

Corpus Christi Parish

December

3

2017

1st Sunday of Advent

Advent by Candlelight

An evening for women to celebrate, relax,
and share before the busy Advent season

Potluck Dinner with Guest Speaker
Qamar Bashir

Tuesday, December 5
5:45pm - 8:00pm
(doors open at 5:15pm)
Notre Dame Church Hall

Qamar Bashir is a case manager for Catholic Charities Maine's Refugee and Immigration Services which is Maine's only refugee resettlement program. They are dedicated to helping those seeking a new life in America become independent, productive members of our community. Her job includes providing assistance for everything from airport reception and assurance of basic needs (housing, food and clothing) to making community and educational connections. A refugee herself, Qamar will share her story of coming to Maine and how she now helps new Mainers to do the same.

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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Rev. Daniel J. Baillargeon, Pastor

Rev. Matthew Gregory, Parochial Vicar

The Week Ahead

Sun., Dec. 3	8:00AM	SJS	KC #7300 Breakfast
	10:00AM	ND	Coffee Hour
	5:00PM	SJ	AA Meeting
Mon., Dec. 4	10:00AM	Eric's	Elder's Coffee Group
	1:30PM	ND	Prayer Group
	7:00PM	SH	KC #13486 Meeting
Tues., Dec. 5	1:00PM	ND	Tea, Crumpets & A Story with Fr. Dan
	5:15PM	ND	Advent by Candlelight
	7:00PM	FFC	Al-Anon
Wed., Dec. 6	6:00AM	ND	That Man is You!
	6:00PM	ND	Parish Advent Retreat
	6:15PM	ND	RCIA
Fri., Dec. 8	<i>Immaculate Conception—see below</i>		
	7:00AM	SJ	Adoration & Confessions
Sun., Dec. 10	8:00AM	ND	KC Breakfast
	1:00PM	ND	Secular Franciscans
	5:00PM	SJ	AA Meeting

Immaculate Conception

The Immaculate Conception, celebrated on December 8, celebrates that from the first moment of her conception in the womb of her mother, St. Ann, Mary was kept free from original sin. The Immaculate Conception is about Mary's conception in her mother's womb. The *Incarnation*, refers to Jesus' conception in his mother's womb.

In all 2,000 years of Church history, only two papal ex cathedra statements (infallible statements) have been made. In 1854, Pope Pius IX made the first in declaring the Immaculate Conception. The second was made in 1950 when Pope Pius XII defined the dogma of the Assumption of Mary, body and soul into heaven.

Parish Masses for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00AM St. John 12:15PM Notre Dame
6:00PM St. John

Mass Times & Intentions

MONDAY	Dec. 04, 2017
8:00 AM SJ	Maisie Knowles by Wilma Carter and Francis Whitten
TUESDAY	Dec. 05, 2017
12:15 PM ND	Jeanne Martin by Jeannette and Richard Roy
WEDNESDAY	Dec. 06, 2017
8:00 AM SJ	Constance Begin by Florence Fortin
THURDAY	Dec. 07, 2017
12:15 PM ND	Yvonne Grivois by the Birthday Group

Immaculate Conception-Friday, Dec. 08, 2017

8:00 AM SJ	Gerard Bilodeau by the family
12:15 PM ND	Parishioner of Corpus Christi Parish
6:00 PM SJ	Gerald Paradis by M/M Renault Fluet
1:45 PM Lakewood	Raymond Bourque by Joyce Vigue-Morrisette

SATURDAY	Dec. 09, 2017
4:00 PM ND	Jeanette Bilodeau by husband, Bob Roy Scott (1st Ann.) by wife, Esther
4:00 PM SJ	Priscilla Hamlin by Juanita Begin
6:00 PM ND	Reggie Vashon by Weds., night MacDonald Group
SUNDAY	Dec. 10, 2017
7:30 AM SJ	Frederick Poulliot by M/M Milton Poulliot and family
9:00 AM ND	Arthur Gagne by wife and family
10:00 AM SJ	Parishioners of Corpus Christi Parish
10:30 AM ND	Evelyn Bolduc by daughter, Anne Hodgdon
4:30 PM CC	Theresa Guite by M/M Leland Bard

Sanctuary Candle

In thanksgiving by a parishioner (SJ)

Keep in Your Prayers

Dolan Peters, Beatrice Poulin

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

Laurentia Bilodeau, died, Nov. 21, funeral Nov. 25
Sheryll Hearn, died Nov. 15, funeral Nov. 27
George E. Fortin, died Nov. 15, funeral Dec. 2

CHALICE PROGRAM FOR VOCATIONS For the week of December 2

Notre Dame
St. John

Shelley Ronco
Bill and Carlene Carney

Liturgical Bits & Bytes - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Catechumenate

The Catechumenate is the period in which those seeking to receive the sacraments of initiation and become members of our church receive the bulk of their formation. This formation takes place primarily through both the liturgy and their catechetical sessions. It is during this period that they learn what it means to be a follower of Jesus. During this time, the Catechumens consider what God is saying to them in the Scriptures, what changes in their life they need to make to respond to God's inspiration, and what Baptism in the Catholic Church means.

