

The Pastor's Musings on an Historic Day This Coming Week

Dear Friends,

As of Midnight this Friday, June 30th, our parish's St. Patrick School will cease to exist, and as of 12:01 AM, July 1st, the new St. Patrick Academy will be established! As you know, the Academy will use our current building for one more academic year, the 149th year of Catholic Education in Portsmouth, and then, in August of 2018 will open the 150th academic year in the new facility, currently under construction on Banfield Road. How good is our good God! The story could have ended so differently, with the closing of our school. Instead, thanks to a deep commitment to Catholic education, and a willingness to invest in its future here in Portsmouth, with the establishment of the *Hope for Tomorrow Foundation*, we are looking at a future full of hope! More and more families are expressing interest, asking questions, and considering the great gift of Catholic education for their kids! Watch for construction updates throughout the summer in this bulletin.

Want to explore the possibilities of the Academy for your children or grandchildren? Know someone who might? Check out the last page of today's bulletin for a contact source – phone, website, email, and a little bit about the new Head of School, Mark Schwerdt! Summer is a great time to make an appointment, discuss possibilities, and find out about the special "Founder's Package" designed to help make Catholic education affordable for all who desire it!

As you are aware, we placed our school under Mary's care and consecrated our school, all our efforts, and future, to her intercession in 2011. We renewed that consecration on May 13th as we broke ground for the new school on the 100th Anniversary of the first apparition of Mary at Fatima. How providential that the Academy is officially "born" on July 1st – a First Saturday – a day dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima! Join us for Holy Mass if you're able next Saturday at 8:00AM!

With you on the Journey,



The Week at a Glance

Monday, June 26

Tuesday, June 27

Televised Parish Mass – 7 PM, Channel 98

Wednesday, June 28

Prayer Cenacle – 2:00 PM (IC C)

K of C Mtg – 6:00 PM (IC H)

Thursday, June 29

Exposition/Adoration – 8:30AM-12PM (IC)

Televised Parish Mass – 7 PM, Channel 98

Friday, June 30

Italian Class – 7:00 PM (EDPC LL)

Saturday, June 31

Rosary – 3:30 PM (IC C)

Sunday, July 1

Televised Parish Mass – 10 AM, Channel 98

Music Ministry Rehearsal – 11:45AM (IC C)

Choir Practice Spanish Mass – 1:00 PM (ICH)

Rosary – 1:30 PM (IC C)

Spanish Mass – 2:00 PM (IC C)

Bible Study in Spanish – 3:30 PM (IC H)

Sanctuary Lamps

At Immaculate Conception Church, the sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Connie Hebert, as requested by Denis & Ann Hebert.

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

At the St. Joseph altar, the votives will burn in memory of Bernard Percarpio, requested by Bob Rais.



Traveling Vocation Icon

This week, **Sherry Moniz** will receive the Icon of Jesus Knocking at the Door into her home and intercede in a special way for Joe, Mike, Dan, and all in formation, for those discerning, and for many vocations to rise up from our community.

Intentions For Holy Mass

- Monday JUN 26 Feria (weekday)**
8:00AM *Glenn MacDonald,*
by Lisa, Michael, & Brady Roche
- Tuesday JUN 27 St. Cyril of Alexandria**
8:00AM *Joyce Robinson, by Glen & Kate Gordon*
- Wednesday JUN 28 St. Irenaeus**
8:00AM *Annie Lajoie, by her son Bernard*
- Thursday JUN 29 St. Peter and St. Paul**
8:00AM *Catherine Athanasiou,*
by her husband Odysseys
- Friday JUN 30 The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church**
8:00AM *Gerald Kelliher, by Frances Lebel*
- Saturday JUL 1 St. Junipero Serra**
8:00AM *Donna Larson Mulrooney,*
by the Broom Family
Vigil 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time
4:00PM *Dorothy Vinciguerra (6th anniversary),*
by her Husband & Family
- Sunday JUL 2 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time**
8:30AM *Robert & Joan Relinski, by their Family*
10:30AM *Theresa Lajoie, by Stan & Donna Nice*
2:00PM **in Spanish** *Celebrant's Intention*
4:30PM *Duc Nguyen & Khang Pham, by the Family*

To schedule Mass intentions or for sacramental records, please see Marilyn Chavez at the Eileen Daly Pastoral Center, or call 436-4555.

