

Corpus Christi Parish

March

17

2019

Second Sunday of Lent



Food Drive to Support the Local School Food Pantries

Our 4th & 5th grade Faith Formation class is sponsoring a food drive throughout the weeks of Lent. All donated food will be distributed to the area schools to stock the shelves of their food pantries.

Items needed are: peanut butter, crackers, canned goods, pasta, pasta sauce, granola bars, etc. *Plastic jars only please!*

Please deposit all items in the containers located at each church.

Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Information

Corpus Christi Parish

70 Pleasant St., Waterville ME 04901

Business Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:00AM - 4:00PM

Fri 8:00AM - Noon

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Parish Staff

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Theresa Poulin, Business Administrative Assistant

Marge Veilleux, Pastoral Administrative Assistant

Joan Hallee, Pastoral Receptionist

Valerie Wheeler, Principal St. John Catholic School

The Week Ahead

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| Sun., Mar. 17 | 10:00AM ND | Coffee Hour |
| | 5:00PM SJ | AA Meeting |
| Mon., Mar. 18 | 9:00AM SJS | Hands of God |
| | 2:00PM ND | Prayer Group |
| | 6:00PM FFC | Lord, Teach Me to Pray |
| | 7:00PM SH | KC #314 Meeting |
| Tues., Mar. 19 | 1:00PM ND | Stations of the Cross |
| | 6:00PM SJ | KC #7300 Meeting |
| | 7:00PM FFC | Al-Anon |
| Wed., Mar. 20 | 6:30AM ND | Men's Lenten Breakfast |
| Thur., Mar. 21 | 5:30PM ND | Lenten Evening Holy Hour |
| Fri., Mar. 22 | 7:00AM SJ | Adoration & Confession |
| | 3:00PM SH | Stations of the Cross |
| Sun., Mar. 24 | 10:00AM ND | Coffee Hour |
| | 12:00PM ND | Spanish Mass |
| | 5:00PM SJ | AA Meeting |

Stewardship of Time & Talent

With Sincere Appreciation

Thank you to all those who participated in the RCIA Rite of Election last Sunday. Special thanks to the liturgical ministers, music ministers and those who helped with the reception. It is only with your help and participation that we are able to host Diocesan celebrations such as these.

Mass Times & Intentions

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| MONDAY | March 18, 2019 |
| 8:00 AM SJ | Rita Poulin by David Mayo |
| TUESDAY | March 19, 2019 |
| 12:15 PM ND | Lucien Caron by Ed and Francine Cogan |
| WEDNESDAY | March 20, 2019 |
| 8:00 AM SJ | Rod Boutot by Jeannine Derosby |
| THURSDAY | March 21, 2019 |
| 12:15 PM ND | Theresa Lemieux by Joseph Lemieux |
| FRIDAY | March 22, 2019 |
| 8:00 AM SJ | Lucien Fortin by Geraldine Fortin |
| 1:45 PM Woodlands | David Potter by Daja Gombojav |
| SATURDAY | March 23, 2019 |
| 4:00 PM ND | Donald Poirier by his wife, Juliette |
| 4:00 PM SJ | Deceased Parents of Ernie and Lorriane Fecteau |
| 6:00 PM ND | Raymond and Gertrude Cooke by the Wildes family |
| SUNDAY | March 24, 2019 |
| 7:30 AM SJ | Ovid Thibodeau by Marge, Rick and family |
| 9:00 AM ND | Parishioners of Corpus Christi Parish |
| 10:00 AM SJ | Jim Meserve by mother and brothers |
| 10:30 AM ND | Philip Buck by son, Michael |
| 12 NOON-ND | Spanish Mass |
| 4:30 PM CC | NO MASS |

Keep in Your Prayers

Please remember Tracy Strassburg, Robert Buccillato, Lawrence and Mary Audet, Lisa Brosius, Mike Buck, Roland LaRochele

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

Gloria Papsis, died Mar. 7, funeral March 13
Anne Duval, died Feb. 22, funeral March 16
Theresa Patrick, died Feb. 28, funeral March 22

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

Second Sunday of Lent

TRANSFIGURATION

Have you had an experience that caused you to see someone in a completely new light? Perhaps you saw your daughter in cap and gown at her graduation. Perhaps your brother held his newborn baby in his arms. Perhaps your father performed an unexpected act of compassion, or your mother revealed courage that had previously been hidden from you. You may have been tongue-tied, not knowing how to relate to the person who had been transfigured before your very eyes. In the Gospel today the disciples of Jesus see him in a completely new light. His face is “changed in appearance” and they don’t know what to say or do. Before the disciples can respond appropriately to Jesus they must learn to believe their eyes and ears—that Jesus is the “chosen Son” of God.

REAL PRESENCE

We also need to learn to believe our eyes and ears if we are to respond appropriately to Christ. In the second reading today Paul urges us to imitate him. Paul, who once saw Jesus in a wholly negative light, experienced the real presence of the risen Lord on the road to Damascus. Gradually he learned to believe that Jesus is the Lord, the Son of God, and it changed his whole life. Paul began to imitate the Christ he preached. In this way Christ was transfiguring Paul “to conform with his glorified body.”

