

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.

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

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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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Looking to Easter

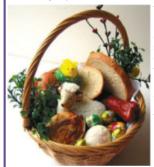
Easter Flower Fund

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 <u>print the names</u> <u>clearly</u> on one of the flower envelopes available in your envelope packets or at the church doors. The <u>deadline</u> to return your donation to the parish office is <u>THIS Tuesday, April 5th</u>, so that the names may be listed in the Easter bulletin.



Easter Food Baskets

There is a wonderful tradition of putting together an Easter Food basket, to share at your Easter table, that has various symbolic foods for the Paschal Solemnity. It can be a GREAT family activity and teachable moment for the kids! We urge you to consider it! The baskets are then brought



to the church for blessing on Holy Saturday. The blessing takes place before the image of the Lord's Tomb. This tradition helps to really set the tone and underscore the focus of what we celebrate in these most sacred days of the year! Multi-colored brochures are available in baskets at the church doors. Consider taking one as your guide in embracing this

tradition. We began offering this here in 2012 and many have been blest in this way of strengthening the domestic church and living the Liturgical seasons! The Blessing will be given on **Holy Saturday, April 16th, at 4:00 PM**.

Easter Extra Effort

As in past years, we ask you to prayerfully consider what you can do in your Easter Sunday offering. 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!

Sanctuary Lamp & Votives

The sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Lorraine Dupuis, requested by her daughter.

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

At the St. Joseph altar, the votives will burn for the intentions of the family of Maria Jaber.

The votives at the Black Madonna shrine will burn with Birthday Blessings for Richard Spataro, from his wife.

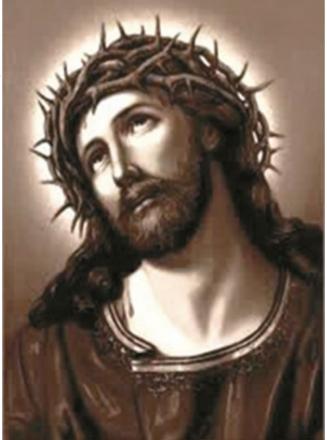


The Pastor's Letter

Dear Family in the Lord,

As we gather, surrounded by shrouded images, the tone of the Liturgy embraces more and more in these coming days that of solemn and somber entry into recalling the great events of our salvation in the Passion and Death of our Lord. Traditionally, this final period of Lent is known as "Passiontide," and the focus in our scripture readings in this coming week is on the historical events that led up to the arrest, condemnation, and ultimate crucifixion of our Lord. Next week, we enter into the "heart" of these mysteries as we live Holy Week.

Elsewhere in today's bulletin, we give you a brief overview of the diverse celebrations that will mark these holiest days of the year and will then lead us into the paschal joy of the Solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection at Easter, and the subsequent unfolding of these great mysteries in the fifty days of the Easter Season. I urge you now to clip and post this outline on your fridge and plan your calendar to join us for these solemn days, most especially the great Paschal Triduum—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday! You will also note that we begin the Divine Mercy Novena on Good Friday, leading us up to the Feast of Divine Mercy on the Sunday after Easter. On Tuesday this week, at 6:30 PM in church, I will give an overview and share insights on the "Sights, Sounds, and Symbols" of Holy Week to enhance our ability to truly enter in and make this a Holy Week like none other! Join us as we go deeper! At the end of the talk, we will pray with our catechumens, the seven men and women who will be baptized, confirmed, and share in the Eucharist for the first time at the Easter Vigil, and will celebrate the Anointing with Oil of Catechumens.



This is the final week of penitential preparation! Join us for Lamentations and Benediction tonight (Sunday) at 6:00 PM. Perhaps plan to join in adoration, weekday Mass, and Stations of the Cross on Friday. On Wednesday night, we will gather for the last of our Faith Enrichment Series after the 6:30 PM Mass, focusing on the reality of Spiritual Warfare. Finally, if you have yet to bring the calm of Lenten renewal and reconciliation home to heart with a good confession, these are the days to do that! Confession should be our preparation to enter Holy Week. Please don't wait until the last minute! The schedule for each day this week is elsewhere in this bulletin, and, note that the last opportunity for confession will be Monday of Holy Week, April 11th, from 8:30 to 9:30 AM, 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM, and 5:30 to 6:15 PM.

I look forward to living these days with you once again as we enter Holy week with the Liturgies of Passion (Palm) Sunday next weekend. Please keep in your prayers all who will invest so much of themselves, their time and their talent, to make it possible for the liturgies of this Holy Week to be celebrated with great beauty and solemnity. Invite friends! Plan now to be with us!

