



# 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.

## Third Sunday of Lent

### 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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www.corpuschristinh.org  
parishmail.ccnh@gmail.com

#### Calvary/St. Mary Cemetery

Kate Gordon, Cemetery Manager 603-436-9239

#### St. Patrick Academy

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#### Vianney House

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*Residence for Fr. Gary*

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## The Week at a Glance

### Monday, March 21st

Young Adult Bible Study—7:15 PM (C LL)

### Tuesday, March 22nd

Scripture Study—9:00 AM (C LL)  
Prayer Cenacle—2:00 PM (C)  
RCIA—6:30 PM (PC LH)  
Televised Parish Mass—7:00 PM, Channel 98

### Wednesday, March 23rd

Exposition/Adoration—8:30AM-6:00 PM (C)  
Walking with Purpose—9:00 AM (on Zoom)  
Enrichment for Renewal & Witness—7:15 PM (C LL)

### Thursday, March 24th

First Reconciliation Rehearsal—6:00 PM (C)  
Lay Carmelite Book Study—6:30 PM (PC LH)  
Televised Parish Mass—7:00 PM, Channel 98

### Friday, March 25th

Stations of the Cross—8:30 AM and 7:00 PM (C)  
Walking with Purpose Lenten Rosary—10 AM (PCUH)

### Saturday, March 26th

First Reconciliation Service—10:00 AM (C)  
Rosary—3:30 PM (C)  
Evensong, with Second Spring—7:00 PM (C)

### Sunday, March 27th

Televised Parish Mass—10:00 AM, Channel 98  
Lenten Lamentations—6:00 PM (C)

#### **KEY:**

#### On Summer Street:

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

#### At 845 Woodbury Avenue:

PC = Parish Center  
UH/LH = Upper/Lower Hall at Parish Center  
PO = Parish Office  
JP II = John Paul II Room (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 **corpuschristinh.org**. Click on "Media," then Choose "Recorded Parish Mass." Look for "Via Our YouTube Channel" and Click on this week's Mass.



# What Is the New Evangelization?

Dear Family in the Lord,

Popes Paul VI, John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and Francis have used the term “new evangelization” to refer to the unique situation that the Catholic Church is in today. For the majority of the Church’s history, its population resided mostly in European countries where the Church was thriving. In the last few centuries, however, the population of the Catholic Church has grown so much in the Americas, and more recently in Africa, that only 26% of Catholics are European.

But even in the United States, only 23% of Catholics attend Mass once a week or more. Many Catholics just feel too busy to attend Mass regularly and don’t feel particularly connected to the Church. Many have begun to call themselves “spiritual,” but not “religious.” We know them. They are among our families and friends.

These are new problems in the history of the Church. For centuries, the Church’s evangelical mission sought to preach the Gospel to the nations of non-Christians that did not know Christ. Now, the Church is called to a new evangelization, an evangelization within itself, a “re-evangelization.”

Many people immediately assume that the “new” of new evangelization means we should use “new” media. New media such as blogs, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, etc. are certainly essential to evangelization today, but John Paul II called for a new evangelization over a decade before online social networking was even possible.

What John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI, and now Pope Francis, call for is an evangelization to those who have already been baptized. The call to the new evangelization is a call for the baptized members of the Church to deepen their faith and reach out to other Christians in deep need of a new encounter with Christ. In modern times, this means re-proposing the Gospel to people in countries and cultures heavily influenced by secularization.

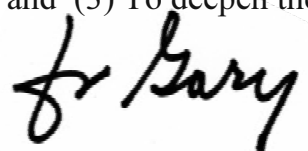
The audience for the new evangelization include those who have already heard Christ proclaimed. Those whose lives have become so “busy” that they spend little to no time forming their children in faith or underscoring the importance of the Eucharist, confession, and living our values despite the culture around us. Those who have fallen away, or felt turned away or scandalized, and those who were poorly taught the faith, are among those who need to hear the Gospel anew!

It’s also directed to those who have a surface concept of faith, but could be deeply enriched and enrich others if invited to go deeper! No one of us can ever consider ourselves excluded from the call to ever deeper conversion to Christ.

