

ST. CHRISTINE'S PARISH FAMILY

1295 Main Street, Marshfield, MA 02050

Father Tom Congratulations on your Golden Jubilee



Mission Statement: *We are the Roman Catholic parish family of Saint Christine, gathered by Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and united with the Holy Father, Archbishop and Pastor, to evangelize, to grow in the Spirit and to reach out to others in loving service.*

Pastor Rev. Thomas J. Walsh

Assisting Priests Rev. Jack Schatzel
Rev. Thomas Umbras
Rev. Brian Conley, SJ

Pastoral Associates Mary Doolan
Doretha Gurry

Religious Education

Kathy Scanlan, Director of Confirmation
and Youth Ministry

Maryanne Bursaw, Administrator of Confirmation
and Grades 6 - 7 - 8

Lauretta Grant and Susie McCarthy,
Administrators: Pre-School - Grade 5

Gen Guimond, Secretary

Music Meri-Lee Mafera, Director

Parish Secretary Joan Woodhull

Facilities Manager Ron Cooledge

Asst. Facilities Manager Tim McGonagle

Please notify the rectory to arrange for the Eucharist to be brought to any ill, elderly or homebound parishioner.

Parish

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Religious Education Office 781-837-0088
Facebook www.facebook.com/stchristinesmarshfield
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Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 am
(11:00 am: Memorial Day thru Labor Day)
Daily Mass Monday through Friday 9:00 am

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm
Last Wednesday of the month 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Summer Mass Schedule (July and August)

St. Christine's Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 7:00 and 11:00 am
St. Theresa's Chapel Sunday 8:30 and 10:00 am

We invite you to register as a member of our Eucharistic community and we hope you will support our parish by your presence, prayers and talents. Parish registration forms are available on the ushers' tables in the church and on our parish website.

May 28, 2017



Saturday, May 27

5:00 PM Joyanne Robinson - 1st Anniversary

Sunday, May 28

7:00 AM Our Parish Family
9:00 AM Our Graduating High School Seniors
11:00 AM Richard and Dorothy Towle - Memorial

Monday, May 29

9:00 am Eleanor Ratto - Memorial

Saturday, June 3

5:00 PM Bill Bardon - 3rd Anniversary

Sunday, June 4

7:00 AM John Joseph McCarthy
9:00 AM Dennis Sullivan - 3rd Anniversary
11:00 AM Alice Lynch - 1st Anniversary

Vocation: We pray that families will strive to make their homes places where their children can hear God call them by name.

Reflections: Hear Lord the sound of my call and answer me.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION May 21/22

Budgeted Goal:	\$ 9,800
Received:	\$ 7,891
On-Line Giving:	\$ 2,740
Total:	\$ 10,631

This weekend there will a second collection for Catholic Relief Services which support emergency relief, food for the hungry, assistance to displaced refugees and peace initiatives in countries around the world.

Please make you checks payable to Saint Christine's with Catholic Relief Services on the memo line.

Next week the second collection will support the formation and training of our Seminarians as they journey toward their ordination to the priesthood.

Catholic Women Today

It's time for your Hats and Pearls !!!

All ladies are invited to sit together on Sunday, June 11th at the 11:00 am Mass followed by a luncheon in the parish hall. This year author Pat Gohn, who has a popular podcast *Among Women* and decades of ministry experience, will be our guest speaker. Pat will present her book, Blessed, Beautiful and Bodacious, Celebrating the Gift of Catholic Womanhood and you will have an opportunity to purchase her book at a book signing after the presentation. No tickets or membership necessary to attend and a free will offering will be at the door. For information, please contact Dotty Gurry at 781-834-6003.

Many years ago, the movie *Alfie* told the story of a British playboy whose philosophy was: "Take care of yourself first and live for your own pleasure even if you have to hurt other people in doing so." But when he was confronted with the possibility of his own death due to illness, he begins to reflect on the meaning of life.

His questions are summed up in the lyrics of the song Bert Bachrach wrote for the movie. "What's it all about Alfie? Is it just for the moment we live? What's it all about?"

If we were to ask those questions - not to Alfie - but to John the Evangelist. We would get his answer in today's gospel. "Eternal life is this: to know the Father as the only true God and Him whom He has sent...Jesus."

That's what life is all about - to know the Father and Jesus and the Spirit. Life is not just for the moment. It sounds like a simple answer yet so many do not take it seriously. So many people seek the answer to life in power, money, control and addictions. In so doing they remain unsatisfied.

