

ST. CHRISTINE'S PARISH FAMILY

1295 Main Street, Marshfield, MA 02050

July 2017 Baptism



July 23, 2017



Saturday, July 22

5:00 pm Michael Ryan - Memorial

Sunday, July 23

7:00 am Intentions of our Parishioners

11:00 am Sean Gorman - Birthday Remembrance

St. Theresa's Chapel

8:30 am Martha and Warren McNeil - Memorial
Garret Huie - Anniversary

10:00 am Mary Mulvey - Memorial

Thursday, July 27

9:00 am Brendan Crosby - Memorial

Friday, July 29

9:00 am Kay Lawlor - 3rd Anniversary

Saturday, July 29

5:00 pm Robert Roos - Anniversary

Sunday, July 30

7:00 am Intentions of our Parishioners

11:00 am Manuel-Shandra Silva - Memorial

St. Theresa's Chapel

8:30 am Maureen Sullivan - 3rd Anniversary

10:00 am Peter Burton Noyes - Memorial

OFFERTORY COLLECTION July 15/16

Budgeted Goal:	\$ 9,800
Received:	\$ 7,096
On-Line Giving:	\$ 2,740
Total:	\$ 9,836

You gave \$2,001 in the second collection for the Church and Chapel gardens. Your generosity is much appreciated.

St. Theresa's Chapel: There will be a second collection at the Chapel to help defer the cost of maintenance.

Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

Vocation: We pray that God will continue to call men and women to serve as ministers in our parish.

Reflections: What does the parable about 'Sowing Seeds' mean to you?

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. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, want more information or have questions, please call Ken McCarthy at Holy Family Parish at 781-549-4620 or Jeanne Cregan at 781-934-5055 x 114. Please spread the word to anyone who has expressed interest in the Catholic Church.

I came across a prayer entitled: "Prayer for the Next Time I Meet Christ." It goes like this: "I see them Lord every morning standing on the same street corner. They hold tattered signs - 'Will work for food' - with every bit of dignity they have. I walk by them on my lunch break leaning up against the wall, their few possessions close by. A dirty hand reaches out in a sign of pace. 'Spare some change' they ask as I avoid eye contact. 'God bless you' is their answer."

"Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger and alone? When did we see you at all? Forgive me God for what I have done and pray for me that next time, I will stop to meet Christ."

Those words were reinforced for me by the words found in today's reading from the Book of Wisdom. "Those who are just **MUST BE KIND.**" We must meet Christ in others. How much better our world would be if we respected the image of God in every person.

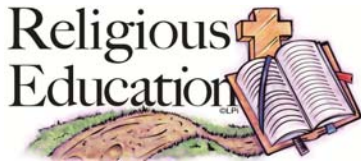
I looked at my own life and tried to find some simple, practical ways to do that. For example, when I am in the supermarket line for ten items or less and the person in front of has 15, I find myself getting ticked off as I count their items. And then I throw them a look. That's not really meeting Christ in them. Or when someone cuts me off when driving - well, the words I may use aren't exactly a prayer for the person.

You and I certainly don't give ourselves a chance to meet Christ in another person when we talk about them, spread rumors about them or judge them. Yet, how often you and I do that within our own families and in our neighborhoods. Do you and I see the battered face of Christ in immigrants fleeing war torn countries? Do you and I work hard to meet Christ in those struggling with poverty and unemployment? Here in Marshfield we have loads of people who go to bed hungry. Certainly the Food Pantry, St. Vincent de Paul and Sowing Seeds can attest to that. When we see someone in our neighborhood struggling, do we meet Christ in them by preparing a meal for them or do we look down upon them? The author of the book of Wisdom reminds us that God treats all with leniency and mercy and love. God has taught us that we must be kind and loving because God shows Himself to us everyday in the people around us.

God bless you. Fr. Tom

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.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Teachers' Needed: We are currently seeking teachers for the upcoming 2017/2018 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. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations."

Contact the CCD Office at 781-837-0088 if you can help and thank you for considering this important ministry.

All classes meet from 4:15 to 5:15 pm.

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



Pre-School - Kindergarten - Grade 1 2017-2018
Registration for Pre-School, Kindergarten 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 you.

