

ST. CHRISTINE'S PARISH FAMILY

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EASTER SUNDAY

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April 4, 2021



Dear Friends,

In the brightness of this Easter day, we gather to celebrate not only the Resurrection, but the great lengths to which our God is willing to go in order that we might be redeemed. Our God was willing to go to the cross for us. Without the risk of losing one's life, the willingness to suffer, the humility to carry a cross, the resurrection is impossible.

Over this past week, we have devoutly recalled how Jesus was willing to bear the humility of being human, how he died upon a cross unlocking the gates of heaven and conquering the darkness of death and sin. From the hopelessness of the tomb and from the emptiness of the grave, the Son of God has risen, and He comes to us this day with the promise of eternal life.

The simplest meaning of Easter is that we are living in a world in which God's kingdom is alive.

Our entire Parish Staff joins together in extending to you our best wishes and all of the joy of Easter. Since Easter is fifty days long, we will have many opportunities to greet you personally and to thank you for the life you bring to St. Christine Parish.

We extend a word of appreciation to all who made offerings toward our Easter flowers and plants, to all those involved in our Triduum Liturgies, as well as those who decorated our church. Thanks to all who sacrificed to make our Holy Week as prayerful, enjoyable and inviting as it has been.

We also extend a warm welcome to those who are visitors to our Parish. We are happy you chose to celebrate Easter with us. We extend an invitation to you to become a regular part of our Parish Family. The bulletin cover lists our Mass times and phone numbers. Please visit our parish website and call us, if we can help. Welcome, again, and a Blessed Easter.

Love, Father Steve

Confession enables everyone to experience God's love and forgiveness. Father Steve will be available to hear Confessions on Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:45 pm.

On behalf of Father Steve, Father Brian, Father Tom, Father Jack and our parish staff, we extend our prayerful best wishes to all for a blessed and holy Easter. May the Resurrected Christ be visible in our parish and our community through our actions of love and care.



Wednesday, April 7

9:00 am Thomas McCarthy, Jr. -
Birthday Remembrance

Thursday, April 8

9:00 am Antwan Carter - Special Intention

Saturday, April 10

5:00 pm Thomas Murphy - 8th Anniversary

Sunday, April 11

7:00 am John and Erica McCauley - Memorial

9:00 am Our Parish Family

11:00 am Marie Zukas - 1st Anniversary

Clergy Health and Retirement Trust

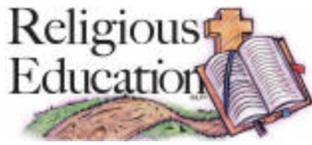
Today's collection will benefit the Clergy Trust which provides programs and support to care for the health and well-being of all active and senior diocesan priests in good standing. By supporting this collection, you are helping to ensure that our active priests receive the care needed to continue their important work and our senior priests have support and access to quality care. This collection is a critical source of funding for the Clergy Trust and your generosity is greatly appreciated. On behalf of all the priests who benefit from the Clergy Trust, thank you so much for your continued generosity.



Thank you to our parishioners who gave donations in memory of their beloved deceased families and friends. The beautiful flowers and plants that decorated our church during Easter were made possible by your generosity.

A Novena in memory of our deceased loved ones will begin on Monday April 12th and continue through Thursday, April 22nd.

Easter Sunday



Tuition Fees are now due for those who have not paid their tuition for this school year. Please remit your payment to the CCD Office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Grades 1 thru 5 Zoom classes will take place for 2 consecutive weeks on:

Monday through Thursday from 4:00 to 5:30 pm
April 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th

Sunday, April 11th from 10 am to 11 am
Monday through Thursday from 4:00 to 5:30 pm
April 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th

Grade 2 Family Retreat will take place on Sunday, April 11th at 12:30 pm in the Church and hall.

First Holy Communion Clothing: If you have a First Communion dress or suit that you would like to donate for our communicants, please bring it to the CCD office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Divine Mercy Sunday: Next Sunday, April 11th, we will celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy which was instituted by Saint John Paul II in 2000. The celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday is an opportunity to reflect on the theme of how God's mercy can overcome sin. The message of mercy is that God loves us – all of us – no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

Please join us next Sunday to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 pm in the Church.



Vocation: We pray for all our young people who are making life time decisions at this time.

Reflection: Reflect on the risen Christ and be grateful.

