

Saint George Church - Worcester and Holden

January 21, 2024 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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www.saintgeorgesparish.org

Parish Staff: It is our privilege to serve you.

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Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and
I will make you fishers of men."
Mark 1:17*



St. George Catholic Church

Baptism Information:

Please contact Susan Pacek at 508-856-9960
or email: st.geobaptism@gmail.com

Eucharist Celebrated:

Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM
Live-Streamed Mass is offered on our parish website each Sunday at 10:00 AM.

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:00 AM
and Thursday at 5:30 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions are heard inside the church
2:30 PM to 3:15 PM on Saturdays.

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 21, 2024



From Your Pastor

Jesus' arrival in the Gospel of Mark is about the coming of God's reign. The time has come for all other kingdom or empires to end. We need to trust this Good News by orienting ourselves to a different direction and renounce all other forms of what can dominate us. There is a need to repent which means to change or transform one's mind. Because Jesus' way is not the way of those in power, there will inevitable be conflict. What we then prepare for and follow is the way of the cross.

Jesus' early disciples responded to his call immediately, not only leaving their business but their families as well. Work and family are structures that support or conventions that govern our lives over time. Mark, in his gospel, tells us that the coming of God's reign requires us to renounce our dependence and ties to ways that sustain us over time because Jesus' way is not a way to ensure continuation of one's life through property and family. It is through the cross.

Here are some questions to reflect upon with this Gospel:

1. *Today's gospel conveys a sense of urgency of the reign of God. What can you do right now, in this life, today, to bring forth this reign of God? Are you willing to risk leaving something comfortable or predictable in life to follow a way less traveled for the sake of God's reign?*
2. *The example of disciples leaving their friends and family to follow Jesus can be confusing for those committed to living a faithful life with a spouse or children. What might you think that those in this family or community setting might be willing to leave behind so that gift of their lives also share in the mission of ushering in a world toward the beautiful reign of God?*

Year 2024 Calendars are available for anyone who wants one.

Fr. Niccolls



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Our parish retreats are a time of change. Even years later, people will often remember it as a time of new discoveries and seeing faith in action for the first time. When the weekend is over, life is never quite the same again. The experience of a renewed faith brings a new light and a new hope to our life.

Jesus brings a new message of love to the whole world, a message of God's providence, peace and forgiveness. That message is renewed each day when we pray, when we serve, when we acknowledge the importance of faith and act on our desire to love. Some will hear it, others will ignore it, and some will doubt it. But the message persists, offering hope and grace to everyone.

God calls us in His own time, perhaps at a moment we are least expecting it. He never takes it back. We are always able to respond, to begin again, and to renew our willingness to accept and share the message of love and life, of goodness and grace. Accept the call. Life will never be the same.

~James Gaffney © Pilot Bulletins

Mass Intentions



Saturday, January 20, 2024

4:00 PM For the Community of Saint George

Sunday, January 21, 2024

8:00 AM For the Community of Saint George

10:00 AM In Memory of Nancy Svagdys, 6th Anniversary

Requested by the Svagdys-Gumbrell Family

Monday, January 22, 2024

8:00 AM In Memory of Ralph C. Allison

Tuesday, January 23, 2024 No Mass

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

8:00 AM In Memory of Karyn MacGillivray

Requested by Robert MacGillivray

Thursday, January 25, 2024

5:30 PM In Memory of Patricia A. Spellane

Friday, January 26, 2024

8:00 AM In Memory of Christian Ward

Saturday, January 27, 2024

4:00 PM In Memory of Richard Lohnes, 2nd Anniversary

Requested by his Family

Sunday, January 28, 2024

8:00 AM For the Community of Saint George

10:00 AM In Memory of Thomas Kim

Requested by his Wife

Deacon Paul Audette

James Martin

(Perhaps the favorite topic of Fr. Martin's writings is the personal quest for holiness in life and the communion of saints who are ever present to help us in that quest, whether through intercession or example.)

