

Saint George Church - Worcester and Holden

October 22, 2023 - Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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www.saintgeorgesparish.org

Parish Staff: It is our privilege to serve you.

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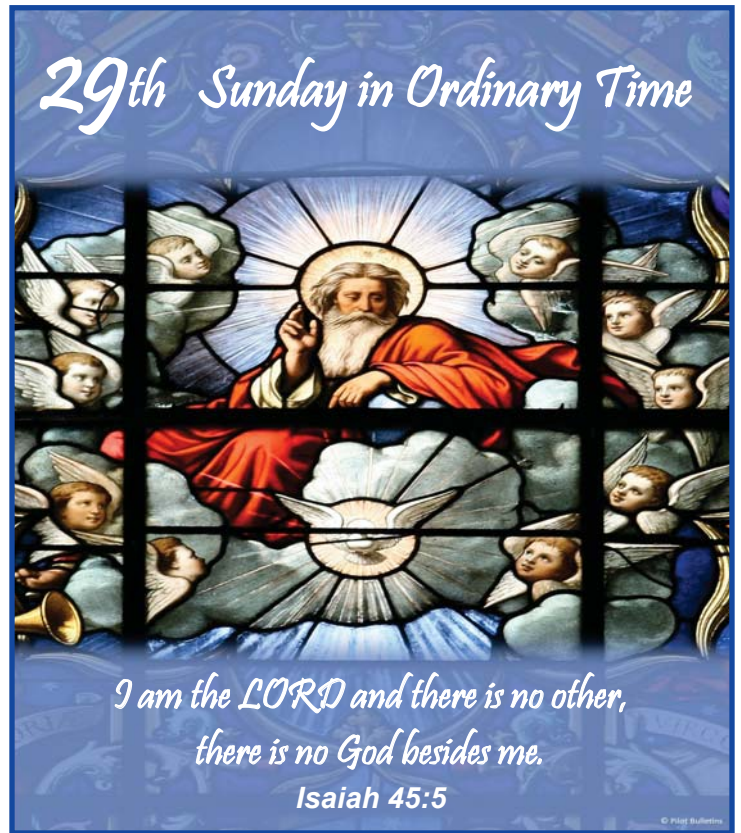
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Current Office Hours:
Monday—Thursday 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

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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.



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—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 22, 2023



From Your Pastor

The Pharisees in today's Gospel embody the resistance that Jesus and the early Christians experienced. They, along with the Pro-Roman Herodians, test Jesus with a question about taxes. If Jesus opposes taxes, he aligns himself with the revolutionary opponents of Roman rule. If he supports taxes, he risks angering the Jews who are irritated with Roman taxation. Jesus reveals their pettiness in his request for them to present a Roman coin. He does not forbid the use of such coins but simply counsels his listeners to be at least attentive to "what belongs to God" as they would with "what belongs to Caesar." What does belong to God is everything. Christians believe that all that is given to us is given by God. Yet, we still want to call some of what is given to us our own. There are the tangible things such as the money you work hard to earn, the house in which you live, your books and clothes and perhaps many other such items. Then there are the intangible things like your sense of security, your freedom from invasion, terror or sickness, or the place in your heart where you have stashed anger, suspicion and fear. You may want to hope that God will not notice these, but Jesus reminds us in using the word "repay" that they are not ours, but God's. We are not in a position to give them to God, but to *give them back* to God. This means that we are borrowing every single thing we have – money, home, tasks, relationships and every breath we take from God. This is what we must remember!

