

## The Pastor's Musings

Dear Family in the Lord,

The readings of this Sunday's Liturgy carry a clear message concerning our responsibility towards the salvation of others within the human family. As the saying goes, "No man is an island," and we all are given the responsibility of helping each other grow in grace as we journey to the Kingdom. Remember, Pontius Pilate asked for a basin, pitcher, and towel to "wash his hands" of any responsibility for the injustice done to Jesus in condemning Him to death. Jesus took a basin, pitcher, and towel at the Last Supper to show us that sharing in His Eucharist flows out in service to each other – whether it be the needs of the body, or, as brought out in today's Gospel (Matthew 18: 15-20), the salvation of souls! This does not mean we are to be prying busybodies, interfering in people's lives. The love of our neighbor has to be prudent and tactful and, let's not forget, the best portion of a good life is those little nameless, un-remembered acts of kindness.

There is no living together without some pain, and the Gospel brings us the delicate question of counselling those people we encounter in our lives who are doing wrong, placing themselves in harmful situations for both body and soul, and going astray. It goes without saying that correction is seldom welcome, and often, those who need it most like it least. This is a matter in which great caution and the virtue of prudence must be exercised, because the wrong word or undue interference can cause far more damage than the original fault. Correction is never easy and it can be embarrassing, as it may carry with it the risk of losing a long established friendship. Normally, "silence is golden," but there are situations when failure to speak out is to condone an evil practice or serious sin. Like it or not, situations arise where failure to get involved is not an act of love, but an unkindness. At those specific moments, after prayerful reflection and seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, what we have to say should be expressed in a spirit of charity and never for the sake of finding fault or exercising control.

Love is something that cannot hurt our neighbor. If we have the ability to convey a genuine concern, a little honest talking can often clear the air and change the situation for the better. It is worth remembering that none of us is perfect, so when we are in a situation of pointing out the faults of others, we should be prepared to hear about our own. As we can all give offense unwittingly, we should make it our business, if we have a difference with anyone, to settle the matter and be reconciled. Harsh words and an aggressive attitude, as well as talking with everyone but the person involved, have no place within any genuine Christian community. Jesus Himself emphasized the importance of being reconciled with our brothers and sisters when He said, "If you are offering a gift at the altar, and on the way find that your neighbor has something against you, go and be reconciled with your neighbor and then come and offer your gift" (Mt 5:23-24). How many of us really take these words to heart? What a difference it makes!

With you on the Journey,

## The Week at a Glance

### Monday, September 11

SPA School Mass – 9:00 AM (IC C)

Hey, I was wondering... – 6:30 PM (IC C)

### Tuesday, September 12

RCIA Team Meeting 4:00 PM (EDPC)

Catechist/Core Team Mtg – 6:30 PM (EDPC)

Marie Rivier Associates Mtg – 6:30PM (EDPC)

Televised Parish Mass – 7 PM, Channel 98

### Wednesday, September 13

Prayer Cenacle – 2:00 PM (IC C)

Rivier Retreat – 6:30 PM (EDPC)

### Thursday, September 14

Exposition/Adoration – 8:30AM-5PM (IC)

Prayer Shawl Ministry Mtg – 2 PM

Televised Parish Mass – 7 PM, Channel 98

### Friday, September 15

Casino Bus Trip – 7AM-8PM (from SC)

Wedding Rehearsal – 4:30 PM (IC C)

Italian Class – 7:00 PM (EDPC LL)

### Saturday, September 16

Wedding Liturgy – 1:00 PM (IC C)

Rosary – 3:30 PM (IC C)

### Sunday, September 17

Televised Parish Mass – 10 AM, Channel 98

RCIA – 11:30 AM (SC)

Music Ministry Rehearsal – 11:45AM (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

*The sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Peter Scontras, as requested by Jean O'Brien.*

*The votives at the Mary altar will burn with Birthday Blessings for Tom Duffy, requested by Calvary Cemetery & Corpus Christi Parish staff.*

*At the St. Joseph altar, the votives will burn with Birthday Blessings for Joseph Neslusan, Adam Price, and Barbara Iafolla, with gratitude.*

## Traveling Vocation Icon

This week, **Chuck, Kim, & Kadence Law** 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