The season of Lent invites us to believe more deeply in the Real Presence of the risen Lord in the Eucharist. When experienced through the eyes and ears of faith, an ordinary community, mere words, simple bread and wine are transfigured before our eyes—and so are we. Little by little we learn how to respond to the chosen Son of God in whom we believe. The more we believe, the more Christ will do in us what he did in Paul and Peter, John and James. He will transfigure us into the real presence of Christ for the world.

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Today’s Readings:

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 - The covenant with Abram

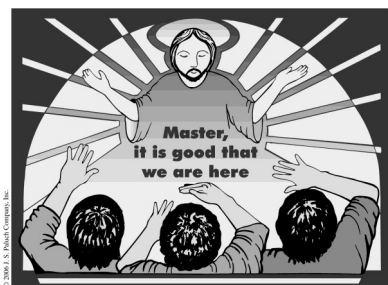
Philippians 3:17-4:1 - Christ our goal

Luke 9:28b-36 - Jesus transfigured

Question for Adults - How are your priorities affected by your faith in Jesus Christ?

Question for Kids - When you have important choices to make, do you and your family pray to made the right choice?

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Prayer of the Week

O God, who have commanded us
to listen to your beloved Son,
be pleased, we pray, to nourish us
inwardly by your word,
that, with spiritual sight made pure,
we may rejoice to behold your glory.

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.

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory for Mar. 3 - \$15,069.30

Offertory for Mar. 10 - \$14,663.20

Average Offertory to date - \$16,046.01

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

Ash Wednesday collection for the Church of Eastern
Europe & Solidarity Fund for Africa - \$2,646.00

2nd Collection for Native American
& Black Missions - \$3,066.10

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

Understanding Lent

Praying

Lent is the time to start new patterns of prayer. Perhaps I haven't been praying at all. This is a great time to choose to begin. It is important to begin realistically. I can start by simply pausing when I get up and taking a slow, deep breath, and recalling what I have to do this day, and asking for grace to do it as a child of God. I may want to go to bed a half an hour earlier, and get up a half an hour earlier and give myself some time alone to read the readings for the day, and just talk with the Lord about those readings or about the stuff of the day. I may choose to go to Mass each day during Lent. I may choose to get to church on Sunday, just 15 minutes earlier, so I can reflect a bit. Lent may be a time I would want to choose to start to journal the day to day reflections that are coming, the desires I'm naming and asking for, the graces I am being given.

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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.

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., 17, 24, 31

Apr. 7, 28

May 5

Grades K-5

Monday 3:30-4:45PM

Faith Formation Center

Mar. 18, 25

Apr. 1, 8, 29

May 6

Junior High Ministry

Sunday 6:00-8:00PM

Faith Formation Center

Apr. 7, 28

May 5

1st Reconciliation Parent & Child Retreat Sat., April 6 9:00-11:30AM Notre Dame Hall & Church

Children in our Sacraments 2 program along with their parents are invited to the Reconciliation Retreat. We will have opportunities for prayer as well as time to further our understanding of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

At the conclusion of this retreat, all children will have the opportunity to meet with a priest to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

For more information, or if you have any questions please contact Kim Suttie, kim.suttie@portlanddiocese.org or 872-2281.



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. 17 - 2nd week 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!



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

Thursdays at Notre Dame Church

Confessions 4:45-5:15PM

Holy Hour 5:30-6:30PM

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., 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

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for Human Development*

**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.

In Our Parish and Diocese

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.

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?

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.

Vocations

"There are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit." Is the Holy Spirit leading you to share your gifts as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?

Contact: Fr. Seamus Griesbach 207-773-6471

Email: seamus.griesbach@portlanddiocese.org

Website: www.portlanddiocese/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/nbLPjn53vKWWQES2>

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>

Our Parish has Mass in Spanish!

The next Mass in Spanish will be celebrated on Sun, Mar. 24, 12:00noon at Notre Dame Church. There will be Mass in Spanish every 2nd & 4th Sun., at noon, at Notre Dame.

Knights of Columbus Council 11303 Lenten Fish Chowders

Every Friday through Lent 4:30 - 6:00PM
\$8.00

St. Joseph Maronite Hall

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

Corpus Christi Parish's Make a Difference List

- Make some cookies for the nursing home staff
- Have an (un)birthday party for someone who needs joy
- Pick up some litter along the way
- Offer a compliment just because
- Let someone in line in front of you at the grocery store
- Put your phone away when talking to someone face to face
- Notice details

Sew for a Cause

All are welcome as we work on a variety of projects for those in need. March 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)

Hands of God

The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.
Psalm 121:8



Anyone who would like to gather in a positive Catholic atmosphere for fellowship as we knit, sew, craft, etc., is welcome. Join the parish quilters (enter through the front door of the school and sign in at the school office) on Monday mornings at 9AM. Bring your ideas, your coffee, and your love. For more info contact June Caron 453-6883 or jbwc04@gmail.com.