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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and
rise from the dead on the third day.” - Lk 24:46

April 14, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 13

5:00 pm Catherine Hapenny - Anniversary

Sunday, April 14

7:00 am Available

9:30 am Dean Andersen - Birthday Remembrance

11:00 am James Vincent - Memorial

Monday April 15

9:00 am Thomas Wilcox - Successful Surgery

Tuesday, April 16th through Friday, April 19th

9:00 am Novena of Masses

Saturday, April 20

5:00 pm Alice and Clarence Wood - Memorial

Sunday, April 21

7:00 am Fr. George Connolly - 35th Anniversary

9:30 am Regina DaPrato - 10th Anniversary

11:00 am Agnes Pomroy - Birthday Remembrance



A Novena in memory of our deceased loved ones will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 14th through Thursday, April 19th.



Third Sunday of Easter

Jesus asks the disciples in today's gospel, and he asks us, "Why are you troubled?" We may want to respond, "Don't you see the problems that exist all around us?" After the Resurrection, the disciples needed to be reminded that hiding in the upper room only kept them in a place of fear and confusion. Jesus' words are a reminder to disciples of every age, that suffering and hardship did not destroy him, nor will it destroy us. We are challenged to take the words of Jesus to heart, "You are witnesses of these things." Let us not be held back by any fear, doubt or anxiety, rather, boldly share the good news of the Resurrection.

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Clergy Health and Retirement Trust

Thank you to all who contributed to the Clergy Benefit Trust Collection on Easter. The Clergy Benefit Trust provides programs and support to care for the health and well being of all active and senior diocesan priests in good standing. By making a donation to the Clergy Benefit Trust, you are helping to ensure that our active priests receive the care needed to continue their important work and the senior priests have support and access to quality health care. This collection is a critical source of funding for the Clergy Benefit Trust and your generosity is greatly appreciated. If you were unable to make a donation last week, you can still contribute to the Clergy Benefit Trust at www.clergytrust.org. On behalf of all the priests in the Archdiocese of Boston, thank you for your generosity.



Catholic Women Today and Tomorrow

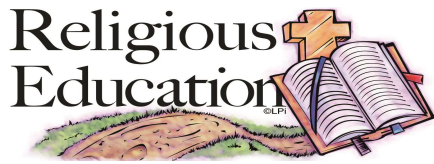
You are invited to join us for a contemporary reflection on Sister Joan Chittister's book "The Ten Commandments Laws of the Heart." Sister Joan's DVD and guided book discussions will begin on Wednesday mornings beginning on April 17th from 9:30 am to 11:00 am in the parish hall. Her book may be purchased for \$15. Please call Jeanne Dominic at 781-267-4511 if you have any questions or for more information.

Saint Christine's Family Ministry would like to thank our parishioners for their overwhelming support of our Easter Meal Program. Through your generosity we were able to provide 250 Easter meals along with treats, crafts and love to many families and seniors in our community. Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

\$ 5,000 Drawing Fund Raiser

Tickets for our \$5,000 Fund Raiser will be on sale this weekend, April 13th and April 14th in the foyer of the church after all the Masses. Tickets will cost \$50 each. For additional information, please call Audrey at 617-686-8978.

Third Sunday of Easter



School Vacation Week

There will be no Faith Formation classes from Sunday, April 14th through Thursday, April 18th. Classes will resume on Monday, April 22nd.

Grade 9 Confirmation: The last class for our ninth grade students will take place on Sunday, April 28th at 5:00 pm with Mass celebrated at 6:00 pm. Parents and parishioners are welcome.

Grade 3

There will be special Mass for our third graders and their families on Saturday, April 27th at 5:00 pm in the church followed by an Ice Cream Social in the parish hall. All students and their families are encouraged to attend.

Grade 4 Marian Prayer Service Last Class

All fourth grade students will meet on Friday, April 26th at 4:15 pm for the Marian Prayer Service. This Prayer Service is their last class.



First Holy Communion Clothing

If you have a First Communion dress or suit that you would like to donate for our communicants, please bring it to the CCD office.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham has a wonderful selection of religious gifts for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. For more information and store hours, please call 781-749-2155 ext. 210.

A Healing Service led by Deacon Jack Sullivan will take place on Friday, April 19th in the chapel at Holy Family Parish in Duxbury. The Service will begin with Evening Prayer at 5:00 pm followed by Benediction at 5:30 pm and the Healing Service. Deacon Jack will bless those attending with a relic of the saint. For information, please call Deacon Jack at 781-563-2107.



Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to our new Director of Music, Kerry McMasters. Kerry is an organist, pianist and composer and has been involved with liturgical music for 40 years starting when he was in high school. Kerry and his wife, Joan, have two children and three grand children. We wish Kerry all the best as we welcome him into Saint Christine's Parish Family.

Moms and Tots Play Group will meet on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 am to 11:00 am in the parish hall. Moms with little ones can meet, share experiences and develop new friendships while the Tots have social playtime together. Coffee and snacks for Moms and Tots are welcome. For more information, please email Rosemary Cullivan at rcullivan5@gmail.com or call 617-512-9112. Join us!!!

Community Food Support Program

Our Family Ministry became aware of some families in our community facing challenging times and we would like to help them via a Meal Support Program. For instance, there is a young mother with a husband and two children who is fighting cancer and has been placed in Hospice. There are three children who are being raised by their great grandmother because their mother and grandmother have passed away. This program would show kindness and support to families that are suffering or facing difficult challenges. We would like to deliver one meal each week to these families to lessen their cross. To proceed, we need parishioners to commit to providing one meal month. Meals could be cooked at home, restaurant take out or restaurant gift cards. If you can help in any way, please call Dana at 617-270-6054.

