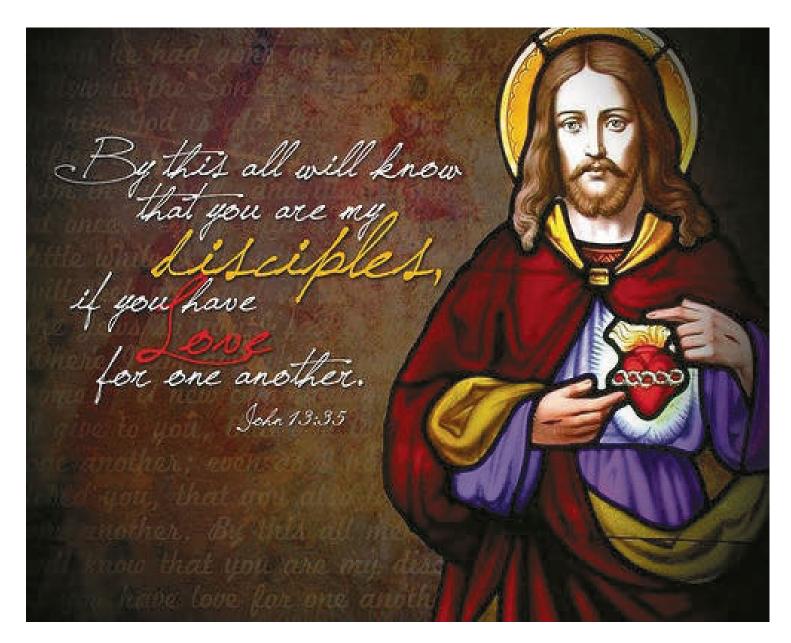


Corpus Christi Parish

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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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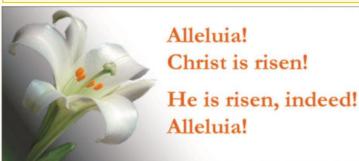
<u>Calvary/St. Mary Cemetery</u> Kate Gordon, Cemetery Manager 603-436-9239

St. Patrick Academy315 Banfield Road603-436-0739

<u>Vianney House</u> 98 Summer Street *Residence for Fr. Gary*

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The Week at a Glance



<u>Monday, May 16th</u> Young Adult Bible Study–7:00 PM (JPII)

Tuesday, May 17th

Sunday Readings Scripture Study—9:00 AM (C LL) Prayer Cenacle—2:00 PM (C) RCIA Dinner—6:30 PM Siena Sorority Meeting—6:30 PM (JPII) Televised Parish Mass—7:00 PM, Channel 98

Wednesday, May 18th

Exposition/Adoration—8:30AM-6:00 PM (C) SHARE Board Meeting—6:30 PM (SO)

Thursday, May 19th

Confirmation/1st Eucharist Rehearsal—6:00 PM (C) Frassati Fraternity Meeting—6:30 PM (C LL) Lay Carmelite (yr 1)—6:30 PM (PC LH) Televised Parish Mass—7:00 PM, Channel 98

Friday, May 20th

Confirmation/1st Eucharist Mass-6:00 PM (C)

Saturday, May 21st

Baptism-11:00 AM (C) Rosary-3:30 PM (C)

Sunday, May 22nd

Televised Parish Mass-10:00 AM, Channel 98

Sanctuary Lamp & Votives

The sanctuary lamp will burn this week with Blessings for Fr. Gary on the anniversary of his ordination.

The votives at the Mary altar will burn for Anne Stanley.

At the St. Joseph altar, the votives will burn with Birthday Blessings for Carol Neslusan.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the high altar this week were given in memory of Rose & John Ehnstrom, donated by their family.



The Pastor's Letter

Dear Family in the Lord,

Recently the new auxiliary Bishop of New York, Joseph Espaillant, nailed it when he spoke the message below. It underscores powerfully the reason why our parish, moving from maintenance to mission over these past few years, is now preparing to embrace the call of evangelization- in all aspects of parish life - in renewed and expanded ways! Once again we are seeking, with trust in the One who calls us to "put out into the deep," to embrace a future full of hope! Bishop Espaillant said:

"What is the biggest challenge the Church faces today?" Is it perhaps lack of respect for all life from conception until natural end? Is it the rise in depression or the high suicide rate? Is it the shootings, stabbings, and violent crimes occurring in our city and across the nation? Is it the war in Ukraine? Confusion about identity and sexuality? Relativism? The legalization of marijuana in many states? Subjectivism? Sexism? Utilitarianism? Racism?

