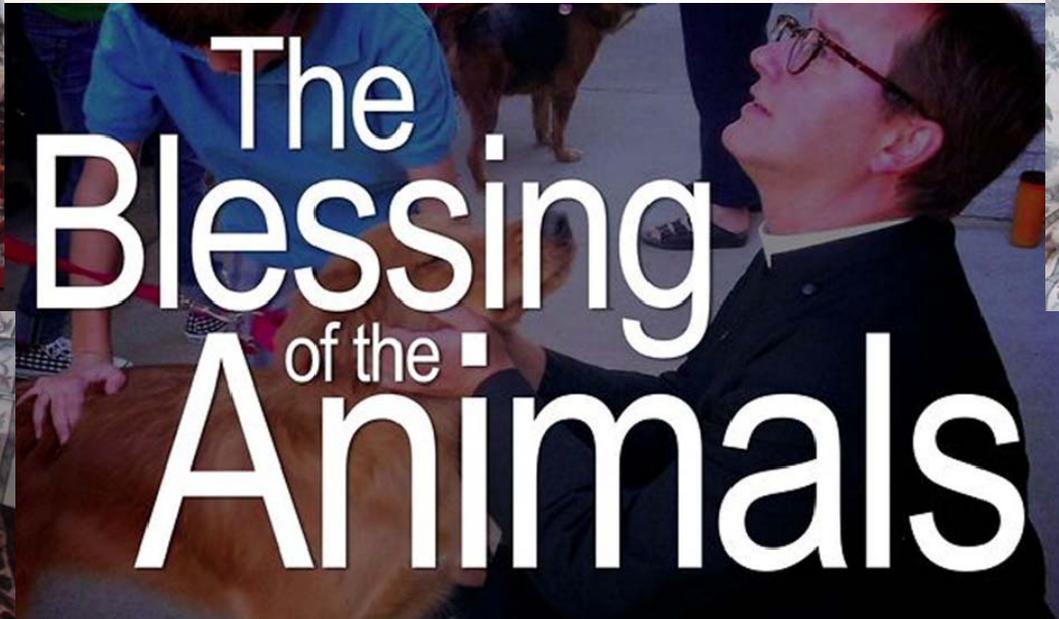


ST. CHRISTINE'S PARISH FAMILY

1295 Main Street, Marshfield, MA 02050

October 6th at 12:00 pm on the front lawn.



Mission Statement: *We are the Roman Catholic parish family of Saint Christine, gathered by Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and united with the Holy Father, Archbishop and Pastor, to evangelize, to grow in the Spirit and to reach out to others in loving service.*

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Rev. Thomas Umbras SVD
Rev. Brian Conley, SJ

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and Youth Ministry
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and Grades 6 - 7 - 8
Lauretta Grant and Susie McCarthy,
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Please notify the rectory to arrange for the Eucharist to be brought to any ill, elderly or homebound parishioner.

Parish

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Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 7:00, 9:00 and 11:30 am
(11:00 am: Memorial Day thru Labor Day)
Daily Mass Monday through Friday 9:00 am

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm
Last Wednesday of the month 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Summer Mass Schedule (July and August)
St. Christine's Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 7:00 and 11:00 am
St. Theresa's Chapel Sunday 8:30 and 10:00 am

We invite you to register as a member of our Eucharistic community and we hope you will support our parish by your presence, prayers and talents. Parish registration forms are available on the ushers' tables in the church and on our parish website.

September 30, 2018



From the
Pastor's Desk

A warm welcome to all as we unofficially usher in the fall, such a beautiful time of the year. We know that these have not been easy days for the Catholic Church. I want to say also that here at St. Christine, we are committed to the safety of our children, youth, and vulnerable adults and that this parish has always been at the forefront of developing practices that ensure people's protection. We follow diocesan guidelines. We believe that parents are our partners and encourage parental involvement in our programs. We believe in the education of our community through preventive measures and educational programs. Here at St. Christine's, we have a strong and safe environment program. As a personal pledge, I use a motto once used by Under Armour: "With my dying breath, I will always protect this house."

I look out over this beautiful church, filled with light which was intentionally designed to deemphasize hierarchy. It's not simply the people of God gazing straight ahead at Father and it's not just Father who says do this or do that. It's a vision of Church in which the people of God themselves have a prominent place, have a voice, can see each other as the baptized who have a role beyond passive recipients and instead as active participants. I know that I could not do this job as your administrator without the help of a talented and dedicated staff and lay volunteers. That's just what we have here.

