

ST. CHRISTINE'S PARISH FAMILY

1295 Main Street, Marshfield, MA 02050

2nd Sunday OF ADVENT



December 6, 2020



Dear Friends,

In consultation with the Staff and many, many Parishioners, we have planned a Christmas Schedule, which should allow many of us to connect spiritually for Christmas. We must also remember the special permission (Dispensation) of Cardinal Sean of no Obligation to attend Mass is still in effect and applies all throughout this Christmas and New Year's season to end of the Pandemic. The Feast of Immaculate Conception is celebrated in Catholic Church on December 8. This is a Holy Day, but without Obligation in 2020. This Feast honors the day when Our Blessed Mother was assumed into Heaven, Body and Soul, giving us a glimpse of the eternal rest for which we pray. Only one Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am.

I am writing this letter so that I can offer you a special Greeting for our Advent and Christmas Holidays. On behalf of all Ministerial, Pastoral and Support Staff, I wish you and your loved ones days of peace in these most turbulent of times. I want to also keep us watchful during this Advent season of all the extraordinary challenges that so many face in this continued drama known as COVID. This situation may actually assist us in being watchful of the needs of those around us. As we all prepare for the coming of the Messiah at Christmas, this is a time to be more alert to our use of God's gifts intended to support and heal those in need. We will indeed be prepared for His coming when we are actively living out the mission of our Lord. The Gospel also points out that we have each been given our work that cannot be put off for a later time. At this time, I want to remind folks about the importance of respecting the protocols for attending Mass. It is vital to follow the established social distancing seating arrangements and movements in the church. These are required in order to have Mass at the church. The outcome of not following the requirements is to suspend Masses again. I mention this because the circumstances will only get more difficult with the weather getting cold and this time of year draws more people to church than usual. I ask you to keep in mind that these are still extraordinary times... at no previous time has the obligation to attend Mass been suspended. This extraordinary measure is taken in order to ensure your safety and your family's safety. We are only allowed to have public Masses when all the COVID requirements are followed. Please be aware of these extraordinary circumstances.

Just a very important reminder to gain access to our live-stream Masses and Services: always go to our website or our Facebook page and then click on Live stream Masses – this is for a Mass in real time or to view a past Mass that is recorded. It appears that our YouTube connection for Masses also at the moment does work for us. Our Mass will

also be available on Marshfield Community Cable Television.

I do have many thoughts and items to share with you this week. There is a lot to read because even though COVID has hampered many activities, our Parish is still very busy with its Mission and Holy Work. We have developed a Christmas plan, which has three major options, which allow for the spirituality, safety and health of all Parishioners. All of this is weather permitting and that our town also a Green or Yellow Zone.

In essence, you can choose:

To attend Christmas Eve or Morning Mass,

(safely and with mask and with a previous reservation)

To receive Christmas Communion at the Crib outside the church building on Christmas Eve or Morning

To participate by viewing a live-stream Christmas Mass from our church on Christmas Eve or Morning

In an ordinary year, approximately 2,400 people attend Mass at the Parish on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, with half that number attending the Vigil Masses. Under the current health restrictions, it is IMPOSSIBLE for the parish to accommodate that many people.

The current target-seating limit remains at 145 persons.

Masses for Christmas are:

1:00 PM - Christmas Eve

3:00 PM - Christmas Eve

5:00 PM - Christmas Eve

7:00 PM - Christmas Eve

9:00 PM - Christmas Eve

10:00 AM - Christmas Day

In order to be fair to all, we will use a call in reservation system. This week, Ann will be available to take reservations on Wednesday, December 9th and Thursday, December 10th during the hours of 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. Reservations will only be taken at these times this week. We will offer other times in next week's bulletin. Please call the rectory during these times and tell Ann: your name, phone number, email address (if you have one), number of people including yourself who will be attending, Mass time requested and if your group will have a stroller and/or wheelchair. In order to accomplish the welcome and seating for Christmas, we are in need of volunteers. If you are able to help, please contact Ann at the rectory as well.

We might be able to accommodate the most people if we are willing to spread themselves out across all the Masses. That being said, Christmas is a season and the church will be decorated from Christmas Eve through January 10th, which is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this period of time, 29 Masses will be offered at The Parish at regularly scheduled times, including such

Second Sunday of Advent

feast days as The Holy Family, Mary the Holy Mother of God and Epiphany.

Parishioners can overcome the obstacle of spreading themselves out over distance by spreading themselves out over time. The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation, including Christmas, remains suspended in the Archdiocese of Boston. Those persons unable to attend Mass in-person are encouraged to participate in these important celebrations online or on television. The following links have been provided for your convenience. Bear in mind that during this Christmas Season of almost two weeks, Masses are often celebrated on a different schedule. Each year is always different because Christmas changes each year. Please use our Parish Website to check to make sure you know what is what and when it is.

