

The Pastor's Musings

Fatima Centennial Special Event

Dear Family in the Lord,

Tomorrow, Monday, July 17th, will be a special day in our parish! We will welcome the International Traveling Pilgrim Virgin Statue of our Lady of Fatima to our Church. In this 100th anniversary year of the Fatima apparitions, the statue is being brought day after day to city after city all over the country, and days of prayer, in thanksgiving, supplication, and reparation are being offered in churches that welcome this holy image, which was blest at Fatima.

Our day will begin at 8:00 AM and continue until 8:00 PM with various opportunities to come together for communal prayer of the Rosary, Adoration of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, two options for Holy Mass, and an evening time of prayer for healing that will include an invitation for all seeking healing – of body, mind, or soul – for themselves or another, to come forward to be individually blest by Jesus, present in the Holy Eucharist within the Monstrance. The day concludes with Benediction. The full schedule is outlined elsewhere in this bulletin. Can you come for some part of the day? Whether for communal prayer or drop in for personal prayer in the afternoon? Maybe make it a “retreat day” and come to the three main times of prayer of 8 AM, Noon, and 7PM and then spend the day reading, enjoying a quiet place outdoors, going “apart by yourselves to rest awhile.”

With a mother’s love, Mary appeared at Fatima and asked that we pray, do penance, and meditate on the great mysteries of love in the Holy Rosary. She was crying out to a world that was deeply offending her Son! We certainly know our need to pray in hope and in a spirit of reparation in these times, asking her to join her prayers to ours! Please enter into offering this day of love!

Our parish was solemnly consecrated to Mary on September 8, 2011. The abundant graces we have obtained through her intercession have been awesome! It was on the Feast of our Lady’s first apparition at Fatima one hundred years ago – on May 13, 2017 – that we entrusted St. Patrick Academy to her and broke ground for the new school. We have a powerful intercessor in Mary – who prays with us and gives us an outstanding example of what it means to step out in faith, say “yes” in trust and hope, and embrace the future!

I’m asking everyone, in whatever way you can, to drop in; be a part of this day! As you enter the doors and pause to pray before Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, and the image of our Lady brought in our midst that day, you will help turn up the volume of our parish cry, echoing Mary’s own words: “The Almighty has done great things for us! Holy is His Name!”

With you on the Journey,



The Week at a Glance

Monday, July 17

Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima Day – 8AM-8PM (IC)
8:00 AM Mass, Exposition, Rosary
Adoration until noon
12Noon Angelus, Rosary
Church open for prayer, visits
7:00 PM Mass, Exposition, Rosary
Individual Blessing
Benediction

Tuesday, July 18

Family Fun & Faith Night – 5:30 PM (SC)
Televised Parish Mass – 7 PM, Channel 98

Wednesday, July 19

Prayer Cenacle – 2:00 PM (IC C)

Thursday, July 20

Exposition/Adoration – 8:30AM-12PM (IC)
Televised Parish Mass – 7 PM, Channel 98

Friday, July 21

Italian Class – 7:00 PM (EDPC LL)

Saturday, July 22

Baptism – 10:00 AM (IC C)
Baptism – 11:00 AM (IC C)
Rosary – 3:30 PM (IC C)

Sunday, July 23

Televised Parish Mass – 10 AM, Channel 98
Music Ministry Rehearsal – 11:45AM (IC C)
Choir Practice Spanish Mass – 1:00 PM (ICH)
Rosary in Spanish– 1:30 PM (IC C)
Spanish Mass – 2:00 PM (IC C)

Sanctuary Lamps

At Immaculate Conception Church, the sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Duc Nguyen, as requested by her family.

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

At the St. Joseph altar, the votives will burn with Birthday Blessings for Ginny McDonough.

Traveling Vocation Icon

This week, **Annette & Dennis Werger** will receive the Icon of Jesus Knocking at the Door into their 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 JUL 17 Feria (weekday)**
 8:00AM *Pro Populo (For our Parish Family)*
 7:00PM *James Shanley, by Robert Rais*
- Tuesday JUL 18 St. Camillus de Lellis**
 8:00AM *Patricia Paulson (5th anniversary),
 by her brother John*
- Wednesday JUL 19 Feria**
 8:00AM *Joseph Ronchi (1st anniversary),
 by his son Michael*
- Thursday JUL 20 St. Apollinaris**
 8:00AM *Retreat Guild, by its Memorial Fund*
- Friday JUL 21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi**
 8:00AM *Edward Viles, by Marilyn Chavez*
- Saturday JUL 22 St. Mary Magdalene**
 8:00AM *Joseph & Anne Parmentola, by the Family*
Vigil 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time
 4:00PM *Edmund Arsenault (10th anniversary),
 by his Wife & Family*
- Sunday JUL 23 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time**
 8:30AM *John & Agnes Paulson, by their son John*
 10:30AM *John Viaes, by his Family*
 2:00PM **in Spanish** *Samih & Gazel Yuva Mahmoud,
 by Ramona Yuva*
 4:30PM *Pro Populo (For our Parish Family)*

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

**Our reflection
of God's generosity to us!**

Weekend of July 8/9, 2017

Envelopes/EFT	\$ 15,693.00
Loose	\$ 1,886.33
Total	\$ 17,579.33

Last weekend 269 envelope/70 Online Giving users contributed 89 % of our income.

