

## **Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden**

**January 8, 2017: The Epiphany Of The Lord**

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40 Brattle Street Worcester, MA 01606

Parish Office: 508-853-0183

[www.saintgeorgesparish.org](http://www.saintgeorgesparish.org)

**Office Hours:**

Monday & Wednesday 9:00AM to 5:00PM

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00AM to 4:00PM

**Parish Staff:**

*It is our privilege to serve you.*

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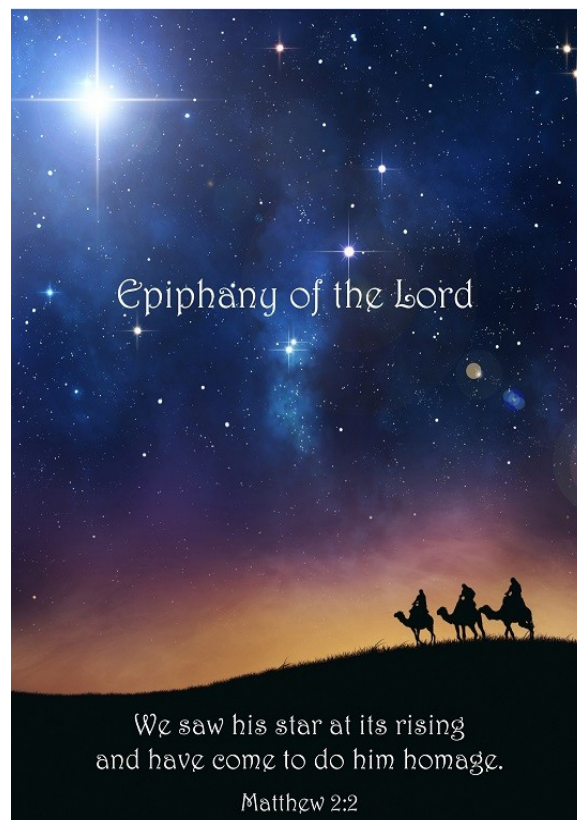
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# **St. George Catholic Church**

For information regarding Pastoral Care of the Sick, Marriage Preparation, Confirmation, and Ministry Involvement, we invite you to call the Parish Office.

**Baptism Information:** Please contact the Parish Office at 508-853-0183 or email: [stgeooffice@gmail.com](mailto:stgeooffice@gmail.com)

**Eucharist Celebrated:**

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

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

Monday through Friday at 8:00 AM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday 3:00 to 3:30 PM and  
by appointment

***Parish Mission Statement***

We, the parish community of St George, celebrate the welcoming presence of Christ in our lives. Together with the universal Church, we are nourished and sustained through the Mystery of the Holy Eucharist, and we are inspired by the proclamation of the Word, guided by the Holy Spirit. We continually seek to grow in a deeper understanding of our faith, to respect the sanctity of human life, and respond to what Jesus asks of us in our time by sharing our gifts and participating in parish activities and outreach to others.

***A Community of Ministries, January 8, 2017***

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### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, January 7:** Vigil  
4:00 PM For those suffering from mental illness  
**Sunday, January 8: The Epiphany Of The Lord**  
7:30 AM In memory of Anne & Ray Zukowski  
9:00 AM Memorial for Natalie O'Laughlin by Mary Neilan  
11:00 AM Memorial for Cecelia Laconte by children & grandchildren  
1:00 PM Sacrament of Baptism  
**Monday, January 9: The Baptism of the Lord**  
8:00 AM For the Community of St. George  
**Tuesday, January 10:**  
8:00 AM Memorial for Clare Menezes by the Ajbani family  
**Wednesday, January 11:**  
8:00 AM Memorial for Ernesto Ponce Arauz by the Parker family  
**Thursday, January 12:**  
8:00 AM Memorial for Anthony Laconte by the children & grandchildren  
**Friday, January 13: St. Hilary**  
8:00 AM Special Intention  
**Saturday, January 14:** Vigil  
4:00 PM 2nd Anniversary for Florence Montville by the Levis family  
**Sunday, January 15: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
7:30 AM For the Community of St. George  
9:00 AM Memorial for Natalie O'Laughlin by Priests & Staff of St. George's  
11:00 AM Memorial for Lori Maloney, Erin & Katelin By the Paulin family

### Bulletin Deadlines

<u>Weekend of</u>	<u>Due to parish</u>
January 22	Wednesday, Jan. 11
January 29	Wednesday, Jan. 18
February 5	Wednesday, Jan. 25

Items must be submitted by 5:00 PM on the due date. Email items to [stgeooffice@gmail.com](mailto:stgeooffice@gmail.com), or fax to the Rectory.

### Altar Ministries

We are thankful to the Altar Servers and Ministers of Holy Communion from TEAM A who will serve at our Masses next weekend.

### Attention Parents of Young Children

The Church building is open to all. We ask that parents of young children to please accompany them at all times. Thank you.

### Parish Calendar

**Saturday, January 7:**  
8:00 PM AA Hall  
**Sunday, January 8:**  
8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall  
9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St. George Rm  
9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Confr Rm  
9:00 AM Confirmation Mass & Meeting Church/Center  
10:00 AM Men's Club Meeting Confr Rm  
6:00 AM Religious Ed Gr. 6-9 Hall/Center  
**Monday, January 9:**  
4:15 PM Religious Education Gr. 1-6 Center  
5:30 PM Yoga Hall  
7:00 PM Youth Music Ministry Choir Loft  
7:00 PM Pieta Confr Rm  
**Tuesday, January 10:**  
10:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Hall  
4:15 PM Religious Education Gr. 1-6 Center  
6:00 PM Weight Loss Group Center  
7:00 PM Faith Sharing Group Confr Rm  
**Wednesday, January 11:**  
6:30 PM Daughters of Isabella Hall  
7:00 PM Faith Sharing Group Confr Rm  
**Thursday, January 12:**  
6:30 PM Family Prayer Church  
**Friday, January 13:**  
9:30 AM Faith Sharing Group Center  
**Saturday, January 14:**  
8:00 PM AA Hall  
5:15 PM Faith Formation Ministry Meeting Confr Rm  
**Sunday, January 15:**  
8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall  
9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St. George Rm  
9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Confr Rm

### Scripture for the week of January 8, 2017

8	SUN	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
9	Mon	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17
10	Tue	Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12/ Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
11	Wed	Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39
12	Thu	Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45
13	Fri	Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12
14	Sat	Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17
15	SUN	Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34



### Free Donut Tickets for Children's Liturgy

The Men's Club will be offering "Free Donut Tickets" to all participants to the "Children's Liturgy" during the 9:00 AM Mass *this* Sunday. The children will be given the tickets while at the Liturgy to be redeemed after Mass. Best Wishes to our young Catholics.

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### Weekend of Jan. 1, 2017

Total Weekly Ordinary: \$6,391.20

Thank you for your support!

### *Eucharist and Prayers for the Sick*

Please: Call to let us know if a family member or neighbor is hospitalized, homebound or ill. We can arrange to visit and bring Eucharist. Remember that due to HIPAA regulations, unless you allow the hospital or health care institution to release information and list St. George's as your religious affiliation, we are not told that you are a patient. We call the area hospitals each week to see if any of our parishioners are hospitalized. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

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### Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for January

During the month of January, Pope Francis has asked that all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

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### "Ordinary Time" Begins this Tuesday

The Christmas Season ends on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which is this Monday January 9, 2017. This Tuesday, "Ordinary Time" begins again. Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word ordinalis, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word ordo, from which we get the English word order.

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### Second Collection

*This* weekend, the annual Catholic University of America collection will be taken up at all Masses. Thank you for your generosity.

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*A Christian Steward receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with all, and returns them with increase to the Lord.*

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### *From Your Pastor*

In his *Daily Reflections for Advent & Christmas*, Bishop Robert Morneau writes that "in our faith life we are called through baptism to adoration, communion and cooperation." Adoration follows from a revelation of God, an epiphany in which we see goodness, beauty and truth and respond in worship. Communion speak of the oneness and unity we have with God and each other, while cooperation is the way we work with God, using the gifts he makes available to us. On this Solemnity of our Lord's Epiphany, may we pray in Bishop Morneau's words:

Jesus, Prince of Peace and Lord of Life, help me to see the mystery of your Father's love and mercy. Make manifest to us what we must do to be true disciples. Grant us the grace of loving adoration, of blessed communion and of dedicated service. May we give you the gift of ourselves. Amen.

Year 2017 Calendars are available for anyone who wants one.

