

## THE PASTOR'S MUSINGS

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Dear Family in the Lord,

Today we step out of the cycle of 'Ordinary Time' to celebrate a joyful day in the life of our parish, the annual Solemnity of the Anniversary of the Dedication of our Parish Church! It has been 11 years since this 'work of our hands' became the 'temple of the Living God'! This holy ground has certainly been the location of so much that is memorable, grace-full and life renewing and enriching. We pause to remember and be thankful for so many who shared the vision, planned the process, supported the efforts, and 'prayed' this dream into reality!



With my impending departure on September 6<sup>th</sup>, this day takes on a special significance for me. I will always have a special place in my heart for all of you and for this beautiful place — the most beautiful setting in the diocese — that stands as tangible witness to the generosity, faith and love for Christ and His Church, that unites and defines us.

Who would have ever thought it possible? Not me, back in 1993! But, our God of surprises had much in store for us! Looking back and remembering and re-living all those moments is what enables me to step forward now with trust as I face new opportunities and challenges in assuming my appointment as pastor of Corpus Christi Parish in Portsmouth.

I came here as a 'rookie pastor' at age 34! You helped build me into a shepherd after His heart, just as we labored together to build this Church. I thank you for your patience, your gentleness, your obvious love and support that was so tangible to me at the start; it made it all a little less scary! I am so grateful to our good God who lavished His Spirit upon us so abundantly, and led us forward, even as I stepped hesitantly before you!

As I've said before, when people visit our church and tell me 'this is such a beautiful church!', I always say, "It sure is! And the building isn't bad either." More to come ... for today, let's be grateful for the opportunity He gave us to build this beautiful place for the good of generations to come, and for His greater honor and glory!

In His Love,

## Mass Intentions

### **Monday, August 15 (Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary)**

9:00AM - Intentions of Fr Gary, by a Friend

7:00PM - Ovide & Anna LaPierre, by Family

### **Tuesday, August 16 (Weekday)**

7:00PM - In Celebration of 49<sup>th</sup> Wedding Ann. for Paul & Joanne Charron, by a Friend

### **Wednesday, August 17 (Weekday)**

9:00AM - Monthly Requiem for Memorial Int.

### **Thursday, August 18 (St John Vianney)**

7:00PM - M/M Charles Bliss, by the Ciarlette Family

### **Friday, August 19 (Weekday)**

9:00AM - Intentions of our Benefactors

5:30PM - Nuptial Mass for Patrick O'Mara and Lynne Niemaszuk

### **Saturday, August 20 (St. Bernard)**

9:00AM - Dr. & Mrs. Americo Picariello, by Clare & Arthur Born

### **Vigil: 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00PM - Donna & Leo Paul Lamothe, by Flo

### **Sunday, August 21 (21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

8:30AM - August & Deborah Jungbluth, by their Son

10:30AM - Helen & Charles McIsaac, by Family

6:30PM - Intentions of Fr Michael Griffin, by Maggie Smith

Sanctuary Lamps in Church  
Safe Travels

### **OUR REFLECTION OF GOD'S GENEROSITY**

Last Weekend Offertory: \$13,520.15

Missionary Collection: \$ 3,629.41

*Thank You*

### **BANNS OF MARRIAGE I**

We keep in prayer *Jonathan Simoneau and Kaitlyn Bowersox* as they prepare to pledge life and love in the Sacrament of Marriage in our parish church on October 1<sup>st</sup>.



### **HOLY DAY THIS WEEK**

Tomorrow, Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM in the main church. We invite you to join us in praying the rosary before Mass at 8:30 AM and 6:30 PM.



### **VOCATION BIRTH STONE ROSARY**



This week Marianne Grenon will be praying with the traveling rosary for our five parish seminarians. Next week Ron & Marge Ignelzi will have it. We thank all who are part of this ongoing spiritual support for our men in formation for the priesthood, placing them under the mantle of our Lady!

## **The Week At A Glance ...**

### **Monday - August 15<sup>th</sup>**

Holy Hour/Chapel (7:45 PM)

### **Tuesday - August 16<sup>th</sup>**

Crafters Workshop/Craft Room (6:30 PM)

Boy Scouts/Hall B (7 PM)

Intro to Homeschool/RM 1 (7:30 - 9PM)

### **Wednesday - August 17<sup>th</sup>**

Adoration/Chapel (5:30-8:45 AM, 1-7 PM)

K of C Officers Mtg/R 3 (7 - 9:30 PM)

Home School Group/Hall A (7 - 9:30 PM)

### **Friday - August 19<sup>th</sup>**

Mom's Group/RM 1 (9:30 AM)

### **Saturday - August 20<sup>th</sup>**

Siena Singles Book Group/RM 1 (9:30 AM)

### **Sunday - August 21<sup>st</sup>**

Baptisms/Church (12N)

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### RELIGIOUS ED REGISTRATION

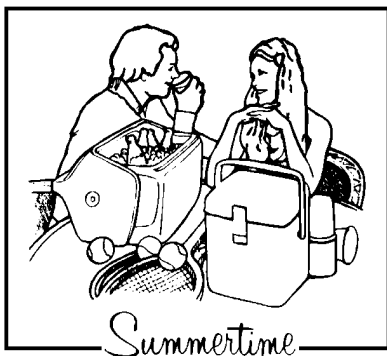
All students, new or returning, should now be registered. All Catholic school or home schooled students entering Grades 2 or 9 should be registered for sacramental prep. Some class options are now filled and closed. Contact Michele in our office if you have a child/teen not registered. Forms for the various levels can be found on the wall rack in office entry.