Catholic Appeal 2021

We recognize that many of you may be navigating your own financial challenges but we ask for your prayerful consideration of a gift to 2021 Catholic Appeal at whatever level is comfortable for you. Every gift, regardless of size, is meaningful and can make an impact. If you have not received a Catholic Appeal letter or e-mail request, donations can be made on-line at www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org. Your participation in our parish Appeal is very much appreciated by our parish and the thousands that are served through the Archdiocesan Central Ministries. Thank you for your prayers in support of this important effort.



GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION 2021

Our Grand Annual Collection is now taking place. 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.

St. Christine's Grand Annual Collection

Goal: \$ 120,000

Total Received: \$ 96,745

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Bethesda House in Pembroke is a faith based home for pregnant women and new moms and their babies. Their mission is to provide a temporary home that is safe and nurturing for young mothers. Volunteers are needed to care for these little ones. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Bethesda House at <https://bethsadahousema.org/get-involved/direct-care-volunteering/>. Thank you.



You can support Saint Christine's Parish on a regular basis by signing up for Online Giving. This method is a secure, convenient, and dependable means of giving for you. Please click on the Online Giving icon on our parish website at www.saintchristines.org. If you need any assistance, please call the rectory at 781-834-6003.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION March 27/28

Budgeted Goal:	\$ 9,800
Received on:	\$ 4,816
On-Line Giving:	\$ 2,750
Total:	\$ 7,566
Deficit:	\$ 2,234

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



Sowing Seeds Clothing Bank Is Thinking "Spring!"

Welcome are donations of spring clothes for men, women and children in next-to-new condition in all sizes, new socks, underwear and adult diapers. Also needed are laundry detergent, food cards and gift cards to local stores. Located on the corner of Rt. 139 and School Street, the Clothing Bank is open on Thursday and Saturday from 10 am to 12 noon to receive and distribute clothing. Thanks for your help.

Gift Shop at Miramar Retreat Center offers many religious items such as cards, statues, rosaries, books, medals, Communion and Confirmation items and more. Please call Miramar at 781-585-2460 for daily and weekend store hours.

Marshfield Food Pantry needs donation of food, brownie, cake and cookie mixes, coffee and tea as well as personal care products and home cleaning supplies. You may bring your donations to the Food Pantry located at Library Plaza on Tuesday and Friday from mornings from 10:00 am to 12 noon and Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Monetary donations may be mailed to the Marshfield Food Pantry at P. O. Box 1097, Marshfield Ma 02050. Thank you for your generous support.

LAPTOP GIVE AWAY PROGRAM

If you or someone you know has an extra laptop computer or perhaps received a new one over the holidays, please consider donating your extra laptop to the Marshfield Senior Center. We are looking for windows based laptops in good condition that currently are running on Windows 7, Windows 8 or Windows 10. Our volunteers will upgrade the laptops and we will be able to assist more Seniors. Please call 781-834-5581 for information. Thank you for your continued generosity and willingness to help others

Live-Streaming Masses at Saint Christine's

You can watch Mass celebrated at Saint Christine's anytime on your computer. Go to saintchrstine.org, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the icon. You can watch the 11:00 am Mass celebrated on Easter. This is your opportunity to join together with other parishioners to celebrate together.



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

Thomas Andersen, George (Pat) Davis, Edward Fonseca, Jr., Stephen Kane, Evelyn Kappler, Diane Nashawaty, Elizabeth O'Connor and Paul Sherman.

May they all rest in peace with the lord.

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.

Please contact Susie at stchristinereled@aol.com or call 781-837-0088 if you have trouble logging on.

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



**EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 4, 2021**

Reading

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter tells us of God's anointing of Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power. Now with Jesus' death, we are anointed with the Holy Spirit and power. The powers do you possess after this anointing? Do you use them?

Peter proceeded to speak and said:

"You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

Psalm

Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

David is anointed with God's power to rule Israel. He shouts with joy, knowing where this power is from, that upon the rejected cornerstone, His kingdom will be built. Who is the rejected cornerstone?

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad
"The right hand of the LORD has struck with power; the right hand of the LORD is exalted. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD."

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad
The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad

Reading

Col 3:1-4

Brothers and sisters:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

Sequence—All Praise for the Paschal Victim

Christians, to the Paschal Victim, Offer your thankful praises!

