

# 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  
from 6:30 to 8:00 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

Rectory 781-834-6003  
Religious Education 781-837-0088  
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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

April 8, 2018



**Saturday, April 7**

5:00 pm John Paul Reisman - 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday, April 8**

7:00 am Thomas and Mary Sheridan - Memorial

9:00 am John Armstrong - 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Elizabeth Armstrong - 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

11:30 am Thomas McCarthy, Jr. - Birthday Remembrance

**Saturday, April 14**

5:00 pm Catherine Hapenny - 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday, April 15**

7:00 am Our Parish Family

9:00 am Donna Shugrue - 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

11:30 am William Bardon - Birthday Remembrance

**Vocation: We pray for all our young people who are making life time decisions at this time.**

**Reflection: Can you think of the times in your life that you acted like Thomas?**



Thank you to the many parishioners who gave donations in memory of their beloved families and friends. The beautiful flowers and plants that decorated our church and hall during Easter were made possible by your generosity.

**A Novena of Masses in memory of our deceased loved ones will begin this Monday April 9<sup>th</sup> at the 9:00 am Mass and continue through Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION EASTER**

**Received: \$ 13,181**

**On-Line Giving: \$ 2,740**

**Total: \$ 15,921**

**Your generosity is deeply appreciated.**



We wish to thank all the wonderful people who volunteered their time and worked so hard to make our Holy Week and Easter Services great moments of grace. Thank you to our Music Director and our various choirs for their beautiful music. Thank you to the altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, lectors, greeters, ushers, "all those behind the scenes" and our facilities manager for decorating the church and parish hall so beautifully for Holy Week and Easter. A special word of gratitude goes to all who participated fully in the liturgies. We are most grateful to you all.

Every year on the Sunday following Easter, we get to hear about good old St. Thomas - the one who wasn't there when Jesus appeared to the disciples. Thomas was the one who needed proof of Jesus' Resurrection. For years I would preach about doubt and how it is part of the life of every believer. Today, however, I would like to focus on one aspect of the story we may have overlooked. How did Thomas recognize the Risen Lord?

He did so by placing his fingers in Jesus' hands and his hand in Jesus' side. In other words, he recognized Jesus in His brokenness and woundedness.

My dear friends, all of us are wounded. All of us are banged up from time to time. The person whose marriage is on the rocks; the person who has just been axed from his or her job; someone who just moved to a nursing home; a person angry with God because of their cancer; kids being teased at school; someone struggling with addiction and certainly each of us is banged up by our selfishness and sin.

That is why today's Gospel is a great one for the Feast of Divine Mercy which we celebrate today. On February 22, 1031, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in her convent in Poland. He was clothed in a white garment. One hand was raised in blessing, the other touched his heart from which came two rays. Jesus instructed her to paint an image and place a sign beneath it which reads: "In Jesus I Trust." That picture hangs above our tabernacle. Jesus appeared to her with the simple message: "God's love and mercy are greater than any sin."

I hope none of us doubts that truth. I hope none of us is afraid of God. God has been talking to us throughout our lives about His mercy and forgiveness. Never be afraid of God. Look at the Cross. That is how much we are loved. Look at the Divine Mercy picture and embrace the words: "In Jesus I Trust." Bring your troubles to God as well as your joys. God's mercy is unending.

As Thomas embraced the Lord and believed, may you and I accept God's mercy and come alive.

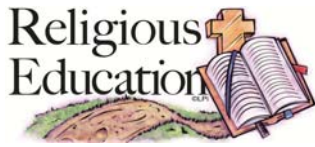
**God bless you. Father Tom**



**The Divine Mercy Chaplet** will be prayed this Sunday afternoon at 3:00 pm in the church. Please join us for this opportunity to reflect on God's mercy and His love for us.

**Clergy Health and Retirement Trust:** Thank you to all who contributed to the Easter Collection for our priests. If you did not have the opportunity to give but would like to make a gift, please visit [clergytrust.org](http://clergytrust.org). You can also donate \$25 through your cell phone by texting the word PRIESTS to 20222. (msg. & data rates may apply) Thank you for your prayers and generous support.

## Divine Mercy Sunday



**Religious Education:** All classes will meet as scheduled this week. This is the last week of classes.

**The final classes for Religious Education will be:**

<b>Sunday, April 8</b>	<b>Pre-School, Kindergarten and Grades 1 - 5 - Sunday classes</b>
<b>Monday, April 9</b>	<b>Grades 1- 3- 5 and Grade 8</b>
<b>Tuesday, April 10</b>	<b>Grades 1- 3- 5 and grade 7</b>
<b>Wednesday, April 11</b>	<b>Grades 1-3 -5 and Grade 6</b>
<b>Thursday, April 12</b>	<b>Grade 2</b>
<b>Friday, April 13</b>	<b>Grade 4 Marian Service</b>

**Tuition fees** are now due for those who have not paid their tuition for this school year. Please remit your payment to the CCD Office as soon as possible. Thank you.

