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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." - Mk 9:35b-37a

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Saturday, September 21

5:00 pm Margaret Stonehouse -

Birthday Remembrance

Sunday, September 22

7:00 am Souls in Purgatory

11:00 am Bruce Southerton "Red" - Anniversary

St. Theresa's Chapel

9:30 am Dorothy Pozerski - 1st Anniversary

Monday, September 23

9:00 am Irene , Edward and Bob Shepardson -

Memorial

Tuesday, September 24

9:00 am The Clancy Family - Healing

Wednesday, September 25

9:00 am James W. Stevens - Memorial

Thursday, September 26

9:00 am Joseph Warren McPherson - Anniversary

Friday, September 27

9:00 am Mike McLaughlin - Memorial

Saturday, September 28

5:00 pm Michael and Pat Tramonte - Memorial

Sunday, September 29

7:00 am Available

11:00 am Timothy Murphy - Memorial

Christine Murphy Conole - Memorial

St. Theresa's Chapel

9:30 am Daniel Riley - Memorial

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Today's scripture readings urge us to be aware of the effect that jealousy and selfish ambition have on a person. They lead to division, hatred and dysfunction, and to attitudes and behaviors that are counter to Gospel values. While distrust and selfish ambition are all around us, our readings today remind us of the importance of being witnesses of a different way of living and loving. St. James exhorts his community, and us as followers of Jesus, to possess the wisdom of God, which is "pure, peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity." It is this wisdom of God that we are called to bring to the world now.



Clergy Health and Retirement Trust Collection

We extend a sincere thank you to all those who contributed so generously to the collection for the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust. Your support helps to care for the health and well-being of our priests so they can continue to share the good news, perform good works and spread the faith. If you did not have the opportunity to make a contribution, you may give your gift on-line at <u>clergytrust.org</u>. Thank you for your generous and prayerful support of our priests.



The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

RCIA is for those who wish to become a Catholic and prepare to

receive their sacraments to be in full communion with the Catholic Church. Classes are beginning at Holy Family Church in Duxbury. Those who are interested in learning more about this process are encouraged to e-mail Ken McCarthy at kenclnrm@prodigy.net. or call 617-549-4620.



Adult Choir (Grade 9 - Adult) Our Adult choir is seeking new members of all levels of talent and vocal ability. Rehearsals take place

on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 pm and the Choir sings at the 11:00 am Mass on Sundays. Feel free to come to our first rehearsal this Tuesday, September 24th at 7:00 pm in the church and give us a try! Please contact Kerry McMasters at kerry.kmac@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Saint Christine's Church will take place every Thursday. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am, followed by Adoration at 9:30 am and ending with Benediction at 6:45 pm. Come and spend some heart-to-heart time with Jesus.

Confession: Even though we make mistakes, God loves us and forgives us. Father Mario will be available to hear Confessions on Saturday afternoons from 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm.

Saturday Morning Mass: Beginning Saturday, October 5th and on the first Saturday of every month, Father Mario will celebrate a Mass at 9:00 am at Saint Christine's. All are welcome.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Prayer for our Students

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of our children. Bless them and their teachers as they begin a new school year. Bless them with inquiring minds and open hearts. May they be blessed with friendships and be free to share Your love. Give them the strength to persevere in all their undertakings. Bless them with the wonder and joy in all things. And may they sense Your Mother's gentle protection and Your immeasurable love. We ask this in Your son's name, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ALL FAITH FORMATION CLASSES WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th.

Faith Formation Registration

If you have not yet registered your child, please mail or drop off your form at the rectory or the CCD office as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Faith Formation Office at 781-837-0088 ext 19.

Grades 6 - 7 - 8

Teachers are needed for the following classes.

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

Grade 9 Confirmation: Teachers are needed to teach in our Confirmation Program. This is a 2 year commitment to teach our ninth graders as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please call Maryanne Bursaw at the Faith Formation Office at 781-837-0088 ext 25 if you would like to teach.

Confirmation Classes will meet on:

Grade 10 Sunday, October 6th 5 pm to 7 pm **Grade 9** Sunday October 20th 5 pm to 7 pm

Middle School Faith Formation begins on Monday, September 30th. When you register your child, you can choose the best day for a class that will be convenient for you. Classes take place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. If you have not registered your child, please call Maryanne Bursaw at 781-837-0088 x 25 to make arrangements.



Saint Christine's Family Ministry will host a Fall Festival next Sunday, September 29th immediately following the 11:00 am Mass to gather and celebrate our parish family. This event is for all ages. For adults there will be a chili cook-off, karaoke and cornhole. For the young, there will be a bouncy house, hay rides, pumpkin decorating, games, contests and face painting. Pizza, hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. The Festival is free. Please bring your picnic blankets, and heach chairs. Pain data in

blankets and beach chairs. Rain date is Sunday, October 6th. Those interested in volunteering or participating in the chili cook-off are asked to sign up by scanning the QR code. Please call 617-270-6054 for more information.



