

Corpus Christi Parish

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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.

Seventh 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

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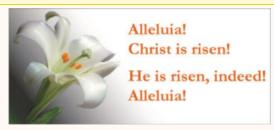
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The Week at a Glance



Monday, May 30th

Memorial Day Holiday—Parish Office closed today Young Adult Bible Study—7:00 PM (JPII)

Tuesday, May 31st

Sunday Readings Scripture Study—9:00 AM (C LL) Prayer Cenacle—2:00 PM (C)

Televised Parish Mass-7:00 PM, Channel 98

Wednesday, June 1st

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

Thursday, June 2nd

Wedding Rehearsal—4:00 PM (C) Lay Carmelite (yrs 2 & 3)—6:30 PM (PC LH) Televised Parish Mass—7:00 PM, Channel 98

Friday, June 3rd

First Friday Rosary w/Men's Ministry—6:30 AM (C LL) Wedding Liturgy—1:00 PM (C)

Saturday, June 4th

Baptism—10:00 AM (C) Rosary—3:30 PM (C)

Sunday, June 5th

Televised Parish Mass-10:00 AM, Channel 98

Sanctuary Lamp & Votives

The sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Bob Ford, as requested by his wife.



The votives at the Mary altar will burn for Lorraine & William Henson, requested by their family.

At the St. Joseph altar, the votives will burn in memory of Every Dupuis, requested by his daughter.

At the Divine Mercy shrine, the votives will burn for the special intentions of the Allard family.

The votives at the Black Madonna shrine will burn with Birthday Blessings for Joan Nickell.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the high altar for the Confirmation/ First Eucharist Mass were given by Stephanie Nam.

The Pastor's Letter

Dear Family in the Lord,

In these days of the Novena to the Holy Spirit, which we began last Friday and continue through this Saturday, in preparation for next Sunday's Solemnity of Pentecost, the 50th and final day of the Easter Season, I hope and pray we are all bringing it home and making it personal as well as being united in prayer for the stirring and direction in the life of our Parish Community! These are the days for reflection, soul searching, opening ourselves more fully, and being receptive to letting the Holy Spirit direct us. If we received the Sacrament of Confirmation, those gifts first poured forth in Baptism were sealed in us! Have we fully unwrapped them? Are we using them? Rather than the way of the world: ourselves as center, compromise, pushing God to the periphery, irreverence, neglect of the spiritual, and going day by day floating on the surface—are we diving deeper? Those seven gifts are ours for the using, leading us to growth, harmony, and more authentic living as disciples of the Risen One—those who seek to manifest His life in ours!

We would all do well—I know I will—by carving out some time to ponder the gifts, see how we can more fully respond to them and be led by these stirrings of the Holy Spirit within, rather than mindlessly being carried on the "go with the flow" of our secular culture that seeks to always seek OUR will, rather than God's, and to place ourselves and our wants at the center. The kind of life and love, along with challenges that go along with it, when we live by these gifts, unwrap them, and let God's Spirit be our guiding force, is brought out in the scriptures of today's Mass. Find time to unwrap these gifts you've received, take stock of how you are using them, and, perhaps, look at how you may have neglected or cast off some, and chosen the "lesser" way. These days of renewed awareness can be days of renewed commitment, deeper conversion, and renewed determination to be led by the Spirit! These gifts are wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord. The last two are expressed when we strive to live in genuine holiness of life, reverencing and respecting the sacred (and that includes the life of God in us and all), not simply being "pietistical." The last is living it awe and wonder. Holy fear is not shaking in our boots, but realizing in reality that God is GOD and we are not! Certainly, taking things with passing familiarity, taking things at surface value, giving flippant advice, making rash judgements, lacking compassion, and being "milquetoast," cowardly, politically correct, or simply hiding in the shadows, being complacent and simply "going along" with all that is of evil in our society, would be living the contradiction—the opposite of activation of these gifts by our choices. These are days to take stock and, if needed, be reconciled, and, from the bottom of our hearts pray: Lord, send out your Spirit to renew me so that I may in turn help renew the face of the earth!"