Here are some questions to reflect upon with this Gospel:

1. *Jesus accuses the Pharisees and Herodians of hypocrisy. What kinds of hypocrisy are they being accused of and in what ways do their actions not match their words?*
2. *The image on the Roman coin is stamped with a human image. What in your life is stamped with your image instead of God's?*
3. *You and I are stamped with a different image, for we are made in the image and likeness of God. What would the world look like if we really believed that truth when we looked at one another and at ourselves?*

In November we will be observing the month of All Souls when we remember our beloved dead. As in past years our parish will be extending an invitation to the families of those parishioners who had died during the past year to gather for a special Mass of Remembrance on Saturday, November 4th, at 9:30 A.M. Letters of invitation are being mailed out to those families. The Mass is open for parishioners to attend as well. The Mass will also be live-streamed that Saturday morning. We invite you to either attend this Mass or to view it live-streamed at this date and time to remember these deceased parishioners and all of our beloved dead. Since this Mass is just a little more than three weeks away, please make a note of it. We invite you to attend this Mass to remember these deceased parishioners and all of our beloved dead.

New Nativity Set Update: I have received more donations for the figures for our new nativity set. The remaining pieces that are available for donations are the Magi (\$1,100), the Donkey (\$275) and the Ox (\$275). Anyone interested in donating for these remaining figures can contact me. My thanks to our donors for their generous gifts! I remind you that only the Holy Family figures will be available for this Christmas season while the other figures will not be available until after the first of next year.

Fr. Niccolls

Mass Intentions



Saturday, October 21, 2023

4:00 PM In Memory of Maria Rosario Paruta
Requested by her loving Family

Sunday, October 22, 2023

8:00 AM In Memory of Elias Camilo, 2nd Anniversary
Requested by Ed and Donna Saucier

10:00 AM In Memory of Laurence LaFayette
Requested by Seraphina Wong

Monday, October 23, 2023

8:00 AM In Memory of Mary T. Cronin

Tuesday, October 24, 2023 No Mass

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

8:00 AM In Memory of Mary T. Toomey

Thursday, October 26, 2023

5:30 PM In Memory of Richard Owen Slein, Jr.

Friday, October 27, 2023

8:00 AM In Memory of Frances Pielaszczyk

Saturday, October 28, 2023

4:00 PM In Memory of Matthew Ryan, 7th Anniversary
and Tracy Ryan, 2nd Anniversary
Requested by their Family

Sunday, October 29, 2023

8:00 AM In Memory of Denise Nicholas
Requested by her Friend

10:00 AM In Memory of Joseph and Mary Collins
Requested by Kate Wells

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)

"St. Ignatius Loyola counsels us to pray to understand our deepest desires. His own experiences had taught him that God is revealed most often in our wants, our hopes, our longings. But sometimes (strange as it sounds) it is hard to know what you really want. Should I take this job or that one? Go this way in life or not? I seem to want both things, but what do I *really* desire?...Surgery, I discovered, has a wonderfully clarifying effect on all of that. When I was being wheeled into the operating room, staring up dumbly at a rapidly moving row of fluorescent lights on the ceiling, I thought of how I would feel if the tumor turned out to be cancerous and my life ended sooner rather than later. And suddenly, I thought of how much I wanted to be a priest. I wanted to be able to celebrate Mass; I wanted to baptize my sister's child soon to be born; I wanted to be a good priest. And I understood this with a clarity and strength that I had never felt before. It was a great grace after years of wondering precisely how *much* I wanted to be a priest...What I would have given to avoid, Jesus took on willingly, and in doing so gave everything... Now I knew. It was clear, or rather, it was *made* clear to me... When I woke up after the surgery in the recovery room – dazed, a mask of cold, cloudy oxygen over my mouth – I heard the nurse calling a name: 'Father Martin! Father Martin!'...I smiled and went back to sleep."

Weekly Collection

October 9 - October 15, 2023



On-line Giving: \$ 1,186.60
Ordinary Collection: \$ 3,048.00
Total: \$ 4,234.60

Thank you for your generosity!
We are truly grateful.

