

Corpus Christi Parish

March

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2019

Fourth Sunday of Lent



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Parish Information

Corpus Christi Parish

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The Week Ahead

Sun., Mar. 31	10:00AM	ND	Coffee Hour
	10:00AM	SJ	RCIA 2st Scrutiny
	1:00PM	SJ	Self-Guided Lenten Retreat
	5:00PM	SJ	AA Meeting
Mon., Apr. 1	9:00AM	SJS	Hands of God
	9:30AM	Eric's	Restaurant - Senior Coffee Group
	2:00PM	ND	Prayer Group
	6:00PM	FFC	Lord, Teach Me to Pray
Tues., Apr. 2	1:00PM	ND	Stations of the Cross
	7:00PM	FFC	Al-Anon
Wed., Apr. 3	6:30AM	ND	Men's Lenten Breakfast
	5:30PM	ND	Lenten Evening Holy Hour
Fri., Apr. 5	7:00AM	SJ	Adoration & Confession
	3:00PM	SH	Stations of the Cross
Sat., Apr. 6	9:00AM	ND	1st Reconciliation Parent/ Child Retreat
Sun., Apr. 7	8:00AM	SJS	KC Breakfast
	10:00AM	ND	Coffee Hour
	10:00AM	SJ	RCIA 3rd Scrutiny
	1:00PM	ND	Model Seder Meal
	5:00PM	SJ	AA Meeting

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.

Mass Times & Intentions

MONDAY	April 1, 2019
8:00 AM SJ	Toni Zemrak by her husband
TUESDAY	April 2, 2019
12:15 PM ND	Fred Brown by the Boulette and Fotter families
WEDNESDAY	April 3, 2019
8:00 AM SJ	Rita Shaw by Kathleen Stone
THURSDAY	April 4, 2019
12:15 PM ND	St. Anthony in thanksgiving by Glenna Joler
FRIDAY	April 5, 2019
8:00 AM SJ	Kevin Scully by Patty Scully
SATURDAY	April 6, 2019
4:00 PM ND	Everett Cote by Gerry and Leo Goulette
4:00 PM SJ	Gerald Giroux (1st Ann.) by the family
6:00 PM ND	Norman Plante by wife, Frances
SUNDAY	April 7, 2019
7:30 AM SJ	Kenneth and William Snow by Elaine and family
9:00 AM ND	Beverly Mayo by husband, David Mayo
10:00 AM SJ	Paula Veilleux (1st Ann.) by her children
10:30 AM ND	Rose Grover by Mary-Anne Grover
4:30 PM CC	Parishioners of Corpus Christi Parish

Keep in Your Prayers

Please remember
Ramon Managad, Mike Buck, Roland LaRoche,
*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

Joseph Norman Poulin, died Mar. 19, funeral March 27
Hubert "Rudy" Fougere, died Mar. 16, funeral April 9
Roland Carter, died Feb. 24, funeral April 22
David Testa, died March 23, funeral March 29

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

“LET US CELEBRATE WITH A FEAST”

As we leave winter behind and enter into the home stretch of our Lenten journey we have good reason to celebrate. We know that with each new sunrise we will enjoy more warmth and daylight. We know also that Christ, our risen “Sun,” is bringing more and more warmth and light into the world with each new day. How better to celebrate than with a feast! The first reading, the psalm, and the Gospel for this Sunday all refer to feasts. Each of these feasts celebrates what the psalm calls “the goodness of the Lord” (Psalm 34:9). The spring Passover festival in the reading from Joshua celebrates God’s gift of the land of Canaan to the Israelites. In the Gospel parable the father doesn’t give a thought to his prodigal son’s sins or to his own injured feelings. He proclaims, “Let us celebrate with a feast!” (Luke 15:23). He then leaves his own banquet to encourage his elder son to “celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again” (Luke 15:32).

MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

All three of these feasts point to the one banquet that we will celebrate in the promised land of heaven, and that we anticipate in the eucharistic banquet. At the Eucharist we celebrate the infinite forgiveness and love God has shown us in Christ. However, we are not simply to relax at the table and drink in our own forgiveness. St. Paul reminds us that God has “given us the ministry of reconciliation” (2 Corinthians 5:18). Like the brothers in the parable, God’s generosity to us should open our hearts to forgive and ask forgiveness of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Like the father in the parable, we are to be “ambassadors for Christ,” extending “the message of reconciliation” (2 Corinthians 5:19, 20) to all those who need Christ’s reconciling forgiveness. The heavenly banquet will not be complete until all people come to the feast and “taste and see the goodness of the Lord” (Psalm 34:9).

