

ST. CHRISTINE'S PARISH FAMILY



1295 Main Street, Marshfield, MA 02050

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.*

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Parish
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Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 7:00, 9:00 and 11:30 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.

January 21, 2018



Saturday, January 20

5:00 pm Eusebius and Mary Murphy - Anniversary

Sunday, January 21

7:00 am Margaret Holden - Memorial

9:00 am Terry Gorman - 11th Anniversary

Sean Gorman - 2nd Anniversary

11:30 am Kyle Dandrow - 4th Anniversary

Monday, January 22

9:00 am Mary Catherine Conroy - Memorial

Wednesday, January 24

9:00 am Brendan Crosby - Memorial

Thursday, January 25

9:00 am Randy McRae III - Birthday Remembrance

Friday, January 26

9:00 am Mark McLaughlin -
50th Birthday Remembrance

Saturday, January 27

5:00 pm Manny Lopes - 1st Anniversary

Sunday, January 28th

7:00 am Our Parish Family

9:00 am Julia Kelly - 1st Anniversary

11:30 am Kevin Hardiman - 2nd Anniversary

OFFERTORY COLLECTION January 13/14

Budgeted Goal: \$ 9,800

Received: \$ 7,013

On- Line Giving: \$ 2,740

Total: \$ 9,753

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

Next weekend the second collection will help support the churches in underdeveloped areas of the world. This collection will provide funds to Catholic Relief Services, Churches in Africa, Latin America and Eastern Europe and also the Home Missions, the Military and the Black and Indian Missions. Thank you for your generosity.

Please write your checks payable to St. Christine's with Churches Around the World written on the memo line.

Vocation: We pray that every parishioner and their families will pray for vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life.

Reflect on: How do you respond to today's words: "Repent and Believe?"

Thank you to all who sent Christmas greetings, gifts and goodies to us during the holidays. Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated.
God bless you. Fr. Tom

When I was a kid, my friends and I used to go fishing at a place called Tar Wharf in Dorchester. Fishing seemed easy then. Put a hook on a line, a little bait and throw the line into the water and hope for a fish to bite. As I grew older, I learned there was a skill involved. In fact, people pay a lot of money to enter a national fishing contest and they are depending on skill, not luck, to win.

In the Gospel, Jesus says to the apostles: "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." In other words, follow me and I will give you the skills to tell people the good news of God's love for them. Jesus says the same thing to us. I want you be fishermen for God.

The first skill we need is to embrace our own story. Stop and reflect on our good and not so good points. Think about the tragedies we've had to deal with and got through them. Reflect on the moments of our sin and the hurt we may have caused others. In the midst of those thoughts, rejoice in the truth that God has remained faithful to us, forgives us and loves us with great mercy. That is something about which to get excited. It is something to share.

The next skill we need to embrace is the courage to share the good news with others. Pope Francis put it well when he noted that too many of us walk around with sour faces. How can we lead others to God if we are not joyful, if all we do is complain and speak negatively about the faith.

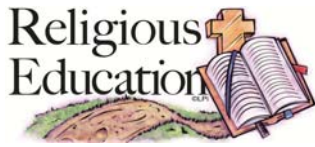
We all have family members, neighbors or friends who no longer come to church. Some are angry at the church and at times with good reason. Some feel that God is distant. Some are struggling to forgive themselves and accept God's forgiveness. Does the way you and I live our life attract them? Have we ever invited them to Mass? Have we talked to them about our love for God and God has been with us in good times and in bad? Are we joyful evangelizers for our faith and the story of God's love for His people? Are others attracted to God because of us?

Let us pray for the grace to be bearers of God's love to those around us. That is what we are called to do as followers of the Lord.

God bless you. Father Tom

Meeting Christ in Prayer is a guided prayer experience based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. By prayer, reflection and faith sharing, Meeting Christ in Prayer can bring people to a new level of discipleship and to a renewed sense of Christian mission. There is a commitment of 8 weeks for daily prayer and weekly meeting beginning on February 21st through April 11th from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Wednesday at Fontbonne Convent in Milton. For further information and to register, please call 617-433-5965 or email: Anne.D'Arcy@csjboston.com.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Classes will meet as scheduled this week.

Tuition fees are now due. Please remit your payment to the CCD office as soon as possible. Thank you.