### LITTLE CHURCH

Little Church is the faith formation program for preschoolers that happens during the 10:30 Mass beginning in Oct. Can you join a team of 2 volunteers once a month to help us keep this program alive for our preschoolers? Call Nancy in the office.

### HOME SCHOOL INFO NIGHT

Interested in home schooling your children? Here is an opportunity to learn how it is done and see how easy it actually is! *St Kathryn's Home School Group*, is sponsoring a 'nuts & bolts' info night for parents on Tues, **Aug 16<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 PM in the hall. Practical 'how to' info will be presented; different curriculums that are available, NH State requirements and much more will be included. There will be time for Q&A along with a display of some materials. For more info contact Jen Harrington at 603 327.7894 or just come.



### CONFIRMATION REMINDERS

Youth planning to be confirmed here on December 4<sup>th</sup> at the 6:30 PM Mass should note the following dates:

**Sponsor forms** were due in to Deacon Ray by *the end of July*.

**Confirmation Name Saint** paper is due to Deacon by August 31.

**Letter of Reflection/Request** is to be given to Fr Gary by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Confirmation Enrichment** day is on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 10AM-7PM.

**Rehearsal** for the candidates and their sponsors will be at 5:30 PM on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, in church.

### CONFIRMATION CLASSES

All high school youth who will be part of our Confirmation prep program this fall, whether in year I or II, will need to make selections of course day/time on the **weekend of August 27/28**. You can come to the transept chapel wing of the church *after any Mass* that weekend to sign up and get your info packet and requirements from Deacon Ray at that time.

### RCIA INQUIRY ANYONE?

Through the RCIA process (*The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*) folks are able to explore the Catholic faith in a setting that is welcoming, relaxed and with no obligation. **The**

**'inquiry sessions' will run weekly on Monday nights at 7:00 PM starting in the Fall.**

This process is for adults who have never been baptized, or were baptized in another Christian denomination, or were baptized as a Catholic, but not brought up in the faith, perhaps never making First Communion or Confirmation. You? Someone you know? If interested, please contact Charlie Lawrence at (603) 703-9804.



**CODE & POLICY UPDATE**

The Diocese of Manchester "*Serving Christ, Serving Others*" Code of Ministerial Conduct and '*Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal*' Policy for the Protection of Children and Young People were recently revised and are now available online for your review. All those who work or volunteer in the Diocese of Manchester should be familiar with the Code and Policy, which describes the conduct expected of those who minister in the diocese as well as information about one's obligation to report suspected abuse. The up-dated Code and Policy can be found at [www.catholicnh.org](http://www.catholicnh.org).

**VOLUNTEERS & CHILDREN**

Now that the school year will be starting up again we need to remind all our volunteers that in order to work with children or youth in our programs everyone *must* be cleared through our *Protecting God's Children* program with the Diocese. The next training session will be at Infant Jesus School, Allds St. in Nashua, on Wednesday, **September 7<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. If you plan to attend please call to register at (603)889-2649. If you have any questions or need more info please call Lauraine in our parish office.

**NEW ALTAR SERVERS?**

We would like to add additional boys and girls to our ranks of servers! The training sessions will take place in October and they would be added to the schedule when the new one is prepared starting in November. Now is the time to call in! Any boy or girl, entering Grade 3 or higher this Fall, is welcome! It's a great honor to serve the Lord at His holy altar, and a great way to serve your community too! We urge parents to encourage the kids! *Please call in their name, address and phone # to the office, along with which Mass you would like them assigned to.* Schedule usually has them on once every 4 or 5 weeks. Consider it!

**MISSIONARIES THANK YOU!**

The Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary wish to thank you for your generous response to the appeal made last weekend in the parish. Your interest and concern was a real source of encouragement for them and their various missionary endeavors. Please be assured of a continuous remembrance in the prayers of all the sisters! A total of \$3,629.41 was offered in baskets at the doors last weekend.

**CZESTOCHOWA DAYS**

Join us in honoring our Lady, as depicted in the ancient icon, Our Lady of Czestochowa (The Black Madonna), on August 24, 25, 26 at 7:00 PM each evening. Holy Mass, homily and prayer at the portal Icon shrine of our Lady in our church will take place.



Teachings will be based on the writings and reflections on our Lady by Blessed John Paul II, in honor of this year of his beatification. Fr Gary will preach this triduum as one of his last special offerings as our pastor.

The Solemn Feast of our Lady of Czestochowa is August 26<sup>th</sup>, the closing night of the Triduum, and will conclude with the 'crowning' of the Holy Icon at the portal icon shrine.

