



# Corpus Christi Parish

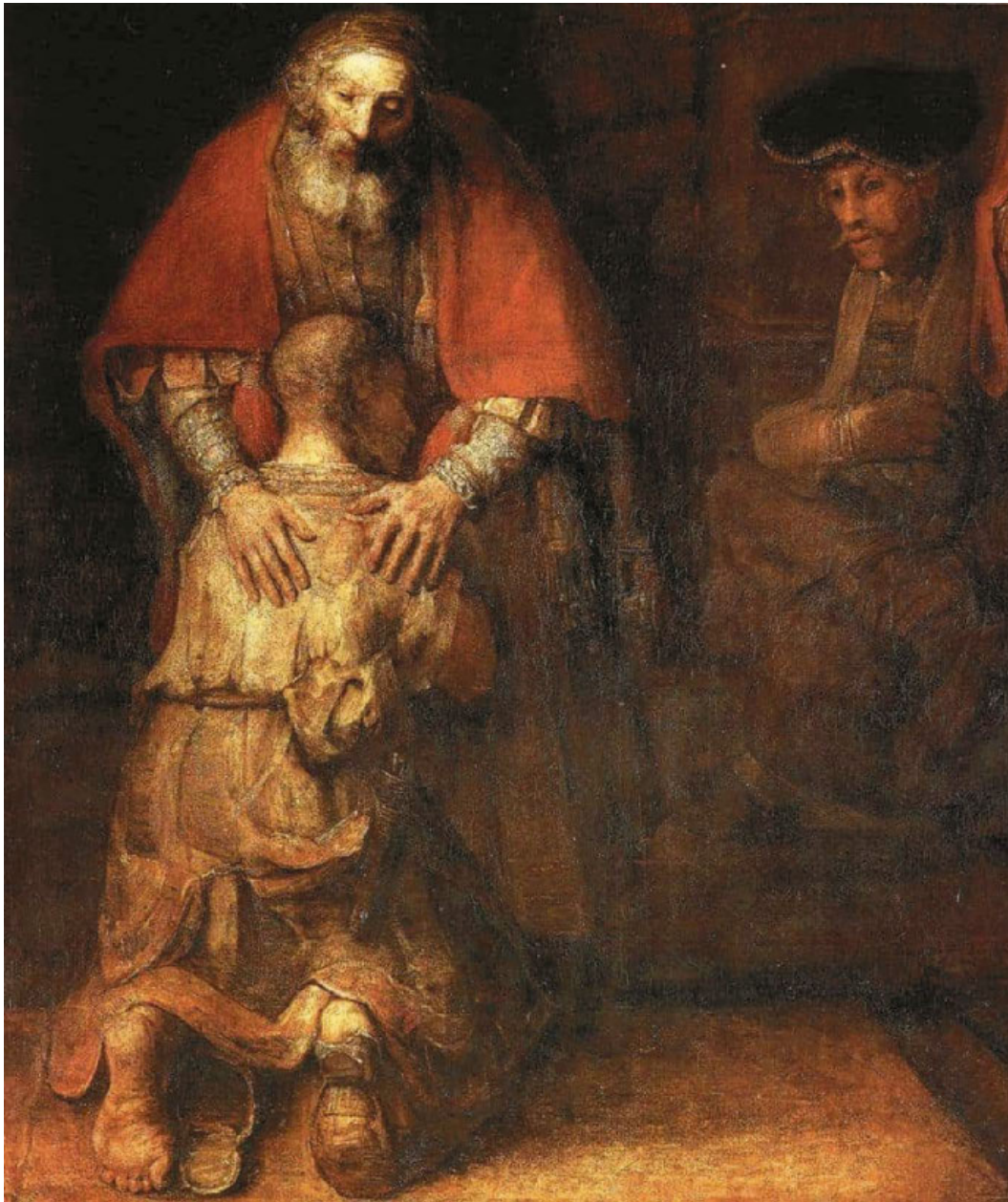
EMBRACING A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE!

