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January 17, 2021



Dear Friends,

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON overflows with memories and traditions. We save some of our best songs, stories, films, and recipes for this season of the year. We send out cards and notes, and we do all kinds of odd things that we would never do at any other time - like hang empty socks by the fireplace and bring a tree into the house and put wrapped gifts under it. We get wistful at the sound of a carol, and the ringing of a bell can make us teary-eyed. We get, in short, very sentimental.

The sentimental side of Christmas has its value. It can remind us to appreciate each other and to share with those who have less than we do. But we also have to be a little wary of it because the liturgy, our greatest catechist, teaches us that there is nothing "sentimental" about Christmas. Indeed, if we look only at the texts of the liturgy, we discover that Christmas is the "feast of our salvation" (Collect, Vigil Mass), the "beginning of our redemption" (Prayer over the Offerings, Vigil Mass). Christmas is about the restoration of order to the universe, as God and humanity are united once more through Jesus Christ: "by our communion with God made man, may we become more like him who joins our lives to yours" (Prayer over the Offerings, Mass at Midnight). Christmas is a feast of light, a light that shines not only on us, but in us: "we are filled with the new light by the coming of your Word among us," (Collect, Mass at Dawn).

There is no nostalgia in these Christmas liturgies. Instead, they are solemn, joyful, yet urgent. They make it clear that Christmas, while it recalls the historical fact of Christ's birth long ago in Bethlehem, is less about then than it is about now - today! The liturgy emphasizes our participation in the mystery of the Incarnation. The "today" of Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds becomes our "today."

THE OCTAVE AND SEASON OF CHRISTMAS: Like Easter, Christmas is too big for just one day: it overflows into a special season of its own. The octave (eight) days of Christmas are celebrated with special solemnity. Within the octave we continue to celebrate the reality of Christ's Incarnation, from a different perspective, with the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The octave concludes with the solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, on January 1st, the first great solemnity of Mary in the Church. The Christmas season continues with the solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. This great solemnity honors the "manifestation" of Christ. Epiphany is traditionally celebrated on the twelfth day after Christmas (January 6th) but in places where Epiphany is not a national holiday, it is transferred to Sunday. This year it falls on January 5th. The Christmas season concludes with the celebration of the feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 12th). With His baptism, the so-called hidden years of Jesus' life come to an end, and his public ministry commences and we enter Ordinary Time.

With love, Father Steve



Saturday, January 16

5:00 pm William Wool - 5th Anniversary

Sunday, January 17

7:00 am Our Parish Family

9:00 am Mary - Healing

11:00 am Patrick A. Hoarty - 1st Anniversary

Monday, January 18

9:00 am Rev. Laurence Kelley - 8th Anniversary

Saturday, January 23

5:00 pm Rita Toland - 2nd Anniversary

Sunday, January 24

7:00 am Our Parish Family

9:00 am Alina - Healing

11:00 am John Joseph Gillooly - Memorial

Reflection: Can you recall a time when your faith transformed you?



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Grade 2 - First Penance

In light of the rising Covid cases, the Grade 2 January Retreat and February First Penance Service have been rescheduled for March 2021. An email with information detailing the procedure of the Family Retreat and the First Penance Service will be sent to all Grade 2 families this week. Thank you for your understanding and patience during these uncertain times. God bless you.



Family Rosary

Please join us in praying the Family Rosary every Sunday at 7:30 pm on Zoom. Bring God's peace into your home by uniting with His mother's

heart in reciting the Holy Rosary. All are welcome.

You can find the Zoom Invitation link on our parish website at www.saintchristines.org.

If you are having trouble logging on, please email Susie at <u>stchristinereled@aol.com</u> or you may call the CCD Office at 781-837-0088.



Hour of Prayer

Our Lady of Assumption Church in Marshfield Tuesday, January 19th 3:00 to 4:00 pm

We will pray for those affected by Covid 19, for the families who have lost loved ones and for the healing of our country during these trying times in America. We will also pray the Divine Mercy with veneration of the relic of St. Faustina and the Redemptive Mysteries of the Rosary. Prayer booklets will be available. For additional information, please contact Claudette at 781-834-6252.

For more information on these new mysteries, please visit www.Tell-the-World.info. A link to pray the Rosary: https://www.yiutube.com/watch/v=hgdukgOH8.

Confession enables everyone to experience God's love and forgiveness. Father Steve will be available on Saturday afternoons from 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm for anyone who wishes to go to Confession.