The call to unwrap these gifts and allow them to direct our lives, strengthen our witness, and help us lead others to Him, is at the heart of the call of evangelization—the call given to us all! The setting for responding begins in our homes, around our tables, and continues in our gatherings with family and friends, as well as at work, and in the diverse opportunities, great and seemingly insignificant, that each day offers each of us in the diversity of our vocations. "Do not be afraid, I am with you!" He said! And, we need to renew our trust in His gift: "You will be clothed with power from on high!" And with St. Paul we, impelled by and empowered by the Holy Spirit, can declare and really believe: "I can do all things in Christ who gives me strength!"



So, let's be united in prayer for one another in these days so that we might all experience a renewed Pentecost in our lives, in our homes, and in our Parish! I find myself marveling at all the Spirit has accomplished here and, in that wonder, and calling to mind those gifts that came from our trust and stepping out in faith, my confidence and zeal is renewed as we seek to embrace a future full of hope! When we fail to look back, remember the struggles of letting go, trusting, or doing things differently, we lose sight of the action of the Holy Spirit in our history—whether it be the life of the church since the days of Acts, or the past few years in our parish, or our own individual lives and personal growth, and we hesitate to step forward and let the Spirit continue to lead and renew and, truly, surprise us!

As I look at our parish, and all the gifts and generosity of so many who put themselves at the service of building up the Body of Christ here in our seacoast community, and I see them more and more choosing our parish and speaking of their willingness to share their time, talent, and treasure for all that lies ahead in the spirit of renewed evangelization, I make my own the words of a beautiful prayer of praise found in one of the Prefaces in the Sacred Liturgy: "How wonderful are the works of the Spirit, revealed in so many gifts, yet, how marvelous is the unity the Spirit creates from their diversity, dwelling in the hearts of the faithful, and filling the whole Church with His presence and guiding it with His wisdom."

Next Sunday we will formally initiate our new approach to Evangelization in our parish in our prayer at Holy Mass, and, at the principal celebration at 10:30 AM, we will call forth and commission those who will soon begin their leadership, as part of our pastoral staff, of these efforts with the new Office of Evangelization, Office of Families of Faith, and Office of Youth Ministry—Dominic Paradis, Lisa Bald, and Tom Miller, and we will commission our newly-formed Visioning Team who will collaborate with them in developing this ministry and inviting, empowering, and enabling all of us to be part of heeding the Lord's call to be intentional disciples—not just here, not just in programs, but in every aspect of our lives as community and as part of the wider community! Join us!

Come, Holy Spirit, Stir up all you have given us! Let's use these days well, my friends!

With you on the Journey (and full of hope!)

Seventh Sunday of Easter



Intentions for Holy Mass

Monday MAY 30 Easter Feria (weekday)

<u>9:00AM</u> For all those interred in our

Calvary and St. Mary Cemeteries

Tuesday MAY 31 Visitation of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00AM Emery & Lorraine Dupuis,

by their Daughter

WednesdayJUN 1 St. Justin

8:00AM T J Bassett, by the Maloney Family

Thursday JUN 2 St. Marcellinus, St. Peter

8:00AM Sr. Bernadette, by the Maloney Family

Friday JUN 3 St. Charles Lwanga

and companions

8:00AM Intentions of Conni & Charlie Lawrence,

on their 55th Wedding Anniversary, by the Martha & Mary Ministry

Saturday JUN 4 Easter Feria

8:00AM Rosalie Wallace, by the Maloney Family

Vigil Pentecost Sunday

4:00PM Peter Scontras (5th anniversary),

by his Wife

Sunday JUN 5 Pentecost Sunday

8:30AM Mike Wyka, by his Family

10:30AM Cheryl Trenholm,

by Bob McDonough & Family

4:30PM Fred McMahon,

by Megan & Marco Vincenzi

Our reflection of God's generosity to us!

Weekend of May 21/22, 2022

 Online Giving
 \$ 7,795.00

 Envelopes
 \$ 4,822.00

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 \$ 2,011.32

 Total
 \$ 14,628.32

Last weekend 133 envelope/90 Online Giving users contributed 86% of our income.

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 \$ 791.00

 Capital Campaign a/o 5/30/22
 \$ 2,420,939.00

Get the Word Out! Extend the Invitation!