We will be setting out in this effort in renewed ways in our parish as we move forward. A Pastoral Leadership Team for Evangelization will be formed, made up of those who have already taken up the call to evangelize in varied ways in the past few years and who can now help us broaden the scope and invite others to intensify their efforts. Elsewhere in this week’s bulletin we have an initial introduction of three people who will be joining our staff to work with me and the Team for this initiative and help carry it to all aspects of parish life. Take a look! More will be coming and you’ll have the chance to get to know them better.

Please pray daily and fervently for this effort and be on the watch for more as we unfold all that this implies. As I mentioned last week in my letter, this call has been best summed up by Pope St. John Paul II in three objectives that we take up: (1) To proclaim the Gospel to all, (2) To help bring about reconversion of those who’ve received the Gospel but live it out only nominally, and (3) To deepen the Gospel in the lives of all believers. And so, let the restoration move forward!

With you on the Journey,



## Third Sunday of Lent



### Intentions for Holy Mass

<b>Monday</b>	<b>MAR 21</b>	<b>Lenten Feria</b>
8:00AM	The Dixon Family, by the Family	
6:30PM	Marjorie Allen, by Sylvia Stewart	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>MAR 22</b>	<b>Lenten Feria</b>
8:00AM	Gerald Lahaie, by his Daughter	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>MAR 23</b>	<b>Lenten Feria</b>
8:00AM	Steven Moylan Jr, by his Grandmother	
6:30PM	Michael Barrett, by Annie Osborn	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>MAR 24</b>	<b>Lenten Feria</b>
8:00AM	Dante Tosi, by his Family	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>MAR 25</b>	<b>Annunciation of the Lord</b>
8:00AM	Marian Barzyk Plott, by the Barzyk Family	
6:30PM	Sr. Mary Michael Bayda, by the Barzyk Family	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>MAR 26</b>	<b>Lenten Feria</b>
8:00AM	William & Catherine Fleckenstein, by Sue Ford	
	<b>Vigil</b>	<b>4th Sunday of Lent</b>
4:00PM	Florence & Donald Capalare, by Michael & Family	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>MAR 27</b>	<b>4th Sunday of Lent</b>
8:30AM	Anthony Scarlotto (16th anniversary), by his Mother	
10:30AM	Dakota (Cody) Yergeau, by Joseph & Barbara Yergeau	
4:30PM	Patricia Wise, by Ron & Suzanne King & Family	

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

#### Weekend of March 12/13, 2022

Online Giving	\$ 9,463.00
Envelopes	\$ 9,593.49
Loose	\$ 1,791.47
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 20,847.96</b>

Last weekend 150 envelope/96 Online Giving users contributed 91% of our income.

Poor Box /SHARE Donations	\$ 2,320.00
Capital Campaign as of 3/14/22	\$ 2,419,426.00

## Week of March 20, 2022



### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Since early fall, ten people have been exploring our Catholic faith and prayerfully discerning His invitation to them to become members of the Catholic community. We hold them in special prayer throughout these coming 40 days, which for them will be time of spiritual preparation to receive the sacraments of initiation and be welcomed into the Catholic church at the Easter Vigil.

#### Catechumens

**Cameron Dalton**  
**Josh Hudson**  
**Caleb Jones**  
**Victoria Johnson**  
**Anna Micucci**  
**Brittany Stuart**  
**Elias Thomas**

#### Candidates

**Bronson Bouchard**  
**Katharine Hughes**  
**Joe Yukica**

Today, and for the next two Sundays, we will celebrate the "Rites of Scrutiny" with our catechumens—those who will be baptized and confirmed, and receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time at the Easter Vigil. These simple prayers, accompanied by the laying on of hands, asks the Lord to drive from them any power of the Evil One, hence, are prayers of exorcism, and grace them to open their hearts and lives fully to all that He offers them through these Sacraments of Initiation. In these days, let's be united in asking the Lord to grant them insight and grace and to remove anything that hinders them from receiving Christ with joy!

### 20/20 WINNER\$

#### \$25 Winners—Week #4

# 97 Paul Lamore  
# 240 Helen Ward

## Lenten Liturgy and Prayer



*The following opportunities offer all an opportunity to truly embrace the call to draw ever closer to our Lord in these coming 40 days, united as a community of faith. Mark your calendars, rearrange schedules, plan to join us!*

### WEEKDAY HOLY MASS

8:00 AM – Monday through Saturday  
6:30 PM – Monday, Wednesday, Friday

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM using different reflections for this meditative walk with Him each week.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration every morning, Monday through Saturday, from 7:00 to 7:55 AM and every Wednesday, in addition, from 8:30 AM to 6:15 PM.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard *every day* to afford all the ability to plan to embrace this most important aspect of Lenten renewal!

