

ST. CHRISTINE'S PARISH FAMILY

1295 Main Street, Marshfield, MA 02050

Religious Education

Registration 2018 / 2019

Accepting Registrations for
all grade levels for
September 2018



Our Classes meet:

Pre-school & Kindergarten Sunday 8:45 - 9:45 am

Grade 1,3,4 & 5: Sun. 10:00 - 11:00 am & Mon. - Wed. 4:15 - 5:15 pm

Grade 2: First Holy Communion Prep. Thursday 4:00 - 5:15 pm

Grade 6: Wednesday 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Grade 7: Tuesday 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Grade 8 :Monday 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Confirmation Grades 9 & 10 Sundays: 4:30 - 6:00 pm

9 sessions plus service & retreat.

We also welcome children and their families seeking to
join the church by the means of the Sacraments of
Initiation through Baptism, First Eucharist and
Confirmation.

Registration forms available online at www.saintchristines.org.
Please call the Religious Education Office with any questions.

781-837-0088

August 26, 2018

As a convenience for you, the following article is Cardinal Sean's letter to all parishioners which was read at all the Mass last weekend.

There are times when words fail us - when they do not capture the depth of overwhelming situations we sometimes face in life. For the church this is one of those times.

The Pennsylvania Grand Jury's report and then first-hand expressions of horror and devastating pain experienced by survivors once again wrench our hearts with the unimaginable that tragically is all too real for those who carry this pain. Once again we hear each excruciating word they share. We remain shamed by these egregious failures to protect our children and those who are vulnerable and affirm our commitment that these failures will never be repeated.

While many perpetrators have been held accountable in one way or another for their crimes, we have yet to establish clear and transparent systems of accountability and consequence for the Church leadership whose failures have allowed these crimes to occur. The Church must embrace spiritual conversion and demand legal transparency and pastoral accountability for all who carry out its mission. This transformation is not easily achieved but in all aspects, it is imperative. The way we prepare priests, the way we exercise pastoral leadership and the way we cooperate with civil authorities; all these have to be consistently better than has been the case.

As I have stated previously, there are immediate actions that we can and must take. The clock is ticking for all of us in church leadership. Catholics have lost patience with us and civil authority has lost confidence in us. But I am not without hope and do not succumb to despondent acceptance that our failures cannot be corrected. As the church we have the responsibility to help people not to lose hope. That was Jesus' message to all those he ministered to, especially in times of great trial. There is too much good in the Church and in our faith to lose hope. Often it is survivors who courageously teach us we cannot lose hope.

Although "zero tolerance" of sexual abuse has been declared and pursued and programs of advocacy and protection of children have been adopted in dioceses throughout the country, the memory, the record, the burden carried by the survivors and every other fact of sexual abuse stay with the Church. We can never become complacent. This is a life-long on going work that demands the highest levels of our constant awareness and attention.

The crisis we face is the product of clerical sins and clerical failures. As a Church, the conversion, transparency and accountability we need is only possible with the significant involvement and leadership of lay men and women in our Church, individuals who can bring their competence, experience and skills to the task we face. We need the help of the laity to address this scourge on our

people and Church. If the Church proceeds with deep recognition of these realities, the future can hold the opportunity to earn back trust, confidence and support from the community of Catholics and our society. We must proceed quickly and with purpose, there is not time to waste.
Cardinal Sean O'Malley