GRADE 2 – First Penance

First Penance for our second grade students will be celebrated on Saturday, January 27th at 10:00 am in the church. Children should arrive at least 15 minutes early and report to the parish hall to pick up their hearts and programs.



CCD CANCELLATIONS ****

Now that the winter season is upon us, there may be occasions that CCD classes will be cancelled due to inclement weather. If classes are cancelled, notification will be available on Channels 5 and 7. Please tune into these stations or log onto their websites. Additionally, cancellations will be announced on WATD radio (95.9).

*** Please note that if Marshfield Schools are closed, Saint Christine's CCD classes are also cancelled.

Catholic Elementary School Open Houses

The following Catholic Elementary Schools will host Open House at their schools for students in Grades 1 through Grade 8. All interested parents and their children are most welcome to attend.

Holy Family - Rockland Sun. Jan 28 10:30 am-12 noon

Sacred Heart - Kingston Sun. Jan 28 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

St. Paul's - Hingham Sun. Jan. 28 11:00 am-1:00 pm

For further information, please call the schools.

Women's Cursillo is a short course in Christianity. It is an encounter with Christ in order to deepen your faith and strengthen your ability to be witnesses of Christ in the world. The next Cursillo Weekend for Women will be March 1 through March 4 at the Campion Center in Weston. For information and registration, please call 617-332-5548 or visit www.bostoncursillo.org.

Day of Prayer and Penance: At the request of Pope Francis, a National Day of Prayer and Penance will be held on the weekend of February 3rd and 4th. At all the Masses, prayers will be offered for all the victims of clergy sexual abuse. We pray for continued healing for all those who were so terribly hurt.

Save the Date

Family Souper Bowl Gathering

January 27th 6:00 pm

Bring your famous soup, wings or desert to share with others as we celebrate faith, family and football. Beverages and related games and crafts will be provided. Tickets will be on sale this weekend, January 20/21 at the 5:00 pm, 9:00 am and 11:30 am Masses and also at the rectory. Tickets are \$2.00 pp, \$10 per household, \$1 for senior citizens and free for children 3 years of age and under. Please visit Saint Christine's website at saintchristines.org and look at "Sign Up Genius" to indicate what you will bring or let us know when you purchase your ticket. Also, help us stock the Marshfield Food Panty shelves by bringing a can of soup.

St. Christine's Shawl Ministry If you knit or crochet and wish to be part of our Shawl Ministry, you are welcome to join us. Beginners may come at any time to learn to knit or crochet and we have many who would enjoy teaching you. For information, you may contact Judith at 781-834-4681 or Maryellen at 781-834-3420.

FIAT: Have you ever wondered if God is calling you to be a religious sister? If so, Fiat is for you. Fiat is a discerning group for single women considering a vocation to the religious life in the Catholic Church. You are invited to join FIAT at their next meeting on Wednesday, January 31st from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at St. Clement's Shrine in Boston. If you are interested in attending, please respond to Sister Marian Batho at 617-746-5637 or e-mail: Sr.Marian.Batho@RCAB.org

St. Christine's Book Group will meet on Thursday evening, February 22nd at 7:00 pm in the Children's Room for a discussion on the book:

Dying to Be Happy, Discovering the Truth About Life by Chris Stepien. All are welcome to join us.

Alpha at Holy Family in Duxbury

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explore the basics of Christian faith through conversation and friendship. Alpha is for adults who are curious about Christianity, want a safe place to talk about their beliefs or for those who have drifted away from the church over the years. Sessions begin on Wednesday, January 24th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the parish center. All are welcome. For more information, please visit: holymfamilyduxbury.org.

Holy Hour For Life - All are welcome to come to a Holy Hour for Life this Sunday, January 21st at 2:00 pm at Our Lady of Assumption Church in Marshfield. Come and pray simultaneously with other parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston for an increase of respect for all human life. Facilitated by Deacon John Hume, the Holy Hour will include Eucharistic Adoration, Scripture and Prayer to ask Our Lord to engender within our nation a respect for life from the moment of conception to natural death. All are welcome to gather together in prayer. For information, call Deacon John Hulme at 781-834-6252.

