

# INDEPENDENCE DAY

We the People

Article 1



July 1, 2018



**Saturday, June 30**

5:00 pm Denis and Bridie O'Connor - Memorial

**Sunday, July 1**

7:00 am John Russell - Memorial

11:00 am Christine Gaffney - Month's Mind

**St. Theresa's Chapel**

8:30 am Nicholas Driscoll - Anniversary

10:00 am Theresa DeAngelo - Birthday Remembrance

**Wednesday, July 4**

9:00 am Elizabeth Harold - Memorial

**Friday, July 6**

9:00 am Frank Ratto - 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Saturday, July 7**

5:00 pm Arthur Hapenny - Birthday Remembrance

**Sunday, July 8**

7:00 am Mike and Ann Sullivan - Memorial

11:00 am Our Parish Family

**St. Theresa's Chapel**

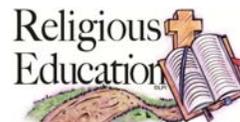
8:30 am William O'Brien - Memorial

10:00 am Eleanor Daley - 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**St. Theresa's Chapel opens this Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup> with Masses celebrated at 8:30 am and 10:00 am.**

My sincere thanks to all who were so kind to me with their prayers, cards and gifts. Please know that I will offer Mass for you.

Love you and God bless. Father Tom



**Teachers Needed:** We are currently recruiting teachers for the upcoming 2018/2019 school year. Please consider sharing your faith and time with the children of St. Christine's Parish. Teachers are needed in all grade levels. Please help us to continue to spread the Good News. "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." Call the CCD Office at 781-837-0088 for any additional information or other volunteer opportunities in Religious Education. Thank you for considering this important ministry.

**Catechists:** Please return your manual and evaluation form to the Religious Education Office as soon as possible. We are in the process of ordering new books for the 2018/2019 school year and we need an accurate count of the number of books needed. Thank you for your cooperation.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION June 23/24**

Budgeted Goal:	\$ 9,800
Received:	\$ 6,474
On-Line Giving:	\$ 2,740
Total:	\$ 9,214

Thank you for your faithful support of our parish.



**Pre-School, Kindergarten & Grade 1 - Registration**

Registration for Pre-School, Kindergarten and Grade 1 students for September 2018/2019 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 at 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.

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

**Reflections:** How does your faith allow you to approach Jesus in times of need?

**Church Air Conditioning:** Now that the warmer weather has arrived, we will be using the air conditioning at Saint Christine's Church. Just wanted to let you know in case you wish to bring a sweater if the cooler air bothers you.



Saint Christine's Parish Offices will be closed on Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

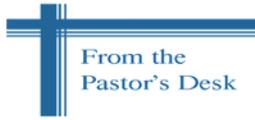
The Parish Office and Religious Education Office will also be closed on Fridays during the summer months.



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on a recurring electronic basis, you help our parish more accurately forecast our finances. This method is a safe, secure, dependable and convenient means of giving. Visit [www.saintchristines.org](http://www.saintchristines.org) and click on the on-line icon. For more information and assistance, please call the rectory at 781-834-6003.

## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Dear Friends,

Chris Pratt received the Generation Award at the annual MTV Movies and TV Awards ceremony last week. I bring this to your attention because of the acceptance speech he gave at the MTV Awards show.

In his speech, he outlined what he calls his 9 rules for Living. Now, four of those rules were just for fun so I'll skip over them but the other five were just incredible. Or rather, they were actually very credible! Here are those 5 rules. And remember, he is speaking to a young audience on the stage of a Hollywood awards ceremony.

Chris Pratt Rules:

- 1) You have a soul - Be careful with it.
- 2) Doesn't matter whatever it is. Earn it. It feels good and it's good for your soul.
- 3) God is real. God loves you. God wants the best for you. Believe that. I do.
- 4) Learn to pray. It's easy and it's good for your soul.
- 5) Nobody is perfect. People are going to tell you're perfect just the way you are. You are not! You are imperfect and you always will be. But there is a powerful force that designed you that way and if you are willing to accept that, you will have grace and grace is a gift. And like the freedom that we enjoy in this country, that grace was paid for with someone's else's blood. Don't forget that! Don't take it for granted.

Chris Pratt, thank you for writing my column this week.

You know, Chris Pratt doesn't say anything here that I don't say one way or another just about every weekend. But that is me, in my vestments, in church on Sunday morning. This was Chris Pratt on stage at the MTV Awards before an audience of young people. Who knows how many millions of young people have heard and will hear Chris Pratt say these things on YouTube or online?

Chris Pratt is a prophet. He did what prophets do. He shared with others, with courage and faith, and he spoke to others what he believed God had put in his heart. Sometimes we think that prophets are those who foretell the future. That's generally not what prophets in the Bible did. Scripture's prophets speak very little about the future. Rather, they name God in the present moment for the sake of those who have forgotten or rejected God.

That's what Chris Pratt did. He spoke of God in the present moment in simple declarative sentences.

You have a soul - be careful with it.

Be of service - it's good for your soul.

God is real. God loves you. God wants the best for you.

Believe that.

Pray: it's good for your soul.

