



Corpus Christi Parish

The united Catholic Community
worshipping in Portsmouth, NH

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.

December 1, 2019

First Sunday of Advent

Immaculate Conception Church 98 Summer Street

Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM 10:30 AM 4:30 PM
Monday – Saturday 8:00 AM

Confessions

Monday – Saturday 8:30 AM (after daily Mass)
Saturday 3:00 PM and Sunday 3:45 PM

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday through Saturday 7:00 – 7:55 AM
Every Thursday from 8:30 AM until 5:00 PM

Church Open For You

The main church doors are open for your prayerful visits seven days a week, from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM



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*Residence for Fr. Gary
and Seminarian Joe Moynahan*

The Pastor's Page

Dear Family in the Lord,

As we step into a new Church Year this weekend with the Season of Advent, I look back with tremendous gratitude over the past year! So much has happened. In so many ways the call to “go deeper” has been enthusiastically embraced by so many of you, and, as a result, we have seen renewed appreciation, new discovery, and fuller participation in the life of our community. Whether we look at outreach, ministries, faith formation, evangelization, expansion in diversity of ages of those involved, our Liturgical celebrations, or fellowship, we are a community going deeper, expanding our vision, and embracing a “future full of hope”! It’s exciting and it’s a blessing for me to be sharing this journey with you at this time in the life of our Catholic community, a community that has been seeking to discern the Lord’s will and respond to His call as Catholic Christians for close to 169 years. Different times and needs have called for various responses made over time, and, as those who went before and sought to meet those changing and emerging needs, so we seek to do today, and seek the prayerful intercession of the holy men and women who have stepped out in faith before us! It’s a unique blessing that, for all that changes, we have, in a way, remained “anchored” here on this hill ever since this land was purchased and the first little wooden church, then named “St Mary’s,” was erected on this land on the corner of Summer and Chatham Streets in 1851.



As we embrace this legacy, we, in the life, ministry, and physical facilities of our parish, continue to manifest the great truth and gift – that our Lord is not “far off and far away,” but, indeed EMMANUEL – God with us! From that first feeding trough that became His dwelling, to our Church building today, His presence is with us and offers us a place of encounter, a sign of hope, and a visible reminder of the Word made flesh, dwelling among us! I am amazed and filled with gratitude at those who have come forward thus far, a little more than a month into our “Embrace Hope” Capital Campaign, and, by their pledges and donations, have us more than three quarters of the way to our goal for the repurposing of this Holy Hill and the restoration of our beautiful Church.

As we live these days of Advent, let’s be united in our efforts to prepare our hearts and souls, not just all the “stuff,” for the celebration of the Lord’s Nativity. As we go deeper into the mysteries and allow ourselves to be led deeper, we can live our faith in ways that are compelling, life giving, and contagious! I hope that the Reflection booklets, Sunday Evensong opportunity, Wednesday night Candlelight Mass, daily Morning Mass, daily Adoration opportunity, and use of Advent wreaths in homes and the wafers at Christmas dinner will all help us open ourselves more fully to the One who wants to renew his life within us! He came! He will come in glory. But, let us also be alert, awake, and on the watch, for the many ways He comes in mystery and in the ordinary stuff of our daily lives. Check out the “Advent Opportunities” page elsewhere in this bulletin. Carve out the time! If you are new to our parish, be sure to discover the beautiful tradition of Evensong on Sundays at 6:00 PM and also the Candlelight Mass at the high altar, in the style of the old Rorate Masses, accompanied by beautiful Gregorian chant of the season, on Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM.

Let’s pray for one another, that we all might discover in ever deeper ways that He is indeed EMMANUEL—God with us!

With you on the Journey,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Gary", written over a light gray, slightly tilted rectangular background.

First Sunday of Advent



Intentions for Holy Mass

Monday	DEC 2	Advent Feria (weekday)
8:00AM	Pro Populo (For our Parish Family)	
Tuesday	DEC 3	St. Francis Xavier
8:00AM	Sr. Bernadette, by the Maloney Family	
Wednesday	DEC 4	Advent Feria
8:00AM	Rosalie Wallace, by the Maloney Family	
7:00PM	George MacDonald, by Chandra Sheehan	
Thursday	DEC 5	Advent Feria
8:00AM	Clarence Moore, by Lisa & Michael Roche	
Friday	DEC 6	St. Nicholas
8:00AM	Charlie Dupuis, by his Sister	
Saturday	DEC 7	St. Ambrose
8:00AM	Robert Levesque, by Fr. Bryan Jerabek	
	Vigil	2nd Sunday of Advent
4:00PM	Rosemarie Boucher, by her husband Hank	
Sunday	DEC 8	2nd Sunday of Advent
8:30AM	Leo Auger (1st anniversary), by a Friend	
10:30AM	Thomas Fogarty (13th anniversary), by Family	
4:30PM	Pro Populo (For our Parish Family)	

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

Our reflection of God's generosity to us!

