

## The Pastor's Musings

Dear Family in the Lord,

The days of Summer are waning! A sad thought for sure, but, there is an excitement as a new season of opportunities is right around the corner! In our parish, these will be busy and exciting days! Soon we will be relocating our parish offices from their present location at the former St. James Rectory on Lafayette Road to the newly-renovated facility, the former St. Catherine Rectory on Woodbury Avenue. Watch the bulletin for updates on this and, please note that we will need to be closed for a few days for official "moving in," so be sure to keep watch for details. We are really looking forward to this new space and all that lies ahead!

Soon our old school will open its doors for the last year – and a first year as St. Patrick Academy! The construction on the new school is on target and going well. The staff and board of the Hope for Tomorrow Foundation, which is administering the school, have an exciting year planned for this transition year, happy to be welcoming back familiar families and welcoming many new ones as we move forward, embracing a future full of hope!

I'm excited about this year's Parish Mission! I can't believe we were able to book the presenter who is coming! Look elsewhere in this bulletin for a note about dates to save! I am looking forward to meeting informally in the back patio area of the rectory on August 30th with those interested in checking out more info about the RCIA process. This "Curious About Catholicism" night is described elsewhere in this bulletin, and some "Is It Time to Belong?" flyers are available at the church doors to take and give as an invitation to someone you may know who might be interested. In mid-September we will begin the "Hey I Was Wondering" weekly informal get-togethers, a new ongoing opportunity for adult faith enrichment. Come to any or all. It will be fun, and I look forward to delving into the richness of our faith with you!

Soon, Hershey, Buddy, and I will be rambling around Vianney House without the resident seminarians around. The dogs always mope around and suffer the effects of losing all the extra attention. The guys bring great joy and energy to the house. It's a pleasure and privilege for me to share life with these fine men in formation for the Priesthood. I'm inspired by them and given much hope! Please pray for them daily! Thanks to all who joined our Vocation Support Association last Fall. We will be doing a re-signup appeal later in September and there will be an opportunity for new folks to plug in too as a tangible sign of support for seminarians Joe (entering 3rd year), Mike (2nd), and Dan (just starting). Dan leaves next Saturday for his orientation days; Mike and Joe head out on the 30th.

I also ask your prayers for me and a committee of wonderful priests who are working as a Vocation Action Committee to enhance and expand what we do for vocation support, discernment, and accompaniment in our Diocese. Some great things are in the works! I was very happy to accept the Bishop's invitation to chair this committee, and I've been inspired by the zeal, creativity, and vision of my brother priests. Pray for our efforts in the coming months!



In addition, we will soon begin a whole host of other programs. We will be welcoming internationally-known Sherry Weddell (who will ignite us for Intentional Discipleship) and our Bring It Home Program, which really enriched many families last year, will begin its second season! (If you've yet to register your family and kids, aged pre-kindergarten through high school, for Bring It Home! please do so online or get materials at the doors of the church.

It will be an exciting Fall! Please pray fervently that the Spirit, stirring among us, may lead us all deeper in our walk with the Lord as a community that is seeking to be, as our Mission Statement on the bulletin cover puts it, "Rooted... Seeking... Welcoming!"

With you on the Journey,

## The Week at a Glance

Monday, August 21

Tuesday, August 22

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

Wednesday, August 23

Prayer Cenacle – 2:00 PM (IC C)

Thursday, August 24

Exposition/Adoration – 8:30AM-12PM (IC)  
SPA Meet & Greet – 8AM & 3PM  
Televised Parish Mass – 7 PM, Channel 98

Friday, August 25

Italian Class – 7:00 PM (EDPC LL)

Saturday, August 26

Rosary – 3:30 PM (IC C)  
Holy Hour, Feast of the Black Madonna-7PM

Sunday, August 27

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)



### Traveling Vocation Icon

This week, Don & Patti Loidice 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 21 St. Pius X**  
8:00AM *Jeremiah Quirk, by his Family*
- Tuesday AUG 22 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
8:00AM *Joseph & Anne Parmentola, by Family*
- Wednesday AUG 23 St. Rose of Lima**  
8:00AM *Charles & Elsen Fleckenstein, by Sue Ford*
- Thursday AUG 24 St. Bartholomew**  
8:00AM *Eleanor Kelliher, by Frances Lebel*
- Friday AUG 25 St. Louis St. Joseph Calasanz**  
8:00AM *Harry Dowdell, by Frances Lebel*
- Saturday AUG 26 Our Lady of Czestochowa**  
8:00AM *Stanley Wojnar, by his son Rick*  
**Vigil 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
4:00PM *Andre Deshaies, by his Wife & Family*
- Sunday AUG 27 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
8:30AM *Irene Laverdiere, by Glen & Kate Gordon*  
10:30AM *Josephine Singer, by the Brown Family*  
2:00PM **in Spanish** *Celebrant's Intention*  
4:30PM *Pro Populo (for the people of our parish)*

