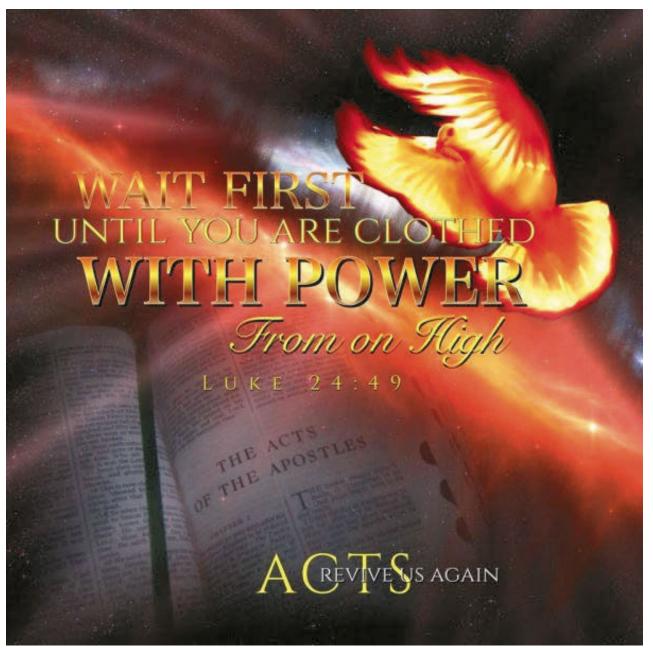


Corpus Christi Parish

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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Immaculate Conception Church 98 Summer Street

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil4:00 PMSunday8:30 AM10:30 AMMonday - Saturday8:00 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 315 Banfield Road 603-436-0739

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

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The Week at a Glance



Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

<u>Monday, May 23rd</u> Young Adult Bible Study–7:00 PM (JPII)

Tuesday, May 24th

Sunday Readings Scripture Study—9:00 AM (C LL) Prayer Cenacle—2:00 PM (C) RCIA Info Night—6:30 PM (VH) Televised Parish Mass—7:00 PM, Channel 98

Wednesday, May 25th

Exposition/Adoration—8:30AM-6:00 PM (C) Knights of Columbus Meeting—6:30 PM (PC UH)

Thursday, May 26th

Ascension of the Lord Holy Day Masses: 8:00 AM 12Noon 7:00 PM Lay Carmelite Book Study–6:30 PM (PC LH) Televised Parish Mass–7:00 PM, Channel 98

Friday, May 27th

Wedding Liturgy–11:00 AM (C) Wedding Rehearsal–4:30 PM (C)

Saturday, May 28th

Wedding Liturgy-1:00 PM (C) Rosary-3:30 PM (C)

Sunday, May 29th

Televised Parish Mass-10:00 AM, Channel 98

KEY:

- C = Church
- CLL = Lower Level of Church
- VH = Vianney House (rectory next to Church)
- PC = Parish Center (former church)
- UH/LH = Upper/Lower Hall at Parish Center
- JPII = John Paul II Room (lower level of Parish Office)

Sanctuary Lamp & Votives



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

The votives at the Mary altar will burn for peace in Ukraine.

At the Divine Mercy shrine, the votives will burn for the Special Intentions of the Walking With Purpose Leadership Team.

The Pastor's Letter

Dear Family in the Lord,

With the Liturgy of this, the sixth Sunday of Easter, we now enter into the final phase of the Easter Season. On Thursday we will gather for the celebration of the fortieth day—the Solemnity of our Lord's Ascension into Heaven—and then, in commemoration of the disciples who gathered in fervent prayer awaiting the promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit—we unite in the Novena to the Holy Spirit. The Easter Season will then conclude as we celebrate the promise fulfilled—the first outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and the ongoing outpouring of that Spirit within and among us!

With the Ascension, we see that Christ's work on earth in the flesh ends. He takes up our human nature, united to His divine nature, as He is "taken from their sight," as Acts tells us. As the liturgical texts of that day remind us, He did so "not to abandon us, but to be our hope" and "where He has gone we hope to follow." Knowing our eternal destiny, keeping all within this life—the joys and sorrows—in perspective of eternity, we understand and can experience, even in the midst of great trials and tribulations, what He promises in today's Gospel: "...My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled." We stand firm on this Word because through His promise fulfilled we have "been clothed with power from on high" through the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives, both as the Body of Christ—the Church—and personally as individual members of His body.

The world that surrounded the apostles as Jesus was taken up was a hostile one! We have been reminded of that as we have read through the Acts of the Apostles in these Easter days in the Liturgy, and, I hope you're using

it for personal prayer and reflection as well. For those participating in the scripture studies. Dominic has opened this up as well. The apostles had every reason, humanly speaking, to be quiet, lay low, play it safe. Alone, they would seem to toil in vain. However, they trusted enough to go apart after He ascended and, as He asked them, they were united in fervent prayer, opening themselves to all God would have them do. Although their mission seemed to be beyond their capability, they took Him at His word: "You will be clothed with power from on high when the Holy Spirit comes to you, and, you will be my witnesses." As they gathered in the Cenacle, the upper room, Mary the Mother of Jesus was with them. She who opened her life to God's plan, and brought forth the Saviour into our world, when she allowed the Holy Spirit to "overshadow" her at the Annunciation, would now pray with and for them for that receptivity that they might carry Him to the ends of the earth as witnesses, as members of His body, the Church. This is why, as we enter these nine days of prayer to open our hearts, our parish, and our whole Church more fully and completely to the Holy Spirit, we ask her to pray with



and for us! Please be sure to take a Novena booklet from the church entrances! We will unite daily in this novena starting Friday! It will be part of every Mass—join us if you can, as you can. If you're not able to be here on some days, unite with us by praying it alone, as spouses, or as a family, in your home.

