

## The Pastor's Musings

Dear Family in the Lord,

Well, I'm taking my own advice about responding to the Lord's invitation, "Go apart and rest a while." I'm heading out tomorrow, July 31<sup>st</sup>, for ten days of retreat and vacation in Portugal. Thanks to the kindness of a very generous couple of friends of mine, I will be staying in their home, just a stroll from the beach and 25 minutes from Fatima! It is an incredible grace, in this centennial year of the apparitions at Fatima, that I am able to combine prayer, reflection, and rest in this beautiful and significant place. I am making this pilgrimage with Seminarian Joe, and we are offering it as an act of gratitude to our Lady for her powerful intercession and graces received, individually in our lives, and as a parish. With all that lies ahead in our parish renewal, all underway with construction of the new St. Patrick Academy, and so many in special need in our parish, we are going and carrying you all with us. We will have the privilege of offering Holy Mass together each day at the shrine to start our days early, and then we'll have time for prayer, adoration, spiritual reading, some good beach time, sightseeing, and enjoying the local food and hospitality. Please keep us in prayer and know you will be in our prayer every day.

I am very grateful to our assisting priest, Fr. David Affleck, for his generosity in covering all weekday Masses while I am away. Oftentimes, daily Masses have to be cancelled if the parish priest is away, as there are so few priests around to help, so this is a much appreciated gift to us. I know you will welcome Fr. David warmly, as you also welcome Fr. John Fortin next weekend, a Benedictine monk who will be here to celebrate some of the weekend Masses and speak at all of them for the Mission Co-op appeal.

These days of summer have been filled with good things! It's exciting to see renovation continue at a good pace at the former St. Catherine rectory to provide for relocation of our offices there in early September, and construction is full speed ahead on Banfield Road, the site of the new St. Patrick Academy. As you know, the Academy will be using our school building for this coming year until they open the doors of the new site in August 2018. There are special "Founder's Package" deals that can help make tuition affordable for all who desire solid Catholic education for their children. The contact number for the Academy is on the bulletin cover. Talk to Head of School Mark Schwerdt about it! He and I enjoyed a great conversation last week, on a beautiful day on one of Portsmouth's "decks," and I was thrilled to hear of new enrollments coming in and excitement being generated! Enrollment has surpassed last year's numbers and is growing. It's not too late! Consider registering now for this first Academy year and last year in the old building and get in on Founder's Package opportunities!

Our first ever Family Faith & Fun Night was a big hit! I really enjoyed catching up with folks and meeting many of our new families who were there! I was especially happy to hear how our staff, volunteers, and the families there that night have made them feel so welcomed and happy that they chose Corpus Christi as their new parish! I love to hear, from newcomers, tourists visiting, and friends of mine who drop by, how much they feel welcomed here – a warm greeter at the door, a smile from the person next to them as they find a seat, the vibrancy of our worship and your singing (they are amazed at that!), and the atmosphere of prayerfulness and reverence in church before Mass which helps us all to be hospitable – welcoming to the Lord!



Let's continue to commit ourselves, all of us, to being the heart, hands, smile, and love of Jesus for all who encounter us in this holy place and in our various opportunities!

Yours in His Love,

## The Week at a Glance

### Monday, July 31

### Tuesday, August 1

National Night Out – 4:30 PM (SC)  
YM Fun Night (Movie) 7:30PM (SC)  
Televised Parish Mass – 7 PM, Ch 98

### Wednesday, August 2

Prayer Cenacle – 2:00 PM (IC C)  
K of C Mtg – 6:00 PM (IC H)

### Thursday, August 3

Exposition/Adoration – 8:30-Noon (IC)  
Televised Parish Mass – 7 PM, Ch 98

### Friday, August 4

Italian Class – 7:00 PM (EDPC LL)

### Saturday, August 5

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

### Sunday, August 6

Televised Parish Mass – 10 AM, Ch 98  
Choir Practice Spanish Mass – 1PM (ICH)  
Rosary – 1:30 PM (IC C)  
Spanish Mass – 2:00 PM (IC C)