"A young mother...is not meant to be Mother Teresa...She is meant to be a woman who loves her children, loves her husband, loves her friends and neighbors and...her coworkers. She is meant to experience God in her life and in the lives of the people with whom she lives and works. Sometimes this means doing big things with love...Part of this process may mean that this young woman has to let go of the desire to be someone else. Because, in reality, she might be lousy at the type of work that Mother Teresa used to do. To underline the point, Mother Teresa might have been lousy at the work that this working mother is doing!...Most of the problems arise when we begin to believe that we have to be someone *else* to be holy. We use someone else's map to heaven when God has already planted in our soul all the directions we need. When admirers used to visit Calcutta to see Mother Teresa, she would tell many of them, 'Find your own Calcutta.' In other words, bloom where you are planted. Discover sanctity in your own life."



Readings To-Go!

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 21, 2024

Scan QR code to see
this week's readings!



Diocese of Worcester
Office of the Bishop
49 Elm Street
Worcester, MA 01609

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

January 18, 2024

Many dioceses in the United States face significant challenges due to priest shortages, lack of funds, remote geography, or impoverished parishes. The **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**, which began in 1924, supports these dioceses in order to serve the many needs of their parishioners. Home missions are those Latin and Eastern Rite dioceses in the United States, its territories, and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services to Catholics without outside help. Currently, over 40% of dioceses are considered home missions.

Home mission dioceses often have Catholic populations distributed across a large geographical area and have few priests to serve them. The Diocese of Amarillo in Texas is a good example. In the Diocese of Amarillo, the diocesan criminal justice ministry answers Christ's call to visit and serve prisoners and patients confined to hospitals. Since 2004, this ministry has expanded to bring the Eucharist, Sacred Scripture, and prayer to inmates of the seven prisons and two large hospitals in the diocese. This ministry of mercy includes retreats during which inmates can encounter the love of Jesus, heal from past failures and wounds, and develop new hope for the future. Many inmates have experienced spiritual conversions that have inspired them to join formation programs and enter the Catholic Church.

The criminal justice ministry is one of many innovative outreach efforts made by dioceses supported by Catholic Home Missions.

I encourage you to be generous on the weekend of **January 28** to help strengthen the Church at home. Your support will truly make a difference. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Robert J. McManus*

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus

Parish Calendar

Saturday, January 20, 2024

8:00 PM AA Meeting Church Hall

Sunday, January 21, 2024

After 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses Coffee Shop Church Hall

9:00 AM Rel. Ed Classes gr. 1-8 Parish Center

10:00 AM Toddler & Children's Liturgy Church Hall

11:00 AM - 12:15 PM Confirmation Classes I&II Church Hall

Monday, January 22, 2024

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

4:30 PM Rel. Ed Classes gr 1-8 Parish Center

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

Thursday, January 25, 2024

11:00 AM Faith Sharing Room 108 Parish Center

6:00 PM Family Prayer Night Church

Friday, January 26, 2024

Saturday, January 27, 2024

10:00 AM 1st Reconciliation Church

8:00 PM AA Meeting Church Hall

Sunday, January 28, 2024

After 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses Coffee Shop Church Hall

9:00 AM Rel. Ed Classes gr. 1-8 Parish Center

10:00 AM Toddler & Children's Liturgy Church Hall

Weekly Collection

January 8, 2024 - January 14, 2024

On-line Giving: \$ 1,256.60

Ordinary Collection: \$ 4,585.00

Total: \$ 5,841.60

Thank you for your generosity.
We are truly blessed.

Join us for Coffee Shop Club

After 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Masses

January 21 - Jim Moughan and Team

January 28 - Kathy Hessel and Team

February 4 - Andy Fish and Team

February 11 - Jim Kelly and Team

Coffee, donuts, bulkies, and fellowship! We NEED TEAM

MEMBERS! Each team serves once every 10 weeks. All teams need help. Sign up at the Coffee Shop, come to find out more about how you can help, and help a team!

Contact Andy Fish: andy@andytfish.com or 508-901-7813



\$1.00 each

Bulletin Item Due Dates:

Bulletin Postings are due **10 days before the Sunday Bulletin**. Please submit items at least 10 days before the Bulletin date. E-mail our Parish Administrative Assistant, Patty LaBonte, at office@saintgeorgesparish.org or call: 508-853-0183.

