

The Pastor's Musings

Dear Family in the Lord,

So often we receive feedback from those who take advantage of the open doors of our church to spend some time in the presence of the Lord. They speak of the experience of seeing the wide open doors, something we do every day when weather permits. They are lifted up to move beyond the mundane and enter more fully into the mystery of God by the beautiful setting of our church, with its arches, magnificent stained glass, beautiful shrines, and the opportunity to let their prayer "linger" as they kindle a votive candle before heading out. And, most of all, they sense they are on "Holy Ground," not simply because this is a place of worship, but, realizing that within the Church, as nowhere else, we draw the closest this side of heaven that we can get to Jesus who is truly and really present – Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity – in the Holy Eucharist reserved in the tabernacle that is front and center of the great high altar – the "heart" of our Church!



The angels around the altar remind us to come in humble adoration for this is Emmanuel – God with us! The figures of the twelve apostles, in the niches of the altar surrounding the tabernacle, remind us that we, like them, are called to take the Christ we draw near to and carry Him with us into the situations our life presents to us as we leave. The tabernacle is veiled in the color of each day's liturgy, an ancient biblical symbol of the presence of the Holy One, and the ever burning red sanctuary lamp, hanging from the wall to the left of the altar, is a silent sentinel that proclaims His abiding presence and "spends itself" in His praise.

We read in the Gospels that, when Mary and Joseph presented the Infant Jesus in the Temple, the prophet Simeon prophesied that He would be rejected. That prophecy is, sadly, often fulfilled today when little care or attention is given to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Just as His Incarnation, discourse on the Holy Eucharist as His body and blood, and His Cross were a stumbling block to those not open to God's plan of salvation 2000 years ago, so it continues. So many live their lives as though Jesus were no longer in our midst. We can easily take for granted this gift of Presence! We can fail to show the care and reverence in Church that shows that we are aware that when Mass is over Jesus doesn't "disappear," but rather remains present in the Tabernacle. Our actions, genuflection before the Tabernacle, (a bow is only for those physically unable to bend their knee), refraining from conversations in front of the altar, and being aware of those who wish to linger in prayer are all signs that we understand WHO the Eucharistic Lord is and we are truly grateful and in awe of the gift!

Let's not only be thankful, but use well the opportunity given to us to come before the Lord as our church door remains open seven days a week from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM. Special opportunities to come before the Blessed Sacrament, exposed for adoration, are offered six days a week: Monday through Saturday, 7:00 to 7:55 AM, and also every Thursday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. The Lord's invitation to the disciples in the Garden is the same He offers us – "Will you watch and pray with me?" Unfortunately, sometimes we take this awesome gift for granted and fail to make any time to come before Him in the Most Blessed Sacrament. We can hear Him lament, as He did to the Woman at the Well, "If only you knew God's Gift and Who it is..."

May the Heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, now and until the end of time!

With You on the Journey,

The Week at a Glance

Monday, September 4

Labor Day – Parish Office Closed
Wedding Liturgy – 1:00 PM (IC C)

Tuesday, September 5

Televised Parish Mass – 7 PM, Channel 98

Wednesday, September 6

Prayer Cenacle – 2:00 PM (IC C)
Rivier Retreat – 6:30 PM (EDPC)
K of C Meeting – 6:00 PM (IC H)

Thursday, September 7

Exposition/Adoration – 8:30AM-5PM (IC)
Televised Parish Mass – 7 PM, Channel 98

Friday, September 8

Italian Class – 7:00 PM (EDPC)

Saturday, September 9

Baptism – 1:30 PM (IC C)
Baptism – 2:30 PM (IC C)
Rosary – 3:30 PM (IC C)
Men's Ministry Mtg/Dinner – 6:00 PM (SCH)

Sunday, September 10

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 in memory of Eileen Rais, as requested by her husband Bob.

The votives at the Mary altar will burn for Glenn MacDonald, as requested by Paul Edson.

At the St. Joseph altar, the votives will burn in memory of Jill Armitage, requested by her husband Phil.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the high altar this week are in memory of Carol Robbins, donated by Calvary Cemetery and Corpus Christi Parish Staff.



