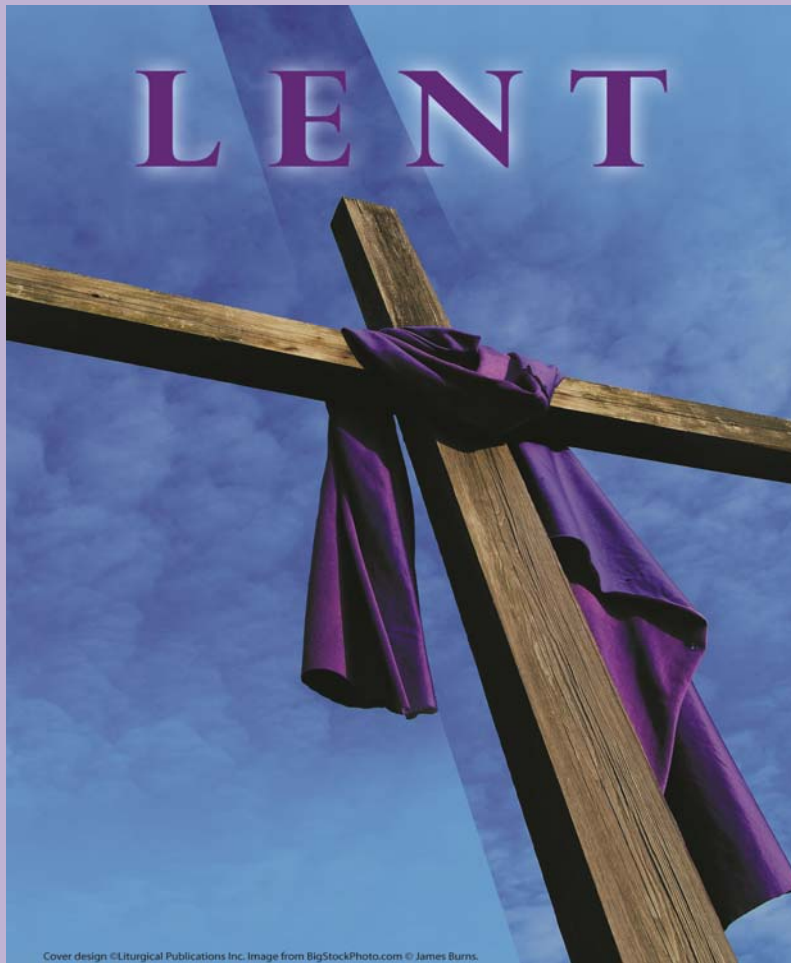


# ST. CHRISTINE'S PARISH FAMILY

1295 Main Street, Marshfield, MA 02050



## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 7:00, 9:00, and 11:30 am

Daily Mass 9:00 am  
Monday through Friday

## RECONCILIATION

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

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 may be found on the ushers' tables in the church and on our parish website.

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

**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, SVD  
Rev. Brian Conley, SJ

### Pastoral Associates

Mary Doolan, Doretha Gurry

### Parish

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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### Director of Confirmation and Youth Ministry

Kathy Scanlan

#### Administrator of Confirmation and Grades 6-7-8

Maryann Bursaw

#### Administrators of Pre-School - Grade 5

Lauretta Grant and Susanne McCarthy

Secretary Gen Guimond

Music Director Meri-Lee Mafera

Parish Secretary Joan Woodhull  
Business Manager James McCorry  
Facilities Manager Ron Cooledge  
Asst. Facilities Manager Tim McGonagle

# MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, March 17**

5:00 pm Carl W. and Teresa Smith - Anniversary

**Sunday, March 18**

7:00 am Our Parish Family  
9:00 am Thomas McCarthy - Birthday Remembrance  
11:30 am Louise Tracy - 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Saturday, March 24**

5:00 pm Maurice Kennedy - 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday, March 25**

7:00 am Gerard Linskey - 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
9:00 am Our Parish Family  
11:30 am Amanda Buening - Anniversary



**Next weekend March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> is Palm Sunday. Palms will be distributed after all the Masses.**

