St. Christine's Parish Family

1295 Main Street, Marshfield, MA 02050

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 20
5:00 pm Alice and Clarence Wood - Memorial
Sunday, April 21
7:00 am Fr. George Connolly - 35th Anniversary
9:30 am Regina DaPrato - 10th Anniversary
11:00 am Agnes Pomroy - Birthday Remembrance
Monday, April 22
9:00 am Jennifer - Healing
Tuesday, April 23
9:00 am Forrest Murphy - 3rd Anniversary
Wednesday, April 24
9:00 am The Clancy Family - Memorial
Thursday, April 25
9:00 am Available
Friday, April 26
9:00 am Available
Saturday, April 27
5:00 pm Pat Davis - 3rd Anniversary
Sunday, April 28
7:00 am Available
9:30 am Sister Helen Rosarie - Memorial
11:00 am Irene Heffernan - Memorial

Fourth Sunday of Easter

"I am the good shepherd, I know mine and mine know me. We can take comfort in these words of Jesus from today's gospel. Jesus knows every one of us, and cares for and about us, but what about the second part of that statement? Do we know him as well as he knows us? Are we committed to developing/nurturing our relationship with Jesus Knowing Jesus and recognizing his voice takes a discerning heart. Through our friendship with him, we realize that he companions us in all that we do. We have the promise of Christ's presence as we go out to others and share the "Good News." Take time this week in prayer to listen to the voice of our Good Shepherd and ask for the grace to be responsive to His call.

Clergy Health and Retirement Trust

Thank you to all who contributed to the Clergy Benefit Trust Collection on Easter. The Clergy Benefit Trust provides programs and support to care for the health and well being of all active and senior diocesan priests in good standing. By making a donation to the Clergy Benefit Trust, you are helping to ensure that our active priests receive the care needed to continue their important work and the senior priests have support and access to quality health care. This collection is a critical source of funding for the Clergy Benefit Trust and your generosity is greatly appreciated. If you were unable to make a donation last week, you can still contribute to the Clergy Benefit Trust at www.clergytrust.org. On behalf of all the priests in the Archdiocese of Boston, thank you for your generosity.

Catholic Women Today and Tomorrow

You are invited to join us for a contemporary reflection on Sister Joan Chittister's book "The Ten Commandments: Laws of the Heart." Sister Joan's DVD and guided book discussions will continue on Wednesday morning, April 24th from 9:30 am to 11:00 am in the parish hall. Her book may be purchased for $15. Please call Jeanne Dominic at 781-267-4511 if you have any questions or for more information.

$ 5,000 Drawing Fund Raiser
PLUS
Five Cash Prizes $ 100 each
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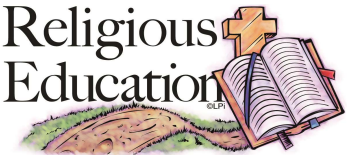
Tickets for $5,000 Drawing are on sale in the foyer of the church after all the Masses this weekend. Tickets are $50 each. The winning Drawing will take place on Saturday, May 25th at 6:00 pm followed by a Buffet Pasta Dinner in the parish hall. For more information, please call Audrey at 617-686-8978.

Fourth Sunday of Easter



Classes will resume on Monday, April 22nd.

Pre-K to Grade 5:
Final classes for students who meet on Wednesday and Thursday will take place this week.
Last Sunday class is April 28th.

Grade 3
There will be special Mass for our third grade students and their families on Saturday, April 27th in the church followed by an Ice Cream Social in the parish hall. All students and their families are encouraged to attend.

Grade 4: Marian Prayer service
Our fourth grade students will meet on Friday, April 26th at 4:15 pm for the Marian Prayer Service. This Prayer Service is their last class.

Grade 9 Confirmation
The last class for our ninth grade students will take place on Sunday, April 28th at 5:00 pm followed by Mass celebrated at 6:00 pm. Parents and parishioners are welcome.

Prayers for our First Communicants
Over the next few weeks, our second graders will receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. Cards with the children's names will be placed on the bulletin boards at the entrances of the church. Please take a card home with you and make a commitment to pray for one of our little ones and his/her family during this important time of preparation for First Holy Communion.

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.

Religious Gifts for First Holy Communion and Confirmation
The Glastonbury Abbey Book Store in Hingham has a large selection of wonderful First Communion and Confirmation cards and gifts. For more information and store hours, please call the Book Store at 781-749-2155 ext. 210.