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Today’s Readings:

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 - Rites at Gilgal

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 - A new creation

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 - The prodigal son

Question for Adults - When have you been generous enough to forgive someone who hurt you deeply?

Question for Kids - Is there someone you need to forgive or ask forgiveness of?

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Prayer of the Week

O God, who through your Word
reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way,
grant, we pray,
that with prompt devotion and eager faith
the Christian people may hasten
toward the solemn celebrations to come.
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

Offertory for Mar. 24 - \$15,817.55
Average offertory to date - \$15,984.63

The budget is based on an weekly average offertory of -
\$16,257.37

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

Understanding Lent

Practicing Generosity

Almsgiving has always been an important part of Lent. Lent begins with the powerful Isaiah 58, on the Friday and Saturday after Ash Wednesday. It is important to give ourselves the experience of fasting from being un-generous. Generosity is not simply giving my excess clothes to a place where poor people might purchase them. It's not even writing a "generous" check at the time a collection is taken up for a cause that benefits the poor. These are wonderful practices. Generosity is an attitude. It is a sense that no matter how much I have, all that I have is gift, and given to me to be shared. It means that sharing with others in need is one of my personal priorities. That is quite different from assessing all of my needs first, and then giving away what is left over. A spirit of self-less giving means that one of my needs is to share what I have with others. Lent is a wonderful time to practice self-less giving, because it takes practice. This kind of self-sacrificing generosity is a religious experience. It places us in solidarity with the poor who share with each other, without having any excess. It also joins us with Jesus, who gave himself completely, for us. Establishing new patterns of giving will give real life and joy to Lent.

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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. 31

Apr. 7, 28

May 5

Grades K-5

Monday 3:30-4:45PM

Faith Formation Center

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.**

Upcoming:

Mar. 31 - trip to the Basilica in Lewiston!

Convention info is available! Contact Gayle Martin if you are interested! gayle.martin@hotmail.com!

Sew for a Cause

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



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

*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 Apr.1. Please RSVP to Pat O'Keefe, 872-7094 so Eric's can be ready for the group.



In Our Parish and Diocese

Knights of Columbus Monthly Breakfast

St. John School Cafeteria/Winslow
Sun., Apr. 7 8-10AM
Donations Accepted

“Mae’s Pies” and St. John School Crafting Group will have items for display and purchase!

Come to a Model Seder Meal with Rabbi Rachel Isaacs

Sun., Apr. 7 1:00PM Notre Dame Hall

Come learn about the Jewish festival of Passover and the Haggadah, the liturgical telling of the Passover story. Be introduced to traditional passover foods and symbols, and enjoy a meal together! This will also be an opportunity to engage with Rabbi Rachel Isaacs of Beth Israel congregation about other questions you have about Judaism and the connections between the Jewish and Catholic traditions.



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 - Reception Into Full Communion with the Church

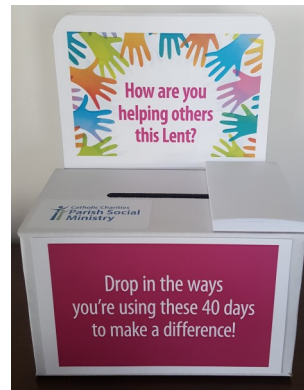
Coming into full communion with the Catholic Church describes the process for entrance into the Catholic Church for already baptized Christians. In most cases, these individuals make a profession of faith but are not baptized again. To prepare for this reception, the people, who are called Candidates, usually participate in a formation program to help them understand and experience the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church. Although some preparation may be with Catechumens preparing for baptism, the preparation for Candidates is different since they have already been baptized and committed to Jesus Christ, and many have also been active members of other Christian communities. The Candidates may be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil or at another Sunday during the year depending on pastoral circumstances and readiness of the Candidate.



This year Corpus Christi Parish will welcome Christine Weston into Full Communion with the Church.

Excerpt from USCCB.org

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
- Let a friend cry
- Mind your own business
- Try not to judge
- Help someone along with heavy bags
- Listen to the elderly
- It's not *my* story, it's *our* story . . . share it!
- Wave to a street person
- Help someone up if they fall
- Dare to care
- Be good for one day
- Smile at everyone . . . it may be someone's only smile
- Give food to the poor instead of a birthday present for me
- Treat a friend to a trip

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. April 3, 6:30PM

Living Our Faith: Lenten Reflection

with Deacon Rod Berger.

Come to the foot of the cross in this powerful pre-Holy Week Lenten prayer experience. Rod is a Deacon at Corpus Christi Parish and a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor