

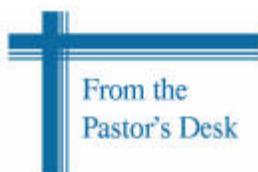
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Scout Weekend



February 7, 2021



Dear Friends,

It has become something that I am anticipating several times a week lately. The sound of the snow blowers and the plowing of snow in the parking lot. Even today, as I write this bulletin, I hear the drone of the machines filling the air to clear off the snow once again. When will spring be here?!

In early February, when we hear that the groundhog does or doesn't see his shadow and they uttered those words, "NO, 6 more weeks of Winter", or "Yes, Spring is coming", I never really think that it was going to be the case. I mean the groundhog can't be so scientific that he really knows and yet, it seems to be the case this year with this week's past snowstorm coming on Groundhog Day.

Still with the snow we have had, we know there are signs of spring starting. First is "Truck Day" at Fenway, where the Boston Red Sox's equipment truck leaves for Fort Myers, Fla.. Yes, this is a sure sign of spring! The 53-foot truck, carrying a surplus of baseball equipment and supplies leaves Fenway Park to make the 1,480-mile trip to the Red Sox' spring training complex in Fort Myers. The Red Sox pitchers and catchers are scheduled to report in Fort Myers for the team's first workout shortly after Truck Day. Truck Day marks the unofficial beginning of Spring training and you could see that many people brave the cold weather at Fenway Park to send the equipment truck off to Fenway South. Opening Day, April 1st will be here soon!!

Another sign of Spring was when my sister and I went looking for rock salt the other day. It was pretty difficult to find rock salt, where every place had run out, but lots of sand boxes and kiddie pools already out and ready for those sunny days that are coming!

With every snowflake that falls however, we know that the surest sign of Spring is Easter coming on April 21st. The liturgical seasons of Lent and Easter coming fills all of us with immense hope. When we walk with Jesus we are free from the loneliness in life. The goodness of God fills us and all we have to do is ask for His help. This gives us hope and we are not

alone! We wait for Spring!!!

Love, Father Steve



Saturday, February 6

5:00 pm Joseph and Gloria Thibeault -
Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, February 7

7:00 am Marcia Brennan - 2nd Anniversary
9:00 am Mary Cedrone - Birthday Remembrance
11:00 am Mollie and Bob Woods - Memorial

Saturday, February 13

5:00 pm Mary Joan McCarthy - 1st Anniversary

Sunday, February 14

7:00 am Dorothy Gallagher - 6th Anniversary
9:00 am John T. Nash - 77th Anniversary
11:00 am Frank Toland - Anniversary

Vocation: We pray that our parish will continue to actively invite men and woman in our midst to share their gifts and energy with our Church.

Reflection: What can you do to discover the purpose of life and live it out?

Marshfield Food Pantry: The next time you are grocery shopping, please consider putting a few extra items in your cart for our neighbors in need. The Food Pantry would appreciate donations of detergent (laundry and dish) paper goods (paper towels, toilet paper and tissues) and toiletries (tooth paste, soap and deodorant, etc.). Also needed are donations of food, brownie, cake and cookie mixes, coffee and tea. You may bring your donations to the Food Pantry at Library Plaza on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 10:00 am to 12 noon and Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Thank you for your help. Thank you.

Lenten Prayer Books will be available to purchase for \$1.00 in the foyer of the Church this weekend after all the Masses.

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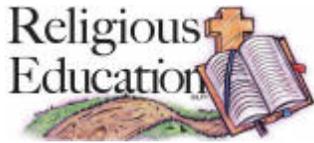
FEBRUARY 6 and 7



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

We invite you to participate in Saint Christine's annual "Souper Bowl Sunday Food Drive." During the next two weeks, please bring a can of soup or beef stew or a box of macaroni and cheese to the church to support the Marshfield Food Pantry and our neighbors in need. Donations can be dropped off in the foyer of the church or in the parish hall. Thank you for your support.