For us, the answer leads to another question. How do we know God? To know someone is not just to be aware of someone. To know someone implies personal experience and intimacy. A good way to know God is thorough prayer. Sometimes we complicate prayer. We think it must be formal prayers all the time. We forget that we are talking to our best friend. Share with God what is on your mind. Speak of your worries and your concerns for others. Express frustration when a cross comes. Be yourself with God.

Fr. Anthony Mello told of a man who was sick and bedridden for years. He found it so difficult to pray until a friend placed an empty chair beside his bed and said: "Just imagine Jesus is sitting in that chair and talk to Him as you would to me." The change was remarkable. The man was able to pray and feel the presence of Jesus.

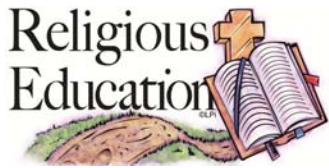
As we strive to deepen our prayer life, make time to talk to God during the day. Keep in mind that the important thing in conversing with God is not the words that come from our lips but the love that comes from our hearts.

God bless you. Father Tom

Confessions: Even though we make mistakes, God loves us and forgives us. Father Tom will be available to hear confessions on Wednesday evening, May 31st from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Confession is also available every Saturday afternoon from 4:00 to 4:45 pm.

Mass Time Change: This Sunday the 11:30 am Mass changes to 11:00 am for the summer months.

Seventh Sunday of Easter



Catechists: Please return your manual and evaluation form to the Religious Education Office as soon as possible. We are in the process of ordering new books for the 2017/2018 school year and we need an accurate count of the number of books needed. Thank you for your cooperation.

Teachers Needed: We are currently recruiting teachers for the upcoming 2017/2018 school year. Please consider sharing your faith and time with the children of St. Christine's Parish. Teachers are needed in all grade levels. Please help us to continue to spread the Good News. "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." Call the CCD Office at 781-837-0088 for any additional information or other volunteer opportunities in Religious Education. Thank you for considering this important ministry.



Pre-School & Grade 1 - Registration 2017/2018

Registration for Pre-School and Grade 1 students for September is now underway. For those children not baptized at St. Christine's, 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 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

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

Your Grand Annual envelopes may be placed in the collections baskets or mailed directly to the rectory throughout the year. Funds from this collection help to pay our weekly bills. Each family is asked to contribute \$350. However, what one gives is your choice and no one should give beyond their means. If you did not receive an envelope in the mail, you will find envelopes on the ushers' tables next weekend. Thank you for your generosity and support of our Parish Family. God bless you. Father Tom

Sincere thanks to all of you for your prayers and your goodness and generosity to me as I celebrated by 50th anniversary as a priest. Thanks to our wonderful choir and music director who through their ministry brought all of us closer to God during the Anniversary Mass. I am so fortunate to be pastor of this Parish Family. Please know that you are in my prayers.

A special word of gratitude also to our wonderful Parish Staff who inspire me every day by their dedication to God and this parish Family. They are outstanding people of faith who have made me a better person by their presence in my life. I am so blessed to minister with them and I thank God everyday for their goodness to me. God bless. Father Tom

Miramar Retreat Center will hold its annual "Miles for Miramar" campaign until June 30th. Walkers, joggers, cyclers, kayakers, swimmers can pledge miles to support these "athletes" by making a donation for their efforts. \$2.00 per mile is suggested. Please contact Ann at Miramar 781-585-2460 or visit on-line at www.miramarretreat.org.



St. Christine's Summer Book Group will meet on Thursdays evenings at 7:30 pm in the children's room to discuss the following books on:

June 15 Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus

by Nabeel Qureshi

July 20 Resisting Happiness

by Matthew Kelly

Aug. 24 Vesper Time

by Frank T. Cunningham

Recycling: Please deposit your papers, newspapers, old mail, catalogs, envelopes and other paper items in the recycling bin in the church parking lot.

No cardboard, plastic or metal are accepted. Thanks.

Family Prayer Event: You are invited to an inspired afternoon that will bring your family together in prayer on Saturday, June 3rd at 1:30 pm at the Father Payton Center in Easton. The event is free, family friendly, handicap accessible and open to the public. Please call 508-238-4095 for more information.

Mothers of Multiples Sale

Saturday, June 3rd 8:00 am - 12:00 pm hall
Mothers of Multiples will hold a sale offering a selection of gently used spring and summer clothing and accessories, as well as baby equipment, toys and other children's items at very reasonable prices.

Cash sales only. No early birds please.

St. Christine's Grand Annual Collection

Goal: \$100,000

Total Received: \$ 65,700

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish.