Saturday, August 25

5:00 pm Dorothy Graham - 40th Anniversary

Sunday, August 26

7:00 am Tom, Eleanor & Tony O'Sullivan-Memorial

11:00 am Frank and Frances Simili - Anniversary

St. Theresa's Chapel

8:30 am Garret Huie - 12th - Anniversary

10:00 am Lou Caporiccio - 11th Anniversary

Tuesday, August 28

9:00 am Gregg Reardon - Anniversary

Wednesday, August 29

9:00 am David Lehan - Birthday Remembrance

Thursday, August 30

9:00 am Donna White - Anniversary

Friday, August 31

9:00 am Frank Hoffman - 71st Anniversary

Saturday, September 1

5:00 pm Jerry Welch - 1st - Anniversary

Sunday, September 2

7:00 am Louis Mastriani - 3rd Anniversary

11:00 am Norma Owens - Month's Mind

St. Theresa's Chapel

8:30 am Gerard Goodwin - Memorial

10:00 am Paul F. McCarthy - 5th Anniversary



This weekend, there will be a special second collection for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society to help those in need in our parish and community. Monetary donations go directly to the Society and are used for food cards, rent, medicine, electric and gas bills, etc. Please be as generous as you can. Your support and generosity is greatly needed and deeply appreciated. Thank you.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION August 18/19

Budgeted Goal: \$ 9,800

Received: \$ 7,105

On-Line Giving: \$ 2,740

Total: \$ 9,845

St. Theresa's Chapel: \$ 1,305

Grand Total: \$11,150

Thank you for your faithful and generous support.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



Teachers' Needed: We are currently seeking teachers for the upcoming 2018/2019 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. Contact the CCD Office at 781-837-0088 if you can help and thank you for considering this important ministry.

Classes meet from 4:15 pm to 5:15 pm

Grade 1 1 teacher Monday & 1 teacher - Wednesday
Grade 4 2 teachers - Wednesday
Grade 5 1 teacher - Wednesday

Middle School

Grade 6 2 teachers Wednesday 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Grade 7 5 teachers Tuesday 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Grade 8 2 teachers Monday 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Teachers' Meetings

Coordinators Monday, Aug. 27 7:00 pm rectory
Grades 6 - 7- 8 Monday, Aug. 27 7:00 pm hall
New Teachers Tuesday, Aug. 28 7:00 pm hall
Grades 9 & 10 Wednesday, Aug. 29 7:00 pm Kathy's

Grades 1 - 5: Teacher Meeting

Thursday, September 6th 7:30 pm parish hall



2018/2019 Registration for Pre-School, Kindergarten and Grade 1 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 your family.

Pre-School classes meet on Sunday mornings to 8:45 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.

Grade 9 - Confirmation Registration

All parents of those students who will be in the ninth grade in September must register their child for our 2018/2019 Confirmation Program. If you have not registered your child, please call Maryanne Bursaw at 781-834-6003 x 25 to make arrangements.

Vocation: We pray that parents will realize their responsibility to be an example of faith for their children.

Reflections: How do the words: "We have come to believe" affect your life?

SOWING SEEDS would like to help Marshfield children get off to a great start this school year. Due to the extensive nature of the list of items needed, please visit their website at sowingseedshopmarshfield.org. Also appreciated are gift certificates to Payless, Marshall's, and Kohl's for back to school shoes and clothing. Sowing Seeds is located on the corner of Rt. 139 and School Street and is open to receive and distribute items on Thursday and Saturday mornings from 10 am to 12 noon. Thank you.



**** PLEASE NOTE ****

St. Theresa's Chapel will close on Sunday, September 2nd after the 10:00 am Mass.

On the weekend of September 8/9, all Masses will be celebrated at St. Christine's Church on:

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am and 11:30 am

Eucharistic Ministry

If you feel called to become a Eucharistic Minister and would like more information about this ministry, please call Mary Doolan at the rectory at 781-834-6003 x 21.

The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will begin their 19th year on Sunday, September 9th. Join us to experience the joy of creating a gift of healing and making new friends, all giving to others in service to God. Meetings are held every other Sunday from 1 to 3 pm in the Children's Room. You can also be an *at-home crafter* and completed items can be dropped off at the rectory. Beginners who are interested in learning to knit and/or crochet are most welcome. For further information, please contact Judith Casullo at 781-834-4681 or Maryellen Mastriani at 781-834-3420.

RCIA : Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, want more information or have questions, please call Father Steve Boyle at 781-834-6003 x 12.

Norwell VNA: Hospice services are provided to patients in the comfort of their own home or a home-like setting during the last phases of a life-limiting illness. Volunteers in Marshfield are needed for 2 - 3 hours per week to be a part of this mission. Training is provided. If you are interested in helping others, please call Kelly Tammaro at 781-610-1427 or email Kelly at ktammar@nvna.org.

