

Epiphany of the Lord

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

January 7, 2018



Saturday, January 6

5:00 pm Deborah Sperre - Memorial

Sunday, January 7

7:00 am John Russell - 2nd Anniversary
9:00 am The Colarusso Family - Memorial
The Mitchell Family - Memorial
11:30 am Guy Puleo - 1st Anniversary

Saturday, January 13

5:00 pm Carol Mulkern - 1st Anniversary

Sunday, January 14

7:00 am Thomas and Mary Sheridan - Memorial
9:00 am Donna O'Shea - Anniversary
11:30 am Mary Tegan - 11th anniversary



A Novena of Masses in memory of our deceased families and friends will begin on Monday, January 8th and continue through Thursday, January 18th. Thank you to all who so generously contributed to our Christmas flowers.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Dec. 23 / Dec. 24	\$ 9,824
Dec. Christmas Collection	\$ 15,018
December 31	\$ 9,110

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

Vocation: We pray that families will make their homes places where children can hear God call them by name.

Reflections: How do you respond and welcome outsiders?



**Witness to Life Rally Thursday, January 18th
Saint Stephen's Parish in Framingham
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm (Doors open at 6:00 pm)**

Featuring praise and worship music from the musical group 'Delmore' and the testimony of Pro-Life speakers Sarah Mary Toce and Paul Gondreau, PhD. Special guest is Bishop Mark O'Connell. For more information, visit BostonCatholic.org/WitnessToLife. Open to all ages and free of charge.

The Board of Directors of a major corporation felt it was time for a shake-up so they hired a new CEO. The new boss was determined to rid the company of slackers. On a tour of the facility, he noticed a guy leaning against the wall. The room was full of workers and the CEO wanted to show them he meant business. So, he walked up to the guy leaning against the wall and screamed at him: "How much do you make a week?" A little surprised the young man said: "\$400 a week." The CEO handed the man \$1,600 dollars and yelled: "Here's four weeks pay. Now get out of here and don't come back." Feeling pretty good about himself, the CEO looked around the room and asked: "What did that goof ball do around here anyway?" From across the room came a voice: "He was the pizza delivery guy from Dominos!" How quickly the tables turn!!

The feast we celebrate today, Epiphany, turns the table by teaching that God came for all peoples of all times. Having followed God's star, the Magi came from the East. With their arrival as non-Jewish people, it became clear that Jesus' mission would go far beyond Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Indeed this child had come for everyone.

Today's feast also invites us to reflect on our own life's journey. What stars have led us? Who stands out as people who have guided us, taught us the faith, corrected us and showed us the right path? Let us remember those stars - our parents, teachers and friends at this Mass.

Let us also remember that we too are to be stars. Not a blinking light that calls attention to ourselves but rather a light of Christ's presence to all we meet.

Parents have that awesome responsibility to their children as do grandparents to their grandchildren and teachers to their students and friends to their friends.

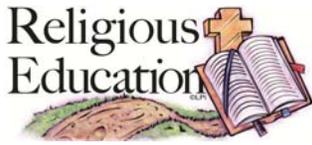
As you and I journey along our road to heaven, may we be the light of Christ to others.

God bless you. Father Tom

The **Men's Group** is a unique way for men to share their faith with each other. The Men's Group will meet on Saturday morning, January 21st at 7:30 am for Mass followed by a discussion in the parish hall on the Gospels of Saint John. All men are invited. Please call Norm Shacochis at 781-834-4097 for more information.

2018 Calendar: We would like to express our gratitude to the MacDonald Funeral Home in Marshfield for generously providing our yearly calendar. Their compassionate service and care to those who have grieved the loss of a loved one is appreciated by so many in our community

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All CCD classes will meet as scheduled this week.

There will no Religious Education classes on Sunday and Monday, January 14th and 15th due to the holiday weekend. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 16th.

Grade 2 Parent Meeting: On Wednesday, January 10th at 7:30 pm in the parish hall, there will be an important Grade 2 Parent Meeting concerning First Penance for parents who have not attended this meeting for an older child. It is imperative that those parents who have a child in our First Communion class for the first time attend this meeting as we will also address questions and concerns about First Holy Communion in May.



Grade 10 Confirmation Retreat January 7th
All Grade 10 students will meet this Sunday, January 7th from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the parish hall.

**** All 10th Grade teachers should attend this Grade 10 Retreat.

Grade 9 Confirmation Retreats
Each student must attend one of these retreats on their assigned evening. The following classes will meet on Thursday from 6:00 to 8:30 pm:

***** NEW DATE due to snow storm

Retreat # 1 - January 11: Mrs. Maurano, Mrs. Cullivan, Mrs. Rowell, Mrs. Bursaw, Mrs. Scanlan

Retreat # 2 January 18: Mrs. Goodwin/Mrs. Julian, Mrs. DeGiacomo, Mrs. McGonagle, Mr. Dunderdale

No 9th grade teachers have to attend these retreats.