Offer to come with someone you know! Show them this announcement!

It's an informal gathering, coming **June 7th**, with no obligations or expectations, for those Catholics who may have recently begun to return to the practice of their Catholic faith or who are considering doing so. Hospitality, info about upcoming opportunities, and time for some questions will be part of this simple and open evening!

IT'S ABOUT TAKING A CLOSER LOOK!

Many times folks can be helped to heal and move from hurtful things that got in the way. Other times it's just that they drifted away, things got busy, not any deliberate choice, just fell away. Sometimes it's a struggle to embrace a truth of faith, or a feeling of guilt or being "unforgivable." Other times folks realize they never really understood their faith all that much and, that being the case, it was easy to fall away, to let the human, whether in or outside the church, keep us from a deeper connection to the Lord who is the Head that we, the members of His body as church, are united to.

Whatever has been, perhaps the future can offer a new hope? You? Someone you know?

JOIN US! TUESDAY, JUNE 7TH, AT 6:30 PM It's happening at our rectory, Vianney House, 98 Summer Street, next door to the Church. Just ring the bell at the front door that will have a Welcome sign on it!

RSVP BY MONDAY JUNE 6th, to enable us to plan refreshments and seating. Please respond by emailing Fr. Gary at **frgary.ccnh@gmail.com**.



NEWD First Friday

Each month we seek to honor, make reparation, and imitate the merciful love that flows from the Sacred Heart of Jesus, on the first Friday, as requested by Jesus Himself in an apparition to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1673. (One of

our stained glass windows beautifully depicts this scene, the second one from the back of the church, to your right as you enter.) Traditionally, the month of June has been set apart to honor the most Sacred Heart of Jesus as well. A beautiful reminder of His welcoming embrace, His open and merciful Heart, is also found in the beautiful statue of our Lord in our church near the pulpit. We invite you to join



us for First Friday devotion this week as we enter this month. Perhaps it can be the first of nine First Fridays that you offer in a spirit of reparation and grateful love? The Lord made promises in that apparition to St. Margaret Mary to those who honor His heart in this way.

This Friday we will have:

- * Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:00 to 7:55 AM to give you time to come a bit before Mass for adoration, for a "heart to Heart" with Him
- Holy Mass at 8:00 AM followed by the Litany of the Sacred Heart
- * **Confessions** are heard after Mass (approximately 8:30) to provide opportunity to draw on the merciful love and healing graces of His sacred and merciful heart.

Note: The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart will be observed later in the month with Holy Mass at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM on the 24th.

New First Saturday

At Fatima, our Lady spoke to the children of devotion to her Immaculate Heart, which is united with her Son's Sa-

cred Heart, and seeks to offer reparation for all the offenses committed against Him. She spoke of making five First Saturdays with Holy Mass, Rosary, reflection on the mysteries of the Rosary to grow in greater insight and appreciation of the great events of faith they recall, and to make personal reparation through confession on or close to the First Saturday. We will celebrate the Feast of the



Immaculate Heart of Mary later this month on June 25th, the day following the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

This coming Saturday, the last day of our Pentecost Novena, is the First Saturday! Consider joining us, maybe making this the first of five you offer in response to the call of Fatima?

- * Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:00 to 7:55 AM
- * Holy Mass at 8:00 AM, with communal praying of the Holy Rosary after
- * **Confessions** following the Mass

Wedding Bells!

Next Friday, **Audrey MacMillan & Branson Lorusso** 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.



Memorial Day Mass

As we remember our departed loved ones with a national holiday this week, we invite you to start your day by joining us for Holy Mass TOMORROW at 9:00 AM in church. This Mass is especially offered for all those interred in our parish cemeteries, St. Mary and Calvary. This is a wonderful opportunity to remember the blessings our departed loved ones have been in our lives and to unite in offering our greatest prayer, the Holy Mass, for God's merciful embrace to envelope them and lead them to the fullness of joy in the Kingdom! (Please note: There will be NO Exposition, 8AM Mass, or Confessions tomorrow.)

Weekly Opportunities

DEI VERBUM SCRIPTURE STUDIES

Come each week or any week. Each session is independent of the others since we dive deeper into the scriptures proclaimed at Mass on the preceding Sunday.

