

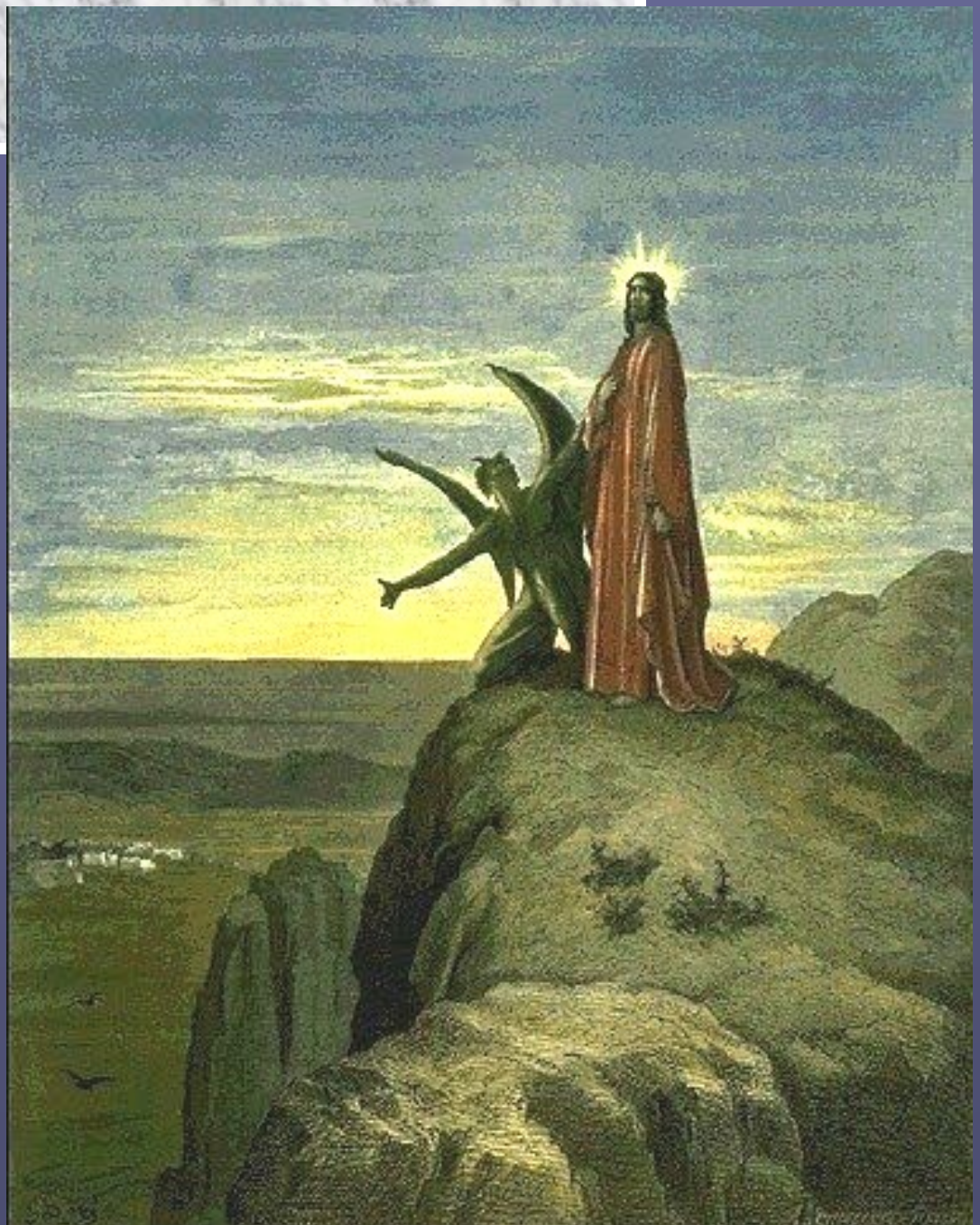
Corpus Christi Parish

March

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2019

First Sunday of Lent



Parish Information

Corpus Christi Parish

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The Week Ahead

Sun., Mar. 10	10:30AM SJ	RCIA Rite of Election
	12:00PM ND	Spanish Mass
	1:00PM ND	Secular Franciscans
	5:00PM SJ	AA Meeting
Mon., Mar. 11	9:00AM SJS	Hands of God
	2:00PM ND	Prayer Group
	6:00PM FFC	Lord, Teach Me to Pray
Tues., Mar. 12	1:00PM ND	Stations of the Cross
	1:00PM ND	Senior Club
	6:00PM SJ	KC #7300 Meeting
	7:00PM FFC	Al-Anon
Wed., Mar. 13	6:30AM ND	Men's Lenten Breakfast
	5:30PM ND	Lenten Evening Holy Hour
Fri., Mar. 15	7:00AM SJ	Adoration & Confession
	3:00PM SH	Stations of the Cross
Sun., Mar. 17	10:00AM ND	Coffee Hour
	5:00PM SJ	AA Meeting

