

# ST. CHRISTINE'S PARISH FAMILY

1295 Main Street, Marshfield, MA 02050

## Saint Christine's Ice Cream Social



September 3, 2017



**Saturday, September 2**

5:00 pm John C. Lane - 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday, September 3**

7:00 am Our Parish Family

11:00 am Timothy Murphy - Memorial  
Christine Murphy Conole - 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**St. Theresa's Chapel**

8:30 am John and Clara Ahearn - Memorial

10:00 am Gerard Goodwin - 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Wednesday, September 6**

9:00 am Brendan Crosby - Memorial

**Friday, September 8**

9:00 am Donna White - 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Saturday, September 9**

5:00 pm Marie Ryan - Memorial

**Sunday, September 10**

7:00 am George Gorham - 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

9:00 am Patricia Fagan - 16<sup>th</sup> - Anniversary

11:30 am All those who perished at the World Trade Center 16 years ago

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

**Reflections:** How do you take up your crosses each day to follow Jesus?

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION August 26/27**

<b>Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 9,800</b>
<b>Received:</b>	<b>\$ 7,829</b>
<b>On-Line Giving:</b>	<b>\$ 2,740</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 10,569</b>

**Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.**

This weekend there will be a second collection for Catholic University of America in Washington DC to support their student scholarship program. Thank you for your generous support.

Please write your checks payable to Saint Christine's with Catholic University written on the memo line. Thank you.



You gave \$5,242 in the collection for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society which helps those need in our parish and community. Thank you so very much. Your support and generosity are gratefully appreciated.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Your new schedule is now available in the sacristy and on line. A new list of ministers and their telephone numbers are also in the sacristy. Please stop by and pick up a copy.

**A word of thanks to all of you who read and comment on this column on Facebook on our parish website.**

With School opening and parish programs resuming, we find ourselves in the "busy season." It is a time when frustration and anxiety can build in all of us. It is so important for you and me to keep in mind God's presence with us on our journey. To help us do that I would like to re-share with you a reflection written by a 10 year old girl in New York city who had cancer. Six months before she died, she wrote this as a way to help all of us to focus on what is really important. She wanted to tell everyone to live their life to the fullest since she would never be able to.

It is called **SLOW DANCE**.

Have you ever watched kids on a merry-go-round? Or a butterfly's erratic flight? Or gazed at the sun into the fading night? Do you run through each day on the fly? When you ask how are you, do you hear a reply? When the day is done do you lie in your bed with the next hundred chores running through you head? You'd better slow down... don't dance so fast...time is short...the music won't last.

Ever told a child we'll do it tomorrow and in your haste did not see his sorrow? Ever lost touch, let a good friendship die because you never had time to call and say "hi." You'd better slow down...don't dance so fast... time is short... the music won't last.

When you run so fast to get somewhere, you miss half the fun of getting there. When you worry and hurry through your day, it's like an unopened gift...thrown away. Life is not a race. Do take it slower. Hear the music before the song is over.

When written the girl had six months to live and as her dying wish she wanted people to live their life to the fullest since she never would...she'd never make it to the prom, graduate from high school, get married and have her own family.

There is a tremendous wisdom in her words. Let us take time each day even for a few moments to stop and look at all the good things taking place in our lives. Instead of complaining so much let us give thanks to God for God's presence and let us slow down and hear God speak to us.

**Mission Appeal Weekend:** At all of our Masses next weekend, September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Wendell Verrill will speak on behalf of the Society of Saint James. This is part of our Missionary Cooperative Plan in the Archdiocese of Boston. Proceeds from this collection will benefit the Society of Saint James in their work with the poor. Thank for your support and generosity.

## Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Teachers' Needed:** We are currently seeking teachers for the upcoming 2017/2018 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. Help us to continue to spread the Good News. 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**

<b>Grade 3</b>	<b>1 co-teacher</b>	<b>Monday</b>	
<b>Grade 4</b>	<b>1 co-teacher</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	
<b>Grade 5</b>	<b>1 teacher</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	
<b>Grade 6</b>	<b>3 teachers</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:30 - 7:30 pm</b>
<b>Grade 7</b>	<b>3 teachers</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 - 7:30 pm</b>
<b>Grade 8</b>	<b>3 teachers</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>6:30 - 7:30 pm</b>

**Teachers' Meetings - Pre-School - Grade 5**  
**Thursday, Sept. 7 7:30 pm hall**

### Parents' Meetings

**Grade 1 Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm hall**  
**Grade 2 Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm hall**



**2017/2018 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 and Kindergarten** classes meet on Sunday morning from 8:45 am to 10:00 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.

**Chrism** will offer a course entitled "A New Creation" based on the Book of Revelation also known as the Apocalypse. This course will be an introduction to this esoteric literature and facilitated by Celia Sirois at Glastonbury Abbey on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm from September 5<sup>th</sup> through October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The suggested offering is \$5 per class. For more information, please call Chrism at 781-331-5194 or visit [chrismbiblestudy.org](http://chrismbiblestudy.org).



