

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

***October 1, 2023 - Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

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*26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*



*Your ways, O Lord, make known to me;  
teach me your paths. Psalm 25:4*

## ***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

*Starting October 5, 2023: Thursday at 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, October 1, 2023***





## From Your Pastor

This weekend we are celebrating Welcome Week-end in our parish. We welcome those of you who may be new to our parish as well as those parishioners who are returning from summer vacations over the past few weeks.

Since this weekend's focus is about community and building it up as a faith community, we may want to be aware of how our actions support our words. We can scandalize others when we behave in a way that is contrary to what we profess. We are baptized in Christ and gather at his table, believing that we are one in him. However, we see that our communities are increasingly divided. We promise to be Christ's hands and feet, thereby continuing his work here on earth, but we can be cruelly indifferent to a world of pain and sorrow. Without charity, unity and humility, our prayerful words and reverent thoughts are meaningless, or even more – scandalous. The vineyard parable in today's Gospel reflects Jesus' conflict with the religious leaders. When he directs a question to them, he is challenging them to align their actions with their words. They agree that the son in the parable who ultimately decides to act is the one who does his father's will. Jesus then makes it clear that the religious leaders place themselves under judgment when he notes that the despised and the outcasts have responded appropriately to John the Baptist while they, who should have known better, have not.

*Here are some questions to reflect upon with this Gospel:*

1. *If Jesus preached this parable today, who would the "tax collectors and prostitutes" be?*
2. *Consider a time when you did not want to do something, perhaps even saying that you wouldn't, but did it anyway. What happened then? How did you feel?*
3. *What might be some ways to practice the difficulty of aligning your words with your actions? Think of one practice that you might attempt.*

**Expanded Daily Mass Schedule:** Beginning Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, a Mass will once again be offered at 5:30 P.M. This Mass will become part of our daily Mass schedule on Thursdays thereafter. The daily Masses on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays will remain the same.

Our outdoor nativity set is showing signs of aging and deterioration and will need to be replaced. A few weeks ago I went shopping at Boucher's religious store and was shown a set that is unbreakable (our present set is not and two pieces are broken) and should last for many generations of parishioners to come. This is one reason why I think that this would be an appropriate time to replace our nativity set. Donations for this new set can be made through buying individual pieces. However, due to inventory issues, we will only be able to get the Holy Family figures before this coming Christmas. The other figures will not be available until after the first of next year. The Holy Family figures will cost \$900.00 for anyone who might be interested in making a donation toward them. For anyone interested in the costs of the other figures, you can see me.

*Fr. Niccolls*

**PIETA** is a support group for bereaved parents. Anyone who has experienced the death of a child is welcome to attend.

**Monday, October 9th at 7:00 PM Church Hall**

For more information call Terry Gentile 508-284-0796 or Sue Stevens at 508-852-4887. If you would like to send an email contact either Terry or Sue at [pieta3@gmail.com](mailto:pieta3@gmail.com).



## Mass Intentions



**Saturday, September 30, 2023**

**4:00 PM** In Memory of Jean Corio  
Requested by her Family

**Sunday, October 1, 2023**

**8:00 AM** For the Community of Saint George

**10:00 AM** In Memory of Martin Forhan

Requested by his wife Nancy Forhan

**Monday, October 2, 2023**

**8:00 AM** In Memory of Barbara DeCoursey

**Tuesday, October 3, 2023 No Mass**

**Wednesday, October 4, 2023**

**8:00 AM** In Memory of William P. Woods, Sr.

Requested by the Family

**Thursday, October 5, 2023**

**5:30 PM** In Memory of Edward J. Peacott

**Friday, October 6, 2023**

**8:00 AM** In Memory of Robert J. Skinner

**Saturday, October 7, 2023**

**4:00 PM** For the Community of Saint George

**Sunday, October 8, 2023**

**8:00 AM** In Memory of Laurence Newell, Jr.

Requested by his Wife and Family

**10:00 AM** For the Community of Saint George

We commend to your prayers

*Robert Cronin and*

*Nancy Scappaticci*

May the angels lead them into paradise.