Gentle Yoga Thank you Sue Stevens!

Sue has been providing Gentle Yoga here at St. George Church since 2011. She has shared her time, skill and compassion to help and support bereaved families with the healing power of Yoga, and retreats. Thank you Sue for all you have done for those who attended your many classes, and for St. George Church. If you would like to contact Sue Stevens about Gentle Yoga: MonarchYoga@gmail.com

Prayer Before or After Mass

Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen



Notice from the Diocesan Office of Healing and Prevention

If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, please believe in the possibility for hope and help and healing. We encourage you to come forward and speak out. Contact Judith Audette, Diocese of Worcester: Victim Assistance Coordinator, call her at (508) 929-4363.



Become a Certified Spiritual Director
Immaculate Conception Center
600 Liberty Highway, Putnam, CT

Winter 1 (of 3): Jan. 28 - Feb. 10, 2024.
Application due Date September 1, 2023.

The Immaculate Conception Center in Putnam CT, partnership with Franciscan University of Steubenville, is offering a three year training program for those who feel called to serve as Spiritual Directors. Classes are taught during a two-week winter training session each year.

For application visit: Immaculateconceptioncenter.org.

If you have any questions, you can either email us at: admin@immaculateconceptioncenter.org call 860-928-7955.

St. George Church Eucharistic Adoration



The Thursday evening and Friday morning Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration will be on:

Thursday, February 1, 2024 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM and
Friday, February 2, 2024 after 8:00 AM Mass - 10:00 AM.

Come and join us spending time with Jesus. All are wel-

Miracles at St. George, "My Mary Stories" - Susan Ovian, Part 3 Page 6 and 7: "Our Lady's Weapon", Booklet can be found in the Mary Chapel

Tense, but calm, were words used to describe conditions in Medjugorje in early October of 1992. In this tranquil little village it was hard to believe that the fighting was all around us, and we were at such peace.

The little roads and cafes that had been so full of people for the past ten years were now only scattered with a few groups of pilgrims. We sat in the dark on plastic chairs at one of the few cafes still open. Above the hills we could see shells explode and hear gunfire in the distance. To our left sat a group of young Croatian soldiers - teenagers. The one that spoke English explained that the gunfire was nothing to fear. It was, for the most part, the new soldiers practicing in the hills. When we asked why they all had rosary beads around their necks one boy held them up and said, some of us have no weapons, so we take Our Lady with us for protection. He kissed the cross, smiled, and left. It was time for their ten days of duty.

I told this story to my C.C.D. class at St. George's Church, and some of the kids brought their rosary beads the following week. We talked about the importance of praying our rosary, and I told them of our Blessed Mother's request for them to pray it often. Since Fatima, and now in Medjugorje, Mary continues to call us to pray the rosary daily. She tells us that anything is possible with prayer and fasting!

With only twenty minutes left, we hurried into the next room to watch a little video on Medjugorje. Some of the kids slipped their rosary beads around their neck. We talked about some of the signs and wonders our Blessed Mother gives us to let us know she's truly with us - one being changing our rosary beads from silver to gold. At that point they all checked their beads to see what color they were. All were silver.

The kids were able to see only a little of the video when the bell rang for the end of class. We turned the lights on and they started to leave when I heard my name being called. "Look, look, her beads are gold!"

I replied, "Quiet now and get in line." trying to regain control of my class. "But Mrs. Ovian, they really are gold!" they kept shouting. The girl took them from her neck and held them up in front of my face. They looked gold to me, but to be sure, I looked at them in the daylight. I know Mary works fast, but when she graces us with such favors so quickly it still takes me by surprise. Her beads did change and many others have changed since then; some during the video and others when Mary chooses. This phenomenon is a gift for all and is to be shared in faith. Our Blessed Mother continues to call us all back to her son, Jesus.



St. George Family Prayer Night Thursdays starting after the 5:30 PM Mass

In the Church, there is a gathering of people who pray for all families. The Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary are prayed. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn to pray the Rosary. Eucharistic Adoration is also a part of this wonderful time of prayer on the first Thursday and Friday of each month. Come pray the Rosary. Our Lady is calling.

