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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

“Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” - Jn 20: 27

April 7, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 6

5:00 pm Terry Gorman - Birthday Remembrance

Sunday, April 7

7:00 am Tom Lester - Month's Mind

9:30 am Patrick Hoarty - Memorial
Helen McGroghean - Memorial

11:00 am Sister Anna O'Leary - Memorial
Catherine O'Leary - Memorial

Rev. Daniel O'Leary - Birthday Remembrance

Monday, April 8

9:00 am James N. Finucane - Memorial

Tuesday, April 9 through Friday, April 12

9:00 am Novena of Masses

Saturday, April 13

5:00 pm Catherine Hapenny - Anniversary

Sunday, April 14

7:00 am Available

9:30 am Dean Andersen - Birthday Remembrance

11:00 am James Vincent - Memorial

A Novena of Masses in memory of our deceased loves ones will take place at the 9:00 am Mass on Tuesday, April 9th through Friday, April 19th.

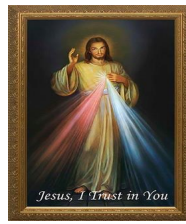
Divine Mercy Sunday Second Sunday of Easter

The readings today give us clear description of what our parishes are to be and how we are to live as disciples. In the reading from Acts, the author describes the life of the disciples in this way: "The community of believers were of one heart and mind. They bore witness to Christ." Does this describe our parish, our community of believers? Is unity a hallmark of our community? Our efforts at strengthening our community and living faithfully as disciples may at times leave us feeling discouraged and doubtful, Jesus words in today's gospel urge us to keep believing in him, even when our faith is weak. May we take comfort in Jesus words, "Blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe."



Thank you to all 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. Thank you!!!



This Sunday, April 7th, 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 are. 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, we will come to share His joy.

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



Clergy Health and Retirement Trust

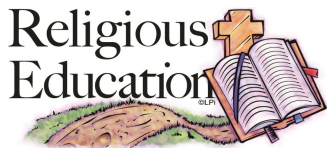
Thank you to all who contributed to the Clergy Benefit Trust Collection on Easter. The Clergy Benefit Trust provides programs and support to care for the health and well being of all active and senior diocesan priests in good standing. By making a donation to the Clergy Benefit Trust, you are helping 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 & Tomorrow

will sponsor a "Day of Reflection" entitled "Visiting With God" through the eyes of Saint Francis, Meister Eckhart and Teresa of Avila on Thursday, April 11th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Cedar Hill Retreat House in Duxbury. A \$30 donation which includes lunch is requested. Sign-up is available in the foyer of the church. Please email Jeanne Dominic at mjdsmed@aol.com or call 781-267-4511 if you have any questions. Join us!

Divine Mercy Sunday



School Vacation Week

There will be no Faith Formation classes from Sunday, April 14th through Thursday, April 18th. Classes will resume on Monday, April 22nd.

Saint Christine's Scholarships 2024

This is your last opportunity to fill out a scholarship form. Application packets for any graduating high school senior who is a member of our parish are now due. If you attend Marshfield High School, all forms are done on-line through Scholarship Booklet. **Completed forms with a photo and required essay must be returned now.**

If you are interested in remembering a family member or friend by honoring them with a scholarship in their name, please contact Father Mario at the rectory.

Grade 10 Confirmation: Class will take place this Sunday, April 7th at 5:00 pm with Mass celebrated at 6:00 pm. Parents and parishioners are welcome.

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.

Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham has a wonderful selection of religious gifts for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. For more information and store hours, please call 781-749-2155 ext. 210.

Catholic Women Today and Tomorrow invites you to join us for a contemporary reflection on Joan Chittister's book "The Ten Commandments, Laws of the Heart." Our guided book discussions will meet on Wednesday mornings beginning on April 17th from 9:30 am to 11:00 am in the parish hall and her book may be purchased for \$20. Please call Jeanne Dominic at 781-267-4511 if you have any questions.

St. Christine's Grand Annual Collection

Last year: \$123,000

Total Received: \$ 86,359

Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

Catholic Appeal 2024

We recognize that many of you may be navigating your own financial challenges but we ask for your prayerful consideration of a gift to the 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 yet made a contribution, you can donate on-line at www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org/donate-now. Your participation in the Catholic 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.

\$ 5,000 Drawing Fund Raiser

Tickets for our \$5,000 Fund Raiser will be on sale this weekend, April 6th and April 7th in the foyer of the church after all the Masses. Tickets will cost \$50 each. For additional information, please call Audrey at 617-686-8978.

Rice Bowls helps those in need throughout the world. Please return your Rice Bowls to the church or rectory as soon as possible.

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!!!



THANK YOU: We wish to extend a sincere thank you to all our parishioners who volunteered their time and effort to make Holy Week and Easter services great moments of grace. Thank you to our Choir for their beautiful music. Thank you to our Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Ushers, all those behind the scenes and our facility manager for decorating the church and parish hall so beautiful for Holy Week and Easter. A special word of gratitude goes to those who participated in our liturgies. We are most grateful to all.



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 help, please call the rectory at 781-834-6003.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION March 24 - 31

Palm Sunday \$ 9,233

Good Friday \$ 767

Easter Collection: \$ 10,597

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



Our Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet this Sunday, April 7th in the Children's Room from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm. For beginners who wish to learn to knit and/or crochet, we are ready and willing to teach you. Please call Maryellen Mastriani at 781-834-3420 or Mary Belsan at 781-834-4308 for more information. All are welcome to join us.



A "Thinking of You" Ministry

All parishioners are invited to come and make handcrafted cards for parishioners who are in need of a happy greeting. We will meet on Friday, April 19th, in the parish hall after the 9:00 am Mass. Please call Eileen Shacochis at 781-834-4097 for additional information. This ministry is for everyone. Join us!

Open House at Sacred Heart School in Weymouth Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 4

On Thursday, April 11th at 7:00 pm, you are invited to an Open House and a tour of the school. Meet faculty members, staff and current students. The Admission Team will be available to answer all your questions. For more information, please call 781-335-6010.

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Cori Form

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires all volunteers at Saint Christine's to fill out an annual Cori Form. Forms are available at the rectory and the sacristy. Please come by the rectory and fill out a form. Or 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.



Sowing Seeds Clothing Bank

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 linens such as bedding, towels, comforters, 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. Thank you.

Gluten Free Hosts are available for our parishioners. Please go into the sacristy before Mass and inform the priest that you need a gluten free host. One will be placed on the altar for you.

Live Streaming Masses

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 YouTube link. Masses will be streamed on:

Sunday, April 14th 11:00 am
Saturday, April 20th 5:00 pm



Pray the Rosary

A public Rosary will be prayed on Saturday, April 13th at noon in front of the Marshfield Police Station on Ocean Street. Please join us in praying for Our Lady's intentions, our own intentions and for our country. Hope to see you there!!!

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WEEKLY SCRIPTURES & THOUGHTS
For the Parish Family of Saint Christine



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 7, 2024

Reading

Acts 4:32-35

What a beautiful way to live! Many times to live as such, but breaks down How we put our faith in others.

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

Psalm

Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

How do these people have "His mercy endure(ing) forever"? It's through faith in Him. We all know that Jesus is that cornerstone, but who were the builders? Alleluia!

Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever." Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever."

Let those who fear the LORD say, "His mercy endures forever."

R. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.

I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me.

My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just:

R. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.

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

R. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Reading

1 John 5:1-6

Beloved:

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God,

and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him.

In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments.

For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments.

And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world.

And the victory that conquers the world is our faith.

Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

Alleluia

Jn 20:29

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; Blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

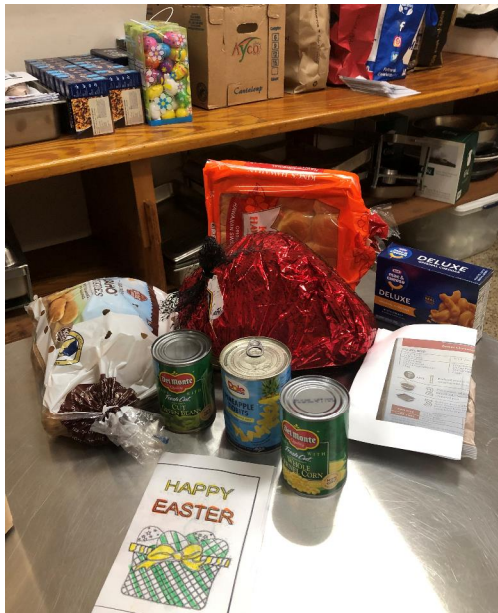
Jn 20:19-31

The Church is formed. The Holy Spirit has been received! Do you need to see the holes in Jesus to believe? How is it that so many of believe?

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail-marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

Easter Meals 2024

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped to make this a successful project. We also thank all those who made generous donations.



Front Porch with God

Me: Good Morning Fatherí

God: And good morning to you my friendí you seem troubled. What's going on?

Me: Well, I'm feeling sad for Thomas, maybe a little confused about Thomas. Not sure how exactly I'm feeling

God: Probably not an unusual feeling - just a guess

Me: Well, you're right - as usual. But I think I'm confused by what's being portrayed in *The Chosen* for Thomas, and what I'm hearing in the gospel

God: Well keep in mind, *The Chosen*, as wonderful as it is - and it is, *everyone* should watch this program - is allowed to take literary and artistic license. And they do they do a great job with that, but the writers of the gospels did not have that full liberty

Me: I know. I get thatí

God:í and you've had the benefit of 2000 years of teaching that this is all what to believe. Those at the time were in the moment.

Me: Not so so easy for them. Any of them, not just Thomas

God: Absolutely correct. And so, where does this leave you?

Me: Well, I guess having doubt from time to time is going to happení

God:í this is true

Me: And maybe anger or frustration too? That one I'm not quite sure about

God: I understandí but you are correct. You will be confused or frustrated from time to time

Me: í because you're not very clear about í

God:í no, that's not why

Me: Excuse me? Then why?

God: Because other humans have had their say, their interpretation of what this all means. And they do not always get it right

Me: Not sure ifí

God: í you're made to feel guilty if you do not understand, or do not comply with a rule or guideline of behavior or practice

Me: Yeahí I thought that's what we're supposed to do to practice our religion

God: Please don't confuse faith with religion, or vice versa. I prefer faith, and that's between you and me.

Me: I do like that idea. I have felt very close to your Son, especially this past Lent. I even felt him put his arm around me at one point!

God: That's beautiful!

Me: It was í beyond what I could describe.

God: And *that* is what is so important - I wish everyone would seek out out that relationship with my Son

Me: I'm going to keep on working on it, I promise

God: Greatí and I will keep my promise to you as well

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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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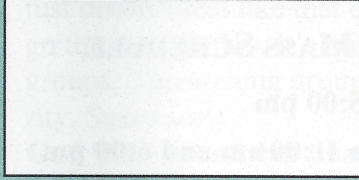
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