

## The Pastor's Musings

Dear Family in the Lord,

This week we keep all students and teachers in our prayers in a special way as a new academic year gets underway at all levels. Locally, we are excited as the old St. Patrick Parish School has transitioned into St.

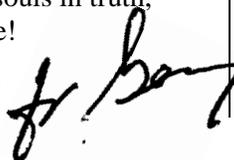
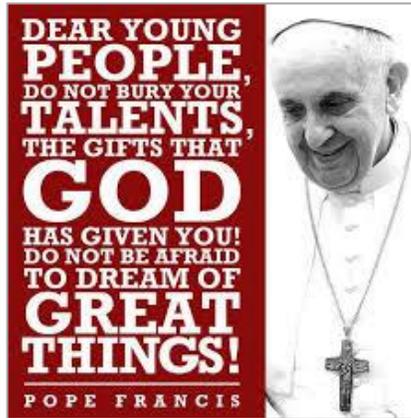
Patrick Academy and begins a new school year for one last time in our current building on Austin Street while construction is well underway and proceeding on schedule for the new school building on Banfield Road. We are happy to have a number of new families as part of the school community, as well as many familiar faces that make the St. Patrick community very special! Let's keep Head of School Mark, his staff, and all those entrusted to their care in our prayers throughout the year, along with the Hope for Tomorrow Foundation team who are administering the school and overseeing the construction effort. Our Seacoast community is richly blest! This could have all turned out much differently if it were not for a deep love and appreciation for the value of authentic Catholic education today that has been manifested in so many ways!

A number of our young people are heading off to college in these days as well. Among these are a great group who are so generous in sharing their time with us and enthusiastic in their sharing in parish life. We will miss seeing those who've been involved in serving at the altar, in youth ministry, and in being a regular participant in parish life. We look forward to "homecoming occasions" and having them back among us. I am really proud of the real and rooted faith that a number of our young adults manifest!

And, among those heading back to school are the seminarians. They are most appreciative of your prayers and personal support. It means a lot to have a "concrete" community in your mind and heart as you meet the obligations and challenges of daily Seminary life and formation. Joe starts his third year and Mike his second this week. Dan is already at the Seminary, preparing to begin his first year with some days of orientation. I guess Hershey and Buddy will be expecting me to kick the attention up a notch now that Vianney house is emptying out!

At all levels, in various settings, let us pray that all students grow to be, in the words of St. Paul, "strong, loving, and wise." May Christ the Teacher and Shepherd be the inspiration to all educators who can form minds, hearts, and souls in truth, virtue, and values that point toward fullness of life!

With you on the Journey,

## The Week at a Glance

### Monday, August 28

First day of school at St. Patrick Academy!

### Tuesday, August 29

### Wednesday, August 30

Prayer Cenacle - 2:00 PM (IC C)

K of C Meeting - 6:00 PM (IC H)

RCIA Info Night - 6:30 PM (VH)

### Thursday, August 31

Exposition/Adoration - 8:30AM-12PM (IC)

Wedding Rehearsal - 4:00 PM (IC C)

### Friday, September 1

Wedding Liturgy - 4:00 PM (IC C)

Wedding Rehearsal - 5:30 PM (IC C)

Italian Class - 7:00 PM (EDPC LL)

### Saturday, September 2

Wedding Liturgy - 1:00 PM (IC C)

Rosary - 3:30 PM (IC C)

Wedding Rehearsal - 6:00 PM (IC C)

### Sunday, September 3

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 in memory of Mary-Ellen Sanders, as requested by Lis & Ted Connors.

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 Jeannette Sheridan.

Families Living the Good News

## Bring It Home!

A Corpus Christi Parish Program

### Registration now open for 2017-2018 year!

Register online at [BringItHomeccnh.org](http://BringItHomeccnh.org), or look for registration forms and calendars at the church doors. We appreciate your prompt registration, as it helps us in planning!



