

# ST. CHRISTINE'S PARISH FAMILY

1295 Main Street, Marshfield, MA 02050

First Communions



May 6, 2018



**Saturday, May 5**

5:00 pm Marguerite Cluff - 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday, May 6**

7:00 am Thomas and Mary Sheridan - Memorial

9:00 am Peter J. Caissey, Jr. - 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

11:30 am Richard Laskey - 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
Anne Laskey - 90<sup>th</sup> - Birthday

**Monday, May 7**

9:00 am Peter Ryan - Healing

**Tuesday, May 8**

9:00 am Kathy Patton - Healing

**Thursday, May 10**

9:00 am Brendan Crosby - Memorial

**Friday, May 11**

9:00 am Gregory Menges - 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

**Saturday, May 12**

5:00 pm John Hanulik - Memorial

**Sunday, May 13 Mother's Day**

**Ascension Thursday** is May 10<sup>th</sup>, and a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 9 am and 7 pm.

**Mother's Day: All the Masses next Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, will be celebrated in honor of our Mothers both living and deceased.**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION April 28/29**

<b>Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 9,800</b>
<b>Received:</b>	<b>\$ 6,086</b>
<b>On-Line Giving:</b>	<b>\$ 2,740</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 8,826</b>

*Thank you for your faithful support of our parish.*

**Vocations:** We pray for all young people of our parish who are making lifetime choices at this time.

**Reflection:** The greatest commandment of all is: "Love One Another"



**ROSE SALE:** This weekend, May 5/6, Silk Roses may be purchased after all the Masses. All proceeds will benefit the Mass Citizens for Life in their effort to fight abortion and euthanasia. Thank you for your generosity.

**Hi Folks,**

You may have noticed my absence in the last couple of weeks. Recently I had successful surgery but due to a complication, I am back in the hospital for a few days. Hopefully, I'll be home soon. Thanks for your prayers and God bless you. Father Tom

Today's reading from Saint John's Gospel sums up a central message of Jesus' teaching. "If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in His Love." To be a disciple of Jesus at its core is to accept a way of life...the way of love. That is Jesus' word to us.

It sounds so easy yet for all of us it is not. Throughout His entire ministry Jesus reminds us that the surest way to put joy into our own life is to put love into another's life. How willing are you and I to do that in our relationships - especially with our families and among our friends and co-workers?

No one needs love more than someone who doesn't seem to deserve it. Yet, so often we write these people off because they get on our nerves or they messed up their lives and we tell ourselves that they don't deserve our love. How many families have been disrupted by that kind of thinking? If you and I waited for someone to become loveable before we love them, we could wait forever because as the great spiritual writer Louis Evely put it: "It is precisely in being loved that someone can become loveable."

Our loving can become healing, forgiving, and transforming in another's life especially if they have messed up badly.

That certainly is how God treats us. God loves us not in spite of our faults but with all our faults. God's love is not earned. It is a given. We are loved with all our sins and mistakes.

Our call as a follower of Jesus is to try to see beyond a person's weaknesses and find the good that is there as God does with us. That is not an easy task to accomplish. It can only be done by asking for God's help in our relationships.

God bless you. Father Tom

**On Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, a Farewell Reception for Father Tom will be held in the parish hall beginning at 12:30 pm. We invite all our parishioners to come and share a personal Good-bye with Father Tom.**

**Altar Servers:** Your new schedule is now available on-line and in the sacristy. A new list of Altar Servers names and phone numbers is also available in the sacristy.

**St. Christine's Grand Annual Collection**

<b>Goal:</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>Total Received:</b>	<b>\$ 21,225</b>

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

## Sixth Sunday of Easter



### We congratulate all the children who received their First Holy Communion this year.

Paige Alvey, Sullivan Anderson, Sydney Andrew, Isabella Archibald, Ella Barry, Thomas Berry, Graham Beston, Lucy Brown, Lillian Burgoyne, Declan Callahan, Lily Charon, Hannah Clark, Michael Clavadetscher, Amelia Conroy, Emily Crowley, Alexa Darcy, Emilie Dawidow, Teagan Dineen, Emery Donovan, Julia Dunn, Dylan Eaton, Molly Enwright, Liam Fielding, Aidan Frye, William Gerry, Jack Giannetti, Luke Giovanello, Regann Glynn, Henry Hartwell, Emerson Hobbs, McKenna Holbrook, James Jordan, Scout Jordan, Colin Joyce, Lily Rose Kemp, Callum Kennedy, Connor Keough, Chase Lauria, Maxwell Lordi, Devin Lucchetti, Vincent Luongo, Madelyn Magowan, Stella Maling, Maeve Malvey, Braeden McGowan, Nathaniel McGowan, Jaclyn Murphy, Mei Murphy, Jane O'Hara, Abigail Panasuk, Liam Parkinson, Emmett Petrie, Eloise Picard, Giuliana Polcari, Nico Polcari, Isabella Ray, Margaret Rice, Grace Richards, Colin Ruhle, Liam Russo, Ryan Scott, Cayden Shacochis, Mia Sheehan, Brenna Shugrue, Olivia Smith, Lauren Souza, Abrianna Spalt, Molly Stevens, Sophia Tengberg, Giovanni Tibbett, William Valentine, Liam Walker, Madelyn Whitaker, Alexandra Wilson, Sophia Yazbak, Anya Zych