This Thursday, we celebrate, the feast of St Francis of Assisi. A little more than 800 years ago, in a small church just outside the walls of Assisi that was beginning to show signs of wear and age, a young Francis used to go and pray there. And one day he heard a voice from the cross speak to him and say: "Francis, go and rebuild my church, which as you can see is falling into ruin." Francis took those words seriously and began to gather stones to physically rebuild that small church. You can visit that church even today. Francis also came to see that those words meant not just to rebuild physically but that the Church itself needed rebuilding, renewing, something. To "renew" or "rebuild" is what we need to do now. What does it look like? It's not easy. We don't have all the answers but working together, we can renew and rebuild. Together, we are strong. Thank you for being on this journey with me. Thank you for being here.

Two loves of St. Francis' life were nature and pets. In honor of pets and on behalf of Buddy, Pokey and CoCo, I invite you to bring your beloved animal friends to the Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 6th at 12:00 noon. The service will take place on the lawn in front of St. Christine's Rectory. Fr. Steve will preside and you can be sure CoCo, Pokey and Buddy will be by his side. The service commemorates St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures. In honor of St Francis' love of nature, I leave you with this beautiful autumn poem. Love, Fr. Steve



Saturday, September 29

5:00 pm Josephine Peter - 2nd Anniversary

Sunday, September 30

7:00 pm The Intentions of our Parishioners

9:00 pm Diane Hernon - 2nd Anniversary

11:30 pm Nancy Milani - 1st Anniversary

Wednesday, October 3

9:00 am Dorothy Boyle - Anniversary

Saturday, October 6

5:00 pm Julie McDonagh - Birthday Remembrance

Sunday, October 7

7:00 am Dorothy Boyle - 19th Anniversary

9:00 am The Minichiello Family - Memorial

The Engler Family - Memorial

11:30 am Gerald and Maryanne Mackedon - Memorial

Lorraine O'Brien - Memorial

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

Reflections: Whatever causes you to sin is better removed before it ruins you.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION September 22/23

Budgeted Goal: \$ 9,800

Received: \$ 6,136

On-Line Giving: \$ 2,740

Total: \$ 8,876

Next weekend, there will be a second collection for the support of the Youth Ministry Programs in our parish. Please make your check payable to St. Christine's Youth Ministry. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



In the cool part of the day, walk through the Creator's own cathedral with unbound feet for this is holy ground.

Feel the grass tickle your toes, inhale the sweet perfumed praise of lilac, violet, and sweet red rose.

Listen to the secret hymns of sparrow, crow and jay.

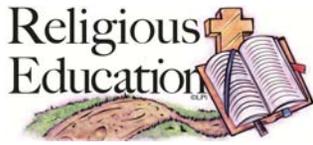
Gaze upon deer and fawn as they sleep amid the light of day.

Consider the hawk's easy flight as upon thermals of air they glide.

Slowly sip and taste then deeply contemplate the too sweet nectar of honey suckle on the vine.

Come to know that all is Bread and all is Wine for all who hallow the Creator Divine.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Classes will meet as scheduled this week.

There will be no CCD classes on Sunday, October 7th and Monday, October 8th due to the Columbus Day holiday weekend. Classes resume on Tuesday, October 9th.

Confirmation Classes

Grade 10 Sunday, September 30th 4:30 pm

Grade 9 Sunday, October 14th 4:30 pm

A Rock Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, October 14th at 6:00 pm. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Our Pre-School and Kindergarten Program takes place on Sunday mornings from 8:50 to 9:45 am in the hall.

Grade 4 Parent Meeting

Thursday, October 11th 7:30 pm parish hall



PARKING LOT REMINDER: Once again we remind you to exercise extreme caution in our parking lot while dropping off and picking up children from weekly classes. **Please drive slowly in the parking lot and refrain from using cell phones.** Children move quickly and your full attention is needed to avoid an accident. All children in Grades 1 through 3 must have a parent or another adult accompany them to and from class each week. Parents must sign children out before they are released from class.



Sowing Seeds welcomes donations of newer jackets, sweaters and warm clothing for men, women and children in all sizes. Always needed are gift cards to local supermarkets, pharmacies and clothing stores such as

Kohl's, Marshalls, Payless, and Wal-Mart. The Clothing Bank is located on the corner of Route 139 and School Street and is open to accept donations and for the distribution of clothing on Thursday and Saturday mornings from 10:00 am to 12 noon.