Altar Servers hold a privileged place in our liturgical celebrations. Saint Christine's needs children in fourth grade and older who would like to minister to our parish as Altar Servers. If your child would like to be a part in the very important ministry, please contact Fr. Steve at 781-834-6003 x 12 or Susie McCarthy at 781-837-0088.

Altar Servers Training will take place this Wednesday, August 29th and Thursday, August, 30th at 3:00 pm in the Church.



September 1st and September 2nd

Altar Servers:

5:00 pm: E. Tracey, A. LoNigro
 7:00 am: J. Adams
 11:00 am: B. Hunt, A. Robbins

St. Theresa's Chapel:

8:30 am: C. Pozerski, A. Pozerski
 10:00 am: H. Burgoyne, A. Burgoyne

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 pm: T. DeLuca, J. Feeney, P. Bardon, J; Leoffler,
 T. Leoffler, G. West. S. West
 7:00 am: L. Bak, P. Bak, F. Woodfall
 11:00 am: A. Fallacara, T. McManus, B. Hines, E. Smith,
 J. Desmond, D. Desmond, L. Greenwood

St. Theresa's Chapel:

8:30 am: M. Gorman, E. White, R. McCauley, E. Casassa,
 K. Riley
 10:00 am: A. Roth, C. Christmas, S. Cooledge, S. Williams,
 K. Pelkowski

Lectors: 5:00 pm: M. Buckley 7:00 am: B. Lamphier
 11:00 am: C. McManus

St. Theresa's Chapel:

8:30 am: C. Casey 10:00 am: K. Greenwood

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



You can support Saint Christine's Parish on a regular basis by signing up for On-Line Giving. By giving your weekly/monthly contribution on a recurring electronic basis, you help our parish more accurately forecast our finances. This method is safe and secure and a dependable means of giving for you and our parish. It is also convenient for you. Visit www.saintchristines.org and click on the on-line icon. For additional information or assistance, please call the rectory at 781-834-6003.

Marshfield Food Pantry needs donations of food, fresh garden produce, soup and canned vegetables. Also needed are personal care items such as soap, shampoo, deodorants, detergents, diapers, etc. Bring your donations to the Food Pantry at Library Plaza on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:00 am to 12 noon. All monetary donations may be mailed to P. O. Box 1097, Marshfield, MA 02050. Thanks!

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 collection 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. Father Steve

St. Christine's Grand Annual Collection
Goal: \$100,000
Total Received: \$ 65,800
Thank you for your support of our parish.

Choristers: Does your child love to sing? Why not encourage him/her to share their talents and sing for God? Please consider enhancing their religious experience by participating at Mass in our Choristers Program for children in Grades 3 and up. Parents love that the children receive vocal coaching while singing for God. The children sing at the 9:00 am Mass on Sundays and rehearsals are on Monday from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Feel free to contact our Music Director, Meri-lee Mafera, at 617-548-0893 with any questions. The first rehearsal will take place on Monday, September 17th. Hope to see you there.



25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass

Cardinal Sean O'Malley OFM invites all couples in the Archdiocese of Boston who are celebrating their 25th and 50th Wedding Anniversaries in 2018 to join him for this annual celebration. This special Mass will take place on Sunday, October 28th at 4:00 pm at Saint Mary's Parish in Waltham and includes the renewal of wedding vows. Family and friends are cordially invited. Email Kelly Tolman at ktolman@rcab.org or visit bostoncatholic.org/weddinganniversarymass or call 617-746-5803 to register and for more information.

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



**TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY
OF ORDINARY TIME
September 2, 2018**

Reading

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8

They have been led from bondage from Egypt with many miracles of the Lord, thus establishing their relationship with Him. He only asks to follow these commandments.

Moses said to the people:

"Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe, that you may live, and may enter in and take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin upon you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it. Observe them carefully, for thus will you give evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations, who will hear of all these statutes and say, 'This great nation is truly a wise and intelligent people.' For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us whenever we call upon him? Or what great nation has statutes and decrees that are as just as this whole law which I am setting before you today?"