Online Weekly Rosary

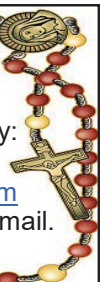
Urban Missionaries from Our Lady of Hope

If you would like to join via Zoom for a weekly Rosary:

Every Sunday, 6:00 PM via ZOOM

Send an email to mailbox@urbanmissionaries.com

put "Rosary" = subject line. ZOOM link sent to your email.





Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

Sarah Kelly, Administrator Phone: 508-852-1784
sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org

Schedule Online: The schedule for all religious education classes, grade one through confirmation, can be found on the parish website. Please check the website for updates.

Emails, Website & Remind App: All important updates are typically sent out through email. We also post any changes to the schedule, or important updates on the parish website. A 3rd way, and often the quickest, of getting information out to families is through the Remind App. Simply text the code **@397b76 to 81010**. You can also follow the link on the parish website to sign up for the Remind App.

Confirmation: The next class for Confirmation I & II will be this Sunday on January 21st, 2024. The next class will be on Sunday, February 11th. Church website has updates.

Volunteers Needed: We are still in need of volunteers, especially those willing to be called as substitutes. Please prayerfully consider donating your time and talent to the young people of our parish. All curriculum and lesson plan materials are provided, as well as teaching support. Please email Sarah.

Job Opportunity - Parish Administrator St. Christopher Church 950 West Boylston Street, Worcester

St. Christopher's Parish is currently accepting applications for the position of Parish Administrator. This is a (21-24) hour per week position. Duties include: answering phones, scheduling daily and Sunday Mass intentions, creating parish bulletin, ordering supplies, and other duties. If you are interested or have questions, then please contact the Pastor: Fr. Krutcik at St. Christopher's Church at 508-853-1492 or email your resume to: parish@stchristopherparishworcester.org Thank you!



St. Peter Central Catholic School
 865 Main St. Worcester, MA 01610
Open House, Sunday, January 28th, 2024
from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Please join us at St. Peter Central Catholic Elementary School
Open House on Sunday, January 28th, 2024.
 St. Peter's has openings in Grades PreK- 8.

For more information please contact Mary Beth Soucy at
marybeth.soucy@stpetercc.com or by phone at 508-791-6496.

Baptisms in the Church Family

If you, a family member, or friend is interested in receiving the Sacrament of Baptism, we invite you to contact us today. Please contact:

Susan Pacek by either phone **508-856-9960**
 or email st.geobaptism@gmail.com



Youth Ministry

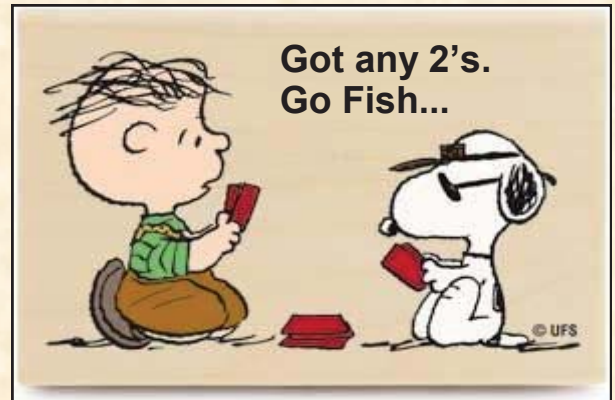
Contact Jay Guillette for next gathering in the Church Hall



Youth Ministry is open to grades 7-12. Come find out more about Youth Ministry and what we will be doing this year!
 Contact Jay with any questions at jguillette@charter.net

The Family Connection Dedicated to Ruth Viens

Do you think Jesus was all work and no play? No doubt Jesus knew how to have a good time both with his own family as he grew up and with his friends during his years of public ministry. Healthy families play together. Have some good old fashion family fun time tonight. Have a game night, movies night, craft night, hide & seek!