Sowing Seeds also needs volunteers to drive patients to medical appointments both locally and to Boston. Please call 781-837-3337 if you can help. Thank you.



The Blessing of the Animals will take place on Saturday, October 6th at 12:00 noon. The service will be celebrated by Fr. Steve on the lawn in front of St. Christine's Rectory. All are welcome to bring their pets.

Calendar Raffles: Thomas Lang, a senior at Boston College High School, will sell Raffle Calendars in the foyer of the church after all the Masses this weekend. Tom is raising money to help defer the cost of his pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Panama in January. Thank you for your generosity and support of Tom's endeavor.



Do you know someone who would like to become Catholic or wants to receive First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation to complete the process of Christian initiation? Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) classes are now beginning. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, want more information or have questions, please call Fr. Steve Boyle at the rectory. (781-834-6003 x 12)

Memorial Mass for the Brig. St. John: Please join the ancient Order of Hibernians in honoring the memory 99 Irish immigrants who lost their lives in the ship wreck of the Brig. St. John off the coast of Cohasset in 1849. Father Aiden Walsh will celebrate Mass on Sunday, October 7th at 1:00 pm at St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset followed by a wreath laying ceremony at Cohasset Cemetery and a short reception in the parish hall. All are welcome to attend.

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

If you have not yet made a contribution, Grand Annual envelopes are available at the doors of the Church. 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.

St. Christine's Grand Annual Collection

Goal: \$100,000

Total Received: \$ 68,300

Thank you for your support of our parish.



CYO BASKETBALL

Basketball Teams are now forming. Boys in Grades 9 thru 12 who are interested in playing basketball for Saint Christine's Junior and Senior teams should contact the coaches for registration and additional information. Home games are played at Martinson Elementary School.

Senior Team for those 19 years and under, contact Bob Lang at kristinelang14@gmail.com.

Junior Team for those 17 years and under, contact Matt Steinaway at steinawaym@gmail.com.

Registration deadline is October 30th.

Our Adult Choir and Choristers are seeking new members of all levels and talents to sing at Sunday Masses.

The **Choristers** (Grades 3 - 8) rehearse on Monday from 5:30 to 6:30 pm and sing at the 9:00 am Mass.

The **Adult Choir** (Gr. 9 - Adult) rehearses on Tuesday from 7:00 to 8:30 pm and sing at the 11:30 am Mass. Please call Meri-Lee Mafera, our Musical Director, at 617-548-0893 for more information.

Cursillo for Women is a short course in Christianity and an encounter with Christ in order to deepen your faith. A Cursillo Weekend for Women will be held on Thursday, October 18th through Sunday afternoon, October 21st at the Campion Center in Weston. For more information and registration, contact bostoncursillo@gmail.com.

Liturgical Ministers

October 6th and October 7th

Altar Servers:

5:00 pm: M. Friday, M. Friday
7:00 am: B. Burch
9:00 am: E. Tracey, J. Armstrong
11:30 am: O. Cregan, Fiona Cregan

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 pm: M. Bourke, J. Wawroski, M. Mello, L. Keyes, T. Bullock, S. Bullock, H. Hamill
7:00 am: M. Alberti, A. Meehan, B. DiRamio
9:00 am: R. McCauley, G. Guimond, P. Norris, B. Norris, M. Gorman, M. Kowaleski, R. Berardi
11:30 am: A. Duane, K. Duane, K. Buckley, J. Sambuceti, M. Smith, M. Healey, C. West

Lectors: 5:00 pm: P. Mitchell 7:00 am: K. Shea
9:00 am: E. Shacochis 11:30 am: M. Cregan

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

Catholic High School Open houses

The following Catholic High Schools invite all parents and students who are interested in attending their schools to come to their Open Houses on the following dates:

Archbishop Williams H. S. Sunday, October 28 11 am - 1 pm
Thursday, Nov. 1 6 - 8 pm
Boston College H. S. Grades 7/8 Sun., October 14 1 - 3 pm
High School Sunday, Oct. 21 1 - 3 pm
Catholic Memorial Sunday, October 14
Middle School : 10 am - 12 noon High School: 2 - 4 pm
Cardinal Spellman Saturday, Oct. 25 6:30 pm
Fontbonne Academy Thursday, October 18 6 - 8 pm
Sunday, October 28 11 am - 1 pm
Notre Dame Academy Sunday, October 14 12 - 3 pm
Thursday, November 15 6 - 8 pm
Sacred Heart H. S. Sunday, October 13 1 - 3 pm
Ursuline Academy Sunday, October 28 11 am - 2pm
Xaverian Brothers H. S. Grades 9-12 Sunday, Oct. 21 9 - 12
Grades 7 - 8 Sunday, Oct. 28 9 - 12 noon

The Catholic High School Entrance Exams will take place on Saturday, November 17th and December 1st at the high schools. Please call the school for an application/information.