Liturgical Ministers



June 3rd and June 4th

Altar Servers:

5:00 pm: J. Place, J. Leoffler
7:00 am: A. LoNigro
9:00 am: C. Larson, J. Riordan
11:00 am: C. Robbins, A. Robbins

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 pm: B. Brooks, P. Bardon, M. D'Souza, T. Leoffler,
M. Nerino, G. West, S. West
7:00 am: L. Bak, M. Qualter, F. Woodfall
9:00 am: E. White, M. Rowell, D. Evans, N. Skinner,
P. Norris, B. Norris, K. Santos
11:00 am: L. Bagley, J. Wawroski, J. Rockwell, T. DeLuca,
S. Cooledge, T. Bullock, S. Bullock

Lectors: 5:00 pm: M. D'Souza 7:00 am: A. Medinus
9:00 am: E. Shacochis 11:00 am: B. Cedrone

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

Jesus in Boston: All young adults and college students are invited to the monthly 'Jesus in Boston' gathering on Friday, June 2nd at 7:30 pm and the new Our Lady of Voyage Chapel, 51 Seaport Blvd. in Boston. There will be Eucharistic Adoration followed by Mass and a social gathering and Cardinal Sean will celebrate Benediction. It's a great way to meet new people. For more information, e-mail Mike Drahos at MDrahos@rcab.org.

Position for Part Time Custodian

Our Lady of Assumption Church is seeking a custodian to do general cleaning of the church and parish hall on a weekly schedule, setting up for weekly events and parish activities, annual deeper cleaning of areas, snow removal on walkways and doorways and occasional grounds, yard work and work in the rectory. Hours are up to 15 per week including weekends and the hourly wage is negotiable. If you are interested, you may contact Fr. Paul Aveni at 781-834-6252 or email at fr.paveni@gmail.com.

First Friday Devotions will be held at the Portiuncula Chapel on Rt. 53 in Hanover on Friday June 2nd from 3:00 to 6:00 pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet and the Rosary. All are welcome.

Healing from Addiction: Come and experience the healing power of prayer and forgiveness through the Divine Mercy of Jesus. You are invited to pray for those dealing with addictions on Saturday, June 3rd at Holy Ghost Parish in Whitman from 11:00 am to 12 noon followed by fellowship and a light lunch in the parish hall. For more information, contact Karen at karenmcwilliams@aol.com or you may call Karen at 603-682-7933. All are welcome.



On this Memorial Day, please pray for our service men and women who are serving our country throughout the world and for all those who have given their lives to protect our freedom.
God bless America !!!

Sowing Seeds Clothing Bank

Welcome are donations of personal care products such as toothpaste and tooth brushes, soap, deodorant, body gels and lotions, shampoo and conditioner. Located at the corner of Rt. 139 and School Street, the Clothing Bank is open on Thursday and Saturday mornings from 10 am to 12 noon to receive donations and to distribute clothing.

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 781-837-3337. Thanks



Men's Group: Many thanks to the Men's Group for all their efforts in cleaning and landscaping the grounds of Saint Theresa's Chapel last weekend. Great job and God bless you for all your help.



You can support Saint Christine's Parish on a regular basis by signing up for On-Line Giving. This method is safe and secure and is a dependable and convenient means of giving for you. Visit www.saintchristines.org and click on the on-line icon. For additional information or assistance, please call the rectory at 781-834-6003.

Lectors: Your new schedule is now available in the sacristy and on line. A list of lectors' names, phone numbers and e-mails is also available in the sacristy.



Please remember in your prayers, those who have recently passed away especially:

**Peter Caissey, Marguerite Cluff, Jeanne Myett,
Thomas Sheehan and Anne Stepanis
May they all rest in peace with the Lord.**

**NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES &
THOUGHTS
For the Parish Family of Saint Christine**



**PENTECOST SUNDAY
JUNE 4, 2017**

Reading

Acts 2:1-11

Jesus has ascended to heaven, the Holy Spirit is upon us, and the Apostles are speaking in other people's languages. What has happened? Have you heard others proclaim Jesus in a language unknown to you?

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

Psalm

Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

The Psalmist praises the Lord and His works. He notes that it is the spirit that enlivens all creatures. Can you remember being enlivened by the Holy Spirit?

R. Alleluia.

Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD, my God, you are great indeed! How manifold are your works, O Lord! the earth is full of your creatures;

R. Alleluia.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD be glad in his works! Pleasing to him be my theme; I will be glad in the LORD.