Grandparents: All interested grandparents are asked to pray for the safety and well-being of their grandchildren. Copies of grandparent prayers are available on the table in the Church Hall. Contact the Parish Office if you have any questions: office@saintgeorgesparish.org

Grandparents make forever heartfelt memories.

Family Faith Byte



The best time together is Family Game Night!

Word of Life: Intercessions for Life

For public servants and elected officials:
 May God grant them the humility, wisdom,
 and courage to defend all human life;
We pray to the Lord:

"There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: *We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem. In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is always and radically incompatible with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image.*"

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
 "Living the Gospel of Life", C 1998 USCCB

A Community of Ministries



St. George Parish Outreach

Ann Doyle 508-450-4134
annie@saintgeorgesparish.org



Three Refugee families from Afghanistan

Since we welcomed our first family in August 2021 they have been joined by two related families. The 19 children all delight in being with their cousins and the 6 adults share all that they have with one another. This is a picture of purses and baby booties that were crocheted by one of the older girls using yarn donated by a parishioner from St. George. Thank you for all that you do for these families!

Current Parish Outreach Needs

- * **Reusable grocery bags** for the Food Pantries are always needed.
- * Toilet Paper is needed for our Afghanistan Families in IHN.
- * The Mustard Seed Catholic Worker currently needs men's white socks and gently used blankets.

All items can be left in the Outreach Collection Area at side entrance of the Church beside the Church hall door.

Hope For Housing Cards Help Prevent Family Homelessness

Hope for Housing is a non-profit program developed by our parishioner Matt Ryan. Matt has left us with this legacy which utilizes the collective buying power of 30 congregations to raise money for the prevention of family homelessness.

These Gift Cards for local retailers, including Big Y, CVS, Dunkin' Donuts, Hannaford, Panera, Shaws, Stop & Shop Target, Starbucks, and TJ Max are purchased in bulk, which in turn are sold to members of participating congregations who receive the full value of the card. The retailers donate 2-10% of all sales to the Hope for Housing program. By purchasing gift cards for **your use** at local retailers, you can help to stabilize families by providing counseling and support.

Please buy "Hope for Housing Cards" available after all Masses. See Dave and Sue Genereux in the Church Hall after Mass. Any questions call them at: 978-833-0306



Eucharist and Prayers for the Sick

Especially during these difficult times, please call to let us know if a family member or neighbor is hospitalized, home-bound or ill. Call Ann Doyle at 508-450-4134.

We want to be with you in prayer and support. We can perhaps arrange a visit and possibly 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 informed that you are a patient. Thank you.

What is the Mustard Seed Catholic Worker ?

The Mustard Seed of Worcester began in 1972 when two Holy Cross College students wanted to make a difference in the lives of the poor. Since then it has continued its main mission of providing a safe place to eat, with kindness and respect, for all who come to the door. The work is inspired by the example of Dorothy Day who began the first "Catholic Worker House of Hospitality" decades ago. The Mustard Seed is not funded by any one religion or group. There is no paid staff.

Since 2014 St. George parish has joined the Mustard Seed Community to serve meals and to provide basic necessities to our neighbors in need. Together as a community of faith we strive to practice the "Works of Mercy", to care for creation and our neighborhood.

Currently, with the help of our community, the Mustard Seed offers a free Medical Clinic, a weekly Food Pantry, basic clothing and hygiene supplies as well as a Christmas Giving Tree gift for guests and families with young children.

Thank you to everyone who helped to donate, prepare and serve the meal at the Mustard Seed on January 19.



In the Hour of Need
Family Shelter

Tidy Up Tuesdays

Bring your cleaning tools and grab a friend to help keep 91 June Street looking good! Join us on the second and fourth Tuesdays from 10am until 2pm to lend a hand in tasks to be done. Light lunch will be provided.

Tasks include, but are not limited to:
Room cleaning, window washing, lawn mowing, putting away donations, painting, or anything that needs some attention.

For more information, contact Sheri at
slinn@ihnworchester.org or (508)755-2212
Weekdays 9:00 AM -2:00 PM.

Folks at our three Food Pantries Still Need Help

Special Needs for January are:

Jelly, Cereal and Healthy Snacks



Some of these are items that are not available at the Worcester County Food Bank. Due to currently desperate food needs we now make weekly trips to WCFB to increase the food which we are able to share with families in need. Thank you.