### Traveling Vocation Icon

This week, **Jack & Dottie Corrado** 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 28 St. Augustine**  
8:00AM Evelyn Orzechowski, by her Family
- Tuesday AUG 29 Passion of St. John the Baptist**  
8:00AM Julia Parnell, by Maryann Parnell
- Wednesday AUG 30 Feria (weekday)**  
8:00AM Peter Braseth, by the Maloney Family
- Thursday AUG 31 Feria**  
8:00AM Donald Gault, by Elaine Biron
- Friday SEP 1 Feria**  
8:00AM John Trombi, by Colette Willging
- Saturday SEP 2 Feria**  
8:00AM Pro Populo (For our Parish Family)  
**Vigil 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
4:00PM Tunney Shea, by his Wife & Daughter
- Sunday SEP 3 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
8:30AM Patricia Dunn Turner (30<sup>th</sup> anniversary),  
by Charlie & Kelly Turner  
10:30AM Bob McDonough, by K of C Council 140  
2:00PM **in Spanish** Intentions of Ivan Helsel,  
by Ramona Yuva  
4:30PM Sr. Bernadette, by the Maloney Family

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



**Want To Explore Catholicism?**

This week, on **Wednesday night**, we will be having an informal info night about the RCIA process for those who might want to be a part of it this Fall. The process is for adults never baptized, baptized in another Christian denomination, or baptized Catholic but not brought up in the faith. The process is a relaxed, open Journey of Faith that begins with some inquiry “Come & See” sessions and then continues on, for those who wish to continue the journey, to explore the Word of God and teachings of the Church more deeply. For those who feel so called, the process leads up to receiving the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist – at Easter. Those already baptized in another denomination are not re-baptized, but rather, are received into the Church, and receive the other two Sacraments to complete their initiation.

Is this you? A friend, spouse, relative? Come, invite them to come to hear more about the process this Wednesday. We will gather at the rectory, Vianney House, right next door to the church at 6:30 PM. Take a brochure from the church entry to share with someone you know!

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

**Weekend of August 19/20, 2017**

Envelopes/EFT	\$ 11,633.00
Loose	<u>\$ 2,081.57</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,714.57</b>

Last weekend 232 envelope/44 Online Giving users contributed 85 % of our income.

<b>Poor Box Donations</b>	<b>\$ 904.64</b>
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¡Gracias!

Our Fiesta was fantastic! Many thanks for a great day, fun for all, and delicious food from a variety of Spanish-speaking countries, along with celebration of faith centered on our Lady, with special music and dance offered by our special guests! Our gratitude for this collaborative effort of our Hispanic Apostolate and our Faith Formation team and volunteers! It was a great community-building event, and the proceeds of **\$1350.00** will go towards the parish’s operating budget. Muchas gracias a todos!

Hey, I Was Wondering...

As we’ve announced all Summer, we will be offering a weekly opportunity to explore various aspects of faith, church practices, and things we might want to understand more deeply. Fr. Gary will offer this informal talk and open forum for Q & A each week. You can make it a weekly event, or come whenever you wish. Weekly topics will be printed in the bulletin for upcoming four weeks at a time. Topics will be determined by what is submitted on the “Hey, I was Wondering” slips that you take from a basket at the door, fill it out, and drop it into the collection in an envelope marked “Hey, I was Wondering...” The startup schedule for Fall sessions will be in next Sunday’s bulletin and the slips to submit your ideas for future weekly topic of focus will be out in a basket at the main door next weekend.

## Parish News

### **NEW!** *Adoration Opportunities*

The Blessed Sacrament is currently exposed **every Thursday** from 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon. **Beginning on September 7th**, adoration will extend to 5:00 PM. A sign-up list for those who can make the commitment to be a weekly scheduled adorer is out in the back of the church. We need to be assured of at least 2 persons before the Blessed Sacrament during hours of exposition. In addition to every Thursday, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed every morning, Monday through Saturday, from 7:00 to 7:55 AM, prior to Holy Mass.