#### Confession Schedule:

8:30 AM – Monday through Saturday  
6:00 PM – Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
3:00 PM – Saturday  
3:45 PM – Sunday

### LENTEN LAMENTATIONS

This beautiful reflection on the Passion of our Lord was composed in Krakow in the 19th century, and in somber music and heartfelt texts, helps one enter into a deeper appreciation of this awesome gift. This has become a very popular annual Lenten event in our parish since it was introduced in 2011.



Plan to join us at **6:00 PM TONIGHT, and again on March 27 and April 3** for this reflective half hour that concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

**The Blessed Sacrament is exposed** at 5:30 PM for those who may wish some quiet time before, and remains exposed after until 7:00 PM for those who wish to linger after.

**Confessions** are also heard before and after. Plan ahead to be with us for this devotion on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent.

## Lenten Faith Enrichment

*Here are some opportunities to come together to “go deeper” to look a bit more intensely at key areas of our lives as Catholic Christians. As we become enlightened and ignited, we can be more effective in embracing the call of our Baptism—the call of Evangelization—and illuminate Truth and ignite the Fire of Faith in the hearts and lives of others! Consider joining us as Fr. Gary and Dominic Paradis offer these Lenten opportunities weekly!*

### SCRIPTURE STUDY/REFLECTION

You’re invited to join us for Holy Mass at 8:00 AM on Tuesdays and then come down to the **lower church hall** for some coffee, pastry and a “look back” at the previous Sunday’s readings. We’ll expand where the homily left off, look a bit at the texts themselves, and in going a bit deeper, enrich our grasp of the Word proclaimed and preached in these days, **9:00-10:15 AM**

### ENRICHMENT FOR RENEWAL & WITNESS

We are offering various sessions, all unique, so come to any or all, that will take a deeper look at the essentials in areas of our lives as Catholic Christians. The goal? Deeper insights, greater zeal, and renewed appreciation for us, and equipping us to share these truths with others who may or have grown lukewarm, never really fully understood or have misunderstanding of these essentials. We will explore the following on **Wednesdays from 7:15 to 8:30 PM** in the lower hall of the Church. Holy Mass precedes these at 6:30 PM.

- **The Eucharist: Source & Summit (March 23)**  
*Symbol or reality? What do history and scripture teach us? What about all the “stuff” and seemingly insignificant “stuff” in the Mass? Reclaiming our perspective of Holy Mass as Sacrifice, not simply community meal.*
- **Lost & Found! Celebrating the Mercy of God (March 30)**  
*We’ll explore biblical notions of mercy—both to rejoice in it and imitate it. We’ll take a look at confession from “both sides of the screen” and explore the best ways to fully embrace and live His mercy.*
- **Spiritual Warfare (April 6)**  
*When we commit to living as His disciples, as Jesus Himself told us, we can expect conflict from our culture. Situations can set us at odds or be opportunities. In addition, there is the reality of the attacks of the Evil One—who is VERY real and active—when he sees us drawing closer to God. So, if our goal is to go deeper and draw closer, then we need not fear but be equipped!*

**WE INVITE YOU!** *Great source of adult faith enrichment and also appropriate and highly recommended for your high school youth as well! Great opportunity to grow as a family and get discussion, exploration, or growing together jump-started!*



## Meet Lisa Bald – Office of Families of Faith

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with a joyful and grateful heart that I accepted the position as the director of the office of families of faith. God cannot be outdone in generosity! Fifteen years ago, our family became parishioners of Corpus Christi Parish. Many of you have watched our three sons grow into strong men of faith, who are devoted to serving the Lord. Now that I am an empty nester, I am able to serve, nurture, and joyfully watch as the young families of our parish grow in faith and encounter Jesus. The goal of this letter is to introduce myself and my background. Here goes!

