

# ST. CHRISTINE'S PARISH FAMILY

1295 Main Street, Marshfield, MA 02050

2018 Ice Cream Social at Saint Christine's



August 5, 2018



From the  
Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

Last week, I ended my homily by saying we can never know who or what God will use to create a miracle. Amazingly, this past Wednesday, I celebrated my two month anniversary in your midst. In that time, I have been blessed to see a multitude of miracles.

Last week I wrote about a choir on "America's Got Talent" in my column. In the few times I have heard our choir, I realized that I was in the presence of a miracle, God working among His people. Our choir is amazing. They bring life, love and prayer to our liturgies. In addition to our adult choir, I have heard great things about our youth choir. I cannot wait to celebrate with them in the fall. I am especially grateful to Meri-Lee Mafera for her efforts and her work. She herself is a miracle.

In fact, I have seen God working miracles at every liturgy, especially in our ministers. As I mentioned, those who create joyful music but also every Usher, Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Altar Server and presider. I appreciate how each minister comes to their role prepared and ready. If you are not a minister but feel a calling to be one, please see me. I especially invite our children to see the announcement about becoming an Altar. Server. I am especially grateful to Mary Doolan and Susie McCarthy who coordinate these efforts and to Joan Woodhull who schedules our ministers. Our ministers are God's miracles.

Finally I am amazed by God's miracle of your generosity. I noticed the last two weeks in the Offertory we have exceeded our budgeted goal. Thank you for that. You are the best. Remember, if it makes it easier for you, we have On-Line Giving. I have also noticed the Grand Annual increasing closer to our goal of \$100,000. Please know of my humble gratitude. You are God's miracles.

In finance, there are two experiences that took place this week that I want to share with you. On Thursday, I had just returned from a funeral. Even though the deceased lived in Norwell, she loved Saint Christine's thus worshipped here. It was a hot and humid day and I had just changed into shorts when a parishioner came to the door. I almost fell to the floor when she said that she wanted to cover the expenses of the painting and repairs to the Chapel and presented me with a check for \$8,000. On Sunday, the door bell rang, a parishioner stood there and handed me an envelope and said: "Here's something to help with the roof." Upon seeing the check for \$500, I once again almost fell over. Both parishioners wished to remain anonymous but they are both God's miracles.

My friends, thank you for consistently showing me God's presence in the last two months. I cannot wait for September when Religious Education classes resume and the Choirs are back and to see the true fullness of parish life here. My final advice is to take some time for rest and relaxation during the month of August. Sit back and experience the multitude of God's miracles around you.

Love, Fr. Steve



**Saturday, August 4**

5:00 pm John and Clara Ahearn - Anniversary

**Sunday, August 5**

7:00 am Al Hendricksen - Anniversary

11:00 am Richard Tracy - 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**St. Theresa's Chapel**

8:30 am Joaquim Barbosa - 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

10:00 am John and Bridget McNamara -  
Wedding Anniversary

**Monday, August 6**

9:00 am James Gillespie - Memorial

**Tuesday, August 7**

5:00 pm Elizabeth Harold - Memorial

**Wednesday August 8**

9:00 am Patsy Richard - Anniversary

**Friday, August 10**

9:00 am Leo Santucci - Anniversary

**Saturday, August 11**

5:00 pm Bob Smith - 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday, August 12**

7:00 am Thomas and Mary Sheridan - Memorial

11:00 am Mary Hermann - 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**St. Theresa's Chapel**

8:30 am Sandra Mullaney - Memorial

Christopher Mullaney - Memorial

10:00 am Mary Patricia Farmer - Anniversary

**Vocation:** We pray that God will give those He calls the courage and faith to respond to a life of service.

**Reflections:** What gives your life meaning and how is God the source?

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION July 28/29**

**Budgeted Goal: \$ 9,800**

**Received: \$ 5,883**

**On-Line Giving: \$ 2,740**

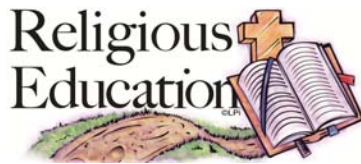
**Total: \$ 8,623**

**St. Theresa's Chapel \$ 1,760 (2nd collection)**

**Grand Total: \$10,383**

**During the summer, there will be a second collection at Saint Theresa's Chapel to help with the maintenance of the Chapel. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.**

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Teachers' Needed: We are currently seeking teachers for the upcoming 2018/2019 school year. You do not need to be an experienced teacher. Please consider sharing your faith and time with the children of Saint Christine's Parish. Help us to continue to spread the Good News. Contact the CCD Office at 781-837-0088 if you can help and thank you for considering this important ministry.