Pre-School and Kindergarten classes meet on Sunday mornings from 8:45 to 10:00 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.

Miramar Retreat Center - Some Enchanted Evening
The 14th annual Some Enchanted Evening will be held on Saturday, August 5th from 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Admire the view from the patio overlooking Kingston Bay while enjoying a social hour and elegant dinner. Have fun bidding on silent auction items and relax to the musical performance of Tony Funches, formally with the Platters. All proceeds will benefit the Miramar Capital Fund. Tickets are \$100 pp. To make reservations, place an ad in the Program Book, make a donation or donate an item for the auction, please call Miramar at 781-585-2460

Saint Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes are located at the doors of the Church and the Chapel. The money received assists people with food cards, utility bills, medical needs and housing. A special word of thanks goes out to those parishioners who so faithfully place donations in the poor boxes. Thanks you for your generosity and support.



A warm welcome is extended 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 pleasant summer.

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. God bless you. Father Tom

St. Christine's Grand Annual Collection

Goal: \$100,000

Total Received: \$ 90,500

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish.

Cardinal Cushing Center: The annual outdoor Mass at Portiuncula Chapel at the Cardinal Cushing Center on Route 53 in Hanover will be held on Monday, July 31st. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at 3 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.



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



BOTTLE AND CAN COLLECTION

Bring your Bottles and Aluminum Cans to St. Christine's Church

**** Next weekend - July 29th / 30th ****

Once again, a group of parish families will collect empty aluminum cans and bottles to help Sowing Seeds purchase back to school supplies for those children in need. Last summer you helped to raise over \$2,000.

Bottles and cans can only be dropped off at the Church by 12 noon next to the garage. Thanks for your support.

Liturgical Ministers

July 29th and July 30th

Altar Servers:

5:00 pm: G. Burgoyne, H. Burgoyne, L. Keyes, B. Curtin

7:00 am: B. Burch

11:00 am: C. Robbins, A. Robbins, C. Robbins

St. Theresa's Chapel:

8:30 am: K. Cregan, O. Cregan

10:00 am: D. Kenneally, C. Pozerski, R. Casey

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 pm: J. Lydon, S. Williams, K. Duane, A. MacDonald,
A. Fallacara, M. D'Souza, T. Leoffler

7:00 am: A. Meehan, L. Bak, M. Mastriani

11:00 am: C. Jean, J. Pescatore, P. Pescatore, I Mamet,
S. Kiley, T. Kiley, W. Kiley

St. Theresa's Chapel:

8:30 am: N. Skinner, R. Gallagher, D. Evans, E. Carey,
E. White

10:00 am: S. Cooledge, B. Hines, M. Mello, C. West,
C. Kennedy

Lectors: 5:00 pm: D. Mitchell 7:00 am: K. Shea
11:00 am: P. Jean

St. Theresa's Chapel:

8:30 am: A. Medinus 10:00 am: C. Casey

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



Host Families Needed

Open Your Door to the World

This August, young people from more than 60 countries will arrive in the U.S. to study at high schools across the country.

To host an AFS student, please contact Deb Gallagher at ddg_1951@yahoo.com, visit www.afsusa.org. or call 781-834-0708 for more information.

Boston College High School will host a reception for current families, alumni and prospective families on July 24 in Mashpee or July 26 in Harwich. Join us for some casual fun, get to know other families in the BC High community and learn more about BC High if you are considering applying to the school. For more details and to register, go to www.bchigh.edu/capeevents.

Feast of Saint Christine

This Monday, July 24th, we celebrate the Feast of Saint Christine, the patron saint of our parish. Born in the third century, Christine was the daughter of a wealthy and powerful Italian magistrate. Ordered by her father to marry a pagan nobleman, Christine refused. Her father locked her in a tower with many silver and gold idols to worship. Instead Christine sold the idols and gave the money to the poor. She renounced all pagan gods and accepted Jesus. Christine was arrested, put into prison and tortured but she refused to deny Jesus. She was executed and buried in the catacomb of St. Pontianus in Rome.

Saint Christine is the patron saint of millers and archers.