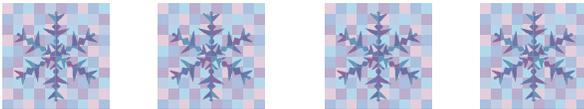


Tuition bills have been mailed to our parishioners.

First Communion Clothing

If anyone has a First Communion dress or suit that you would like to donate for our communicants, please call Susie McCarthy at the CCD Office. (781-837-0088)

Grade 9: All ninth grade students are asked to leave their 'Letter to God' in the CCD mailbox by Sunday, February 21st.



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 stchristinereled@aol.com or you may call the CCD Office at 781-837-0088.



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

Constance (Connie) DeJoie, Kenneth Egan, Mary Paradise, and Martha Zayko.

May they all rest in peace with the Lord.



You can support Saint Christine's Parish on a regular basis by signing up for Online Giving. When you give 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. If you need any assistance, please contact Ron at the rectory. (781-834-6003 x 11)

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Budgeted Goal:	\$ 9,800
Received:	\$ 3,407
On- Line Giving:	\$ 2,750
Total:	\$ 6,157
Deficit:	\$ 3,643

Next weekend, February 14th, there will be a second collection for Fuel to help defray the cost of heating the church and rectory during the winter months. Thank you for your generous and faithful support of our parish.

On-Line Giving Tax Information

Instructions to get your On-Line Giving 2020 Tax information was e-mailed to you this week and it is also available on our website. The second collection information has also been updated. Please call Ron at the rectory at 781-834-6003 x 11 if you have any questions. Thank you for your support.

The Sisters of St. Joseph Spiritual Ministry will host several retreats and Mornings of Prayer via Zoom. You can get a complete listing of the dates and times and also register by calling 781-227-4730 or emailing spiritualministries@csjboston.org.

February 7 - 14 7 Day Retreat
February 10 Morning of Prayer via Zoom
February 27 An Endless Adventure: Cosmology

FIAT is a gathering of women interested in learning more about the religious life. You are cordially invited to the next meeting on Wednesday, February 10th at 7:00 on Zoom. Please contact Sr. Marian Batho, CSJ at marianbatho@csjboston.org or call 617-746-2025 for more information and the link to the meeting.

After Divorce: Healing from the Inside Out

A Virtual Seminar February 10th 7 - 9 pm

Are you newly divorced or maybe it has been awhile. When the trauma of divorce happens, true healing must begin deep within. The Ministry for Family Life will host a seminar in support of Catholics who are experiencing divorce and separation. You will learn four simple steps to break free and move on. The seminar will be facilitated by Rose Sweet and features prayer, witness testimony and a time for questions. You may register at: <http://bit.ly/2xfqwJE>.

ALPHA IS HERE!!! Now 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 jcregan@holyfamilydxbury.org or call 781-934-5055 x114

Prayer Ministry: Holy Family Church in Duxbury offers a prayer line for those who are in need of prayers. Please call their prayer line at 781-934-5055 x 133 and leave your name (first name only) and your specific prayer request. Your intention will be passed along to members of their prayer ministry. If you wish someone to call you back to acknowledge your request, please leave your telephone number as well.

Rosary: A public Rosary will be prayed on Saturday, February 20th at noon at South River Park on Ocean Street across from Speedway Gas Station. (weather permitting) Please join us in praying for Our Lady's intentions, our own intentions and for our country. We hope to see you there!!!

Miramar Retreat Center in Duxbury is offering several programs and retreats during February:

February 11 Mini Retreat for Women at Miramar

February 24 Mini Retreat for Women via Zoom

Wednesdays Outside Rosary at 11:30 am

Other programs and retreats are also available.

If you are interested, please call Miramar at 781-585-2470 for more information and registration.

St. Christine's Grand Annual Collection

Goal: \$ 120,000

Total Received: \$ 78, 485

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 and support of our parish.

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



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 am to 12 noon to distribute and receive donations. Thank you for your help.

Marriage Encounter: You are invited to attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend for married couples who wish to enrich their marriage from Friday, March 12 through Sunday, March 14th at Miramar retreat Center in Duxbury. For more information and registration, please call 800-710-9963 or visit www.nema.org.