You are not perfect. You are imperfect just like the rest of us and the gift of God's grace is waiting for you.

Prophets name God in the present moment. That's what John the Baptist did. That's what Tom Walsh did for fourteen years. That's what Chris Pratt did. And that's what you and I are called to do too.

If Chris Pratt could speak as he did at the MTV Awards might you and I not speak the same words to family and friends, to neighbors and colleagues and classmates? Short declarative sentences, spoken with love and care, at just the right time. Simple words, not paragraphs but simple words.

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God is real. God loves you. God wants the best for you.

Believe that.

Pray: it's good for your soul.

You are not perfect. You are imperfect just like the rest of us and the gift of God's grace is waiting for you.

How powerful might any of those simple words be at the end of a conversation with others who have shared their fears and self-doubt, their worries and concerns, their burdens and problems.

Chris Pratt asked us not to forget that the gift of God's grace is ours and that it was paid for with someone else's blood. May the Body and Blood of Christ, given for us on the Cross and shared with us each week in the Bread and Wine at our table, deepen our faith and give us the courage to be prophets like John, Tom and Chris: to speak and share the Word of God. The Word already in our hearts.

Happy 4th! Love, Father Steve

**The Bridge** is a new ministry working to bridge the transition from high school through college to adulthood while maintaining a strong connection to our Catholic faith and parish community. All area college students are welcome on Thursdays at 7 pm at Panera's, Colony Place, in Plymouth. For more information, please contact Ashley Munroe at [amm1598@gmail.com](mailto:amm1598@gmail.com). This event is sponsored by Saint Joseph's Parish in Kingston.

### GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

Your Grand Annual envelopes may be placed in the collections baskets or mailed directly to the rectory throughout the year. Funds from this collection help to pay our weekly bills. Each family is asked to contribute \$350. However, what one gives is your choice and no one should give beyond their means. If you did not receive an envelope in the mail, you will find envelopes on the ushers' tables next weekend. Thank you for your generosity and support of our Parish Family. God bless you. Father Steve

#### St. Christine's Grad Annual Collection

**Goal: \$100,000**

**Total Received: \$ 53,025**

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



During this Fourth of July week, we ask you to remember in your prayers all the men and women serving our country throughout the world especially members of our parish family serving in the military.

Miramar Retreat Center wishes to thank the many athletes and contributors to their annual "Miles for Miramar" Campaign. Your generosity and support of the endeavor is deeply appreciated.



**Sowing Seeds Clothing Bank**

Drivers are urgently needed to transport patients to medical appointments both locally and in Boston. You only need to drive a patient to a medical appointment when it is convenient for you. To take advantage of this volunteer opportunity, please contact 781-837-3337. Thanks.



**July 7<sup>th</sup> and July 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Altar Servers:**

- 5:00 pm: L. Keyes, E. Tracey
- 7:00 am: B. Burch
- 11:00 am: D. DeSantes, R. DeSantes

**St. Theresa's Chapel:**

- 8:30 am: J. Place, C. Larson
- 10:00 am: C. Pozerski, A. Pozerski

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

- 5:00 pm: M. Bourke, M. Bernard, D. DeSantes, S. Kiley, G. West, S. West, A. MacDonald,
- 7:00 am: L. Bak, P. Bak, M. Bursaw
- 11:00 am: N. Andersen, H. Hamill, C. Kennedy, B. Brooks, L. Provost, M. Smith, J. Sambuceti

**St. Theresa's Chapel:**

- 8:30 am: R. McCauley, M. Gorman, S. Conroy, K. Riley, E. White
- 10:00 am: R. Berardi, S. Tilden, M. Mello, A. Duane, K. Duane

- Lectors:** 5:00 pm: M. Crowley-Heil 7:00 am: P. Mitchell  
11:00 am: P. Kosman

**St. Theresa's Chapel:**

- 8:30 am: A. Medinus 10:00 am: C. McManus

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 6:00 pm at Portiuncula Chapel at the Cushing Center on Route 53 in Pembroke with recitation of the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Stations of the Cross, Confessions and Benediction. All are welcome to come and pray together for your intentions and for all those in the military and their families. For more information, please call Stephanie at 617-774-7916.



**St. Christine's Summer Mass Schedule**

Masses: Monday through Friday 9:00 am  
Saturday: 5:00 pm Sunday: 7:00 am and 11:00 am

St. Theresa's Chapel: Sunday Masses are celebrated at 8:30 and 10:00 am.

\*\*\*\* There will be no 9:00 am Mass on Sundays at Saint Christine's during July and August.

**BOTTLE AND CAN COLLECTION**

**Save your Bottles and Aluminum Cans**

Once again, a group of parish families will collect empty aluminum cans and bottles to help Sowing Seeds purchase back to school supplies and backpacks for children in need.

Bottles and Cans can be dropped off on the weekend of July 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at the CHURCH ONLY.



