

Corpus Christi Parish

February

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2019

Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time



See Inside:
BLESSING OF
CROSSES
SUN., MAR. 3

Parish Information

Corpus Christi Parish

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Mass Times & Intentions

MONDAY 8:00 AM SJ	February 25, 2019 Carmen Welch by husband Bob
TUESDAY 12:15 PM ND	February 26, 2019 Scott Landry by his parents
WEDNESDAY 8:00 AM SJ	February 27, 2019 Juliette Veilleux by the Roderigue Family
THURSDAY 12:15 PM ND	February 28, 2019 Geraldine Ouellette by Gerry & Leo Goulette
FRIDAY 8:00 AM SJ	March 1, 2019 John Bouchard by Pauline Gagnon & Jean Low
SATURDAY 4:00 PM ND 4:00 PM SJ 6:00 PM ND	March 2, 2019 Everett Cote by M/M Philip Poulin Janice Dorval by her family Katherine Boucher by George & Jenny Farrell
SUNDAY 7:30 AM SJ 9:00 AM ND 10:00 AM SJ 10:30 AM ND 4:30 PM CC	March 3, 2019 Parishioners of Corpus Christi Parish Gerald Fortin by Pauline Boucher Real Cyr by Jeannine Bilodeau & Siblings Geraldine Plourde by Bob & Rita Plourde Patrick Reny by Mel & Gil

The Week Ahead

Sun., Feb. 24	10:00AM ND 12:00PM ND 5:00PM SJ	ND ND SJ	Coffee Hour Spanish Mass AA Meeting
Mon., Feb. 25	9:00AM 2:00PM 6:00PM	SJS ND FFC	Hands of God Prayer Group Lord, Teach Me to Pray
Tues., Feb. 26	6:30PM 7:00PM	OFF FFC	Baptism Preparation Class Al-Anon
Fri., Mar. 1	7:00AM	SJ	Adoration & Confession
Sun., Mar. 3	8:00AM 10:00AM 10:00AM 11:30AM 5:00PM	SJS SJ ND ND SJ	KC Breakfast RCIA Rite of Sending Coffee Hour Blessing of Crosses AA Meeting

Ash Wednesday Liturgy Schedule

Wed., Mar. 6

7:00AM - Liturgy of the Word with Ashes - St. John

8:00AM - Mass - St. John

12:15PM - Mass - Notre Dame

6:00PM - Mass - St. John

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View photos, videos and get inspired through fellowship with other parishioners!

Keep in Your Prayers

Please remember Ann Duval, Robert Buccellato,
Norman Poulin

*May God's healing touch come down upon our
brothers and sisters in faith.*

Please call the Parish Office to be included
in our Prayer Line.

Please remember in your prayers

Irene LeBrun, died Feb. 3, funeral Feb. 11

Althea Noel, died Feb. 3, funeral Feb. 11

Willena (Penny) Boynton, died Feb. 5, funeral Feb. 19

Ernest Pontbriand, died Feb. 12, funeral Feb. 25

Sanctuary Candle

In thanksgiving by a parishioner (SJ)

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

All Masses at 1:45PM

2nd Friday, each month at Lakewood, Waterville

3rd Friday, each month at Oak Grove, Waterville

4th Friday each month at Woodlands, Waterville

Visit our parish website at:

www.corpuschristimaine.org

Our easy to navigate website is your source for Mass times,
ministry schedules, Mass readings and daily prayers,
Catholic resources, videos and so much more.

Sunday by Sunday

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE SAYINGS OF JESUS

Those people considered to be wise or good have, throughout the centuries and around the world, had their sayings collected to preserve their memories and their good works. Recently, we have experienced this with people like Gandhi or Mother Teresa. It was no different for the first followers of Jesus. His teaching in today's Gospel (which follows last week's Beatitudes) comes from what scripture scholars call a "sayings" source. It is unlikely that Jesus would proclaim these sayings with such rapid-fire delivery; his followers would have had a difficult time grasping, remembering, and living them. Rather, the New Testament authors and their communities remembered and reflected on the many things Jesus said, and preserved them in passages like today's Gospel to help us know and understand what was at the heart of Jesus' message.

THE MEASURE YOU WILL MEASURE

The readings today all resonate with the message of today's Gospel, urging us to have compassion for others and to treat them as we would wish to be treated. David spares Saul's life because he refuses to play God and condemn his adversary. He understands that God will repay him a hundredfold for his compassion.

Paul urges his followers to recognize themselves as spiritual beings, capable of responding in a Christ-like way in all situations. He knows that once we come to recognize the blessings of a spiritual life, we will embrace it fully.

Jesus, understanding human nature, gives us good reason to follow his difficult commands. Those who do so will be blessed beyond imagining! "[G]ood measure packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap" (Luke 6:38). It's a promise—the same promise given to David in the desert of Ziph, to Paul in the blinding light at his conversion, and to Jesus on the cross. We have no choice but to believe it, too, if we are to save ourselves—and our world.