It is the job of all members of the parish to nurture our *catechumens* and show them how to live Christian lives. If the parish is doing its job well we will see the *catechumens* gradually turn their lives toward Christ and in line with the teachings of the Church. The Period of the Catechumenate can last for as long as several years or for a shorter time. It depends on how the person is growing in faith, what questions they encounter along the way, and how God leads them on this journey.

Saint of the Week

St. Ambrose

On December 7th the Church celebrates the Memorial of St. Ambrose. Also known as Aurelius Ambrosius, St. Ambrose is one of the four original doctors of the Church and was one of the most important theological figures of the 4th century. He was born around 340, in present day Germany. Eventually he studied law in Rome and became counselor prefect (Governor) of Liguria and Emilia around 372. In 374 he was nominated Bishop of Milan. Having neither been baptized nor trained in theology, Ambrose refused to become the next bishop. He ran and attempted to hide, but his colleague gave him up. Within a week's time, Ambrose was baptized, ordained, and duly consecrated bishop of Milan on December 7, 374. As bishop, he donated all of his land and gave his money to the poor. He battled the Arian heresy and completed important liturgical and pastoral reforms in his diocese. St. Ambrose authored many of the Church's important writings and hymns, including the "Te Deum" which is believed to have been written when he baptized, now St. Augustine of Hippo. St. Ambrose died in 397 and is the patron of Milan, beekeepers, wax workers and beggars.

Stewardship of Time & Talent

Thank you to the Waterville High School Key Club for cleaning Sacred Heart Church.

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory for Nov. 19 - \$15,398.04

Offertory for Nov. 26 - \$13,875.09

Average offertory to date - \$15,942.67

The budget is based on a weekly average offertory of \$15,942.00 per week.

2nd collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (Nov. 18/19) - \$3,345.21

Collection at St. John for the Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - \$2,545.70

There will be a 2nd collection next weekend for the fund for the Retired Religious.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

Sunday Readings & Reflections

Readings for Sunday, December 3

God's Faithfulness

Reading I Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 (Prayer for the return of God's favor)

Reading II 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (Thanksgiving)

Gospel Mark 13:33-37 (Need for watchfulness)

Key Passage: God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Corinthians 1:9)

Adult: How do you know when you're following Christ and living his teachings faithfully?

Youth: What good thing might God be asking you to do?

Prayer of the Week

Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness,
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do
seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

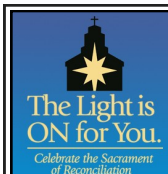
We who are anxious over many things
look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways
long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy
seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness,
yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
Amen.



The Light is On for You

The priests of Corpus Christi parish will be available for extended hours to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for Advent.

Tues., Dec. 19	1:00-2:00PM	Notre Dame
Wed., Dec. 20	6:00-7:00PM	St. John
Thurs., Dec. 21	1:00-2:00PM	Notre Dame
Fri., Dec. 22	7:00-7:45AM	St. John

Advent and Christmas

Advent by Candlelight Program for Women

Tues., Dec. 5 5:45-8:00PM
(doors will be open at 5:15PM)

Potluck Dinner and Presentation
Notre Dame Church Hall



Special Guest Speaker: Qamar Bashir from Catholic Charities Maine Refugee & Immigration Services will share her story of immigrating from Africa to Maine and her work for those coming to our state today.

If you need help with transportation to the event please call Kim at the Parish Office, 872-2281.

The handicapped ramp entrance will be open that evening.

Parish Advent Retreat

With the Season of Advent we turn the page on a new liturgical year. Advent is a time during which we prepare with joyful anticipation for the birth of Jesus, our Savior. Our retreat will take place on three Wednesday evenings during Advent at 6:00PM at St. John's Church (December 6, 13 & 20). During the retreat we will sing traditional Advent/Christmas hymns and psalms, hear Gregorian chant, and spend time in prayerful contemplation. All are welcome to attend! For more information, please contact Jay Violette at 649-7327.

God Meets Humanity

You are invited to join in for three gatherings and sharing of Advent themes:

Mondays, December 4, 11, 18
10:00-11:00AM

Sisters of St. Joseph Center
80 Garland Rd., Winslow

For more information call 509-6681



Join Fr. Dan in the Notre Dame Church
Hall every Tuesday of Advent after
12:15PM Mass for
Tea, Crumpets and a Christmas Story.

Giving Trees

Giving trees are once again located in both churches. The tree at Notre Dame supports the Salvation Army and the tree at St. John supports the St. Theresa Guild of Corpus Christi Parish Charities. Please take a tag, purchase the gift and return it unwrapped to the church where you took the tag by **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10**. Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Holy Day Mass Schedule

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, December 8

8:00AM St. John 12:15PM Notre Dame
6:00PM St. John

The Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

Sunday, December 24

4:00PM Notre Dame 4:00PM St. John
6:00PM Notre Dame 10:00PM St. John

The Nativity of the Lord

Monday, December 25

7:30AM St. John 9:00AM Notre Dame

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Monday, January 1

8:00AM St. John 12:15PM Notre Dame

NOT A 2 FOR 1-er

As you may have noticed, Sun., Dec. 24 marks the celebration of the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve. We, as Catholics, accept the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday as well as Christmas. This is not a "2 for 1-er" day on which a person can fulfill the Sunday obligation and the Christmas obligation at the same Mass.