**Vocation: We pray that we may be signs of God's presence and love in the world.**

**Reflection: What have you taken to heart that has changed the way you act?**

<b>OFFERTORY COLLECTION</b>		<b>March 10/11</b>
<b>Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,800</b>
<b>Received:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,432</b>
<b>On-Line Giving:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,740</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,172</b>

**Thank you for your generous and faithful support.**

**Clergy Health and Retirement Trust**

This Easter, our parish collection will benefit the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust which cares for the needs of our 590 priests. Our priests are always there for us. They share Christ's good news, perform good works and build communities of good faith. All are welcome to learn more and make a gift on-line at [clergytrust.org](http://clergytrust.org). And don't forget to follow the Trust on Facebook by searching "@ClergyTrust." Thank you in advance for your prayers and support.



**Easter Flower Envelopes** are now available at the doors of the Church for your offerings in memory of our deceased families and friends. **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY** the names of your deceased loved ones on the back of the envelope and return the envelope with your donation in the collection basket or to the rectory. Thank you for your generosity. You may also make a contribution on our website by clicking the On-Line Giving icon and following the instruction for Quick Give.



Not too long ago while at a restaurant, I noticed an elderly couple who touched me deeply. It was evident that the man had had a stroke. It was very difficult for him to use a knife and fork

and he was weak on one side of his body. It was beautiful to watch his wife care for him. It was love in action. She helped him with his food and constantly brought a smile to his face.

When they finished their meal and were leaving, it was difficult for him to raise himself from the chair and his steps were faltering. His wife showed infinite patience as she guided him to the door. It was a powerful scene - not only the love and help she gave him but also the fact that he was not afraid to accept help.

My dear friends, God's love for us is like that scene. God is always willing to assist us, catching us as we tumble because of our faltering steps. God is the tender one, the compassionate and forgiving one. Yet, sometimes you and I fail to accept God's love and forgiveness. Ask yourself - When is the last time you came to the sacrament of reconciliation?

In that sacrament Jesus is there waiting to heal, forgive and strengthen. In that sacrament, Jesus says: "Your sins are forgiven and forgotten." Through the grace of the sacrament, we are like new born people starting all over again.

I am thoroughly convinced that one of the most effective tools the devil uses is to keep us from confession. So many people seem to be prisoners of their past. Self hatred for real or imagined failures can cripple a person and fill the person with guilt. In confession, God's forgiveness is a gift. It is an unconditional pardon.

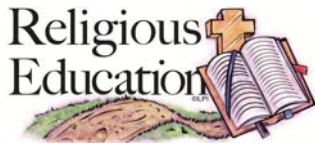
During Lent, let us think about the opportunity that is there for us - the gift that is there for us. The sacrament is celebrated every Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. We also have confessions on Saturday from 4 to 4:45 pm or you can call to set up a time that works for you.

Let us not waste the chance to experience this great gift of forgiveness from God.

**God bless you. Father Tom**

**Catholic Appeal:** Cardinal Sean wishes to thank everyone from Saint Christine's Parish who has participated in the 2018 Catholic Appeal. We ask every family to participate so that we can surpass our goal. Please know that every gift matters. Your support of the 2018 Catholic Appeal helps countless people through 50 ministries of the Archdiocese of Boston. If you have not yet participated in the 2018 Appeal, please consider making a pledge this weekend. Appeal envelopes are on the ushers' tables at the doors of the church. On-line pledging may be made at [www.BostobnCatholicAppeal.org](http://www.BostobnCatholicAppeal.org). Thank you for your prayers in support of this important effort.

## Fifth Sunday of Lent



All 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.

Confirmation Classes will meet on:

**Grade 9** Sunday, March 18 4:30 pm hall  
Commitment Mass at 6:00 pm

**Parents should attend the Mass with their children.**

**Grade 10** Sunday, March 25 4:30 pm hall  
Gown Measurements

### Grade 5 - Scavenger Hunt

Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in a Scavenger Hunt/Food Collection on Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:15 to 6:00 pm. Students will ask neighbors to leave can goods and non-perishable food at their front door for pick up. We will then celebrate with pizza and fellowship in the parish hall. All collected food will be delivered to the Marshfield Food Pantry for those in need.