Poor Box Donations \$ 743.42

Weekend of July 1/2, 2017

Envelopes/EFT	\$ 7,619.00
Loose	\$ 2,133.69
Total	\$ 9,752.69

That weekend 215 envelope/22Online Giving users contributed 79 % of our income.

Poor Box Donations \$ 740.51
June Repairs/Maintenance \$ 1,851.00
Parish Needs \$ 1,765.00

Special Day with Mary



Tomorrow, **July 17th**, we have the honor of welcoming to our parish church the traveling Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima statue, which is traveling all over the United States in this Fatima 100th Anniversary Year! Come to any or all parts of the day of prayer!

- 8:00AM** Holy Mass
8:30 AM Exposition, Communal praying of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary
Adoration continues 8:45AM – Noon
12 NOON Communal praying of the Angelus and the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary

Church open all day for personal visits and prayer with Our Lady

- 7:00 PM** Holy Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Communal Praying of the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary, Prayers for healing and individual blessing of those seeking healing with the Eucharistic Lord in the Monstrance, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will conclude the day

The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue

The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima is a beautiful hand-carved image of Our Lady of Fatima given to the United States by the bishop of Fatima after being blessed by Pope Paul VI in 1967. She was crowned by Cardinal O'Boyle at the National Basilica in Washington, DC in 1971.

This statue presently travels across the United States under the sponsorship of the WAF USA. She has proven time and again to be the catalyst for renewed interest in the message of Fatima and for exposing new generations of Catholics who are unaware of the important message of conversion and peace brought by Our Lady to the three shepherd children in 1917 at Fatima, Portugal.

Parish News

NEW! *Altar Flowers*

The flowers that adorn the High Altar this week are in loving memory of Joanne Schepis Stone, by her parents, in remembrance of the first anniversary of her death. We thank them and ask the Lord's loving embrace for Joanne in eternal life!

NEW! *Weekly Summer Adoration*

Remember, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration each Thursday from after 8:00 AM Mass until 12:00 Noon Angelus. Also, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed most weekdays (Monday through Saturday), unless Fr. Gary is away, from 7:00 AM until just before Mass at 8:00 AM. A beautiful way to start the day and really prepare for Holy Mass. We are happy to see more and more taking advantage of this and hearing how enriching you are finding it! "Seek first the Kingdom... and all other things will be given..." Another opportunity to accept Jesus' invitation, offered to His disciples then, as we read in Scripture, and to us now: "Come apart by yourselves... and rest awhile!"



NEW! *Nudges About Priesthood?*

Know of any guy who pauses now and then and wonders why the Lord nudges him every once in a while about considering priesthood? Maybe he tries to turn up the volume on everything else to drown out the quiet (but persistent!) voice? Maybe he feels unworthy (who is?) or that he disqualified himself because of some of his past sins or choices, or stuff he's still struggling with? (God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies those He calls!)

Maybe you know someone? Maybe this is you? Take a look at the latest issue of PARABLE, the diocesan magazine we have mailed to all parish homes – check out the article about Fr. Rich Roberge (a classmate of Fr. G) and the article by Fr. Andrew Nelson (the pastor Seminarian Joe is with this summer). Both beautifully tell the story of this life! Read it – pray about it if it's you being nudged, or pray about who to pass it on to if you see qualities in someone that you suspect might be building blocks for the Lord to form His future priest. And, as always, with Fr. Gary and three Seminarians living among us in Vianney House – an invitation to dinner, to talk, to ask questions... is just an email request away! Reach out to Fr. Gary at frgary.cenh@gmail.com.

NEW! *News from the Knights of Columbus*

Please join the Immaculate Conception Council 140 in congratulating two Knights from our Parish who took the First Degree Exemplification on July 5th. They are: **Brian Walsh** and **Ray Lizotte**. We are pleased to have these men as new members and look forward to their contributions to our council, parish, and community. **Note:** To the men of Corpus Christi Parish, we welcome you to join Immaculate Conception Council 140. If interested, please call Jonathan McCoy at (603) 380-0834, or Stan Nice at (603) 431-6944.