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| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>SEP 11</b>   | <b>Feria (weekday)</b>                         |
| 8:00AM           | <i>Robert Ornellas, by his Wife &amp; Family</i>                              |  |
| 9:00AM IC        | <i>St. Patrick Academy Mass – open to all</i>                                 |  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>SEP 12</b>   | <b>The Most Holy Name of Mary</b>              |
| 8:00AM           | <i>Bob McDonough, by Paul &amp; Chris Kayne</i>                               |  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>SEP 13</b>   | <b>St. John Chrysostom</b>                     |
| 8:00AM           | <i>Nicholas &amp; Florence Fleckenstein, by Sue Ford</i>                      |  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>SEP 14</b>   | <b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>            |
| 8:00AM           | <i>Shaheen Michaels, by Jessica Rivera Padilla</i>                            |  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>SEP 15</b>   | <b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b>                     |
| 8:00AM           | <i>Theresa Lajoie, by Mary Tosi</i>   |  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>SEP 16</b>   | <b>St. Cornelius, St. Cyprian</b>              |
| 8:00AM           | <i>Pro Populo (For our Parish Family)</i>                                     |  |
|                  | <b>Vigil</b>  | <b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b> |
| 4:00PM           | <i>John, James Michael, &amp; Terrence Sullivan by the Sullivan Family</i>    |  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>SEP 17</b>   | <b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b> |
| 8:30AM           | <i>Kathleen Morrissey, by her Family</i>                                      |  |
| 10:30AM          | <i>Tuyet Nguyen, by her Family</i>  |  |
| 2:00PM           | <b>in Spanish</b>   | <i>Celebrant's Intention</i>                   |
| 4:30PM           | <i>Glenn MacDonald (1st anniversary), by Lisa, Michael, &amp; Brady Roche</i> |  |

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

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| <b>Our reflection of God's generosity to us!</b>                                       |                     |
| <u>Weekend of September 2/3, 2017</u>  |                     |
| Envelopes/EFT  | \$ 9379.00          |
| Loose  | \$ 2209.08          |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$ 11,588.08</b> |
| <i>Last weekend 247 envelope/33 Online Giving users contributed 81% of our income.</i> |                     |
| <b>Poor Box Donations</b>  | <b>\$ 1075.54</b>   |



Check out Online Giving (OLG), a convenient way to donate, with the option of using credit/ debit cards. You also have the opportunity to donate to other funds, such as the special collections this month: **Catholic University, NH Diocesan Priest Retirement, and Hurricane Harvey Special Relief** for those affected in Texas. Even if you usually use offering envelopes, you may wish to give online to a particular collection. For details, just visit the homepage of our parish website: [www.corpuschristinh.org](http://www.corpuschristinh.org) and look for the link!

## Hey! I Was Wondering...



### Adult Faith Enrichment

**This Monday** at 6:30 PM we will kick off our “Hey, I Was Wondering...” weekly opportunity to explore various teachings, practices, and ways of living out our Catholic faith. The topics for each week will come from ideas submitted by parishioners. You can come any or every week, as each evening is independent, unless otherwise noted. A presentation by Fr. Gary will be followed by some Q & A. We will wrap up by 7:45 PM. Yellow sheets are at the church door to use to submit your topic ideas. Hope to see you in church tomorrow night as we launch this new “going deeper” opportunity!

#### Upcoming topics:

- September 11:** Relationship of the Church & Secular Society: Keeping It Behind Stained Glass?
- September 18:** Beyond the External – getting at the heart of the Mass and more than just spoken words
- September 28:** Redefining Marriage? Rights of various groups in society
- October 2:** NO SESSION/PARISH MISSION

**Interested in exploring the Catholic Faith?**



**Join us for our first Inquiry Session!**

Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>  
11:45 AM - 1:00 PM  
St. James

*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!

**20/20 WINNERS\$**

\$25 Winners ~ Week 2

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| # 79  | Frank Bergenthal |
| # 195 | Judy Giles       |

## Parish News

### **NEW!** *Office Remodeling Near Done!*

Work is wrapping up this week on the renovations, repairs, and updating that has been ongoing through the summer to transform the former St. Catherine Rectory on Woodbury Avenue into the new home for our parish offices. New roof, updated plumbing, and new IT system have all been part of the project, in addition to the interior work in painting and wood floor restoration, new carpeting, etc. We will soon announce a few days that the office will be closed as we transition over from our present site at St. James to our new Parish Office. After all is settled in, watch for an invitation to an “Open House” and blessing!

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

Save the dates and time to join us for “Surge of the Heart” with lay evangelist Jon Leonetti, coming here to Corpus Christi on **October 1, 2, and 3** (7:00 to 8:15 PM nightly). His reflections, insights, and sense of humor will have you thinking, reflecting, laughing, and feeling renewed in your enthusiasm to be a disciple and to help others discover or rediscover the joy and peace that comes from following Jesus faithfully! Tell neighbors, family, friends... – invite them to come with you! This is a remarkable opportunity to encounter our Catholic faith in a dynamic and life-renewing way!

### **NEW!** *Remembering 9/11*

If you are able, why not join us tomorrow as we recall the tragedy of 9/11 and pray for all those in these days who live in fear, war, violence, and the evil of terrorism in so many areas of our world. Indeed, this is not an “event of the past” only, but a reality today. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration and personal quiet prayer from 7:00 to 7:55 AM if you can drop in before work. Holy Mass is offered at 8:00 AM and will be a Mass for Peace. The rosary is prayed after Mass to place ourselves under our Lady’s protection and care. The Church is open, as it is every day, all day until 8:00 PM. Join us as you’re able, to be part of this community day of Prayer as well as Remembrance.

### **NEW!** *Eucharistic Adoration*

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed daily (Monday through Saturday) from 7:00 to 7:55 AM, and each Thursday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. Discover the great gift of one-on-One time!