**St. Christine's Scholarships** application forms for any graduating high school senior who is a member of our parish are now available in the sacristy, rectory, CCD Office and Guidance Office at Marshfield High School. **Completed forms with a photo and required essay must be returned to the rectory by April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

### First Holy Communion Clothing

If anyone has a First Communion dress or suit that you would like to donate for our communicants, please bring it to the parish hall on Thursdays from 4:00 pm to 5:15 pm or the CCD Office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



### House Hold Collection

March 24 and March 25

Now it the time to clean out your linen closets, kitchen drawers and cabinets.

My Brother's Keeper is an organization that collects and distributes household items to those in need. On Saturday and Sunday March 24/25, our parish will collect dishes, utensils, cutlery, glasses, pots and pans, towels, gently used sheets, blankets and comforters. A truck will be next to the garage all day on Saturday until 2:00 pm on Sunday to collect your donated items. Please careful pack all your breakable items in plastic bags or cartons.



### HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

Though he is the patron Saint of Ireland, Patrick himself is not Irish-born. He was the son of Calpornis, a Roman army officer in Britain during the 5<sup>th</sup> century. Captured as a teenager by slavers in South Wales, Patrick was sold and remained a slave in Ireland for six years. Inspired by God in a dream, Patrick escaped slavery and eventually joined a monastery in France. He was ordained a priest and after twelve years another dream from God inspired him to convert the Irish. His mission lasted three decades and proved to be very successful. St. Patrick died on March 17<sup>th</sup> 461 and remains one of the great saints in the history of the Catholic Church.

**Hospice of the South Shore** needs volunteers to provide respite and companionship to hospice patients in their homes or in skilled nursing facilities. Training sessions will be on Thursday April 26, May 3 and May 10 from 6 to 8 pm and Saturday, May 5 from 8:30 to 2:30 pm in Rockland. Contact Lora Wooster at 781-624-7255 or [lwooster@southshorehealth.org](mailto:lwooster@southshorehealth.org) for an application or information. Applications are due by April 5<sup>th</sup>.

### First Communion Religious Gifts

Glastonbury Abbey Book Store in Hingham has a large selection of wonderful First Communion gifts. **Ten percent of all First Communion sales will be donated back to our parish.** At the time of purchase, please mention that you want your sale credited to Saint Christine's Parish. Hours are Monday through Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm and Sunday 11 am to 4 pm.

**Life in the Spirit Seminar:** You are invited to participate in a Life in the Spirit Seminar on seven Tuesday now through May 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:15 pm to 9:30 pm at St. Mary's Church in Hanover. This is an opportunity to pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit and to live more deeply the gifts given to us at Confirmation. For information, contact Barbara Tobin at 781-826-4955.

**Sowing Seeds** urgently needs volunteers to transport patients to medical appointments locally and to Boston. Please call Sowing Seeds at 781-837-3337 if you can help. Needed are laundry detergents, personal care items and gift cards. Sowing Seeds is open on Thursday and Saturday from 10 am to 12 noon to accept donations and distribute clothing. Thanks for your help.



### Soup and Prayer Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

During the Season of Lent we will gather together to pray as a parish family on Thursday evening, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. All our parishioners are invited to come to pray and share a light meal together. Please join us!



**Cursillo for Men** is a short course in Christianity which offers the participants a vibrant experience of Christian life. The next Cursillo Weekend for Men is April 26<sup>th</sup> through April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Campion Center in Weston. Please visit [www.bostoncursillo.org](http://www.bostoncursillo.org) or call Chris Graf at 617-332-5548 for information and registration.



