

# Corpus Christi Parish

March

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2019

Third Sunday of Lent



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1ST RECONCILIATION  
RETREAT

# Parish Information

## Corpus Christi Parish

70 Pleasant St., Waterville ME 04901

Business Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:00AM - 4:00PM  
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## St. Francis Cemetery

78 Grove St., Waterville, ME 04901

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Website: [www.portlanddiocese.org/stfranciscemetery](http://www.portlanddiocese.org/stfranciscemetery)

## Parish Staff

Rev. Daniel J. Baillargeon, Pastor

Rev. Patrick Finn, Parochial Vicar

Kim Suttie, Pastoral Life Coordinator

Deb Hebert, Parish Business Coordinator &

Director of St. Francis Cemetery

Theresa Poulin, Business Administrative Assistant

Marge Veilleux, Pastoral Administrative Assistant

Joan Hallee, Pastoral Receptionist

Valerie Wheeler, Principal St. John Catholic School

## The Week Ahead

<b>Sun., Mar. 24</b>	10:00AM	ND	Coffee Hour
	10:00AM	SJ	RCIA 1st Scrutiny
	12:00PM	ND	Spanish Mass
	2:00PM	ND	Program on Human Trafficking
	5:00PM	SJ	AA Meeting
<b>Mon., Mar. 25</b>	9:00AM	SJS	Hands of God
	2:00PM	ND	Prayer Group
	6:00PM	FFC	Lord, Teach Me to Pray
<b>Tues., Mar. 26</b>	1:00PM	ND	Stations of the Cross
	7:00PM	FFC	Al-Anon
<b>Wed., Mar. 27</b>	6:30AM	ND	Men's Lenten Breakfast
	6:30PM	OFF	Baptism Preparation Class
<b>Thur., Mar. 28</b>	5:30PM	ND	Lenten Evening Holy Hour
<b>Fri., Mar. 29</b>	7:00AM	SJ	Adoration & Confession
	3:00PM	SH	Stations of the Cross
<b>Sun., Mar. 31</b>	10:00AM	ND	Coffee Hour
	10:00AM	SJ	RCIA 2nd Scrutiny
	1:00PM	ND	Self-Guided Lenten Retreat
	5:00PM	SJ	AA Meeting

## Sanctuary Candle

In thanksgiving by a parishioner (SJ)

## Mass Times & Intentions

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>March 25, 2019</b>
8:00 AM SJ	Dollena Michaud by husband, Gerald Michaud
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>March 26, 2019</b>
12:15 PM ND	Robert Meserve by wife and sons
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>March 27, 2019</b>
8:00 AM SJ	St. Bonaventure for favor obtained by a parishioner
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>March 28, 2019</b>
12:15 PM ND	Gregory Cinq-Mars by mom and dad
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>March 29, 2019</b>
8:00 AM SJ	Arthur Bolduc by Mel and Gil
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>March 30, 2019</b>
4:00 PM ND	Lucille Giroux by Ellen and Jim Grenier
4:00 PM SJ	Debby Gagne by her mom
6:00 PM ND	Parishioners of Corpus Christi Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>March 31, 2019</b>
7:30 AM SJ	Marilyn Maheu by Leonard and Yvette Poulm, Sr.
9:00 AM ND	Douglas Perry by Milton and Sylvia Pouliot
10:00 AM SJ	All enrolled in Corpus Christ Memorial Book
10:30 AM ND	Alvina Pelletier by daughter, Aline Maheu
4:30 PM CC	<b>NO MASS</b>

## CORPUS CHRISTI MEMORIAL FUND

Raymond Mathieu, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Roland and Lorraine Roy, Richard Besson, John McQuillan, Jeanne Charette, Wilfred Barley, Jeannette Pare, Joseph Martin, Leon Richard, Sr. Cecile Chagnon, Jessie Laliberte Butler, Sandra Nutting Laliberte, Connie Ouellette, Robert Bourget and Brian Fottter  
Donald Poirier

## Please remember in your prayers

Freddie J. Turlo, died Mar. 11, funeral March 15  
Geraldine H. Quirion, died Mar. 12, funeral March 21

## Keep in Your Prayers

Please remember Robert Buccillato, Ramon Managad, Lisa Brosius, Mike Buck, Roland LaRochelle, Lawrence & Mary Audet, Tracy Strassburg

*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.