**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.

## Fourth 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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#### 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 28th

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

### Tuesday, March 29th

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 30th

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

### Thursday, March 31st

Televised Parish Mass—7:00 PM, Channel 98

### Friday, April 1st

Men's Ministry First Friday Rosary—6:45 AM (C LL)  
then morning Adoration and Mass (C)  
Stations of the Cross—8:30 AM and 7:00 PM (C)

### Saturday, April 2nd

Gardening Angels Meeting—9:00 AM (C LL)  
Rosary—3:30 PM (C)

### Sunday, April 3rd

Family Faith Formation—9:45 AM (PC UH)  
Televised Parish Mass—10:00 AM, Channel 98  
Baptism—11:30 AM  
Music Rehearsal—11:45 AM (C)  
Lenten Lamentations—6:00 PM (C)

#### **KEY:**

#### On Summer Street:

C = Church  
CLL = Lower Level of Church  
VH = Vianney House (rectory next to Church)

#### At 845 Woodbury Avenue:

PC = Parish Center  
UH/LH = Upper Hall/Lower Hall at Parish Center  
PO = Parish Office  
JPII = John Paul II Room (lower level of office)

### ***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.





# The Pastor's Letter

Dear Family in the Lord,

On this weekend, as we pass the midpoint in our Lenten journey toward the holiest days of the year and the great Solemnity of Easter, when forty days of fasting gives way to fifty days of feasting in the Easter Season, our Liturgy invites us to be joyful, to rejoice in hope—hence this is known as “Laetare” Sunday—from the Latin imperative “Rejoice!” We “lighten up” as we see rose vesture replace the austere penitential purple. We get a bit of a boost and a reminder to look to the end in mind—the goal of it all—in case we are beginning to get sluggish in our Lenten resolve! It’s like a pit stop in a marathon race.

Our Gospel today is a clear indicator from Jesus Himself, the story He himself used, to cast away fear, take stock (examination of conscience), put into words (confession), and not be afraid to rise from wherever we have stumbled and fallen in sin, and go to our Father. He tells us the Father not only will “make time,” but actually “runs out to greet” the repentant! I love the picture I’ve included here! It’s a powerful reminder we need NEVER fear confession—or wonder about God the Father’s response! We will be lifted up, NOT put down! The confessional in our church is close to the baptismal font—reminding us that the grace of this Sacrament of Reconciliation restores our baptismal dignity and innocence and sets us forth with extra help to “turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.” It offers a life renewing and life changing encounter—whether it’s been weeks or decades since we’ve been to confession! Pray with this picture! Let trust cast out fear! God watches, waits, and longs for you! Do you believe that?



As with the younger son in the story today, you need only take the first step! Don’t let Lent pass without echoing, “I will arise and go to my Father!” Laetare!

We must pray for each other as well. We need to let go of grudges and resentments! The older brother in the story teaches us what NOT to do! What a joy to know that someone we know has turned from sin, sought forgiveness and been embraced! If their sin affected us, we can ask for healing from God as we rejoice in the restoration he gives them. Laetare!

Witness to the value of confession. Invite others. Teach your kids and come as a family, then, go home and imitate today’s gospel and share a special meal of family favorites to rejoice in the mercy of God! Laetare!

Remember, confession is part of Lenten living and should be encountered prior to entering the Sacred Triduum. There are no confessions scheduled in those three solemn days leading to Easter. Check out your calendar and book your reason to rejoice in hope on your schedule now! We have confessions EVERY day! Monday through Saturday at 8:30 AM; Monday, Wednesday, & Friday at 6:00 PM, Saturday again at 3:00 PM, Sunday at 3:45 PM and later at 5:30 PM (before Lamentations) and then after Lamentations from 6:30 to 7:00 PM. Laetare!

Our personal confession is the way we bring Lent home—we allow the watchful Father to meet us, embrace us, and renew us! Nothing is greater than His mercy! Plan it now! Laetare!

