

# Corpus Christi Parish

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## March 1, 2020

### Rite of Election

When the those desiring to enter our Church at the Easter Vigil are ready to respond totally to God's call to faith through the Sacraments of Initiation, the RCIA provides a ritual, the Rite of Election, to mark this step in the conversion process. Prior to the Rite of Election which is celebrated by the Bishop on the first Sunday of Lent, the *catechumens* come before the community for the Rite of Sending. The ritual provides an opportunity for the catechumens to officially request entrance to the Church through the Easter Sacraments of Initiation, and for the community to respond to that request by saying, "We confirm God's call to faith in your life, and will welcome you into the Church this Easter." During the Rite of Election, the Bishop formally "elects" the *catechumens* for the Sacraments of Initiation at the East Vigil and their names are written in the Book of the Elect.

**We are honored to once again welcome RCIA participants from the region to Notre Dame Church to celebrate the Rite of Election with Bishop Deeley at our 10:30AM Mass.**

*Here in Corpus Christi, seven people have been preparing by learning about our faith and our parish community throughout the past year:*

*Richard April*

*Sydney Emery*

*Zhanpo Lu*

*Sage Vance*

*Dylan Emery*

*Lingie Gu*

*Meghan Riddell*

*We look forward to celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation with them at the Easter Vigil and welcoming them as full members of our Church.*



## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

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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

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>March 2, 2020</b>
8:00 AM SJ	Mary Ayoob by Martha Patterson and Sadie Ann Bernard
1:45 PM Lakewood	Theodore Babula by Robyn and Leonard LeGrand
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>March 3, 2020</b>
12:15 PM ND	Nelson and Georgette Gilbert by their children
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>March 4, 2020</b>
8:00 AM SJ	Arlene Reny Mayhugh by Robert and Rita Plourde
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>March 5, 2020</b>
12:15 PM ND	Ray Kam by James and Joan Bourque and family
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>March 6, 2020</b>
8:00 AM SJ	Josh Nordyke by Daja Abdelaziz Gombojav
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>March 7, 2020</b>
4:00 PM ND	John Nadeau by Carmen and Paul Doucette
4:00 PM SJ	Mildred Lagasse by Jack and Jo-Ann Nivison
6:00 PM ND	Phillip Routhier by son, Patrick Routhier
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>March 8, 2020</b>
7:30 AM SJ	Julian Veilleux by wife and family
9:00 AM ND	Darcy Hebert by sisters, Della and Shirley
10:00 AM SJ	Claude Dechaine by Joseph and Shirley Roy
10:30 AM ND	Sylvia Hebert Labbé by daughter Priscilla and family
12:15 PM ND	Spanish Mass
4:30 PM CC	Parishioners of Corpus Christi Parish

### Please remember in your prayers

Brenda Webber, died Feb. 14, funeral Feb. 22

### Sanctuary Candle

In thanksgiving by a parishioner (SJ)

### Nursing Home Mass Schedule All Masses at 1:45PM

1st Monday, each month at Lakewood, Waterville  
3rd Monday, each month at Oak Grove, Waterville  
4th Monday, each month at Woodlands, Waterville

## Stewardship of Time & Talent

### With Sincere Appreciation

Thank you to all who donated to the Souper Bowl of Caring. The total collected this year was **\$1,550.10!** All proceeds will be donated to local food pantries.

## 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

<b>Sun., Mar. 1</b>	8:00AM	SJS	KC Breakfast
	10:30AM	ND	Diocesan RCIA Rite of Election
	5:00PM	SJ	AA Meeting
<b>Mon., Mar. 2</b>	9:30AM	Eric's	Restaurant Senior Coffee
	2:00PM	ND	Prayer Group
	7:00PM	SH	KC #13486 Meeting
<b>Tues., Mar. 3</b>	7:00PM	FFC	Al-Anon
<b>Fri., Mar. 6</b>	7:00AM	SJ	Adoration/Confessions
<b>Sat., Mar. 7</b>	9:00AM	ND	1st Reconciliation Retreat for Sacrament 2 Children & their parents
	2:00PM	SJ	Baptism-Sydney McCarrison
	5:00PM	SJ	AA Meeting
<b>Sun., Mar. 8</b>	8:00AM	ND	KC Breakfast
	2:00PM	ND	Strategies for Living with Depression Workshop
	5:00PM	SJ	AA Meeting

*For Parish Lenten opportunities please refer to that section of the bulletin on page 3.*

# Gospel Meditation

## 1st Sunday of Lent

Life can easily spin us out of control. While there are so many wonderful opportunities before us, we can also get easily distracted and exhausted. There is always something to do, respond to, or check. The clutter of our lives can take us off course, and the best remedy for getting back on track is the experience of the desert. Here we can face our demons square on, resist them, and get back on course. We desperately need the season of Lent. This simple time of year forces us into greater awareness and grounds us in what is good and true.