## 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

# Sunday by Sunday

## Third Sunday of Lent

### “HERE I AM”

The scriptures for this Sunday focus our attention on the Lenten call to conversion. When God calls Moses by name in the reading from Exodus, Moses immediately responds, “Here I am!” and comes closer. He answers God’s call even though he is afraid and confused. In a similar way Christ calls each of us by name, especially in the sacraments of baptism and the Eucharist. During the season of Lent he desires above all that we will answer, “Here I am!” and come closer to him. It is all right if we are confused or afraid. It’s even all right if we haven’t really listened for his call yet this Lent. Today’s scriptures give us a second chance to listen for Jesus’ call, to come closer to his voice, and to move farther away from sin in our lives.

### BEARING FRUIT

How can we tell when we are responding to Jesus’ call? For that we look to the metaphor of the fig tree in today’s Gospel parable. Through the sacraments, the scriptures, and the Christian community, Jesus Christ—the gardener—has been cultivating the ground around us and fertilizing us in the hope that we will bear good fruit. Will we? Are we barren because our root system doesn’t grow deep enough to tap into real spiritual nourishment? Is our growth stunted by choices we are making? Is our energy channeled into our healthy, flowering branches, or sapped by a hundred scrawny shoots? Do we turn in on ourselves and prevent the light of the Son from ripening what little fruit we bear? While the elect who are preparing for baptism scrutinize their lives to discover how Christ is calling them to conversion, all of us must scrutinize our lives as well. Those who are listening for Jesus’ call and turning to the sound of his voice will bear succulent fruit so the hungry can eat their fill.

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### Today’s Readings:

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 - The call of Moses

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 - Against overconfidence

Luke 13:1-9 - Calls to penance; parables of the Reign of God

**Question for Adults** - What important work could bear fruit in your life right now if you have more confidence in God’s loving care?

**Question for Kids** - What great work would you like to do as you grow older? What can you do to begin right now?

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## Prayer of the Week

O God, author of every mercy  
and of all goodness,  
who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving  
have shown us a remedy for sin,  
look graciously on this confession of our lowliness,  
that we, who are bowed down by our conscience,  
may always be lifted up by your mercy.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

### 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.

## Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory for Mar. 17 - \$12,601.50

The budget is based on an weekly average offertory of -  
\$16,257.37

**Thank you for your continued support of our parish.**

## Understanding Lent

### Symbols of Lent in Our Homes

We need to choose to let our homes be a place full of the holy things that help raise our minds and hearts to God. Our world is full of so many images that lure our minds and hearts elsewhere. Here are some symbols that will carry the ongoing meaning we give them, for us and for our families and loved ones.

#### A Crucifix

We probably all have a crucifix in our home. If not, Lent might be a wonderful time to buy one and place it in a central place. Even a child’s drawing of Jesus’ death for us can be a powerful, stirring reminder of God’s love.

#### Water

A simple bowl of water, in a central place, can be transformed into an ongoing reminder of our journey to the font of baptism for the renewal of commitment and life in Christ. Perhaps we can pray over it. ‘Lord, may this water remind us of our baptism and be a blessing for our home, where our dying and rising in you is lived each day. Bless us, as we sign ourselves with it each day.’

#### A Candle

Imagine having a candle in a central place in our home. Imagine praying over it together as we begin Lent. ‘Lord thank you for the gift of your Light in the midst of all darkness. Let this candle be a symbol of our faith in your presence among us.’ And imagine if we light this candle whenever we feel tempted away from the Light of Jesus, when we are experiencing tensions in our home, whenever we need special graces. Imagine how powerful experiencing the lighting of the New Fire will be at the Easter Vigil.

*“Taken from the Praying Lent pages of Creighton University’s Online Ministries web site: [www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html](http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html). Used with Permission.”*

# 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., 24, 31

Apr. 7, 28

May 5

**Grades K-5**

**Monday 3:30-4:45PM**

**Faith Formation Center**

Mar. 25

Apr. 1, 8, 29

May 6

**Junior High Ministry**

**Sunday 6:00-8:00PM**

**Faith Formation Center**

Apr. 7, 28

May 5

## 1st Reconciliation Parent & Child Retreat Sat., April 6 9:00-11:30AM Notre Dame Hall & Church

Children in our Sacraments 2 program along with their parents are invited to the Reconciliation Retreat. We will have opportunities for prayer as well as time to further our understanding of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

At the conclusion of this retreat, all children will have the opportunity to meet with a priest to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

For more information, or if you have any questions please contact Kim Suttie, [kim.suttie@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:kim.suttie@portlanddiocese.org) or 872-2281.



## 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.**

Calling all High Schoolers! Join us for a Lenten series! It's a chance to pray, learn, have fun, and just be with other Catholic High Schoolers! Sundays 6-8PM at St. John's School.

Upcoming:

Mar. 24 - 3rd week of a 3-week series with Fr. Patrick - topics TBA

Mar. 31 - trip to the Basilica in Lewiston! Come to YM for info!