### **GRADE 4 - Marian Prayer Service**

All fourth grade students will meet on Friday April 13<sup>th</sup> for the Marian Prayer Service. Our students will gather in the church at 4:15 pm followed by the planting of their seedlings in our Blessed Mother's Garden. This prayer service is in place of classes this week.

**\*\*\* Please remember to bring your seedlings.**

**Confirmation Classes will meet on:**

**Grade 10 Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 4:30 pm hall**  
**Rite of Inscription Mass at 6:00 pm**

**Parents should accompany their child to this Masses.**

### **First Holy Communion Clothing**

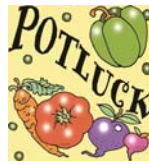
If anyone has a First Communion dress or suit that you would like to donate for our communicants, please bring it to the parish hall on Thursdays from 4:00 pm to 5:15 pm or the CCD Office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### **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 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

### **GRADE 8 - Confirmation Program Registration**

All parents of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, including those who will attend Catholic high school, must register their child for the 2018-2019 Confirmation Program. A registration meeting will take place this Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. If you have a conflict, please call Mrs. Maryanne Bursaw at 781-834-6003 x 25 to make other arrangements.



### **Pot Luck Supper Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

Come and join us for a Pot Luck Supper and Fun Night after the 5:00 pm Mass. You are asked to sign up for a dish that you would like to bring. Tickets are \$2 per person, \$1 for seniors, \$10 per household and free for children under 3. Tickets will be on sale in the foyer of the church after Masses (5 pm, 9 am & 11:30 am) this weekend and also at the rectory during the week. Please go to St. Christine's website and look for the "Potluck" Sign Up Genius to indicate what you will bring or you can sign up when you purchase your tickets. Don't miss out on this opportunity for everyone of all ages to enjoy a meal and beverages, fun trivia, bingo and prizes will be provided. Come and have some fun!



### **Mass of Hope and Healing**

**Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 11:00 am Church**

You are cordially invited to the celebration of a Mass of Hope and Healing, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. This celebration is for all people; the sick, the elderly and those in need of physical, spiritual and psychological healing. A special invitation is extended to those who have lost a loved one, those affected by family problems, unemployment and financial difficulties. We welcome those struggling with chronic illness including drug and alcohol dependency.

Following Mass, a light luncheon, compliments of Saint Christine's, will be served in the parish hall. Transportation will be provided to anyone who needs it by calling Saint Christine's at 781-834-6003 x 21. All are most welcome.

### **Catholic Appeal 2018**

Thank you to all who have supported the 2018 Catholic Appeal. If you not yet participated in the Catholic Appeal, you can make a pledge by completing one of the forms available at the doors of the church and return it in the collection basket or to the rectory. Checks should be made out to the Catholic Appeal. You may also make a pledge on-line by visiting [bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org). Thank you for your support of the Catholic Appeal.

**Miramar retreat Center** is offering several Spring retreats.

**April 11** - Nutritional Awareness and Mindful Movement  
Mini Retreat

**April 14/15** - Nurturing the Soul with Yoga & Meditation

**April 16** - Mini Retreat for Women: 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

Please visit their website at [www.miramarretreat.org](http://www.miramarretreat.org) or call 781-585-2460 for more information and reservations.



## Sacred Relics of the Saints: Treasures of the Church

Holy Family Parish in Duxbury will present an exposition of the Sacred Relics on **Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm** in the Church. Fr. Carlos Martins will bring over 150 relics, some of which are 2000 years old. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Thomas Aquinas, a portion of a veil which is believed to have belonged to Our Lady and others relics. For more information, please visit [www.treasuresofthechurch.com](http://www.treasuresofthechurch.com).

## Liturgical Ministers

**April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>**

### Altar Servers:

5:00 pm: Sam Cook, Owen Cook  
7:00 am: K. Cregan  
9:00 am: D. DeSantes, R. DeSantes  
11:30 am: A. Robbins, C. Larson

### Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 pm: M. Belsan, P. Pescatore, J. Pescatore, K. Pelkowski,  
A. Fallacara, M. Nerino, J. Feeney  
7:00 am: L. Bak, M. Mastriani, M. Qualter  
9:00 am: D. Henault-Tosi, I. Carriere, D. Evans, M. Gorman,  
R. Minichiello, C. Engler, L. Provost  
11:30 am: T. Leoffler, M. Bourke, S. Tilden, C. Burns,  
P. Abbott, C. Christmas, C. Kennedy

Lectors: 5:00 pm: B. Heil 7:00 am: M. Cregan  
9:00 am: E. Shacochis 11:30 am: L. Larson

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

## Greece and the Greek Isles August 7<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>

This pilgrimage will follow in the footsteps of Saint Paul by visiting Athens, Corinth, Mykonos, Ephesus, Crete, Delphi, and other cities and includes a 3 day cruise to the Greek Isles and Turkey. The 11 day trip is hosted by Father Agustin Anda of Transfiguration Parish in Wilmington and costs \$3,879 per person with airfare included. For a color brochure and more information, please call 617-206-1049 or email [PIL1GRIM@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:PIL1GRIM@HOTMAIL.COM).