Best Chili Contest: Calling all Chefs. Sign-up by scanning the QR Code. Prizes Awarded!!!



St. Christine's Fall 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 at 9:30 am.

***Saint Theresa's Chapel will close for the year
after Mass on Sunday, September 29th at 9:30 am.

The 9:30 am Mass at Saint Christine's will resume
on Sunday, October 6th.



Moms & Tots" will meet on Tuesday, September 24th in the parish hall. The play group will meet every Tuesday from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. There will be activities for all the

children. Parents, guardians, Pre-K children and babies are welcome. Coffee and snacks will be served. We look forward to seeing you!









You can support Saint Christine's Parish on a regular basis by signing up for On-Line Giving. By giving Online Giving your weekly or monthly contribution on a recurring electronic basis, you

help our parish more accurately forecast our finances. This method is a safe, dependable, convenient and

secure means of giving. You can also set up a payment with smaller amounts being paid weekly or monthly. Please visit www.saintchristines.org and click on the on-line icon or scan the QR code.



For more information and assistance, please call the rectory at 781-834-6003 x 11.

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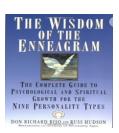
Budgeted Goal: \$ 9,800 \$ 5.103 Received: **On-Line Giving:** \$ 2,750 \$ 7,853 **Total: Deficit:** \$ 1,947

You gave \$ 3,085 in the second collection for the **Clergy benefit Trust.**

Thank you for your generous and faithful support.



St. Christine's will celebrate the Italian culture on Saturday October 26th with a dinner, music and dancing. Tickets are \$40 and are on sale in the church foyer before and after all Mass's.



Catholic Women Today and Tomorrow will meet this Sunday, September 22nd in the parish hall after the 11:00 am Mass for an introduction to the Wisdom of the Enneagram. "Our hearts yearn to know who we are and

why we are here". We will learn about our own "filters" with which we approach and navigate our lives. If you have any questions, contact Jeanne Dominick at 781-267-4511. We hope you will join us.

St. Christine's Grand Annual Collection

Last year: \$ 123,000 **Total Received:** \$ 118,193 Thank you for your generosity.

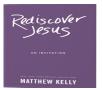


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ext. 15 with dates you will not be able to serve as well as any changes in your contact information. If you are not able to serve at the Mass you have been assigned, or the date you are scheduled to visit the Sick and Homebound, please contact a substitute and write the change on the Master Schedule in the sacristy.

Thank you for your faithful and dedicated service to Saint Christine's Parish Family. You are an indispensable part of our celebration of the Holy Mass as well as our Outreach Ministry to those who are unable to attend Mass and receive the Holy Eucharist due to illness or chronic medical conditions.



The Men's Spirituality Group will meet on Saturday, October 5th at 8:00 am for coffee, fellowship and discussion/study of Rediscover Jesus by Matthew Kelly. We will conclude

our meeting with Mass at 9:00 am. All men are invited.



Live Streaming Masses

You can watch Mass celebrated at Saint Christine's anytime on your computer. Go to saintchristines.org, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the

You Tube link. Masses will be streamed on:

Saturday, September 28th 5:00 pm Sunday, October 6th 11: 00 am

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

All couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, or 50th wedding Anniversaries or another milestone are invited to a celebratory Mass on Sunday, November 3rd at 3:00 pm at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston. To register, please visit bit.lyCelebrateAnniversary. For additional information, please call Emily Elliott at 617-746-5756 or email: mariageprep@rcab.org.

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WEEKLY SCRIPTURES & THOUGHTS For the Parish Family of Saint Christine



TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME September 22, 2024

Reading

WIS 2:12, 17-20

As a foretelling of Jesus' death, they want to kill the son of God. Have evil people tried to put a wedge between you and God? "God will defend."

The wicked say: Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us; he sets himself against our doings, reproaches us for transgressions of the law and charges us with violations of our training. Let us see whether his words be true; let us find out what will happen to him. For if the just one be the son of God, God will defend him and deliver him from the hand of his foes. With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test that we may have proof of his gentleness and try his patience. Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him.

Psalm

Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6 and 8

David has found himself with men rising against him. He prays for God to defend his cause. Like the author of the Wisdom reading, he knows that "God will defend him". Can you embrace God's strength when you are under siege?

R. The Lord upholds my life.

O God, by your name save me, and by your might defend my cause.

O God, hear my prayer;

hearken to the words of my mouth.

R. The Lord upholds my life.

For the haughty men have risen up against me, the ruthless seek my life;

they set not God before their eyes.