*Fr. Niccolls*

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### *Coffee Shop*

January 15, 2017  
Mark Viens: 774-262-0309



All men are invited to join the Men's Club...be part of a Coffee Shop Team to serve every 9 weeks. Contact Jim Sanford at 508-852-0293.

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### *Men's Club Meeting*

The monthly Men's Club meeting will be held *this* Sunday, January 8, in the Conference Room after the 9:00 AM Mass. Men's Club members and parish staff are welcome to attend. The coffee is on us!!!

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### Operation Ranger Rosary

Operation Ranger Rosary is putting a rosary into the hands of every member of the U.S. Armed Forces around the globe who wants one. Operation Ranger Rosary will hold their next meeting on **January 14 from 1 to 3 p.m.**, Phelan Center behind Blessed Sacrament Church, Worcester. Come find out how you can be part of this ministry.

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### ***Religious Education***

"Growing Together in Faith"

Sarah Kelly, Administrator - 508-852-1784  
Email : [sarah.Kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:sarah.Kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org)

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### **Christmas Break**

Classes will resume on Monday, January 9th and Tuesday, January 10th.

### **Upcoming 2nd Grade Events**

The First Reconciliation Retreat is coming up on Saturday, January 21st at 2:30pm and the First Reconciliation will take place on Saturday, January 28at 10:00 AM. More information to follow.

### **Emails**

Information for religious education is posted here in the bulletin, on our parish website [www.saintgeorgesparish.org/religious-education](http://www.saintgeorgesparish.org/religious-education) and through email. Please let Sarah Kelly know at [sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org) if you are not receiving emails. Thank you!

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### **Religious Education Grades 6-9**

Kevin Browne, Coordinator 508-450-2512  
E-mail : [kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org)

### **The 2nd semester grades 6-9 begins tonight!**

Our January classes will take place on January 8th and January 29th (with a pizza party).

*See you tonight at 6:00 pm!*

Visit our new parish web site to see photos of the interactive lessons, music, prayer and snack time.

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### **Room for Christ**

"It is no use saying that we are born 2000 years too late to give room to Christ...Christ is always with us, always asking for room in our hearts. But now it is with the .. heart of anyone in need that He longs for shelter. And giving shelter or food to anyone who asks for it, or needs it, is giving it to Christ."

Dorothy Day (1897—1980)

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### ***Consider Joining Our Community of Ministries***

*Call or e-mail the Parish Office today to check out the many possibilities.*

*We have something for everyone!*

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### **Mustard Seed Christmas Party Thanks**

To Ann Luring and Andy Labrecque: The truck load of gifts which you transported to the Mustard Seed was an amazing sight ! So many bags of toys to spread Christmas joy!

To Nancy Forhan and Kathy Hessel for hosting in the kitchen. The fruit, punch, milk, cake and pizza was enjoyed by more than 50 family visitors!

To the Walsh Family Team: to your six member team for helping to distribute gifts to families and then even transporting more gifts to be sent to other families in need. Your kind and careful support was wonderful! I look forward to our continuing conversation on creative responses to the world of poverty.

To Bob and Marie Morris: You shared your Christmas spirit with families and volunteers alike. Your hospitality helped to make us all merry! Clean up and transporting the children's tables and chairs was an additional kindness at the end of the busy day.

To Kevin Cusack for Christmas Carols. Hearing the name of Jesus sung in that room was heartwarming.

To the Brodeur Family for your presence among us. Marta was so wonderful to work so skillfully at the Craft Table!

To Patty Johnson for your calm attentiveness to the children and to Mark for drop off and pick up.

To John Doyle - for late night preparation support, food and supply pick ups and most especially for loving kindness so abundantly given to your wife!

To Ann, Luke, and Jim Luring for the gift redistribution effort ! The Urban Missionaries of Our Lady were so happy to be receiving the extra Christmas gifts for families with children in need.

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### **Help families who are on the brink of homelessness and continue to honor Matt Ryan**

Stop by our church hall after Mass on Sundays and buy a Hope for Housing caring card. You receive the full face value of the card in the amount you choose. The stores - CVS, Panera Bread, Dunkin Donuts and local grocery stores - donate up to 5% of that amount to "Hope For Housing" to assist the most vulnerable; children with families in crisis. You can make a little bit of Christmas happen any day of the year!

Call Sue Genereux 508-829-5776 or email her at [WaysideATQ@aol.com](mailto:WaysideATQ@aol.com) for more information.