What A Great Night!



Many thanks go out to so many who came together last Saturday night as we managed to pull off the "surprise," obvious from his face as he arrived, and celebrate Seminarian Joe's 30th Birthday with a great evening of food and fellowship!

Endless bowls of great side dishes brought by those who came, our Men's Ministry grilling burgers and dogs, served along with BBQ chicken from Bob's Chicken, hand delivered by owner Bob McDonough himself, corn on the cob cooking in large pots, all topped off with Birthday cake and ice cream, made it a delicious night as well!

To our countless and tireless volunteers – you know who you are! – who helped with set up, serving, kitchen prep, creative table decorations, and clean up, we give a heartfelt thank you! Much gratitude to our crack squad of relief workers who responded immediately after the early storm squall to re-set up; picking up debris, replacing tarps/tents, and drying off chairs and tables. Special thanks goes to the one who pulled it all together – from sign-ups to shopping, planning, recruiting, organizing and seeing that it all came together beautifully – Kathy Kelleher.

Joe was very touched as well as surprised! He will have some words of thanks for you in next Sunday's bulletin.

P.S. – The kids were thankful to Joe for the way he, blindfolded, whacked the piñata and got them the bellyful of candy – from the piñata's belly to theirs!

Thank You

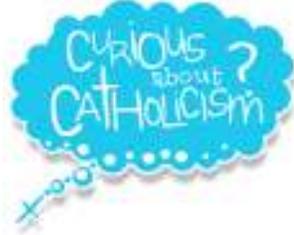
I would like to take this time to thank my fellow parishioners at Corpus Christi Parish for your kindness during my recuperation from my automobile accident in May. The flowers, cards, meals, and random acts of kindness were very much appreciated by Roxanne and me.

The severity of the accident has certainly left an imprint on both myself and my wife, and although cars can be replaced, the psychological effects of this event take time to process. We are grateful to be part of such a warm and loving faith community that has demonstrated true concern for our welfare. I want you to know that I keep you all in my daily prayers, and if there is anything that Roxanne and I can do to help you on your faith journeys, please do not hesitate to ask.

In his name, ~Deacon Jim

Curious About Catholicism?

Each year in September we offer a series of “Come & See” Inquiry nights as part of our RCIA process for adults who were never baptized, or baptized in another denomination, or baptized Catholic but not brought up in the faith, perhaps never receiving First Communion or Confirmation. There’s no obligation, just information. Folks often come with a Catholic spouse, family member, or friend. You?



Someone you know? No need to wait till Fall is around the corner! Fr. Gary warmly invites you to shoot him an email and set up a time to get together with him in a relaxed and informal manner at his house, our parish rectory – Vianney

House. Maybe enjoy a cool drink, ask any questions? He will also have an information brochure you can take with you to help you as you consider checking out the Church a little closer through the Fall Inquiry sessions. Just email him at frgary.ccnh@gmail.com to set up a time to meet, chat and... maybe even meet Hershey & Buddy! ☺

Hey! I Was Wondering...

Wondering *what?* *Who* was wondering? *This could get to be like “who’s on first?”* for those of us who remember the *Three Stooges!*

This is actually the title of a weekly information series that Fr. Gary is planning to offer starting this Fall. All are invited! You can bring friends – Catholics, non-Catholics, inactive, or active. Come to any, or make it a weekly “date” to join in! The weekly topics will be printed in the bulletin four weeks in advance so you know what’s coming. If it’s a topic that strikes you, a question you’ve had, or an insight you’d like to deepen... come!

So, where are the topics coming from? YOU! We will soon have flyers out for you to take and write down anything you would like to see become a week’s focus in the weekly series. So... start thinking about what you’ve always wanted to know... and DONT BE AFRAID to ask! Watch for startup date info soon! Formation in faith is a lifelong process... let’s grow together!



St Patrick Academy Update

- The area on Banfield Road has been cleared and now one can really appreciate even more the beautiful natural setting that will surround the new state-of-the-art building for St. Patrick Academy. We are so blest to be able to have this new independent Catholic School within the embrace of our parish as they carry on the tradition of Catholic education here in Portsmouth that started almost 150 years ago!

Upkeep Updates

On Woodbury Avenue

- A lot has been going on! As of last week, our renovation of the former St. Catherine Rectory, repurposing it to soon house our parish offices moving from the former St. James Rectory, passed the half completed stage! Roof is done, carpets removed, walls prepared for fresh paint, some electrical upgrades and IT wiring completed. Soon the floors throughout the house will be refinished or re-carpeted and painting throughout will be completed. We hope for the big move in late August.
- The window depicting Christ the King that was over the altar in the former St. Catherine Church, and original to the building, was carefully removed – a 6 hour process – in anticipation of reinstallation in the chapel of St. Patrick Academy.

