

## The Pastor's Musings

Dear Family in the Lord,

In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 14:22-33), we have a seacoast scene that we can relate to. Even though the disciples were experienced sailors, we see panic set in, and in that panic Peter calls out to Jesus.



When confronted with stress and pressure of various kinds, we can be very much like Peter and we can identify with his temptation to despair. A sudden turn of events in life and we are faced with storms that threaten the peace and security we long for. At such moments, our faith can wane a bit, and we need to hear the words of Jesus directed to us: "Do not be afraid!" Life can have "sudden storms" arise, when hopes get dashed, a job is lost, illness enters in, or relationships fracture. We need to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus if we are to weather these storms and not find ourselves overwhelmed in panic mode.

Peter's mistake was that he turned to Jesus in real prayer only in a moment of crisis when he was paralyzed by fear and in danger of drowning. That is a lesson for all of us who tend to forget about God when all is going well, letting the relationship go on automatic pilot, and only becoming serious about prayer when problems and tragedies arise. The saying, "All we can do now is pray," betrays an attitude which regards prayer as a last resort when all else fails. Christ is with us and prepared to help us at all times, not just in our hour of desperation. If we turn to Jesus in all the circumstances of our lives, He will show us how different His presence makes everything, not only keeping us from being overwhelmed by the storms, but becoming more attuned to and in awe of the wonders and blessings of life, those things that often are taken for granted, underappreciated, or unnoticed.

The Gospel highlights the importance of faith and prayer in following Christ. When Peter accepted the Lord's invitation to come to Him across the waters, he was taking a risk – it was a leap in the dark, a journey into the unknown. Likewise, we have been invited by Jesus to leave our relative security and follow Him with conviction and courage through the storms and trials of life. He's right there – we need only keep focused on Him!

With you on the Journey,

## The Week at a Glance

### Monday, August 14

### Tuesday, August 15

Holy Day Masses: 8:00 AM  
12:10 PM  
7:00 PM

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

### Wednesday, August 16

Prayer Cenacle – 2:00 PM (IC C)  
Finance Council Mtg – 6:30 PM (VH)

### Thursday, August 17

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

### Friday, August 18

Italian Class – 7:00 PM (EDPC LL)

### Saturday, August 19

Baptism – 9:00 AM (IC C)  
Baptism – 10:00 AM (IC C)  
Fiesta! 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM (SC grounds)  
Rosary – 3:30 PM (IC C)

### Sunday, August 20

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

## Sanctuary Lamp & Votives

*The sanctuary lamp will burn this week for Irene Lebel, requested by his wife Frances.*

*The votives at the Mary altar will in memory of Helena Niland, as requested by her family.*

*At the St. Joseph altar, the votives will burn in memory of J. Arthur Laroche, requested by his wife Lorraine and family.*

## 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**     **AUG 14 St. Maximilian Kolbe**  
8:00AM     *John Hynes (3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary),  
by his Family*
- Tuesday**   **AUG 15 The Assumption of the  
                  Blessed Virgin Mary**  
8:00AM     *Mary & Edmund Skelly, by their Family*  
12:10PM    *Peter Mento, by Frank & Kate Giordano*  
7:00PM     *Pro Populo (For our Parish Family)*
- Wednesday** **AUG 16 St. Stephen of Hungary**  
8:00AM     *Mary Louise Filteau,  
by Arthur Sacramone*
- Thursday**   **AUG 17 Feria (weekday)**  
8:00AM     *Kathleen Morrissey, by her Family*
- Friday**      **AUG 18 Feria**  
8:00AM     *Glenn MacDonald,  
by Lisa, Michael, & Brady Roche*
- Saturday**   **AUG 19 St. John Eudes**  
8:00AM     *Catherine Athanasiou,  
by her husband Odysias*  
**Vigil     20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
4:00PM     *Edward & Helen Podbielski,  
by Sylvia Stewart and Al Stewart Jr.*
- Sunday**      **AUG 20 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
8:30AM     *Edward Podbielski and Jim Grolemond,  
by Sylvia Stewart*  
10:30AM    *Carl F. Anania (36<sup>th</sup> anniversary),  
by his Wife & Family*  
2:00PM     **in Spanish**     *Celebrant's Intention*  
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 August 5/6, 2017**

Envelopes/EFT	\$ 10,437.01
Loose	\$ 1,579.07
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,016.08</b>

*Last weekend 225 envelope/40 Online Giving users contributed 87 % of our income.*

**Poor Box Donations                     \$ 618.50**

**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.



**Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother**

**This Tuesday, August 15th**, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation. In the Eastern Church this day is known as the Feast of the "Dormition," or the "falling asleep" of the Mother of God. The singular privilege given to Mary, because she was preserved from Original Sin (Immaculate Conception), is that her body did not undergo corruption in the grave at the time of death but, rather, she was assumed, taken up body and soul into heaven. From her place at the side of her Son, we have her as Intercessor most faithful, loving, and powerful!