What weighs you down and keeps you trapped? Maybe you are trying to do too much and please too many people. It could be that your fragile self-image is always pushing you to prove yourself and find success. Anxiety and worry, ultimately due to a lack of faith, can quickly tempt you with despair. It could be that you are listening to too many voices and allowing all of the negativity that is present erode the genuine goodness in your heart and in all of God's creation. Or maybe you struggle too much with fear. Perhaps so much so that you are far too preoccupied with your own agenda and goals and left with little psychological or spiritual room to consider and respond to the plight of your neighbor. Do anger, bitterness, stubbornness, and hatred have homes in your heart? How about greed, gluttony, pride, apathy, or lust?

For many, their passions and what can be found on the internet are their downfall, and they are robbed of their inner life and freedom. What is it, specifically, that tempts you away from a childlike trust in God? Define this and use the next few weeks to allow God to chart you a course away from them. Silence, being alone, grace, honesty, struggle, tears, and dryness are all found in the desert. You will also find God and your true self in this holy place. Ready to go?

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**Question for Adults** - What helpful advice could you offer someone faced with a temptation?

**Question for Kids** - What helps you do the right thing when you want to do something wrong?

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## Readings for the Week

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 [cf. 3a]/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn 6:63b]/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

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### 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.

### Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory for Feb. 16 - \$13,184.75

Offertory for Feb. 23 - \$15,449.25

Average weekly offertory to date - \$15,842.04

Our budget is based on a weekly average offertory of -  
\$15,570.15

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

The second collection this weekend is for the Native American and Black Missions. This collection is the embodiment of the Church's concern for evangelizing the Black and Native American peoples of the United States. Thank you for your generosity.

### Corpus Christi Parish

**will be participating in a parish-wide survey**

***We Need Your Help!***

The 10-15 minute survey will be conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute from Feb. 20 - Mar. 29. It will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on the parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to our parish leadership and various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

Survey forms will be available at all Masses. You can also access the survey online at: [www.disciplemakerindex.com](http://www.disciplemakerindex.com). If you would like assistance completing the survey please contact Kim Suttie at 872-2281. Thank you!

### 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.

# 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	Grades K-5
<b>Sunday 8:30-9:45AM</b>	<b>Monday 3:30-5:00PM</b>
<b>Faith Formation Center</b>	<b>Faith Formation Center</b>
Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Apr. 5	Apr. 6
May 3, 10, 17	May 4, 11, 18
<b>Family Life</b>	<b>Junior High Ministry</b>
<b>Sunday 3:00-5:00PM</b>	<b>Sunday 6:00-8:00PM</b>
<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>Faith Formation Center</b>
Feb. 23	Feb. 23      Mar. 8, 22
Apr. 19	Apr. 5, 26      May 3, 10

### Faith Formation Lenten Challenge!

Do you want this Lent to be different than last year? Want to kick it up a notch with prayer, fasting, and almsgiving? The Faith Formation Office is offering you and your family this challenge: take up our Best Lent Ever Bingo Card. Challenge your kids and family to be intentional about growing in faith and service by checking off the boxes. When you get a BINGO (five in a row) you can get a prize! If you get a Blackout, your family's name will be entered to win one of 2 gift cards to Dairy Queen! What could be better than celebrating Easter with ice cream and the satisfaction of knowing that you had the Best Lent Ever?! Bingo cards can be picked up at the back of Notre Dame or St. John's, at the Faith Formation office, or by emailing [daja.gombjav@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:daja.gombjav@portlanddiocese.org)

## 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., Mar. 10 - Footprints of the Sisters of St. Joseph in  
Maine with Sr. Janet Gagnon  
*Learn about the origin of the Sisters mission in  
Maine and the influence they have had on our state.*

### 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. 2. Please RSVP to Pat O'Keefe, 872-7094.



## Parish Lenten Opportunities



### Prayer

#### Stations of the Cross

Tuesdays 12:45PM Notre Dame Church  
Fridays 3:00PM Sacred Heart Church  
Fridays 3:00PM Virtual Stations on our parish  
Instagram page: @corpuschristimaine or on a computer:  
<https://www.instagram.com/corpuschristimaine/>

#### Rosary and Fellowship

Wednesdays 2:00PM  
St. Bridget Center 864 Main St., Vassalboro

#### Lenten Evening Holy Hour

Wednesdays (except Mar. 11) 6:30-7:30PM  
St. John Church, Winslow  
*Evening Prayer, Chant, Adoration, Confessions*

#### Taize Prayer Around the Cross

Wednesday, March 4 6:30PM  
St. Joseph Center 80 Garland Rd., Winslow  
*Meditative prayer, silence, song, and an invitation to offer  
your concerns and joys before the cross of Jesus.*  
*Led by Deacon Rod Berger*

### Formation

#### Entering the Abundant Life

Thursdays 6:30-8:00PM  
Notre Dame Church Hall  
*We will explore God's love for us, the Pascal Mystery, the  
role of suffering and surrendering our hearts and wills to  
God as we apply the truths of our faith to daily life.*  
*Led by Don Smith of Evangelize Me!*

### Reconciliation

#### The Light is On For You!

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
Tuesday, March 31 1:00-2:00PM Notre Dame Church  
Wednesday, April 1 6:00-7:00PM St. John Church  
Thursday, April 2 1:00-2:00PM Notre Dame Church  
Friday, April 3 7:00-7:45AM St. John Church, Winslow