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WEEKLY SCRIPTURES & THOUGHTS
For the Parish Family of Saint Christine



FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY
TIME—FEBRUARY 7, 2021

Reading

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7

Job is in the Lord's service, and he is taking to task the futility of that service because none listen. Are you and I any different? How do we listen? Why don't we?

Job spoke, saying:

Is not man's life on earth a drudgery?
Are not his days those of hirelings?
He is a slave who longs for the shade,
a hireling who waits for his wages.
So I have been assigned months of misery,
and troubled nights have been allotted to me.
If in bed I say, "When shall I arise?"
then the night drags on;
I am filled with restlessness until the dawn.
My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle;
they come to an end without hope.
Remember that my life is like the wind;
I shall not see happiness again.

Psalm

Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

The psalmist is singing God's praises because He accomplishes so much for His people! Have you ever said/shouted "Praise you Lord!"? He is doing much...

R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

Praise the LORD, for he is good; sing praise to our God, for he is gracious; it is fitting to praise him.

The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem;
the dispersed of Israel he gathers.

R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

He tells the number of the stars;
he calls each by name.

R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; to his wisdom there is no limit. The LORD sustains the lowly;
the wicked he casts to the ground.

R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

Reading

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Paul seems to be bearing his thoughts and feelings to the Corinthians. He is telling us that we cannot boast in giving the message, but we can know we have done as asked. Be willing to give up our praise to the goodwill of those we touch with Jesus. And touch we must if we wish to share in the good news.

Brothers and sisters:

If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!

If I do so willingly, I have a recompense, but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship.

What then is my recompense?

That, when I preach,

I offer the gospel free of charge

so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

Although I am free in regard to all,

I have made myself a slave to all

so as to win over as many as possible.

To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak.

I have become all things to all, to save at least some.

All this I do for the sake of the gospel,

so that I too may have a share in it.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Mt 8:17

Christ took away our infirmities
and bore our diseases.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mk 1:29-39

With His words and His touch He became the 'Teacher' of all of Galilee! Has He touched You?

On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them. When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

Some Thoughts... There are times when I like to do something special to let my wife know how much I love her. I might give her a gift, take her out to eat, or I might give her some flowers. My wife really likes it when I give her flowers. But remember the flowers are not given because I messed up.

Flowers or a gift is a nice way to show someone that you love them, but do you know what is even better? It is better to show our love for someone by the nice things that we do for them each and every day. When someone is sick, a visit from a friend might do them more good than a dose of medicine. When someone is sad or having a bad day, a smile and a friendly "hello" would surely brighten their day. Have you ever seen someone sitting all alone at school who doesn't seem to have very many friends? If you sat down and talked to them, it just might make them feel as if someone cares about them. A simple act of kindness can say a lot more than a gift.

Jesus was always kind and helpful to the people he met. One day he was in the home of Simon Peter. Peter's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a fever. Jesus went into the room where she was and took her by the hand and helped her out of bed. When Jesus touched her, the fever left her immediately. Later that evening people brought everyone who was sick and those who were demon-possessed so that Jesus could heal them. The Bible says that the whole town was gathered around outside the door. Jesus healed the sick and drove out evil spirits. Jesus showed his love by caring for those who needed his healing touch.

The next time you want to let someone know how much you care for them, remember that we show others we care, not just by sending flowers and gifts, but by showing acts of kindness each and every day -- just like Jesus did.



Here's a couple of ways to help remember that Jesus is here. **Complete the Puzzles below and next page**

Jesus Heals Many People Mark 1:29-39



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Saturday 5:00 pm

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

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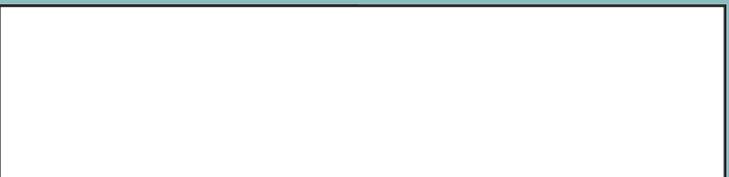
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