I am a cradle Catholic who grew up in Sanford, Maine and attended the Catholic grammar school, St. Thomas. I graduated from the University of Southern Maine with a major in Elementary Education and a minor in Music. I met my wonderful husband through my mother. She was his secretary, and he was a recent college graduate. According to my mother, she said several novenas asking the Lord to help us find each other. Two years later, Ray and I were married at Holy Family Parish, and soon started our family. My first teaching position was at St. Thomas School, which provided me a unique opportunity to work alongside the teachers I had when I attended the school. I left there with my mission firmly planted, “In partnership with the family.” I have carried this mission with me throughout my life and now to Corpus Christi Parish. While earning my masters in reading and literacy, I taught second grade and kindergarten in the York Public School system. After having our third child, I began working from home as a professor at the University of New England and then with Walden University, where I earned my doctorate in Education with a focus in curriculum, instruction, and assessment. During my time at home, I began attending a mother’s catechesis program to learn more about my faith. I grew tired of answering our oldest son’s faith questions with “I’m not sure.” Before we knew it, we were Catholic homeschooling through Seton Home Study School. Five years ago, I was approached to help form the Women’s Ministry here at CCP. I was able to use my skill sets and gifts from the Holy Spirit to nurture the faith of women. It was a joy watching fellow parishioners encounter Christ through the bible study program *Walking with Purpose*. I also began volunteering at the Yeshua Catholic International Leadership Institute, under the director Dr. Owen Phelps. I help create programming and produce online webinars. This Lent I authored and will be the guest speaker of “Ordinary People: Everyday Saints” where we explore modern-day lay saints. Through these experiences, I have grown in servant leadership and recognize that as Catholics we need to foster the gifts of the Holy Spirit to grow the Church. We are all called to holiness and to become servant leaders like Christ.

After seventeen years of living out my vocation as a homeschooling parent, I took a desert year to be still, to be in solitude, and to be silent with the Lord. I have spent this first year of empty nesting with the Lord surrendering to what His call for me would be as I transitioned out from full-time mother and educator. In this last year, we have moved, celebrated Zach and Heidi’s marriage, sent Nathaniel off to Madagascar—praying for his vocation, and sent Ethan off to Ave Maria University. In April, Ray and I will be celebrating our 30th wedding anniversary. While it has been busy for the Balds, the Lord’s whisper was clear and directive in this new phase of my life; home to Corpus Christi Parish to pour love into the hearts of our families of faith. As we enter into this season of Evangelization, I reflect on St. Paul’s letter to the Hebrews that we are grounded in hope, for Jesus Christ is the anchor of our faith. Know that you are all in my daily prayers and I ask the same of you. May Christ reign in our hearts, be glorified through our works, and be shared with those we meet.



## Meet Dominic Paradis Office of Evangelization



My name is Dominic Paradis and I am 27 years old. I grew up in Rochester, New Hampshire in a devout Catholic home. I am the oldest of six. I am profoundly grateful for the innumerable graces of my childhood because my parents heeded the Lord's call, "Let the children come to me."

During my senior year of high school, I had a powerful experience of the Lord's love at a Healing Mass. It was a foretaste of heavenly bliss. I could say like St. Peter, "It is good that I am here." After this, I could not remain silent about the Lord and his great love.

Though I was Catholic, I understood clearly that the Lord was inviting me to Gordon College, an Evangelical school. I received a Biblical Studies degree. I was recruited there for basketball, but I began to understand the real reason God led me there. People began to ask me why I believed Catholic Church teaching. This challenge led me to mine the depths of our faith and I discovered countless gems of evidential support from Sacred Scripture and Tradition for our One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I marveled at the beauty and strength of Jesus and his Bride!

After college, I became a FOCUS missionary for two years at the United States Coast Guard Academy. FOCUS is a Catholic collegiate outreach whose mission is to share the hope and joy of the gospel with college and university students, inspiring and equipping them for a lifetime of Christ-centered evangelization, discipleship, and friendships in which they lead others to do the same. Here I learned there is no greater meaning to life than to participate in the furthering of Christ's Kingdom! I saw many come alive in Christ!

I'm here at Corpus Christi Parish because, seven months ago, Fr. Gary offered me spiritual direction in the confessional. A couple meetings later, he offered me the Facilities Manager job. Living in this parish community has been life changing. It says in the Psalms, "The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me." This summarizes my experience here, and, as the Director of Evangelization, I would love to seek with you to draw more and more to this place of freedom. Friends, I believe it is time to set Portsmouth ablaze with the fire of Christ's love. Today, is the day of salvation!