Stewardship of Time & Talent

With Sincere Appreciation

Thank you to the parishioners who refurbished the Stations of the Cross from Immaculate Heart of Mary so they could be hung at Notre Dame. We are looking forward to praying the Stations with them this Lenten Season.

Mass Times & Intentions

MONDAY	March 11, 2019
8:00 AM SJ	Germaine Mathieu by Pearley and Alice Lachance
TUESDAY	March 12, 2019
12:15 PM ND	Dollis Bizier and son, John by the family
WEDNESDAY	March 13, 2019
8:00 AM SJ	Gerald Giroux by Pat O'Keefe
THURSDAY	March 14, 2019
12:15 PM ND	John Thomas by Nate
FRIDAY	March 15, 2019
8:00 AM SJ	Carmen Welch by husband, Bob
1:45 PM Oak Grove	Frederick Kolakowski by William Stanford
SATURDAY	March 16, 2019
4:00 PM ND	Ralph Knight by Aline and family
4:00 PM SJ	John Bouchard (1st Ann.) by wife and children
6:00 PM ND	Althea Noel by Sandra Saucier
SUNDAY	March 17, 2019
7:30 AM SJ	Roger P. Talbot by sister, Jane husband, Gene and family
9:00 AM ND	Joseph Donald Giguere by wife and sister
10:00 AM SJ	Parishioners of Corpus Christi Parish
10:30 AM ND	Daniel Brady by Terry and Bill Violette
4:30 PM CC	Beverly Mayo by Robert and Joan Fortin

Keep in Your Prayers

Please remember Tracy Strassburg, Robert Buccillato, Lawrence and Mary Audet, Lisa Brosius

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

Anne Duval, died Feb. 22, funeral March 16

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

First Sunday of Lent PROFESSION OF FAITH

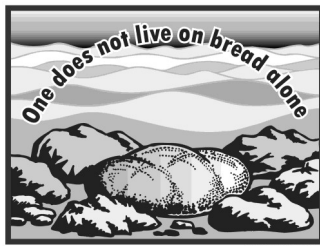
Each of the scriptures for the First Sunday of Lent contains some sort of confessional statement. As we enter into the season of Lent these texts focus our attention on our own choice to place our trust in God. They help the elect prepare to profess their faith in Jesus Christ and be baptized at the Easter Vigil. They remind the rest of us of the faith we once professed in baptism and invite us to choose wholeheartedly to renew those baptismal promises at the Masses of Easter.

Today's first reading is considered one of the most important professions of faith in the Hebrew Bible. By ritually reciting their history, the Jewish people expressed their faith in one God who oversees all of human history and who will continue to gather, save, and sustain every new generation of the Chosen People. The reading from Paul's letter to the Romans shows that the heart of the Christian profession of faith is trust in the Lordship of the risen Christ, source of all salvation. The Gospel contains the familiar story of the temptation of Jesus by the devil, the setting for Jesus' threefold profession of faith and trust in God.

DAY BY DAY

At Easter, throughout Lent, and every day of our lives we are to profess and live our faith that "Jesus is Lord" (Romans 10:9). Both Moses and Jesus tell us that we are to serve God alone. God chooses us as adopted children in baptism. Day by day we must choose to trust in God to save us, as Jesus did in the desert. During Lent God asks us to scrutinize every choice we make, so that at Easter we can truthfully "confess with [our] mouth that Jesus is Lord" (Romans 10:9). With those who have chosen to be baptized this Easter, we must choose to put our faith in God rather than material goods, power, or any other devilish temptation.

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Today's Readings:

Deuteronomy 26:4-10 - Thanksgiving for the Lord's goodness

Romans 10:8-13 - The faith of the Christian

Luke 4:1-13 - Temptation in the desert

Question for Adults - How willing are you to profess your faith in Jesus openly to others?

Question for Kids - Would you still be able to say that you believe in Jesus if others made fun of you for it?

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Prayer of the Week

Grant, almighty God,
through the yearly observances of holy Lent,
that we may grow in understanding of the riches
hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct
pursue their effects.