- ♦ Mondays at 7:00 PM for young adults, 18 to 30 something, takes place in the JP II Center, the lower level of the parish office at 845 Woodbury Ave, next to the Parish Center (JP II sign is on the side door used to enter the lower level). You can bring your own food/drink and come at 6:30 PM if you'd like to share some fellowship time together as well.
- ♦ Tuesdays at 9:00 AM open to all, takes place in the lower level of the church (entry door is in back of the building in the original parking lot). You're invited to come down for coffee right after Mass for some fellowship, or come down after Rosary and join us as we get underway at 9:00, wrapping up by 10:15 AM.

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.

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Seventh Sunday of Easter



NH CATHOLIC APPEAL

Deepest thanks for your generosity! As we receive donation status updates from the Diocese we will share them with you here in the bulletin. Many in need will be assisted, many good works continue and develop, and your support will make new and ongoing initiatives of care, support, formation, and evangelization possible on the diocesan level as well as help struggling parishes in need. We have additional envelopes and brochures for the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal at the church entrance racks. If you've yet to, and would like to assist, please pick them up and mail them in to the Diocese as indicated on the envelope. Many thanks!



We extend our best wishes and prayerful support to all graduates, at all levels, from our parish family! Among them are some outstanding young people who've invested themselves in the life of our parish over these past few years! May they continue to grow strong, loving, and wise in fidelity to Him and committed to be His witnesses wherever they are next year! Special shout out to all graduating from our 8th grade at St. Patrick Academy this coming Friday! We will be happy to welcome them as they gather together as a class for Mass one more time, joining us here for 8:00 AM Mass this Friday!

Spiritual Gifts

Would you like to prayerfully remember a departed loved one, maybe on their anniversary of death or birthday? Or, maybe remember and ask birthday blessings for a relative or friend who is living, or pray for healing of illness, or remember a wedding anniversary or other significant day? You could do this in some of the following ways as a spiritual gift for them in the House of the Lord!

- * Have the Sanctuary Lamp burn for the intention for a week (Offering: \$15/week).
- * Have the votive candles burn for a week at the altar of St. Joseph or Our Lady, or at the Divine Mercy or Black Madonna shrines (Offering: \$10/week).
- * Have flowers adorn the high altar for a week (two bouquets for \$150).

Contact Kathy in our office if you would like to reserve a date now. These, like the Mass Intentions, fill up quickly. She has some cards you can send to one who is living telling them of the spiritual gift you are offering for them.



MEN'S MINISTRY FALL RETREAT

The annual Men's Ministry Fall Retreat, open to men of all ages and stages of life, will be happening **September 30 through October 2** (Friday night to Sunday afternoon) at Camp Fatima, a diocesan camp in picturesque Gilmanton Ironworks, NH.

Even though it's a ways off, with Father's Day coming, a few "specials" are being offered for early planning! First-time registrants will get a special price of \$85 for the weekend (that's \$25 off!) and for dads with small children who might find it hard to get away for a whole weekend, a Saturday day-long option is available too. Flyers with details will be distributed outside the church after the Masses on the weekends of June 4-5 and 11-12 by members of our Men's Ministry and inserts for Father's day cards, extending an invitation, will be available too. Questions? Feel free to call Walter Skrabal at 603-380-0633.

Italy Pilgrimage—A Few Spaces Left!

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 air-



fare, breakfast and dinner, hotel, motor coach, and full time tour manager. Brochures with details and info on how to register can be obtained from Fr. Gary after Mass in the sacristy or by dropping in to the parish office. Space is limited, so first come, first served! At this point, we have more than half the slots filled, so if you're interested, don't delay!

40 Days for Life Spring Campaign Results

Many thanks to all of you who participated in the largest Spring campaign ever, which included 588 cities and 41 countries! Your prayers and sacrifices for an End to Abortion, united with all the other 40 Days for Life volunteers around the world, have contributed to stunning results. Praise God, 745 lives were saved from abortion (that we know of), 10 abortion workers converted and left their jobs, another abortion facility CLOSED! Thank you for supporting the sanctity of life.





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