**Join us as we gather for Holy Mass at 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM, or 7:00 PM.**



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 [corpuschristiwp@gmail.com](mailto:corpuschristiwp@gmail.com).

## Parish News

### **NEW!** *Parish & Joe on Facebook*

We invite you to go to *Corpus Christi Parish, Portsmouth* on Facebook and “like” us and “follow” in order to receive a daily point for reflection posted by Fr. Gary. Our seminarian Joe also posts daily with some wonderful excerpts that help us understand our Catholic faith more deeply and thus live it more enthusiastically and authentically. You can go to *Joseph Moynahan* on Facebook to “like” and “follow.” We are happy to hear how many of you check these daily reflections each morning and have found them a source of formation and inspiration.

### **NEW!** *Summer Assignments Done*

Our resident seminarians have completed their summer assignments and will be with us in these coming days before a new Academic year begins on August 30th at St. John Seminary. Joe and Mike start then. Dan, our newest seminarian, will start with orientation days beginning August 26th.

### **NEW!** *Parish Mission 2017*

Save Sunday – Tuesday, **October 1, 2, & 3** to be with us nightly at 7:00 PM for an energizing, life-renewing, and inspiring Parish Mission with lay evangelist John Leonetti, who offers “one of the most dynamic and inspiring Parish Missions in the country today,” according to author and speaker Matthew Kelly. We are so excited that we have been able to book this dynamic presenter for our Mission. Since Fr. Gary instituted annual Missions in 2012, we have been focusing over the past years on deepening our appreciation for and understanding of our Catholic faith. This year, our Mission will help us with ideas and inspiration for sharing that Catholic faith in the opportunities of our daily lives as intentional disciples of Jesus, not simply fans! Save the dates! Invite friends! Watch for more!

### **NEW!** *Holy Water Basin*

Within the church we have a large, stainless steel container filled with Holy Water for those who wish to procure some for home use. Up until recently, it was in front of the first pew near the Divine Mercy Shrine. With the placement of the statue of St. John Vianney, patron of priests and seminarians, from our Vocation Shrine in the former St. Catherine Church to this location up front, the Holy Water container has now been relocated to the back of the church, behind the last side pew.

### **NEW!** *Called Home to the Lord*

We remember in prayer the repose of the soul of **Wayne Brooks**, whose Funeral Mass 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!** *Feast of Black Madonna*

This year, the Feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa, whose Holy Icon is venerated in a Votive Shrine in our Church, falls on **Saturday, August 26th**. Holy Mass for the Feast will be at 8:00 AM, and in the evening we invite you to join us at 7:00 PM for a Holy Hour of Prayer with Mary, Mother of Mercy and Intercessor most powerful! In the past years, we have entrusted our seminarians and all discerning vocations to her on this feast day and will do so once again. We hope you will join us!



### **NEW!** *Farewell Photos*

Check out the parish website, [www.corpuschristinh.org](http://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!** *Wedding 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!** *Spiritual Gifts*

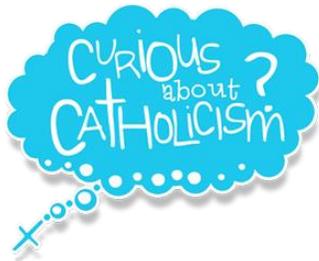
Would you like to prayerfully remember a departed loved one, maybe on their anniversary of death or birthday? Or, maybe remember and ask birthday blessings for a relative or friend who is living, or pray for healing of illness, or remember a wedding anniversary or other significant day? You could do this in some of the following ways as a spiritual gift for them in the House of the Lord!

- Have the Sanctuary Lamp burn for the intention for a week (Offering: \$15/week)
- Have the two votive candles burn for a week at the altar of St. Joseph or our Lady (Offering: \$10/week)
- Have flowers adorn the high altar for a week (two bouquets for \$100)

Contact Mary Kay in our office to reserve a date now. These, like the Mass Intentions, fill up quickly. She has some cards you can send to one who is living telling them of the spiritual gift you are offering for them.

## 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](mailto: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](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!



## 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 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).

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

### **NEW!** *21<sup>st</sup> 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**, 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. To register online or to print a registration form, please visit [www.runningnuns.com](http://www.runningnuns.com). Free T-shirts to the first 600 registrations! Volunteers Needed – contact Jennifer Gilbert at [jgilbert@stcharleshome.com](mailto:jgilbert@stcharleshome.com) or 603-332-4768!

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