Parish Calendar

Saturday, October 21, 2023

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Blessing of the Animals Parking Lot
8:00 PM AA Meeting Church Hall

Sunday, October 22, 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
11:00 AM - 12:15 PM Confirmation Classes Parish Center

Monday, October 23, 2023

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

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

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

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

Thursday, October 26, 2023

11:00 AM Faith Sharing Room 108 Parish Center
6:00 PM Family Prayer Night Church

Friday, October 27, 2023

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

Saturday, October 28, 2023

8:00 PM AA Meeting Church Hall

Sunday, October 29, 2023

After 8:00 & 10:00 AM Mass Coffee Shop Church Hall
10:00 AM Toddler & Children's Liturgy Church Hall

Thank you to all those who make the grounds of St. George so beautiful. Thank you for your time and efforts that made Welcome Weekend even more special. So appreciated!

Thank you to:
Patrick Hayes
Andy and Cheryl Labreque
Jimmy Moughan
Maria Parker
Susan Pacek
Pieta Group
and all those who leave flowers
Anonymously.



Thank you!

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



\$1.00 each

Oct. 22 - Jim Moughan and Team
Oct. 29 - Kathy Hessel and Team
Nov. 5 - Andy Fish and Team
Nov. 12 - Kelly Family 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@andyfish.com or 508-901-7813



St. George Church
Friday, November 10, 2023
6:00 PM - 9:30 PM
Church Hall

Professional

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Catered by Dino's Restaurant

FUNDRAISING DINNER

Tickets on Sale Now

After Masses on Saturday 10/21,
and on Sunday 10/29, or by mail
with registration form in the Church Hall.

\$20 Adults, \$10 for 12 yrs and under,
Free for 3 yrs and under, or
\$65 for the Family (live in the same household)

Have questions or need a Ticket Order Form?
Call the Parish Office at 508-853-0183
or send email to: emmaus.stgeorge@gmail.com



Bunco for a Cause!
Friday, November 3, 2023
Knights of Columbus
44 Circuit Avenue, Worcester
Doors open at 5:00 PM
Benefits In Hour of Need (IHN)

Join us for a fun casual night as we play Bunco for a cause! What is Bunco, you ask? Bunco is a dice game of luck, not skill. It takes 5 minutes to learn and creates about 2 hours of laughter. Invite a friend. All are welcome. Both men and women play. Doors open at 5:00 PM, Learn to play at 6:45 PM. Game begins at 7:00 PM. Register by November 1. Cost is \$25 and includes an Italian Grinder! All proceeds go support In Hour of Need House and Programs.

If you have any questions, call Ann French 508-868-0614, or you can also register online: <https://www.ihnworchester.org/>

Church Donation Envelopes

If you would like to receive or stop receiving Church Envelopes please call the Parish Office and let us know. Using Church Envelopes helps keep track of your donations for tax purposes. Envelopes help track your donations. Thank you.

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

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. The best way to book or reserve a Mass is to call our office: 508-853-0183.

Prayer Before or After Mass

Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart. 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.



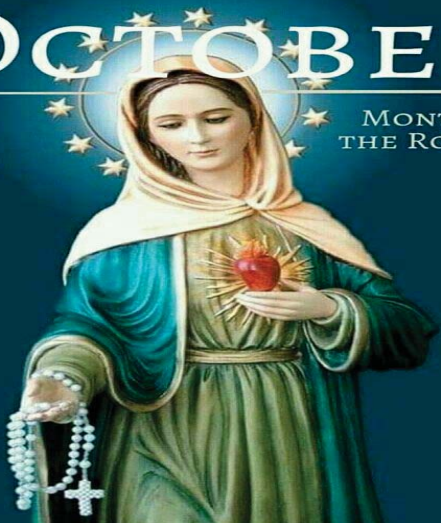
St. George Church Eucharistic Adoration

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

Thursday, November 2, 2023 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM and
Friday, November 3, 2023 after 8:00 AM Mass - 10:00 AM.
Come spend time being with Jesus and pray with us.

OCTOBER

MONTH OF
THE ROSARY



ZOOM 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.

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.