### 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.**

If you have not registered your child, please call Maryanne Bursaw at 781-834-6003 x 25 to make arrangements.

### Closing Teacher Social

Our final teacher meeting and social for our catechists will take place on Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the parish hall. Come and celebrate our ministry together. We ask that you call the CCD Office at 781-837-0088 as soon as possible if you cannot attend. Please join us for this special end of year celebration.

### National Letter Carriers Food Drive

The Marshfield Letter Carriers will collect food on **Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** as they deliver mail along their postal routes. All donations will go directly to the Marshfield Food Pantry. Please leave your food donations in plastic bags next to your mail box. Thanks so much for your help.

## GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION 2018

Grand Annual envelopes have been mailed to all our parishioners. You may place your envelope in the collection baskets or mail it 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 Tom



## CONFIRMATION

**All students and their sponsors or adult family member must attend their rehearsal.**

**The following classes will rehearse on:**

**Group # 1 Monday May 7<sup>th</sup> 7 - 9 pm**

Mrs. Adams, Mr. Burch, Mr. Bursaw, Mr. Jean, Mrs. Jordan, Mr. Hardigan

**Group # 2 Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 7 - 9 pm**

Mrs. Silvia and Mrs. Henault-Tosi, Mrs. Durkin, Mrs. Bakula and Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. Peddell, Mrs. Reisman and Mrs. Heberlein

**Confirmation will take place on Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm and 7:30 pm in the Church with Monsignor George Carlson presiding.**

**All Confirmandi and their sponsors must be in the parish hall no later than:**

**Group # 1 - 3:45 pm**

**Group # 2 - 6:45 pm**

**Golf Tournament:** St. John's Seminary will host a Golf Tournament on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Weston Golf Club. This charity event benefits the educational programs for the seminarians. The \$250 entry fee includes lunch, 18 holes of golf with cart and door prizes followed by a social hour, silent auction and dinner for each golfer and a guest. To register, please call Kate Folan at 781-899-5500 or you may visit [www.psjs.edu/golf-tournament](http://www.psjs.edu/golf-tournament).

**Saint Vincent de Paul Boxes** are located at the entrances of the church. We extend a special thank you to those parishioners who faithfully contribute to Saint Vincent de Paul. Your donations assist those in need with food cards, utility bills, medical bills and housing. Thank you for your support and generosity.

### St. Theresa's Chapel Clean Up Day

The Men's Group will meet on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 am in the Church for Mass followed by the annual clean up of the grounds at Saint Theresa's Chapel. Please call Norm Shacochis at 781-834-4097 for more information. All men of the parish are invited to lend a helping hand.



### ON-LINE GIVING Sign Up Today

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](http://www.saintchristines.org). If you need assistance, please call the rectory.

**Miramar Retreat Center** will hold its annual "Miles for Miramar" campaign from May 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>. Walkers, joggers, cyclers, kayakers, swimmers can pledge miles to support these "athletes" by making a donation for their efforts. \$2.00 per mile is suggested. Please visit Miramar at [www.miramarretreat.org](http://www.miramarretreat.org) or call 781-858-2460 to pledge miles or make a donation. Visa and MasterCard accepted. Thank you for your support.



**May 10<sup>th</sup> Ascension Thursday 7:00 pm Mass**

**Altar Servers:** J. Armstrong

**Eucharistic Ministers:** K. Pelkowski, A. Fallacara, T. Leoffler

**Lectors:** C. Casey

### MAY 12<sup>th</sup> and MAY 13<sup>th</sup>

**Altar Servers:**

5:00 pm: O. Cregan, K. Cregan

7:00 am: J. Adams

9:00 am: M. Friday, M. Friday

11:30 am: A. Pozerski, C. Pozerski

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

5:00 pm: C. Jean, S. Williams, T. McManus, P. Bardon,  
M. Nerino, J. Feeney, A. Roth