## Deacon Paul Audette

James Martin

(In this excerpt from an essay in the September 26, 1998 "America" magazine, Fr. Martin addresses his own physical infirmities and how these have given him several important spiritual insights)

"The story of Gethsemane is one that I've always found enormously appealing, and it has been the source of much prayer throughout my life. But while I think that I've always understood the frustration and confusion that Jesus felt in the Garden – the confusion of not knowing what to do, the frustration that comes with seeing one's plans scuttled – I never fully understood his fear. Never, that is, until one day on the phone my doctor mentioned that a small 'spot' had made an unscheduled appearance on my last CAT scan...Excuse me? A what? On my what?...He began to explain – though by now I had pretty much stopped listening – that the parotid gland was another name for the salivary glands and that tumors can occasionally develop there...I put the phone down gingerly, feeling stunned. Momentarily I felt the urge to cry, but it passed after I realized what I needed to do. Quickly I made an appointment with an otolaryngologist, a specialty I could barely pronounce, much less define... 'You have a tumor'... Before I could respond, she pressed on with a torrent of clinical bad news that I was wholly unable to digest... 'the incision will start here and go to...here.' She drew her finger slowly past my ear and down my jaw line. 'Then back to here,' she said, moving behind my ear...It was as much as I could take. I felt queasy...I was seized with fear. And anger. And sadness. But mostly fear."



## Weekly Collection

September 18 - September 24, 2023

On-line Giving: \$ 866.60  
Ordinary Collection: \$ 3,501.00  
Total: \$ 4,367.60

Thank you for your generosity!  
We are truly grateful.

## Parish Calendar

**Saturday, September 30, 2023 WELCOME WEEKEND**

8:00 PM AA Meeting Church Hall

**Sunday, October 1, 2023 WELCOME WEEKEND**

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

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Religious Ed gr 1-8 classes Parish Center

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

**Monday, October 2, 2023**

**Tuesday, October 3, 2023**

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Religious Ed gr 1-8 classes Parish Center

**Wednesday, October 4, 2023**

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM Gentile Yoga Church Hall

**Thursday, October 5, 2023**

11:00 AM Faith Sharing Room 108 Parish Center

6:00 PM Family Prayer Night Church

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration Church

**Friday, October 6, 2023**

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

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Youth Ministry Gathering Church Hall

**Saturday, October 7, 2023**

8:00 AM Rosary Group Church

8:00 PM AA Meeting Church Hall

**Sunday, October 8, 2023**

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

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Religious Ed gr 1-8 classes Parish Center

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

## Blessing of the Animals

**Pets leave pawprints on your heart**

A Blessing and Treat for Your Pet  
Refreshments for their Adult and Child Humans

**Saturday, October 21, 2023**

Rain or Shine from **9:30 AM to 10:30 AM**  
St. George Roman Catholic Church - Parking Lot  
40 Brattle Street - Worcester MA



Bring your pet, a picture of a pet  
or even your Favorite Stuffed Animal.

For the safety of all animals,  
Dogs must be on a leash or crated.

For more information contact JoAnn or Andrea  
[emmaus.stgeorge@gmail.com](mailto:emmaus.stgeorge@gmail.com)

## Bulletin Item Due Dates:

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](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 AM & 10:00 AM Masses



\$1.00 each

Oct. 1 - Dave Walsh and Team  
Oct. 8 - Mark Cormier and Team  
Oct. 15 - Robert Gray and Team  
Oct. 22 - Jim Moughan and Team

Coffee, donuts, bulkies, and fellowship! Please join a team,  
you are needed. 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@andyfish.com](mailto:andy@andyfish.com) or 508-901-7813



## GREETERS MINISTRY

### St. George Church Needs You!

We need Greeters to welcome parishioners to each and every Mass at all of our doors, to handout bulletins, assist with those who have mobility issues and generally offer a warm welcoming to everyone entering the church for services. Please step up if you see no one welcoming parishioners at the door. This is your church and you are needed to help make others feel like they belong.