The second choice allows people to come to see the Infant in the Outside Crib and receive Christmas Communion without having to enter the building space. I will make myself available. More details of time etc. will be coming out in the following weeks, but I want to reassure Parishioners that we will be carefully observing the COVID Mandates and also more importantly be supporting our spiritual sense of Christmas as best as possible so everything can change at any minute.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation ("Penance" aka "Confession") will be offered Saturday during Advent on December 5th, 12th and 19th from 4:00 - 4:45 pm in the church building in the Penance Room. To gain entry, you must enter the building via the two glass door front entrances. Please be aware of social distancing.

Your faithful support of the Giving Tree, Saint Vincent de Paul and also of our ongoing Parish Work has been impressive. I personally thank all of you who constantly support us via in church, online giving, by mail in or drop off at the Rectory Office. Your thoughtful and generous giving is helping us to continue the work of Christ and His church. Our Saint Vincent's and the Giving Tree because of you are caring for our needy and fragile Parishioners and Townspeople so faithfully. As is the usual Parish custom, you may offer a gift for our Christmas flowers in the church via on-line, your donation envelope or a dropped in or mailed note to the Rectory Office. All names in memory of a Loved One written on the envelope will be recorded and placed in a Special Book in the church during the Christmas Season for prayerful remembrance. Finally, I want to thank all those who have responded in some way to the Grand Annual Collection. This is another witness of folks allowing God's grace into their lives. Again, this Grand Annual is critical to the daily operations of this parish mission and all the facilities and expenses that go with it. If you have not yet made a donation, please consider doing so with my warm appreciation.

Sometimes when we are in a middle of great difficulties for a long time, we start to forget at some point things will end and get better. It is our faith, which supports us during this long time. The Pandemic rises and falls all the time, however, we can stay positive and constant if we keep the image of our Lord and Savior in our minds and upon our hearts. We can lean into this wild wind and keep going because we have the Lord to warm and motivate our hearts. St. Christine, protect us.

Love, Father Steve



Saturday, December 5

5:00 pm Helen and Jed Cronin - Memorial

Sunday, December 6

7:00 am Our Parish Family

9:00 am Christopher Donnelly - Memorial

11:00 am Dr. John Amore and Rose Amore - Memorial

Tuesday, December 8

9:00 am A Special Intention

Friday, December 11

9:00 am Bernadette Manning - 1st Anniversary

Saturday, December 12

5:00 pm Patrick White - Birthday Remembrance

Sunday, December 13

7:00 am Our Parish Family

9:00 am Bernadette Manning - 1st Anniversary

11:00 am Robert and John Karle - Memorial

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is **not** a holy day of obligation this year. Mass will take place on Tuesday, December 8th at 9:00 am.

(There will be no 7:00 pm Mass in the evening.)

Confessions during Advent will take place on Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:45 pm.

Christmas Wreaths and Garlands: Boy Scout Troop 101 will sell wreaths and garlands for \$15 each after all the Masses this weekend. Proceeds will help defray the cost of Boy Scout camping trips, equipment and other activities. **Please make your checks made payable to Marshfield Troop 101. Thank you for your support.**

St. Christine's Grand Annual Collection

Goal: \$ 100,000

Total Received: \$ 32,954

If you did have not receive a Grand Annual envelope in the mail, envelopes are available on the ushers' tables at the entrances of the church.

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES

The Christmas season is a time of memories especially of our beloved deceased family and friends. Christmas Flower envelopes for donations in memory of them have been placed at the entrances of the church. Please **print clearly the names on the back of the envelope** and return the envelope with your donation in the collection basket or to the rectory. You may also make a Christmas Flower donation on our website by clicking the On-Line Giving icon and follow directions on Quick Give.

A Novena of Masses in memory of our deceased families and friends will take place at the 9:00 am Mass on Monday, January 4th and continue through Thursday, January 14th.



Christmas Collection

The Christmas Collection provides for health and well-being of the 580 active and senior priests in good standing in our Archdiocese. Our hardworking priests need your support now more than ever. Please take this opportunity to say thank you to all the priests who have devoted their lives to our church...and to all of us. To donate on line, please visit clergytrust.org or you may text the word PRIESTS25 to 20222 to donate \$25. (msg and data rates may apply) Thank you in advance for your prayers and support.



Tree of Lights is a beautiful decorated tree with hundreds of lights representing donations made in honor of someone special. The tree will be on display from December 3rd through the holiday season at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Plymouth.

To purchase a light, please visit www.cranberryhospice.org/festival or you may call 508-746-0215.



Snow Removal: Help is needed to remove snow on the walkways and steps of the church and rectory using a snow blower and shovel. Compensation will be provided. If you are interested, please call Ron at the rectory at 781-834-6003 x 11 for details. Thank you.