SEMINARIAN CORNER



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

I'm writing today so you can get to know a little more about me and how I got to the point of asking Fr. Gary if I could reside among you in Portsmouth at Vianney House with him and seminarians Joe and Mike, (and Hershey & Buddy) as I embark on seminary formation in a few months. After reading this, I ask that you join with me in praying for all people to hear and answer the unique call to holiness God gives us all.

I was born in Nashua, NH and am a native son of St. Aloysius of Gonzaga Parish there, the parish where Fr. Marcos, known to many of you, is now pastor. When I was in fourth grade, my family and I moved to Litchfield, NH where we continue to live. After high school I attended Southern NH University to study Business Administration. In my senior year there, I thought I had it all: a great job lined up for after graduation, good grades, a social life, and a beautiful girlfriend of almost three years. But, I felt the stirring of the Lord inviting me to consider being one of His priests. With that in the back of my mind, though, I went on to take the great job and enjoy my new career and my life.

This desire to learn more about a sense of being called to the priesthood didn't go away. Eventually, it led me to come to Portsmouth and attend one of Fr. Gary's Discernment Dinners for guys like me who were willing to be open to possibilities. It was on that night that I met Fr. Gary and Seminarian Joe. From then, I asked Fr. Gary to begin meeting with me regularly for spiritual direction and discernment. After a little over a year of growth in direction, I applied to the Diocese of Manchester. By the grace of God, I was accepted and will begin my first year of Seminary at St. John Seminary in Brighton, MA with Joe and Mike this Fall.

I am looking forward to starting this new chapter in my life with all of you. Thank you for your prayers and support for vocations in the Church. In a special way I want to thank you for welcoming me to this parish with such warmth, sincerity, and love.

With admiration & gratitude,
Seminarian Dan Simard

Our reflection of God's generosity to us!

Weekend of June 17/18, 2017

Envelopes/EFT	\$ 11,021.00
Loose	\$ 2,089.70
Total	\$ 13,110.70

Last weekend 249 envelope/40 Online Giving users contributed 84 % of our income.

Poor Box Donations \$ 1,286.28

Sound System Collection

Thank you! The new system will be installed later in July! Thanks to five benefactors, and the outstanding response to last weekend's free-will offering, it is possible! As this bulletin goes to press (6/13), a total of **\$12,934.00** has been given, with folks telling us additional offerings are on the way. Many thanks for your generosity, which is making this long-standing need a reality. We have approached it in three parts: the purchase of equipment is complete. The system for song and music has been ordered. Installation is scheduled for the week of July 24th!

20/20 WINNERS

\$25 Winners ~ Week 19

- # 237 Annie Osborn
- # 76 Rosemary Plaisted

Parish News

NEW! *Seminarian Mike's Birthday!*

Let's be sure to keep our resident Seminarian, Mike Niemaszyk, in our prayers on his birthday this week, June 28th. He's enjoying his ministry at Camp Fatima, which is now in full swing! If you wish to send him a card or note with your wishes, please send it to him here at Vianney House, 98 Summer Street, Portsmouth NH 03801.



