

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

***January 29, 2023 - Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time***

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*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



*Matthew 5:7*

# ***St. George Catholic Church***

### **Baptism Information:**

Please contact  
Susan Pacek at 508-856-9960 or  
email: [st.geobaptism@gmail.com](mailto: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  
Tuesday 12:10 PM, and Thursday 5:30 PM

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Confessions are heard inside the church  
2:30 PM—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 29, 2023***

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*From Your Pastor*

As we come to the end of the first month of this new year, the first reading and the gospel speak about what is truly precious in the eyes of God.

The prophet Zephaniah refers to what is precious as being "the remnant of Israel." This remnant is what is redeemed from what may appear to be not good enough to be placed alongside of what is better. However, in God's eyes there never is anything nor anyone who is considered to be cast off or disregarded. All are loved by God and all are redeemable. In the sacrament of the Eucharist, we witness this redemption when the priest prays that gifts of bread and wine brought forth by the people and place on the altar are transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, who came to redeem us. The Eucharist, then, is the "Sacrament of our redemption" as Pope St. John Paul II expresses it. We should always approach this Sacrament of our redemption in a spirit of love, celebration and joy. At every Mass approaching this Sacrament is an opportunity to adore the Lord and proclaim this Mystery of Faith.

*Fr. Niccolls*



Some people go to great lengths to try and feel spiritual. Once they begin to believe in God, they feel a need to do something, to act so that the newfound faith will be more real. Whatever path they find, spirituality almost always calls for action.

Jesus does not present God as an abstract concept, nor does He preach a faith that is simply a new way of thinking. The call to the Kingdom of God is one of holiness, a way of life that reflects the creative and loving power of God. The Beatitudes allow us to express the glory of God in everyday situations.

How do you live the Beatitudes? Review the Spiritual and Corporal works of mercy: feed the hungry, console the sorrowing, bury the dead, clothe the naked, instruct the ignorant. We live our lives so that others will experience the goodness of the Lord in and through us. Feeling spiritual is not far away; it's as close as our family and neighbors and friends. ~James Gaffney © Pilot Bulletins

**PIETA**

is an ongoing support group for bereaved parents. Anyone who has experienced the death of a child is welcome to attend. Next meeting on:



**Monday, February 13th at 7:00 PM Conference Room**

Please join us. For more information, please call Terry Gentile at [508-284-0796](tel:508-284-0796) or Sue Stevens at [508-852-4887](tel:508-852-4887), or email [pieta3@gmail.com](mailto:pieta3@gmail.com).



*Mass Intentions*

**Saturday, January 28, 2023**

**4:00 PM** In Memory of Nancy Svagdys, 5th Anniversary  
Requested by Andrea Svagdys Gumbrell and Family

**Sunday, January 29, 2023**

**8:00 AM** In Memory of Mark Mitchell  
Requested by his Family

**10:00 AM** In Memory of Elinor Lamberton  
Requested by the Thursday Faith Sharing Group

**Monday, January 30, 2023**

**8:00 AM** In Memory of Kathleen Cusack

**Tuesday, January 31, 2023**

**12:10 PM** In Memory of Jeffrey R. Hazelwood

**Wednesday, February 1, 2023**

**8:00 AM** In Memory of Frances E. O'Neill

**Thursday, February 2, 2023**

**5:30 PM** In Memory of Gladys Chilleria

**Friday, February 3, 2023**

**8:00 AM** In Memory of Beverly Garvey

**Saturday, February 4, 2023**

**4:00 PM** In Memory of C. Louise Hadley  
Requested by Craig and Ann Hadley

**Sunday, February 5, 2023**

**8:00 AM** For the Community of Saint George  
**10:00 AM** In Memory of Elizabeth Brosnihan  
Requested by her Family

We commend to your prayers

*Victor E. Carlo*

May the angels lead him into paradise.