**March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Altar Servers:**

- 5:00 pm: B. Hunt, J. Armstrong
- 7:00 am: E. Tracey
- 9:00 am: M. Friday, M. Friday
- 11:30 am: S. Cook, O. Cook

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

- 5:00 pm: C. Burns, P. Abbott, B. Hines, C. Sullivan, M. Belsan, J. Pescatore, P. Pescatore
- 7:00 am: M. Qualter, M. Mastriani, F. Woodfall
- 9:00 am: M. Kowaleski, N. Yachimnski, D. Evans, K. Riley, I. Carriere, K. Buckley, L. Provost
- 11:30 am: C. West, C. Christmas, K. Pelkowski, A. Fallacara, S. Tilden, J. Rockwell, M. D'Souza

**Lectors:**

- 5:00 pm: M. Crowley-Heil, B. Heil
- 7:00 am: B. Lamphier, D. Mitchell
- 9:00 am: E. Shacoichis, M. Buckley
- 11:30 am: L. Larson, M. D'Souza

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

**“FILL THE BUS !!!”** This annual Food Drive will take place from **March 24<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup>** at St. Helen' Church in Norwell. Needed are beef stew, canned vegetables, pasta, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, mayonnaise, popcorn, paper products, deodorant, soap, toothpaste, laundry detergent as well as healthy snacks and juice boxes. Please drop off your items at the bus and thank you for your support. **All items will go directly to Food Pantries in Marshfield, Norwell and Pembroke.**

**CORI FORMS**

**\*\*All Cori Forms must be submitted by March 31<sup>st</sup> \*\***

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires all volunteers at St. Christine's Parish to fill out an annual Cori Form.**

**\*\*\*\* You may do one of the following: .**

1. Take a Cori form home, fill it out and return it in person to the rectory with picture ID.
2. Mail a completed Cori Form to the rectory with a copy of your picture ID.

Picture identification is a driver's license, passport, etc. Thank you for your cooperation.

**\*\*\*\*Please note: Due to security, Cori forms are not available on our parish website.**



**LENTEN SCHEDULE**

**Monday through Friday**

**Morning Prayers 6:30 am Mass: 9:00 am**

**Saturday: No morning Mass**

**Confessions: Every Wednesday evening 6:30 - 8:00 pm**

**Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 pm**

**Soup & Prayer - Thursday, March 22 at 6:30 pm in the parish hall**

**Save the Date**

**Dynamic Catholics**

*Reach your full potential, create a personal life plan and develop a vibrant spiritual life.*

**Find Your Greatness** with Dr. Allen Hunt, a speaker from Dynamic Catholic, is coming to Holy Family Parish in Duxbury on **Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 6:00 pm.** Come for an afternoon of listening, learning, scripture and prayer. **Find Your Greatness** is based on Matthew Kelly's best seller: *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic.* This is not your typical church event. please call Jeanne Cregan at 781-934-5055 x 114 or contact Paula Harris at [Paulaharris1@gmail.com](mailto:Paulaharris1@gmail.com) if you have questions. Tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased by visiting [www.dynamiccatholic.com](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com) or you may call 859-980-7900. Don't miss this amazing opportunity!

**Horizons for Homeless Children** urgently needs volunteers to play with homeless young children in Marshfield. Help a homeless child to learn, play and thrive. A commitment of two hours a week makes a real difference in the lives of these kids. The next training will be held on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> in Sandwich. For more information and other training dates, please visit [horizonschildren.org](http://horizonschildren.org) or call 508-510-3250.

**Miramar Retreat Center** will present the following Lenten programs:

**March 23 - April 1:** The Triduum Retreat in Holy Week

**March 25 - RCIA Retreat:** New Beginnings 1:30 - 7 pm

Please call Miramar at 781-585-2460 for information and reservations.

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



**PALM SUNDAY  
MARCH 25, 2018**

**Reading**

**Is 50:4-7**

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. \\\

**Psalms**

**Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24**

**R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

All who see me scoff at me; they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads: "He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him, let him rescue him, if he loves him."

**R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

Indeed, many dogs surround me, a pack of evildoers closes in upon me; They have pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.

**R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

They divide my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots. But you, O LORD, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to aid me.

**R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you: "You who fear the LORD, praise him; all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him; revere him, all you descendants of Israel!"