Psalm

Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5

David gives us guidance to "live in the presence of the Lord." Is this part of your daily life?

R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Whoever walks blamelessly and does justice;
who thinks the truth in his heart
and slanders not with his tongue.

R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Who harms not his fellow man,
nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor;
by whom the reprobate is despised,
while he honors those who fear the LORD.

R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Who lends not his money at usury and accepts no bribe against the innocent. Whoever does these things shall never be disturbed.

R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Reading

Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Dearest brothers and sisters:

All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change. He willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of first fruits of his creatures. Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Alleluia

Jas 1:18

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Father willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands.

For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders. And on coming from the marketplace they do not eat without purifying themselves.

And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed, the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds. — So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him, "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?"

He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written:

This people honors me with their lips,

but their hearts are far from me;

in vain do they worship me,

teaching as doctrines human precepts.

You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand.

Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.

"From within people, from their hearts,

come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder,

adultery, greed, malice, deceit,

licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly.

All these evils come from within and they defile."

Some Thoughts: Jesus comments on the meaning behind the Pharisees' language of holiness—clean and unclean. Jesus teaches that a person is not defiled by the food that enters his or her body, but rather by sin that emerges from his or her words and actions. In this teaching, Jesus unmasks a deeper question behind the one posed to him by the Pharisees. The real issue is holiness, which is not found in external acts alone. Holiness comes from within and is evidenced in the actions and attitudes that emerge from a person's life. If we read today's Gospel carefully, we will see a pattern in Jesus' teaching method that will be repeated in the weeks ahead. Jesus' first teaching is directed to the Pharisees who questioned him. Jesus' words are then directed to the crowd, teaching that a person is defiled by his or her words and actions, not by the food that he or she eats. In verses omitted in today's reading, we learn that Jesus returned home with his disciples, who in turn questioned him about what he had taught. The words we read at the conclusion of today's Gospel are addressed to Jesus' disciples. Mark's narrative shows several audiences for Jesus' teaching: his antagonists, the crowds, and Jesus' disciples. As we see in this reading, the words to the Pharisees are often words of challenge. The teaching to the crowds is often a general, sometimes cryptic, message. With the disciples, who often misunderstand Jesus' words, further explanation is offered about his message and its meaning.

Jesus' words challenge us as well. In our desire to show that we are holy, we might also give too much credence to externals, following rules without thinking about the intention behind them. Jesus reminds us that we do not make ourselves holy by our actions. Rather, we become holy when we allow God's Spirit to transform us. Our actions should be an expression of the conversion of our heart to God and to God's ways.

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Today's scripture readings remind us that "It is only with the heart that one can see rightly. What is essential is invisible to the eye." (*The Little Prince*, Antoine St. Exupery). The psalmist sings of those who think the truth in their hearts. St. James urges his community to welcome the word that's been planted within them, the word that will save them. Jesus speaks of the vain worship of those whose hearts are far from God and Jesus proclaims that it is the destructive thoughts that we harbor in our hearts that defile. This is not to say that action, attention to external matters and justice are optional. St. James insists that we cannot separate our hearts and our actions. We must put flesh on our faith because having good, holy thoughts and beautiful words without acting on them renders them vain. Prayer, reflection, and self-knowledge are necessary so that we can keep our hearts attached to what is important in life.

Pope Francis reminds us that a consumerist culture seeks to distract us from what is essential in life and taint our values. The result is destruction of the environment and ultimately immense human suffering, especially for the poor. He stresses that we all share in the web life and that care for the common good is essential for the health and survival of the web of life.

MEN'S GROUP CALENDAR

A Cursillo Weekend is an opportunity to experience teachings and graces with fellow Christians wanting to know more of the love of God for us. For more information, contact Crystal at 617.680.6008 or Ed at 781.545.0881.

Wednesday evening - Scripture Study - 7:30 pm
During the summer, the Bible Study Program will continue studying St. Mark's gospels using Michael Card's study guide. For more information, please call Ed at 781.545.0881.



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