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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. Please call the rectory if you need any assistance.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION January 9/10

 Budgeted Goal:
 \$ 9,800

 Received:
 \$ 4,375

 On- Line Giving:
 \$ 2,750

 Total:
 \$ 7,125

 Deficit:
 \$ 2,675

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

Next weekend the second collection will help support the various pastoral projects throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. This collection funds the work of evangelization, formation of laity, seminarians and religious as well as youth ministries and catechists.

Thank you for your generosity.

Please write your checks payable to St. Christine's with Church in Latin America. written on the memo line.

Catholic Women Today and Tomorrow

CWTT is planning a limited ZOOM meeting on Thursday, January 28 th from 7 to 8 pm. We will all participate in learning from Audrey Colangelo how to make a true Italian red sauce and meat balls - some for yourself and a portion to share with the seniors at Winslow Village. A list of needed ingredients will be provided. We are limiting participants to 20 women so reserve your place by contacting Jeanne Dominick at mjsdmed@aol.com or call 781-267-4511. We hope to hear from you and see you virtually.

The Sacrament of Anointing of Sick provides welcome grace and peace when facing a serious illness or surgery. You can benefit from the Lord's healing comfort and strength. This sacrament is no longer reserved only for those near death. Please call Father Steve at the rectory to receive the many blessings this sacrament offers.









<u>Mass Streaming</u>: Saint Christine's weekly Mass is available for viewing online and on local television at:

Youtube: St Christine's MA - live streaming and

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Marshfield Community TV:

Comcast: Channel 13 and Verizon: Channel 34 Monday at 8:30 pm Tuesday at 7:00 am Thursday at 9:00 pm Friday at 11:00 am

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION 2021

Our Grand Annual Collection will take place from now through February 2021. This fund is necessary to balance our church budget. Grand Annual envelopes have been mailed to all our parishioners. Each family is asked to contribute \$400 dollars. However, what one gives is your choice and no one should give beyond their means. Your envelope may be mailed or returned to the church or to the rectory anytime. You may also make a donation on-line either as a one time payment or over a period of time. I am so grateful to you. Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish.

St. Christine's Grand Annual Collection

Goal: \$ 120,000

Total Received: \$ 72,270

If you have not yet contributed to the Grand Annual Collection and wish to do so, envelopes are on the ushers' tables at the doors of the Church.

Thank you for your generosity.

Sowing Seeds welcomes donations of newer winter jackets, sweaters, hats and gloves and warm clothing for men, women and children in all sizes. Always needed are baby wipes and diapers for babies, toddlers and adults. The Clothing Bank located on the corner of Route 139 and School Street is open on Thursday and Saturday mornings from 10:00 am to 12 noon to distribute and receive donations. Thank you for your help.



Snow Removal: Help is needed to remove from 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 Cooledge at 781-834-6003 x 11 for details.

ALPHA IS COMING TO TOWN!!!

February 3 through April 14

Alpha Online is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. A typical session involves gathering via Zoom to watch a 20 - 30 minute Alpha video looking at a different question around faith. The video is designed to spark conversation in an open and safe environment. Conversations follows the video in small groups with a facilitator. The sessions will take place from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm each week.

Alpha is sponsored by Holy Family Parish, Saint Mary/St. Joseph and Pilgrim Catholic Collaborative. For more information, please contact Ms. Jeanne Cregan at icregan@holyfamilyduxbury.org or call 781-934-5055 x114.

Marshfield Food Pantry needs donations of canned stew, macaroni & cheese, soups, pancake mixes and syrup, detergents and personal care items such as soap, shampoo and conditioner, tooth paste and tooth brushes, razors and shaving cream, deodorants, diapers and baby wipes. You may bring your donations to the Food Pantry located at Library Plaza on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 10 am to 12 noon and Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. All monetary donations may be mailed to the Food Pantry at P. O. Box 1097, Marshfield MA. Thank you for your generosity and support to help our neighbors in need.

Miramar Retreat Center in Duxbury will host several presentations, mini retreats for men and women, directed retreats, days of prayer and much more at Miramar Retreat Center and also via Zoom to help you 'refresh your spirit' in 2021. A discussion on the book: 'Simplicity' by Richard Rohr will take place on three Thursdays in January (14, 21 and 28). If you are interested in attending any of these events, please email Mary Fran at MaryFran@Miramarretreat.org or call 781-585-2460 x 312 for more information and registration.

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WEEKLY SCRIPTURES & THOUGHTS For the Parish Family of Saint Christine



SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - JANUARY 17, 2021

Reading

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19

How have you been called by the Lord? Not sure if you even have been? Each of us are called. We need to listen and ask for clarity and then accept...not easy! Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you, " Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am, " he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep." At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

Psalm

Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

How often has the Lord lifted David or you or me up from despairing? For me it seems innumerable...