Marshfield Community Christmas needs your help for their annual Telethon! Needed are entertainment and items for auction. Last year, Community Christmas helped many residents share the magic of Christmas. The Telethon will take place on Friday, December 11th from 7 to 10:00 pm in at Marshfield High School auditorium. If you can help, please e-mail Mike Maresco at mikemaresco@aol.com or call 781-248-5544.



You can support Saint Christine's Parish on a regular basis by signing up for On-Line Giving. By 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, secure, dependable and convenient means of giving. You can also set up a payment with smaller amounts being paid weekly or monthly.

Visit www.saintchristines.org and click on the on-line icon. For more information and assistance, please call the rectory at 781-834-6003 x 11.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION November 28/29

Budgeted Goal:	\$ 9,800
Received:	\$ 4271
On-Line Giving:	\$ 2,750
Total:	\$ 7,021
Deficit:	\$ 2,779

Thank you for your faithful support and generosity.

The Sisters of Saint Joseph will host several presentations during the Advent season on Zoom.

December 6 Advent: A Season of Rebellion? 3 pm

December 12 How do we embrace our charism of unifying love in the 21st century? 2 pm

December 16 Spiritual Exercises Revisited 10 am

For more information and the Zoom link, please e-mail Spiritual.Ministries@csjboston.org or call 781-227-4730.



Christmas Trees at Roche Brothers

Brooks World Travels Program awards College scholarships and sponsors youth programs overseas for youth to learn about other cultures. Christmas Trees and Wreaths to support these endeavors will be sold at Roche Brothers Supermarket from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm every day. Please visit brooksworldtravels.org for additional information. Your help and support is greatly appreciated.

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WEEKLY SCRIPTURES & THOUGHTS
For the Parish Family of Saint Christine



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 6, 2020

Reading 1

IS 40:1-5, 9-11

Isaiah tells of the coming of the Messiah. Jerusalem is cleansed of sin by the LORD. What is meant by “prepare the way of the LORD”? There seems to be a lot of landscaping to be done. What is being heralded on Mount Zion? How are we now to prepare for the coming of the LORD?

Comfort, give comfort to my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her
that her service is at an end,
her guilt is expiated;
indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:
In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!
Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill shall be made low;
the rugged land shall be made a plain,
the rough country, a broad valley.
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Go up on to a high mountain,
Zion, herald of glad tidings;
cry out at the top of your voice,
Jerusalem, herald of good news!
Fear not to cry out
and say to the cities of Judah:
Here is your God!
Here comes with power
the Lord GOD,
who rules by his strong arm;
here is his reward with him,
his recompense before him.
Like a shepherd he feeds his flock;
in his arms he gathers the lambs,
carrying them in his bosom,
and leading the ewes with care.

Responsorial Psalm**PS 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14**

The psalmist is recalling the times just after the Babylonian captivity. The Israelites are anticipating the salvation of the LORD. At this time of anticipation of the coming of Jesus, how are we preparing ourselves to see His kindness and salvation?

R. (8) **Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what God proclaims;
the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people.
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,
glory dwelling in our land.

R. **Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

Kindness and truth shall meet;
justice and peace shall kiss.

Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.

R. **Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

The LORD himself will give his benefits;
our land shall yield its increase.

Justice shall walk before him,
and prepare the way of his steps.

R. **Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

Reading 2 **PT 3:8-14**

Peter is telling us that “the Lord will come like a thief.” What does he mean? Being human, I have a hard time thinking about God’s time. When do you think we might have an understanding about God’s time? With this in mind, how are you getting ready for Jesus?

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved,
that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years
and a thousand years like one day.

The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard
“delay,”

but he is patient with you,
not wishing that any should perish
but that all should come to repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief,
and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar
and the elements will be dissolved by fire,
and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.

Since everything is to be dissolved in this way,
what sort of persons ought you to be,
conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion,
waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God,
because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames
and the elements melted by fire.

But according to his promise
we await new heavens and a new earth
in which righteousness dwells.

Therefore, beloved, since you await these things,
be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at
peace.

AlleluiaLK 3:4, 6

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Here's a couple of ways to help remember that Jesus is here., and will be... Complete Word Search below—

The Waiting Place

"Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. Mark 13:35 (NIV)

Based on Mark 13:32-37 (NIV)



GospelMK 1:1-8

John the Baptist knew his Bible. He remembered how in the first reading, "Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!" What was John's job in this reading? Matthew reminds us that this is our job, even today.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:
*Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way.*
*A voice of one crying out in the desert:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths."*
John the Baptist appeared in the desert
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
People of the whole Judean countryside
and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem
were going out to him
and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River
as they acknowledged their sins.
John was clothed in camel's hair,
with a leather belt around his waist.
He fed on locusts and wild honey.
And this is what he proclaimed:
"One mightier than I is coming after me.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 pm

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

Monday through Friday 9:00 am

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Sunday 8:30 and 10:00 am

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