Weekend of November 16/17, 2019

Envelopes/EFT	\$ 9,348.00
Loose	\$ 2,507.18
Total	\$ 11,855.18

That weekend 200 envelope/44 Online Giving users contributed 79 % of our income.

Poor Box Donations	\$ 518.35
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20/20 WINNER\$

\$25 Winners—Week 14

# 189	Bill Niland
# 79	Bob Rais

The Week at a Glance

Monday, December 2nd

Tuesday, December 3rd

Martha & Mary Rosary & Letters—6:00 PM (C/CLL)
RCIA—6:30 PM (YC)
Televised Parish Mass—7:00 PM, Channel 98

Wednesday, December 4th

Walking with Purpose—9:00 AM (CLL)
Prayer Cenacle—2:00 PM (C)
Rorate Mass—7:00 PM (C)
Knights of Columbus Regular Meeting—7:00 PM (CLL)

Thursday, December 5th

Exposition/Adoration—8:30AM-5:00 PM (C)
The Mass Readings Explained—9:00 AM (PC LH)
Walking With Purpose—6:00 PM (PC LH)
Lay Carmelite Meeting—6:00 PM (PC LH)
The Mass Readings Explained—6:30 PM (YC)
Chant Schola Rehearsal—7:00 PM (CLL)
Televised Parish Mass—7:00 PM, Channel 98

Friday, December 6th

Women's Ministry Advent Twilight Retreat—6PM (PC)

Saturday, December 7th

Rosary—3:30 PM (C)
Knight of Columbus Christmas Party—6:00 PM (PC)

Sunday, December 8th

Children's Dismissal at 8:30 AM Mass (C)
Fellowship & Refreshments—9:20-10:00 AM (CLL)
Televised Parish Mass—10:00 AM, Channel 98
Music Ministry Rehearsal—11:45AM (C)
Contemporary Group Rehearsal—3:30 PM (CLL)
Bring It Home!—5:30 PM (PC)
Advent Evensong & Benediction—6:00 PM (C)

KEY:

On Summer Street:

C = Church
CLL = Lower Level of Church
VH = Vianney House (rectory next to Church)
SO = SHARE Office (lower level Vianney House)

At 845 Woodbury Avenue:

PC = Parish Center (former church)
UH = Upper Hall at Parish Center
LH = Lower Hall at Parish Center
MR 1-6 = Meeting Rooms, lower level Parish Center
PO = Parish Office (former rectory)
YC = Youth Center (lower level of office)

Parish News

NEW!

First Friday & Saturday

Join us this week for Mass at 8:00 AM, with adoration opportunity before starting at 7:00 AM. On Friday we pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart after Mass, and on Saturday communal rosary follows the Mass. Confessions are heard at 8:30 AM on both days.

NEW!

Thanks for Thanksgiving!

Our parish's commitment to outreach and tremendous generosity was certainly obvious in the response to our recent collection of food for Operation Blessing's annual drive. Final figures for what was collected were not available before the bulletin deadline and will be reported when we receive them.

NEW!

Children's Dismissal Holiday Schedule

Due to holidays, there will be **NO Dismissal** during the 8:30 AM Mass on **Sunday, December 22 and Sunday, December 31** for the Christmas and New Year's break.

Baptism of Children

Parents who wish to have their children baptized are asked to contact our Faith Formation Director, Brenda Stinson, to begin the process. You will be warmly welcomed and share in taking a closer look at the Rite. Feel free to contact Brenda anytime during the pregnancy in order to get the process underway! We look forward to celebrating this important moment in your faith journey with you. Brenda can be reached at faithformdir.ccnh@gmail.com or 603-436-4555

Parking at the Parish Office

With the completion of the new parking lot on our Woodbury Avenue campus, our repurposing project is finished! Please note that when coming to the office for business you can park in the circular drive directly in front of the office. You may also park alongside the office or in one of the spaces on the side of the center, even if marked "handicapped," as long as it is just for a few minutes.