With you on the journey,

*for Gary*

## Fourth Sunday of Lent



### Intentions for Holy Mass

- Monday MAR28 Lenten Feria (weekday)**  
 8:00AM Rita Sheehan, by Frank Sheehan & Family  
 6:30PM Intentions of Victoria Maillhot, by a Friend
- Tuesday MAR 29 Lenten Feria**  
 8:00AM Dominic & Rose Sacramone,  
 by Arthur Sacramone
- Wednesday MAR 30 Lenten Feria**  
 8:00AM Joseph & Sylvia Pina (3rd/2nd anniversary),  
 by Sherry Moniz  
 6:30PM Dianna Mealey, by her Family
- Thursday MAR 31 Lenten Feria**  
 8:00AM Vincent Brown,  
 by Corpus Christi Parish Staff
- Friday APR 1 Lenten Feria**  
 8:00AM Margaret & Patrick Corless,  
 by Annie Osborn  
 6:30PM Barbara LaSala, by Jody Shine
- Saturday APR 2 Lenten Feria**  
 8:00AM Gloria Collins,  
 by Marilyn Chavez & Mary Kay Linscott  
**Vigil 5th Sunday of Lent**  
 4:00PM Raymond & Maria Hamilton,  
 by Lis & Ted Connors
- Sunday APR 3 5th Sunday of Lent**  
 8:30AM Mary Frances Clark, by her Children  
 10:30AM Mary Tosi, by Corpus Christi Parish Staff  
 4:30PM Sr. Bernadette, by the Maloney Family

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

### ***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.

## Week of March 27, 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 next Sunday, 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!

### **Our reflection of God’s generosity to us!**

#### **Weekend of March 19/20, 2022**

Online Giving	\$ 3,795.00
Envelopes	\$ 8,147.75
Loose	\$ 1,864.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,806.75</b>

Last weekend 160 envelope/86 Online Giving users contributed 87% of our income.

Poor Box /SHARE Donations	\$ 1,202.00
Catholic Relief Services—Ukraine	\$ 14,671.00
Capital Campaign as of	\$ 2,419,539.00

## 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 next Sunday, 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.

- **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!*



# What is Evangelization?



The simplest way to say what evangelization means is to follow Pope Paul VI, whose message *Evangelii Nuntiandi* (*On Evangelization in the Modern World*) has inspired so much recent thought and activity in the Church. We can rephrase his words to say that evangelizing means bringing the Good News of Jesus into every human situation and seeking to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel itself. At its essence are the proclamation of salvation in Jesus Christ and the response of a person in faith, which are both works of the Spirit of God.

Evangelization must always be directly connected to the Lord Jesus Christ. “There is no true evangelization if the name, the teaching, the life, the promises, the Kingdom and the mystery of Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God are not proclaimed.”

## Conversion

Conversion is the change of our lives that comes about through the power of the Holy Spirit. All who accept the Gospel undergo change as we continually put on the mind of Christ by rejecting sin and becoming more faithful disciples in His Church. Unless we undergo conversion, we have not truly accepted the Gospel.

We know that people experience conversion in many ways. Some experience a sudden, shattering insight that brings rapid transformation. Some experience a gradual growth over many years. Others undergo conversion as they take part in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—the normal way adults become members of the Church today. Many experience conversion through the ordinary relationships of family and friends. Others have experienced it through the formation received from Catholic schools and religious education programs. Still others have experienced ongoing conversion in renewals, ecumenical encounters, retreats, parish missions, or through some of the great spiritual movements that have blessed church life today.

This is crucial: we must be converted—and we must continue to be converted! We must let the Holy Spirit change our lives! We must respond to Jesus Christ. And we must be open to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit who will continue to convert us as we follow Christ. If our faith is alive, it will be aroused again and again as we mature as disciples.

We can only share what we have received; we can hold on to our faith only if it continues to grow. “But if salt loses its taste,” Jesus asked, “with what can it be seasoned?”