**Cursillo** is an encounter with Christ in order to deepen your faith and strengthen your ability to be a witness to Christ. A Cursillo Weekend for Men will take place at the Campion Center in Weston on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> through Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup>. Contact Chris Graf at 617-332-5548 or e-mail [cmg829@comcast.net](mailto:cmg829@comcast.net) for information and registration.

## Sowing Seeds Clothing Bank is thinking "Spring!"

Welcome are donations of spring clothes for men, women and children in next-to-new condition, new underwear, socks, laundry detergent, food cards and gift cards to local stores. Located on the corner of Rt. 139 and School Street, the Clothing Bank is open on Thursday and Saturday from 10 am to 12 noon to receive and distribute clothing.

Urgently needed are volunteers to drive patients to medical appointments both locally and to Boston. Please call Sowing Seeds at 781-837-3337 if you can help. Thanks.

## THANK YOU

**My Brother's Keeper** would like to thank the parishioners of Saint Christine's Parish for their many donations. Hundreds of boxes and bags of household items were collected to help those in need. Your overwhelming generosity and support of this worthy organization is deeply appreciated. May God bless you.

**The Men's Group** will meet on Saturday morning, April 21<sup>st</sup> for the celebration of Mass at 7:30 am followed by a discussion of the Gospels of Saint John in the parish hall. All men of the parish are invited to attend.

**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 more information. Applications are now due.

**Caring for the Caregiver:** All caregivers are invited to a presentation to guide you through the challenging role of caregiver to those who are seriously ill. Please join us on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Pastoral Center in Braintree. The cost is \$15 which includes light refreshments. For additional information, please visit <http://www.bostoncatholic.org/palliativecare/>



## Dynamic Catholics

**Find Your Greatness:** 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!

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



**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 15, 2018**

**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."

**Some Thoughts:** I remember times when I was a youngster when I went on camping trips. One of the favorite activities on those trips was sitting around a campfire at night and telling ghost stories. Even though I kept telling myself, "There is no such thing as a ghost," that didn't keep some of those stories from scaring the daylights out of me, and they often made it difficult for me to go to sleep that night. Now, that might seem like a strange way to begin a Bible lesson, but even in Bible times, some people believed in ghosts and were afraid of them. Today's Bible lesson is one example of that. The story begins after two men had walked along a road to a place called Emmaus. They were discussing the crucifixion of Jesus and all of the events that had taken place in the past few days. They wondered what it all meant. As they walked, they were joined by a man on their walk. They did not recognize that the man was Jesus.

There is much more to that part of the story, but it is enough for now that we know that Jesus revealed himself to them. Finally, they recognized that the man was Jesus. They were so excited to see that Jesus was alive that they jumped up and walked all the way back to Jerusalem. The two men found Jesus' disciples and began telling them what they had seen. The Bible tells us that as they said these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be to you." Do you think the disciples felt peace? No! The Bible says that they were terrified and filled with fear, thinking that they had seen a ghost! Once again Jesus spoke to his disciples. "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands. Look at my feet. You can see that it's really me. Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost, because ghosts don't have bodies, as you see that I do." Still the disciples stood in disbelief, so Jesus asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of fish, and he ate it as they watched. That was even further proof that they were not seeing a ghost. A ghost doesn't need food. The disciples had seen Jesus die. They had seen him placed in a tomb. But now they saw Jesus alive. Not just this day, but for more than 40 days, they saw him and talked with him. They even watched him eat food. They were not seeing a ghost! Those same disciples went all over the world, telling the story of Jesus' crucifixion, his death, and his resurrection. They never stopped telling the story during their whole lives.

You and I have been called to tell the story just like those disciples. We must be a witness for Jesus, too. We must tell the world that Jesus is alive.

Here's a couple of ways to help remember that Jesus is here. **Find the Words below and circle them!**—

## Word Search Puzzle

*Jesus appears to the disciples*

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BONES	HANDS	PEACE	SUFFER
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### MEN'S GROUP CALENDAR:

**Women's Cursillo Weekend - May 3 thru May 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 more information.

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

**Next Men's Group Meeting - April 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 am**  
 with Mass and continuing discussion on the gospels of Saint John.

**St. Theresa's Chapel Cleanup** will be our meeting for May. Get your tools ready for Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Color the scene below—  
Jesus Appears to the disciples**

