St. Christine's Parish Family

1295 Main Street, Marshfield, MA 02050

Happy Father's Day

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

We gather together on this Father's Day weekend. On this day, allow me to reflect on a man named Vincent. He is my Dad. My Dad has always been a strong man who had worked his whole life as an auto body man. I had always seen that he loved his work. Growing up it was good to see that my father was doing something that he loved. His occupation took a lot of physical strength. To me, my Dad always stood larger than life. Like Saint Joseph, my Dad was a protector and provider. He worked almost every day to support our family. Whether as a child looking up at him or as an adult looking him straight in the eye, I have always seen a man I admired.

In 2007, my father developed a benign brain tumor. Shortly after surgery he had had some bleeding in his brain that left one side much weaker than before. He had infections, seizures, and blood clots over the course of many years. He tried hard to keep up with his physical therapy that allowed him to stay at an assisted facility but after more than six years and due to his advancing age, he had to go to a nursing home where he received much more help. This was very difficult for us as a family to see his condition change to where he was now much more dependent. For a while his main goal was always to go back to work. He talked of that a lot. He was even able to go to work in his wheelchair a few times in the beginning just to see what was going on at the garage for a few hours. Yet through all of this he was still Dad. My Dad died on December 28, 2015. He is still larger than life to me.

Like a special father blessed me in my life, the life of the parish has been blessed over the years by the inspiration and dedication of one extraordinary father, Father Brian Conley. One of our most precious gifts was given to us on the day he arrived at Saint Christine's. This, one of our greatest gifts, was given to us from God. We celebrate and give God thanks for the gift of Father Brian Conley. It is with personal sadness as well as sadness as the administrator of the parish that I announce that Father Brian has been transferred to Portland, Maine. As you know, Father Brian has served as a priest for many years here at Saint Christine's. What a beautiful gift he is for the whole of our parish family. As soon as I arrived, I could feel the warm welcoming presence of Brian. What an asset he has been to the parish. Though we are sad to see him leave, we are blessed by the fact that his family will remain active parishioners, so whenever visiting, he is always welcome at Saint Christine's. I am so grateful for his wonderful loving ways that will continue to influence many here at Saint Christine's and in my own life. As he is always the ever-faithful professional, we are confident he will fill his new role and responsibility beautifully. It is with sadness, but with an extremely grateful heart that I say my thanks and wish Father Brian well. Father Brian, this place is indeed a better place because of you.

I think we have a tendency not to tell people how important they are in our lives. God has blessed our parish family with the beautiful gift of Father Brian Conley. God has blessed my family and me with two wonderful parents, my dad and my mom. As their son, I hope I have taken the very best from them and have lived a life worthy of their gifts. I encourage all of us to look at the people that have cared and nurtured us whoever they may be and to thank them and tell them what they mean to you.

Happy Father's Day! With love, Father Steve

Saturday, June 19
5:00 pm Anna Krede - 1st Anniversary
Sunday, June 20 FATHER'S DAY
Saturday, June 26
5:00 pm Marjorie McDonough - 2nd Anniversary
Sunday, June 27
7:00 am Intentions of our Parishioners
9:00 am Matthew James McCabe - 1st Anniversary
11:00 am Heather Moore - Illness

We wish all our Dads a very Happy Father's Day !!!

We will remember all our Fathers, both living and deceased, at all the Masses on Sunday.

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

All Religious Education tuition bills are now due. Please remit your payment as soon as possible. Thank you.

<u>St. Christine's:</u> (beginning weekend of July 3/4)

Masses: Monday through Friday - 9:00 am
Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:00 am and 11:00 am

****** There will be no 9:00 am Mass on Sundays at Saint Christine's during the months of July and August.**

<u>St. Theresa's Chapel</u> will open on Sunday, July 4th with Masses celebrated at 8:00 am and 9:30 am.

CANS FOR KIDS

Start saving your bottles and cans ! We need your help to collect cans and bottles for "Cans for Kids". Volunteers are also needed after Mass on Sunday, August 1st to transport the cans and bottles to the redemption center in Pembroke. All proceeds will be given to Sowing Seeds to buy Back-To-School supplies for children. If you can help, please contact Lauretta Grant at 781-837-0088 x 28. Thank 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 <u>www.saintchristines.org.</u>

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

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

Your Grand Annual envelopes may be placed in the collections baskets or mailed directly to the rectory throughout the year. Funds from this collection help to pay our weekly bills. Each family is asked to contribute $400. However, what one gives is your choice and no one should give beyond their means. You will find envelopes on the ushers' tables next weekend. Thank you for your generosity and support of our Parish Family. Love, Father Steve

St. Christine's Grand Annual Collection

Goal:	**$ 120,000**
Total Received:	**$ 106,700**

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish.

The Marshfield Food Pantry needs donations of food, cereal, brownie mix, soup, cake and cookie mixes, coffee and tea as well as personal care products and home cleaning supplies. You may bring your donations to the Marshfield Food Pantry located at Library Plaza on Tuesday and Friday 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.