Prayer to Saint Christine

Saint Christine, virgin and martyr, you who so loved Jesus that you gave your life for Him, teach us to share your love of the poor. Help us to see Jesus in the poor and lonely. Grant that we put our faith in Jesus and not in the riches of this world. Heavenly Father, grant this prayer through the intercession of Saint Christine. Amen.



ST. CHRISTINE'S SUMMER BOOK GROUP

All are welcome to join us on Thursday evening at 7:00 pm in the Children's room for a discussion on the following book:

August 24 Vesper Time by Frank T. Cunningham

Boston Catholic Television has many programs for your viewing including daily Mass. You may watch Boston Catholic TV on Verizon (Ch 296) and Comcast (Ch 268). Please visit their website at www.CatholicTV.com for a complete listing of their entire program schedule.

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, August 5th 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.

Facebook: Saint Christine's now has a Facebook page. Visit www.facebook.com/stchristinesmarshfield and "LIKE" our page to get parish news.

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WEEKLY SCRIPTURES & THOUGHTS
For the Parish Family of Saint Christine



**THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
JULY 30, 2017

Reading

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12

What would you have asked? Think about how you actually fit into His plans...does what you want fit with His work? Again, Solomon asked not for something, but really for guidance, or God always to be present in his life!

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." Solomon answered: "O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?" The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request. So God said to him: "Because you have asked for this— not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right—I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you."

Psalm

Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130

How can our reply be 'Lord, I love your commands'? But are we not really like children with limits so that we don't hurt ourselves?

I have said, O LORD, that my part is to keep your words. The law of your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Let your kindness comfort me according to your promise to your servants. Let your compassion come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

For I love your command more than gold, however fine. For in all your precepts I go forward; every false way I hate.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them. The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Reading

Rom 8:28-30

Paul is stepping us through our beliefs. Recall that for God time has no meaning, everything is... Paul is telling us that God knew all and therefore God has been aware of everything even our acceptance of Him! And by that acceptance everything else flows...have you accepted?

Brothers and sisters:

We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Cf. Mt 11:25

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; for you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mt 13:44-52

We see in Matthew that Jesus is talking about the choice(s) we make for salvation or not for salvation. He's also telling us that we need to accept responsibility for bringing His salvation to others. It isn't just about 'my salvation' but how I model my Christianity. Jesus talks about the new and old, the grain and the wine. How do we show, teach, and model?

Jesus said to his disciples:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. "Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."



Some Thoughts... There is a television show called "The Price Is Right." Have you ever seen it? It has been on television for more than fifty years! The contestants on the show are shown an item and then they try to guess how much the item costs. The one who guesses closest to the actual price without going over wins the prize. I thought it would be fun to play "The Price Is Right." I brought a package of cookies. Oreo cookies! Yum, yum! On the back of the package there is a tag with the price of the cookies. We will see how close you can come to guessing the price without going over the correct price. If you think that the price of this package of cookies is MORE than \$4.00, raise your hand. No, if you raised your hand, you are out of the game because these cookies do not cost more than \$4.00. If you think the price of this package of cookies is LESS than \$2.00, raise your hand. If you raised your hand, you are out of the game because these cookies cost more than \$2.00. If you think the price of these cookies is MORE than \$3.00, raise your hand. If you raised your hand, you are still in the game. This package of cookies does cost more than \$3.00. Next, I am going to call out a price, If I call out the price that you think is the right price of the cookies, raise your hand. \$3.39 - No, you're out of the game. \$3.49 - No, you're out of the game. \$3.59 - No! You're out! \$3.69 - Yes! These cookies cost \$3.69. If your hand is up, you are a winner! You have won the cookies, but I am sure that you will want to share them with the other children when our Bible story is over. These cookies are good, but \$3.69 is a lot of money for a package of cookies, isn't it? Are they worth it? Perhaps there is another package of cookies that would be just as good for less money. Every day, we have to make choices about the value of things. We ask ourselves, "How much am I willing to pay?"

