

Corpus Christi Parish

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December 8, 2019



Parish Advent Opportunities

Advent Breakfasts for Men

Wednesdays, December 11 & 18
6:30-7:30AM Notre Dame Hall

Advent Evening Holy Hours

*Eucharistic Adoration, Advent Chants,
Reconciliation, Night Prayer*
Wednesdays, December 11 & 18
6:30-7:30PM Notre Dame Church

Wondering with Mary

Advent Prayer Reflection

Sunday, December 8
2:00PM Notre Dame Church
Reception to follow in the hall

Sponsored by St. Theresa Guild of Corpus Christi Parish

The Light is On For You

Opportunities for the

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tues., Dec. 17	1:00-2:00PM	Notre Dame
Wed., Dec. 18	6:30-7:30PM	Notre Dame
Thurs., Dec. 19	1:00-2:00PM	Notre Dame
Fri., Dec. 20	7:00-7:45AM	St. John

2nd Sunday of Advent

WONDERING WITH MARY A PRAYER REFLECTION



Please join us in a sacred space sharing words, music and prayer while reflecting on how God is at work in us.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

2:00 - 3:00 PM

NOTRE DAME

Light refreshments to follow in the hall

Sponsored by St. Theresa's Guild of Corpus Christi Parish

MASS SCHEDULE

Notre Dame du Perpetuel Secours

116 Silver St. Waterville

Saturday 4:00 & 6:00PM Sunday 9:00 & 10:30AM Tuesday/Thursday 12:15PM

St. John the Baptist

26 Monument St. Winslow

Saturday 4:00PM Sunday 7:30 & 10:00AM Monday/Wednesday/Friday 8:00AM

Parish Information

Mass Times & Intentions

MONDAY	Dec. 9, 2019
8:00 AM SJ	Debby Gagne by Wayne and Carmen Bourgoin
TUESDAY	Dec. 10, 2019
12:15 PM ND	Donald Poirier by Dolly Bartley
WEDNESDAY	Dec. 11, 2019
8:00 AM SJ	Paul Foley by Dorothy Withee
THURSDAY	Dec. 12, 2019
12:15 PM ND	Priscilla Genest Drapeau (1st Ann.) by Jeannie Genest
FRIDAY	Dec. 13, 2019
8:00 AM SJ	Joseph Herard by Rachael and Fred Preo
1:45 PM Lakewood	Mary Ayoob by Martha Patterson and Sadie Anne Bernard
SATURDAY	Dec. 14, 2019
4:00 PM ND	Pauline Boudreau by Joseph E. Boudreau
4:00 PM SJ	Jeanne Carey by children and family
6:00 PM ND	Robert Lacombe by Ralph and Brenda Bourassa
SUNDAY	Dec. 15, 2019
7:30 AM SJ	Parishioners of Corpus Christi Parish
9:00 AM ND	Arthur Gagne by wife and family
10:00 AM SJ	Loretta Lajoie by Charlene and Ron Breton
10:30 AM ND	Theresa Boudreau by Joseph E. Boudreau
4:30 PM CC	NO MASS

Please remember in your prayers

Louise Harrington, died Nov. 24, funeral Dec. 7

Sanctuary Candle

In thanksgiving by a parishioner (SJ)

Keep in Your Prayers

Please remember Henry Pouliot

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

Masses at Colby College

Because students are on break, there will be no Masses in Lorimer Chapel at Colby College until Sun., Jan. 5.

Parish Mission Statement



The Mission of Corpus Christi Parish is to share our gifts as the body of Christ through Liturgy, Outreach and Education.

Sacramental Information

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays, 3:00PM at St. John Church, Winslow and Notre Dame Church, Waterville

Sacrament of Baptism

Families who would like to have their child baptized need to attend our Baptism Preparation Program. Classes are offered on the last Tuesday of most months.

Registration is required, please call the parish office.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples should make arrangements by calling the parish office at least 6 months prior to the wedding date and before making reception plans.

Anointing of the Sick

Anyone wishing to receive the Sacrament of the Sick is asked to call the parish office. If you or a loved one are admitted to MaineGeneral Medical Center please contact the Hospital Chaplain's Office. If you are at Inland Hospital please call the parish office.

Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays 7:00-7:45AM St. John Church

The Week Ahead

Sun., Dec. 8	8:00AM	ND	KC Breakfast
	9:00AM	ND	RCIA Rite of Acceptance
	12:15PM	ND	Spanish Mass
	2:00PM	ND	Wondering with Mary
	5:00PM	SJ	AA Meeting
Mon., Dec. 9	2:00PM	ND	Prayer Group
Tues., Dec. 10	1:00PM	ND	Senior Club
	6:00PM	ND	St. Theresa's Guild Mtg.
	7:00PM	SJ	KC #7300 Meeting
	7:00PM	FFC	Al-Anon
Wed., Dec. 11	6:30AM	ND	Advent Breakfast for Men
	6:30PM	ND	Advent Evening Holy Hour
Fri., Dec. 13	7:00AM	SJ	Adoration/Confessions
Sun., Dec. 15	10:00AM	ND	Coffee Hour
	5:00PM	SJ	AA Meeting

Gospel Meditation

2nd Sunday of Advent

What does it mean to be worthy? There are a few different ways to approach this question. Today's Gospel highlights two: the way of the Pharisees and the way of John the Baptist. Our faith values good works and discipleship. Perhaps, then, we "earn" our worth by adhering to the right doctrines and following the right pious practice. The Pharisees thought they were worthy. Due to their religious pedigree and proper procedures, they were self-satisfied. John the Baptist's words to them are strong. *"Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.'"* Of course, Jesus (and John) don't omit the responsibility for moral behavior. John gives the Pharisees quite a strong warning in that regard. *"Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance ... every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."*

It's a question of attitude. Of disposition. It's a matter of the heart. If anyone would be worthy in this scenario, it's John the Baptist. Jesus himself will name him the greatest of prophets and a great man. John, however, recognizes his own lowly place in the grand scheme of things. *"The one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals."* The Pharisees take pride in being "better" than others. John embraces humility in Christ being "better" than him. We don't self-generate our own worthiness. We receive it as a gift from God.

In a few short weeks, we'll celebrate the birth of Christ. Bishop Ven. Fulton Sheen wrote about the Nativity in his "Life of Christ": "Because [Jesus] was born in a cave, all who wish to see Him must stoop. To stoop is the mark of humility. The proud refuse to stoop and, therefore, they miss divinity." God invites us to prepare our hearts this Advent. When you consider your own life, where are you looking for your worth? This Christmas, are you prepared to stoop?

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Question for Adults - What do you need to change so that others can learn from watching you that Christ walks among us?

Question for Kids - What could you do so that others will see in you what it means to follow Jesus?

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Readings for the Week

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

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Reading God's Word

Reading God's Word books with daily and Sunday Mass readings are available at the Parish Office for \$16.00 each.



Like us on facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/CorpusChristiMaine>

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

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory for Nov. 24 - \$15,250.50

Offertory for Dec. 1 - \$14,471.44

Average weekly offertory to date - \$15,570.15

Our budget is based on a weekly average offertory of - \$15,970.65

2nd Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development - \$3,431.75

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

Corpus Christi Parish Mass Schedule for the Nativity of the Lord

Tuesday, December 24

4:00PM Notre Dame

4:00PM St. John

6:00PM Notre Dame

10:00PM St. John

Wednesday, December 25

7:30AM St. John

9:00AM Notre Dame



2nd Collection This Weekend for the Retirement Fund for Religious

Support aging religious. Our 2nd collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders.

In Our Parish and Diocese

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION & JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Faith Formation Schedule

Grades K-5

Sunday 8:30-9:45AM

Faith Formation Center

Dec. 8, 15

Grades K-5

Monday 3:30-5:00PM

Faith Formation Center

Dec. 9, 16

Family Life

Sunday 3:00-5:00PM

Notre Dame

Jan. 5

Junior High Ministry

Sunday 6:00-8:00PM

Faith Formation Center

Dec. 8, 15

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.**

Dec. 8 - 4:30 Planning Team

6PM Session - Mary and the Immaculate
Conception

Dec. 15 - Christmas Party

Dec. 22 and 29 - No session

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., Dec. 10 - Memories & Hope at the Holidays with
Annette Rioux

*The holidays can be a difficult time of the
year when loved ones have left us in life or
death. Ideas for celebrating the memories
and living with the sadness will be shared.*

Tues., Jan. 14 - Improving Balance with Wendy Webb

*Knowing the right way to balance gives
your joints more flexibility and may help to
fend off falls. Come learn how to increase
your awareness and avoid injuries.*

Parish Instagram Account



Instagram

Corpus Christi Parish is now on
Instagram. Find us at:
[@corpuschristimaine](https://www.instagram.com/corpuschristimaine)

Access us on a computer by visiting:
[https://www.instagram.com/
corpuschristimaine/](https://www.instagram.com/corpuschristimaine/)

Daily Mass Cancellation & Parish Office Closure

When schools in Waterville or Winslow are delayed or not in session due to inclement/hazardous weather conditions, the daily Mass will be cancelled and the Parish Office will be closed. This is to ensure the safety of our parishioners and to allow snow removal to take place in the parking lots.

