, requested by her husband Phil.

### CATHOLICS COMING HOME



SAVE THE DATE!

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

6:30 PM at Vianney House, Our Rectory at 98 Summer Street

#### Who's this for?

- YOU! If you've recently returned to the practice of your Catholic faith
- SOMEONE YOU KNOW who may have joined us for Christmas and is considering returning to the practice of faith. Or, just fell away, or have some obstacles that got in the way and kept them away or led to drifting away.

### Let's Talk!

This will be a simple, informal evening hosted by Fr. Gary at his house. An opportunity to look at faith practice from a new perspective. A time to ask questions and question answers. No obligations or expectations... just come and see! You? Someone you know? Show this to them! Invite them and offer to come with them! Many have found this a great way to come home! RSVP by Monday, January 17th, so we can plan for seating and light refreshments that will be served. Please let Fr. Gary know you're coming by Monday, January 17th, at **frgary.ccnh@gmail.com** or call 603-436-4555, Ext 125. Pass the word!



### Want to Be a Part of Our Prayer Line?

Would you like to be a part of our parish Prayer Line, responding to requests for prayer by parishioners in need? Prayer requests are received by phone or email, and then the requests are mailed/emailed to our list of prayer volunteers. It's a simple but important way to stay spiritually connected to our brothers and sisters in the parish. If you'd like to participate in our Prayer Line, or if you have an intention to include, please email it to **prayerline.ccnh@gmail.com**.



### An Invitation EUCHARISTIC 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 Masses **next weekend**, 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\$

\$25 Winners–Week 18

# 9 Henry & Doris Belliveau# 143 Patricia Bussiere

### Young Adult Ministry

Our Young Adult Ministry is open to all aged 18 to 30something, 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 December 19th at Vianney House!

**CORE TEAM PLANNING** meeting and brunch is happening at Vianney House today after the 10:30 Mass. We'll be looking ahead to schedule weekly as well as special events for the coming months. Any specific ideas? Please feel free to contact our Young Adult Minister Dave so we can consider further possibilities. You can email him at **youngadultmin.ccnh@gmail.com**.

**FRASSATI FRATERNITY** meets next on **Wednesday**, **January 19th**, at 6:30 PM at our parish rectory, Vianney House. Guys 18 to 30-something are welcome to join us for food, fellowship, and faith enrichment. RSVP to Fr. Gary at **frgary.ccnh@gmail.com** by Monday, the 17th so we have a count for food.

**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.





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