First Friday Adoration will take place on Friday, October 5th after the 9:00 am Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. All are welcome.

Family Healing from Addiction: You are invited to pray for those suffering from addiction on Saturday, October 6th at Holy Ghost Parish in Whitman from 11:00 am to 12 noon. A light lunch and fellowship will follow in the parish hall. For more information, please call Karen McWilliams at 603-682-7933 or e-mail karen.mccwilliams@aol.com.

Permanent Deacon: If you are interested in becoming an ordained Deacon, you and your wife are invited to an Inquirer Program at one of the following places:

St. Joseph the Worker - Hanson - Tuesday, Oct. 9th

St. Joseph - Kingston - Tuesday, October 9th

Meetings are from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. For more information, please call Deacon Christopher Connelly at 617-746-5649 or e-mail cconnelly@rcab.org.

Chrism is an adult Faith Formation Program that is offering several classes this fall at:

St. Albert in Weymouth. Classes will study the Gospels of St. Luke on Tuesdays, Oct. 2nd - Oct. 30th from 7 to 8:30 pm.

St. Francis in Braintree. This course will reflect on the devotion to Mary in the New Testament times through Vatican II to our own 20th century. Classes are Thursdays, October 4th through October 25th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

The suggested offering is \$5 per session and please bring your Bible. You may visit Chrism's website at www.chrismbiblestudy.org for more information.

Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham is sponsoring an inter-faith Lecture Series entitled: "Listening to Other Voices." The speakers will share the legacy of 6 important persons of the 20th century including Dorothy Day, Elie Wiesel, Mahatma Gandhi and others. For more information and dates, visit their website at www.glastonburyabbey.org.



Be A Eucharistic Minister!!!

Parishioners are needed to assist with the distribution of Holy Communion at Masses or to bring Holy Communion to the sick and homebound. If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister or have any questions, please call Mary Doolan at 781-834-6003 x 21. Training will be provided at your convenience.

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



**TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY
OF ORDINARY TIME
October 7, 2018**

Reading

Gn 2:18-24

*God made man and woman different yet complementary—each are so similar yet markedly different,,2 different creations to be **one** joined together!*

The LORD God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him." So the LORD God formed out of the ground various wild animals and various birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them;

whatever the man called each of them would be its name. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all wild animals; but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man.

So the LORD God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The LORD God then built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man. When he brought her to the man, the man said: "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman,' for out of 'her man' this one has been taken." That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh.

Psalm

Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

The Lord sets a feast before us through our family. We will see prosperity if we respect, "fear", the Lord.

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Blessed are you who fear the LORD, who walk in his ways! For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored.

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; your children like olive plants around your table.

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD.

The LORD bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

May you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Reading

Heb 2:9-11

Through death' He, Jesus, gave us salvation and consecrates us to be His brothers and sisters. What a gift!

Brothers and sisters:

He "for a little while" was made "lower than the angels," that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting that he, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the leader to their salvation perfect through suffering. He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin. Therefore, he is not ashamed to call them "brothers."

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

1 Jn 4:12

If we love one another, God remains in us and his love is brought to perfection in us.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mk 10:2-16

Ideally, marriage is for the life f of the parties. But sin many times stands in the way and the love leaves the marriage.

Recall that Jesus is part of the vows given to and for each other! Pray from the heart often for our/your marriage!

The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked,

"Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?"

They were testing him. He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?"

They replied,

"Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, *God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,*

and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate."

In the house the disciples again questioned Jesus about this.

He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another,

she commits adultery." And people were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me;

do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.

