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2019

Eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time



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Parish Information

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Rev. Daniel J. Baillargeon, Pastor

Rev. Patrick Finn, Parochial Vicar

The Week Ahead

Sun., Mar. 3	8:00AM	SJS	KC Breakfast
	10:00AM	SJ	RCIA Rite of Sending
	10:00AM	ND	Coffee Hour
	11:30AM	ND	Blessing of Crosses
	5:00PM	SJ	AA Meeting
Mon., Mar. 4	9:00AM	SJS	Hands of God
	9:30AM		Eric's Restaurant - Elder's Coffee
	2:00PM	ND	Prayer Group
	6:00PM	FFC	Lord, Teach Me to Pray
Tues., Mar. 5	7:00PM	FFC	Al-Anon
Wed., Mar. 6	<i>Ash Wednesday - See Mass Schedule below</i>		
Fri., Mar. 8	7:00AM	SJ	Adoration & Confession
Sat., Mar. 9	2:00PM	ND	Baptism - Harper Carrier
Sun., Mar. 10	10:30AM	ND	RCIA Rite of Election
	10:00AM	ND	Coffee Hour
	12:00PM	ND	Spanish Mass
	5:00PM	SJ	AA Meeting

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is almost upon us. The beginning of Lent. The beginning of a time of reflection and preparation. The beginning of a time of joy. JOY!?! WHY JOY???

Because Christ is truly risen. Because our time of Lenten preparation is looking forward to the celebration of Christ's Resurrection and the promise of our salvation. Because during Lent we don't pretend that Easter never happened.

During Lent we look forward to celebrating that Easter resurrection in the best way possible, and we take this season to prepare ourselves for that celebration. We prepare by repentance and conversion. We prepare by making our lives more like Christ's so that we can be one with him in his glory.

CHRIST IS RISEN! LET US PREPARE IN JOYFUL AND GRATEFUL ANTICIPATION.

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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
- 4:30PM - Mass - Lorimer Chapel, Colby College
- 6:00PM - Mass - St. John

Mass Times & Intentions

MONDAY	March 4, 2019
8:00 AM SJ	Jean Poulin by Pauline Poulin and family
TUESDAY	March 5, 2019
12:15 PM ND	Julian Veilleux by Claude and Camilla Giguere

Ash Wednesday—March 6, 2019

7:00 AM SJ	Liturgy of the Word with Ashes
8:00 AM SJ	Geraldine Plourde by Bob and Rita Plourde
12:15 PM ND	Althea Noel by Alton and Pat Grenier
4:30 PM CC	O'Neil Carpenter by daughter, Violet
6:00 PM SJ	Paula Veilleux by Maurice and Barbara Bard

THURSDAY	March 7, 2019
12:15 PM ND	Marie B. Cosgrove by Mike Buck
FRIDAY	March 8, 2019
8:00 AM SJ	Phil Chamberlain by Pat O'Keefe
1:45 PM Lakewood	Lorette Innis by Paul Boudreau and family
SATURDAY	March 9, 2019
4:00 PM ND	Sylvia Hebert Labbé by daughter, Priscilla and family
4:00 PM SJ	Lucille Giroux by Carmen and Paul Doucette
6:00 PM ND	Parishioners of Corpus Christi Parish
SUNDAY	March 10, 2019
7:30 AM SJ	Francois and Florence Poulin and Donn Wolfe By Lucette
9:00 AM ND	Camilla LaBrecque Lantange by Harold and Marianne Poirier
10:00 AM SJ	Juliette Veilleux by her family
10:30 AM ND	Gerald and Ursula Letourneau by the family
12:00 NOON ND	Spanish Mass
4:30 PM CC	Jeannette LeBlanc by the Wildes family

Keep in Your Prayers

Please remember Tracy Strassburg,
Lawrence and Mary Audet

*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

Frances Epifano, died Jan. 21, funeral Feb. 27
Douglas Perry, died Feb. 17, funeral March 9

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

Sunday by Sunday

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

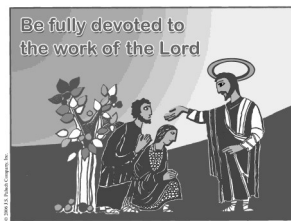
GIVE ME A BREAK

After last week's rather involved and intense readings, we get a chance to settle back today and deal with images that are a little bit more commonplace and common-sense. We also have some goals set for us that are a bit more realistic, perhaps; at least they seem more within our reach. Jesus even turns a bit of wry humor on us, speaking of the planks in our own eyes that we cannot see because we are so focused on the splinters in another person's eye. And, no matter what the vocation to which we have been led, we can take heart in Paul's words today: "Your labor is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