Catholic Women Today and Tomorrow
We wish to thank all our parishioners for their support of our fundraiser - "SOUPS ON!" We sold 200 jars of soup. Through your support and generosity, we are able to award 3 scholarships for our graduating high school seniors. We greatly appreciate all your participation in our "Women's Group" projects throughout the year.

Community Food Support Program
Our Family Ministry became aware of some families in our community facing challenging times and we would like to help them via a Meal Support Program. For instance, there is a young mother with a husband and two children who is fighting cancer and has been placed in Hospice. There are three children who are being raised by their great grandmother because their mother and grandmother have passed away. This program would show kindness and support to families that are suffering or facing difficult challengers. We would like to deliver one meal each week to these families to lessen their cross. To proceed, we need parishioners to commit to providing one meal month. Meals could be cooked at home, restaurant take out or restaurant gift cards. If you can help in any way, please call Dana at 617-270-6054.

Moms and Tots Play Group will meet on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 am to 11:00 am in the parish hall. Moms with little ones can meet, share experiences and develop new friendships while the Tots have social playtime together. Coffee and snacks for Moms and Tots are welcome. For more information, please email Rosemary Cullivan at rcullivan5@gmail.com or call 617-512-9112. Join us!!!

Cori Form
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires all volunteers at Saint Christine's to fill out an annual Cori Form. Forms are available in the rectory and the sacristy. Please come by the rectory and fill out a form. You may also take a form home with you, fill it out and return it to the rectory either in person or by mail. Picture ID is required. Thank you for your cooperation.

Online Giving

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 or scan the QR code. If you need any assistance, please call the rectory at 781-834-6003 ext 11. We will be happy to help you.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION **April 13/14**

Budgeted Goal:	**$ 9,800**
Received	**$ 4,011**
On-Line Giving:	**$ 2,750**
Total:	**$ 6,761**
Deficit: $	**$ 3,039**

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

Marshfield Food Pantry needs donations 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 mornings from 10:00 am to 12 noon and Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Thank you for your generous support.

We would like to thank our fourth graders who shared their and hearts with our elderly parishioners with prayer and yard clean-up. We are very proud of our fourth graders efforts and holy acts.

Needed: There is a family in need of kitchen cabinets, counter tops and kitchen sink. If you are doing a kitchen renovation, please consider donating these items and call Dana at 617-270-6054. Thank you!

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 underwear, socks, food cards and gift cards to local stores. Also needed are bedding, sheets, towels, and house wares. (no electrical items) Located on the corner of Route 139 and School Street, the Clothing Bank is open on Thursday and Saturday from 10 am to 12 noon to receive and distribute clothing. Any Marshfield resident may shop monthly for free. Please call Sowing Seeds at 781-837-3337 if you need assistance.

A "Thinking of You" Ministry

All parishioners are invited to come and make handcrafted cards for our parishioners who are in need of a happy greeting. We will meet on Friday, May 3rd, in the parish hall after the 9:00 am Mass. All supplies will be provided. Please call Eileen Shacochis at 781-834-4097 for more information. Join us!

St. Christine's Grand Annual Collection

Last year:	**$ 123,000**
Total Received:	**$ 88,639**

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish.

Live-Streaming Masses at Saint Christine's

You can watch Mass celebrated at Saint Christine's anytime on your computer. Go to saintchrsitine.org, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the You Tube link. The following Masses will be streamed on:

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Saturday, May 4th **5:00 pm**

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WEEKLY SCRIPTURES & THOUGHTS
For the Parish Family of Saint Christine

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 21, 2024

Reading **Acts 4:8-12**

Peter realizes that it was not he that healed the cripple, but through the power of the Holy Spirit that he was healed. How are we involved in the greatest miracle of all?

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said: "Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. *He is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.* There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."

Psalm **PS 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 2**

David gives thanks to the Lord for unifying Israel under his rule. He encourages Israel to look to God and not to man. Who is the cornerstone and what is our part in this building?

R. **The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone**
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.
R. **The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone**
I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.
R. **The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone**
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; we bless you from the house of the LORD. I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his kindness endures forever.
R. **The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone**

Reading **1 JN 3:1-2**

What is it that separates us from the rest of the world? How do we become children of God? Ponder when we all should see Jesus.

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins,
and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Those who say, "I know him," but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

Alleluia **Jn 10:14**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel **Jn 10:11-18**

We know who "mine" are, but who are the "other sheep that do not belong to this fold"? Jesus says that he lays his life for us and that we do not take it from him. What does this mean?