Intentions For Holy Mass

Monday	SEP 4	Feria (weekday)
8:00AM	<i>Catherine Athanasiou, by her husband Odysias</i>	
Tuesday	SEP 5	Blessed Teresa of Calcutta
8:00AM	<i>Evelyn Orzechowski, by her Family</i>	
Wednesday	SEP 6	Feria
8:00AM	<i>Glenn MacDonald, by Lisa, Michael, & Brady Roche</i>	
Thursday	SEP 7	Feria
8:00AM	<i>Brian Came, by his Mother</i>	
Friday	SEP 8	Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00AM	<i>Eileen Rais, by her husband Bob</i>	
Saturday	SEP 9	St. Peter Claver
8:00AM	<i>Pro Populo (For our Parish Family)</i>	
	Vigil	23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
4:00PM	<i>Bud Ricci (2nd anniversary), by his Wife & Family</i>	
Sunday	SEP 10	23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
8:30AM	<i>John Mulville Jr., by his Family</i>	
10:30AM	<i>Marilyn Colbert (12th anniversary), by her Husband & Family</i>	
2:00PM	in Spanish	<i>Celebrant's Intention</i>
4:30PM	<i>T J Bassett, by the Maloney 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!

Weekend of August 26/27, 2017

Envelopes/EFT	\$ 8,912.00
Loose	\$ 2,220.13
Total	\$ 11,132.13

Last weekend 231 envelope/27 Online Giving users contributed 80 % of our income.

Poor Box Donations	\$ 809.64
Assumption Collection	\$ 699.00
NH Missionaries Abroad	\$ 1,053.00
August Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 2,012.00

20/20 WINNERS\$

\$25 Winners ~ Week 1

# 99	Martha Eckman
# 225	Brian & Julia Lewton

Interested in exploring the Catholic Faith?



Join us for our first Inquiry Session!

Sunday, September 17th

11:45 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: To be determined

For more information, contact:
Brenda Stinson at 436-4555, X20

If you or someone you know is interested in exploring the possibility of becoming Catholic, come and see what it's all about!



Children's Dismissal begins Sunday, September 24 during the 8:30 AM Mass and runs through May 6.

Dismissal sessions provide an opportunity for young children, Pre-K – Grade 2, to get to know Jesus through age-appropriate scripture readings, activities and discussions. After the Opening Prayer, Fr. Gary invites the children to come forward along with their Dismissal Leaders to go downstairs for the session. They return to their parents after the Prayer of the Faithful. Parents are welcome to go downstairs with their child anytime, especially if the child is anxious at first. For more information, contact Brenda at 436-4555, X20.

Families Living the Good News

Bring It Home!

A Corpus Christi Parish Program

Sessions begin September 24/25!

Have you registered? Forms are available at the entrance to the church or register online at www.bringithomeccnh.org. Brochures with additional information are available at the entrance to the church or call Brenda or Brittany at 436-4555.

New to Bring It Home? Join us to learn more:

New Family Orientation

Sunday, September 10

11:45-12:45 p.m

St. Patrick Academy Cafeteria

Parish News

NEW! Consecration Renewal

It was six years ago this coming Wednesday that I began my ministry as pastor here. Two days later, on the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, September 8th, I solemnly consecrated my pastorate and our parish to our Blessed Mother during a Solemn Holy Mass. I invite you to join me in giving thanks for the blessings of these years and, if possible, join us for the 8:00 AM Mass this Friday, during which I will renew the Act of Consecration.

NEW! Opportunities for Adoration

Beginning **this Thursday, September 7th**, and continuing weekly, our weekly Thursday Adoration Day will be extended. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins after the 8:00 AM Mass and continues throughout the day until 5:00 PM. (Closing Prayer and Benediction at 5 PM.) Each weekday morning, Monday through Saturday, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed before Holy Mass from 7:00 to 7:55 AM. Take advantage of these opportunities for some one-on-One time with Him and discover the great gift of Eucharistic Adoration!

NEW! Weekly Faith Enrichment

Check out the insert in today's bulletin, as we are about to launch the "Hey, I Was Wondering..." adult enrichment on Monday, **September 10th**. It'll be a great way to expand and deepen your appreciation and understanding of our Catholic beliefs, prayer, and way of life. Come each week or any week! Note that the form to submit your suggestions for topics is on the bottom of the flyer. Extra copies are at the church door. Fr. Gary is really looking forward to offering this informal weekly opportunity that will also include distribution of links, titles, etc. for various resources to those who would like to dive deeper after hearing a presentation! See you on September 10, at 6:30 PM in our Parish Church.