### Holy Week Liturgies

#### Thursday of the Lord's Supper

Thursday, April 9 6:00PM Notre Dame Church

#### Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Friday, April 10 6:00PM Notre Dame Church

#### Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Saturday, April 11 8:00PM St. John Church

#### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday, April 12  
9:00AM & 10:30AM Notre Dame Church, Waterville  
7:30AM & 10:00AM St. John Church, Winslow  
4:30PM Lorimer Chapel, Colby College, Waterville

# In Our Parish and Diocese

## Sew for a Cause

Do you like helping others? Come and join us!  
All are welcome no matter your level of sewing expertise!  
Mar. 5 & 19 10AM-4PM



St. Bridget Center  
864 Main St. Vassalboro  
FMI: 616-3148  
stbridgetcenter@gmail.com  
facebook@stbridgetcenter

## Our Parish has Mass in Spanish!

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

## Vocations

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the state in life God has prepared for you? Contact: Fr. Seamus Griesbach 207-773-6471  
Email: seamus.griesbach@portlanddiocese.org  
Website: www.portlanddiocese/vocations

## Fish Chowder Fridays

March 6 & 13 4:30-6:00PM \$9.00

Dine in or Take Out

St. Joseph Parish Hall Appleton St. Waterville  
Sponsored by KC Council #11303

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

80 Garland Rd., Winslow  
*Free and Open to All!*

### Taize Lenten Prayer Around the Cross

Wed. March 4th, 6:30PM St. Joseph Center.

This meditative prayer, led by Deacon Rod Berger, includes silence, prayer through song, and an invitation to offer your concerns and joys before the cross of Jesus.

### Living Our Faith: Living With Depression

Sun. March 8, 2-3:30PM Notre Dame Church Hall  
Marc Sirois, Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Dr. Robert Crosswell, longtime psychiatrist and Medical Director at MaineGeneral Medical Center will share on depression: it's causes and treatments as well as strategies for living with depression and supporting those who do.

This event is being sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Lyon and our Corpus Christi Parish Knights of Columbus Councils.

### Special Lenten Program: Welcoming the Stranger

Sun., March 22, 2-3:30PM Notre Dame Church Hall  
Baba Ly, Asst. Dir. of Refugee & Immigration Services at Catholic Charities of Maine and Bill Wood, Parish Social Ministry Specialist for our area, will share on what the Church teaches on immigration and the challenges of and opportunities to 'welcome the stranger' in Maine.

## FUNdraisers for Precious Innocents Inc.

Sun., Mar. 22 -12:00noon -\$30.00 - Governor's Restaurant  
Sat., Apr. 11 - 1:00PM - \$30.00 - T.J.'s Billiards

Join us for fun-filled afternoons painting to support and benefit a wonderful foundation, Precious Innocents.

To order tickets, go to the *Artful Nights Facebook page*, and under the category, Upcoming Events, click "See All." Scroll through the first set of dates and click "See All." From here, you will keep scrolling until you come to our fundraising event dated March 22 or Apr. 11. Click on our event, and you will be able to order tickets. If you have questions or concerns, message Artful Nights, and they will answer you shortly.

Hope to see you all there and thank you in advance for all your support.

Fr. Patrick will return to Lourdes this October with the Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality North American Volunteers  
***Is Mary inviting you to come to Lourdes also?***

There are three different ways to join this pilgrimage:

1. **Special Needs Pilgrims (Oct. 11-17)** – Since 2002, more than 2100 special needs have journeyed to Lourdes with our group. Some have a companion, caregiver, and/or family member(s) join them. Of course, one need not be seriously ill to come as a pilgrim either!
2. **Medical Service (Oct. 11-17)** – The medical team—made up of doctors, nurses, PAs, PTs, OTs, psychologists, etc. who travel with our pilgrims—ensures supportive, loving care across every aspect of the pilgrimage.
3. **Advance Team Service (Oct. 9-19)** – The A-Team volunteers arrive before, lovingly attending to pilgrims' needs throughout, and depart after our pilgrimage.

In addition to Mass each day, there are opportunities for the Anointing of the Sick, Confession, and tours of Lourdes as well as a visit to the miraculous *piscines*.

FMI: visit [www.lourdesvolunteers.org](http://www.lourdesvolunteers.org), or contact Fr. Patrick [patrick.finn@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:patrick.finn@portlanddiocese.org).

***Are you or someone you know living alone and in need of a helping hand at home? Or, are you interested in volunteering or working part-time helping seniors?***

Catholic Charities Maine **Homemaker Services** connects isolated seniors and physically handicapped adults with dedicated para-professionals who help with a variety of tasks, from housekeeping to grocery shopping and laundry. CCM's **SEARCH** program provides outreach to isolated seniors in their own homes by recruiting volunteers who provide companionship and help with transportation and errands. If you or someone you know needs these senior services, or if you might enjoy working part-time or volunteering for these programs, **a representative from Catholic Charities will be at the Notre Dame Coffee Hour after the 9AM Mass on Sun., Mar. 8, to answer your questions.** Hope to see you there!