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them
in the breaking of bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost.
Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled?
And why do questions arise in your hearts?
Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself.
Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, He asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?"They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled."Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Some Thoughts: Do you know the story of the "Three Little Pigs?" I just love that story. The story begins with the mother pig sending her three little ones out into the world to make their fortune. The first little pig built himself a house of straw, the second little pig built a house of sticks, and the third little pig built a house of bricks. the big, bad wolf went to the first little pig's house and knocked on the door. "Little pig, little pig, let me in," he said. The little pig answered, "Not by the hair on my chinny chin chin."

"Then I'll huff, and I'll puff, and I'll blow your house in," replies the wolf. The first little pig's house of straw was not very strong, so the wolf easily blew it down and the little pig ran to safety at the second little pig's house.

The wolf went to the second little pig's house and knocked on the door. "Little pig, little pig, let me in." The little pig answers, "Not by the hair on my chinny chin chin.""Then I'll huff, and I'll puff, and I'll blow your house in," replies the wolf. The second little pig's house of sticks was not very strong, so the wolf blew it down and the two little pigs ran to their brother's house.

The wolf went to the third little pig's house and knocked on the door. "Little pig, little pig, let me in."The little pig answers, "Not by the hair on my chinny chin chin." "Then I'll huff, and I'll puff, and I'll blow your house in," replies the wolf.

No matter how hard he tried, the wolf could not blow the brick house down! The wolf decided to go down the chimney, but the three little pigs had a pot of boiling water. "Yeow!" cried the wolf. Having outsmarted the big, bad wolf, the three little pigs begin to sing: Who's afraid of the big bad wolf
Big bad wolf, big bad wolf?
Who's afraid of the big bad wolf?
Tra la la la la

There have been many stories written about a big, bad wolf. You have probably heard about "Little Red Riding Hood," "Peter and the Wolf," and "The Boy Who Cried Wolf," but did you know that Jesus once told a story about a big, bad wolf? In the story that Jesus told, there is a good shepherd -- that's Jesus, a hired hand, a flock of sheep -- that's us, and a wolf -- that's Satan. This is the story of "The Good Shepherd.""I am the good shepherd," Jesus said. "The good shepherd gives his life for his sheep. A hired hand will run away when he sees a wolf coming, because the sheep don't belong to him and he doesn't really care about them. When the hired hand runs away, the wolf will attack and scatter the sheep."

"I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me -- just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. I will lay down my life for my sheep."

Jesus is the good shepherd and we are his sheep. He knows his sheep and he loves them. He will protect them when Satan tries to harm them. When we put our trust in the good shepherd, we can say, "Who's afraid of the big, bad wolf?".

Front Porch with God

Me: Good afternoon Father - how are you today?
God: Well, I am having a good day - not perfect, mind you, but a good day
Me: What's not so perfect?
God: My friend - have you looked around? Do you hear the news?
Me: Oh, okay. All that. I hear you…and I hear all that. Sometimes I just try to tune it all out
God: Oh, how I wish I could. You are all my flock - I'm your shepherd and I am to care of you but…
Me: …but why don't you just make it all okay? I know I've said this before - sometimes in anger - but 'You're God!' - why don't you just make it all okay?
God: Well, I did. And then you - not just *you* but the collective you - fell victim to money and temptation and jealousy and envy and on and on. You prioritized and abandoned what I gave you.
Me: Are you saying you failed?
God: No - I gave you all the ingredients for one perfect day after another
Me: So we failed
God: Well, I would not say that you failed, but I would say that you have not fully succeeded either
Me: As much as I want to argue with you, I know you're right and I can't
God: Listen, I love a good argument - sometimes they can be fun and really help solve some problems. But of the kind that you talk about - where you're defensive just to justify your ways, there's no sense in having that argument
Me: Nope, guess not
God: …and so you will all wait until my judgment to find out whether you won or lost that argument
Me: Ouch! I think we forget about that
God: I'm sure you do. But as your good shepherd, I am praying to keep safe as many as I can.
Me: And we better get on board
God: Yes…get on board. I do not want to lose any of you. But it *is* your choice.

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Saturday 5:00 pm

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

Monday through Friday 9:00 am

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Saturday - 4:00 to 4:45 pm

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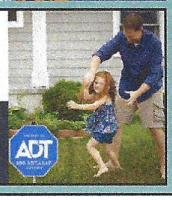

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