As I was starting to feel overwhelmed by all these problems, I came across the words of Jesus to His disciples at the end of the Gospel of St. Mark: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature" (Mk 16:15). There was the answer! The biggest challenge that the Church faces today is the lack of evangelization!

Have we taken our Lord's words to heart? Over and over, we have heard that we need to

move from "maintenance to mission." Finally, it hit me: one of the greatest prophets and saints of our times had warned us that this was the case. In his encyclical *Veritatis Splendor* ("The Splendor of Truth"), St. John Paul II told us that:

Evangelization is the most powerful and stirring challenge which the Church has been called to face from her very beginning. Indeed, this challenge is posed not so much by the social and cultural milieux which she encounters in the course of history, as by the mandate of the Risen Christ, who defines the very reason for the New Evangelization means to reawaken the life of faith in the heart and mind of our contemporaries. Pope Francis October 14, 2013

Church's existence: "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to the whole creation" (Mk 16:15). [*Veritatis Splendor*, paragraph 106]

As I spoke to our young people, "breaking open" the Word for them, it was clear to me that they were hungering for more. Many of us, like the first disciples after Jesus' resurrection, are still "mourning" and "weeping" with all of the things that are going on in our hearts, families, communities, and world. We need to "refocus," stop thinking of all of the bad, and start living in His Resurrection Power! What would happen if we were to start proclaiming His Word more fervently and living it out, not just in thought but also in deeds? St. John Paul II used the word "urgent":

"It is urgent then that Christians should rediscover the newness of the faith and its power to judge a prevalent and all-intrusive culture. As the Apostle Paul admonishes us: "Once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of the light (for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful words of darkness, but instead expose them... Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil" (Eph 5:8-11, 15-16; cf. 1 Th 5:4-8).

It is urgent to rediscover and to set forth once more the authentic reality of the Christian faith, which is not simply a set of propositions to be accepted with intellectual assent. Rather, faith is a lived knowledge of Christ, a living remembrance of his commandments, and a truth to be lived out. [Veritatis Splendor, paragraph 88]"

With you on the Journey,

fr Bary

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Intentions for Holy Mass

- Monday MAY 16 Easter Feria (weekday)
- 8:00AM Roy Babbit, by Shirley Sisson
- Tuesday MAY 17 Easter Feria
- 8:00AM John Fogarty, all at Corpus Christi Parish
- WednesdayMAY 18 St. John I

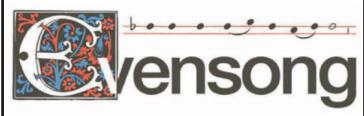
8:00AM Adelard Michaud, by Bernard Lajoie

- Thursday MAY 19 Easter Feria
- 8:00AM Robert & Mary Emma Christopher, by Sue Ford
- Friday MAY 20 St. Bernardine of Siena
- 8:00AM Mary Tosi, by Stan & Donna Nice
- Saturday MAY 21 St. Christopher Magallanes and companions
- 8:00AM Simon McLean, by Rosemary Kent
 - Vigil 6th Sunday of Easter
- 4:00PM Maurice Trafton, by Rosemary Plaisted
- SundayMAY 226th Sunday of Easter8:30AMDuane Date Jr., by his Family10:30AMJane Errico, by Tom Kaseta & Family4:30PMConrad Morin, by his Children

To schedule Mass intentions or to request sacramental records, please contact Kathy Kelleher at the parish office at 845 Woodbury Avenue, or call 603-436-0344.

Our reflection of God's generosity to us!			
Weekend of May 7/8, 2022			
Online Giving	\$ 6,203.00		
Envelopes	\$ 5,899.00		
Loose	\$ 1,952.50		
Total	\$ 14,054.50		
Last weekend 142 envelope/92 Online Giving users contributed 86% of our income.			
Poor Box /SHARE Donations	\$ 1,080.00		
Capital Campaign a/o 5/9/22	\$ 2,420,577.00		

May 15, 2022



JOIN US <u>TONIGHT</u>! 7:00 PM SUNDAY, MAY 15!