## Individuals and Society

The continuing story of salvation in Christ involves each of us one by one as well as society itself. How else could it be? Conversion speaks of the change of heart that, as a member of the Church, each one must undergo. The Gospel speaks across time and space to each human being, each mind, each heart. It asks us what we think about our lives, how we hope, whom we love, and what we live for. If faith is not transforming each heart and life, it is dead.

But faith is not something that only happens to each of us individually or privately, within ourselves. The Gospel also speaks to society itself, with its values, goals, and systems. The Gospel must overflow from each heart until the presence of God transforms all human existence. Sometimes this means that, as believers, we must confront the world as did the prophets of old, pointing out the claims of God to societies that are blind to God. More often, however, this means that we must let our faith shine on the world around us, radiating the love of Jesus by the everyday way we speak, think, and act.

The fruits of evangelization are changed lives and a changed world—holiness and justice, spirituality and peace. The validity of our having accepted the Gospel does not only come from what we feel or what we know; it comes also from the way we serve others, especially the poorest, the most marginal, the most hurting, the most defenseless, and the least loved. An evangelization that stays inside ourselves is not an evangelization into the Good News of Jesus Christ.

## The Force of the Gospel Itself

Evangelization happens when the word of Jesus speaks to people’s hearts and minds. Needing no trickery or manipulation, evangelization can happen only when people accept the Gospel freely, as the “good news” it is meant to be, because of the power of the gospel message and the accompanying grace of God.

## What is the Diversity of Evangelization?

Our message of faith proclaims an eternally faithful God, creating all in love and sustaining all with gracious care. We proclaim that God, whose love is unconditional, offers us divine life even in the face of our sins, failures, and inadequacies. We believe in a God who became one of us in Jesus, God's Son, whose death and resurrection bring us salvation. We believe that the risen Christ sends His own Spirit upon us when we respond to Him in faith and repentance, making us His people, the Church, and giving us the power of new life and guiding us to our eternal destiny.

This gospel message gives us a different vision of what life is about. We see a pattern of love, hope, and meaning because the intimate relationship with God in which we were created, lost through sin, has been restored by Jesus, whose death has destroyed our death and whose resurrection gives us the promise of eternal life. We do not see a world of blind forces ruled by chance, but a universe created to share God's life; we know that following Jesus means we begin to share God's life here and now. We do not view life's purpose as the gathering of power or riches, but as the gracious invitation to live for God and others in love. We do not calculate what we think is possible, but rather, know the Spirit of God always makes new things possible, even the renewal of humanity. We do not merely look for many years of contented life, but for an unending life of happiness with God. In our faith, we discover God's eternal plan, from creation's first moment to creation's fulfillment in heaven, giving meaning to our human lives.

This vision we share is the power of the Good News. As it compels us, we believe it can compel, by its beauty and truth, all who sincerely seek God. How different our world would be if everyone could accept the Good News of Jesus and share the vision of faith!

### Other Implications

Evangelization, then, has both an inward and an outward direction. Inwardly it calls for our continued receiving of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, our ongoing conversion both individually and as Church. It nurtures us, makes us grow, and renews us in holiness as God's people. Outwardly evangelization addresses those who have not heard the Gospel or who, having heard it, have stopped practicing their faith, and those who seek the fullness of faith. It calls us to work for full communion among all who confess Jesus but do not yet realize the unity for which Christ prayed. Pope John Paul II, in his encyclical on missionary activity, summed up the three objectives of mission: to proclaim the Gospel to all people; to help bring about the reconversion of those who have received the Gospel but live it only nominally; and to deepen the Gospel in the lives of believers.

We know that the word "evangelization" sometimes raises uncomfortable images for Catholics—especially in the culture of the United States, where evangelism has sometimes meant only an individual response to enthusiastic preaching, a style of mass religion, a contrived way to recruit new members, or, at its worst, a way to play on people's needs. Still, we use the word "evangelization" because its root meaning is "Gospel" (Good News) and because it calls us, even if it is uncomfortable, to live the faith of our baptism more openly and to share it more freely.