**We sincerely thank all our parishioners and summer visitors for their generosity and support in maintaining Saint Theresa's Chapel this summer.**

**This Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, St. Theresa's Chapel will close after the 10:00 am Mass.**

**St. Christine's:** Next weekend, September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, the 9:00 am Mass resumes and the 11:00 am Mass changes back to 11:30 am.

**Masses will be celebrated at St. Christine's on:**

**Monday thru Friday: 9:00 am**

**Saturday: 5:00 pm**

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

Saint Christine's now has a Facebook page. We will use the Facebook page to post parish news, events, CCD cancellations, photos and more but we need your help. Visit [www.facebook.com/stchristinesmarshfield](http://www.facebook.com/stchristinesmarshfield) and **"LIKE"** our page to help spread the word.



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

**John Braithwaite, John Kelly, Richard Mahanor, and Joseph "Gerry" Welch.**

**May they all rest in peace with the Lord.**

**Sowing Seeds** wants to help Marshfield children in need with new backpacks and thermal lunch bags for the new school year. Needed are colored pencils, crayons, pens, notebooks, folders and markers as well as scissors, lined index cards and 1" and 1.5" binders with filler paper. Always welcome are gift cards to local supermarkets, pharmacies and clothing stores such as Kohl's, Marshalls, Payless, and Wal-Mart. Donations may be dropped off at the Clothing Bank located on the corner of Route 139 and School Street on Thursday and Saturday mornings from 10:00 am to 12 noon.

**Sowing Seeds** also needs volunteers to work two hours a week on Thursday and Saturday mornings to sort and distribute clothing to our neighbors in need. Please call 781-837-3337 if you can help. Thank you.

### An Invitation to the Ladies of St. Christine's Parish

This fall, we will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. The first of three planned events will take place on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. All ladies of our parish family are invited to attend the 9:00 am Mass followed by a Communion Breakfast. The documentary film, Fatima, will be shown. Hear once again about the children of Fatima, the Miracle of the Sun and listen to Our Lady of Fatima's wish for us all. All ladies are welcome.

**Shawl Ministry Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

If you knit/crochet and wish to be a part of the Shawl Ministry, please join us from 1 - 3 pm every other Sunday in the children's room. If you are unable to attend, join us as an at-home crafter. Knitted or crocheted squares (9") would help create a sampler blanket and would be greatly appreciated. Your items may be dropped off at the rectory or pick-up arrangements can be made. For beginners who wish to learn how to knit or crochet, we are willing to teach you! For more information, please contact Judith Casullo at 781-834-4681 or Maryellen Mastriani at 781-834-3420.

**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. Thank you. Father Tom

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

**Goal: \$100,000**

**Total Received: \$ 94,740**

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

**Boston Catholic Television** will host a telethon on Friday and Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 9 pm to raise money to provide Catholic programming in the Archdiocese of Boston. Tune into Verizon (Ch. 296) or Comcast (Ch. 268) and call to make a pledge to support this very important work of the Church.



**September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Altar Servers:**

- 5:00 pm: G. Burgoyne, H. Burgoyne
- 7:00 am: H. Adams
- 9:00 am: M. Friday, M. Friday
- 11:30 am: A. Pozerski, A. Robbins

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

- 5:00 pm: S. Williams, A. Finn, N Andersen, J. Rockwell, S. West, G. West, A. MacDonald
- 7:00 am: M. Mastriani, P. Bak, C. Jean
- 9:00 am: M. Rowell, M. Kowaleski, F. Famulari, L. Cheverie, P. Cheverie, K. Duane, A. Duane
- 11:30 am: M. Mello, T. DeLuca, S. Bullock, T. Bullock, A. Fallacara, J. Pescatore, P. Pescatore

- Lectors:** 5:00 pm: M. Crowley-Heil 7:00 am: P. Jean  
9:00 am: M. D'Souza 11:30 am: R. Conley

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

**Hurricane Harvey Special Collection**  
On September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, a special collection to support those devastated by Hurricane Harvey will be taken up. We are unable to do this collection on September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> as other parishes are doing because of our commitment to the Missionary Society of Saint James Collection next weekend.

**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, razors, and shaving cream. You may bring your donations to the Food Pantry at the First Congregational Church on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:00 am to 12 noon. Monetary donations may be sent to P. O. Box 1097, Marshfield, MA 02050. Thank you.



**25<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Mass**

Cardinal Sean O'Malley OFM invites all couples in the Archdiocese of Boston who will celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversaries in 2017 to the annual Wedding Anniversary Mass at Holy Name Parish, 1689 Center Street in West Roxbury. Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm and includes the renewal of wedding vows. Family and friends are cordially invited. You may register on line at [cotrupi\\_e@rcab.org](mailto:cotrupi_e@rcab.org) or at Saint Christine's. For additional information, please call Liz otrupi at 617-746-5801. To have your name included in the Anniversary Program Book, please register by November 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Cranberry Hospice** in Plymouth needs volunteers to provide comfort and support to patients and their families, help with day-to-day activities such as errands and local transportation, veterans to support the Veteran's Program and volunteers for the Pediatric Palliative Care Program. Training will be held on nine Mondays beginning September 11<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 pm. If you are interested, please contact Karen Foster at 508-210-5956 to register.