Garden of Grace at Miramar Retreat Center

The Garden of Grace is a gathering place and a public testament for loved ones of all faiths both living and deceased. The Garden will be a place for finding grace within ourselves and a worthy memorial for our loved ones that will stand the test of time. Bricks with one name will be situated around the statue of our Blessed Mother adjacent to the outdoor chapel area. The offering will be $125 per brick with one name inscribed on each brick. Please call 784-585-2460 or visit <u>miramarretreat.org</u> for more information.

Silver/Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

Cardinal Sean O'Malley OFM invites all couples in the Archdiocese of Boston who are celebrating their 10th, 25th and 50th wedding anniversaries to join him for this annual celebration. This special Mass will take place on Sunday, November 7th at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross at 2:00 pm. To register or for more information, please contact Emily_Elliot@rcab.org or visit www.bostoncatholic.org/familylife/anniversarymass.

Online Giving

You can support Saint Christine's Parish on a regular basis by signing up for On-Line Giving. By giving your weekly/monthly contribution on a recurring electronic basis, you help our parish more accurately forecast our finances. This method is safe, secure and a dependable means of giving for you and our parish and also convenient for you. Visit www.saintchristines.org and click on the on-line icon. For more information or assistance, please call the rectory at 781-834-6003.

Offertory Collection June 10/11

Budgeted Goal:	**$ 9,800**
Received:	**$ 4,775**
On-Line Giving:	**$ 2,750**
Total:	**$ 7,525**
Deficit:	**$ 2,275**

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

You gave $1,170 in the second collection to help defray the cost and maintenance of the flower gardens at the Church and Chapel. Thank you.

This weekend there is a second collection for Promoting the Gospel which supports Catholic Human Development and Catholic Communications to assist those in poverty. Thanks for your support.

Please write your checks payable to St. Christine's with Promoting the Gospel written on the memo line.

Live Streaming Masses on Television at Saint Christine's

You can watch Mass celebrated at Saint Christine's anytime on your computer. Go to saintchristines.org, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the You Tube link.

The following Masses will be streamed on:

Sunday, June 27th	**11:00 am**
Saturday, July 3rd	**5:00 pm**

You may also watch previous Sunday Masses on Marshfield Cable TV on:

Comcast ch. 13 and Verizon ch. 34

Monday, 8:30 pm	**Tuesday, 7:00 am**
Thursday, 9:00 pm	**Friday, 11:00 am**

Church Air Conditioning: Now that the warmer weather has arrived, we will be using the air conditioning at Saint Christine's Church. Just wanted to let you know in case you wish to bring a sweater if the cooler air bothers you.

Laptop Give Away Program

If you or someone you know has an extra laptop computer, please consider donating your computer to the Marshfield Senior Center. They 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

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WEEKLY SCRIPTURES & THOUGHTS
For the Parish Family of Saint Christine

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 20, 2021

I Reading **JB 38:1, 8-11**

The Lord addressed Job out of the storm and said:
Who shut within doors the sea,
when it burst forth from the womb;
when I made the clouds its garment
and thick darkness its swaddling bands?
When I set limits for it
and fastened the bar of its door,
and said: Thus far shall you come but no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stilled!

Psalm **PS 107:23-24,25-26,28-29,30-31**

R. (1b) **Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.**

They who sailed the sea in ships,
trading on the deep waters,
These saw the works of the LORD
and his wonders in the abyss.
R. **Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.**

His command raised up a storm wind
which tossed its waves on high.
They mounted up to heaven; they sank to the depths;
their hearts melted away in their plight.
R. **Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.**

They cried to the LORD in their distress;
from their straits he rescued them,
He hushed the storm to a gentle breeze,
and the billows of the sea were stilled.
R. **Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.**

They rejoiced that they were calmed,
and he brought them to their desired haven.
Let them give thanks to the LORD for his kindness
and his wondrous deeds to the children of men.
R. **Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.**

II Reading **2 COR 5:14-17**

Brothers and sisters:
The love of Christ impels us,
once we have come to the conviction that one died for all;
therefore, all have died.
He indeed died for all,
so that those who live might no longer live for themselves
but for him who for their sake died and was raised.
Consequently, from now on we regard no one according to the flesh;
even if we once knew Christ according to the flesh,
yet now we know him so no longer.
So whoever is in Christ is a new creation:
the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come.

Alleluia, alleluia.
A great prophet has risen in our midst
God has visited his people.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel MK 4:35-41

Jesus said to the crowds:
"This is how it is with the kingdom of God;
it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land
and would sleep and rise night and day
and through it all the seed would sprout and grow,
he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields
fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in
the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the
sickle at once, for the harvest has come."\
He said, "To what shall we compare the kingdom of
God, or what parable can we use for it?
It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the
ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth.
But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the
largest of plants and puts forth large branches,
so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade."
With many such parables he spoke the word to them as
they were able to understand it. Without parables he
did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he ex-
plained everything in private.