Video Ministry Help Needed



Our parish Video Ministry, which films the weekly Mass to make it available for the homebound on a local cable network and on YouTube, is currently in desperate need of people to help with filming (on a rotating basis) and/or editing (weekly). Experience is a plus, but we can provide training. For more details, please contact Carol Jacques Dow at pastoralassoc.ccnh@gmail.com or 603-436-4555, X115.

Traveling Vocation Icon



This week, **Marco & Megan Vincenzi** will receive the Icon of Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest into their home and intercede in a special way for Joe, Dan, Bobby, and all in formation, for those discerning, and for many vocations to rise up from our community.



*Join our Martha & Mary Ministry
in supporting our seminarians!*

**THIS Tuesday, December 3rd
Open to All!**

We will meet first in the church to pray the rosary, and then we'll gather in the church lower level to write cards/brief notes to all the Seminarians from our Diocese!

**6:00 PM ~ Immaculate Conception Church
6:30 PM ~ Church Lower Level**

Men's Ministry Fellowship Dinner

WHO: Corpus Christi Men's Ministry
All men of the parish welcome!
WHAT: Monthly Fellowship Dinner
WHEN: **Saturday, December 14, 5:30PM**
WHERE: Parish Center Lower Hall
WHY: Fellowship!
FMI: Kevin Kelleher, 978-201-3119
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Catholic Charities New Hampshire Acquires Program Serving At-Risk Veterans

Building on our commitment to serving the poor and vulnerable across New Hampshire, Catholic Charities NH has acquired Manchester-based Liberty House. Liberty House, which is now an official program of Catholic Charities, serves homeless and at-risk veterans through sober transitional housing, clothing and food distribution, and various mental and physical wellness programs. Many of these veterans face immense challenges and invisible wounds, such as trauma, addiction, and a lack of secure housing. It is our goal to expand on the work Liberty House has done for more than 15 years – and through your support – create more hope, independence and self-sufficiency for this extremely vulnerable and underserved population.

Sanctuary Lamp & Votives

The sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Irene Lebel (5th anniversary), requested by his wife Frances.

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



Advent Opportunities



This weekend we step into a new Church Year as we begin the Season of Advent. It's a season that can do so much for us if we carve out some space and embrace Advent living. But, for so many, the secularism around us can have it be all about pre-Christmas rush and all the "stuff." Here are some simple opportunities your parish family holds out to you to make it different this year!

ADVENT DAILY REFLECTION BOOKLETS are at the church entrances for your use to help you pause and reflect in these days, allowing the richness of the scriptures to create an intensified dwelling of Christ within you and your home. Take one!

ADVENT WREATH AT HOME is a wonderful way to bring the season into your home – the “domestic church.” Flyers with a description and suggested prayers can be obtained at the church entry racks.

WEEKDAY MORNING MASS could be a great start and focus to your day to keep you grounded in the reason for the season! Holy Mass is offered at 8:00 AM Monday through Saturday.

CONFESSIONS are heard daily, Monday through Saturday, at 8:30 AM; Saturday afternoon at 3:00 PM; Sunday afternoon at 3:45 PM and again from 5:30 to 6:00 PM, and 6:30 to 7:00 PM (before and after Evensong, while Adoration is ongoing). Don't delay! Don't miss this *most important* of all Christmas preparations!

ADVENT EVENSONG & BENEDICTION takes place on **Sundays, December 1, 8, 15, and 22** at 6:00 PM. A brief half hour in a candlelight setting, with reflection, intercession, and the beautiful anthems of the season. Restful, focused, and an opportunity to simply come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and receive His blessing for our living of these days. *(Please note that Adoration opportunity precedes at 5:30 PM and follows until 7:00 PM for those who want to linger, as well as Confession availability.)*

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT is possible daily in our church throughout Advent. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place Monday through Saturday from 7:00 to 7:55 AM; Thursdays in addition from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM; Sundays from 5:30 to 6:00 PM Evensong, then after Evensong until 7:00 PM. Sitting quietly before Him, experiencing Him as Emmanuel – God with us! Discover this awesome gift!

CANDLELIGHT EVENING MASS is offered **each Wednesday night at 7:00 PM**. This unique style of celebration, in the darkness, offered “ad orientem” at the high altar, and accompanied by the Gregorian chant of the ancient “Rorate Mass,” is soul-stirring and a great mid-week way to keep focus!



Advent Week 1

As you light the first candle in the Advent wreath, take a slow deep breath. Remember that achieving the perfectly orchestrated holiday doesn't matter. What matters is watching for God in every situation.