**Classes meet from 4:15 to 5:15 pm.**

Grade 1 1 teacher - Tuesday & 2 teachers - Wednesday  
Grade 2 2 teachers - Thursday  
Grade 3 1 teacher - Tuesday & 1 teacher - Wednesday  
Grade 4 1 teacher - Tuesday & 2 teachers - Wednesday  
Grade 5 1 teacher - Wednesday

**Middle School classes:**

Grade 6 2 teachers - Wednesday 6:30 - 7:30 pm  
Grade 7 5 teachers - Tuesday 6:30 - 7:30 pm  
Grade 8 2 teachers - Monday 6:30 - 7:30 pm  
Grade 9 1 teacher - Sunday 4:30 - 6:00 pm

### Pre-School, Kindergarten and Grade 1 - 2018-2019 Registration

 is now underway. For those children not baptized at St. Christine's Parish, a Baptismal certificate must be submitted at the time of registration. Please register early so that you can select the day most convenient for your family.

**Pre-School & Kindergarten** classes meet on Sunday mornings at 8:45 am.

**Grade 2** classes meet on Thursday from 4:00 to 5:15 pm.

**Grade 1-3-4-5** classes meet on Sunday from 10 to 11 am and Monday through Wednesday from 4:15 to 5:15 pm.



We extend a warm welcome to those who are joining us for worship during the summer months. We wish all of our parishioners and visitors a very enjoyable, safe and happy summer.

**Sowing Seeds:** Drivers are urgently needed to transport patients to medical appointments both locally and in Boston. You only need to drive a patient to a medical appointment when it is convenient for you. To take advantage of this volunteer opportunity, please call Sowing Seeds at 781-837-3337. Thank you for your support.

### St. Christine's Summer Mass Schedule

**Masses: Monday through Friday - 9:00 am**

**Saturday: 5:00 pm**

**Sunday: 7:00 am and 11:00 am**

\*\*\* There will be no 9:00 am Mass on Sundays \*\*\*  
at Saint Christine's during July and August.

### St. Theresa's Chapel

**Masses: Sunday at 8:30 am and 10:00 am**

### GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

Thank you to all who have contributed to our Grand Annual Collection. If you have not yet made a contribution, Grand Annual envelopes are available at the doors of the Church and Chapel. Your envelopes may be placed in the collections baskets or mailed directly to the rectory throughout the year. Each family is asked to contribute \$350. However, what one gives is your choice and no one should give beyond their means. Thank you for your generosity and support of our Parish Family. Fr. Steve

### St. Christine's Grand Annual Collection

**Goal: \$100,000**

**Total Received: \$ 61,000**

*Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish.*

**The Annual Outdoor Mass** at Portiuncula Chapel at the Cardinal Cushing Center on Route 53 in Hanover will be held this Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at 3:00 pm followed by recitation of the Rosary and Reconciliation until 5:30 pm. Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 pm in the parking lot. In case of rain or extreme heat, Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's in Hanover. If you have questions, please contact Walter Osterman, OFS at 561-301-3150.

### Silver & Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass



Cardinal Sean O'Malley OFM invites all couples in the Archdiocese of Boston who are celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries in 2018 to join him for this annual celebration. This special Mass will take place on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at Saint Mary's Parish in Waltham at 4:00 pm. Please visit [bostoncatholic.org/weddinganniversarymass](http://bostoncatholic.org/weddinganniversarymass) or you may email Kelly Tolman at [ktolman2rcab.org](mailto:ktolman2rcab.org) or call Kelly at 617-746-5803 to register or for more information.