NEW! Liturgical Ministries?

The Fall season is a great time to submit your name and be trained to serve in our various liturgical ministries. Would you like to proclaim God's Word as a Lector, or minister the Body and Blood of the Lord as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, or offer hospitality as a Greeter? Would you like to join our team of dedicated women who care for the sanctuary, sacristy, altars, and things related to the Liturgy as part of our Martha & Mary Ministry? How about children in grades 4 and up willing to be altar servers? High school youth and young adults interested in serving as Masters of Ceremony at Mass? If you are willing to serve our parish in any of these ways, please call Mary Kay in our office or email her at aa1.cnh@gmail.com and give her your name, ministry of interest, and contact info. She will then pass the info on to those who will contact you to give you more info and training.

NEW! Traveling Vocation Icon

This week, **Ray & Kim Lizotte** 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.



NEW! Raffle Ticket Work Party

This Friday, September 8th, we will be putting together the packets of Raffle Tickets for our Fall Fun Day. Any and all help with folding, counting, and envelope stuffing would be greatly appreciated, and we'll even provide coffee and donuts! If are able to help, please join us downstairs in the IC hall after the Friday daily Mass, approximately 9:15 AM. Many thanks to those who are able to spare a couple of hours!

NEW! Recently Baptized

We warmly welcome **Grace Kelly Corsetti**, 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! Called Home to the Lord

We remember in prayer the repose of the souls of **Franklin Thompson** and **Arthur Geary**, whose funeral services were recently celebrated in our parish. We also remember in prayer **Lorraine Turgeon**, mother of parishioner Gail Johnson. To their families we extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayerful support as well.

NEW! Men's Fellowship Dinner

WHO: Corpus Christi Parish Men's Ministry
 WHAT: Monthly Fellowship Dinner Gathering
 WHEN: **Saturday, September 9th**; 6:00 – 8:30 PM
 WHERE: St. Catherine Hall
 WHY: Fellowship!
 FMI: David Gutierrez at daveg6777@gmail.com or 603-494-6777

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!



Are you interested in getting together with a group of women to explore your faith? 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.

Stop by our table in the back of the Church for more information and to sign up! And mark your calendars to join us for our "Connect Coffee" event on Saturday, September 30th, at St. Catherine Hall from 9:30-11:00 AM. We have prepared a place for you!

For more information, please contact Lisa Bald at 207-337-0934 or corpuschristiwwp@gmail.com.



Fall Fun Day!

October 28th ~ 9am – 2pm

St. James Hall

*Our Fall Fun Day promises something for everyone:
food, fun, raffles, games, & prizes!*

It is also a major fundraiser for the parish – YOUR help is needed!

FEATURING:

- 🍁 BIG CASH RAFFLE: \$2500 in cash prizes!
- 🍁 KITCHEN: Eat all day – donuts chowder, hot dogs, mac & cheese, walking tacos!
- 🍁 PUNCH BOARDS: Punch out a lucky number to win a prize!
- 🍁 GAMES: Plinko! Ball Toss! Pluck a Duck! Ring Toss! Basketball!
- 🍁 BAKED GOODS: Choose from home-made cookies, cakes, breads and more!
- 🍁 LOBSTER RAFFLE: Take a chance to win lobsters!
- 🍁 JEWELRY: Shop from a large assortment, from costume to heirloom!
- 🍁 FOR THE KIDS: Face painting, games, activities!



HOW CAN I HELP???

1. **Buy/Sell Raffle Tickets!** Packets of 25 are available at the church doors.
2. **Donate!** Gift Cards for services/stores/restaurants, Jewelry, Baked Goods
3. **Help with setup or breakdown!** Volunteer to work at one of the booths/games. Even a few hours of your time would be a big help! Fill out the form below and drop it into the collection basket next weekend.
4. **COME AND ENJOY!!!!** Bring a neighbor, friend, or co-worker to share the fun!
5. **ANY QUESTIONS?** CALL 436-4555

I would like to volunteer my help as follows: (circle preferences)

set up on Thursday/Friday work in the kitchen work raffle ticket table
work at one of the games/booths/activities help with clean up

NAME: _____ **PHONE #:** _____

EMAIL: _____

I WILL VOLUNTEER MY TIME AT THE FALL FUN DAY:

_____ **830 – 11:30 am** _____ **11:30 am – 2:30 pm** _____ **Other**