

# Corpus Christi Parish

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## December 29, 2019 & January 5, 2020

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**Deb Hebert**

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Deb Hebert, Director



## THE HOLY FAMILY

“Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel,  
for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” - Mt 2:20

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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## 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. 30, 2019  
8:00 AM SJ Penny Boynton by a friend

**TUESDAY** Dec. 31, 2019  
12:15 PM ND George Roderigue by wife and family

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

**WEDNESDAY** Jan. 1, 2020  
8:00 AM SJ Parishioners of Corpus Christi Parish  
12:15 PM ND Alfreda Veilleux by Steve and Sally

**THURSDAY** Jan. 2, 2020  
12:15 PM ND Geraldine Quirion by Carmen Plante

**FRIDAY** Jan. 3, 2020  
8:00 AM SJ Donald O'Keefe by his family

**SATURDAY** Jan. 4, 2020  
4:00 PM ND Lorraine and Roland Roy by daughter, Jeanne and son Michael  
4:00 PM SJ Leonette Michaud (1st Ann.) by daughter Patty and Dave Grenier and family  
6:00 PM ND Joseph and Lydia Mathieu by Yvette Deschanes and family

**SUNDAY** Jan. 5, 2020  
7:30 AM SJ Donald Poirier by Lillian Martin and family  
9:00 AM ND Mary Pople by husband, John  
10:00 AM SJ Roland Larochelle by wife, Lucille and children  
10:30 AM ND Clement J. Labbé daughter Priscilla and family  
4:30 PM CC Parishioners of Corpus Christi Parish

**MONDAY** Jan. 6, 2020  
8:00 AM SJ Debby Gagne by Marc and Sarah Sirois

**TUESDAY** Jan. 7, 2020  
12:15 PM ND Nick Marin by Aunt Shirley

**WEDNESDAY** Jan. 8, 2020  
8:00 AM SJ Adelbert Carney by Juan and Kathy Guzman

**THURSDAY** Jan. 9, 2020  
12:15 PM ND Arthur Genest by M/M John Joler

**FRIDAY** Jan. 10, 2020  
8:00 AM SJ Althea Noel by Fran and Joyce Purnell  
1:45 PM Lakewood Joseph N. Vigue by Charles Landry

**SATURDAY** Jan. 11, 2020  
4:00 PM ND Ruth and Harvey Violette by son, Don and family  
4:00 PM SJ William Paul Kick by Langlais and Garay families  
6:00 PM ND Stephanie Lynn Moore by Aunt Brenda and Uncle Bob and family

**SUNDAY** Jan. 12, 2020  
7:30 AM SJ Philip Chamberlain by wife, Nancy  
9:00 AM ND Jerome Boulette by his family  
10:00 AM SJ Alphonse Jandreau by son, Mark and Christian  
10:30 AM ND Natalie DelGiudice (1st Ann.) by John and Lisa DelGiudice  
12:15 ND Spanish Mass  
4:30 PM CC Parishioners of Corpus Christi Parish

## Corpus Christi Memorial Fund

Raymond Mathieu, Roland and Lorraine Roy, Ricard Besson, John McQuillan, Jeannette Charette, Leo and Virginia Sylvain, Wilfred Bartley, Robert Bourget, Joseph Martin, Donald Poirier Holy Souls in Purgatory, Sr. Cecile Chagnon Jeannette and Chuck Pare, Charles and Theresa Crocker, Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph, The Loubier family Charles and Theresa Patrick, Leo Sylvain Deceased Members of the Quirion family, Maurice Kennedy, George Roderigue

## Please remember in your prayers

Lucien Loubier, died Dec. 13, funeral Dec. 21

## Sanctuary Candle

In thanksgiving by a parishioner (SJ)