With you on the Journey,

fr Bary

Fifth Sunday of Lent



Intentions for Holy Mass

- Monday APR 4 Lenten Feria (weekday)
- **8:00AM** Rosalie Wallace, by the Maloney Family
- 6:30PM Lorraine & Emery Dupuis, by their Daughter
- TuesdayAPR 5Lenten Feria8:00AMLouis Dow,
- by Portsmouth Catholic SHARE
- Wednesday APR 6 Lenten Feria
- 8:00AM Albert "Red" Moylan, by his Wife & Family
- **6:30PM** Maria Ertle, by Beth Lindquist
- Thursday APR 7 Lenten Feria
- 8:00AM The Hoffman Family, by their Family
- Friday APR 8 Lenten Feria
- 8:00AM Intentions of Edel Redello, by the Redello Family
- 6:30PM Barbara LaSala, by Libby & Bob Ellwood
- Saturday APR 9 Lenten Feria
- 8:00AM TJ Bassett, by the Maloney Family
 - Vigil Palm Sunday
- 4:00PM Lawrence & Rena Scarlotto, by Rosemary Plaisted
- Sunday APR 10 Palm Sunday
- 8:30AM Joanne Schepis Stone, by her Parents
- **10:30AM** Joseph & Dorothy O'Leary, by Shirley & John O'Leary
- 4:30PM Thomas Moore, by Libby & Bob Ellwood

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

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** 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.

Lenten Opportunities

WEEKDAY MASS

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday at 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM, using different reflections each week to link His way with ours. Concludes each week with blessing with the relic of the True Cross.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday—Saturday before Holy Mass, 7:00-7:55AM Each **Wednesday** from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM

LENTEN LAMENTATIONS

TONIGHT at 6:00 PM. The Blessed Sacrament is

exposed at 5:30 PM for those wishing quiet prayer time prior to the devotion, and remains exposed after until 7:00 PM for those wishing to linger after. Confessions are heard during these times as well. (This is a half hour meditative reflection in somber song, divided in three parts, on the Passion of the Lord, which is soul-stirring and very



moving. Drawn from the Polish devotion dating back to the 1800s.)

CONFESSIONS

8:30 AM Monday through Saturday 6:00 PM Monday, Wednesday, Friday 3:00 PM Saturday 3:45 PM Sunday Monday of Holy Week (April 11): 8:30-9:30AM, 12N-1PM, 5:30-6:15PM Last opportunity for confession before we enter the Triduum, April 14-17.

CHURCH OPEN DAILY

Our church is open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM every day for your personal one-on-One time with Him!

Our reflection of God's generosity to us!

Weekend of March 26/27, 2022

Online Giving	\$ 5,778.00
Envelopes	\$ 7,103.00
Loose	<u>\$ 2,293.00</u>
Total	\$ 15,174.00

Last weekend 141 envelope/87 Online Giving users contributed 85% of our income.

Poor Box /SHARE Donations	\$	757.00
Capital Campaign a/o 3/28/22	\$ 2,419	9,649.00

Parish News

Week of April 3, 2022

NEWD Faith Enrichment This Week

- * **Bible Study** for young adults is at 7:15 PM this **Monday night** in lower level of the church. New participants always welcome!
- * **Morning Bible Study** is offered for all after the 8:00 AM Mass on **Tuesday** in the lower hall of the church. Come any or each week!
- * Holy Week Talk by Fr. Gary will be offered in church at 6:30 PM this Tuesday to look deeper at the sights, sounds, and symbols of Holy Week. Plan to come and bring a friend! Whether you've been attending Holy Week services for years or will be doing so for the first time—this evening will have insights to offer you!
- * Wednesday Enrichment Series ends this week with the last session at 7:15 PM on Wednesday in the lower level of the church. We will look at Spiritual Warfare and effective ways of responding to Jesus' call to "turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." Join us!

NEWD 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. (Thanks to all those who brought in candy for egg hunt!) 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.

NEWI) Men's Ministry Invitation

Join other men of the parish for an evening of prayer and song! We meet monthly to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, sing hymns, and pray for those in need. We'll meet in the church at 7 PM **THIS Thursday, April 7th**. Open to all men!

NEWD Lenten Lamentations

Plan to join us at **6:00 PM TONIGHT, 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.

NEWD Lay Carmelite Info Night

Just a reminder to those who have expressed interest in or want more information on becoming a Lay Carmelite. The Info Night will be **THIS Thursday, April 7th**, at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center Lower Hall (enter via the big parking lot side door). For details, call 207-363-4827 or email **cc.carmel.nh@gmail.com**.