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.



EPIPHANY: FEAST OF LIGHT

On this day, dear Savior, Your light shines brightly in our midst. You are the light of the world. The light in our darkness, ever with us, ever showing us

the way.

On this great Feast of Light, when the Magi came guided by a star, may we like them offer You gifts that symbolize our love for you.

May we offer You the gold of our faith, the myrrh of our repentance, and the frankincense of our devotion.

May we bow before You, Holy savior, as the three wise men did with great and abiding joy.

On this day, may we too stand in Your light and give glory to God.



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 next weekend, January 13/14 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.

Envelope Users: Any church envelopes that you want to be included in your 2017 tabulation for income tax purposes must be returned now. Deadline is this Sunday, January 7th. Please remember to write the amount of your donation on the front of your envelopes. Thanks for your cooperation.

St. Christine's Grand Annual Collection

Goal: \$ 100,000

Total Received: \$ 108,800

If you have not yet contributed to the Grand Annual Collection and wish to do so, envelopes are on the ushers' tables at the doors of the Church.

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



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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.



If any parishioner feels called to become a Eucharistic minister and would like more information, please call Mary Doolan at the rectory at 781-834-6003 x 21.



January 13th and 14th

Altar Servers:

- 5:00 pm: M. Friday, M. Friday
- 7:00 am: B. Burch
- 9:00 am: C. Larson, A. LoNigro
- 11:30 am: C. Robbins, C. Robbins

Eucharistic Ministers:

- 5:00 pm: M. Healey, M. Belsan, I. Mamet, M. Nerino, J. Woodhull, A. Finn, T. McManus
- 7:00 am: M. Panarelli, A. Meehan, M. Alberti
- 9:00 am: D. Evans, D. Henault-Tosi, R. McCauley, N. Skinner, P. Norris, B. Norris, R. Berardi
- 11:30 am: M. Smith, C. Burns, C. Kennedy, M. Bernard, P. Abbott, C. Christmas, C. West

- Lectors:** 5:00 pm: A. Medinus 7:00 am: K. Shea
9:00 am: L. Larson 11:30 am: B. Conley

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

Grieving Parents: If you or someone you know has a child who has passed away at any age, by any means and no matter how long ago, the Emmaus Ministry will hold a Retreat for Grieving Parents on Saturday, January 20th. To register and to get further information, please visit their website at www.emfgp.org or you may call Caroline Bertozzi at 508-747-1928.

Norwell VNA and Hospice provides services to people in our community that are terminally ill. Patients need your companionship to sit, talk and listen to them and to help with errands. Norwell VNA needs volunteers to help 3 to 4 hours per week and training is provided. If you can help in any way, please call Kelly-Ann Tammaro at 781-610-1427 or visit ktammaro@nvna.org.



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. 7 - 5:00 pm at St. Agatha's - Milton
- Jan. 13 - 4:30 pm at Gate of Heaven - South Boston
- Jan. 14 - 12:30 pm at Martinson (St. Ann's - Dorchester)
- Jan. 21 - 12:30 pm at Martinson (St. Paul - Hingham)

Junior Boys Games

- Jan. 7 - 1:30 pm at Martinson (Gate of Heaven-So. Boston)
- Jan. 14 - 1:30 pm at Martinson (St. Agatha's - Milton)
- Jan 16 - 8:00 pm at St. Agatha's - Milton
- Jan. 21 - 1:30 pm at Martinson (St. Agatha's - Milton)

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



Please remember in your prayers those who have recently passed away especially:

William Brady, Eric Bryan, John Coombs and Mary Doyle

May they all rest in peace with the Lord.

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.

Scripture Study: A discussion of the Gospels of Saint John will take place on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Children's Room. All parishioners are cordially invited to come, listen and discover what the Lord tells us in these scriptures. For more information, please contact Ed Casassa at 781-545-0881.

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WEEKLY SCRIPTURES & THOUGHTS
For the Parish Family of Saint Christine



SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY
TIME—JANUARY 14, 2018

Reading **1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19**

How have you been called by the Lord? Not sure if you even have been? Each of us are called. We need to listen and ask for clarity and then accept...not easy!

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep." At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

Psalm **Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10**

How often has the Lord lifted David or you or me up from despairing? For me it seems innumerable...

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I have waited, waited for the LORD, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry. And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God.

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Sacrifice or offering you wished not, but ears open to obedience you gave me. Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not; then said I, "Behold I come."

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me, to do your will, O my God, is my delight, and your law is within my heart!"

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I announced your justice in the vast assembly;
I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know.

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Reading

1 Cor 7:29-31

Paul tells us change our direction, just like Andrew and John (in last week's gospel). We must be willing to change the way we live and act. Here he is telling us to turn our lives inside out. And this is for the Lord...He will be here again, soon and very soon??