**ST. CHRISTINE'S**

**SUMMER BOOK GROUP**

All are welcome to join us on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Children's room for a discussion on the following book:

July 26<sup>th</sup> **Barking to the Choir** by Rev. Greg Boyle

**Families Healing from Addictions** will meet at Holy Ghost Church in Whitman on Saturday July 7<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 12 noon followed by a light lunch and fellowship in the hall. For more information, contact Karen McWilliams at 603-682-7933 or e-mail [Karen.mcwilliams@aol.com](mailto:Karen.mcwilliams@aol.com).

**Miramar Retreat Center - Some Enchanted Evening**

The 15<sup>th</sup> annual Some Enchanted Evening will be held on Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Admire the view from the patio overlooking Kingston Bay while enjoying a social hour and elegant dinner. Have fun bidding on silent auction items. All proceeds will benefit the Miramar Capital Fund and tickets are \$100 pp. To make reservations, place an ad in the Program Book, make a donation or donate an item for the auction, please call Miramar Retreat Center at 781-585-2460.

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



**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
July 8, 2018**

**Reading**

**EZ 2:2-5**

*Sounds like the LORD is speaking about us. Do you “heed or resist” when you hear “Thus says the LORD GOD!”?*

As the LORD spoke to me, the spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me: Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have revolted against me to this very day.

Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you. But you shall say to them: Thus says the LORD GOD! And whether they heed or resist—for they are a rebellious house—they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

**Psalm**

**PS 123:1-2, 2, 3-4**

*The psalmist talks about a time when the Israelites are in bondage in Babylon. He pleads for His mercy. Have you been so bound up that you plead for God’s mercy?*

**R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.**

To you I lift up my eyes who are enthroned in heaven—  
As the eyes of servants  
are on the hands of their masters.

**R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.**

As the eyes of a maid are on the hands of her mistress,  
So are our eyes on the LORD, our God, till he have  
pity on us.

**R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.**

Have pity on us, O LORD, have pity on us, for we are  
more than sated with contempt; our souls are more  
than sated with the mockery of the arrogant, with the  
contempt of the proud.

**R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.**

**Reading**

**2 COR 12:7-10**

*Although Paul begs God to be free of “an angel of Satan”, God says, “My grace is sufficient”. What are your trials?*

Brothers and sisters:

That I, Paul, might not become too elated, because of the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan, to beat me, to keep me from being too elated.

Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me,

but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.”

I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.

Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints,

for the sake of Christ;

for when I am weak, then I am strong.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

for he sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel**

**MK 6:1-6**

*Do we judge those close to us as Jesus’ friends and neighbors did? Is He amazed with our lack of faith?*

Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples.

When the Sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished.

They said, “Where did this man get all this?

What kind of wisdom has been given him?

What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!

Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary,

and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon?

And are not his sisters here with us?”

And they took offense at him.

Jesus said to them,

“A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.”

So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them.

He was amazed at their lack of faith.

*Some Thoughts:* I just love cookies! When you ask your mom if you may have a cookie, do you always get the same answer? Probably not. Sometimes the answer may be, "yes" and sometimes it may be "no." If you ask for a cookie and it is almost time to eat dinner, the answer might be, "not right now, it would spoil your dinner." You see, your mom wants what is best for you and when you ask for something, "yes" might not always be the answer that is best for you.

Did you know that same thing is true when we pray to God? Sometimes we ask God for something and He answers, "Yes" right away. Other times he may say, "No." There are also times when we ask God for something, and he says, "Not right now." The reason God doesn't always say, "yes" is that He wants what is best for his children -- and what we are asking for may not be what is best for us.

You may be surprised to learn that even some of God's most faithful servants sometimes got a "no" in answer to their prayers. The apostle Paul wrote about a time when God answered "no" to his prayer. In a letter he wrote to his friends in the church at Corinth, Paul told them that had a physical problem which he described as a "thorn in his flesh." We don't know exactly what it was because he didn't say, but it was something that Paul wanted God to take away. Paul said that he begged God, not once, not twice, but three times to take away this "thorn in the flesh," but God said, "No, my grace is all you need."

Why would God say, "No" to Paul's request? Paul was convinced that it was to help him to be humble and to put his trust in Jesus rather than in his own strength. If he had been trusting in his own strength, he might not have been able to do nearly as much as he could when he was trusting in Jesus. "I am glad to boast that I am weak," said Paul, "so that the power of Christ may work through me."

God wants us to pray. He wants us to ask him for everything that we need, but we must remember that what we want may not always be what we need. God loves us and wants what is best for us. That is why when we pray and ask for something, the answer is sometimes "no."

## Paul is humbled by his Thorn in the Flesh

2 Corinthians 12:2-10 (NIV)

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**But He said to me, "My \_\_\_\_\_ is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."**

**2 Corinthians 12:9a (NIV)**

*Bible Memory Verse*

### **MEN'S GROUP CALENDAR:**

**Masses at St. Theresa's Chapel will be celebrated on Sundays at 8:30 and 10:00 am.**

**There will be no 9:00 am at the church.**

*Cursillo Weekend is an opportunity to experience the 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 Mark's Gospels using Michael Card's study guide. For more information, please call Ed at 781.545.0881.



# Paul's Thorn in the Flesh

Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you."  
2 Corinthians 12:8-9a

*My Grace is*



*enough!*

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