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://worcestardiocese.org/2023-morning-retreat-invitation>
or you can send an email to the Commission at:
worcestercommissionforwomen@gmail.com
or email Susan at susanzybert@gmail.com



Continues until November 5

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. Come pray with us.

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



Winter Grief:

**Embracing Loss During the Holidays
Saturday, November 18 1:00 - 2:30 PM
Holden Senior Center
1130 Main Street, Holden**

Grieving can become more intense during the holidays. This seminar is designed to help individuals find strength, hope and meaning this holiday season. We will talk about the experience of loss, the journey of grief, and the meaning and the importance of traditions and rituals. There will be a reflection on self-care strategies for the holidays. There is no charge for this seminar and everyone is welcome. Following the seminar there will be light refreshments. Each participant will receive a free book. **Pre-registration is requested.**

If you have any questions and to Pre-register please call us at 508-829-4434



**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. We invite you to prayerfully consider joining our program to begin accompanying brothers and sisters in Christ on their journey with our Lord.

For application visit: Immaculateconceptioncenter.org.
If you have any questions, you can either email us at: ad-min@immaculateconceptioncenter.org call 860-928-7955.



Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith" Sarah Kelly, Administrator

Phone: 508-852-1784

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 will begin on Sunday, October 22. 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.

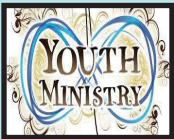
Sarah Kelly's email: sarah.kelly@saintgeorgeparish.org

Holiday Fair in Northbridge St. Peter Parish 39 Church Street, Northbridge

Annual Holiday Fair on:
Saturday, November 4, 2023
from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
in the Parish Hall.

Come out with your family and friends to enjoy the day! We will have all of your favorites: White Elephant Table, Baked Goods Table, Craft Table with beautiful handmade quilts. There will also be tables filled with raffles, a silent auction, gift basket raffles, and so much more! Come and have some fun.

For more information please contact 508-234-2156 or email parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org to purchase tickets



Youth Ministry
Meet in the Church Hall on:
Friday, October 27th and
Friday, November 17th, 2023.
at 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

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

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



The Family Connection

Does your hearing improve with praise? Does your performance improve with gratitude? This week make it a point to thank each other for kindnesses small and large.



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 memories
that the heart holds forever.**

Family Faith Byte

How can we thank someone today, or show kindness?

Thank you. Great job. That was very nice of you.
I like the way you did that. You are awesome.

Saint John's Fall Open House Saturday, November 18, 9:00 AM



To learn more and to register, visit:
<https://www.beapioneer.org/experience>

During this event, 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! Hope to see you at this event. Call St. John's with any questions: 508-842-8934



A Community of Ministries



St. George Parish Outreach

Ann Doyle 508-450-4134
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.



Your Help is Needed to Feed the Hungry

Special Needs for October are: Cereal, and Jelly



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 WCFB to increase the food which we are able to share with families in need.

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".



Community Service Opportunities For Confirmation Candidates

We invite you to join in our ongoing Parish Outreach Experiences!

**Simply Text Annie Doyle's Cell
for details: 508-450-4134.**

**Please see this page of the weekly bulletin or
visit our parish Website to see opportunities.**

<https://saintgeorgesparish.org/>



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

Interested in being involved in Emmaus Ministry?
Your ideas, talents and time are most welcomed?

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

Here in New England we have been given the wonderful gift of colorful landscape each fall. As we ride or walk through the countryside we focus on the beauty before us - letting go of thoughts of yards to be raked and the winter fast approaching.

Joyce Rupp, noted author and presenter, writes in her book "Fresh Bread" that trees seem to give themselves over to the "letting go" process much more readily than humans. We don't want to be as vulnerable to winter as the October trees. However, our relationship and life itself will ask us to be open to "let go" so that new growth can occur.

New growth means change. Trees are not alone telling us this. Life tells us this and Jesus tells us this. Like the falling autumn leaves Jesus experienced "daily dyings". He opened himself to being wounded, misunderstood and rejected. The height of his vulnerability was death on the cross. His ongoing relationship with his Father gave him strength and courage which led him to say, "let your will be done, not mine".