A Lamb the sheep redeems; Christ, who only is sinless, Reconciles sinners to the Father.

Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous: The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.

Speak, Mary, declaring What you saw, wayfaring.

"The tomb of Christ, who is living,

The glory of Jesus' resurrection; bright angels attesting, The shroud and napkin resting.

Yes, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he goes before you."

Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining. Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Amen. Alleluia.

Alleluia

Cf. 1 Cor 5:7b-8a

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed; let us then feast with joy in the Lord.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Jn 20:1-9

"He is risen!" This is what makes us Christians! Fourteen Stations of the Cross, now the fifteenth station that brings meaning to the previous stations. What do Peter and John now see to make them believers?

On the first day of the week,

Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark,

and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

So she ran and went to Simon Peter

and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him."

So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.

For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.



*Some
Thoughts:*

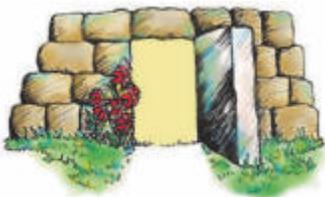


Stare at the four dots in the center of this picture for about thirty seconds. Then, close your eyes and wait for an image to appear. What did you see? Did you see an image of Jesus? Some people see the image of Jesus and some don't. It is just like it is in real life. Some people don't see Jesus because they are looking for Him in the wrong places.

That is what happened in our Bible story today. Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb where Jesus had been buried. She found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and another disciple, whose name was John. She told them, "They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and I don't know where they have put him!"

Peter and John started out for the tomb. They were both running, but John outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He stooped and looked in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he didn't go in. Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying apart from the other wrappings. Then the disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in, and he saw and believed -- for until then they still hadn't understood the Scriptures that said Jesus must rise from the dead. Then they went home.

Mary stayed behind and stood outside the tomb weeping. As she knelt down and looked inside, she saw two angels dressed in white. They asked her why she was crying. She told them that someone had taken her master and she didn't know where they had taken him. Then, Mary turned and saw a man standing behind her. It was Jesus, but Mary did not recognize Him. She thought he was the gardener. Then Jesus called her by name and, when she heard his voice, she recognized Him. After she saw that it was Jesus, she went to the disciples and said to them, "I've just seen Jesus! He is alive!" Some people, like Mary, Peter, and John can't see Jesus because they are looking for Him in a grave or on a cross. He isn't there! He is risen and is seated at the right hand of His Father in heaven. If you want to see Jesus, look in His Word, He will reveal Himself to you, just as He did to Mary!



Front Porch with God

Me: Oh, good. You're here! I have so many questions today

God: You do? Such as?

Me: How were your friends so confused on the morning of your Resurrection?

God: You wouldn't have been!?

Me: Of course *I* would, but they were your closest friends. They believed in you so much.

God: Yes, of course they did. But it's almost as if they did not really know what they actually believed. And as my Son rose to life, they were not all that sure if that's what they knew would happen. You have to admit, you would have been awestruck - & confused.

Me: I'm still awestruck! I find all this so beautiful and wonderful and...and...I'm literally lost for words

God: Not a problem my friend. I'm good with you just where you are and how you are.

Me: And on the road to Emmaus? You were not recognized? How could that be?

God: Wow, you are filled with doubts this day. Are you truly so troubled?

Me: No, not really. It's just that since we started talking like this...

God: *praying* like this

Me: Oh, right. Sorry. Since we started praying like this, I think about stuff more - scripture, what I believe, all that.

God: And that makes me very happy. I've told you that I love it when you - or anyone - has questions, wants to find out more, wants to broaden their knowledge and understanding of me. I've got some good stuff in store for you, you know?!

Me: Oh that I truly believe! Now, I had asked about Emmaus...

God: Well, have you ever seen someone and thought "I know him from somewhere but I just can't place them"?

Me: Yeah, but your Son was world famous!!

God: Not quite yet he wasn't. But it was all these beautiful and brave men and women who took my teachings and spread them around the world. All the way to you!

Me: Well, all I can say is "Thank You Father". You are the best thing that's ever happened to me.

God: Right back at you, my friend.



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Saturday 5:00 pm

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

Monday through Friday 9:00 am

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Sunday 8:30 and 10:00 am

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