**Stewardship Thought of the Week**

**Blessed are they who are what they are and do what they do for the sake of the *kingdom*! The Gospel today assures good stewards that their suffering and their service on behalf of the kingdom *will* be rewarded!**



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**Weekly Collection**

**January 15, 2023 - January 22, 2023**

On Line Giving: \$ 2,267.00

Ordinary Collection: \$ 4,681.00

**Totals: \$ 6,948.00**

**Thank you for your generosity! We are truly grateful.**

***Parish Calendar***

**Saturday, January 28, 2023**

10:00 AM 1st Reconciliation Ceremony Church

8:00 PM AA Meeting Church Hall

**Sunday, January 29, 2023**

After 8:00 & 10:00 AM Mass Coffee Shop Church Hall

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

1:00 PM SNOW Date for 1st Reconciliation Ceremony

**Monday, January 30, 2023**

4:30-5:30 PM Religious Ed classes gr 1-5 Parish Center

**Tuesday, January 31, 2023**

4:30-5:30 PM Religious Ed classes gr 1-5 Parish Center

**Wednesday, February 1, 2023**

Virtual Yoga - Contact Sue Stevens

**Thursday, February 2, 2023**

11:00 AM Faith Sharing Church Hall

6:00 PM Family Prayer Night Church

6:00-7:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration Church

**Friday, February 3, 2023**

After 8:00 AM Mass-10:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration Church

**Saturday, February 4, 2023**

8:00 AM Rosary Prayer Group Church

8:00 PM AA Meeting Church Hall

**Sunday, February 5, 2023**

After 8:00 & 10:00 AM Mass Coffee Shop Church Hall

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

11:00-12:15 PM Confirmation Classes Parish Center

6:00-7:30 PM Religious Ed classes gr 6-9 Parish Center

6:30-7:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 64885 Meeting Church Hall

**Back to Basics Narcotics Anonymous**

Support group for those attempting to recover from drugs.

**Our Lady of Lourdes, in Parish Hall**

**1290 Grafton Street, Worcester**

**Meetings are every Friday from 7:00 - 8:00 PM**

National Helpline: 1-800-662-4357

**Bulletin Item Due Dates:**

Weekend of:

Due by:

February 12, 2023

February 2, 2023

February 19, 2023

February 9, 2023

Please submit items by 10:00 AM on or before the due date.

E-mail our Parish Admin Assistant Patty LaBonte at

[office@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:office@saintgeorgesparish.org) The best way to book or

reserve a Mass is to call our office: 508-853-0183.

**Join us for Coffee Shop Club  
after 8:00 & 10:00 AM Masses**

January 29 - Dave Walsh and Team

February 5 - The Mark Team

February 12 - Bob Gray and Team

February 19 - Jim Moughan and Team

February 26 - Kathy Hessel and Team



**\$1.00 each**

Coffee, donuts, bulkies, and fellowship! And why not join a team? These donuts don't serve themselves! Each team served once every 10 weeks and all teams need help! Sign up at the Coffee Shop or come to find out more. Coffee Club operation meetings are held every other month on the 2nd Sunday of the month. All are welcome!

**Next meeting: March 12th at 9:15 AM, conference room.**

**Contact Andy Fish at: [andy@andyfish.com](mailto:andy@andyfish.com)  
or call 508-901-7813 with questions.**

**Gentle Yoga for "Every Body"**

**Virtually on Wednesdays 6:00 PM**

**Virtual Yoga will start in February.**

Contact Sue Stevens: [MonarchYoga@gmail.com](mailto:MonarchYoga@gmail.com)



**Spaghetti Dinner and Comedy Night**

**Featuring Comedian Dwayne Hill**

**St. Louis Church, 15 Lake St. Webster - Church Hall**

**Saturday, February 4th, at 6:00 PM Beer and Wine**

**Dinner at 6:30 PM**



Dinner is \$25.00 per person for Spaghetti  
Meatballs, Salad, Bread and Dessert.

Comedian Dwayne Hill at 7:45 PM

For tickets please call the St. Louis  
Rectory Office at: 508-943-0240.

**Ham Dinner in Northbridge**

**St. Peter Parish on Saturday, February**

**11th at 5:30 PM on 39 Church Street,**

**Northbridge in the Parish Hall.**



Bring your family and friends for a wonderful meal and meet some new friends! Tickets are \$17.00 per dinner and include salad and dessert. To go meals will be available for pick up at 5:00 PM and all orders must be purchased in advance. "Pay It Forward" purchase an extra dinner and we will deliver it to someone in need in our local community.

Please call the parish office at 508-234-2156 or  
email [parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org](mailto:parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org) to  
purchase tickets or if you have any questions.



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**Prayer Before Mass**

Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honor you with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.



**Help Prevent Family Homelessness**

Please buy "**Hope for Housing Cards**" after the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday, and after the 8:00 AM or 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday. See Dave and Sue Genereux in the Church Hall after EVERY Mass.

If needed, contact Dave and Sue at 978-833-0306.

**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. The victim assistance coordinator for the Diocese of Worcester is Judith Audette at (508) 929-4363.

***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 for your understanding.

**Family Prayer Night  
Every Thursday  
6:00 PM in the Church**

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 Thursday before the first Friday of each month.



***Deacon Paul Audette***

James Martin Speaks to us through his  
"Essential Writings"

James Martin attended the Wharton School of Business and worked for 6 years in corporate finance. Here he uses his experiences in corporate life to inform a sketch of the challenges and possibilities for living a spiritual life in the business world. (Part II): "9 to 5? More like 24/7. Quite obviously, time is at a premium for anyone working in a corporate environment. Indeed, despite vaunted increases in prosperity and technology, the amount of time demanded by corporations from their employees has only increased. Round-the-clock markets, round-the-clock financial news and round-the-clock access with email, cell phones and beepers, translates for many into round-the-clock work. Moreover, decreasing job security and increasing numbers of dual-career households have led to more stress and less time for married couples and parents. And yet, in the midst of these pressures, the believer desires to live a spiritual life, one that is rooted and grounded in God's love. Hence the first challenge: How is it possible to find time for a life of prayer and worship?"



**Eucharistic Adoration**

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

**Thursday, February 2nd, 2023** 6:00-7:00 PM  
**Friday, February 3rd, 2023** after 8:00 Mass-10:00 AM

We hope you can come join us in prayer and to spend time in the presence of Jesus Christ.

**22nd Annual Catholic Men's Conference**

Come join us on **Saturday, March 25 starts at 7:30 AM**  
**Assumption University, 500 Salisbury St., Worcester.**

Please join a thousand men and enjoy: inspiring talks from outstanding dynamic and Catholic leaders, about 50 relevant exhibitors with free material, important sponsors, beautiful music, old friends, lunch, optional Rosary, Confession, Adoration & Mass: **Bishop McManus 4 PM.**

For more information: email [cathmenworc@gmail.com](mailto:cathmenworc@gmail.com)  
or visit the new website [www.catholicmenworc.com](http://www.catholicmenworc.com)

**Saint George Saturday Rosary Group**

You are invited to attend our once a month Saturday morning Rosary Group.

**First Saturday of every month.**

Currently, we are meeting in the  
**Church at 8:00 AM February 4th, 2023**

If interested, please contact Jim Hachey at 508-579-9623



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### Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith" Sarah Kelly, Administrator  
Phone: 508-852-1784

Sarah Kelly's email: [sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org)  
Kevin Browne's email: [kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org)

Just a few reminders for class schedules and times.

#### Confirmation Classes:

Students registered for confirmation classes will meet next on Sunday, February 5th, 2023 in the Parish Center from 11:00 AM-12:15 PM. Candidates are expected to attend the 10:00 AM Mass.

#### Confirmation Students & Community Service:

Join in our ongoing Parish Outreach Experiences. To help, simply text Annie Doyle's cell phone for details at: 508-450-4134.

#### Grades 1-5 Classes:

Classes will take place on January 30th and 31st, 2023 from 4:30 to 5:30 PM in the Parish Center.

#### Grades 6-9 Classes:

Classes will take place on February 5th, and 26th, 2023 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM in the Parish Center.

If interested in helping or if you have any questions, then please reach out to Sarah or Kevin via email.

#### Grades 1-5 or for Confirmation questions:

Please email Sarah Kelly.

[sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org)

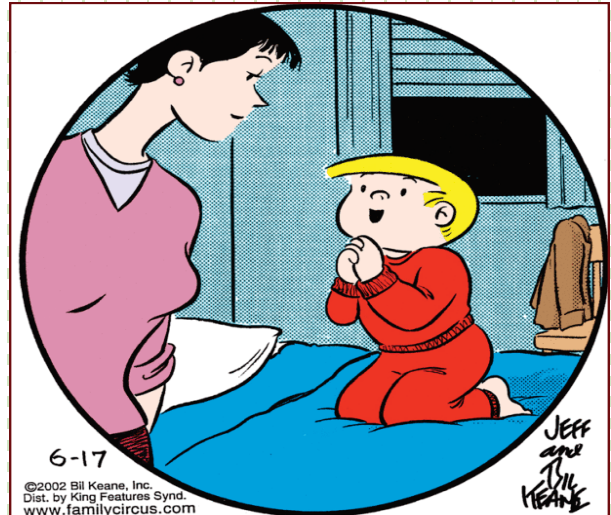
#### Grades 6-9, and Youth Ministry questions:

Please email Kevin Browne.

[kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org)

### THE FAMILY CONNECTION

*Media Faith And Families* Setting limits on television and computer time is a difficult yet necessary task for today's Christian families. Establish limits on how much TV or computer time your family and kids watch. Plan your time with these.



"Sayin' 'Amen' is like pressing the 'SEND' button for your prayers."

**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 back table in the church hall under the bulletin board.

Contact Ruth at: [ruthviens@charter.net](mailto:ruthviens@charter.net) or 508-852-5658 for more information.

Grandparents make memories that the heart holds forever.



#### Girl Scout Troop 64885

Our next meeting will be on:

**February 5th, at 6:30-7:30 PM**  
in the Church Hall

Contact Michelle Vigneux email: [Mrs.vigneux@gmail.com](mailto:Mrs.vigneux@gmail.com)



#### 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:  
**Susan Pacek at 508-856-9960** or email: [st.geobaptism@gmail.com](mailto:st.geobaptism@gmail.com)



How to help others:

How are we visible to our community as a catholic family?



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## *A Community of Ministries*



### **St. George Parish Outreach**

Ann Doyle 508-450-4134  
[annie@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:annie@saintgeorgesparish.org)

### **Please Help Feed the Hungry!**

Holiday donations are over so food pantry supplies are so much less now. Covid food relief programs are concluding; as of March 1, 2023 each family's monthly food benefit will be about \$82.00 less than it is now!

#### **Special Needs for February are:**

#### **Breakfast Cereal and Packages of Dry Soup**



All types of food donations are welcome and can be left in the "Outreach Collection Area" just outside the entrance to the Church Hall on the basement level.

### **Words of Encouragement**

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

### **Parish Outreach 2023 Share the Works of Mercy**

**Clothe those in need:** Blankets, gently used sleeping bags, and warm hats and gloves continue to be needed by the homeless guests at the Mustard Seed.

**Shelter the Homeless:** There is a need for Ramen Noodles at our IHN Family Shelter. The children really enjoy this as a snack.

**Feed the hungry:** Special Food Pantry needs for February are: breakfast cereals, and packages of dry soup.

**Pray for the Living and Dead:** Surround our homebound parishioners and our Confirmation Candidates with your daily prayers. Your prayers give strength and comfort in so many ways.

### **What are the Works of Mercy?**

When Catholics serve others, they give witness to Jesus Christ. As acts of love that help us care for the needs of others, the Works of Mercy are an opportunity for Catholics to give witness to Christ. Jesus entrusted his followers the responsibility of caring for others. One way that Catholics fulfill this responsibility is by performing the Works of Mercy.

#### **The Corporal Works of Mercy**

The Corporal Works of Mercy are acts of love that address the physical and material needs of others.

The Corporal Works of Mercy are:

- Feed the hungry.
- Give drink to the thirsty.
- Clothe the naked.
- Visit the imprisoned.
- Shelter the homeless.
- Visit the sick.
- Bury the dead.

#### **The Spiritual Works of Mercy**

The Spiritual Works of Mercy address the needs of peoples' minds, hearts, and souls.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy are:

- Admonish the sinner. (Give correction to those in need.)
- Instruct the ignorant. (Share our knowledge with others.)
- Counsel the doubtful. (Give advice to those who need it.)
- Comfort the sorrowful. (Comfort those who suffer.)
- Bear wrongs patiently. (Be patient with others.)
- Forgive all injuries. (Forgive those who hurt us.)
- Pray for the living and the dead.

Jesus asks us to see him in every person we meet, especially in those who are suffering. He asks us to care for each person in a spirit of loving service knowing that we are really loving and caring for Christ, who, through the Holy Spirit, lives on in every person.