To us Jesus says, "Only if you lose your life for my sake will you find it". He is speaking of "letting go" of our defenses and risking relationships, forgiving seventy times seven, and trying something new so that more of our giftedness can be shared.

As we observe the trees in fall we are aware that some leaves cling to the trees into winter. Like the leaves some of us think we can grow without "letting go". Joyce Rupp suggests that we look at the falling leaves we also think of the call to be vulnerable - to open ourselves to possible hurt, grow from the "daily dyings" of our lives and to love as Jesus loved.

Below is a portion of one of Joyce Rupp's prayers.

Jesus, Master of the seasons of the heart -
Grant me the grace of vulnerability so that
I can surrender my heart to you and love as you
loved. Walk with me when I want to run away
from the negatives of life instead of desiring
to grow through them. Amen

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.

Faith Sharing Groups

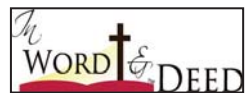
If you are interested in learning more about Faith Sharing groups, please contact JoAnn Nally at phone number 508-527-6973.



Monday, November 27th from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Wednesday, November 29th from 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM

Room 108 in the Parish Center is Handicapped Accessible.



A young-at-heart couple was celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary. The family had thought long and hard about a gift for such wonderful people, finally deciding to give them a large photo of the entire family and an album of letters of love and good wishes that honored their commitment and love. Nothing could have been more significant or valuable. The couple read the notes and explained each person in the photo to anyone who would listen!

When St. Paul writes to the Thessalonians, he describes how the church acts in power and out of conviction because of the working of the Holy Spirit. St. Paul says how he and the others were mindful of the way the Thessalonians were proving their faith, laboring in love, and showing constancy in hope. Grace took root because the people did not hold back; they kept the covenant with God.

It is not just a church community that practices faith and bears witness to God's Spirit. Each person does too. The couple married 65 years, the volunteers at the soup kitchen, the CCD teacher, the people who practice kindness and virtue all testify to the power of God in their lives. They give back to God what He has given them. And all of us are better and richer and holier for it. ~James Gaffney © 2008 Pilot Bulletins

Back to Basics Narcotics Anonymous

Support group for those attempting to recover from drugs.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Parish Hall 1290 Grafton St, Worc.
Meetings are every Friday from 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Help lines National: 1-800-662-4357, Mass: 1-855-523-1426



Readings To-Go!

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 22, 2023

Scan QR code to see
this week's readings!

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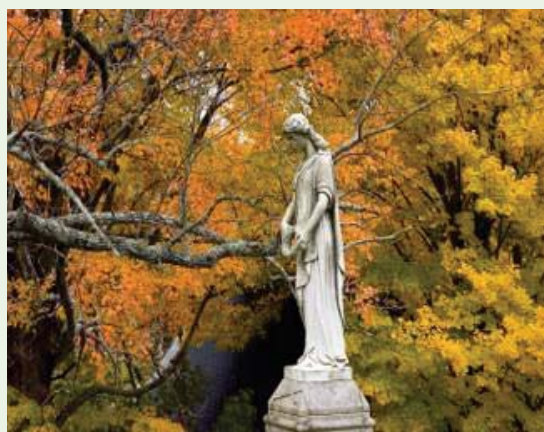


"God is Love" 1 John 4:8

During the month of November visit your Catholic Cemetery...

Where the tradition of faith and the resting place of our beloved dead are held in sacred trust...where the bodies of our beloved dead are treated with dignity and generations of families are kept together awaiting the Resurrection at the end of time.

"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened...
I will give you rest..."



All Souls Day Mass

Please join us as Bishop Robert J. McManus
officiates Mass on All Souls Day,
Thursday, November 2nd at 11AM
Notre Dame Cemetery
Main Mausoleum Chapel
162 Webster Street, Worcester

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