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I have waited, waited for the LORD, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry. And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God.

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Sacrifice or offering you wished not, but ears open to obedience you gave me. Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not; then said I, "Behold I come."

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me, to do your will, O my God, is my delight, and your law is within my heart!"

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I announced your justice in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know.

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Reading

1 Cor 7:29-31

Paul tells us change our direction, just like Andrew and John (in last week's gospel). We must be willing to change the way we live and act. Here he is telling us to turn our lives inside out. And this is for the Lord...He will be here again, soon and very soon??

Brothers and sisters:

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out. From now on, let those having wives act as not having them,

those weeping as not weeping,

those rejoicing as not rejoicing,

those buying as not owning,

those using the world as not using it fully.

For the world in its present form is passing away.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Jn 1:41, 17b

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

<u>Gospel</u> <u>Jn 1:14-20</u>

Picture this in your mind-the Baptist sees Jesus and tells his followers that here is the Promised One! I'm pretty sure the evangelist was the other apostle with Andrew. Do I have the same desire to know the Lord as they did? Am I searching for my Savior like they were? Just recall that He's walking through our lives every second. By the way, new name comes for each!

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said,

"Behold, the Lamb of God."

The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them.

"What are you looking for?"

They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher —, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see."

So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day.

It was about four in the afternoon.

Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter.

was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ —.

Then he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said,

"You are Simon the son of John;

you will be called Cephas"

— which is translated Peter.

Some Thoughts...'How did these two men answer Jesus' question? They asked him one of their own. "Teacher, where do you stay?" Now, of course, that can be taken at face value in the sense of asking Jesus where his residence was. But, of course, in this gospel it has a much deeper meaning. Where does Jesus stay? ('Stay' is a key word in John's gospel and translates the Greek verb menein,)

Where can Jesus be found? He is not in any one place; he can be found anywhere. Later on, Jesus will tell his disciples that he stays in the Father and that he also stays in them. Again we need to reflect on the answer to this question. Where do I think Jesus stays? Where can I find him in my life? In what places, in what people, in what situations? Is he only to be found in the tabernacles of our churches? As we read through the gospels we will find that Jesus is to be found in many places, some of them quite surprising.

And now, what is Jesus' answer to their question? "Come and see." It is the only way they will find out. Knowing where Jesus stays is not to found in theology or catechism books or in listening to theoretical lectures. The only way we can know where Jesus stays is by personal experience of meeting him where he is. That is something which everyone, even the most illiterate and uneducated can do, and it is something we need to be doing all the time. As the poet said, "The world is charged with the grandeur of God..." There is in fact no place, person or situation where he cannot be found. So the two men went with Jesus and they stayed with him. They went and they saw. What did they see? We are not told but we do know the outcome of their experience. It was that the experience of staying with Jesus was something that simply had to be shared with others. One of the two men was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. He went to his brother and said, "We have found the Messiah!" They had discovered the true identity of this Jesus. And then Andrew brought his brother to Jesus, who said: "You are Simon, the son of John, you will be called Kephas."

Here we have a perfect example of evangelisation. Andrew himself finds Jesus, stays with him, comes to know who he is and then goes to bring his brother to share the experience. It was another "Come and see" situation and Peter the fisherman was hooked! It is also worth noting that Peter, who would become the leader of the new community after Jesus left them, was not called directly by Jesus but by his brother. How many people, who could do great things for Jesus and the Kingdom, are waiting for me to bring them to Jesus?'

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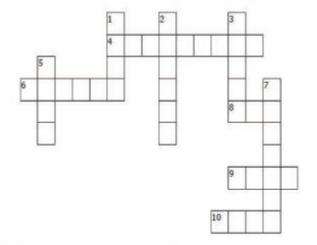
Here's a couple of ways to help remember that Jesus is here., and will be. Complete the Crossword below—

Sharing Your Faith

"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. John 1:46

Puzzle is based on John 1:43-51





ACROSS

- 4. A friend of Philip
- 6. To come after
- To observe something with your eves
- A large woody plant with a trunk, limbs, and leaves
- 10. To move toward something

DOWN

- To recognize someone; to be familiar with someone
- A man that Jesus called to be a disciple
- 3. The Son of God
- 5. The opposite of bad
- 7. To accept something as true

TREE	NATHANAEL	COME	PHILIP	BELIEVE
FOLLOW	GOOD	JESUS	SEE	KNOW

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Saturday 5:00 pm

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