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Today's Readings:

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 22-23 - Saul's life spared; Saul admits his guilt
1 Corinthians 15:45-49 - The natural and the spiritual body
Luke 6:27-38 - Love of one's enemy

Question for Adults - What has allowed you to overcome obstacles and forgive someone who has hurt you?

Question for Kids - When has it been hard to forgive someone who hurt you? What did you do?

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2018 Contribution Tax Letter

Parishioners needing a letter containing their 2018 contributions must CALL the parish office and make this request. This information is not automatically generated and mailed out. Please have your envelope number available when you call.

Did you know that we offer Electronic Transfer?

Electronic Transfer allows you to have your offertory taken directly from your bank account on a monthly basis. This is a safe and convenient means of making your weekly contributions to the parish without having the worry of writing checks and scrambling for your envelopes each week. For more information, call Deb Hebert at the parish office at 872-2281.

Stewardship of Treasure

Due to an early bulletin deadline the offertory numbers for Feb. 10 were not available. They will be printed in next week's bulletin.

The budget is based on a weekly average offertory of \$16,257.37 per week.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

Prayer of the Week

Prayer for a Resilient Spirit

God of Mercy and Love,
Anchor me in your Spirit.

When the winds of change set me adrift,
tether me to the hope I have in your
everlasting presence.

When storms of heartbreak and loss rain
down upon me, give me shelter.

When fatigue and discouragement pull me
into an undertow of despair,
buoy me with gentle reminders
of your ever-present grace.

May I find, through you, the strength
and stamina I need to ride the waves of my life.
In doing so, may I also find joy in sailing
with your Spirit.
Amen.

Please Keep Us Updated

Have a new name/address/phone number or email? Want to receive offertory envelopes? Please keep the parish updated with your current information by calling or dropping by the parish office at 872-2281 or 70 Pleasant St., Waterville, ME 04901

In Our Parish and Diocese

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

Classes are held at the Faith Formation Center attached to St. John Catholic School, September-May.

It's never to late to start coming to class!

If you have not yet registered your children for Faith Formation please call Kim Suttie at 872-2281.

Faith Formation Schedule

Grades K-5

Sunday 8:30-9:45AM

Faith Formation Center

Mar., 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Apr. 7, 28

May 5

Grades K-5

Monday 3:30-4:45PM

Faith Formation Center

Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25

Apr. 1, 8, 29

May 6

Junior High Ministry

Sunday 6:00-8:00PM

Faith Formation Center

Mar. 3, 17

Apr. 7, 28

May 5

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday Evenings 6:00 - 8:00PM

Youth Ministry Room on the 2nd Floor at St. John School
(enter by the Grotto)

**High School Students: join us for food, fun and faith.
Come as often as you can, or only come once in a while.**

ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

South Garand St., Winslow 872-7115

www.stjohnschoolwinslow.org

March Madness Fundraiser

 Thank you to everyone who has already participated in St. John Catholic School March Madness Fundraiser. If you have not already entered it is not too late. Calendars are still available for purchase, through the school office. The cost to enter is \$10.00. One name will be drawn every day throughout the month of March. If you are a lucky winner your name will be placed back into the drawing. This gives everyone who enters the chance to win 31 times plus one bonus drawing on April 1st. 

For more information call the school office at 872-7115.

Knights of Columbus Monthly Breakfast St. John School Cafeteria/Winslow

Sun., Mar. 3 8:00 - 10:00AM

Donations Accepted

"Mae's Pies" and St. John School Crafting Group will have items for display and purchase!

Blessing of Crosses

Sun., Mar. 3 following the 10:30AM Mass
Notre Dame Church Hall

Come join the Secular Franciscans for soup, bread, and desserts. Bring your crucifixes and other religious articles. Father Dan will be there to bless them. All are welcome!

SENIOR MINISTRY

Ministry to, for and by our
Corpus Christi Senior Parishioners

Senior Club

2nd Tuesday of the month after the 12:15PM Mass.
Gather in the hall at Notre Dame for coffee, tea & cookies.

Tues., Mar. 12 - Jillian Roy - How Hospice Can Help

Tues., Apr. 9 - Movie Day - St. Paul the Apostle

Tues., May 14 - Ken Walsh, CEO, Alford Youth Center -
Personal Safety In and Outside of the Home

*Funded by a grant from the Catholic Campaign
for Human Development*

Elders Coffee & Camaraderie



All elders are invited to gather for coffee at Eric's Restaurant on the 1st Monday of every month at 9:30AM. The next gathering is Mar. 4. Please RSVP to Pat O'Keefe, 872-7094 so Eric's can be ready for the group.

Sew for a Cause

Do you want to make a difference in someone's life? You don't need to know how to sew. If you can cut, iron, sort, and/or make phone calls come and join us! We will be making baby quilts, lap quilts, fidget quilts and pillowcases to donate to a variety of charities.

Thursday: Feb. 28

10AM-4PM - come for part or the whole day
St. Bridget Center - 864 Main St. Vassalboro

FMI: 616-3148, stbridgetcenter@gmail.com

or

[facebook@stbridgetcenter](https://www.facebook.com/stbridgetcenter)



Eucharistic Adoration

Let Us Pray During Lent

Spend one hour or one half hour in prayer at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 101 Silver St., Waterville for the six weeks of Lent.

The Chapel is open with Eucharistic Exposition 8AM - 5PM seven days a week.

Let Sr. Kay Kay (872-7072) know your choice of time, or ask us to suggest a time.

Make this Lent your most prayerful ever.

In Our Parish and Diocese

What is the RCIA?

The **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation of **A**dults (RCIA) is a process in which individuals who have reached the age of reason find out more about the Catholic Faith. It is an ancient process which was used in the early church for individuals who wished to become part of the Catholic Community. The Rite has been restored to the universal church in the last thirty years. It is now the proper way for people to understand the Catholic Faith and, if they desire, become members after they acquire an understanding of the Faith.



In the process, individuals learn of the beliefs, practices, and doctrines of the Roman Catholic Faith and they see and experience Catholic living through the community which they wish to enter. Individuals who join the Catholic Community today possess both the knowledge and the experience of Catholicism before they are initiated into the Church.

This process of understanding the Catholic Faith is not a mere expounding of doctrines and precepts but a training period for the whole of Christian life. It is the equivalent of an apprenticeship process.

Who is Responsible for the RCIA?

Who is responsible for the catechumens and candidates, those who are seeking to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church? WE ALL ARE. It is the responsibility of the entire parish community. There are certain individuals whom we delegate to do the day-to-day catechizing for us. Still, the responsibility is that of the whole parish. That is why, during the rites, we are all reminded in some way of our responsibility to these people who wish to join our number. We are asked to pray for them, to give them support and good example. Sometimes we are asked to sign them with the sign of our faith, the cross. The catechumenate process is not an extra which is added on. Bringing new members into the Church is part of what we are commissioned to do by Christ through our baptism. Our faith is a gift, not for us alone, but for all. It is for us to share.

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RCIA in Corpus Christi Parish

This year Corpus Christi Parish has three participants in our RCIA process. Two (Karla LeClerc and Sarah LeClair) are catechumens who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil Mass on the Saturday before Easter. The third participant, (Christine Weston), a candidate, because she is already one with us in baptism, will make a profession of faith and be welcomed into full communion with the Catholic Church at the same Easter Vigil Mass.

In the next several weeks they will be participating in Rites to help prepare them for the Sacraments of Initiation. Please keep them in your prayers and introduce yourself if you see them!

Put a Smile on a Seniors Face!

I have a 91 year-old male client in the Winslow area that would love to have someone visit him for a friendly chat. If you are interested in becoming a *volunteer* in the Kennebec Valley or are a senior in need please contact the SEARCH program- Lynn Kidd (207)530-0137/ lkidd@ccmaine.org.

SEARCH: Seek Elderly Alone, Renew Courage & Hope

What's Coming Up at the St. Joseph Center?

80 Garland Rd., Winslow

Every Mon., 10-11AM

Gospel Reflection Group

Seeking a welcoming place to deepen your faith? Join us as we break open the beauty and challenge of the Sunday Gospel readings. Participation is free and open to all. Come as you are!

Thurs. Mar. 7, 6:30PM

Living Our Faith: New Perspectives on Lent

with Deacon Rod Berger.

As Lent begins, come get a fresh perspective on this annual opportunity to develop a closer relationship with God and God's mission for you. Rod is a Deacon at Corpus Christi Parish and a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor

Our Parish has Mass in Spanish!

The next Mass in Spanish will be celebrated on Sun, Feb. 24, 12:00noon at Notre Dame Church. There will be Mass in Spanish every 2nd and 4th Sun., 12:00noon, at Notre Dame.

40 Days for Life

From Mar. 6 through Apr. 14 you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside of Maine Family Planning in Augusta. Bishop Robert Deeley will be speaking at the 40 Days for Life Kick-Off event on March 9 at 10:00AM in front of Maine Family Planning. For more information please contact Judy Icenogle at 872-6558 or ricejuice@twc.com or visit www.40daysforlife.com/augusta-maine

Vassalboro Ministry Association Seeking New Members

The Vassalboro Ministry Association is currently seeking one or more Vassalboro residents who would be interested in joining our group to help with our mission of providing fuel assistance for Vassalboro's needy residents.

We meet once monthly, with additional meetings when we are preparing for one of our fundraising events.

Join us at one of our meetings to find out more about our group and what we do. For more information please call Rose Fortin at 873-1342 or Eileen Ronco at 616-9558.