**CAR WASH**  
**Church Parking Lot**  
**Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**11:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**Bring your car and pay \$10 for a wash.**  
**Proceeds benefit Saint Christine's Youth Program.**



**August 11<sup>th</sup> and August 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Altar Servers:**

5:00 pm: M. Friday, M. Friday  
 7:00 am: J. Adams  
 11:00 am: J. Riordan, C. Larson

**St. Theresa's Chapel:**

8:30 am: S. Cook, O. Cook  
 10:00 am: A. LoNigro, B. Hunt

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

5:00 pm: C. Christmas, T. McManus, J. Feeney, P. Bardon,  
 S. Williams, M. Nerino, K. Pelkowski  
 7:00 am: M. Alberti, M. Mastriani, A. Meehan  
 11:00 am: N. Pearl, J. Desmond, D. Desmond, T. Loeffler,  
 J. Loeffler, L. Greenwood, B. Hines

**St. Theresa's Chapel:**

8:30 am: E. Cassasa, M. Kowaleski, L. Cheverie, P. Cheverie,  
 C. Engler  
 10:00 am: L. Roffo, M. Healey, S. Cooledge, E. Smith,  
 T. DeLuca

**Lectors:** 5:00 pm: C. McManus      7:00 am: B. Lamphier  
 11:00 am: K. Greenwood

**St. Theresa's Chapel:**

8:30 am: E. Shacochis      10:00 am: D. Mitchell

**If you are unable to serve your assigned Mass, please get  
 a substitute to serve for you.**



You can support Saint Christine's Parish on a regular basis by signing up for On-Line Giving. By giving your weekly or monthly contribution on a recurring electronic basis, you help our parish more accurately forecast our finances. This method is a safe, secure, dependable and convenient means of giving. Visit [www.saintchristines.org](http://www.saintchristines.org) and click on the on-line icon. For more information and assistance, please call the rectory at 781-834-6003.

**RCIA : Rite of Christian Initiation**

Do you know someone who would like to become Catholic or wants to receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation to complete the process of Christian initiation. RCIA classes will begin in fall. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, want additional information or have questions, please call Father Steve at 781-834-6003 x 12.

**ALTAR SERVERS** hold a privileged place in our liturgical celebrations. St. Christine's Parish needs children in fourth grade and older who would like to minister to our parish as Altar Servers. Training sessions will take place on August 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to take part in this very important please contact Father Steve at 781-834-6003 x 12 or Susie McCarthy in the CCD Office at 781-837-0088.

**Altar Servers:** Your new schedule is now available in the sacristy and on-line. A list phone numbers and e-mail addresses is also available in the sacristy.



**Bottle and Can Collection**

This was our 10<sup>th</sup> year collecting bottles and cans to raise money for Sowing Seeds. Thanks to your generosity, \$550 was raised to purchase backpacks and numerous school supplies for the children in Marshfield.

We greatly appreciate your generous support.

**Marshfield Food Pantry** needs food and fresh garden produce. Also needed are personal care items such as soaps, tooth paste and brushes, deodorants, diapers, baby wipes as well as detergents and cleaning supplies. Please bring your donations to the Food Pantry's at Library Plaza on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Thanks you for your support.



**Saint Christine's Book Group:** EVERYONE is welcome to join us in the reading and discussion of the following book on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm in the children's room:

**Building a Bridge** by Fr. James Martin

**The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** provides welcome grace and peace when facing a serious illness. When you are anointed with this Sacrament, you receive many blessings and benefit from God's healing, comfort and strength. If you are facing surgery, please call Father Steve at 781-834-6003 x 12 to make arrangements to receive the sacrament. .

**St Rocco's Festival** will take place August 9 - 12 at Saint Mary's in Franklin. Entertainment throughout the weekend will include amusement rides, live bands, a DJ, raffles and food. For more information, please call 508-528-0020.

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**WEEKLY SCRIPTURES & THOUGHTS**  
**For the Parish Family of Saint Christine**



**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN**  
**ORDINARY TIME**  
**August 12, 2018**

**Reading**

**1 Kgs 19:4-8**

*How many times have you or I just had enough of the messes of life to want to give up? God pushes Flijah to get him going again...think back to the last/first/any time He has pushed you to do something.*

Elijah went a day's journey into the desert, until he came to a broom tree and sat beneath it. He prayed for death saying: "This is enough, O LORD! Take my life, for I am no better than my fathers." He lay down and fell asleep under the broom tree, but then an angel touched him and ordered him to get up and eat. Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water. After he ate and drank, he lay down again, but the angel of the LORD came back a second time, touched him, and ordered, "Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!" He got up, ate, and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb.