Convention info is available! Contact Gayle Martin if you are interested! [gayle.martin@hotmail.com](mailto:gayle.martin@hotmail.com)!



## Parish Lenten Opportunities

### Stations of the Cross

Tuesdays after the 12:15PM Mass at Notre Dame  
Fridays at 3:00PM at Sacred Heart

### Men's Lenten Breakfasts

Wednesdays at 6:30AM in the hall at Notre Dame

### Lenten Evening Holy Hour

Thursdays at Notre Dame Church

*Confessions 4:45-5:15PM*

*Holy Hour 5:30-6:30PM*

### Self-Guided Lenten Retreat

Sunday, March 31 at 1:00PM at St. John Church

### The Light is On For You!

*Opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
Tuesday, April 9 at 1:00PM at Notre Dame Church  
Wednesday, April 10 at 6:00PM at St. John Church  
Thursday, April 11 at 1:00PM at Notre Dame Church  
Friday, April 12 at 7:00AM at St. John Church

### Model Seder Meal

*Hosted by Rabbi Rachel Isaacs*

Sunday, April 7 at 1:00PM in the hall at Notre Dame

### Holy Week Liturgies

#### Mass of the Lord's Supper

Thursday, April 18 at 6:00PM at Notre Dame Church

#### Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Friday, April 19 at 6:00PM at Notre Dame Church

#### The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Saturday, April 20 at 8:00PM at St. John Church

## 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., Apr. 23 - 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 Apr.1. Please RSVP to Pat O'Keefe, 872-7094 so Eric's can be ready for the group.





# In Our Parish and Diocese

## 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!

Wed. April 3, 6:30PM

Living Our Faith: Lenten Reflection

with Deacon Rod Berger.

Come to the foot of the cross in this powerful pre-Holy Week Lenten prayer experience. Rod is a Deacon at Corpus Christi Parish and a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor

## 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.*

## Sew for a Cause

All are welcome as we work on a variety of projects for those in need. April 11 & 25

10AM-4PM - come for part or the whole day

St. Bridget Center - 864 Main St. Vassalboro

FMI: 616-3148, [stbridgetcenter@gmail.com](mailto:stbridgetcenter@gmail.com) or

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

## RCIA - The Scrutinies

During the period of Purification and Enlightenment the *elect* (those to receive the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil) enter into a 40-day retreat (the Church's Lenten period) to focus on deepening their awareness of God's grace through prayer. During this time the Church also celebrates other rituals with the *elect*, called Scrutinies. These are prayers of healing prayed by the community (on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent) that the elect will have the strength to withstand evil, and remain pure and free from sin as they journey toward initiation and growth in faith. While we minister to the elect, they provide a visible reminder to each of us of the meaning and purpose of Lent, and minister to us through their presence.

We will celebrate the Scrutinies with our elect at the 10AM Mass at St. John on March 24, 31, and April 7.



## Knights of Columbus Council 11303 Lenten Fish Chowders

Every Friday through Lent 4:30 - 6:00PM

\$8.00

St. Joseph Maronite Hall

## Catch Yourself Helping Someone This Lent!



Loving our neighbor is a baptismal call for all of us, so let's use this Lent to find out the many ways we are achieving this in our diocese! Catholic Charities Maine Parish Social Ministry has placed a small box, pen and note pad near the entrance to church. Please use the note pad to write down your act of kindness and drop it in the box! Working full-time and have young children? Then

think of something to do for your family, open the door for someone or let a car go in front of you. Our actions need not take long or seem grandiose, but these small acts of kindness are vitally important to our faith!

## Corpus Christi Parish's Make a Difference List

- Make some cookies for the nursing home staff
- Have an (un)birthday party for someone who needs joy
- Pick up some litter along the way
- Offer a compliment just because
- Let someone in line in front of you at the grocery store
- Put your phone away when talking to someone face to face
- Notice details
- Let a friend cry
- Mind your own business
- Try not to judge
- Help someone along with heavy bags
- Listen to the elderly
- It's not *my* story, it's *our* story . . . share it!
- Wave to a street person

## CourageLIVES

St. Andre Home, Inc. is excited to share the news that its program for survivors of human trafficking has a new name: CourageLIVES. Formerly known as Hope Rising, CourageLIVES is growing to provide both residential and outpatient services to survivors of human trafficking and exploitation. Crafted with direct input from the survivors of human trafficking it serves, the name CourageLIVES truly resonated with survivors and was the resounding choice for demonstrating the power and persona of survivors of human trafficking. We appreciate your continued support as we embark on this next chapter! FMI please visit [www.CourageLIVESME.org](http://www.CourageLIVESME.org)