

Corpus Christi Parish

April

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2019

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Aging Friendly Parish Workshop



Overview:

This presentation will provide information and resources for anyone concerned with problems and issues surrounding aging. Whether you are a caregiver, a child of aging parents, or aging yourself (and who isn't?), this will be a tremendous opportunity to learn more. There will also be a discussion of the role our faith plays in aging.

Where:

Notre Dame Church, 116 Silver Street, Waterville

When:

Saturday, April 13th, from 9:00-Noon

Presenter:

Don Harden, Director of Aging Services,
Catholic Charities Maine

Cost: Free

"Arriving at an older age is to be considered a privilege: not simply because not everyone has the good fortune to reach this stage in life, but also, and above all, because this period provides real possibilities for better evaluating the past, for knowing and living more deeply the Paschal Mystery, for becoming an example in the Church for the whole People of God."

- Pope John Paul II

For more information please call 207-956-1457 or
psm@ccmaine.org

Catholic Charities
Parish Social
Ministry

Parish Information

Corpus Christi Parish

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Mass Times & Intentions

MONDAY 8:00 AM SJ	April 8, 2019 Irene LeBrun by friend, Polly
TUESDAY 12:15 PM ND	April 9, 2019 Alphonse Begin by son, James
WEDNESDAY 8:00 AM SJ	April 10, 2019 Theresa Patrick by Pauline Mathieu and family
THURSDAY 12:15 PM ND	April 11, 2019 Richard Lutz by wife, Sheila
FRIDAY 8:00 AM SJ 1:45 PM Lakewood	April 12, 2019 Connie Ouellette by Jeanne Gagnon Rod Boutot by a friend
SATURDAY 4:00 PM ND	April 13, 2019 Roland Roy by daughter, Jeanne and son, Michael
4:00 PM SJ 6:00 PM ND	Debby Gagne by husband, Roger Gagne Ann Duval by Gaile and Jules Letourneau
SUNDAY 7:30 AM SJ 9:00 AM ND 10:00 AM SJ 10:30 AM ND 12:15 PM ND 4:30 PM CC	April 14, 2019 Robert Joseph Michaud by wife, Kay Ann Leon Richard by the family Teeney Spofford by Dolores Spofford Parishioners of Corpus Christi Parish Spanish Mass Debbie Chessa by Jeri and Allie King

The Week Ahead

Sun., Apr. 7	8:00AM SJ KC Breakfast 10:00AM SJ RCIA 3rd Scrutiny 1:00PM SJ Model Seder Meal 5:00PM SJ AA Meeting
Mon., Apr. 8	9:00AM SJS Hands of God 2:00PM ND Prayer Group 6:00PM FFC Lord, Teach Me to Pray
Tues., Apr. 9	1:00PM ND The Light is On For You! 1:00PM ND Stations of the Cross 6:00PM SJ KC #7300 Meeting 6:00PM ND Sacraments 1 Parent Mtg. 7:00PM FFC Al-Anon
Wed., Apr. 10	6:30AM ND Men's Lenten Breakfast 6:00PM SJ The Light is On For You!
Thur., Apr. 11	1:00PM ND The Light is On For You! 5:30PM ND Lenten Evening Holy Hour
Fri., Apr. 12	7:00AM SJ The Light is On For You! 3:00PM SH Stations of the Cross
Sat., Apr. 13	9:00AM ND Aging Friendly Parish Workshop
Sun., Apr. 14	8:00AM ND KC Breakfast 12:15PM ND Spanish Mass 1:00PM ND Secular Franciscans 5:00PM SJ AA Meeting

Keep in Your Prayers

Please remember

Ramon Managad, Mike Buck, Jeanne Jacques
Joseph F. Jacques, Peter Rackleff

*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

David Testa, Sr., died March 23, funeral March 29
Marilyn Theriault, died March 25, funeral April 1
Theresa Gilman, died March 28, funeral April 3.
Claude Dechaine, died March 26, funeral April 5.

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

NEW BEGINNINGS

As we approach Easter each year the grocery stores and shopping malls fill with candy eggs and chicks, bunnies, and butterflies. While some people think these images distort the real reason for the season, others recognize in them signs of the abundant and transformed new life that awaits those who are baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Baptism invites each of us into a new beginning. The images of water in today's reading from Isaiah can help us reflect on this reality. Through the waters of baptism the Lord "opens a way . . . and a path" for us. The powers of evil in our lives are "quenched like a wick." Then the Lord does "something new" in us. The water "springs forth" from within the wasteland of our hearts to create a river of new life (Isaiah 43:16, 17, 19). Little by little our dry deserts are transformed into lush gardens for the praise and honor of God.