**Please help, and Thank you!**

## St. George Welcome Weekend September 30th and October 1st after all Masses!



Complimentary Ice Cream on Saturday, September 30th.  
Complimentary cup of Coffee, Donut or Bulkie after ALL  
Sunday Masses, October 1st. Free raffles with Emmaus  
Ministry. Come find out how to help Parish Outreach, join  
other Ministries and the many other ways to serve.



Regular Offertory Donations,  
Special collections and donations  
are available through Online Giving.

Access is available through our website: click on the icon  
like the one pictured here. Kathy Hessel is happy to assist  
you, email with questions at [mkhessel@aol.com](mailto:mkhessel@aol.com). Many  
thanks to our online givers who help to provide faithful &  
consistent financial support to our parish during this time.



## Readings To-Go!

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 1, 2023

Scan QR code to see  
this week's readings!

### Prayer Before or After Mass

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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.

### Discerning a Later Vocation to the Priesthood?

Is God calling you to be a priest? If you are 30-60, you may be surprised! Every month Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston hosts visits from men for whom priesthood is a later vocation. The next visit is **October 6**. Join the seminary community either virtually or in person for prayer and fellowship, holy hour and evening prayer. In person visits also include dinner with the seminarians and a tour of the seminary. To sign-up or receive more information, please contact Msgr. William Fay at 781-899-5500 ext. 134 or [msgr.fay@psjs.edu](mailto:msgr.fay@psjs.edu)



### St. George Church Eucharistic Adoration

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

**Thursday, October 5, 2023** 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM and  
**Friday, October 6, 2023** after 8:00 AM Mass to 10:00 AM.  
Come spend time being with Jesus and pray with us.

### 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 October 7, 2023**

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



### St. George Family Prayer Night Thursdays 6:00 PM

*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 & Friday of each month.



### Worcester Catholic Women's Conference

**St. Joseph School**  
**47 Whitcomb Street**  
**Webster - October 7**  
**starting at 9:00 AM.**

All women are invited to the **Worcester Catholic Women's Conference**, "Male & Female He Created Them". Hear dynamic talks from Catholic leaders: Dr. Deborah Savage, Dr. Christopher Kloff, Fr. Derek Mobilio, Fr. Colin Blatchford, and Patricia Sandoval. Diocesan priests will hear confessions and there will be many interesting exhibitors. Bishop Robert McManus will celebrate Mass. Register early, limited seating.

For more information and to register: visit website:

[www.wcwconference.com](http://www.wcwconference.com) or  
call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969.

### Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 3:00 PM Cathedral of St. Paul 38 High Street, Worcester

Bishop Robert J. McManus will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at 3:00 PM at the Cathedral of St. Paul. This liturgy of thanksgiving to God for many years of faithful witness to the sacredness of Christian marriage honors couples who are marking significant anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, etc.) this year. A light reception will follow downstairs in the Cenacle. Family and friends are welcome!

**Pre-register no later than October 13th.**

To register, complete the registration form at:

[www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass) or  
Contact Office of Marriage & Family 508-929-4311

### Mini-Retreat for Women Commission for Women of the Diocese of Worcester

**Saturday, October 28, 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM**  
**at St. Anne's Church in the Parish Hall.**

**Located on 130 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury**

This retreat will be led by Sarah Hart, a leading figure in contemporary Catholic music today. Her songs of faith having touched thousands. This experience is woven with fun, humor, songs, prayer, scripture, and Sarah's personal stories.

Further information and a registration form may be found at:

<https://worcesterdiocese.org/2023-morning-retreat-invitation>

or you can send an email to the Commission at:

[worcestercommissionforwomen@gmail.com](mailto:worcestercommissionforwomen@gmail.com)

or email Susan at [susanzybert@gmail.com](mailto:susanzybert@gmail.com)



**St. Jude Novena**  
**Saint Aloysius-Saint Jude Church**  
**489 Pleasant St. Leicester**  
**Sunday, October 29, 2:00 - 3:00 PM**

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Homily, Litany to Saint Jude, Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and Benediction.

Please call 508-892-8296 with questions







## Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith" Sarah Kelly, Administrator

Phone: 508-852-1784

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

### Welcome to St. George Religious Education Classes 2023 - 2024

#### Grades 1-8:

We are so excited to welcome back our students from last year. We are also very excited to welcome new students to our religious education program. Classes for students in grades 1-8 began September 24th. Emails went out already to registered families with pertinent information. If you did not receive an email, please email Sarah Kelly.