### **NEW!** *Music Ministry Invitation*

We are certainly richly blessed in our parish music ministers – instrumentalists, vocalists, contemporary music groups, schola, and our parish choir. As of the September 9/10 weekend, our groups will be back after a summer break. Our Parish Choir sings at the principal Sunday Mass each week at 10:30 AM. As many who attend this Mass regularly can attest, they add so much to our sung prayer at this solemn celebration. Other groups, along with our great crew of cantors, alternate among the other three Masses each weekend. Would you like to be part of our Music Ministry? You would be most welcome and a new season start up is a great time to plug in! Simply go up to the loft after Mass to see our Music director Lisa or email her at [musicdir.ccnh@gmail.com](mailto:musicdir.ccnh@gmail.com).

The efforts of our Music Ministry are certainly bearing much fruit as they seek to support the song of our congregation, and, we are growing week by week in becoming an outstanding singing parish! It's the compliment we hear over and over again, as visitors tell us about how inspiring it is to be lifted up by a singing congregation! Keep it up! He's given us much to sing out about!!

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

Join us in making these days to honor and make reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Litany of the Sacred Heart will be prayed at the conclusion of Holy Mass this Friday. Communal Rosary follows Mass on Saturday morning. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for your personal prayer and adoration prior to the 8:00 AM Mass on both days, from 7:00 to 7:55 AM. Confessions are heard both days after Mass as well.

### **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 Jon 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!** *Opening of School*

St. Patrick Academy will open its first academic year, and the 149th in the history of Catholic education in Portsmouth, with Holy Mass and Blessing and Commissioning of Teachers at 9:15 AM **this Monday** in our church. All are invited!

### **NEW!** *Vocation to Priesthood?*

Recently, a wonderful article written by Matthew Hennessey appeared in the Wall Street Journal as the church celebrated the feast of the Martyr-Priest, St. Maximilian Kolbe. It is a beautiful reflection on the life and vocation of a priest. Copies are available in the rack at the church doors. Take one if you feel, every now and then, that God might be nudging you to explore this vocation, or, pass it on to someone you know! Another flyer is there as well, giving interesting insight into “7 Characteristics” of men considering priesthood. Take a look!

Also, up at the front of the church, at the foot of the statue of St. John Vianney, patron of priests and seminarians, you can pick up a prayer card to offer prayer through his intercession for priests and seminarians, and especially for our men in formation. The statue, formerly located in St. Catherine Church, is under the first Station, near the Divine Mercy Shrine.

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

We warmly welcome **Zoe LaPointe, Raymond DeVaul, and Elis Mercedes Bautista**, 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!** *Wedding Bells!*

Next weekend, **Emily Langlais & Cody Driscoll, Madeleine Clark & James Broom, and Maryam Nikkahi & Nelson Laurenc** 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!** *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 20/20 RAFFLE** **BEGINS SOON!**

Tickets for the next 20/20 Raffle series will be available during the week at the Eileen Daly Pastoral Center, 436-4555. Drawings will begin in September!

**Fatima Vestment**

Recently, Fr Gary was able to procure a new chasuble & stole (Mass vestments) during his visit to Fatima for this Centennial Year remembrance. He wore it for the Feast of the Assumption and received many compliments. It will be used regularly on First Saturdays of the month when we celebrate Votive Masses of our Lady and keep this day as she requested at Fatima. The vestment set is available to be offered as a gift to our Lady or as a memorial for a departed loved one. If you are interested, please see Fr. Gary or email him at [frgary.ccnh@gmail.com](mailto:frgary.ccnh@gmail.com). The donation for the set is \$300.



**Seminarian Joe's Thank You**

*Hello, I want to take this opportunity to offer another thank you to the whole parish, and particularly to all of you who made my 30th birthday so special by your love, planning, hard work, generosity, and prayers! As most of you may know, I recently went to Fatima on retreat with Fr. Gary. There at Fatima, with some of the money you so generously gave, I was able to purchase a beautifully handmade statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Know that this statue will be for me a reminder not only of Our Lady's intercession that is woven in my vocation, but it will also serve as a reminder of all of you who are my parish family and of your love for me. This will be a reminder to me to pray for you and for the parish as I did at the shrine of the apparition where I left many names and petitions at the feet of the statue which is over the exact spot of the apparition.*  
 Yours in the Lord, Seminarian Joe



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).