## Sanctuary Lamp

*At Immaculate Conception Church, the sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Leslie & George Panayiotou, as requested by Carolyn Hartnett.*

*The votives at the Mary altar will burn for Rosalie L. Wallace, on what would have been her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, requested by her family.*

*At the St. Joseph altar, the votives will burn this week for the personal intentions of Fran & Lynne Hyland, in celebration of their 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, requested by Ann & Denis Hebert.*

## Traveling Vocation Icon



This week, **Margo Healy** 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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>JUL 31</b>	<b>St. Ignatius of Loyola</b>
8:00AM		<i>Catherine Athanasiou, by her husband Odysias</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>AUG 1</b>	<b>St. Alphonsus Liguori</b>
8:00AM		<i>John Ashcraft, by Rosemary Plaisted</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>AUG 2</b>	<b>St Eusebius of Vercelli St. Peter Julian Eymard</b>
8:00AM		<i>Herbert Wilson, by his Wife &amp; Children</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>AUG 3</b>	<b>Feria (weekday)</b>
8:00AM		<i>Sr. Bernadette, by the Maloney Family</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>AUG 4</b>	<b>St. John Vianney</b>
8:00AM		<i>Glenn MacDonald, by Lisa, Michael, &amp; Brady Roche</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>AUG 5</b>	<b>The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major</b>
8:00AM		<i>Martha Kiefer, by Florence Fitzgerald</i>
4:00PM		<b>Vigil Transfiguration of the Lord</b> <i>Irene &amp; Joseph Michonski</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>AUG 6</b>	<b>Transfiguration of the Lord</b>
8:30AM		<i>Pro Populo (For our Parish Family)</i>
10:30AM		<i>James Tippet, by the McDonough Family</i>
2:00PM		<b>in Spanish</b> <i>Celebrant's Intention</i>
4:30PM		<i>Hazel Weigel, by Edward Butler</i>

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 22/23, 2017

Envelopes/EFT	\$ 11,967.00
Loose	\$ 1,766.39
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,733.39</b>

*Last weekend 253 envelope/45 Online Giving users  
contributed 87 % of our income.*

**Poor Box Donations \$ 621.65**

Families Living the Good News

# Bring It Home!

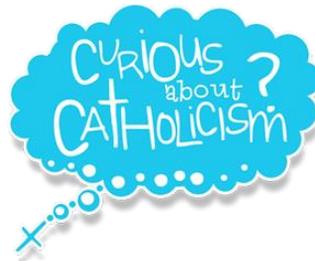
*A Corpus Christi Parish Program*

**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](http://BringItHome.org). We appreciate your prompt registration, as it helps us in planning.

## Curious About Catholicism?

On **Wednesday, August 30**, at 6:30 PM, Fr. Gary and our RCIA Director Brenda will be hosting an informal info night at our rectory, Vianney House, right next door to the church.



This will be an occasion to hear a little about what's involved in exploring the Catholic faith, initially through Inquiry Sessions, and then, if the participant so desires, they can continue on in the process that leads to the celebration of the

Sacraments of Initiation and Welcoming into the Catholic Church. There is no obligation or commitment to anything by coming on August 30th!

### Whose is this for?

- ✓ A person who has never been baptized
- ✓ Someone baptized in another Christian denomination, considering becoming Catholic
- ✓ Someone baptized Catholic, but not brought up in the faith, never having received Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

**Is this you?** Have you been coming with your Catholic spouse or family and yet never felt invited to check it out? Well, this is your invitation!

**Or, maybe there is someone you know?** Please clip this out and show it to them, invite them, offer to come with them!

To help us have a count for set up and refreshments, could you RSVP to Brenda at [faithformdir.ccnh@gmail.com](mailto:faithformdir.ccnh@gmail.com) or leave a voicemail for her at 436-4555, X20? If you'd like to chat with Fr. Gary or Brenda before this date, they would happily set up a time to get together. Simply call or email her, or Fr. Gary at [frgary.ccnh@gmail.com](mailto:frgary.ccnh@gmail.com).

## 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 Abbott & Costello!*

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!