## Meet Thomas Miller Office of Youth Ministry

I am incredibly excited and humbled to take on the role of Youth Minister in the parish!

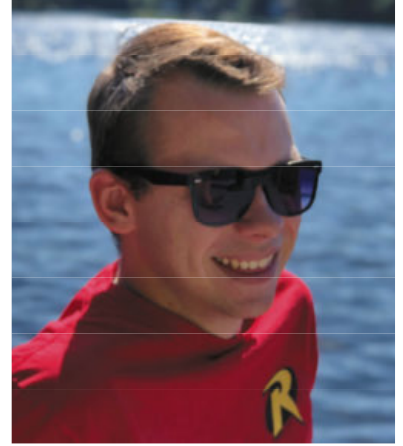
I grew up in a Catholic family in North Hampton and have an older brother.

For the last six years I have been working with preschoolers up to seniors in high school. While most of it has been through teaching, the rest has been through working summer camps and enrichment programs.

I graduated from UNH in 2018 with my major in Political Science and minor in History. The following year, I got my Masters in secondary education. Currently I work at St. Patrick Academy here in Portsmouth. It's there Fr. Gary and I met. I teach religion and social studies in the middle school there. It's by far the best job I could have asked for! I can honestly say that God has truly blessed me with an incredible career.

When I'm not teaching, I'm usually trying to learn something new or staying active through sports. I am really looking forward to serving the youth of the parish and becoming ingrained in the life of the community! I am anxious to meet and get to know many families at Corpus Christi. God bless! I look forward to the opportunities ahead!

Sincerely,  
Thomas Miller





## Week of March 20, 2022

### **NEW!** *Want to Join the Parish?*

If you've been worshipping with us for a while, and are considering making it "official" and becoming part of our parish family, please know we would be happy to welcome you! To register, simply take a Registration form from the folder in a stand on the radiator within the vestibule of the church. It's to your left as you enter that space before going through the next set of doors to enter the church proper. Simply drop it in the Sunday collection. Be sure to introduce yourself to Fr. Gary after Mass too so he can personally welcome you!

### **NEW!** *Men's Ministry Thank You!*

A word of thanks to the guys who put forth their efforts to enable us to provide the Lenten Morning of Reflection for men that happened yesterday (March 19) and gave participants a Lenten boost and a chance to celebrate and discover ways to imitate the life and virtues of St. Joseph as we honored his feast day!

### **NEW!** *First Penance*

We keep a group of children and their parents in our prayers this week as they prepare to make their first confession here next Saturday at 10:00 AM. May the Merciful Heart of Jesus give all reason to rejoice in experiencing His merciful love and pardon.

### **NEW!** *Walking With Purpose*

Walking with Purpose will meet **Friday, March 25**, at 10:00 AM in the upper hall at the Parish Center on Woodbury Avenue to pray the Rosary on the Feast of the Annunciation.

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

Please remember in prayer the repose of the souls of **Mary Kathleen Greeno**, sister of parishioner Shirley Sisson, and **Anne Stanley**, sister of parishioner Terry Sofarelli. To their families we extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayerful support as well.

### *Meatless Fridays*

Just a reminder that all Fridays should take on a special sacrificial nature. During Lent we unite as Catholic Christians all over the world in observing these as weekly days of abstinence from meat with simplicity characterizing our meals.

### *Hats and Hands for Ukraine*

Temple Israel is collecting hats, gloves, and mittens in new or like-new condition for the men, women, and children of Ukraine and has invited us to join them in this effort. Donations will be accepted through March 30th at our Parish Office. Thank you for your kindness!



### *Easter Flower Fund*

You may make offerings in memory of deceased loved ones, and these souls will be remembered in the holy Masses of the Easter Octave. Please **print names clearly** on one of the flower envelopes which are available in your offertory packets or at the church doors. **The deadline to return your donation to the parish office is Wednesday, April 5th**, so that the names may be listed in the Easter bulletin.



## *LOOKING TO HOLY WEEK*

To help you enter more fully into the most beautiful and significant days of the Liturgical year, Father Gary invites you to join him on **Tuesday, April 5th, at 6:30 PM** in church as he offers a teaching on the "Sights, Sounds, and Symbols of Holy Week." We will be joined by those in our RCIA process and will conclude with the Anointing of Catechumens as they will be drawing near to their baptism! Invite friends! Join us, whether you've been to Holy Week liturgies many times, or this year will be your first, your ability to enter in and truly appreciate these days will be greatly enhanced! Save the date!