## The Week Ahead

<b>Sun., Dec. 29</b>	10:00AM ND	Coffee Hour
	5:00PM SJ	AA Meeting
<b>Mon., Dec. 30</b>	2:00PM ND	Prayer Group
<b>Tues., Dec. 31</b>	7:00PM FFC	Al-Anon
<b>Wed., Jan. 1</b>	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
	8:00AM SJ	Mass
	12:15PM ND	Mass
<b>Fri., Jan 3</b>	7:00AM SJ	Adoration/Confessions
<b>Sun., Jan. 5</b>	8:00AM SJS	KC Breakfast
	10:00AM ND	Coffee Hour
	3:00PM ND	Family Life Christmas Party
	5:00PM SJ	AA Meeting
<b>Mon., Jan. 6</b>	9:30AM	Eric's Restaurant
		Senior Coffee Group
	2:00PM ND	Prayer Group
	7:00PM SH	KC #13486 Meeting
<b>Tues., Jan. 7</b>	7:00PM FFC	Al-Anon
<b>Fri., Jan. 10</b>	7:00AM SJ	Adoration/Confessions
<b>Sun., Jan. 12</b>	8:00AM ND	KC Breakfast
	12:15PM ND	Spanish Mass
	5:00PM SJ	AA Meeting

## Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory for Dec. 15 - \$15,220.45  
Average weekly offertory to date - \$15,461.31  
Our budget is based on a weekly average offertory of - \$15,970.65  
Offertory for Christmas, Dec. 22, and Dec. 29 will be in the bulletin on Jan. 5.

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

# Gospel Meditations

## December 29, 2019 -The Holy Family

“*Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you.*” 725 kilometers. That’s the distance on modern roads from Bethlehem to Cairo. Assuming one covered 40km a day on foot — ambitious for two young parents and their infant son — the journey would take well over two weeks. Of course, the Holy Family didn’t have modern roads. They would travel through wilderness, fear bandits, run low on water, and cross the vast Sinai Peninsula in a reverse of their forefathers in Exodus. Here, in struggle and sacrifice, are the beginnings of the forging of the Holy Family.

“*Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod.*” Large Jewish communities existed in most major cities of the ancient Mediterranean world, after the collapse of their kingdoms chronicled in the Old Testament, and Joseph could likely find work as a carpenter. All the same, today’s Gospel reminds us that the first formational years of Jesus as a babe-in-arms were spent in a strange land. The members of the Holy Family were foreigners, outsiders, immigrants.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. God took on our humanity. He is in solidarity with our own trials and difficulties. On the feast of the Holy Family, we honor the special place of the family within society. We are invited to recall those families who share in the struggles of the Holy Family in a particular way. We pray for immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. We pray for all parents who sacrifice their own well-being and comfort so their children may have a better life.

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**Question for Refection** - What can you do this week to help someone in your household or circle of friends feel loved?

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## January 5, 2020 - The Epiphany of the Lord

We may walk many roads when we search for God, and He leads us all the while. The men we honor today were not Jews. The Messiah wasn’t coming for *them*, not in the minds of Jesus’ contemporaries. These men were astrologers. They were adept at reading portents in the sky, a practice condemned in the Mosaic covenant. Still, to the best of their knowledge and awareness, they were seeking the truth. This truth led them to journey from their own homeland to honor a king they’d never met, one they couldn’t be sure truly existed. “*We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.*” Who do you know seeks God so tenaciously?

“*Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem,*” the Gospel tells us. Who are the seekers in your own life? Maybe it’s your cautiously curious co-worker, the neighbor who unexpectedly found peace on a yoga retreat, or your desperately angry child who has chosen to go their own way. Perhaps they’re not overtly headed for Jesus now, not yet. But they may well be seekers of truth in ways we didn’t expect. Our invitation is to listen, inquire, and give directions when appropriate.

The magi and modern-day seekers can inspire us as well. When is the last time you sought God’s truth so tenaciously? As believers, it can perhaps be easy to become desensitized to the Christmas season and to the miraculous reality we recently celebrated. Mass may have been lovely, but so was the succulent roast beef, the crisp smell of evergreen, and the warm glow of family. Consider asking yourself, “God, do I know you as well as I should? Would I journey as far as the magi to meet You, if I could? Do I journey to meet You daily in prayer? What do those answer say about me, and about our relationship?” Perhaps we, like the magi, can once again be “*overjoyed*” at seeing the Light of the World.

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**Question for Refection** - The Magi were strangers from another land. How do you welcome immigrants and strangers in the name of Christ?