Brothers and sisters:

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out. From now on, let those having wives act as not having them,

those weeping as not weeping,
those rejoicing as not rejoicing,

those buying as not owning,

those using the world as not using it fully.

For the world in its present form is passing away.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Jn 1:41, 17b

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Jn 1:14-20

Picture this in your mind-the Baptist sees Jesus and tells his followers that here is the Promised One! I'm pretty sure the evangelist was the other apostle with Andrew. Do I have the same desire to know the Lord as they did? Am I searching for my Savior like they were? Just recall that He's walking through our lives every second. By the way, new name comes for each!

John was standing with two of his disciples,

and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said,

"Behold, the Lamb of God."

The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them,

"What are you looking for?"

They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher —, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see."

So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day.

It was about four in the afternoon.

Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter,

was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ —.

Then he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said,

"You are Simon the son of John;

you will be called Cephas"

— which is translated Peter.

Some Thoughts... 'How did these two men answer Jesus' question? They asked him one of their own. "Teacher, where do you stay?" Now, of course, that can be taken at face value in the sense of asking Jesus where his residence was. But, of course, in this gospel it has a much deeper meaning. Where does Jesus stay? ('Stay' is a key word in John's gospel and translates the Greek verb menein,)

Where can Jesus be found? He is not in any one place; he can be found anywhere. Later on, Jesus will tell his disciples that he stays in the Father and that he also stays in them. Again we need to reflect on the answer to this question. Where do I think Jesus stays? Where can I find him in my life? In what places, in what people, in what situations? Is he only to be found in the tabernacles of our churches? As we read through the gospels we will find that Jesus is to be found in many places, some of them quite surprising.

And now, what is Jesus' answer to their question? "Come and see." It is the only way they will find out. Knowing where Jesus stays is not to be found in theology or catechism books or in listening to theoretical lectures. The only way we can know where Jesus stays is by personal experience of meeting him where he is. That is something which everyone, even the most illiterate and uneducated can do, and it is something we need to be doing all the time. As the poet said, "The world is charged with the grandeur of God..." There is in fact no place, person or situation where he cannot be found. So the two men went with Jesus and they stayed with him. They went and they saw. What did they see? We are not told but we do know the outcome of their experience. It was that the experience of staying with Jesus was something that simply had to be shared with others. One of the two men was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. He went to his brother and said, "We have found the Messiah!" They had discovered the true identity of this Jesus. And then Andrew brought his brother to Jesus, who said: "You are Simon, the son of John, you will be called Kephas."

Here we have a perfect example of evangelisation. Andrew himself finds Jesus, stays with him, comes to know who he is and then goes to bring his brother to share the experience. It was another "Come and see" situation and Peter the fisherman was hooked! It is also worth noting that Peter, who would become the leader of the new community after Jesus left them, was not called directly by Jesus but by his brother. How many people, who could do great things for Jesus and the Kingdom, are waiting for me to bring them to Jesus?'

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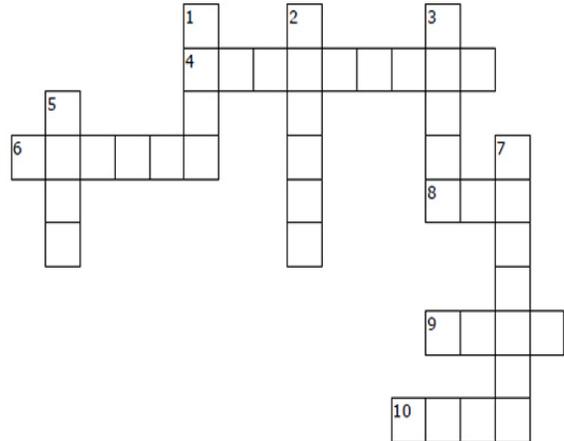
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Here's a couple of ways to help remember that Jesus is here., and **will be**. Complete the Crossword below—

Sharing Your Faith

"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. John 1:46

Puzzle is based on John 1:43-51



ACROSS

4. A friend of Philip
6. To come after
8. To observe something with your eyes
9. A large woody plant with a trunk, limbs, and leaves
10. To move toward something

DOWN

1. To recognize someone; to be familiar with someone
2. A man that Jesus called to be a disciple
3. The Son of God
5. The opposite of bad
7. To accept something as true

TREE	NATHANAEL	COME	PHILIP	BELIEVE
FOLLOW	GOOD	JESUS	SEE	KNOW

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MEN'S GROUP CALENDAR

Men's Group Meeting – Sat. Jan 21, continuing reading of St. John's gospel: 7:30 am to 9:15 am.

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

Wednesday evenings - Scripture Study - 7:30 pm
We are studying John's gospel over the next several months. There will be much discussion using Michael Card's thoughtful inspiration and notes. For more information, call Ed - 781.545.0881. Hope to see you!

Color the picture below...
Come, See & Hear—Jesus