Liturgical Ministers

January 27th and 28th

Altar Servers:

5:00 pm: O. Cregan, K. Cregan
 7:00 am: J. Riordan
 9:00 am: O. Cook, S. Cook
 11:30 am: E. Tracy, J. Armstrong

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 pm: D. DeSantes, J. Feeney, M. Bourke, A. MacDonald, M. Mello, E. Smith, J. Wawroski
 7:00 am: M. Alberti, R. Cullivan, M. Bursaw
 9:00 am: K. Riley, I. Carriere, C. Engler, R. Minichiello, M. Kowaleski, L. Provost, M. Rowell,
 11:30 am: L. Roffo, A. Fallacara, N. Andersen, T. McManus, T. Bullock, S. Bullock, M. Healey

Lectors:

5:00 pm: M. Crowley-Heil 7:00 am: B. Lamphier
 9:00 am: M. Buckley 11:30 am: C. McManus

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

Workshop for Nurses

The Ripple Effect of the Opioid Epidemic on Families
 Saint Joseph's Parish in Hanson will host a continuing nursing education program on Saturday, January 27th from 12:30 to 3:30 pm followed by Mass at 4 pm. The cost is \$25. Please contact Karen Wenger at kwenger@rcab.org for more information.

Christian Meditation is an ancient form of prayer that involves reciting a sacred phrase and being open to the Holy Spirit. Meetings are held on Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the rectory with a short lecture, meditation and questions. All are welcome.

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Cori Forms - Are You Going Away For The Winter?

All Ministers who volunteer at Saint Christine's need to fill out an annual Cori Form. (Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Teachers, Greeters, Ushers, Choir members, etc.) **If you will be away for several weeks or months this winter, please fill out a Cori Form before you leave.** Please stop by the rectory for just a few minutes to fill out your form.



BASKETBALL

Following are the dates of the games for Saint Christine's Boys Basketball Intermediate and Junior Teams.

Home games are played at Martinson School in Marshfield.

Intermediate Boys Games

Jan. 21 - 12:30 pm - at Martinson (Gate of Heaven)
 Jan. 29 - 12:30 pm - at Martinson (St. Francis - Braintree)
 Feb. 3 - 8:00 pm - at St. Paul - Hingham

Junior Boys Games

Jan. 21 - 12:30 pm - at Martinson (St. Paul - Hingham)
 Jan. 28 - 12:30 pm - at Martinson (St. Leonard-North End)
 Feb. 3 - 2:45 pm - at St. Ann - Dorchester

We wish all the members of our parish teams success and we encourage our parishioners to attend these games to cheer our parish teams on. God bless you. Father Tom



ON-LINE GIVING

Sign up today!!!

You can support Saint Christine's Parish on a regular basis by signing up for Online Giving. By giving your weekly contribution on a recurring electronic basis, you help our parish more accurately forecast our finances. This method is a safe, secure and dependable means of giving for you and it is also convenient too. Click on the Online Giving icon on our parish website at www.saintchristines.org. Please call the rectory if you need any assistance.

Sowing Seeds needs warm clothing in all sizes for adults and children especially coats, sweaters, gloves/mittens and hats. Personal care and baby items such as diapers and baby wipes are always needed.

Drivers are urgently needed to transport patients to medical appointments both locally and in Boston. Please call Sowing Seeds at 781-837-3337 if you can help.

Families Healing From Addiction

Come and experience the healing power of prayer! Saint Joseph the Worker Church in Hanson will host a morning of prayer, reflection and awareness for those suffering from addiction and their families. You are invited to gather together on Saturday, January 27th from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm in the church followed by light refreshments. For more information, please contact Fr. Mike Hobson at 781-293-3581 x 211. All are welcome.

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



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY
TIME—JANUARY 28, 2018**

Reading

Dt 18:15-20

The Father is promising two things here—He is promising at least one more prophet,,I believe He is promising Christ because none of the prophets were totally acceptable except Him.

Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen. This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.' And the LORD said to me, 'This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it. But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die.'"

Psalm

Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9

Not just reaction when we 'hear His voice', but listen and realize He wants only the best and He will never give us more than what we can do. He will find a way for us!