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



Emmaus Ministry

Interested in being involved in Emmaus Ministry?

Your ideas, talents and time are most welcome!

Contact Andrea or JoAnn for more information at **508-853-0183** or emmaus.stgeorge@gmail.com



Spiritual Growth Ministry Corner

Ministry Leader: Bonnie Moran

Saintgeorgespiritualgrowth@gmail.com

Tomorrow January 22 is a day of prayer for "the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion" as per the General Instruction of the Roman Missal #373.

The date is significant as it was January 22, 1973 when the Supreme Court decision made *Roe v. Wade* legalized the right to abortion in the US for almost fifty years. The reversal of that decision in 2022 by a Supreme Court in *Dobbs v. Jackson* overturned the earlier decision and places the legislation of abortion law on individual states.

As Catholic catechumen we are taught (paragraph 2270) "Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person - among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life."

And to this end the National Day of Prayer is twofold. To extend the faithful together, in large number, in a specific time expressly all praying (1) for the protection of the unborn and (2) to do penance to atone for the violations committed against human dignity.

The website, "My Catholic Life" offers this beautiful prayer to include both;

"Most precious Lord, You dwelt within the womb of your dear mother, sanctifying the womb, and elevating the dignity of all human life. I pray today for the full legal protection of every unborn child. I also pray that every heart that supports abortion will be changed so as to experience the freedom that comes from living in the Truth. I offer to You, this day, all my sufferings and sacrifices to help atone for every violation against human dignity committed through acts of abortion. Please bring healing, hope, and freedom to all. Mother Mary, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You."

A five-year pew research study of those seeking abortions, shows the five most "common factors" given for making the decision as: 40% are not financially prepared; 36% not a suitable time; 31% issues with partner; 29% need to focus on other children and; 20% interfere with future plans.

We are walking in a time of "Synodality". A hopeful time for real change in our Catholic Church. A time of "deepening" and "broadening" our listening to the needs, understanding the connection of scripture and following the Holy Spirit in mission to emerge at impactful change.

On the surface abortion appears to be about choice. The argument being who will make the choice.

With a heart and mind guided by the Holy Spirit, on a mission to do God's will, to move from an earthly world to once focused on Heaven, what can each one of us do to influence the choice?

Spiritual Growth Committee members: Bonnie Moran – Chair; Deacon Paul Audette, Joan Talbot; Patti Walsh; Helen Hurley, and Kyle Lewandowski. Fr. Niccolls as ex officio member.

9 DAYS FOR LIFE JANUARY 16-24



Pray to protect human life!

Join Catholics nationwide in prayer for the protection of human life! You can download the novena or get the daily prayers and reflections by email or text message.



9DAYSFORLIFE.COM



Diocese of Worcester Events

<https://www.worcesterdiocese.org/events>
Support Groups, Adoration, Prayer Services, Clubs, Bible Study, Classes and much more!

Novena: Tuesday, January 16 - 25, National Novena for Life, visit website: <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup>

Adoration: Tuesday, January 23, 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM, in Westboro at St. Luke the Evangelist, 70 W. Main St.

Golden Years Club: Tuesday, January 23, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Our Lady of Loreto/Mt. Carmel Parish, Bring your own lunch, come socialize, and enjoy BINGO.

Novena: Wednesday, January 24, 6:30 PM, St. Joan of Arc Parish on 570 Lincoln St., Worcester.

Event: Intro. to Dante's Divine Comedy, Wednesday, starting on January 24, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM, St. Mary's Church, 77 Mendon St. RSVP to Diane at dmoriarty@stmaryuxbridge.org

Retreat: Friday, January 26, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, and Saturday, January 27, 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM, St. Joseph Church, 10 H Putnam Rd, EXT in Charlton, cost \$30 includes snacks, lunch and 2 books. Register: markjayne05@gmail.com

More Catholic events in Worcester County on website!

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At the Park	✓	✗
Shopping	✓	✗

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- Simple one-button operation
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