Spiritual Retreat For Grieving Parents

Saturday, April 20th 9:00 am to 6:30 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Carver

Losing a child is devastating. The Emmaus Ministry is for parents whose child has died by any cause no matter how long ago. The Retreat includes prayer, optional sharing, Emmaus Walk, Mass, and time for reflection. Registration includes lunch and dinner. For more information and registration, please contact Betty at 508-747-8917 or visit www.emfgp.org.



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OFFERTORY COLLECTION April 6/7

Budgeted Goal :	\$ 9,800
Received:	\$ 6,584
On-Line Giving	\$ 2,750
Total:	\$ 9,334
Deficit:	\$ 466

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



Marshfield Food Pantry

The Food Pantry would appreciate donations of detergents, paper goods and toiletries. Also needed are donations of food, brownie, cake and cookie mixes, coffee and tea. You may bring your donations to the Food Pantry at Library Plaza on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 10:00 am to 12 noon and Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Thank you.



"Wailing Wall"

Saint Christine's Wailing Wall or prayer wall is located near the tabernacle and the Children's Room. You are invited to write your prayer petition on the cards provided and place it on the wall so that our parishioners can pray for your specific intention. You are also asked to take home a prayer petition from the wall and offer prayers for your fellow parishioners. The Wailing Wall represents a place where we as a parish come together to pray.

Thinking of You Ministry: You are invited to make cards for those who need a happy greeting. Join us on Friday, April 19th after the 9:00 am Mass. Please call Eileen Shacochis at 781-834-4097 for information.

Cori Forms

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires all volunteers at Saint Christine's to fill out an annual Cori Form. Forms are available in the rectory or in the sacristy. Please come by the rectory and fill out a form. Or take a form home with you, fill it out and return it to the rectory either in person or by mail. Picture ID is required. Due to security, Cori Forms are not available on our parish website. Thanks for your cooperation.

St. Christine's Grand Annual Collection

Last year:	\$ 123,000
Total Received:	\$ 87,379

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish.

Sowing Seeds Clothing Bank Is Thinking "Spring!"

Welcome are donations of spring clothes for men, women and children in next-to-new condition in all sizes, new underwear, socks, linens, food cards and gift cards to local stores. Located on the corner of Route 139 and School Street, the Clothing Bank is open on Thursday and Saturday from 10 am to 12 noon to receive and distribute clothing. Please call Sowing Seeds at 781-837-3337 if you need assistance. Thank you.



Live Streaming Masses

You can watch Mass celebrated at Saint Christine's anytime on your computer. Go to saintchristines.org, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the You Tube link. Masses will be streamed on:

Saturday, April 20th	5:00 pm
Sunday, April 28rd	11:00 am

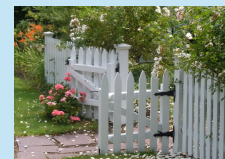
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WEEKLY SCRIPTURES & THOUGHTS
For the Parish Family of Saint Christine



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 14, 2024

Reading

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter addresses the people describing the death of Jesus. God raised Jesus from the dead, fulfilling prophecies from the Old Testament. What does Peter then say to them, giving them hope? Is he saying this to us?

Peter said to the people:

"The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away."

Psalm

Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

David prophesied what happened to the apostles shortly after Jesus' death. In distress, they are gathered together praying for God's help. What's next?

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O my just God, you who relieve me when I am in distress; have pity on me, and hear my prayer! **R. Lord, let your face shine on us.**

Know that the LORD does wonders for his faithful one; the LORD will hear me when I call upon him.

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

O LORD, let the light of your countenance shine upon us! You put gladness into my heart.

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully asleep, for you alone, O LORD, bring security to my dwelling.

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

Reading

1 Jn 2:1-5a

The author recognizes that even though we try not to sin, we do. He tells us that Jesus died for the expiation for our sins, the sins of the whole world. What is necessary to receive forgiveness?

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Those who say, "I know him," but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

Alleluia

Lk 24:32

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while you speak to us.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Lk 24:35-48

At the gathering of the apostles, Jesus appears. Although they were startled and terrified, Jesus recalled both in the old testament and his teachings, that He would rise. Why do you suppose He asked for food?

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, He asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Grade 5 Scavenger Hunt

Our fifth grade students participated in a Scavenger Hunt on Friday, April 5th. Students ask neighbors to leave can goods and non-perishable food at their front door for pick-up. All food collected will be delivered to the Marshfield Food Panty for those in need.



Front Porch with God

Me: Good Day to you Father! How are you today?

God: My friend! How wonderful to see you again! I am wonderful...and you?

Me: I'm fine. Better than fine actually

God: And why is that?

Me: Well, y'know how around Easter we talk about forgiveness so much and all that?

God: We do it other times as well, but yes, I know what you mean here

Me: Well, the 2nd reading today, it mentions that we have "an advocate" - your Son who speaks on our behalf to you when we sin, when we...mess up. He asks for us to be forgiven. That's pretty neat

God: Yeah, 'pretty neat' - that's just how I phrased it too.

Me: Well, you know what I mean...

God: I do. And I trust that you recall my son's words on the cross?

Me: Uh.....which ones are you talking about?

God: Father, forgive them, they know not what they do

Me: Oh yeah, I remember that. He was talking about the Romans crucifying him

God: Not exactly

Me: Huh?

God: He was referring about the Jewish community that had handed him over to be crucified. He was talking about those who sin. And today it is still what he is asking me to do, for none of you truly know how great your sins are and how they hurt me.

Me: I think I lose sight of that

God: I know you do - not just you, but everyone

Me: Even if I live what I think is a pretty good life?

God: Even then. I *do* know you have no clue - but I still forgive you, and I still love you .



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SAINT CHRISTINE'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:30 am 11:00 am
Monday through Friday 9:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday - 4:00 TO 4:45 pm

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