Below you will find the schedule of Liturgies and devotions that will be part of our Parish celebration of these upcoming holiest days of the year.

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

Blessing of Palms and Solemn entrance opens each Liturgy, following our usual weekend schedule, with Solemn Mass at 10:30 AM.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY

- Morning Mass daily at 8:00 AM, with Exposition before, from 7 to 7:55 AM
- Evening Mass at 6:30 PM on Monday & Wednesday
- Eucharistic Adoration—Wednesday 8:30AM-6:20PM
- Confessions on Monday: 8:30-9:30 AM, 12 N-1 PM,

5:30-6:15 PM

HOLY THURSDAY

- Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM with procession to the Repository at conclusion
- Adoration at the Repository from the end of Mass until 10:00 PM
- Compline (Night Prayer) at 10:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY

- Opening of Divine Mercy Novena at 12:00 Noon
- Stations of the Cross at 3:00 PM
- Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 7:00 PM with Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion
- Church open for prayer at the Tomb until 10:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY

- Morning Prayer, Divine Mercy Novena at 9:00 AM
- Blessing of the Easter Food Baskets at 4:00 PM at the Tomb
- Church will be open for prayer at the Tomb from 8AM to 4:30PM
- Solemn Easter Vigil Liturgy at 7:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY

- Holy Mass at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 AM
- Divine Mercy Novena and Benediction at 7:00 PM

Young Adult Ministry Movie

Join us at **3:00 PM TODAY (April 3)** to watch the "Passion of the Christ" movie by Mel Gibson, as a visual meditation to prepare us to then head over to church for adoration at 5:30, and Lamentations & Benediction at 6:00 PM. **All ages 18 to 30-something are welcome!** Bring your lunch and come at 2:30 PM if you'd like to have some fellowship time first, with the movie starting promptly at 3:00PM. We will meet in the JP II Center lounge located in the lower level of the Parish Office building on Woodbury Avenue. Hope you can join us!



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! Deadline to submit intentions is THIS Friday, April 8th.

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!

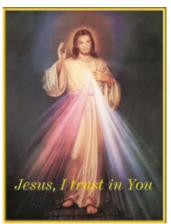
The pilgrimage is set for **October 10 through 19**, and includes round trip airfare, breakfast and dinner, hotel, motor coach, and full time tour manager. Brochures with details and info on how to register can be obtained from Fr. Gary after Mass in the sacristy or by dropping in to the parish office. 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!



Calvary Cemetery will soon be undergoing its annual spring cleanup. In accordance with our published regulations, our cemetery staff will begin discarding non-compliant articles left on the graves, including unused shepherd's hooks, tattered flags, and out-of-season artificial flowers and decorations. Please protect your articles by taking them home. We appreciate your cooperation as we prepare the cemetery for the spring and summer seasons.

Parish Scholarships

Each year, Corpus Christi parish offers a number of partial scholarships to students who will be/are attending college for undergraduate studies. Father David Alexander Sullivan Scholarships are available to parish members who've attended area high schools. Applications are available from the parish office or at www.corpuschristinh.org. The deadline to apply is May 27th.



Divine Mercy Novena APRIL 15-23

In the struggles and challenges of these difficult times, with so many challenges and affronts to truth, human dignity, and life, and with so many still struggling with the effects of the pandemic, we urge all to be united in offering this Novena, given by our Lord Himself in His revelations to Saint Faustina Kowalska. Whether alone at home, with family, or joining with us for the communal daily prayer opportunities listed below, please consider this grace-full opportunity! Red brochures containing the Novena and Chaplet prayers are available at the doors of the church.

- Good Friday-Novena opens with Chaplet and Prayer at 12:00N
- Holy Saturday—Morning Prayer, followed by Chaplet and Novena Prayer at 9:00AM
- Easter Sunday-Novena Prayer, chaplet, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00PM
- Easter Octave Days (Monday-Friday)-Novena Prayer and Chaplet at 6:15 PM followed by Holy Mass at 6:30 PM
- **Closing Novena Prayer and Chaplet after 8:00 AM** Mass on Saturday, April 11th



Feast of Divine Mercy—APRIL 24

- Solemn Holy Mass at 10:30 AM
- **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** for adoration from 2:00 to 3:00 PM
- Sung Chaplet and Benediction at 3:00 PM, with veneration of the Relic of St. Faustina following
- Confessions will be heard from 2:00 to 2:45 PM •

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\$25 Winners–Week #6

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