"GO, AND . . . DO NOT SIN ANY MORE"

This is the scenario that St. Paul describes in today's selection from Philippians. Reading his words we can almost envision a baby chick discarding its cracked shell and a new butterfly forfeiting its empty cocoon as "so much rubbish" compared to the "supreme good" of the new lives they have begun (Philippians 3:8). But Paul is quick to point out that baptism is just a beginning. There is a lifetime to be lived in pursuit of "perfect maturity," our "upward calling, in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:12, 14) In the Gospel for today Jesus echoes this lesson. He rescues the woman from her oppressors, offering her a new life with the words "Neither do I condemn you." Then he invites her to begin anew: "Go, and from now on do not sin any more" (John 8:11). As we approach Easter Jesus is inviting each of us to be fully transformed by the new life that was begun in us in the waters of baptism.

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Today's Readings:

Isaiah 43:16-21 - Promise of restoration

Philippians 3:8-14 - Breaking with the past

John 8:1-11 - The adulteress

Question for Adults - Have you ever been too willing to "cast the first stone" when you disapproved of someone's behavior? How can you resist these feelings?

Question for Kids - When have you criticized or made fun of someone? What could help you act differently?

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Prayer of the Week

By your help, we beseech you,
Lord our God,
may we walk eagerly in that same charity
with which, out of love for the world,
your Son handed himself over to death.
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. 31 - \$14,605.15
Average offertory to date - \$15,927.66

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

2nd collection for Catholic Relief Services - \$3,853.62

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

Understanding Lent

Practicing Penance

When I sprain my ankle it's tender, and swollen. It may be important to put ice on it first, to reduce the inflammation. I may want to wrap it, elevate it and stay off of it. Then I will need to start moving it and walking on it, and eventually, as the injury is healed, I'll want to start exercising it, so that it will be stronger than it was before, so that I won't as easily injure it again.

Penance is a spiritual therapy for the healing I desire. The Lord always forgives us without condition. But complete healing takes time. With serious sin or with bad habits we've invested years in forming, we need to develop a plan to let the healing happen. To say "I'm sorry" or to simply make a "resolution" to change a long established pattern, will have the same bad result as wishing a sprained ankle would heal, while still walking on it.

Lent is a wonderful time to name what sinful, unhealthy, self-centered patterns need changing and to act against them by coming up with a strategy. For example, if the Lord is shining a light into the darkness of a bad pattern in my life, I can choose to "stop doing it." But, I have to work on a "change of heart" and to look at what circumstances, attitudes, and behaviors contribute to the pattern. If I'm self-indulgent with food, sex, attention-seeking behaviors and don't ask "what's missing for me, that I need to fill it with this?" then simply choosing to stop the pattern won't last long. Lasting healing needs the practice of penance.

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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

Apr. 7, 28

May 5

Grades K-5

Monday 3:30-4:45PM

Faith Formation Center

Apr. 8, 29

May 6

Junior High Ministry

Sunday 6:00-8:00PM

Faith Formation Center

Apr. 7, 28

May 5

Sacrament 1 Parent Meeting

Tues., Apr. 9 6PM Notre Dame Church Hall

This meeting is for all parents of children in the 1st year of our Sacrament Preparation program.

FMI or questions - Kim Suttie, 872-2281 or kim.suttie@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., 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*

Aging Friendly Parish Workshop

Get Help With Your Aging Issues and Questions!

Sat., Apr. 13 Notre Dame Church Hall 9AM-noon

This presentation will provide information and resources for anyone concerned with problems and issues surrounding aging. It will also look at the spiritual aspects of growing older and how that affects our relationship with God. Whether you are a caregiver, a child of aging parents, or aging yourself (and who isn't?), this will be a tremendous opportunity to learn more. The program is free and open to everyone. Join us and bring a friend! FMI: Bill 956-1457



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

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

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday, April 21

7:30AM at St. John Church

9:00AM at Notre Dame Church

10:00AM at St. John Church

10:30AM at Notre Dame Church

4:30PM at Lorimer Chapel at Colby College

ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

South Garand St., Winslow 872-7115

www.stjohnschoolwinslow.org



Thank you to everyone who participated in the March Madness Fundraiser. With your help, St. John School raised \$7,330.00.

St. John School is accepting registrations for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. Call the office at 872-7115 to schedule a tour or with any questions

In Our Parish and Diocese

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! 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.



Maine Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

All women are invited to join the Maine Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (MDCCW) for a *Women's Spirituality Day* on Sat., Apr. 27 from 8:30AM - 2:00PM at Sacred Heart Church Hall, 5 Summer St., Hallowell, ME.

Registration begins at 8:30AM Mass is celebrated at 9:30AM The cost for the day is \$20, which includes a light breakfast and lunch. FMI: Sandy Breton at 207-622-9436 or sanbret99@roadrunner.com.

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.

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

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
- Read a little from the Bible
- Be gracious and hold open a door from someone
- Offer some helpful advice
- Pray for someone who may not get prayer
- Share a hobby
- Tip your hat
- Treat someone to lunch
- Visit someone who is lonely

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