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### **Baptism**

Last year the community of St. George welcomed fifteen new Catholic Christians.

Through the waters of Baptism

God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ gave to these new members, new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and welcomed them into his holy people.

This Sacrament of welcome is open to everyone. The next set of Baptism Preparation sessions will be held later this month. For registration, please contact Annie Doyle at the Rectory Office at 508-853-0183 or at [annie@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:annie@saintgeorgesparish.org).

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### **Gentle Yoga**

Mondays 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM in Church Hall

**Gentle Yoga** focuses on a relaxed pace and gentler approach to yoga postures. Classes will also include breathing and guided relaxation. Gentle yoga helps with flexibility, strength and well-being while relaxing your mind, increasing your energy, and reducing stress. For beginners and experienced students who want a slower paced, less strenuous class. For more info: [suestevens57@charter.net](mailto:suestevens57@charter.net) or 508-852-4887. Cost: Donation (Proceeds go to the Pieta Support Group for Bereaved Parents).

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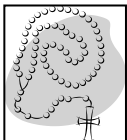


### **RCIA - Join us!**

Adults are invited to explore the idea of becoming Catholic or receiving the Sacraments of Holy Communion, Confirmation and/or Marriage. If interested call Annie Doyle at the Rectory 508-853-0183.

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### **Family Prayer Night**



Every Thursday at 6:30 PM at St. George's Church, there is a gathering of people who pray for all families. We invite you to join us.

The Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed during this time. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn to pray the Rosary.

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**Welcome to all family & friends who are worshipping here with us today.**

### **We invite adults interested in receiving Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation or the Sacrament of Marriage to learn more**

There is always more for all of us to learn about our Catholic faith.

Are you baptized Catholic or baptized into another religion but have never received any formal religious education?

Perhaps God is calling you to learn more about the Catholic faith to explore the possibility of becoming Catholic?

Are you married to a Catholic and attending Mass but you are now possibly considering becoming Catholic?

Are you an Adult Catholic who has not received the Sacraments of Holy Communion and/or Confirmation?

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### ***This Week...***

For those who are dying that they may be comforted by the love of God made manifest in their caregivers.

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### **Parish Envelopes**

If you are currently receiving parish envelopes and no longer using them please call the rectory and let us know. We are in the process of updating the envelope database so that we can minimize the costs associated with the envelopes. Thank you.

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### ***This Weekend's Stewardship Thought***

Today we remember the three wise men from the East Who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts we bring - our time, service, and some share of what we earn for the work we do - are equally precious in His sight.

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**If you or someone you know** – has been sexually abused by a priest, religious or lay person working for the Church, and you need a place to talk about your feeling of betrayal or hurt by the Church, call the Office of Healing and Prevention, 508-929-4363. A 24 hour confidential voicemail is available.

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When the heart is pure it cannot help loving, because it has discovered the Source of love which is God.

... St. John Vianney

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## *A Community of Ministries*



Annie Doyle - 508-853-0183  
Ext. 11  
Office hours Mon-Tue-Wed 9-5  
annie@saintgeorgesparish.org

### **Family Shelter Needs**

The Interfaith Hospitality Family Shelter on June Street is starting the new year in need of our help. They have 2 open weeks this month with no congregation hosting - January 8 through the 21st. Emails have gone out asking for parishes to chip in.

Our parish has signed up for two over-nights and an evening shift. The families are able to cook for themselves but **grocery cards are needed** so that they can shop for the food to feed everyone.

As many of you know, these cards are available after Mass in the church hall - ask for Sue and Dave. Big Y is the store closest to the shelter.

Household supplies are also needed: **Toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, dish washing liquid, hand soap and laundry soap needs are at each church exit.** These can be left in the Parish Outreach area. Many thanks for your help on such short notice.

### **Mustard Seed needs Gloves, Hats, and Socks**

The cold weather is upon us and the homeless of our city wait in line for shelter in the only city shelter available. The numbers of homeless has grown to more than double the number of beds in that shelter.

A donation of gloves, a hat, or socks would be put to good use. There is a bin in the Outreach Collection area. Many thanks to the Prayer Shawl Ministry for their prayers and donation of scarves.

Many thanks to Donna Warner as well. Donna spent endless hours knitting scarves for the homeless! Donna's kindness now adds peace and warmth to the hearts of many who live desperate, cold and lonely lives, in the chaotic world of homelessness.