### *The Bunny is Back!*

Families, save the date! We look forward to gathering our little children together on Holy Saturday morning, **April 16, at 10:00 AM** on the Parish Center grounds on Woodbury Avenue as we welcome the Easter Bunny and



resume the annual Easter Egg Hunt! Fr. Gary will offer a brief teaching to the kids on the link and symbolism between the Easter Egg and the Resurrection, then, we set them loose to hunt for the candy filled eggs. Remember to bring baskets to collect the eggs and to wear boots, as the grounds tend to be muddy at this time of year! Refreshments will be served in the Parish Center (lower level) after the hunt, while the kids open their eggs!

**After the hunt, we urge parents to bring their kids to the church for a visit to the Tomb of the Lord displayed there.**

### *The Easter Bunny Needs You!*

As we prepare, we need your help! Could you donate a bag of **individually wrapped, small candies** that could be used to fill the many, many eggs we will have? Donations will be accepted from **March 19 to 27**. Baskets will be out in the church on tables beneath the two back windows.

If you'd like to help to stuff the eggs, please call Shirley at 207-451-9483.

### *Easter Food Baskets*

Multi-colored flyers are at the church entrance with details about the beautiful tradition of Easter food baskets, a great at-home family teaching tool to help kids understand the rich symbols of the upcoming Easter feast! This is an ancient Slavic tradition that has found a place among many in our parish. Whether you have young children or not, consider preparing your basket and then bring it to church on **Holy Saturday, April 16th**, at 4:00 PM for special blessing before the Tomb of the Lord! Take a flyer to learn more!







# LAETARE SUNDAY Rejoice!

## *Very Special Event for Laetare Sunday !*

On the fourth Sunday of Lent, as we pass the midpoint of Lent, the purple vesture gives way to rose and a sense of rejoicing as we look forward to the culmination of our Lenten living and fasting with the fullness of life, joy, and feasting that unfolds in the Easter Season. This year, on the Saturday evening of this “Laetare” celebration, we will be offered a unique and very beautiful evening of exquisite choral music affording us time for reflection, inspiration, and prayer before our Lord. This special Choral Presentation of “*Evensong in the Tradition of the English Cathedral*” will be something you will long remember! We will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Plan to join us! Invite friends!

### **NEXT Saturday, March 26th, at 7:00 PM in Church**

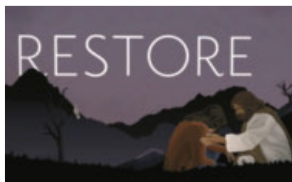
“Second Spring”, a choir formed by enthusiasts for the sacred choral tradition, old and new, will sing an Evensong in the English Cathedral style. The choir will offer hymnody, psalms for the Catholic Ordinariate tradition, as well as some classic anthems along with 17th century responses. Select singers from Boston and NH will be with us to offer this special evening.



Formed is a Catholic website that offers a great variety of movies, studies, and programs for the whole family. Our parish has a subscription which allows us to offer it free of charge to all parishioners. Check out this great Lenten resource!

#### **To sign up for FREE access to Formed:**

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- Click “Sign up”
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- In the “Find your parish” search bar, enter our zip: 03801
- Click “Corpus Christi Parish, 98 Summer St, Portsmouth
- Click “Next”
- Enter your email
- You’ll receive a confirmation link to confirm registration.



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The Seven Sorrows of Mary is a traditional Catholic devotion featuring meditations on sorrowful episodes in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The prayers and meditations are accompanied by images of sacred art from many of the great masters as well as a lush, yet subtle, orchestral soundtrack.