7:00 am: L. Bak, M. Alberti, M. Mastriani

9:00 am: R. McCauley, E. Black, D. Henault-Tosi, D. Evans,  
C. Engler, R. Minichiello, R. Berardi

11:30 am: C. Kennedy, A. Finn, L. Greenwood, B. Hines,  
N. Pearl, J. Rockwell, I. Mamet

**Lectors:** 5:00 pm: M. Cregan 7:00 am: B. Heil

9:00 am: E. Shacochis 11:30 am: K. Greenwood

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

### Holy Communion to the Sick, Elderly and Homebound

If you unable to attend Mass, Visitors to the Sick are available on Sunday mornings to bring Holy Communion to your home. To make arrangements to receive the Eucharist, please call Mary at the rectory at 781-834-6003 x 21.

**Scripture Study** will take place on Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm in the Children's Room. Please call Ed Casassa at 781-545-0881 for more information.

### Mothers of Multiples Sale

**Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am - 12:30 pm hall**

Mothers of Multiples will hold a sale offering a selection of gently used spring and summer clothing and accessories, as well as baby equipment, toys and other children's items at very reasonable prices. Cash sales only. No early birds.

### Be A Super Hero to a Homeless Child!

**Horizons for Homeless Children** needs volunteers to play with young children in a Horizons shelter-based Playspace in Marshfield. Help a homeless child play, learn and thrive. The next training will be held on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm in West Bridgewater. To apply to volunteer or for more information and other training dates, please call 508-510-3250 or visit their website at [horizonschildren.org](http://horizonschildren.org).

### Sowing Seeds Clothing Bank

Needed are donations of spring clothing for men, women and children in next to new condition, new underwear, socks and laundry detergent. Located on the corner of Rt. 139 and Schools Street, the Clothing Bank is open on Thursday and Saturday mornings from 10 am to 12 noon for receive and distribute clothing. Urgently needed are volunteers to drive patients to medical appointments both locally and in Boston. If you can help in any way, please call 781-837-3337. Thank you for your support.

**Council on Aging:** Make a difference in our community by volunteering at our Senior Center. You can volunteer a few hours weekly on a regular or on-call basis. Currently needed are dining assistants, Meals on Wheels drivers, outside ground helpers, drivers to medical appointments both locally and to Boston and more. If you can help, please call Donna Weinberg at 781-834-5581 x 14.



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

**Ryan Bovinette, Mary Forde, Frederick Glennan, Sr., Philip Hammitt and Lorraine Malcolm.**

May they rest in eternal peace with the Lord.

### Advertiser of the Week

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



**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 13, 2018**

**Reading**

**Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26**

*Barnabas is brought into the twelve - what an honor and what a burden! He was blessed by the Holy Spirit to continue the spreading of the Word. What are your thoughts on this process? Do you see this today?*

Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers—there was a group of about one hundred and twenty persons in the one place —.He said, “My brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand through the mouth of David, concerning Judas, who was the guide for those who arrested Jesus. He was numbered among us and was allotted a share in this ministry. “For it is written in the Book of Psalms: *May another take his office.*

“Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection.”So they proposed two, Judas called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place.” Then they gave lots to them, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was counted with the eleven apostles. .

**Psalm**

**Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20**

*David praises the Lord as we must do continually. He embraces the fact that God has forgiven our transgressions. We see God on a throne being served by angels. How are we to join this scene?*

**R. The Lord has set his throne in heaven.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

**R. The Lord has set his throne in heaven.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our sins from us.

**R. The Lord has set his throne in heaven.**

The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all. Bless the LORD, all you his angels, you mighty in strength, who do his bidding.

**R. The Lord has set his throne in heaven..**

**Reading**

**1 Jn 4:11-16**

*John’s theme is the two greatest commands – our love with God and His love for us, and our love for one another. Although we have not seen God, we must look for Him in each other. How do you see God in each other?*

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us.

This is how we know that we remain in him and he in us, that he has given us of his Spirit. Moreover, we have seen and testify that the Father sent his Son as savior of the world. Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him and he in God. We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.

**Alleluia**

**Jn 14:18**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord.

I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel**

**Jn 17:11b-19**

*Jesus, dying on the cross, prays not for Himself, but for us! He asks for the consecration of truth, so that we can be sent out into the world. Have you spread the truth of Jesus today? How?*

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying:

“Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one.

When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction,

in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that

they may share my joy completely. I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world.

I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not

belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is

truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so

5 that they also may be consecrated in truth.”

