

Week of August 6, 2017

The Pastor's Musings

Dear Family in the Lord,

The Feast of the Transfiguration today celebrates the “mountain moment” of Jesus and His disciples, a moment that would then lead to a return to the journey and challenges that awaited. The open doors of our church – all day, every day, from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM – are an invitation to us today to “climb the mountain”!

The story of the transfiguration event is a good example of the strength and assurance we can derive from prayer while facing the challenges and difficulties of life. The purpose of Christ's ascent was to seek divine guidance in quiet prayer. If we are to get away from living the half-life, under cover of darkness or clouds, and discover what God's plan is for us, we need periods of peace and tranquility so that God's voice is not drowned out. It always happens that the more we come to know God, the better we come to know ourselves. Prayer is about being in the presence of the Lord, listening to Him, and experiencing His strength in our movement through life. It gives us courage and confidence and helps us to confirm that, as we journey on our pilgrimage from youth to old age, there is a purpose and an end in view, that God is calling us home! He calls us to trust Him as we meet the uncertainties, the alterations of our plans, and the unexpected and often unwanted twists and turns of life.



Prayer helps us see the world through the eyes of God. While it does not remove or take away our problems, it helps us to face them with courage and strength. We can only be true disciples by sharing our faith and assisting others making the journey in our company. God encourages others through us – not in mysterious ways, but in the human words and kindly actions we show them. In this way, the glory of the Lord shines through our lives and we grow brighter as we are turned into the image of the One we are to reflect!

The invitation to mountain top renewal and reinvigoration, of encounter with Jesus Himself, the beloved of the Father and One worth listening to, is extended... the church doors are open! Come; let us climb the mountain of the Lord!

With you on the Journey,

The Transfiguration of the Lord

The Week at a Glance

Monday, August 7

Tuesday, August 8

YM Fun Night (Dodgeball) 7:30PM (SC)
Televised Parish Mass – 7 PM, Channel 98

Wednesday, August 9

Prayer Cenacle – 2:00 PM (IC C)

Thursday, August 10

Exposition/Adoration – 8:30AM-12PM (IC)
Prayer Shawl Ministry–2PM (Middle St Baptist)
Televised Parish Mass – 7 PM, Channel 98

Friday, August 11

Wedding Rehearsal – 5:00 PM (IC C)
Italian Class – 7:00 PM (EDPC LL)

Saturday, August 12

Wedding Liturgy – 1:00 PM (IC C)
Rosary – 3:30 PM (IC C)

Sunday, August 13

Televised Parish Mass – 10 AM, Channel 98
Baptism – 12:00 PM (IC C)
Choir Practice Spanish Mass – 1:00 PM (ICH)
Rosary – 1:30 PM (IC C)
Spanish Mass – 2:00 PM (IC C)

Sanctuary Lamp & Votives

At Immaculate Conception Church, the sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Rosemarie Boucher, as requested by her husband.

The votives at the Mary altar will burn for Lindsay DiNapoli, as requested by her husband Tom.

At the St. Joseph altar, the votives will burn in memory of Kathleen Visich, requested by Lis Connors.

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.

Intentions For Holy Mass

Monday	AUG 7	St. Sixtus II, St. Cajetan
8:00AM		<i>Mildred Burns, by Marilyn Chavez</i>
Tuesday	AUG 8	St. Dominic
8:00AM		<i>Rosemarie Boucher, by her Husband</i>
Wednesday	AUG 9	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
8:00AM		<i>Vincent Sacramone, by Arthur Sacramone</i>
Thursday	AUG 10	St. Lawrence
8:00AM		<i>T J Bassett, by the Maloney Family</i>
Friday	AUG 11	St. Clare
8:00AM		<i>Lindsay DiNapoli, by her husband Tom</i>
Saturday	AUG 12	St. Jane Frances de Chantal
8:00AM		<i>Christine & Edward Duffy, by Gareth Wilmott</i>
		Vigil 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time
4:00PM		<i>Helena Niland (6th anniversary), by her Husband & Family</i>
Sunday	AUG 13	19th Sunday of Ordinary Time
8:30AM		<i>Joseph Gionet, by his Wife & Family</i>
10:30AM		<i>Bob McDonough, by his Wife & Family</i>
2:00PM		in Spanish <i>Celebrant's Intention</i>
4:30PM		<i>Pro Populo (For our Parish Family)</i>

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

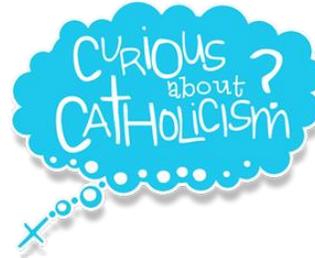
Our reflection	
of God's generosity to us!	
<u>Weekend of July 29/30, 2017</u>	
Envelopes/EFT	\$ 9,273.00
Loose	\$ 1,797.52
Total	\$ 11,070.52
<i>Last weekend 249 envelope/25 Online Giving users contributed % of our income.</i>	
Poor Box Donations	\$ 870.41
July Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 1,764.00
Parish to Parish Appeal	\$ 1,633.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 1,669.00

**NEW 20/20 RAFFLE
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.

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!

Who 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, please RSVP to Brenda at faithformdir.ccnh@gmail.com or leave a voicemail for her at 436-4555, X20. If you'd like to chat with Brenda or Fr. Gary 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.