## Parish News

### **NEW!** *Patron Saint of Priests*

**This Friday, August 4th**, is the Feast of the Patron Saint of Priests, St. John Vianney. If possible, join us for Holy Mass that morning. Let's make it a special day of intercession for our priests and seminarians!

### **NEW!** *Eucharistic Adoration*

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration **on Thursdays** all summer from after 8 AM Mass until 12 Noon. Drop in! We have also begun exposing the Blessed Sacrament before weekly Mass, from 7:00 to 7:55 AM, unless Fr. Gary is away. **(Please note: There will NOT be morning exposition at 7 AM from August 1 to 11 due to Fr. Gary's retreat and vacation. Thursday adoration continues as usual).**

### **NEW!** *First Friday & Saturday*

The Litany of the Sacred Heart will be prayed communally after 8:00 AM on Friday. The Holy Rosary is prayed communally on Saturday, as it is each weekday, a few minutes after Mass. Those who wish to join in are invited to move over to the side pews after Mass to gather together in front of our Lady's altar on the left side of the church. Join us in making these days' offerings of reparation and love to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary!

### **NEW!** *Mission Co-Op Appeal*

Each year, every parish of the Diocese, as part of the Missionary Cooperative Plan, is assigned a Missionary order, diocese, or endeavor, and a speaker comes for a weekend to seek free-will offerings in support of these missionary efforts. This year, we have been assigned AIM USA (Alliance for International Monasticism). AIM USA is made up of 450 English-speaking Benedictine and Cistercian monasteries in Africa, Asia, and Central & South America.

These monks and sisters form centers of prayer, education, health, and agriculture in some of the poorest regions of the world. We will welcome Fr. John Fortin, a Benedictine monk from St. Anselm Abbey in Manchester NH, who will be with us to make the appeal at all the Masses next weekend. Free will baskets will be at the doors to collect your donations as you leave. Please look through the brochure given out today, listen to Father John's appeal, and do whatever you can to help AIM USA reach the poorest of the poor!

### **NEW!** *New Sound System Is In!*

You didn't need to read this – obviously you heard it! Over the coming weeks, the technicians will be making "tweaks" that might be needed, but, we are very blessed with a new state-of-the-art system. We are very grateful to the major benefactors and to all who gave in the free will offering in early June to make this possible. We are also grateful to Kevin Schladenhauffen for all his help over the years in helping the old system hold on a bit longer and using his knowledge of sound systems to help us be able to cover our needs. His emergency repairs and troubleshooting at a moment's notice have been most appreciated. Now, hopefully, he will be like the Maytag repair man, with our new system up and running!

### **NEW!** *Support Our Advertisers!*

Please take the time to look through those ads that fill the last two pages of our bulletin. There are some wonderful services and top-notch businesses represented there, and their generosity pays for the publication of our weekly bulletin and gives us added revenue each year which is used to fund our various other printing and publication needs. We are most grateful to them! When you need and use their services, please be sure to tell them you saw their ad here! If anyone has a services/business and would like to join our advertisers, please contact Bon Venture Services at 800-883-4343. Thank you for considering it!

### **NEW!** *Recently Baptized*

We warmly welcome **Maryann Sieper** and **Hannah Sullivan**, 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 soul of **Andrew Hogan** and **Mary Allen**, whose Funeral Masses/services were recently celebrated in our parish. To their families we extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayerful support as well.

### **NEW!** *Anniversary Celebration*

Bishop Libasci invites all couples who are celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or beyond Wedding Anniversary (anytime during the year 2017), to attend a Special Anniversary Mass. This celebration will be held on **October 15th** at 2:00 PM at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. **If you are celebrating one of these "milestone" anniversaries, please contact the parish office by September 22nd.** We will need your last names, first names, and a mailing address. Please also indicate your special anniversary year. By providing your name to your Parish Office, you will be registered and receive an invitation. There is no need for the couple to RSVP.

### **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](mailto:egziabrown@comcast.net).

## **NEW 20/20 SERIES BEGINS SOON!**

Tickets for the next 20/20 Raffle series will be available after weekend Masses and also during the week at the Eileen Daly Pastoral Center, 436-4555.