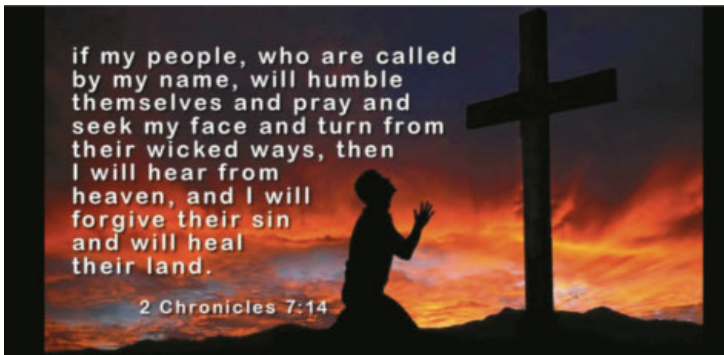


### *Pilgrimage to Italy Don't Delay!*

Side tracked by Covid when scheduled for Spring 2020, then rescheduled for last Fall, but canceled due to restrictions still in place that would have made travel cumbersome and with too many variables, we now are happy to announce that we are set to embark on our pilgrimage to Italy with Fr. Gary and Fr. Joseph! If you were planning to join us in the past we hope you’ll sign up again, and, if you were not able then, but can now, we would love to have you with us!

The pilgrimage is set for **October 10 through 19**, and includes round trip airfare, breakfast and dinner, hotel, motor coach, and full time tour manager. Brochures with details and info on how to register can be obtained from Fr. Gary after Mass in the sacristy or by dropping in to the parish office. Space is limited, so first come, first served! At this point, we have more than half the slots filled, so if you’re interested, don’t delay!

## 40 Days For Life



### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE IS NOW UNDERWAY!

Join others throughout our nation in marking these days of witness and prayer for the sanctity of all human life to be defended and protected, and for conversion of heart and mind for those who promote abortion and the culture of death. Here, in our local area, we are invited to gather for prayer and peaceful witness on the public walkway in front of the Lovering Center, 559 Portsmouth Avenue in Greenland, NH, where abortions take place. FMI, visit:

#### [40daysforlife.com/Greenland](http://40daysforlife.com/Greenland)

Our Greenland campaign website is ready and waiting for your sign ups on the vigil calendar to be a witness for the helpless unborn. Over 64 million children across the United States have been killed through abortion. We realize that not all of you can volunteer for a weekly recurring time slot out on the sidewalk, but we encourage you to do what you can.

To learn more, sign up for prayer, or ask questions, please reach out to our parish contact, Diane Binger, at [dmgbinger@gmail.com](mailto:dmgbinger@gmail.com).



### FASTING & ALMSGIVING

Consider sharing the fruit of going without some “wants” to help us reach out to those in need through Portsmouth Catholic SHARE. Perhaps your savings from Lenten sacrifices and fasting could be collected in a soup bowl on your table as a Lenten centerpiece? Funds collected there could be brought weekly and deposited in the poor box at the entry of church, or given at the end of Lent.

Portsmouth Catholic SHARE fills the gaps in services provided by existing community programs. SHARE provides financial assistance for such needs as rent deposits, car repairs and utilities. You may make a donation today by using the special SHARE envelopes in the Church or mailing your gift to SHARE, 845 Woodbury Ave, Portsmouth, NH 03801. Every cent goes directly toward emergency basic living needs for Portsmouth residents in immediate need.

## 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!*

**40 Days for Life** coincides with Lent this year. If you would like to join others on a Saturday of Lent for Mass at 8AM in church, then head over for sidewalk witness and prayer in front of the Lovering Center in Greenland, and grab breakfast after, simply meet in front of Mary’s statue outside of church any Saturday! A great way to embrace Lent and promote life!

**Weekly Bible Study** continues every Monday in the gathering room in the **lower level of the church**. During Lent, to afford opportunity to attend 6:30 PM Mass, we will begin at 7:15 PM there. The entrance door is off of the parking lot in the back of the church. FMI, contact Dominic at [bballindmp44@gmail.com](mailto:bballindmp44@gmail.com).

### KEEP CONNECTED & INFORMED:

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

## Sanctuary Lamp & Votives

The sanctuary lamp will burn this week in honor of the Presence of our Lord, as requested by Maria Jaber

The votives at the Mary altar will burn for the people of Ukraine, requested by a parishioner.

At the St. Joseph altar, the votives will burn with Birthday Blessings for Monsignor Edward Kelley.



## Income Tax Statements

If you would like to receive a statement for income tax purposes indicating your 2021 church contributions, please email Kathy at [aa7.ccnh@gmail.com](mailto:aa7.ccnh@gmail.com) or call her 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 is given by other means.



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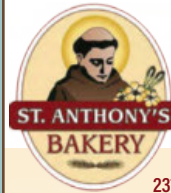


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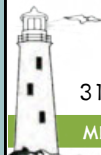


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