On Lafayette Road

- The Developer, Eric Katz, who has a Purchase & Sale on our church building there, will be going before the City Zoning Board of Adjustment this week to take the next step toward having approvals needed to construct two 24-unit condo buildings on the site. We look forward to a beautiful residential use that will fit in well in the residential area, rather than having the property simply become a commercial use that could conflict with the surrounding area. If you live in the neighborhood, we encourage you to support these efforts if you’re able to attend the meeting.
- The two angel stained glass windows in the church are scheduled to be removed and stored in anticipation of installation in the new St. Patrick Academy. The plan calls for one at the end of each of the hallways leading to the Elementary school and Middle School wings. They will be beautiful reminders of the “Guardian Angels” we entrust our children to!

On Summer Street

- Repairs and repointing of bricks has been underway at Vianney House. Much needed, long overdue – the front steps at the main entrance and steps at the three other entrances will now be in great shape! The last part of the project will be the repair and repointing of the chimney on the church side of the house. (A glance up can show the need there!)
- The sound system upgrade in the church is scheduled to begin and be completed during the week of July 24.
- We are getting pricing and putting together ideas to renovate the two confessionals in our church to be more able to offer both options – anonymous or face to face – for confessions. We plan to reuse the beautiful woodwork and do this in a way that will fit in with the architectural design of that area of the church. The end result will be a more spacious, user friendly, sound proof area to celebrate the great gift of the Lord’s mercy in the Sacrament of Penance! This is much needed in a church experiencing a rising number of confessions, folks rediscovering the great gift, and confessions offered every day!



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.

NEW! *Recently Baptized*

We warmly welcome **Thomas Loughlin**, **Alice Mailhot**, and **Gentiana Valente**, 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.”

NEW! *Called Home to the Lord*

We remember in prayer the repose of the souls of **Doris Shea** and **Mary Scognamiglio**, whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated in our parish. To their families we extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayerful support as well.

NEW! *Photo Gallery of the Birthday BBQ*

We have posted some photos of Seminarian Joe’s Birthday BBQ via link under “Quick Links” on the homepage of the parish website, www.corpuschristinh.org, and here: <https://goo.gl/photos/4nmc7qEqMTfi67W6>. You’re invited to add unique photos you might have taken to that album. Note that you may not add any comments. The permissions to add photos will be in place for a week or so. If you don’t know how to add photos, feel free to send them to Norm (aa2.ccnh@gmail.com) for processing. BTW, we have also added a link under “Quick Links” to a Portsmouth Herald article about progress regarding St. Patrick Academy construction.

Youth Ministry

Tuesday Night Fun Nights start this week!

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.

Community Postings

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.

Women of Grace

Become the woman of grace God created you to be! *Full of Grace: Women and the Abundant Life* is a dynamic program for Catholic Women, encouraging study participants to come to a fuller understanding of their dignity and vocation as daughters of God. They’ll dig deep into Catholic teaching to examine their gift of authentic femininity using the study text, “*Full of Grace*,” sacred Scripture, the Catechism, citations from Vatican II and other magisterial documents, as well as the biographies of 16 Catholic women saints. As they learn the great gift of authentic femininity and how to live it out in the world today, hearts are healed, lives are changed, and souls are saved! The program will be offered on Wednesdays from 10AM to Noon, beginning **September 20th** (10 weeks), at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish in Hampton. Cost is \$40 for materials (financial assistance available if needed). Registration deadline is 9/8/17. For more details, please contact Kathy Allen at 603-957-0048 or kallen77@gmail.com.

Catholic Homeschool Conference – July 28

The IHM New England Homeschool Conference will be held at the University of Massachusetts Lowell Inn and Conference Center, 50 Warren Street in Lowell, on Friday, July 28th, from Noon to 6PM. This is the perfect event for those who are curious and want to discover more about Catholic homeschooling. Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. For more information, please visit www.ihmconference.org or email info@ihmconference.org.



Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish in Hampton is hosting a Vacation Bible School and it is coming soon! VBS will run August 7th through 11th from 9AM to Noon each day, except for Friday, which is extended to include a potluck lunch. It’s a fun week for all, but space is limited, so sign up ASAP (no walk-ins please)! Cost is \$50 per child, \$80 for two children, with a max of \$200 per family. Children from 4 years old (must be potty trained) through those entering grade 5 in the fall can participate. Visit <https://form.jotformpro.com/cfortin/vbs2017> for registration forms. FMI, contact Sherry Impastato at simpastato@olmmparish.org.