THE FRUITFUL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

There are multiple metaphors in both Sirach and Luke's Gospel that give us some easy-to-follow cautions and ways to evaluate our own vocations. The fruitful tree described in the first reading and Gospel today will only be fruitful when various things work together: the sun and rain, soil and the creatures that keep it fertile, the farmer weeding and pruning. So it is with the Christian community. During Lent our parish journey with the catechumens will help us renew the working together of our lives and vocations to be fruitful for the life of the world. We will take the opportunity to ask our brothers and sisters to help us examine our eyes for the splinters of sin, and will continue to seek to be, as Paul says, always devoted to the work of the Lord. We also hear, in the Gospel verse, yet one more metaphor to lead us in our daily vocations and bring us to that day when death is swallowed up in victory: "Shine like lights in the world" (Philippians 2:15).

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Today's Readings:

Sirach 27:5-8 - All tested by their speech
1 Corinthians 15:54-58 - Glorification of the body
Luke 6:39-45 - All known by their works

Question for Adults - When have you felt like a hypocrite? How did you overcome this feeling?

Question for Kids - Is it good or bad to act differently from what you are really feeling? Why?

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Prayer of the Week

Prayer for Lent

Generous Father, you constantly shower us with your abundant graces. Grant, we pray, that our Lenten sacrifices, prayers and reflection will help us to better recognize the graces of this season. May we share what you have given us with those less fortunate. And help us, Father, to walk confidently on our path, leading us closer to you as we prepare to welcome your Son, our risen Savior, this Easter. 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 Feb. 17 - \$14,114.50

Offertory for Feb. 24 - \$13,614.18

Average offertory to date - \$16,113.43

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

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

The collection on Ash Wednesday will be for the Church of Eastern Europe and the Solidarity Fund for Africa.

The second collection next weekend is for the Native American and Black Missions.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence (from meat)

What does it mean to "fast"?

To fast is to do without food--to experience the effects of not eating. It also serves to be a sacrifice--to strengthening us. When we don't eat we get hungry. When we get hungry, we have a heightened sense of awareness. If, when we eat too much, we have a sluggish feeling, when we fast, we have a feeling of alertness. Fasting is a wonderful exercise whenever we want to sincerely ask for an important grace from God. It is not that our fasting "earns" God's attention, but by fasting, we clarify our thinking and our feeling which helps us to pray more deeply.

When do I fast?

Catholics aged 18-59, are required to fast on only two days of the year--Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these days, fasting means something very specific--to eat only one full meal in a day, with no food in-between meals. The other meals, if one eats three meals a day, should not total one full meal. Anyone with impaired health should fast in any way. It is also important to note that everyone who fasts should drink enough fluids on a fast day.

What does it mean to "abstain" on the Fridays of Lent?

To abstain is to not eat meat. Its purpose is to be an act of penance and sacrifice, that helps us grow in freedom to make much bigger sacrifices. Of course, it would not make sense to make the sacrifice of not eating meat, and then eat a wonderful meal I enjoy even more. It should be noted that many people in this world cannot afford to eat meat or do not have access to it. Part of our abstaining from meat can place us in solidarity with so many of our sisters and brothers around the world.

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.**

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. 3 - discussion on Lent - bring questions!

Mar. 10 - beginning 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!

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.

FMI call the school office at 872-7115.



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

Wednesdays 5:30PM at Notre Dame Church

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

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 Mar. 4. Please RSVP to Pat O'Keefe, 872-7094 so Eric's can be ready for the group.



In Our Parish and Diocese

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!

Knights of Columbus Council 11303 Lenten Fish Chowders

4:30 - 6:00PM
St. Joseph Maronite Hall
Every Friday through Lent

RCIA - Rite of Election

When the *catechumens* (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 Easter Vigil and their names are written in the Book of the Elect.

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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!

We will celebrate the Rite of Election with Bishop Deeley and RCIA participants from area churches next Sunday at the 10:30AM Mass at Notre Dame.

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.

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, Mar. 10, 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

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.