**Psalm**

**Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9**

*Truly take the time to taste and see the wonderful goodness of the Lord!*

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.

Let my soul glory in the LORD;  
the lowly will hear me and be glad.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

Glorify the LORD with me, Let us together extol his name. I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
And delivered me from all my fears.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy.  
And your faces may not blush with shame.  
When the afflicted man called out, the LORD heard,  
And from all his distress he saved him.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

The angel of the LORD encamps  
around those who fear him and delivers them.  
Taste and see how good the LORD is;  
blessed the man who takes refuge in him..

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

**Reading**

**Eph 4:30—5:2**

*Paul's heartfelt admonition is needed now, too! We have need of all the grace(s) God makes available to us. Continue to bless us Lord!*

Brothers and Sisters:

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were sealed for the day of redemption. All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice. And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.

So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma.

**Alleluia**

**Jn 6:51**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

I am the living bread that came down from heaven,  
says the Lord;  
whoever eats this bread will live forever.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel**

**Jn 6:41-51**

*Do we too murmur by questioning how and why?  
Believe and have eternal life!!!*

The Jews murmured about Jesus because he said,  
"I am the bread that came down from heaven,"  
and they said,

"Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph?"

Do we not know his father and mother?"

Then how can he say, 'I have come down from heaven'?"

Jesus answered and said to them,

"Stop murmuring among yourselves.

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him,  
and I will raise him on the last day.

It is written in the prophets:

*They shall all be taught by God.*

Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father  
except the one who is from God;

he has seen the Father.

Amen, amen, I say to you,

whoever believes has eternal life.

I am the bread of life.

Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died;  
this is the bread that comes down from heaven

so that one may eat it and not die.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven;

whoever eats this bread will live forever;

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and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

### *Some Thoughts:*

On this Sunday, we continue to read from the “Bread of Life discourse” found in the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel. Recall that we have been reading from this chapter for the past two weeks and will continue to read from it for another two. Last week, the crowd asked for a sign that would show that Jesus came from God. Jesus replied by saying that he is the sign and the bread of life sent by God. At this point, our Lectionary omits six verses in which Jesus predicts the unbelief of the crowd and further develops his connection with God the Father. In these verses, Jesus says that he was sent by God to do the Father’s will. Jesus promises that those who look upon the Son with faith will find eternal life. Some of these themes are repeated in today’s Gospel reading.

Today’s Gospel begins with a report that the Jews complained about Jesus’ claims regarding his identity. They knew his family, and they knew he was the son of Joseph. They could not comprehend what Jesus meant when he said that he came down from heaven. Jesus responds to the complaints by saying that only those who are chosen by God will recognize him as the one that God sent. This is a recurring theme in John’s Gospel, that God has chosen those who will have faith in Jesus.

In the verses that follow, Jesus talks more about His unity with the Father. He is the one who has seen the Father and, therefore, knows the Father. Those who listen to God will recognize that Jesus is the one sent from God. Those who believe will have eternal life. Jesus concludes with the central element of our Eucharistic theology. He promises that the bread of life will bring eternal life to those who partake of it, and he tells us that the bread of life will be His own flesh, given for the life of the world.

In today’s reading, we hear Jesus say again, as he did in last week’s Gospel, that he is the bread of life. We also hear Jesus add that he is the living bread. Both of these statements help us understand better the gift that Jesus gives us in the Eucharist. We celebrate this gift of Jesus each time we gather for Mass. We believe that receiving Jesus in the Eucharist will lead us to eternal life.

## Still, getting away From it all!



### **MEN’S GROUP CALENDAR:**

*You may have noticed that there have been several mentions about Cursillo Weekends. It’s an opportunity to experience the teachings and graces with fellow Christians wanting to know more of the love of God for us. For more information, please contact Crystal at 617.680.6008 or Ed at 781.545.0881.*

**Wednesday evening - Scripture Study - 7:30 pm**  
During the summer, the Bible Study Program will continue discussing the gospels of Saint Mark using Michael Card’s study guide. For more information, please call Ed at 781.545.0881.



# *Color Me*