Front Porch with God

Me: Good afternoon Jesus!
God: Ah, Good day to you as well. You sound good today.
Me: Yes, I feel good, but I still have a question
God: Great - I hope you have questions everyday - I'm here to try and answer your questions, and I love having something to pray about together.
Me: Wow…you make everything always seem like such a pleasure. You don't even know what my question is yet
God: And yet I might, but let's hear it
Me: Okay, here goes: How come you don't always answer our prayers?
God: I was hoping for something simple, but you've given me a huge question. I guess my answer to that question has 2 parts. The first is that you will not always understand my ways. For instance, you might ask for pain to go away, and I might answer that question by comforting you in death. You might not have been looking for that answer, but yet it is an answer.
Me: I guess I understand what you mean. I certainly cannot know all that you know and see.
God: Well, I'm glad you at least give me that!!
Me: I hope that didn't come across the wrong way…
God: No worries…I'm just giving you a hard time
Me: Okay, that makes me feel a bit better. Now, you said there were 2 parts to your answer?
God: Yes. Part 2 is that you might not like my answer and feel that I did not answer your prayers. If my answer is "No" - well, who wants to be told 'no'? Nobody. But sometimes my answer has to be 'no' - if someone is praying to win the lottery? Sorry, that's not a place I am going for you. You pray for me to make your life a certain way? My answer is 'no' perhaps if you already have all the blessings you need but just don't use those blessings, perhaps ignore them or take them for granted. You have the power to make your life that way, and yet turn and say to me "will you do it please so that I don't have to work at it?". Sorry, but my answer will be 'no' then too.
Me: So you can be tough to please sometimes?
God: Actually not true, my friend. It's you who are tough to please.
Me: So perhaps I need - we need - to change how and what we pray?
God: Not a bad idea. Some people have such hardship - pray for them and then in thanksgiving for them as well. And we don't ever have to pray for ice cream!! Let's get some.

The Spirit touches each of us differently! How have you been touched? And yes, you have been touched! Talk to the Spirit about it.

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Saturday 5:00 pm

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

Monday through Friday 9:00 am

St. Theresa's Chapel (July and August)
Sunday 8:00 and 9:30 am

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Saturday - 4:00 to 4:45 pm

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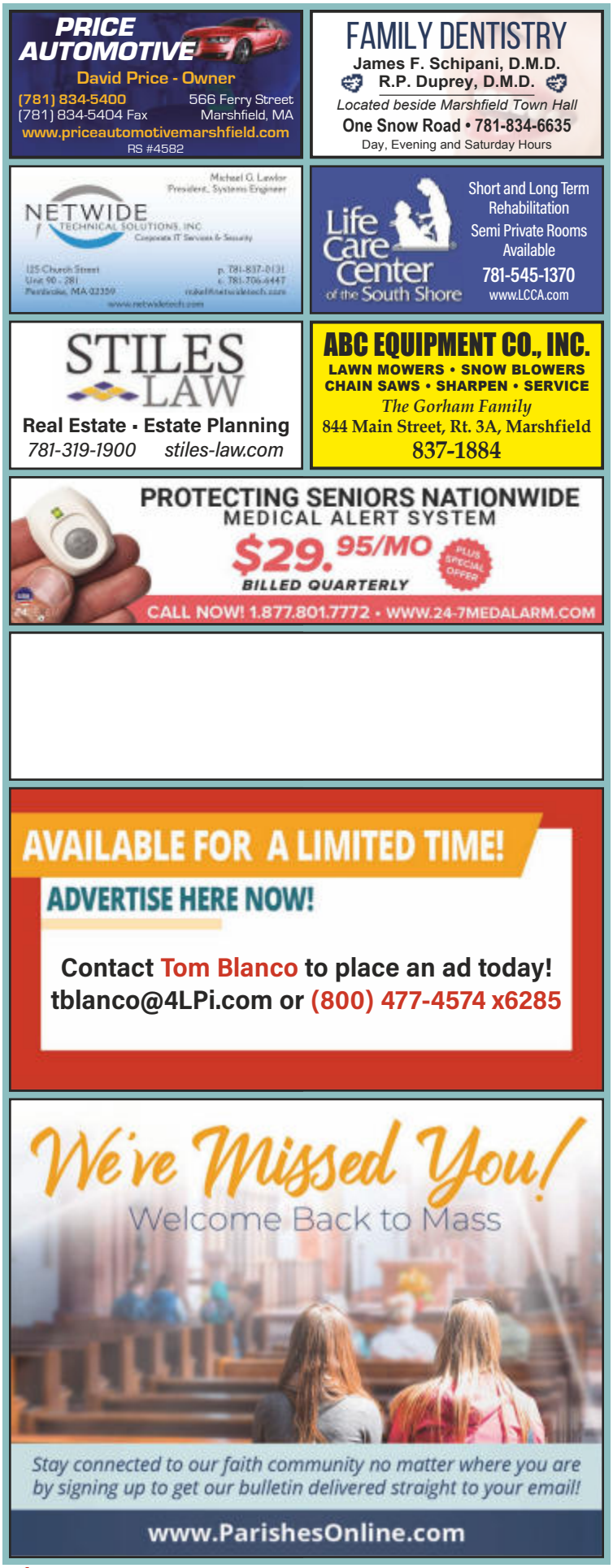

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