NEW! *Repurposing Update*

Work has been underway for the past three weeks at the former St. Catherine Rectory on Woodbury Avenue to prepare the facility to soon be the new home of our parish staff offices. The roof has been redone. Floors and walls are being refinished, and some slight interior renovations are taking place, along with some electrical and plumbing upgrades. In the coming weeks, all the telephone and IT hook ups will be installed as finish work continues on the building. We are planning to make the transition and move from our current location on Lafayette Road at the former St. James rectory to our newly refurbished home in mid-August. Our thanks to our contractors, North & South Construction, under the direction of Ben Johnson, for the quality of their work and for making it such a pleasure to work with them. Over coming weeks we will be finalizing plans for the repurposing of the former St. Catherine Church into our new Hall and Meeting Center, working with the Diocese as we go over final planning, and, look forward to beginning that phase of the repurposing effort once we have had the real estate closing on our St. James property and have cash in hand to fund phase II.

NEW! *Curious About Catholicism?*

You? A spouse, neighbor, relative, or friend? Someone never baptized, or, baptized in another Christian denomination? Maybe baptized Catholic but not brought up in the faith? Maybe you've been coming to Mass with a Catholic spouse for years, but nobody ever asked you if you'd like to consider becoming a Catholic Christian? Our RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process kicks off in the Fall for all such folks. But, first, how about just getting together for some general info about the process? An informal evening is planned at Fr Gary's house on Wednesday, August 30th, at 6:30 PM. Before then, though, would you like to just sit and chat, ask some questions, and explore possibilities? Fr. Gary would love to meet with you! Just email him to set up a good day and time at frgary.ccnh@gmail.com.

NEW! *Thank You!*

Heartfelt thanks to all who helped in any way to make a beautiful celebration of Farewell & Fellowship possible for us as we gathered at our former St. Catherine Church last Friday to mark the end of its use for worship. While there is always a sense of sadness when something ends, it was wonderful to experience the faith and community that continues on and is growing stronger and welcoming new faces week by week among us, the united Catholic Community worshipping here in Portsmouth!

NEW! *Come Apart and Rest Awhile!*

This is the invitation Jesus extended to His disciples often, as we read in Sacred Scripture. It's the same invitation he holds out to us! Our church doors are open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM daily for you to "come apart and rest awhile" in His Real Presence! **Every Thursday**, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration from after the 8:00 AM Mass until 12:00 Noon. Don't miss the opportunity!

NEW! *Don't Miss July 8th!*

Save the date and plan to join us? See the flyer in today's bulletin for details and way to RSVP so we have a count for planning.

NEW! *Corpus Christi Thanks*

It was wonderful to welcome newly-ordained Fr. Dave Harris as celebrant and homilist at our Solemn Mass last Sunday when we celebrated our Patronal Feast, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi! Many thanks to all who helped with the details of the procession, the kids who took part, our servers, and our fantastic Music ministry! Our choir will now be on a break for the summer, simply raising their voices in song among us, and "scouting the pews" listening for voices to invite to join them in the loft come September!

NEW! *Called Home to the Lord*

We remember in prayer the repose of the soul of **Nancy Leary**, whose Funeral Mass was recently celebrated in our parish. To her family we extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayerful support as well.

NEW! *Trip to Cap de la Madeleine*

Several members of Corpus Christi Parish are organizing a trip to Canada. We'll visit Sacre Coeur De Beauvoir in Sherbrooke, Cap de la Madeleine Shrine, Notre Dame Cathedral, and St. Joseph Oratory in Montreal. The trip will be Monday through Thursday, **August 21 - 24**. The cost of the pilgrimage is just \$725 per person, double occupancy. Price includes lodging, three breakfasts, three dinners, and chartered luxury coach. For more information, please contact Egizia Brown at 603-512-4754 or egziabrown@comcast.net.

NEW! *Learn Conversational Italian*

Everyone is welcome to come to the Eileen Daly Pastoral Center (basement) on Fridays at 7:00 PM to learn to speak Italian. No previous instruction is necessary!

Video Ministry Volunteers needed:

Corpus Christi Parish has its own TV Mass on local Comcast Channel 98, and a YouTube channel that broadcasts the parish weekly Mass for those unable to attend. Help us continue this very important ministry to our homebound parishioners.