Young Adult Ministry

Young Adults (ages 18-30) are invited to join us for a talk called "300 Mile Saints" – Many venerables, blessed, and saints have lived within 300 miles of Maine, have visited Maine, or have had ties to our state. Fr. Patrick will explore the lives and experiences of these holy men and women and reflect on what they have to teach us in the current evangelistic needs of our Church today. Come join us for an engaging discussion!

Fri., Dec. 13, 8PM at the Faith
Formation Center in Winslow. FMI:
daja.gombojav@portlanddiocese.org



Christmas Choir - Singers Wanted!



Come join the St. John choir for the Christmas Eve Masses at 4:00PM and 10:00PM. We will have rehearsals at St. John on Dec. 10 and Dec. 19 at 6:30PM, and on Dec. 15 at 8:30AM. FMI contact Sarah Sirois at 660-5008.

Be A Jolly Gift Giver This Christmas Season!

Please join Catholic Charities Maine this Christmas Season in providing a little joy for local children and families in need. **Bring a new, unwrapped toy or gift to our "Jolly Gifts" display in your church between November 30 and December 15.** Gift suggestions would be simple board games, dolls or action figures, arts and crafts activities for older children, sports items, etc. Your thoughtful "jolly gift" will be collected and distributed by a Catholic Charities staff member to a child in need for Christmas. Families receiving these gifts have been referred by Catholic Charities Maine, local schools or other community partners that can verify the family's need.

Thank You!



In Our Parish and Diocese



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

80 Garland Rd., Winslow

Gospel Reflection Group

Every Monday, 10-11AM

Seeking a welcoming place to deepen your faith? Join us as we break open the beauty and challenge of the Sunday Gospel readings. Free and open to all.

Did You Know?



There is a coffee half hour after the 9AM Mass at Notre Dame in the church hall. All are welcome! It is a wonderful time to share fellowship. Won't you join us?

Our Parish has Mass in Spanish!

The next Mass in Spanish will be celebrated on Sun, Dec. 8, 12:15PM at Notre Dame Church. There will be Mass in Spanish every 2nd & 4th Sun., at 12:15PM, at Notre Dame.

Q & A:

Preparing for Christmas

Question:

With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it's easy to stray.

Answer:

Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.

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Calling all Snowbirds



Before you leave for the winter please contact the Parish Office with the dates that you plan to be away so we can put your envelopes on hold. See you in the spring!

Win \$500 Cash!

St. Theresa's Guild is now selling tickets for their major fund raiser of the year. The proceeds will be used for Homeless Shelter meals, the backpack program, senior scholarships and sponsoring a needy family for Christmas. Help us make all this possible.



Tickets are \$3.00 each or 5 for \$10.00.

Drawing will be held on Dec. 10.

Support the Guild and it's good works.

Eucharistic Adoration

The essence of prayer is relationship. It's not primarily about doing something, but about getting to know someone. Fr. John Bartunek: Dynamic Catholic

Get to know the Lord by a weekly hour or half-hour of Eucharistic Adoration at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel 7 days a week—weekdays 8AM-6PM, weekends 8AM-5PM. Call Sr. Kay Kay 872-7072 to choose a time and day.



Honor Your Loved Ones at St. Francis Catholic Cemetery!

It's time to order your Christmas Wreaths. The Cemetery staff will place the beautiful 22" wreath on the lot for you. The standard wreath with a red bow is \$25.00 and the deluxe wreath with a red bow, cones and berries is \$35.00. The wreaths will be placed on the lots after Thanksgiving and picked up in the spring. Mail the order form below along with your check payable to:

St. Francis Catholic Cemetery
PO Box 575
Waterville, Me 04903-0575

Order Form

The following information MUST be included with order

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Wreath to be placed on the following lot:

Deceased Name: _____

Section: _____ Lot # _____

We can help you identify Section/Lot by phone if necessary at 872-2770

Check wreath type: () STANDARD () DELUXE

All orders must be received by December 15th.