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of the desert, where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Reading

1 Cor 7:32-35

What is Paul really saying? Where are your thoughts most of the time? About the Lord, or is it to please someone else, either ourselves or someone else we love? Is his wish something that is possible or a goal? We need to remember that we are fallen, but our goal is not

Brothers and sisters:

I should like you to be free of anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided. An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious about the things of the world, how she may please her husband. I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Mt 4:16

The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light; on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mk 1:21-28

He was so much ahead of the teachers, why couldn't everyone follow Him. Could it be that Jesus really answers the questions they weren't asking? Put yourself in their shoes—seeing this man Jesus tell a devil to leave—no big loud ruckus; Why can't we be as obedient?

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this?"

A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

Some Thoughts... What do you do when you have a message that you want to send to someone? Well, you might write the message, fold it, place it in an envelope, seal it up, write the name and address of the person you want to send it to, and drop it in the mail box. Oh my! I think I forgot something, didn't I? There is no way a message is going to be delivered if you don't put a stamp on it. Look at the stamps we use in the United States. They are all shapes, sizes, and colors, but they all have one purpose -- to make sure that the message is delivered within our country. One stamp might be used if you want to send a message to someone who lives nearby. Another stamp might be used to send a message to someone who lives far, far away! Most of us give very little thought to how important these little stamps are until we have an important message to deliver.

Jesus had a very important message to deliver. In the time that Jesus lived, They didn't have a Post Office where you could go and send a message. If you had a message, it was usually delivered in person. That's what Jesus did. The Bible says that Jesus traveled all around Galilee, delivering the good news of God. "The time has come," Jesus said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

The message that Jesus was delivering 2,000 years ago is just important today as it was then. There are still many people who need to hear the good news of God's love for them. How is the message going to be delivered? Jesus has called his disciples to deliver the good news. Who are those disciples? You and me! It is as if you and I are God's postage stamps. Look around you, we are all different shapes, sizes, and colors, but we are called for the same purpose -- to carry the message of God's love. Some may be called to take the message to people in a land far, far away. Others may be called to take the message to a neighbor just down the street. The important thing is to carry the message. If a little postage stamp can take a message to someone on the other side of the world, can't you and I take the message of God's love to our friends and neighbors who live nearby?

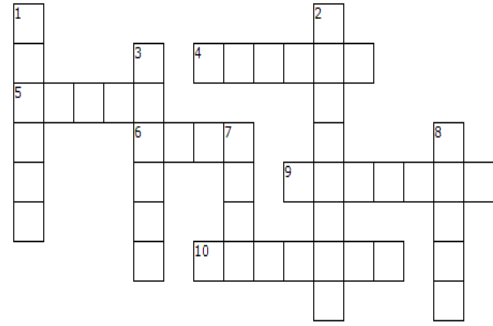
Father, we have been given the task of delivering the most important message in the world. Help us to be faithful to carry that message to those who need to hear it! In Jesus' name...

Here's a couple of ways to help remember that Jesus is here. **Complete the Crossword below and next page**

Carrying the Message

"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" Mark 1:15 (NIV)

Based on Mark 1:9-15 (NIV)



ACROSS

4. Jesus was baptized in the _____ River. (vs.9)
5. Jesus was tempted by _____. (vs.13)
6. Jesus proclaimed the _____ news of God. (vs.14)
9. Jesus said, "The _____ of God is near." (vs.15)
10. Jesus asked people to repent and _____. (vs.15)

DOWN

1. The Spirit led Jesus into the _____. (vs.12)
2. Jesus was _____ by John. (vs.9)
3. Jesus was tended to by _____. (vs.13)
7. The Spirit descended on Jesus like a _____. (vs.10)
8. Jesus was in the desert for _____ days. (vs.13)

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BELIEVE	DESERT	SATAN	BAPTIZED	GOOD

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MEN'S GROUP CALENDAR:

Men's Group Meeting - Saturday - February 17 from 7:30 am to 9:15 am. We will continue to read and discuss the Gospels of St. John.

Men's Cursillo Weekend Feb.8 thru 11 'A short course in Christianity'. Experience the Lord with other men in 3+ days at St. Basil's Seminary in Methuen. Call Crystal at 781-834-4129.

Wed. Evening - Scripture Study - 7:30 pm Join us as we study St. John's Gospel using Michael Card's thoughtful inspiration and notes. Spend some time with us to learn what Jesus is telling us! For information, please call at Ed -781.545.0881. Hope to see you!

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