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## Readings for the Week

Sunday, December 29: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday, December 30: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday, December 31: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday, January 1: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Thursday, January 2: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

Friday, January 3: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34

Saturday, January 4: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42

Sunday, January 5: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday, January 6: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, January 7: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday, January 8: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday, January 9: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday, January 10: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday, January 11: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

Sunday, January 12: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

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# 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

Jan. 5, 12, 26  
Feb. 2, 9  
Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
Apr. 5  
May 3, 10, 17

#### Family Life

**Sunday 3:00-5:00PM**  
Notre Dame

Jan. 5  
Feb. 23  
Apr. 19

#### Grades K-5

**Monday 3:30-5:00PM**  
Faith Formation Center

Jan. 6, 13, 27  
Feb. 3, 10  
Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
Apr. 6  
May 4, 11, 18

#### Junior High Ministry

**Sunday 6:00-8:00PM**  
Faith Formation Center

Jan. 5, 26  
Feb. 2, 9  
Mar. 8, 22  
Apr. 5  
May 3, 17

## 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.**

## 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., 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.*

### 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 Jan 6. Please RSVP to Pat O'Keefe, 872-7094 so Eric's can be ready for the group.



### 2019 Contribution Tax Letter

Parishioners needing a letter containing their 2019 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.

## Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God



The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is a liturgical celebration observed on January 1. It is a holy day of obligation, meaning that Mass attendance is required.

The use of the word *Solemnity* is a designation used for certain days within the liturgical calendar of the Church. Solemnities are the highest liturgical celebration, higher than feast days or memorials. By celebrating a solemnity dedicated to Mary's motherhood, the Church highlights the significance of her part in the life of Jesus. Even though she was human, because she gave birth to the Son of God, and because she is the Mother of the Son of God, she can be called the Mother of God.

### Parish Masses for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God - January 1

8:00AM St. John, Winslow  
12:15PM Notre Dame, Waterville

### Lighthouse Catholic Media

Before I was Catholic and was only curious about the Catholic Church someone gave me a Lighthouse Catholic Media CD. I put it in while cleaning house, a little skeptically at first perhaps. It was Bishop Barron and a Gospel reflection. To my surprise I loved it. Soon I was popping into the local Catholic Church to grab new CDs all the time. I didn't really have any Catholic friends who could explain the Mass, the Eucharist, and Marian theology. So, I had a collection of CDs in the car that was my first catechesis. I listened to them over and over. They became like old friends. Venerable Fulton Sheen, Dr. Scott Hahn, Father Larry Richards—these were my first catechists! These CDs were instrumental in my conversion and are still instrumental in my continuing conversion!

We have new CDs in the kiosks. Please take a look. Grab a CD for yourself or a friend. Make a donation to this vital ministry in the New Evangelization! Make a donation for the sake of someone outside the faith, looking in. It makes an eternal difference!

Daja Gombojav, Parish Catechetical Leader

### 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.

# In Our Parish and Diocese

## 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!

## Sew for a Cause

All are welcome as we work on a variety of projects for those in need. Come for part or the whole day, whether you know how to sew or not!



Thurs., Jan. 9 & 23  
10AM-4PM  
St. Bridget Center  
864 Main St. Vassalboro  
FMI: 616-3148  
tbridgetcenter@gmail.com  
facebook@stbridgetcenter

## 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?



## Stewardship of Time & Talent

### With Sincere Appreciation

Thank you to the parishioners who launder our Altar Linens and Altar Server Robes. Your work helps us to have a beautiful worship environment.

## 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

## Eucharistic Adoration

For Kathy Bartlett, music director in Charlotte, NC, Eucharistic Adoration helps when she feels emotionally drained. She says, "I walk into our Eucharistic Chapel and spend time with Jesus. Just a few minutes gives me strength to continue."

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 101 Silver St. in Waterville has Eucharistic Exposition from 8AM-6PM seven days per week. Stop in for a spiritually refreshing time of prayer.



## 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.

## Need a New Years Resolution?

**Give back to a senior and volunteer your time! Many seniors find themselves homebound and alone during this long winter season.** You can have a positive impact on a senior's life by investing a few hours a week through a friendly visit, a ride to the grocery store, or a phone call. If you are interested in becoming a **volunteer** or are a senior in need please contact the SEARCH program - Lynn Kidd (207)530-0137 or [lkidd@ccmaine.org](mailto:lkidd@ccmaine.org).

## Corpus Christi Parish on Social Media!

### Visit our parish website at:

[www.corpuschristimaine.org](http://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.

### Like us on facebook at:

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

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



### Parish Instagram Account

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/>



### Download Our Parish App!

Our Corpus Christi app is available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Stay connected throughout the week with instant notifications. Also enjoy a bunch of additional features like prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or Confession, and much more.