**Some Thoughts:** Do you enjoy working puzzles? I do. One kind of puzzle I like is called a maze. You have probably worked a maze yourself. To solve the puzzle, you take your pencil and begin where it says, "start" and try to find an open path in the puzzle that will lead you all the way to the finish. Of course, you aren't allowed to cross through any lines. That would be too easy! A puzzle like this can be very difficult. Sometimes it can be very frustrating. Traveling through this maze, you will often have to change the direction you are going. You may find that the path you have chosen leads to a dead end. When this happens, you just have to back up and start again. When the puzzle gets too difficult, you may need someone to help you. Even though finding the right path that leads to the finish may be difficult, you will have a feeling of satisfaction when you finally reach the goal.

Finding your way through life can be a lot like finding your way through a maze. Each day we have to make decisions and it is sometimes difficult to know which way to go. We may choose the wrong path and end up at a dead end. When that happens, we have to back up and start over again. Life isn't easy and it can sometimes be very frustrating when we don't know which way turn.

Jesus knew that life in this world is difficult. That is why he prayed for his disciples when he knew that the time had come for him to leave this world. "I will remain in the world no longer," he prayed, "but they are still in the world. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe. No one was lost, but now I am coming to you and I ask you to protect them and keep them safe."

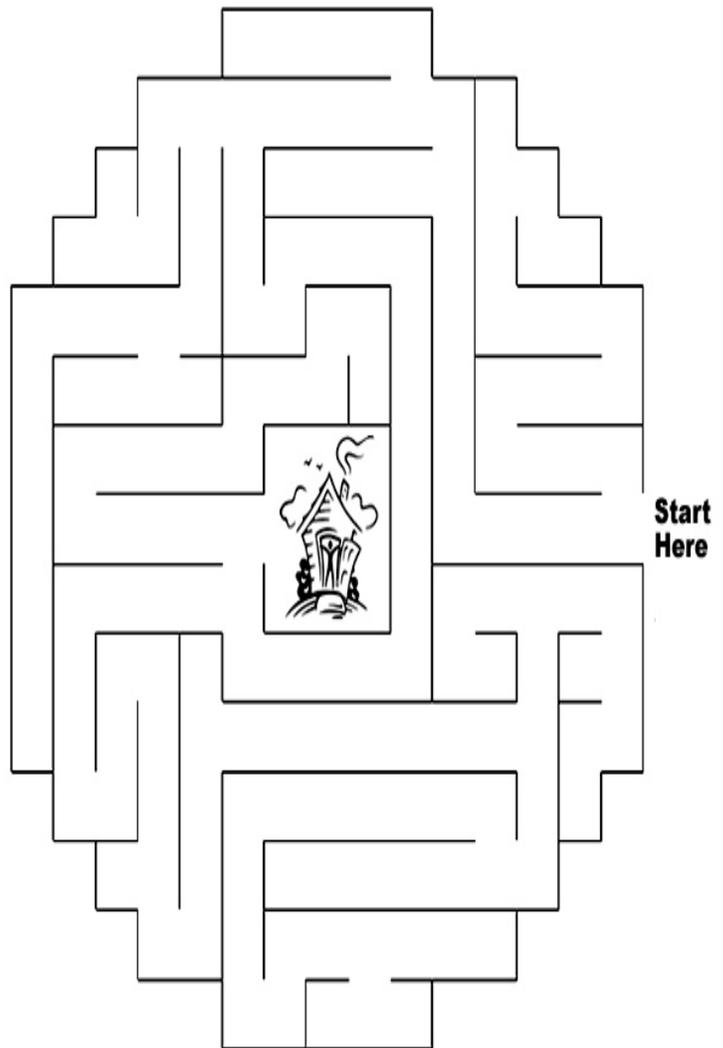
How do we find our way in this world? We put our trust in God, our Heavenly Father, to show us the way. We have his Word, the Bible, to help us. Any time we don't know which way to turn, we can talk to him in prayer and ask him to guide and protect us. It may not be easy, but with God leading the way, we know that we will never get lost.

Father, as we search for the path that will lead us safely through this world, we place our trust in you and ask for your guidance and protection. In Jesus' name we pray.  
Amen



# Maze Puzzle

*Find your way home-*



## MEN'S GROUP CALENDAR:

**Women's Cursillo Weekend June 7 thru June 10**  
**'A short course in Christianity'**

Experience the Lord with others in 3+ days at St. Basil's Seminary in Methuen. Please call Crystal at 617.680.6008 for more information.

**Wednesday Evening - Scripture Study - 7:30 pm**  
We will be studying Mark's Gospel. For information, please call Ed at 781.545.0881.

**Next Men's Group Meeting** will be our annual Saint Theresa's Chapel Cleanup on Saturday, May 19. Get your tools ready and come and lend a hand.

**Color the scene below—  
Praying for disciples and us!**