R. Alleluia.

If you take away their breath, they perish and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

R. Alleluia.

Reading

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

Paul shows how the Holy Spirit gives each of us a gift which we are to use to become part of Jesus' bride, his Church. Think about the gifts you have received from the Holy Spirit. Have you used them to glorify Jesus?

Brothers and sisters:

No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit;

there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.

To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ.

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Jn 20:19-23

Recall that John is writing 20-30 years after the other gospel-writers. Here we see the Risen Lord giving them His peace and the Holy Spirit. Jesus is also giving them, through the Holy Spirit, the ability to forgive or retain sins! How can they do this? Through the Spirit! The Apostles have received the Holy Spirit and are sent by God to spread the Good News! They all now have the power of Jesus to use for the good of mankind.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,

5 and whose sins you retain are retained."

Some Thoughts... How many of you like to fly kites? It is great fun to watch a kite soaring high into the sky. What is it that keeps the kite up there? It is the wind, isn't it? How many of you have ever seen the wind? That was a trick question! No one has seen the wind. We can't see the wind because it is invisible. Well, if we can't see the wind, how do we know that it is there? One way we can know the wind is there is that we can hear it. When I wake up in the morning, I sometimes turn on the TV to see what the weather is doing. There are some mornings that I don't even have to look at the TV to know that the wind is blowing because I can hear it! I can hear it whistling through the trees, down the chimney, and around the windows and doors. We can't see the wind, but we know it is there because we can hear it. Another way we can know that the wind is there is that we can see it moving things. (Take some bits of paper in your hand and blow them into the air.) We can see it moving the leaves on the trees and blowing bits of paper around. We can't see the wind, but we know it is there because we can see what the wind is doing. Still another way we can know that the wind is there is that we can feel it. Blow onto the back of your hand. Did you see anything? No, but you could feel something, couldn't you? We can't see the wind, but we can feel it blowing against our faces and blowing through our hair. Today, many churches celebrate a special day called Pentecost. It was on the day of Pentecost that God sent his Holy Spirit to the church. The Bible tells us that the apostles were all gathered together when suddenly there was a sound like a mighty, rushing wind. Then, it says, they were filled with the Holy Spirit. God's Holy Spirit is like the wind, we can't see him, but we can know that he is there, just like we can know that the wind is there. We can know that the Holy Spirit is there because we can hear him. The Bible says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock, and if any man hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him." (Revelation 3:20) We can't see the Holy Spirit, but we know he is there because he speaks to our hearts. Another way we can know that the Holy Spirit is there is that we can see him moving people to do God's will. The Bible says that the Spirit of God moves his people to speak and to do things for him. (2 Peter 1:21) We can't see God, but we can see people doing things that God's Holy Spirit has moved them to do. We can know that the Holy Spirit is there because we can feel his presence. The Bible says, "I will fear no evil for Thou art with me." (Psalm 23:4) The Bible also says that "if we love one another, God lives in us." We can't see the Holy Spirit, but we know he is there because we can feel his presence in our life.

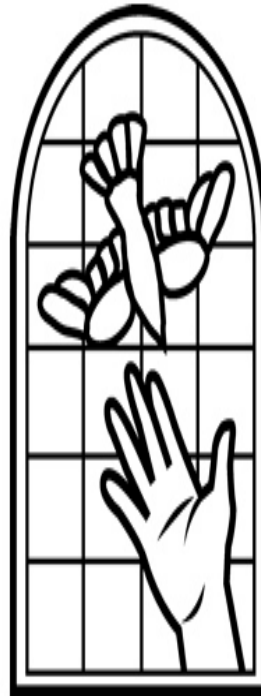


Complete the Puzzle below. For some help, read today's included scripture—

Word Jumble

Acts 2:1-21

Unscramble each word and then place the numbered letters in the numbered boxes at the bottom to reveal the "Final Answer."



PENTECOST

WNID
3

IFER
2

SIRITP
8 1 4

SEKPA
5

CDORW
6 7

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 4

For our Abbreviated Summer Schedule may we suggest prayers for those most in need.

MEN'S GROUP CALENDAR

June 1st – June 4th - Women's Cursillo at the Salvatorian Center in Methuen. For information, call Norm 781-834-4097 at or Ed at 781-545-0881.

Enjoy the coming season but do not forget your weekly banquet with the Lord and the Church! Stay in the joy of the summer through love!

Join us Wednesdays in the Children's Room for Readings study at 7:30 pm.

Or, for the younger ones, **color** the picture below!

Filled with the Spirit-

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