Parish Masses that will fulfill the Sunday obligation are:

Sat. Evening, Dec. 23: 4:00SJ, 4:00ND, 6:00ND

Sun. Morning, Dec. 24: 7:30SJ, 9:00ND, 10:00SJ, 10:30ND

Parish Masses that will fulfill the Christmas obligation are:

Sun. Evening, Dec. 24: 4:00ND, 4:00SJ, 6:00ND, 10:00SJ

Mon. Morning, Dec. 25: 7:30SJ, 9:00ND

Here is how to create your combination of Masses:

Sat. evening(for Sun.) and Sun. evening(for Christmas)

Sat. evening(for Sun.) and Mon. morning(for Christmas)

Sun. morning(for Sun.) and Sun. evening(for Christmas)

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December H.S. Ministry of the Month Club *Watch, Wait, Prepare!*

**Mass at Cathedral in Portland &
Shopping for a homeless teen at the
Maine Mall**



Sunday., December 17

Leave from Parish Office at 8:00AM Return at 5:30PM

**After Mass teens will be given money with the task of
purchasing a gift for a homeless teenager.**

Permission slips are available at the Parish Office, 872-2281
or ccmoffice@gwi.net - must be returned by Dec. 11.

Each youth needs to bring money for lunch.

In Our Parish and Diocese

Lifelong Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

Classes are held at the Faith Formation Center attached to St. John Catholic School, September-May.

K-8 Faith Formation Calendar

K-5 Sun. Session

Faith Form. Ctr

8:30-9:45AM

Dec. 3, 10, 17

Family Life

Faith Form. Ctr.

3:00-5:00PM

Dec. 10

K-5 Mon.. Session

Alfond Youth Center

3:30-4:30PM

Dec. 4, 11, 18

JHYM

Faith Form. Ctr.

6:00-8:00PM

Dec. 3, 17

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)

- Dec. 3rd 4PM: Planning team - Want to be part of the decision making? This group is for you! Bring money for pizza.
6 - 8PM: Session on Advent
- Dec. 10th Christmas Party! Bring a small (less than \$5) Yankee Swap Gift.
- Dec. 17th Ministry of the Month Club

Elders Coffee & Camaraderie

All elders are invited to gather for coffee at Eric's Restaurant on the 1st Monday of every month at 10AM beginning Mon., Dec. 4. RSVP to Pat O'Keefe, 872-7094.

Senior Sewing Group

Mondays 9AM-Noon St. John School

If you'd like to sew and enjoy each other's company, call Georgette Desmond at 207-872-7957

Please join the **Secular Franciscans** on Dec. 10 at 1PM, Notre Dame Hall. We will discuss the Story of Greccio and the Christmas creche. All are welcome, bring a pot luck dish. Call Dan Spofford, 872-6919 FMI.

Support St. John's Food Pantry with Hannaford's "Fight Hunger" Bags

The JFK Plaza Hannaford store (Kennedy Memorial Drive), Waterville, ME has chosen St. John's Food Pantry as the December recipient of the Hannaford Cause Bag Program featuring the "Fight Hunger" bag. For every bag sold during the month of December at this location, Hannaford will donate \$.25 to St. John's Food Pantry. Please consider purchasing a reusable bag to help both the environment and the food pantry.

MOUNT MERICI ACADEMY

An Ursuline Catholic School

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As we enter the Advent season, Mount Merici Academy students are focusing on the core values of an Ursuline education. Each class is studying a core value, and class presentations will be made each week of Advent at our morning assemblies. We welcome our parish community to pray and reflect on these values as we enter the Advent season together.

The core values of an Ursuline education are: spiritual formation and faith development, respect for the uniqueness of the individual, development of the whole person, development of a nurturing community spirit, Serviam as a lived reality, commitment to peace-making, academic excellence.

Craft & Vendor Fair

Saturday, December 9

To benefit the School Life Committee for

Mount Merici Academy

Mount Merici Academy

10:00AM-3:00PM

Sacred Heart Soup Kitchen Help Needed

Sacred Heart Soup Kitchen is looking for volunteers to cook and help. Please call the parish office at 872-2281, if you would like to volunteer.



Honor Your Loved Ones at St. Francis Catholic Cemetery!

It's time to order your Christmas Wreaths. The Cemetery staff will place the beautiful 22" wreath on the lot for you. The standard wreath with a red bow is \$22.00 and the deluxe wreath with a red bow, cones and berries is \$32.00. The wreaths will be placed on the lots after Thanksgiving and picked up in the spring. Mail the order form below along with your check made payable to:

St. Francis Catholic Cemetery

PO Box 575

Waterville, Me 04903-0575

Order Form

The following information MUST be included with order

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Wreath to be placed on the following lot:

Deceased Name: _____

Section: _____ Lot # _____

**We can help you identify Section/Lot by phone
if necessary at 872-2770**

Check wreath type: () STANDARD () DELUXE

All orders must be received by December 15th.