**The Theological Institute of St. John's Seminary** located at the Pastoral Center in Braintree is now offering fall classes beginning on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Come and deepen your knowledge of your faith. For more information about classes, please call 617-779-4104 or visit [www.sjs.edu](http://www.sjs.edu). Auditors of classes are welcome.

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



**THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY**  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**SEPTEMBER 10, 2017**

**Reading**

**Ez 33:7-9**

*What pressure on the prophet Ezekiel! He's responsible for warning Judah of their ways. How does this pertain to us? God wants us to warn our friends of their wayward sins. How do we warn our friends and neighbors?*

Thus says the LORD:

You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die", and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.

**Psalm**

**Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9**

*David certainly knew how to pray. This response is familiar to us all. Have you ever considered Ezekiel hardening his heart to the LORD? As with the first reading, does this pertain to us also? Are we not called to be that friend that warns?*

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.** Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.** Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.** Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."  
**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

**Reading**

**Rom 13:8-10**

*Like the first reading and the Psalm, Paul reminds us of our responsibility to our neighbor. Jesus says this is the second most important commandment, and with the first, fulfills the law. Like a parent uses discipline lovingly for a child, so, too, should we with all those we love.*

Brothers and sisters:

Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**2 Cor 5:19**

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel**

**Mt 18:15-20**

*This is Jesus telling us of our responsibilities to our brothers (sisters), much like God told Ezekiel. Certainly, if you rebuke someone, be sure that you pray first, that your rebuke is of God and not yourself. It is wise to confer with other Christians before you act. Always listen for the "whisper" from the Holy Spirit!*

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector.

Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

**Some Thoughts...** Once upon a time, there were two brothers. Their father had a large farm and when he became too old to work, he called his sons to him. "I am too old to work anymore," he said. "I will divide my farm in half and give each of you one half. I know that you will always work together and will be good friends."

When the brothers first started farming on their adjoining farms, they were the best of friends and would share everything together. Then, one day there was an argument between the two brothers and they stopped speaking to one another. For many years, not a word was spoken between them.

One day, one of the brothers was at his house when a carpenter came to his door and said, "I would like to do some work. Do you have any work that I can do?" The brother thought for a moment and then replied, "I would like for you to build a fence on my property. Build it down near the stream there that separates my farm from my brother's. I don't want to see my brother any more and I would like for you to build a high fence there please. I'm going into town and I'll be back this evening.

When he came back that evening, he was shocked to see that the carpenter had not followed his instructions. Instead of building a high fence there, he had built a bridge over the stream. The man walked down to take a look at the bridge, and as he did, his brother walked toward him from the other side. His brother said, "After all the terrible things I've done to you over the years, I can't believe that you would build a bridge and welcome me back." He reached out to his brother and gave him a big hug.

The brother then walked back up to his farmhouse to talk to the carpenter. "Can you stay?" he asked. "I have more work for you to do." The carpenter answered, "I'm sorry but I can't stay. I have to go, for I have many other bridges to build."

Sometimes you and I have a disagreement with our brothers and sisters in Christ. When that happens, we often build a fence between ourselves and them. We stop talking to them. We don't want to see them. We don't want to be around them. That isn't what Jesus wants us to do. Instead of fences, he wants us to build a bridge of love between us.

*How are you with your 'brothers and sisters'? If there is anger can you sometimes be the go-between and help to bring love back into the equation?*

Here's a couple of ways to help remember that Jesus is here. **Complete the Puzzle below.** For some help, read today's included Scripture –

## When Someone Hurts You

"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. Matthew 18:15a (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
E	L	K	U	O	M	C	I	T	Q	A	B	X	R	W	G	J	S	F	D	V	H	Y	P	N	Z

- 12-5-4-25-20 \_\_\_\_\_
- 19-11-4-2-9 \_\_\_\_\_
- 18-8-25-18 \_\_\_\_\_
- 12-14-5-9-22-1-14 \_\_\_\_\_
- 22-1-11-21-1-25 \_\_\_\_\_
- 25-11-6-1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2-5-5-18-1-20 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2-8-18-9-1-25 \_\_\_\_\_
- 1-11-14-9-22 \_\_\_\_\_
- 9-5-16-1-9-22-1-14 \_\_\_\_\_

NAME	LOOSED	SINS	EARTH	TOGETHER
HEAVEN	LISTEN	BOUND	FAULT	BROTHER



Or, for the younger ones, **color** the picture below!

## *Be the First to forgive*



"If a fellow believer hurts you, to and tell him—work it out between the two of you. If he listens, you've made a friend."

**Matthew 18:15**

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