TONIGHT, we welcome the return of an outstanding choral group and organists from NH and the Boston area for an inspiring and beautiful Choral Paschal Evensong and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Invite your family and friends to join us in the inspiring beauty and rich acoustics of our church for this time of praise and moving musical inspiration!

Canonization of Mother Rivier

Today, **May 15th**, ten holy men and women will be canonized by Pope Francis. One person, of personal significance to several members of our parish who belong to the Marie Rivier Association, is the soon to be Saint Marie Rivier. Blessed Marie Rivier is the foundress of the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary. The Sisters are known to have established and served in Catholic schools throughout NH, ME, MA, and RI.

While Blessed Marie Rivier felt that Catholic education for youth was and would remain a priority, religious education extended to adults was equally important. She also had a noteworthy affection and trust in our Blessed Mother Mary, whose intercession she begged for, and she received physical healing.

Marie's life mission was to teach Jesus Christ to the poor and needy and to establish a religious community to join her in those efforts. Her sisters and spiritual family of associates and other collaborators continue that mission to make Jesus Christ Known and Loved in over 20 countries today.



In the United States, the Sisters' presence is currently most known in the Diocese of Manchester for Rivier University in Nashua and Presentation of Mary Academy in Hudson as well their retreat center, Marie Joseph Spiritual Center which lies on the shores of Biddeford Pool, ME.

For more information about the Marie Rivier Association, which is the Lay Association affiliated with the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary and present in our own parish, please contact Rita Lena at 603-767-1456 or **ritsib@aol.com**.

20/20 WINNER\$		
	<u>\$25</u>	Winners–Week 12
#	144	Maureen Boyd
#	39	Johnny Boyd

Fifth Sunday of Easter

NEWD Recently Baptized

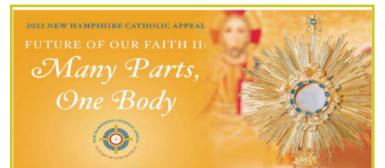
We warmly welcome **Noah Peter Germaske and Chase William Germaske**, who were given new life through water and the Holy Spirit in our parish community! To their parents and godparents we extend our congratulations and prayerful support as they live out the commitment they made to be "the first teachers of these children in the ways of faith." In the words of the rite, "may they be the best of teachers, bearing witness to the faith in what they say and do."

NEWD Confirmation & First Communion

A number of our youth will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, and many of them will receive Communion for the first time, **this Friday** at 7:00 PM. Please keep them in your prayers! We are happy to welcome Bishop Francis Christian for this celebration.

NEWD Memorial Day Mass

Join us at Immaculate Conception Church on **Monday**, **May 30th**, for the annual Memorial day Mass offered for all those who are interred in our Calvary Cemetery and in the older St. Mary Cemetery. It's a beautiful way to start your day, lift up our departed to the mercy of God, and remember those who gave their lives in the cause of freedom and peace. **Please note:** 1) The morning Mass will be at **9:00 AM**, not 8:00 AM, 2) The Mass will be celebrated in the church, NOT at the cemetery, and 3) There will be NO Exposition that day.



New Hampshire Catholic Appeal:

We thank all who made their gift to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of our Faith II this weekend. Your gift will enable the Catholic Church in New Hampshire to meet the increasing needs of parishes, Catholic schools, retired clergy, seminarians and much more. If you were not able to make your gift yet, please visit our website at www.catholicnh.org/nhca or bring your gift and drop it in the collection basket at Mass next weekend. Checks should be made out to New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. Cash should be put in envelopes marked with the amount. Credit cards can be used with the gift envelope or the website. We thank you on behalf of all who will come to know the loving hand of Christ and our Church through your generosity.

The QR code below works similarly to barcodes at the supermarket. This individual, unique code, when scanned, will automati-



cally bring you to the Diocesan website for the NH Catholic Appeal. To use: 1) Open the camera app on your smartphone. 2) Focus the camera on the QR code and gently tap the link that will appear. 3) Follow the instructions on the screen to complete the action.

DEI VERBUM BIBLE STUDY

Join us each week, or any time you can, as we take a deeper look at the scripture readings of the preceding Sunday and enjoy some fellowship! We meet each **Tuesday in the lower level of the church** (use the door in back of the church, off of the parking lot). Coffee will be on right after 8AM Mass, and we will get started at 9AM sharp, wrapping up by 10:15. Hope to see you there! After a number of requests, Dominic is happy to offer this "going deeper" opportunity once again, as he did in Lent.