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***The Wonder of Silence:
Preparing for the Christ Child***

An Advent Candlelight Retreat

**Friday, December 6th
6-8:00 PM**

Corpus Christi Parish Center

Begin the Advent Season with a peaceful evening retreat exploring the topic of silence and what it means to quietly await the arrival of the Christ Child. Start the evening with fellowship and light appetizers from 6-6:30 PM, followed by several reflections and meditations from 6:30-8:00 PM.

**RSVP by Monday, December 2nd,
so we can prepare a place for you.**

Email Nancy at corpuschristiwwp@gmail.com or
an on-line registration link can be found on the Parish Website



CHRISTMAS EXTRA EFFORT

Over the years it has been a wonderful gift to see the response to this annual special appeal for "extra effort" at Christmas. Our parish budget plans on this annual appeal to fund a major part of our operating expenses. Some parishes do "Grand Annual Appeals" with mailings, etc. We have simply counted on your prayerful consideration and response to this occasion to see your offering as your Christmas Gift to your parish! Thank you in advance for whatever you can do. (If you give electronically, you can designate this gift online. If you use envelopes, you will have in your packet a special Christmas envelope right after the ordinary weekly envelope for next Sunday, December 22nd. You could also use your own envelope and simply mark it "Christmas Offering.") We are happy to include this offering, individually or as a business if you are a business owner, in our statement to you for tax purposes. Thanks in advance for all you do and all you can do in this annual "Extra Effort"!

**Do You Have Old Photos?
We Need Your Help!**

In order to prepare a historical record of the former school/convent on Austin Street, we're hoping to find some vintage photos. While we have some of the outside of the building, we also need some interior photos of classrooms, faculty, students, etc. If you have any photos that we could borrow, please put them in an envelope with your name and address on it, mark it "School Pictures," and give it to Fr. Gary, put it in the collection basket, or drop it off at the Parish Office. We'll scan and then return them. Thank you!



EMBRACING A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE



A Prayer For The Capital Campaign Effort

Almighty and loving Father, we are ever grateful for the renewal and many blessings You have bestowed upon our Parish Community of Corpus Christi.

Your beloved Son, Jesus, taught us to "ask and you shall receive." In faith and with great hope in our hearts, we ask You, Lord, to give us the resources we need to restore our Church for Your glory and honor.

Holy Spirit, continue to renew and transform us and bless us with the gifts of generosity, prudence, and wisdom as we proceed on this Capital Campaign to embrace a future full of hope.

We unite our prayers with those of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, to whom our parish is consecrated, united in Christ, the Head, as many parts of the one Body of Christ – Corpus Christi! Amen!

Information and Updates on our Capital Campaign Now Underway!

Project Update

Demolition bids were all in as of November 19th. We'll review them, select a company, send it to the Diocese for approval, and then we can move forward with the demolition. Currently the liturgical designer is working on sketches of recommendations for church restoration. We will have gatherings to review and give input/ask questions, after study by our Design & Environment Committee. Watch for more! Things are on the move!

Checks for Offerings

As mentioned last weekend, whenever you send in a check for the Capital Campaign, please do not include it with any other donation (eg, offertory). It is not an easy process to separate out monies that are sent in for various purposes. Thanks for your understanding and help!

Pledges Coming In

Remember, even if you will not begin payment on your pledges until after January 1, please turn in your Faith Pledge Card, mailed to you in your campaign packet, indicating your pledge and method of payment. No payment need accompany it. For bookkeeping purposes, it helps if, once you have prayerfully discerned your sacrificial gift, you turn your card in. You will receive an acknowledgement letter of gratitude to confirm we have received/recorded it.

Benefactor/Memorial Listing

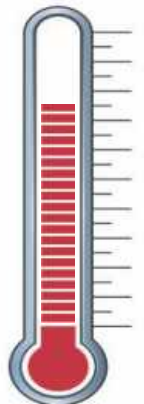
Once the restoration/repurposing efforts are complete, all benefactors (unless you indicate anonymous on your card) and those in whose memory gifts are given, will be listed in a bronze memorial "book style" listing at the entry of the church. We will confirm the wording with you prior to engraving being done.

STATUS OF THE CAMPAIGN

Our goal: \$ 2,000,000

As of November 19: \$ 1,502,419

Thank you to all who have responded so generously! As you can see, we are now more than three quarters of the way to our goal. Thank you to those who are engaging in prayerful discernment and careful financial planning in order to make a pledge in the coming weeks.