We want to make it clear that evangelization means something special for us as Catholics. We can see what it means by looking at what happens to evangelized people. Not only are they related to Jesus by accepting His Gospel and receiving His Spirit; even more, their lives are changed by becoming disciples, that is, participants in the Church, celebrating God's love in worship and serving others as Jesus did.

Some might think of evangelization solely in terms of Jesus and our relationship with him. Yet our relationship with Jesus is found in our relationship with the community of Jesus—the Church. The way to Christ is through the community in which He lives. Did not Jesus say, "I am with you always" and "Whatever you did for one of these least [brothers and sisters of mine], you did for me"? Did not the Jesus who met Paul on the road to Damascus say that He lived in His persecuted followers, the Church? Jesus is present in and among His disciples, the People of God.

Evangelization, then, has different implications depending on our relationship to Jesus and his Church. For those of us who practice and live our Catholic faith, it is a call to ongoing growth and renewed conversion. For those who have accepted it only in name, it is a call to re-evangelization. For those who have stopped practicing their faith, it is a call to reconciliation. For children, it is a call to be formed into disciples through the family's faith life and religious education. For other Christians, it is an invitation to know the fullness of our message. For those who have no faith, it is a call to conversion to know Christ Jesus and thus experience a change to new life with Christ and His Church.



## Week of March 27, 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!** *Please Note:*

When SHARE assists families in need, they work directly with the providers, so while they appreciate the generosity and thought behind it, they are unable to use gift cards that are donated via the Poor Box.

### **NEW!** *First Friday Men's Ministry Rosary*

Join us downstairs (entry in back parking lot) on **First Friday, April 1st**, to pray the Rosary together. from 6:45 to 7:15 AM, followed by Adoration and morning Mass upstairs in the church. Open to all men.

### **NEW!** *Gardening Angels Meeting*

Spring is coming! There will be a meeting for all of our Gardening Angels at 9:00 AM on **Saturday, April 2nd**, in the church's lower level (enter via back parking lot door).

### *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 Extra Effort*



As in past years, we ask you to prayerfully consider what you can do in your Easter Sunday offering, as we count on the Christmas and Easter "Extra Efforts" to meet our budget for parish operation and ministries. You have always shown such remarkable generosity, whether in the almsgiving of Lent, the Flower Fund for the Liturgies of the Season, or this opportunity to continue to sustain and develop the operation of our parish. Thanks in advance for whatever you can share!



### *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? **Deadline for donations to be dropped off is THIS Sunday at the 4:30 Mass.** 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!





Week of March 27, 2022

## Wedding Coordinators Needed

Whenever we celebrate a wedding here in our parish, we employ paid parish wedding coordinators. Recently, some of our long serving coordinators have retired/stepped down, so now we are “recruiting” people to serve in this ministry.

Each wedding is assigned a primary and secondary coordinator. Primary coordinators meet with the couple ahead of time to plan the Mass/wedding ceremony, direct the rehearsal, and coordinate everything on the wedding day. Secondary coordinators help with the rehearsal and on the wedding day. In the past we have had 3-4 teams who rotate, so the time commitment may only be once or twice a month. We would of course provide training, and the opportunity to “shadow” a current coordinator. We have four weddings coming up in May that would be a good opportunity for anyone who is interested in observing.

If you think you may be interested in this ministry, please contact Mary Kay in the parish office at 603-436-4555 or [aa1.cnh@gmail.com](mailto:aa1.cnh@gmail.com).



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:

- Go to [Formed.org](http://Formed.org)
- Click “Sign up”
- Click “I belong to a parish or organization”
- 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.

### Available now on FORMED:



Learn the Catholic faith, pray together, and grow as a family with this 8-part video series. Each episode includes educational content from top Catholic speakers, inspirational stories from real Catholic families, a meditative Rosary, and practical challenges to help you apply the faith at home.