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



**FEAST OF THE BLACK MADONNA**

**Next Saturday, August 26th**, is the Feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa, a holy icon that is one of the oldest images of our Lady known to Christians. We have a beautiful 100+ year old copy of this ancient icon venerated in the Votive Shrine of our Church. Many miracles and special graces have been attributed to the veneration of this Holy Icon and the powerful intercession of our Lady, venerated as Mother of Mercy, one who suffers with us and shares our joys and our pains, as she bears the slashes on her face. In the image she directs our gaze to her Son, held in her arms, and He directs us to her as one who prays with us.

In our parish, we have offered special prayer to her on this day to intercede for our seminarians about to begin a new year, entrusting them to her maternal care, and to ask her intercession for all discerning church vocations. Join us as we bring our needs to her and entrust our resident seminarians Joe, Mike, and Dan to her next Saturday.

**HOLY MASS** will be celebrated at 8:00 AM.

**HOLY HOUR** of prayer to Jesus through Mary will begin at 7:00 PM, including reflective Rosary, meditation on the Black Madonna, and adoration, concluding with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

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

**Weekend of August 12/13, 2017**

Envelopes/EFT	\$ 11,316.00
Loose	\$ 2,005.33
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,321.33</b>

*Last weekend 232 envelope/43 Online Giving users contributed 85 % of our income.*

<b>Poor Box Donations</b>	<b>\$ 697.49</b>
<b>Mission Co-op Collection</b>	<b>\$ 4,463.61</b>

**No Vacation from Bills!**

*You know it as well, but, just a reminder that if summer travel takes you away some weekends, it is most appreciated when you make up for missed weekly offering when you return. Many do, and we are grateful, but still, offertory dips over the summer. Hopefully, this little "heads up" will help our \$ gauge not decline in these days when the temperature gauge climbs! ☺ Thank you for your consideration and support!*

**Sanctuary Lamp & Votives**

*The sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Andre Deshaies, requested by his wife & children.*

*The votives at the Mary altar will burn for Eleanor Kelliher and Harry Dowdell, as requested by Frances Lebel.*

*At the St. Joseph altar, the votives will burn with Birthday Blessings for Phil Armitage and Kathy Kelleher.*

**Altar Flowers**

*The flowers on the high altar this week were given in memory of Grace von Bartheld, on the second anniversary of her death on August 17<sup>th</sup>, and on what would have been her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 21<sup>st</sup>, donated by her daughter, Terry Sofarelli.*

## Parish News

### **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!** *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.

### **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 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.

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

### **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!** *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!** *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.



### **NEW!** *Car Wash for Cross Roads House!*

In honor of its mission to foster within young people a commitment to justice, service and moral leadership, St. Thomas Aquinas High School is facilitating a “Charity Car Wash Day” **next Sunday, August 27, 1 – 4 PM**. STA student-athletes will be washing cars in the St. James parking lot. All donations will directly benefit Cross Roads House.

## 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!

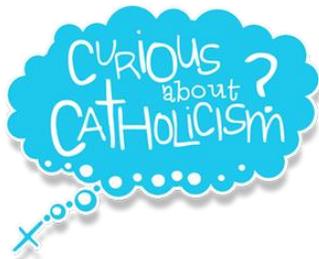
This is actually the title of a weekly information series that Fr. Gary is planning to offer starting this Fall. All are invited! You can bring friends – Catholics, non-Catholics, inactive, or active. Come to any, or make it a weekly "date" to join in! The weekly topics will be printed in the bulletin 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!



## 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).



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 22nd: Campfire & S'mores

For more information or questions, please contact Brittany at [youthmin.ccnh@gmail.com](mailto:youthmin.ccnh@gmail.com).



## Academy Update

### Calling St. Pat's Alumni

Mr. Jeff Morris, our good neighbor from across the street, VP for Institutional Advancement at SPA, father of an alumnae, and legend on the basketball court, is calling out St. Pat's alumni. Please spread the word! Email Jeff Morris your Testimonial Story at [jmorris@saintpatrickacademy.org](mailto:jmorris@saintpatrickacademy.org); he wants to hear from you!

### The First Volunteer Event of SPA History!

Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers who generously gave their time to move the school library down one floor. We are a great community!

### Visit our Building Site!

Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ 4:00 PM ~ Check it out!