### **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!** *New American “Blessed”*

A farm boy from Oklahoma who struggled through Seminary and ultimately was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Oklahoma City, then entered mission work in Guatemala and was murdered 13 years later for his support for the indigenous poor and his witness of faith, was declared a martyr by Pope Francis in 2016. He will be beatified on September 23rd. Blessed Stanley Rother – an American priest, martyr, and defender of the poor – can be a powerful example for us and a mighty intercessor! So many all over our world are meeting death rather than walking away or compromising their Christian faith or service to those in great need. Many are oblivious to this daily plight of so many faithful innocents.

Fr. Gary will write more about the new “Blessed” in next week’s “Pastor’s Musings” column. For now, we wanted you to save the date: **Friday, September 22nd**, at 7:00 PM to join us for a Vigil of Prayer on the eve of his beatification as we seek his intercession, as well as that of the scar-bearing Madonna of Czestochowa, and place ourselves before sacrificial love made visible in the Most Blessed Sacrament!

EWTN will present an hour-long documentary about Fr. Rother at 8:00 PM on that night, September 22. We will have concluded our Holy Hour in time for you to get home and catch it!

### **NEW!** *Offering for Texas Relief*

Thanks to all who contributed what they could today in the free-will offering that will help Catholic Charities USA to provide ongoing relief to those who suffered such devastation in the recent Texas Hurricane. Let’s continue to pray for the graces of hope and healing to come to our brothers and sisters experiencing so much suffering, and may God, never outdone in generosity, bless those who have been tirelessly giving of themselves in direct day-to-day service of their urgent needs.

### **NEW!** *K of C Tootsie Roll Drive*

The Knights of Columbus Council #140 will conduct their annual Tootsie Roll Drive after all the Masses **next Saturday and Sunday, September 16 & 17**. The proceeds from this drive benefit handicapped children within the state of NH. Your generosity will be helping those most in need. Thank you for your support.

### **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!** *Prayer Shawl Ministry*

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has a new temporary home! Until construction on our new Parish Hall/Meeting Center is complete, they will be meeting each **second Thursday, of the month** at 2:00 PM at the Middle Street Baptist Church. The next meeting will be **this Thursday, September 14th**. Are you interested in seeing how you can participate? Call Elaine Wilder, 603-436-8379, or Cyndi Gagnon, 603-373-0094, for more information.



**NEW! Recently Baptized**

We warmly welcome **Hazel Quinn**, 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, **Caitlin Duggan & Jackson Fallon** 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 **Gregory Guerra**, whose Funeral Mass was recently celebrated in our parish. To his family we extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayerful support as well.

**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).

**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.ccnh@gmail.com](mailto:aa1.ccnh@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.

**Music Ministry Invitation**

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! We are richly blest in our parish music ministers – instrumentalists, vocalists, contemporary music groups, schola, and our parish choir. Next weekend, our groups will be back after a summer break. If you’re interested in joining in, just go up to the loft after Mass to see Lisa, our Music director, or email her at [musicdir.ccnh@gmail.com](mailto:musicdir.ccnh@gmail.com).

**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).

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](http://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



**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.



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.

**The "Walking With Purpose" Women's Bible Study sign-up period is now open! Don't forget to come and visit us at the table in the back of the Church to find out more and to hear about our upcoming Connect Coffee!**

For more information, please contact Lisa Bald at 207-337-0934 or [corpuschristiwwp@gmail.com](mailto:corpuschristiwwp@gmail.com).

**St. Patrick Academy News**

**NEW! What's Happening on Banfield Road?**

Did you miss the opportunity to visit the building site for the new St. Patrick Academy recently? Then check out the school's own YouTube Channel, where you can view weekly updates on the construction in progress. A recent update included a short but exciting video of blasting to make way for work on the foundation! To follow SPA's progress, just visit <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoJA-k6ksnYCUcyewtmXwUw>.

**Following Pope Francis' Mission  
 Portsmouth Catholic SHARE**

**SHARE helping Grandparents  
 who are raising their Grandchildren**

Today, 4.9 million children (7 percent) under age 18 live in grandparent-headed households. Approximately 20 percent of these children have neither parent present and the grandparents are responsible for their basic needs. SHARE has helped several Portsmouth grandparents who are raising their grandkids.

Just last week, a grandfather came to SHARE requesting assistance in purchasing school clothes for his 8-year-old grandson. He said, "I never thought I would be raising children at my age." In addition to his school-age grandson, he and his wife are taking care of their one-year old grandchild. These grandparents, who are in their late 70's, have limited financial resources. Currently, they are experiencing major health issues and are living in a local motel while Portsmouth Welfare tries to secure affordable housing for this untraditional family.

Thank you all who support Portsmouth Catholic SHARE through your Poor Box offerings.



**Bookmark the Date!**

**Friday, September 29th ~ 4:00 PM Arrival  
 Sunday, October 1st ~ 1:00 PM Departure**

Camp Fatima  
 32 Fatima Road  
 Gilmanton Iron Works, NH 03837

Look for a flyer with all the details coming soon!