Jesus once told a story about a man who found a treasure which someone had hidden in a field. He was so happy that he immediately went and sold everything he had and bought the field so that the treasure would be his. (Matthew 13:44) Jesus told about another man who went in search of fine pearls. When he found a pearl that he thought was the very best, he sold everything that he had so that he could buy the pearl. (Matthew 13:45-46)

These men both found something that they thought was worth giving everything they owned so that they could have it. Do you know what this thing was that Jesus was talking about? He wasn't talking about buried treasure or beautiful pearls, he was talking about the kingdom of heaven. The kingdom of heaven is the greatest treasure one could ever desire. It is more precious than silver, gold, or jewels. That is why Jesus calls us to give up all that we have and follow him. Is that too great a price? I don't think so. In fact, I would say, "The Price Is Right!"

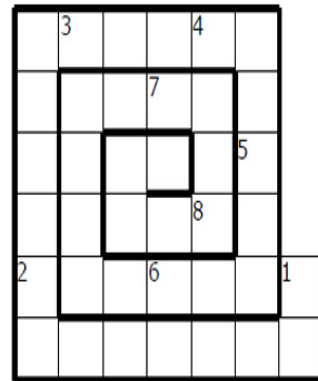
Here's a couple of ways to help remember that Jesus is here. **Complete the Puzzle below.** For some help, read today's included Scripture –

Parable of Value!

Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. Matthew 13:46 (NIV)

Look at the numbered clues, determine the correct word, and write that word in the spiral puzzle. Each numbered square will begin a new word.



1. Something of great value; gold, silver, or jewels, for example
2. A small, shiny, hard ball that forms inside some oysters
3. A feeling of great happiness
4. To put in a place where something cannot be seen or found (past tense)
5. Gave something in exchange for money
6. A territory or country ruled by a king or queen
7. An adult male human
8. The worth of something in money

VALUE	PEARL	HID	KINGDOM
TREASURE	MAN	SOLD	JOY

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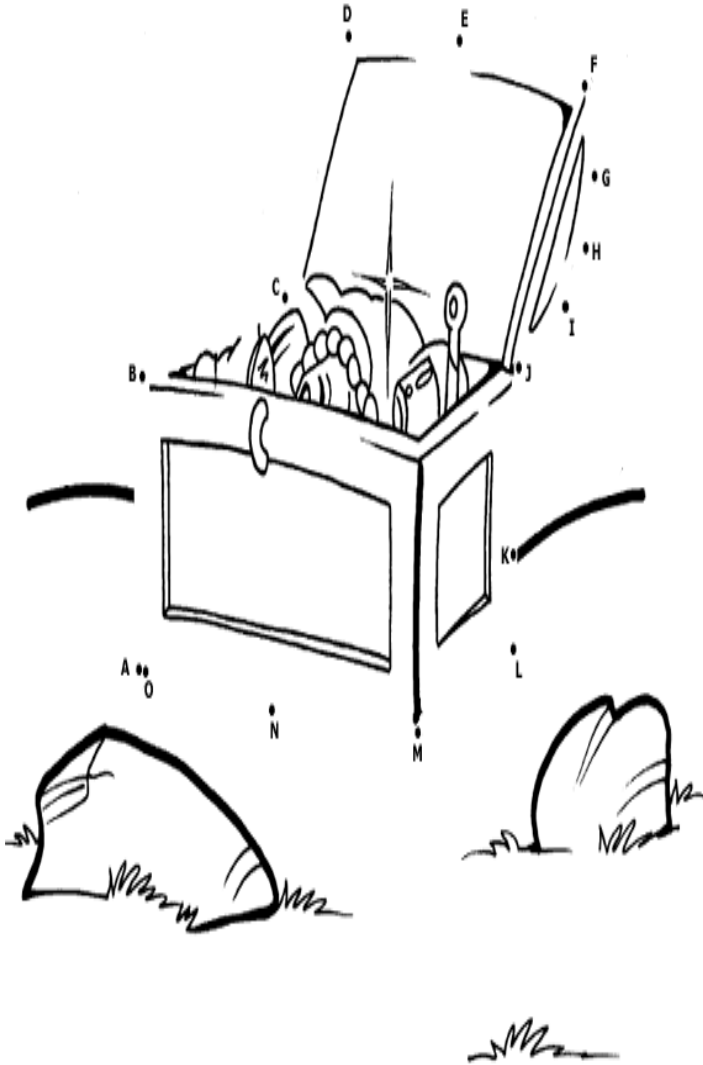
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"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field."

Matthew 13:44

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