This reading from the Book of Genesis that we have today is about the companionship of marriage. “It is not good for the man to be alone.” How often we see this in older age, when one or the other partner of a first marriage has died and the living partner still finds a need for companionship. How often we see this in the terrible realities of immigration into our country, where one spouse or the other has been left behind in the country or origin. The most normal reality is that we humans need companionship. There are, of course, many types of companionship. There is the companionship of marriage, there is the companionship of friendship, there is the companionship of working together and many other ways in which we humans form relationships that can be more or less positive and strengthening of our own being. The companionship of marriage is described in the first reading today as “the two of them become one flesh.” Surely this is a reference to a sexual union but also a reference to the closeness that can be in a marriage. Problems begin to arise when a non-married person seeks this kind of intimacy with someone else. Problems arise when a person who is married seeks this kind of intimacy outside of his or her marriage. Although it is difficult for us to understand what happens, living a lie or living an untruth always damages us humans.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus repeats this teaching from Genesis. His followers point out that Moses had permitted divorce and remarriage. It needs to be pointed out that Moses permitted the man to divorce the woman. The capacity for a woman to divorce a man was practically non-existent. Today Catholic annulments look to many like a simple Catholic divorce.

We need to be clear that divorce is saying that the reality of marriage was there and that now we are breaking that reality. Annulment is a declaration that the reality was never there. So there is a difference, whether it is recognized by everyone or not.

The goal, however, is not annulment! The goal is a functioning, sacramental marriage in which both wife and husband seek God through their relationship with one another and so bless any children born of their union because they are truly born into a relationship that is centered in God while at the same time rejoicing in the sexuality and love and goodness of our humanity.

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MEN’S GROUP CALENDAR:

You may have noticed that there have been several mentions about Cursillo Weekends. It is an opportunity to experience teachings and graces with fellow Christians wanting to know more of the love of God for us. For additional information, contact Crystal at 617.680.6008 or Ed at 781.545.0881.

The Men’s Group will meet at 7:30 am on Saturday, October 20th. Fred Freitas will discuss “Faith via Art.”

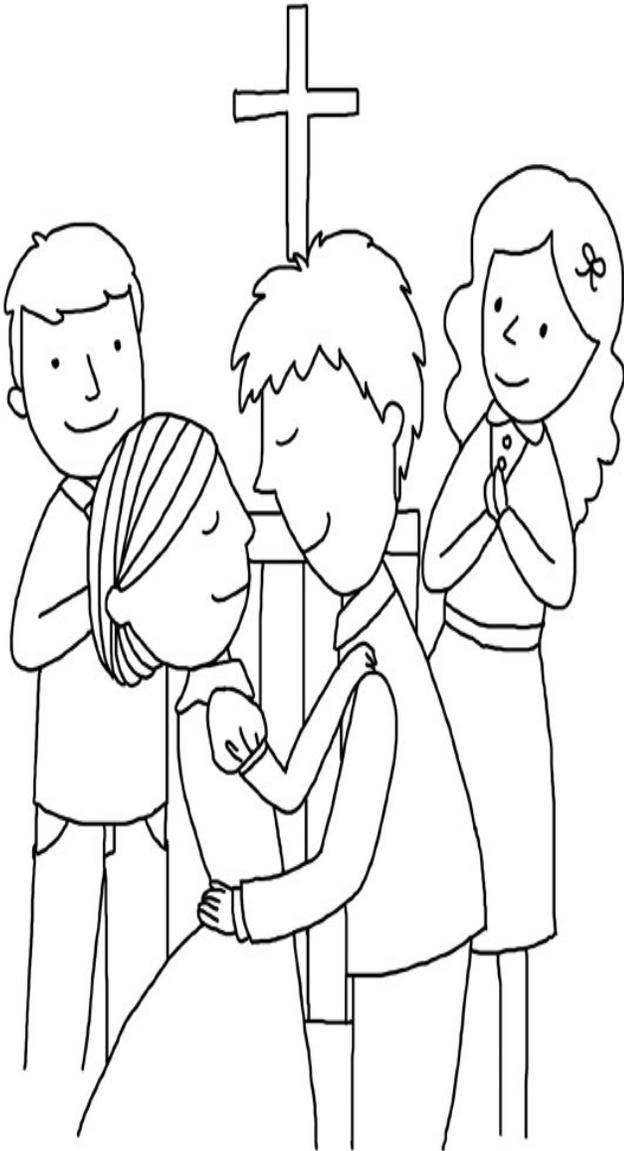
Wednesday - Scripture Study - 7:30 pm
Fall is here! Our Bible Study program will continue discussing the Gospels of Saint Mark using Michael Card’s study guide. For more information, call Ed at 781.545.0881.

Couples Workshop in October!
Please call Norm Shacochois at 781-834-4097 for information and cost.



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