We are in need of volunteers to videotape the weekend parish Mass, usually the 4:00 PM Saturday Mass. The Video team commitment is once per month and no prior video experience is necessary. Training will be provided. If you're interested or if you have questions, please contact Rick Bean at 603-312-1111 or Rick@RickBean.com.

Families Living the Good News
Bring It Home!
 A Corpus Christi Parish Program

Registration is now open for the 2017-2018 year!

Registration forms and calendars are available at the entrance to the church or register online at **BringItHome.org**. We appreciate your prompt registration, as it helps us in planning.

Youth Ministry

Looking Ahead

Tuesday Night Fun Nights

Have fun, eat food, and bring a friend! Come as you are, when you can! All middle school & high school teens are welcome.

Tuesdays from 7:30-9 PM

Youth Room at the parish offices
 (former St. Catherine rectory):

- *July 18th: Life-Size Foosball
- *July 25th: Ultimate Frisbee
- *August 1st: Movie Night
- *August 8th: Glow-in-the-dark dodgeball
- *August 15th: AMP
- *August 22nd: Campfire & S'mores

For more information or questions, please contact Brittany at youthmin.ccnh@gmail.com.



Making a Difference

Would you like to make a difference in the life of a teen? Our parish teens need your support! We are currently planning for **Steubenville East**, set this year for July 14 – 16, a spiritually fulfilling and life-changing weekend for high school teens. We have fifteen teens who would love to attend, but who will need your support/sponsorship to be able to go. (The cost per teen is \$275.)

Please encourage these teens in their journeys of faith by providing the financial support to make their trip possible. Your donations, payable to Corpus Christi Parish, *Steubenville East*, can be dropped into the collection basket at Mass or mailed to the parish office at 2075 Lafayette Road. **Thank you!**



As the end of our school year approaches, it is time for us to say thank you to everyone that made this year incredible. Our teachers, parents, staff, volunteers, friends - and all those that came before us: thank you sincerely for your dedication and hard work! We would like to thank the members of our Faculty who will be leaving St. Pat's to begin new adventures:

Diane Shannon is retiring after completing her 40th year of teaching, with the majority of those years (from 1984-2017) working for the Diocese of Manchester in three Seacoast area schools. A good and faithful teacher!

Geraldine Carter "retired" back in 2012 from the public school system, but knew that she was not finished in education when she got her wish to teach at a Catholic school! She is now fully retiring to spend time with her daughters and to travel with her husband.

Cailey Jerome has been at St. Pat's since she was out of college. It has come time for her to "spread her wings" with a new teaching experience next year, while she continues to pursue a master's degree in Educational Administration. We wish her the best!

Megan Gould: St. Pat's has meant the world to Ms. Gould, and her dedication has meant the world to us. Best of luck in your new adventures!

Community Postings

NEW! *Discernment Programs*

St. Benedict Abbey in Still River, MA is hosting a series of discernment events for young men considering monastic life. For young men 14-18 and their dads, the opportunities are **July 14-16, 21-23, or 28-30**. For men 18 to 30, it will be **August 11-13**. For more info, go to www.abbey.org.

NEW! *Worldwide Marriage Encounter*

"Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known." Experience increased trust and intimacy in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends will be held **September 16-17** in Medway, MA, and **October 21-22** in Contoocook, NH. For details, contact Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963, or visit <https://www.mema.org/>.

NEW! *Wonderful Opportunity for the Family*

"PAX," a program for academic exchange, is currently seeking families to host a 15-year-old girl from Spain. The student is Roman Catholic and is involved with her church. She comes with good English skills and her own spending money/medical insurance. All families are welcome to host. Families would provide a bed for the student to sleep in (she can share a room with the same gender), and share three meals a day. Will need transportation to/from school and activities until carpooling arrangements can be made. For more information, please email linda_coffey@hotmail.com.