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! *Welcome, Father John!*

We are happy to welcome Benedictine Father John Fortin, from St. Anselm Abbey in Manchester, who is here to make this year's Mission Co-Op appeal on behalf of AIM USA (Alliance for International Monasticism). AIM USA is a co-operative of Benedictine and Cistercian men and women who form centers of prayer, education, health, and agriculture for the poorest of the poor in Africa, Asia, and Central & South America. Your personal welcome of Fr. John and of his message, through your free will offerings today, are much appreciated! If you were not prepared to give today and would like to, simply make a check out to Corpus Christi Parish, with notation on bottom: AIM USA, and drop it into the collection next Sunday, putting it in an envelope you mark AIM USA as well. Thanks!

NEW! *Thank You, Father David!*

We are so thankful Fr. David is with us every day to offer Holy Mass while Fr. Gary is away on retreat and vacation in Portugal. We're very fortunate that daily Mass did not have to be cancelled and confessions are offered each day as usual.

NEW! *Eucharistic Adoration*



The Blessed Sacrament is exposed **every Thursday** after morning Mass until 12:00 Noon. All day adoration resumes in September. Daily exposition from 7:00 to 7:55 AM, Monday through Saturday, will resume this Saturday, August 12th, upon Fr. Gary's return. Remember, our church is open every day for your prayerful visits to Jesus, present in the Most Blessed Sacrament, from 7 AM to 8 PM. Don't miss this grace-full opportunity!

NEW! *Recently Baptized*

We warmly welcome **Erin Sullivan**, who was given new life through water and the Holy Spirit in our parish community! To her 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! *Wedding Bells!*

Next Saturday, **Maria DeStefano & Charles Burkhead** 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.

NEW! *Called Home to the Lord*

We remember in prayer the repose of the soul of **Erlon Gill**, whose Funeral service was recently celebrated in our parish. To his family we extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayerful support as well.

NEW! *Casino Trip*

Corpus Christi Parish will be sponsoring a bus trip to Foxwood Casino in Connecticut on **Friday, September 15th**. To sign up, call Marilyn Chavez at 436-0344. The cost is just \$35.00 per person (non-refundable) and includes a surprise package when you arrive. Call soon to reserve a spot!

NEW! *Farewell Photos*

Check out the parish website, www.corpuschristinh.org to view photos of the Farewell Liturgies for St. James and St. Catherine Churches. It was suggested that we make these photos, as well as the photos from the slide show retrospectives, available to parishioners. Thanks to the efforts of our photographers Jean Nelson and Ginger St. Clair, and to parish staff members Norm and Mary Kay, we are offering commemorative CDs for purchase for \$3 each. If you would like one, please call the parish office at 436-4555 with your name and phone number, and whether you want the St. James or St. Catherine CD (or both). We will then call you when the CDs, successfully tested on a Windows 7 computer and DVD player, are ready to be picked up!

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, to be celebrated on **October 15th** at 2:00 PM at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. If you are celebrating one of these "milestone" anniversaries this year, 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 signing up, you will be registered and receive an invitation. There is no need for the couple to RSVP.

NEW! *Traveling Vocation Icon*

This week, **Michel Bilodeau** will receive the Icon of Jesus Knocking at the Door into his 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.



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! *Oberammergau Passion Play in 2020*

Come join us on **Friday, September 15th** to learn about a trip to Oberammergau in Bavaria, Germany in 2020! This amazing presentation of the Passion Play began in 1633 and is only produced every 10 years. Matt from Collette Travel will present a slide show about the play and possible side trips. Please register for this info night by contacting Egizia Brown at 436-6381, 603-512-4754, or egziabrown@comcast.net.



Hey, check this out!!!

*We're changing it up!
Our annual fair will be new and improved!*

FALL FUN DAY

Featuring some old favorites,
but with some new twists!



Raffles

Games

Fair Food

Face Painting

Prizes

Fun for the whole family!



*Watch for ways you can plug in
to make this a great parish
FUN and FUNdraiser!*

Save The Date!!!

Saturday, October 28

9AM-2PM

St. James Hall



21st Annual St. Charles 5K Road Race

The 21st Annual St. Charles 5K Road Race will be here before you know it! Join us **Labor Day, Monday, September 4**, 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. Preregister by August 31st for \$20; registration the day of the race is \$30; kids 12 and under are always \$10. Please visit www.runningnuns.com to register online or to print a registration form. Free T-shirts to the first 600 registrations! Volunteers Needed – contact Jennifer Gilbert at jgilbert@stcharleshome.com or 603-332-4768!



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 for more information. Or, call Lisa Bald 207-337-0934 or email 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 8th: Glow-in-the-dark dodgeball

*August 15th: AMP

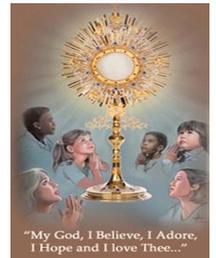
*August 22nd: Campfire & S'mores

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

Has your child ever experienced

Adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament?

So often parents hesitate to bring their young children to Adoration out of fear that they will be too noisy, too bored, or too active. FEAR NO MORE! All ages (babies on up!), are invited to a special short period of Exposition, guided Adoration and Benediction, specifically for children and their families, led by Fr. Gary Kosmowski, at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, on **Monday, August 21st**, at 9:30 AM (immediately following the 9AM daily Mass). Take a little time to bring your little ones to Jesus and start the last week of summer vacation with a meaningful and prayerful experience together. Questions? Please reach out to Jolene Nelson at nelson.jolene83@gmail.com or to Sherry Impastato at 603-926-2206.



"My God, I Believe, I Adore, I Hope and I love Thee..."

"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14)