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

The offertory numbers were not available at press time. The will be published in next weekend's bulletin.

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

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

Understanding Lent

What about "giving up something" for Lent?

When many of us were children, we might remember our giving up candy for Lent. And, it seemed like a real sacrifice. As we grew up, it was often more difficult to decide what special thing to do, to make Lent a special season - to get our attention and to prepare ourselves for deeper sacrifices.

What would help me grow in freedom? That's the question to ask. For some of us, it could be, committing ourselves to give up judging others, every single day of Lent. For others, it could be giving up a bad habit we've developed. For still others, it is obvious what seems to be the important choice for me during Lent.

For many of us, the choice may not be to give something up, but to add something to our daily lives during Lent. We may commit ourselves to extra prayer time. We may decide to do some service to the poor, once a week during Lent. We may choose to increase our almsgiving to the poor - perhaps related to something we choose not to do, e.g., some might choose not to go out to eat one night a week, and to give that total amount to the poor.

Whether it is fasting, abstaining or other acts of penance, the whole desire we should have is to use these means to help us grow closer to our Lord and prepare ourselves "to celebrate the paschal mystery with minds and hearts renewed." (First Preface of Lent)

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., 10, 17, 24, 31

Apr. 7, 28

May 5

Grades K-5

Monday 3:30-4:45PM

Faith Formation Center

Mar. 11, 18, 25

Apr. 1, 8, 29

May 6

Junior High Ministry

Sunday 6:00-8:00PM

Faith Formation Center

Mar. 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. 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!

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 had placed a small box, pen and note pad near the entrance to your 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!



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*

Sew for a Cause

All are welcome as we work on a variety of projects for those in need. March 14 & 21, 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 or

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

In Our Parish and Diocese

Knights of Columbus Council 11303 Lenten Fish Chowders

Every Friday through Lent 4:30 - 6:00PM \$8.00
St. Joseph Maronite Hall

St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Supper

March 16 4:30-6:30PM \$10.00
St. Joseph's Maronite Hall

ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

South Garand St., Winslow 872-7115
www.stjohnschoolwinslow.org

March Madness Fundraiser



It's not too late to purchase a calendar. 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. FMI or to get in on the fun call the school office at 872-7115.

Vocations

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart."
Jesus the Eternal Word continues to call many to lives of holiness as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life.

Could you be one of them?

Contact: Fr. Seamus Griesbach 207-773-6471

Email: seamus.griesbach@portlanddiocese.org

Website: www.portlanddiocese.org/vocations

Upcoming Vocations Office Retreats

High School Discerner's Retreat

March 22-24, Sky High Conference Center, Topsham
Online Registration/Information: <https://goo.gl/forms/nbLPjn53vKWWQOES2>

Men's Retreat: "You Shall Love the Lord Your God"
March 29-31, Franciscan Guest House, Kennebunkport
Online Registration/Information: <https://goo.gl/forms/UiRokrEr9GWhKXSu1>

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. March 20, 6:30pm

Living Our Faith: Finding Joy in Maine in March
Fr. Paul Sullivan SJ.

Come meet Fr. Paul and learn how to see even Maine in March as an invitation to closeness with Jesus. Fr. Paul is the pastor of Our Lady of Hope Parish in Portland, ME and a sought after retreat master and spiritual director.

U.S. Sisters Against Human Trafficking

Child sex trafficking is a growing concern across urban, suburban and rural communities in the U.S. It transcends racial, ethnic, gender, and socio-economic boundaries. Learn what is happening in your community. Visit sistersagainstrafficking.org.

The U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking is a faith-based, national network that offers education, supports access to survivor services, and engages in advocacy in an effort to eradicate modern-day slavery.

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.

RCIA-Period of Purification and Enlightenment

The period of Purification and Enlightenment is like a six-week retreat for the adults seeking the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil. They have been learning about Jesus and the Church and now they are ready to make their final spiritual preparations for their initiation through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

This period coincides with Lent which is a time for the entire community to enter into the same spiritual practices. The entire parish journeys with the *elect* as together we prepare of the death and resurrection of Christ.

Please keep our elect and candidate in your prayers.



Catholic Charities Corner

10% of children in
Maine have emotional,
developmental or
behavioral conditions



Thanks to Catholic Charities Children's Services, families don't have to navigate a complex diagnosis on their own. Learn more about our team-based, comprehensive care focusing on empowering children & their families at

www.ccmaine.org/childrensBHH