We certainly have much ahead for our parish as we will formally launch our Evangelization efforts on Pentecost and seek to more fully and faithfully embrace a future full of hope! We all need, in so many ways and circumstances of life today, to know the peace which the world cannot give! We need to be "clothed with power from on high" if we are to truly live out—in all the diversity of our life situations—His call to ALL of us—our Baptismal vocation—to be His witnesses!

Let's embrace the grace filled days ahead with great intensity! Let's pray that we will all come to discover our part in this parish-wide call, and let's pray in particular for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit for guidance, direction, stirring up of gifts, and willingness to share, and for Dominic, Lisa, and Tom who will be joining our pastoral team to help direct these efforts, as well as a soon to be formed and commissioned "Visioning Team" that will help us move forward in hope! It's an exciting time! It's a hostile world, but we heed His admonition in today's Gospel: "Do not let your hearts be troubled" because He has kept His Word: "You will be clothed with power from on high!" So, we move forward heeding the advice of St. Paul: "Rejoice in hope! Be patient under trial! Persevere in prayer! He whom you serve is the Lord!"

With you on the Journey, fr Mary

Sixth Sunday of Easter



Intentions for Holy Mass

Monday MAY 23 Easter Feria (weekday)

8:00AM Julie Barzyk, by her Family

- Tuesday MAY 24 Easter Feria
- 8:00AM Carol Keefe, by Rosemary Plaisted
- Wednesday MAY 25 St. Bede the Venerable St. Gregory VII St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi
- 8:00AM Annie Lajoie, by Bernard Lajoie
- Thursday MAY 26 The Ascension of the Lord
- 8:00AM Barbara Robbins, by Barbara McKechnie
- 12:00N Edwin Boland (14th anniversary), by his Wife & Children
 7:00PM Bernels (Explore Devide Explore
- **7:00PM** Pro Populo (For Our Parish Family)
- Friday MAY 27 St. Augustine of Canterbury
 8:00AM Huldah "Holly" Lashar, by Sylvia Stewart and Al Stewart Jr.
- Saturday MAY 28 Easter Feria
- 8:00AM Arline Trytek, by Marco & Megan Vincenzi Vigil 7th Sunday of Easter
- **4:00PM** Annie Lajoie, by Anneleen Loughlin
- Sunday MAY 29 7th Sunday of Easter
- **8:30AM** James Guth, by his daughter Mary Paine
- 10:30AM Dianna Mealey, by her Family
- **4:30PM** Lorraine & William Henson, by their Family

Our reflection of God's generosity to us!

Weekend of May 14/15, 2022

Online Giving	\$ 3,813.00
Envelopes	\$ 5,990.74
Loose	<u>\$ 1,698.45</u>
Total	\$ 11,502.19

Last weekend 144 envelope/77 Online Giving users contributed 85% of our income.

Poor Box /SHARE Donations	\$ 572.00
Capital Campaign a/o 5/23/22	\$ 2,420,826.00

May 22, 2022



Holy Day of Obligation

This Thursday, the fortieth day of the Easter Season, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord.

Holy Masses will be offered at: 8:00 AM ~ 12:00 Noon ~ 7:00 PM

As we do each weekday, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration before the first Mass from 7:00 to 7:55 AM, and confessions will be heard after Mass.

PENTECOST NOVENA MAY 27 TO JUNE 5

The solemn nine days of prayer for a stirring and renewal of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our lives, individually and as a community of faith, **will begin this Friday, May 27th**, leading up to the celebration of the fiftieth day of the Easter Season, the Solemnity of Pentecost, on June 5th. We will include the novena prayers at all Masses offered in these nine days, and urge you to be united with us in prayer, coming as you're able, or in your homes, keeping this most ancient "novena" that commemorates our Lady and the Apostles, gathered in prayer in the upper room (the "Cenacle") from the time the Lord ascended until the fulfillment of His promise and the sending of the Holy Spirit.

In our prayers, we ask our Lady's intercession, her praying with us, as we seek to be ever more responsive to the Holy Spirit who sends us forth and equips us for the great commission of evangelization that Jesus gave at his ascension: Go out to all the world and tell the Good News!

Join us in fervent prayer as, with Pentecost, we launch our renewed and expanded parish efforts in evangelization for our time and place! The novena prayer brochures are available at the entrance of the church for you!



Memorial Day Mass

Join us at Immaculate Conception Church **NEXT Monday**, **May 30th**, for the annual 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:

- The morning Mass will be at 9:00 AM, not 8:00 AM.
- The Mass will be celebrated in the church, NOT at the cemetery.
- There will be NO Exposition that day.