**R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

**Reading**

**Phil 2:6-11**

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Verse Before the Gospel**

**Jn 12:26**

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**Gospel**

**Mk 15:1-39**

As soon as morning came, the chief priests with the elders and the scribes, that is, the whole Sanhedrin held a council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He said to him in reply, "You say so." The chief priests accused him of many things. Again Pilate questioned him, "Have you no answer? See how many things they accuse you of." Jesus gave him no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed. Now on the occasion of the feast he used to release to them one prisoner whom they requested. A man called Barabbas was then in prison along with the rebels who had committed murder in a rebellion. The crowd came forward and began to ask him to do for them as he was accustomed. Pilate answered, "Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?" For he knew that it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate again said to them in reply, "Then what do you want me to do with the man you call the king of the Jews?" They shouted again, "Crucify him." Pilate said to them, "Why? What evil has he done?" They only shouted the louder, "Crucify him." So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas to them and, after he had Jesus scourged, handed him over to be crucified. The soldiers led him away inside the palace, that is, the praetorium, and assembled the whole cohort. They clothed him in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him. They began to salute him with, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him. They knelt before him in homage. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him out to crucify him. They pressed into service a passer-by, Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. They brought him to the place of Golgotha—which is translated Place of the Skull— They gave him wine drugged with myrrh, but he did not take it. Then they crucified him and divided his garments by casting lots for them to see what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." With him they crucified two revolutionaries, one on his right and one on his left. Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself by coming down from the cross." Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes, mocked him among themselves and said, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also kept abusing him. At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*" which is translated, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "Look, he is calling Elijah." One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink saying, "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down." Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

*Here all kneel and pause for a short time.*

The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

**Some Thoughts: Due to Space issues our thoughts and comments about Palm Sunday Scriptures are below—**

**1st Reading— Is 50: 4-7**

*Isaiah foretells the treatment that Jesus will endure, but also tells how Jesus listens to His Father. Perhaps we should pray that God “opens our ears that I (we) may hear;.*

**2nd Reading—Phil 2:6-11**

*God sent Jesus to become man, so that we could learn of His love and gifts on a personal level. Jesus, being a man, had to die so that we might live. What is it that Jesus gave us so that we might live?*

**Gospel—MK 15:1-39**

*What are some of the “crimes” that the elders accused Jesus of doing? Were they right according to Jewish law? Jesus came to break the bonds of these laws through love of you and me. For our guilt, he went to the cross.*

That reminds me of something that took place in the city of Jerusalem about 2000 years ago. A king was visiting the city. People lined the streets hoping to get to see the King. The King came riding on a small donkey, and as he rode through the streets of the city, some people spread their cloaks on the road and others waved palm branches and shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

I'm sure you know who that King was — it was Jesus. Today we remember the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and the people cheering and waving palm branches. They greeted Jesus as their king. The only problem was that it didn't last. He was only their "King for a Day." Later that same week Jesus was arrested, beaten, tried, and crucified. Many of the same people who had cheered him on Sunday turned against him. Now he wore a crown, but it was a crown of thorns.

**Some Thoughts on Palm Sunday—**

*Did you know there was 1 other parade into Jerusalem? Pilate man soldiers bringing Riot to control possible riots; the beginning of the Passover by celebration of going around the Temple the*



Here's a couple of ways to help remember that Jesus is here. **Choose the best word!**—

**King for a Day**

Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Mark 11:9 (NIV)

Choose the word that best matches the definition. Answers can be found in Mark 11:1-11 (NIV)



- \_\_\_ 1. A community which is smaller than a town, usually in the countryside  
A. village B. city C. province D. kingdom
- \_\_\_ 2. A young male horse (or donkey)  
A. kitten B. cub C. pup D. colt
- \_\_\_ 3. A large group of people who have gathered together  
A. village B. crowd C. temple D. branch
- \_\_\_ 4. Loose outer garments without sleeves worn instead of a coat  
A. branches B. crowd C. colt D. cloaks
- \_\_\_ 5. What the people shouted as Jesus rode into Jerusalem  
A. hooray B. hosanna C. yippee D. hallelujah
- \_\_\_ 6. A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals  
A. freeway B. trail C. road D. fields
- \_\_\_ 7. The part of a tree that grows out from the main trunk and has leaves  
A. trunk B. roots C. bark D. branch
- \_\_\_ 8. To speak with a very loud voice  
A. shout B. talk C. whisper D. mumble

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**MEN'S GROUP CALENDAR:**

**Lenten Morning Prayer Service will take place Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 6:30 am this week.** Join us in honoring the Lord with prayer.