R. The Lord upholds my life.

Behold, God is my helper;

the Lord sustains my life.

Freely will I offer you sacrifice;

I will praise your name, O LORD, for its goodness.

R. The Lord upholds my life. .

Reading

Jas 3:16—4:3

Our selfish ambition comes from envy, coveting, and jealousy. We ask but do not receive because we ask wrongly. Do you look into why you want something and find out the reasons are lacking? God will fulfill our needs if we ask. Beloved:

Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace. Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions that make war within your members? You covet but do not possess. You kill and envy but you cannot obtain; you fight and wage war. You do not possess because you do not ask. You ask but do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. . R. **Alleluia**, alleluia.

<u>Gospel</u> <u>Mk 9:30-37</u>

After hearing their desires to be great, Jesus tells them that they must become a servant to be allowed in the Kingdom of Heaven. Have you had great ambitions only to be thwarted by those exact thoughts?

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him. They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

Some Thoughts: Jesus, the Formator "To follow" was a term that was part of the system of education at that time. It was used to indicate the relationship between disciple and master. The relationship between disciple and master is different from that of teacher and student. Students follow the lessons of the teacher on some particular subject. Disciples "follow" the and live with him master all the time. It is during this period of "living together" for three years that the disciples will receive their formation. A formation in the "following of Jesus" was not just the passing on of some decorative truths, but the communication of a new experience of God and of the life that shone from Jesus for the disciples. The very community that grew around Jesus was the expression of this new experience. This formation led people to see things differently, to different attitudes. It created in them a new awareness concerning the mission and respect for self. It made them take the side of the excluded. It produced a "conversion", the consequence of having accepted the Good News (Mk 1:15). Jesus is the axle, the centre, the model, the point of reference of the community. He shows the road to follow, he is "the way, the truth and the life" (Jn 14:6). His attitude is proof and an exposition of the Kingdom: he makes the love of the Father transparent and incarnates and reveals it (Mk 6:31; Mt 10:30; Lk 15:11-32). Jesus is a "meaningful person" for them, who will leave on them a permanent mark. Many small gestures mirror this witness of life that Jesus gave by his presence in the life of the disciples. It was his way of giving human form to the experience he had of the Father. In this way of being and sharing, of relating to people, of leading the people and of listening to those who came to him, Jesus is seen: * as the person of peace, who inspires and reconciles: "Peace be with you!" (Jn. 20:19; Mt 10:26-33; Mt Jn 18:22; 20:23; Mt 16:19; Mt * as a free person and one who liberates, who awakens freedom and liberation: "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath" (Mk 2:27; 2:18-23); as a person of prayer, whom we see praying at all important moments of his life and who inspires others to prayer: "Lord, teach us to pray!" *as a welcoming person who is always present in the lives of the disciples and who welcomes them when they come back from the mission (Lk 10:7); * as a realistic and observing person who arouses the attention of the disciples in matters of life by teaching them in Parables (Lk 8:4-8); * as a caring person always paying attention to the disciples (Jn 21:9), who looks after their rest and who wishes to stay with them so that the may rest (Mk 6:31)

Front Porch with God

Me: Good morning Father...any kids around?

God: Ah, good morning my friend. I haven't seen any children yet this morning. Why do you ask?

Me: Well, late in today's gospel, your Son mentioned receiving children. It just struck me that a lot of little kids can be difficult, so it might be hard to 'receive' them, y'know?

God: Oh, I've seen all of the behaviors - in adults too! **Me**: That's not good

God: No, it is not. There is a great difference between being child-like and child-ish. We can comfortably receive the child-like. The child-ish, not so much.

Me: Like in James today, talking about wars and stuff? God: YES! Why won't you listen to one another? If you say it's bad and someone else says it is good, talk it out. Don't be childish and fight it out. Talk. Listen. Discuss. It might take longer but it hurts less, and the wounds are far less damaging.

Me: Well, we seem to prefer that quick fix

God: True. And it makes me use every ounce of my patience with you all

Me: I thought your patience and forgiveness were everlasting

God: They are - and *still* you push me to my limits sometime!

Me: We're just overgrown children I guess

God: Don't make it sound so simple and understandable. Surely you can find better ways to deal with problems than by calling one another names and starting to throw physical as well as verbal punches

Me: I'm sure we could but...

God:..."but"...I do not like that word! You use it as a wide-open excuse for whatever you want to do or have!

Me:sorry...pretty child-ish isn't it?

God: More than you know.



Starting September 5th

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ST. CHRISTINE'S SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday 9:00 am Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am and 11:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday - 4:00 TO 4:45 pm

Adoration at Saint Christine's Thursdays 9:30 am to 6:45 pm

Saint Theresa's Chapel - Sunday Masses at: 9:30 am

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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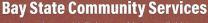
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