### **Our Next Mustard Seed Meal**

Our next Mustard Seed Meal is Friday, January 20. As usual, the needs are posted at each church exit. We will be making a meal for 200 guests. Hot dogs, cole slaw, and fruit are on the menu.

### **THE FAMILY CONNECTION**

January 9<sup>th</sup> is the *Feast of the Baptism of the Lord*. Mark the dates of each family member's baptism on the calendar and plan to celebrate baptism days this year. Ideas for baptismal anniversaries: set up a special place in the home with the person's baptismal candle, certificate, mementos, and pictures (if available, show the video of the baptism); give godparents a call, or if they are in town, invite them for dinner; prepare a special meal and let the honored family member lead the prayer; share about the significance of the person's baptismal name; read the life of the person's patron saint. Everyone needs heroes/heroines, and good ones are hard to come by these days. What more suitable ones can we propose to children than those who have served God so faithfully? If the person has additionally been named after another family member, remember and share the qualities of that family member with each other.



### ***Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration***



The Adorers of the Perpetual Adoration Chapel wish to thank Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for these favors:

1. Jesus, may your will be done.
2. Thank you for answering my prayers.

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Our Parish Vision: To *welcome* all, build *connections* to Christ and one another, and *live our faith* as true disciples of Jesus.

### *Pietà*

Is an ongoing support group for bereaved parents. Anyone who has experienced the death of a child is welcome to attend. The next meeting will be on January 9 at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room.

Please join us.

### Join our "Community of Ministries" this year!

Help is needed to pray, listen, teach, share faith, guide, serve, host, welcome and support others.

Help is also needed to bake, cook, decorate, weed, garden, knit, sew, drive, repair, paint, file, type and much more!

Here at St. George Parish we strive to work together as a "Community of Ministries" who collaborate and cooperate with one another. It is in this spirit of humility and unity that we hope to continue to grow "as one in Christ."

Contact Annie Doyle at 508-450-4134 or [annie@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:annie@saintgeorgesparish.org) to explore some of the opportunities that will match your gifts and talents.



Youth ministry is a faith based group focused on achieving a personal relationship with God through service, music ministry and group activities.

Youth Ministry members have the opportunity to lead initiatives, bring new ideas into the

group, and build a strong foundation in faith to carry with them in discipleship as they enter into adulthood.

We invite you to visit our parish website and / or contact Kevin Cusack at [kcuse@mac.com](mailto:kcuse@mac.com)



### *Spiritual Growth Ministry*

#### Young Women's Evening Of Reflection "Womanhood...a Sacred Path"

Thursday, January 26...6:00-9:00 PM  
Church Hall

Come and join with other young women for this evening designed especially for you. The presenter will be Kathryn O'Connell Cleary, wife, mother, grandmother, spiritual director, music minister, and retreat director. There will be a light meal...time to enjoy the company of other women...hear an uplifting presentation...relish some quiet time for prayer and reflection...share with other women while enjoying dessert and coffee. *Registration will take place this Sunday, after all Masses, in the Church Hall.* For more detailed information, please check the Parish Website or talking with Sarah Kelley, Kate Bak or Andrea Berger. A \$5.00 registration is requested. As you start this new year, give yourself this wonderful opportunity to gather, celebrate and reflect on womanhood...a sacred path.

### Faith Sharing Groups

New "Quest" Reflection Books are now available. This new reflection book will be used starting the week of January 9<sup>th</sup>. You may purchase a new book from your small group facilitator or by contacting Gerrie Bak @ 508-829-5116 or JoAnn Nally @ 508-527-6973. If you would like to join a Faith Sharing Group, please speak with Fr. Niccolls, Fr. Charles, Gerrie or JoAnn. ALL ARE WELCOME. There will also be an opportunity to participate in a Faith Sharing Group for Lent ( *More Details About Lent Will Be Posted in the February Bulletins*).

### Friday Faith Sharing Groups

Friday Morning, 9:30-11:00AM. We are now in our new and *permanent* location: the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor ( Room 202) in the Parish Center. Please enter the Parish Center by the door closest to the Church...once inside, use the first set of stairs on the right to get to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. We look forward to seeing all of you!

### Spiritual Growth Ministry Team Meeting

We will be meeting on Saturday, January 14, 2017 @ 5:15PM in the Conference Room. Please let JoAnn know if you are unable to attend. Looking forward to seeing all of you.