#### Confirmation:

The first classes for students in Confirmation I & II begin on Sunday, October 15. Emails will be sent out soon to registered families. If you have any questions, please email Sarah Kelly.

#### Volunteers Needed:

We are still in need of volunteers at many different grade levels. 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 Kelly.

Sarah Kelly's email: [sarah.kelly@saintgeorgeparish.org](mailto:sarah.kelly@saintgeorgeparish.org)

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

September 27 to November 5, 2023

Come join us for 40-Days For Life Worcester Campaign to end abortion. Vigil location is outside Planned Parenthood on the side walk (right of public way) on 470 Pleasant Street in Worcester from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Sign up for time.

To sign up for time please go to the website <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/local-campaigns/worcester/> or call Lee Crowley at 508-887-1064 or send an email to: [leecrowley67@gmail.com](mailto:leecrowley67@gmail.com)

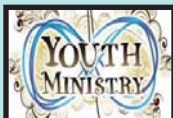


**Saint John's Fall Open House**  
Tuesday, October 17, at 6:00 PM  
Saturday, November 18, 9:00 AM

To learn more and to register, visit:

<https://www.beapioneer.org/experience>

During this even, prospective families and students will have an opportunity to hear from Saint John's faculty, staff and students regarding the limitless opportunities available to our students!



### Youth Ministry

Open to grades 7-12 Next Gathering:  
**Friday, October 6, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM**  
in the Church Hall - Conference Room.

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](mailto:jguillette@charter.net)

## The Family Connection

Teach your child about God and heaven. Nurture your child in the faith from the beginning; pray for your child while in the womb. Lead your child as they grow with love into a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Attend Mass regularly as a family. This bond is strong and helps guide us all. Tell your child the challenges in living a life of faith with God and that He is always with us, and loves us. Teach your child how to pray and talk to God everyday.

### FOLLOWING FATHER'S EXAMPLE A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



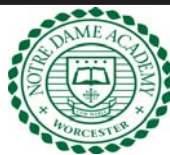
Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.  
EPHESIANS 5:1-2 NIV

**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](mailto:office@saintgeorgesparish.org)

**Grandparents make memories  
that the heart holds forever.**



How can you help others?



**Notre Dame Academy**  
**Campus Tours and Open House**  
Sunday, October 1st, 12:00-2:00 PM

Come tour our beautiful 13-acre campus, meet faculty and students, and learn about our unique educational experience for young women in grade 7-12. High School entrance Exam is Saturday, October 21 at 8:30 AM. Main Academic Building pre-registration is required. To register for both events visit [www.nda-worce.org/admissions/events](http://www.nda-worce.org/admissions/events)

If you have any questions, please contact our Director of Enrollment, Frances Queen at 508-757-6200 x 272 or send an email to [admissions@nda-worc.org](mailto:admissions@nda-worc.org)

### 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](mailto:st.geobaptism@gmail.com)



# A Community of Ministries



## St. George Parish Outreach

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

### Please Save these Dates for Holiday Outreach 2023

#### November 4 & 5 - Thanksgiving Food Drive

Non-perishable food items needed. Sturdy recyclable bags with handles are very helpful. Items can be left in the Outreach Collection area anytime.



#### Donations for Turkeys are Needed

Throughout the month of November we hope to collect \$400 to provide turkeys for families at Our Lady of Providence Catholic Parish on Lincoln Street. Please label your donation envelope "For Turkeys" - Mail checks to: Parish Office or add the envelope to the Collection Basket at Mass.



**November 11 & 12** - This weekend the **Giving Tree Tags** will be available on the "Giving Tree" in our church.



**November 17** - **Mustard Seed Meal** for 120 elderly and homeless guests. Please call Annie to help prepare the meal. Donations to "Parish Outreach" towards the cost of the meal are needed. The cost for each meal is \$6.

#### December 2 & 3 - Giving Tree Gift Returns due.

Volunteers to help sort and deliver will be needed

### 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, homebound 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.