Taking a Closer Look

Catholics can always come home! Sometimes hurts need healing. Other times the real heart of Catholic faith was never really fully grasped, and it was easy to get busy, drift, or let little things get in the way. Sometimes weakness of human nature—found in all of us—seems to have won out over the power of grace that endures. There are many reasons people can drift, walk away, or fall away. But the bottom line is that

Catholics can ALWAYS come home! Have you recently begun to return to the practice of your Catholic faith? Do you know someone who is thinking about it? If yes, we invite you, and we invite YOU to invite THEM to join us for a relaxed infor-



mal get together that can help folks in their journey home, or at least their consideration of the possibility. No obligations. No commitment. Just come and see and hear about opportunities that will be offered as we move forward in our renewed parish evangelization efforts. Who can you invite? Pray about it. Extend the invitation!

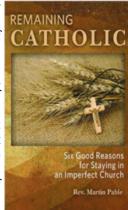
JOIN US! TUESDAY, JUNE 7TH ~ 6:30 PM AT VIANNEY HOUSE

(the rectory building next door to the church, 98 Summer St) Just ring the front door bell.

RSVP by June 6th so we can plan for refreshments and seating by email to Fr. Gary at frgary.ccnh@gmail.com.

A great book is available for you to read and pass on to others as a way of invitation!

Copies of *Remaining Catholic: Six Good Reasons for Staying in an Imperfect Church* are available in the back of the church. Many of the points contained in it will be opened up in this process of welcoming and "taking a closer look." Pick up a copy today! If possible, we ask for a donation of \$10 to cover the cost of the book. It's a great read! Highly recommended as a great tool and inspiration for all of us who want to embrace the call to evangelization—restoration and being a source of healing in our church and for our parish!



This has been a fruitful year in the RCIA process!



Want to know more about the RCIA process of exploration?

If you, or someone you know, was never baptized, or baptized in another denomination, or baptized Catholic but not brought up in the faith, we invite you to bring them, or come for yourself, as we offer an informal INFO NIGHT on Tuesday, May 24th, at 6:30 PM at our parish rectory, Vianney House, the building next to the church at 98 Summer Street. Just ring the *bell at the front door! No obligation, just info about* what this process is about to help those who might be considering it for this coming year. (RSVP to Fr. Gary at frgary.ccnh@gmail.com or see him after Mass so we can plan for seating/refreshments.) Who can you invite, and offer to come with them? Come and see!

Young Adult Ministry

Here are some upcoming opportunities open to all aged 18 to 30-something. Bring friends! Check out our Corpus Christi Young Adults Facebook page, as well as watching this weekly column.

BIBLE STUDY happens on Mondays, come to any or all. Each week we break open the scriptures of the preceding Sunday's Liturgy. We start at 7PM, but feel free to bring your own food and come at 6:30 if you'd like to share fellowship time. We meet in the JP II room (lower level of the parish office building, next to the Parish Center on 845 Woodbury Avenue campus). The side ground level door has JP II sign on it. Questions? Ask Dominic at bballindmp44@gmail.com.

SIENA SORORITY—Women are invited to join in a time of informal food, fellowship, and faith enrichment on the third Tuesday of each month starting at 6:30 PM in the JP II Room (see details above). This month we meet on May 17th, and need you to RSVP by tonight so we have a food count. Email Liz at emfaiella@gmail.com.

FRASSATI FRATERNITY—Guys are invited to come together for food, fellowship, and faith enrichment on the third Thursday of each month starting at 6:30 PM in the lower level of the church on Summer Street (enter through the door in the parking lot behind church). This month we meet on May 19th and you need to **RSVP** by Tuesday, May 17th to Fr. Gary at frgary.ccnh@gmail.com.



O Mary, Star of Evangelization, intercede with your Son to bring about in each of us a renewed enthusiasm for our faith. Inspire in us the courage and zeal to live the Gospel and to bring Christ to everyone we meet. Open our hearts to the gift of the Holy Spirit, the agent of evangelization, and enable us to transform the world in the image of your Son. O Mary, Star of Evangelization, enlighten us with the radiance of your Son, walk with us in faith, strengthen us in hope, and unite us in love as we strive to become disciples in mission. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Amen.

Pilgrimage to Italy



A Few Spaces Left 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!