May 22, 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter

NEWD Recently Baptized

We warmly welcome **Liam Gerety**, who was given new life through water and the Holy Spirit in our parish community! To his 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."

Congratulations to Xavier Allen!

Among the top 11 students in the Class of 2022 named recently by St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Dover is Corpus Christi parishioner **Thomas Xavier Allen**, the son of Thomas and Margaret Allen of York, Maine. Xavier has been a dedicated altar server and Master of Ceremonies for the parish for many years. Please keep him in your prayers this fall when he will begin his studies at the University of Michigan, majoring in biochemistry.

NEWD Wedding Bells!

Next Friday and Saturday, Juliette Bean & Gabriel Wilamowski and Jana Sztuk & Tommy Campbell will pledge life and love in the sacrament of Marriage in our parish. We extend our congratulations and prayerful best wishes to them! May He who brought you together bless you in abundance in the years ahead as you live out this wonderful vocation.

NEWD Called Home to the Lord

We remember in prayer the repose of the souls of **Christian Hill** and **Robert Deblois**, whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated in our parish. We also remember **Kitty McQuillen**, mother of parishioner Bill McQuillen. To their families we extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayerful support as well.

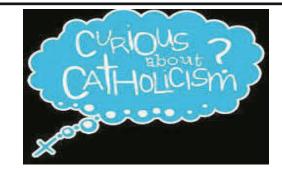
NEWD Young Adult Bible Study

All aged 18 to 30-something are invited any or every Monday as we gather to explore and go deeper in unwrapping the scriptures of the preceding Sunday. We meet in the JP II room, lower level of office at 845 Woodbury Ave at 7:00 PM on **Mondays**. (If you want, you can bring your own food/drink and come at 6:30 PM to eat with others and enjoy some fellowship before we start.)

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.

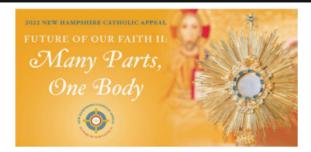
20/20 WINNER\$ <u>\$25 Winners—Week 13</u> # 62 Jim Clark # 111 Greg Stone



You? Someone you know? This night is for folks who were never baptized, or baptized in another denomination, or those baptized Catholic but never brought up in the faith. Maybe a friend? Maybe a spouse or family member? Invite them! Offer to come with them!

An Informal Info Gathering will be happening **this week** on **Tuesday**, **May 24th**, **at 6:30 PM** in Vianney House, our rectory next door to the church at 98 Summer Street. (Address plate is over the front center door, just ring the bell there).

No obligation, just information about upcoming opportunities to explore various aspects of Catholic faith and life, as well as details about the process of inquiry and exploration that gets underway in early Fall. A great way to get some details, ask questions, and aid in the process of discerning whether you might like to look a little closer at our Catholic faith. **RSVP to Fr. Gary at frgary.ccnh@gmail.com by tomorrow night** (23rd) so he has a count for set up!



New Hampshire Catholic Appeal:

Thank you to all who have made donations/pledges to the appeal after reflection and prayerful consideration of the vital needs that will be assisted through the generosity manifested! If you have yet to turn in the envelope that was mailed to you from the diocese, or that you picked up from our church, please consider doing so by the end of this month. Simply drop it into our collection at Mass or mail in to the address on the envelope. On behalf of all who will benefit from your generosity, thank you!

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



Congratulations!

Last Friday these young people were sealed with the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation, and many of them received the Holy Eucharist for the first time! We rejoice with them and their families and pray that abundant graces flow in these homes and lives as these gifts are unwrapped and ever more deeply appreciated as they grow in age, wisdom and grace!

Emma Ayers	Enrique Betancourt
Zoe Bentancourt	Natalie Broom
Harper Burrowbridge	Finnegan Doyle
Ava Flood	Michael Flood
Joseph Fornauf	Kianna Huang
Conner Konecci	Henry Korth
Frank Krupp	Ryan LaFrance
Francis Lewis	Carley Schneider
Callen Schreck	Cameron Stacy
Ian Stoll	Liam Wilson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

We congratulate Fr. Bobby Leblanc and lift him up in prayer as he celebrates the first anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood today! Fr Joseph's anniversary is coming June 5th! May the Lord continue to pour out many graces through their priestly life and ministry!





walking with purpose

Walking With Purpose has completed their Bible Study for Spring of 2022. We will meet again in the Fall and are looking forward to welcoming new and returning women who want to grow deeper in their faith. WWP gives sisters of similar needs the courage and strength to go forward on their journey toward salvation. Our book will be *Ordering Your Priorities* (order at **www.walkingwithpurpose.com**). If you have any questions, contact Barbara McKechnie at **wwpnh1@gmail.com**. See you in the Fall!

Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet



Enrollment cards are available in the back of the church (near Father Gary's confessional) to include men, living or deceased, in our spiritual gift of remembrance of Masses on the weekend of June 20.

Names need to be submitted no later than June 15. Cards and mailing envelopes are also there to send to those who are living to inform them of this spiritual gift.

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!