The crown is hand-carved wood, covered in gold leaf, and will reflect the honor and love Fr Gary and our parish family seek to manifest always for our Blessed Mother.

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

*Caffeine & Catholicism* has been a well-received program sponsored by our ministry for young adults (ages 18 to 30 something) for the past couple of years. Monthly opportunities for enrichment and fellowship are offered on the third Friday of the month at *Beantowne Coffee House & Café*, 201 NH 111, Hampstead, NH from 7-9PM. The next is August 19 with focus on "Conversion Stories". Come and hear how other young adults, like yourself, found their way to Catholicism, or their way back! They are sure to renew and re-invigorate your love for our Faith! Bring friends, perhaps some who don't plug in too often.

### ANOTHER PARISH VOCATION!

It is with great joy that we announce that another member of our parish will be entering religious life! Nest Sunday, Aug 21<sup>st</sup> we will celebrate a Rite of Sending for **Sarah Monroe** at the 10:30 AM Solemn Mass, followed by a simple reception with cake and punch in the hall. Sarah will be entering the *Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist* in Ann Arbor, Michigan on August 28<sup>th</sup>. This is one of the new, vibrant and growing communities in the Church! They were begun in 1997 and already have 106 sisters! Their prime ministry is in Catholic education. The 'vocation crisis' they have is not having enough room to welcome the many young woman who are hoping to enter! Plan to join us on August 21<sup>st</sup> for yet another graced moment in the life of our parish and the flourishing of vocations among us!

### MONTHLY CUT-A-THON

When it's time to think of a haircut, whether for a man or a woman, we remind you that right next door at Matibo's Hair Salon, Pete Deschesnes cuts hair for a free-will offering every first Monday of the month from 9AM to 9PM. Simply see Pete or call him at Matibo's to set up an appointment. Proceeds from 9AM-3PM help support those in formation from our parish through our Vocation Support Association, and from 3:00 to 9:00PM for other charitable works supported by the Knights of Columbus. Thanks to all who support this effort so faithfully each month.



### ANNE MARIE HOUSE

AMH, located right down the street of the grounds of PMA, seeks to end homelessness one family at a time by providing secure housing, wholesome meals, transportation, continuing education and other support services, such as parenting and literacy programs. Over 88% of our families achieve sustainable housing. AMH accomplishes its goals through the support of a broad and generous network of volunteers and donors. St K's has proudly been a part of this effort since its beginnings. We commend the many people from our parish who regularly reach out in hours of services when our periodic week of service comes around. This week is 'St K's week' at AMH! For more info you can contact AMH at 603-883-7338 or visit the web site at [www.annemariehouse.org](http://www.annemariehouse.org).



**UPDATE ON OUR SEMINARIANS**

Having concluded their summer assignments, our seminarians have a few days to visit family, get a little break, and will be assisting at Holy Mass here as they are able before heading back for another year of studies soon! *After August 26<sup>th</sup>* you can drop them a note or keep in touch at the following addresses:

**Peter Naranjo**

Blessed John XXIII Seminary  
558 South Ave.  
Weston, MA 02493

*Peter will be entering his final year, with ordination as Deacon in November and priesthood in Spring.*

**Mike Zgonc & Mike Sartori**

St Mary Seminary  
5400 Roland Ave.  
Baltimore, MD 21210

*Mike Z will be entering his Second Theology, Mike S first Theology.*

**Ryan Brady & Brian Shook**

St John Seminary  
127 Lake St.  
Brighton, MA 02135

*Both Ryan & Brian will be entering First Theology; this is Brian's first year in Major Seminary.*

**BIRTHDAYS TO NOTE:**

Brian - 11/5; Mike Z - 2/5;  
Peter - 3/27; Ryan - 5/19  
Mike S - 6/1

**WHEEL CHAIR AVAILABLE**

A wheel chair in excellent condition is available to anyone who may have a need. Please call the office to leave your name and number for Nancy Charron and we will get it to her so she can make contact with you.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**DEBT STATUS**

The outstanding balance on our loan with the Diocese as of July 31<sup>st</sup> stands at \$145,027.96. The balance on hand in our savings account from which we withdraw monthly mortgage payments of \$10,000.00 is \$68,434.64.

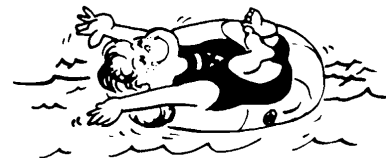


**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!**

We extend a warm welcome to the following folks who recently registered and are the newest members of our growing parish family: Matthew & Amy St Arnaud; Robert, Pamela, Rosie & Molly Flanagan; Dave, Andrea, Richard & Dave Jr Thibeault; John Parkhurst and Jen Rousseau.

**RECENTLY BAPTIZED**

Through water and the Holy Spirit, we recently welcomed into our family of faith: *John Joseph Micavich*, son of John & Marcela, and *Juliette Rose Hynes*, daughter of Kevin & Jennifer. Congratulations! Many blessings as you nurture the seeds of faith in your children!



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