## Coming this Fall!



Are you interested in getting together with a group of women to explore your faith? You don't have much Scripture knowledge, but you would like to see how the Scriptures apply to your everyday life? If so, we invite you to consider joining *Walking with Purpose* coming this fall to Corpus Christi Parish sponsored by the CCP Women's Ministry.

Walking with Purpose is a Catholic Bible study for women that aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Christ. Through personal study and small group discussions, the group helps to link our everyday challenges with solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church.

### Open House and Start Dates Coming Soon!

You can visit [www.walkingwithpurpose.com](http://www.walkingwithpurpose.com) for more information. Or, call Lisa Bald 207-337-0934 or email [corpuschristiwwp@gmail.com](mailto:corpuschristiwwp@gmail.com).

## Youth Ministry

### The Fun Continues!

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

**Tuesdays from 7:30-9 PM at St. Catherine**

- \*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](mailto:youthmin.ccnh@gmail.com).

## Respect Life

### *Did you know?*

**Birthright** is confidential help for a crisis pregnancy and it also gives free pregnancy tests. Call 24 hours toll free 1-800-550-4900. Locally, you can call 436-5558, stop by (mornings) 323 Islington St. in Portsmouth, or visit [www.birthright.org](http://www.birthright.org).

**New Generation** is a home for homeless pregnant women. **436-4989**

**Project Rachel** is hope, help and healing after an abortion. **1-800-562-5249**



Many thanks to all who came together on Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, for our Family Fun & Faith Night! It was great to see so many families enjoying great food, time to relax, and fun activities. There was something for children of all ages, from the very popular face painting and craft tables, to the pool noodle obstacle course, and of course – Human Foosball! Congratulations to the Gauvin family who were the lucky winners of a \$75.00 Bowl-O-Rama gift card in our raffle drawing.

To our many volunteers who helped with set up, serving, kitchen prep, and clean up, we give a heartfelt thank you. Many thanks to our Men's Ministry grill masters who not only cooked, but also helped serve the meal.

Special thanks to those who, together with our Family Formation team, helped plan and organize the event: Tammie Carney, Kathy Kelleher, Suzy Gagnon, Kimberly Pierog, and Martin Callahan.

### Did your family miss it?

### Don't worry!

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, August 9th**, 5:30-7:30 PM, for our Family Fun & Faith Night luau-themed evening!

### Thinking about Baptism?

Since its first days, the Church has been entrusted with baptizing "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" and teaching what the Lord Jesus had taught his disciples (Matthew 28:19-20). When parents present their child for Baptism, they are asking the Church to receive their child as a member of the Body of Christ here on earth. If you are thinking about baptism for your child, please contact Roxanne Raeside Wilton at [evangelize.ccnh@gmail.com](mailto:evangelize.ccnh@gmail.com) or call 603-436-4555. X24. Our parish family looks forward to welcoming your child into our community of believers.

### Learn Conversational Italian

All are 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!

### Parish Mass on TV and Online

In addition to the televised Mass on Channel 98, Corpus Christi Parish has its own YouTube Channel, where you can view the weekly Mass. Just visit [CorpusChristiNH.org](http://CorpusChristiNH.org), look for the "Media" drop down menu, and choose "Recorded Parish Mass." Bullet point #2 is called "Via Our YouTube Channel." Click to find our weekly Masses, listed by date.

## Community Postings

### Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents

The Emmaus Ministry is a Catholic ministry for parents whose children of any age have died of any cause, no matter how long ago. Losing a child under any circumstance is horrific. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. All are welcome to attend a one-day spiritual retreat on **August 5** at St. Anthony Shrine in Boston. For more information on this and other retreat times and locations, call 617-542-8057 or visit [www.emfgp.org](http://www.emfgp.org).

### Volunteers for Family Reception Center?

NH Catholic Charities invites you to become a volunteer for the Family Reception Center at Strafford County House of Corrections. When a family member is incarcerated, the whole family feels the anguish and suffering. Many families feel isolated and confused. Is God asking you to be present to these families through the Family Reception Center? Please think and pray about this.

As a volunteer, you will offer a friendly greeting, a cup of coffee, and most of all a supportive presence, either before or after their visit with a loved one. If you wish to learn more about this opportunity, you can log on to their website, <http://co.strafford.nh.us/family-reception-area>, where you can also find an application to volunteer. If you have any questions, please call Sr. Helene at Catholic Charities, 603-332-7701, or Donna Coriaty, 603-742-8559.



### 21st Annual St. Charles 5K Road Race

The 21st Annual St. Charles 5K Road Race will be here before you know it! Join us on **Labor Day, Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**, at 9:00 AM for a day of fun & exercise at Martin's Point Health Care, on Pease International Tradeport in Portsmouth. There will be tons of food including Tommy Maddie and his crew from Applebee's, activities for the kids, raffles, and awards.

Our race has a flat, fast course and cash awards for fast runners. At the same time, it welcomes children, beginners, and walkers. Don't miss this encouraging opportunity to support St. Charles Children's Home and encounter a great race experience no matter what level you are. Please visit [www.runningnuns.com](http://www.runningnuns.com) to register online or to print a registration form. Preregister by August 31st for \$20; registration the day of the race is \$30; kids 12 and under are always \$10. Free T-shirts to the first 600 registrations! Volunteers Needed – contact Jennifer Gilbert at [jjgilbert@stcharleshome.com](mailto:jjgilbert@stcharleshome.com) or 603-332-4768!

## Commitment to Care for the Earth

In June we celebrated the second anniversary of Pope Francis's encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, which has had such a profound effect on people's consciousness worldwide. It seems good at this bountiful time of summer to review and renew our commitment to care for our common home.

The Catholic Climate Covenant has offered a good way to help us to do that. It is called the *Laudato Si'* pledge, which you can access at <http://livalaudatosi.org/>. The link will bring you to the pledge itself, which is very simple and straightforward. The second part of the *Laudato Si'* pledge calls us to "Live More Simply." Below are ten practical ways to do that. Hope you find these ideas inspiring and helpful!

### 10 ways to live more simply

In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis invites us to, "return to that simplicity which allows us to stop and appreciate the small things, to be grateful for the opportunities which life affords us, to be spiritually detached from what we possess, and not to succumb to sadness for what we lack" (222). As a way to live *Laudato Si'*, we invite you to look for ways to use less, to share more, and to focus on relationships instead of things.

1. Buy less stuff—Before purchasing something new, ask yourself, "Do I need this? Does this bring me joy?" Have clothes, shoes, and other items repaired rather than throwing them out.
2. Buy more consciously—Look for goods that have less packaging. For instance, don't buy individually wrapped cheese, or individual snack packs. Buy fewer things, but spend more to buy local, or support businesses that pay fair wages.
3. Eat more intentionally—Go meat free. See if you can reduce your meat consumption at least one day each week, or reduce consumption of animal products. Buy local and in season fruits and vegetables, or try growing your own.
4. Waste less—Reduce food waste, and avoid throwing away food whenever possible. Always bring your own bags when going grocery shopping.
5. Share more—Look for ways to share with others in your community, such as a yard or house equipment library, or organizing toy or clothing swaps with the neighbors. Share your time by finding ways to volunteer or supporting community groups.
6. Drive Less —Talk to friends about sharing a car or vehicle for grocery trips, to and from Church and other opportunities. Bike, walk, or use public transportation whenever possible.
7. Nurture your relationships—Prioritize your time with family and friends. Find free and or inexpensive ways to spend time together like going on walks, playing games. Institute personal or family time when no one will use electronics.
8. Take quality time for yourself—Spend a week keeping track of your and your family's time. Identify if there are places you're wasting your time that could instead be spent intentionally. And try to take time to be in nature every day.
9. Examine your lifestyle for waste. Turn the air conditioning up by one degree, or the heat down by one degree. Don't buy bottled water if the tap water is safe to drink. Cut down on your "phantom energy" use—unplug items when they don't need to be charged.
10. Take time to pray and give thanks—Spend time every day to pray, to give thanks, and to savor the things that you do have.