Young Adult Ministry



This ministry, open to those 18 to 30 something, married or single, provides opportunities for fellowship, faith enrichment, activity and formation of friendships with those who share your faith and values. Watch this column for upcoming events, or visit our Facebook page – Corpus Christi Young Adults – for info, updates, reminders, and opportunities that may come up too late for bulletin publication. FMI or to RSVP to any of the events below, please contact our Young Adult Minister, Dave Perrella, at youngadultmin.ccnh@gmail.com.

Sunday Coffee Open Invitation

Remember, each Sunday all are welcome to meet up outside of church, near Mary's statue, after 10:30 Mass and join us as we walk downtown to grab coffee, light breakfast or whatever. Come any time!

Looking to Advent

Beginning TONIGHT and continuing on Sunday evenings of Advent—**December 1, 8, 15, and 22**—we invite you to commit to a way of living Advent – preparing our hearts and souls to welcome Christ – not simply plugging in the Christmas machine and losing the real core in the midst of a busy and often hassle-filled time of the year. It can happen, but it takes commitment. So, here's an opportunity! We invite you to join with our parish family at 6PM on



each of these nights for Advent Evensong & Benediction. It's a simple half hour of music, reflection, and quiet prayer in a candlelight setting before Jesus exposed for Adoration, allowing us to capture some quiet, to embrace Advent! Then, at 6:30PM we meet up outside of church to walk downtown to grab a light

supper together. On the last Sunday, we meet at the rectory for a pre-Christmas celebration with food and fellowship. Through this opportunity, many new friendships were formed last year and many remarked on how different their Christmas was as they took the time to prepare fully. So – save the dates! Plan now to join us any or all four weeks. No RSVP will be needed except for the last week, since we will be serving the food here at Vianney House.

Looking to Christmas

Christmas Cards

Greeting cards that underscore the true meaning of Christmas, and are beautiful, and economical, are on sale in the back of the church starting next weekend from the Knights of Columbus. Proceeds from the sales benefit our parish. Be sure to take a look and consider this opportunity!

Christmas Across The Miles

We invite you to remember our adopted community in Ecuador this Christmas. We have envelopes available at the church door that can be used for our "Christmas Across the Miles" outreach donations. Funds will help ongoing efforts of those who live and serve among the people in need. As you know, last June a group of parishioners of various ages went for a week of Mission service, bringing many needed supplies that you provided in your Lenten almsgiving and with funding generated at the Easter Season cookout event. Another trip will happen this coming June. For now, we want to extend our Christmas generosity a bit and invite you to consider this possibility. Simply take an envelope from the door and return it via the collection during Advent.

Christmas Wafers

Our Knights of Columbus are once again making available packets of the Christmas wafers, drawn from a centuries old Slavic tradition, to be used as part of table prayer on Christmas. The table with wafers is next to the cards this weekend. Green sheets in the rack at the main entrance give an explanation of this tradition and, on the reverse side, the prayer ritual to use with them. Take a look! Consider this great way of living out faith in your home – the domestic church!

Christmas Flower Fund

Envelopes are at the church doors for offerings to help us adorn our church for this upcoming season. If you **clearly print the name** of a loved one in whose memory you are making the offering, these will be listed for prayerful remembrance in the December 22 bulletin and they will be remembered in the Masses celebrated here in the Christmas Octave days. **The deadline is December 12th to be in the bulletin listing.**



- * **Vigil Masses will be offered at 4:00 and 6:00 PM on Christmas Eve.**
- * **Solemn Mass at Midnight with candlelight procession will be preceded at 11:30 PM by Carols and Anthems by the Choir.**
- * **Christmas Day Mass will be at 10:00 AM.**

Anchored & Focused

- Watch for details and opportunities as we launch **Anchored & Focused** for all in grades 9-12.
- We will have a guys group and a girls group, and will be connecting our youth with some of our young adults.
- We will enjoy fellowship, learn from each other and grow as disciples, share some food, and look to what lies ahead beyond high school and unique opportunities today.

Sometimes its easy to drift...

Sometimes storms can surround us in life;
events can rock us...

We need to stay **Anchored!**

Sometimes things aren't clear...

The destination we are heading for must
not be in sight...

Things can seem surrounded in fog...

The **Morning Star** (*Stella Matutina*)
guides the Sailor, and there's one for us to
help us keep **Focused!**



Watch for more!
This gets underway once we enter 2020!

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