**Want to begin planning and shopping early for folks who would otherwise do without holiday food and gifts ?**

**Food Drive Items:** typically items needed around the holidays are turkey stuffing mix, cans of gravy, corn bread mix and small canned hams.

**Giving Tree Items:** items typically requested are men's zip up hooded sweatshirts, men's sweat pants, children's gifts and small blankets.

As we become aware of more specific needs we will include them here and of course on our "Giving Tree".

### Your Help is Needed to Feed the Hungry



**Special Needs for October are:**  
**Cereal, Jelly and Healthy Snacks**  
**Granola bars & individual pkg of Nuts**



These are items that are not available at the Worcester County Food Bank (WCFB). Due to the 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.



### All Are Welcome!

Visitor or parishioner, sure or struggling, young or old, no matter what your day has been like so far you belong here. We all belong to Christ.

Rejoicing or grieving, faith filled or doubting, poor or wealthy, no matter what your race, orientation or marriage situation you belong here. We all belong to Christ.

With children or childless, weary or wondering, sick or anxious, Interfaith family or Interdenominational, no matter how long you may have been away from church or where you have been you belong here.  
We are all God's people.

We invite you to join us in worship, prayer, ministry and service. Want to know more?  
Call or text Annie Doyle: 508-450-4134



### NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME!

We are honored and delighted to welcome you. Contact Annie Doyle at 508-450-4134 for an introduction to our ministries, our needs, and the interests you might have to help.

Call the Parish Office with questions at 508-853-0183.



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



## Emmaus Ministry

Journey with the  
Emmaus Ministry at

**WELCOME WEEKEND**  
9/30 and 10/1  
After each Mass

**Free Gifts and Free Raffles**

Contact Andrea or JoAnn for  
more information at 508-853-0183  
or [emmaus.stgeorge@gmail.com](mailto:emmaus.stgeorge@gmail.com)



### Spiritual Growth Ministry Corner

Ministry Leader: Bonnie Moran

[saintgeorgespiritualgrowth@gmail.com](mailto:saintgeorgespiritualgrowth@gmail.com)

### Mountaintop Spirituality

A recent ascent of Mt. Monadnock in Jaffrey, NH on a beautiful late-summer day was a poignant reminder of why mountains are prominently featured in both Old and New Testament literature. A mountain is the ultimate image of stability. A mountain is the ultimate image of the power and reliability of God who created it along with the landscape surrounding it, a landscape that increasingly reveals itself the higher one climbs: clouds, foliage, a horizon displaying buildings and lakes and more mountains, sometimes even the Boston skyline to the east, the White Mountain peaks to the north and Green Mountains to the west. The authors of sacred scripture frequently draw on "mountain images" to poetically capture God's presence and power. The climber endures physical exertion and pain to reach the summit – because it is there. The praying person persists in spiritually reaching out – because God is there like a mountain dominating the horizon. We invite you to meditate on a few biblical references to mountains (among many others) as you spiritually climb the mountain of God's love.

Isaiah 52:7 – "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings/announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation, and praying to Zion, 'Your God is King!'"

Psalms 121:1-2 – "I raise my eyes toward the mountains/ from where my help will come?/My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth."

Matthew 17:1-8, Mark 9:2-8 and Luke 9:28-36 – Meditate on these New Testament Transfiguration accounts.

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

### Faith Sharing Groups

If you are interested in learning more about Faith Sharing groups, please contact JoAnn Nally at phone number 508-527-6973.



**Wednesday, October 11th from 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

**Monday, October 16th from 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM**

**Room 108 in the Parish Center is Handicapped Accessible.**



*Celebrate  
Priesthood*  
Thursday  
October 26, 2023

### Tenth Annual Celebrate Priesthood Taste of the Diocese Gala

**Thursday, October 26, 2023 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM**  
**Saint Paul Diocesan Jr./ Sr. High School**  
**144 Granite St., Worcester**

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### Stewardship Thought of the Week

The first son in today's Gospel said he would do his father's bidding, but did not. The second son balked at first, but then repented and did as he was asked.

**What service is God calling me to do?  
Which son am I more like?**

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