**Save The Date!!!**

*We're changing it up!  
 Our annual fair will be new and improved!  
 Fellowship, food, and fun for all ages!*

**FALL FUN DAY**



Raffles  
 Games  
 Fair Food  
 Face Painting  
 Prizes



**How can YOU plug in to make this a great parish FUN and FUNdraiser?**

-  The biggest profit from this event is from the Grand Cash Raffle. Raffle ticket packets will be out in two weeks! We ask every household to sell one packet of 25 tickets, and more if you can!
-  We're asking for donations of gift cards for restaurants/services/stores. Multiple cards in small denominations are better than one card for a large amount. Could you donate one or more? Just drop into the collection basket in an envelope marked with your name and "Fall Fun Day"!
-  Are you crafty? We need people to sort, organize, and "merchandise" our Fall and Christmas church surplus items.
-  Our jewelry table is in need of donations of quality used jewelry. Items should be dropped off at the parish office by 10/20 (Please, NO books, electronics, or other "yard sale" type items!)
-  Can you lend a hand? As the date draws near, we will be looking for people to donate baked goods, to help with setup and cleanup, and to work the tables and games. Can you spare a few hours?

**Saturday, October 28**

**9AM-2PM**

**St. James Hall**



Join us for a one-day inspiring conference with Sherry Weddell, international presenter and author



## Forming Intentional Disciples

**Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**  
 St. James Hall

How can we transmit a living, personal Catholic faith to future generations? By coming to know Jesus Christ, and following him as his disciples. Come walk with Sherry Weddell and go through the steps that will help you to make the conscious choice to follow Jesus as his disciple, invigorating parish life and ultimately the life of the whole Church.

Sherry will expand on the ideas from her book "Forming Intentional Disciples." We will take a deeper look at the stages of conversion, how to talk with people who are moving toward discipleship, the integral parts of sacramental disposition, and how to build up intentional disciples in our parish communities.

**Seats are limited**  
**Register now!**

Look for the Eventbrite link on our parish website: [www.corpuschristinh.org](http://www.corpuschristinh.org). Registration of \$25 includes a box lunch.

For more information, please contact Roxanne Raeside Wilton, Office of Evangelization, at **603 502-8041** or [evangelize.ccnh@gmail.com](mailto:evangelize.ccnh@gmail.com).

## Community Postings

### 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](http://www.runningnuns.com) to register online or to print a registration form. Free T-shirts to the first 600 registrations! Volunteers are needed! – Please contact Jennifer Gilbert at [jgilbert@stcharleshome.com](mailto:jgilbert@stcharleshome.com) or 603-332-4768!

### Homeschool Mass

Each year Bishop Libasci celebrates Mass for Homeschool families at the beginning of the school year. Join us this year at 10:00 AM at St. Joseph Cathedral in Manchester on **Thursday, September 7th**.

### 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 [egiziabrown@comcast.net](mailto:egiziabrown@comcast.net).

### Bereavement Support Group

NH Catholic Charities and St. Mary Parish in Rochester will host a Bereavement Support Group open to all in the seacoast region. The group will meet nine Sunday afternoons from 1 to 2:30 PM. Meeting dates are **September 17 and 24, November 5, 12, 19, and 26, and December 3, 10, and 17**. (No meetings in October.) St. Mary Church is located at 71 Lowell Street in Rochester. We hope to have at least six participants in order to establish a group, and chose Sunday as our meeting day as many have expressed how lonely Sundays are when grieving. You must pre-register by calling Sr. Helene at NH Catholic Charities, 603-332-7701. There is no fee for participating in this group, but participants may wish to make a donation toward the cost of books.

### 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.