**Men's Group Meeting: Sat., March 17 at 7:30 am**  
We will continue our study of St. John's Gospels.

**Men's Cursillo Weekend - April 5 thru 8**  
**Women's Cursillo Weekend - May 3 thru 6**  
**'A short course in Christianity.**

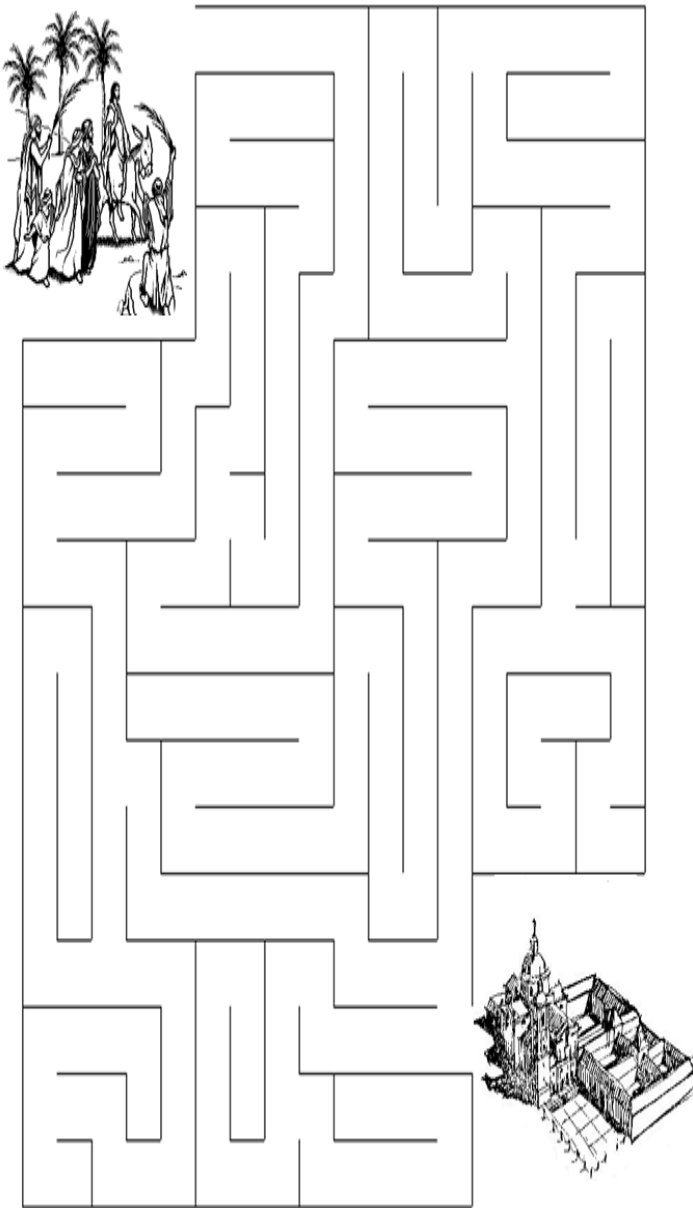
Experience the Lord with others in 3+ days at Saint Basil's Seminary in Methuen. Please call Crystal at 781.680.6008 for information.

**Scripture Study - Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm.**  
For more information, please call Ed at 781.545.0881.

# Complete the Puzzle—

## The Triumphal Entry

Can you help Jesus find the way through  
the streets of Jerusalem?



### Catching Up some more!

Well, the last couple of weeks have brought some difficult winter weather. If you've been safe—good! If without power or ability to get to work, maybe look at it as time to take a breath before spring frenzy starts in. Seriously, God wants us to not be overly troubled with 'things'. We sometimes need to step outside of ourselves to calm down and know that God wants nothing but our best, so relax in His love for you!