Into the Breach is a groundbreaking 12-episode video series from the Knights of Columbus that seeks to answer what it means to be a Catholic man in today’s world. Into the Breach tells men they are made for greatness and challenges them to achieve it by founding their lives on God and pursuing heroic virtue.



## Prayer Intentions for the Camino de Santiago

One of our Corpus Christi parishioners will be walking the *Camino de Santiago* this Spring. As part of his spiritual journey, he is willing to carry individual prayer intentions the entire 550 miles of the journey. Please write your prayer on the writing pad located at the back of the church. Fold it in half and deposit it into the simple burlap bag. *The prayers will not be read.* They will be deposited at the foot of Saint James in the Cathedral at Santiago de Compostela in Santiago Spain. Gracias y buen Camino!

## 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!

## Sanctuary Lamp & Votives



The sanctuary lamp will burn this week for the intentions of Victoria Mailhot.

The votives at the Mary altar will burn with Birthday Blessings for Ann Hebert.

At the St. Joseph altar, the votives will burn with Birthday Blessings for Peg Ryan.

The votives at the Black Madonna shrine will burn this week for the intentions of Fr. Gary on his birthday, requested by Maria Jaber

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### \$25 Winners—Week 5

- # 179 Lis Connors
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## 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!*

**Movie Opportunity next Sunday starting at 3:00 PM** in the JP II room, lower level of the office on Woodbury Ave. We will watch *The Passion of the Christ* by Mel Gibson as a visual meditation before heading over to church at 5:30 PM for adoration, then Lamentations and Benediction at 6:00 PM. Feel free to bring something for lunch and join us at 2:30 if you'd like to eat together first. Movie starts at 3PM sharp!

**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 [ballindmp44@gmail.com](mailto:ballindmp44@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 [pthampson@protonmail.com](mailto:pthampson@protonmail.com).
- ◆ **Facebook group**—Corpus Christi Young Adults
- ◆ **Questions about YA Ministry?**—Please contact Dave Perrella, our Young Adult Minister, at [youngadultmin.ccnh@gmail.com](mailto:youngadultmin.ccnh@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.

## Lay Carmelite Information Night

- \*Are you called to live your baptismal promises more fully?
- \*Do you desire to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ?
- \*Do you seek a fuller prayer life?
- \*Do you wish to know more about Carmelite Spirituality?

If your answer is “yes,” then God may be calling you to consider becoming a Lay Carmelite. As one Lay Carmelite observed, *“I was drawn to Carmel in response to a call to holiness through contemplative prayer, community, and service. What I discovered was a lifelong process of increasing union with God’s love through the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.”*

When lived out as intended, the Carmelite way of life combines separate activities into a rhythm of life that draws a person closer to God. These activities include participating in a community of fellow Carmelites, private daily prayer, service, and a lifetime of learning. Living as a Lay Carmelite affects all aspects of a person’s life because it means living according to a Rule in complete conformity with the Catholic Church.

*“Being a Lay Carmelite is doing ordinary things well, which becomes a prayer offering to God.”* You are invited to learn more about Carmelite Spirituality, and why Catholics have become Lay Carmelites, at an **Information Night, Thursday, April 7th, at 6:30 PM** at the Parish Center.

Fr. David Affleck (himself a Third Order Carmelite) is the Spiritual Advisor of this Carmelite Community and will be at the Information Night, along with other Carmelites, to explain what the Carmelite Order offers and what is involved in becoming a Lay Carmelite. For information, email [cc.carmel.nh@gmail.com](mailto:cc.carmel.nh@gmail.com) or call 207-363-4827.



## 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:

### [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).**



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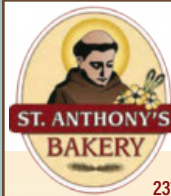


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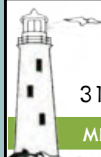


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