The Works of Mercy are practical ways for disciples of any age to live out the Catholic faith using their gifts, talents, and treasure.

Here are **a few** of the ways that members of our St. George Parish family lived out the Works of Mercy lately:

- Many of you donated, cooked and served a meal for the hungry at the Mustard Seed.
- Someone donated 5 new backpacks for the homeless!
- Several folks donated the oil and jelly we needed at the food pantry this month.
- One kind member of our parish family continues to donate a \$50 gift card to the needy every month.

**THANK YOU ALL!**

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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.*



## Emmanuel Ministry

**Save the Date! Bring A Guest: Be Our Guest.**  
**Sunday, February 12th, 2023 at 10:00 AM Mass.**  
**Mardi Gras Party following 10:00 AM Mass**  
**in the Church Hall.**

Details will follow in the February 4th/5th Bulletin.  
JoAnn Nally or Andrea Svagdys Gumbrell  
Email: [Emmanuel.stgeorge@gmail.com](mailto:Emmanuel.stgeorge@gmail.com)

### Faith Sharing Groups

**Monday Faith Sharing Group will meet:**

**February 20th at 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM**  
**in the Parish Center, Room 107**

**Lenten Faith Sharing Group will meet:**

**Wednesday, starts February 22nd at 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM**  
**in the Parish Center, Room 107**

*Handicapped Accessible. Lenten sign up after Sunday Masses. Call JoAnn Nally 508-527-6973 to sign up.*



### 2022 Parish Contribution Statements

Contribution Statements will be available for parishioners who wish to have a record of their 2022 contributions by contacting our Admin. Assistant at the Parish Office at 508-853-0183, extension 110 to request one.



### Spiritual Growth Ministry Corner

Ministry Leader: Bonnie Moran  
[Saintgeorgespiritualgrowth@gmail.com](mailto:Saintgeorgespiritualgrowth@gmail.com)

As we move forth into the year 2023, we want to share more of the findings from our gathering sessions for the Synod Report from St. George Church. To the question, **How can people come to a deeper understanding of the Eucharist?**, parishioners gave the following responses:

- Many parents were not brought up on church teachings. How can these families and parents support a good example in teaching understanding? Catechesis is lacking; a generation or two is missing this.
- Incorporate this teaching as part of the catechesis program. Years ago, we heard more from the altar "catechesis" sometimes in the homily. We need to hear

this more often. Some individuals were not taught this, so it needs to be revisited.

- Run some seminars.
- Encourage children to lead programs.
- Offer Bible School and teach little by little. If we can educate children into their teens, it may stay with them.
- People need to be educated that the Eucharist is not a "symbol". Education that becomes an understanding that it is truly Jesus they are receiving. As such, they must develop a personal understanding with Jesus.
- Better to explain or have in a sermon once or two times a year. Father can explain a little from the altar when opportunity arises.
- Return to Life in the Spirit (6wk) program - a lot of work - drew many into ministry.
- It needs to be understood that the Holy Spirit is present. We are not always looking for the Holy Spirit. We must be reminded and concentrate on believing the Holy Spirit will come forward. There are many distractions that cloud or block our hearing the Holy Spirit.
- Attend Mass! Offer a personal invitation.
- Poor audio in church. Some of what is being said is missed due to this difficulty.
- For some, the absence of the Eucharist during Covid resulted in the Eucharist meaning more to them when they were able to receive again.
- A 98 year old woman, formerly a parishioner and lector at our church, has found John 6: the Bread of Life discourse. She advocates spending time in prayer on this verse, as some of the disciples leave Jesus because of what he has said about his body and blood. (Would you leave me too? Peter responds "Master to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.") These words often sustained this person's faith and kept her in the church.
- A write-in response suggests that when the priest is seated in prayer at Mass after communion and before the final blessing, he could say a few words about God's gift of the Eucharist to us, such as: "Let us pause for a moment in gratitude for the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist" - followed by a moment of silence.

These are some thoughtful responses from fellow parishioners. Do they mimic yours? Do you have other suggestions? Please let us know, so that we may "continually seek to grow in a deeper understanding of our faith" (Parish Mission Statement).

Have a great week!



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