

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

***November 19, 2023 - Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time***

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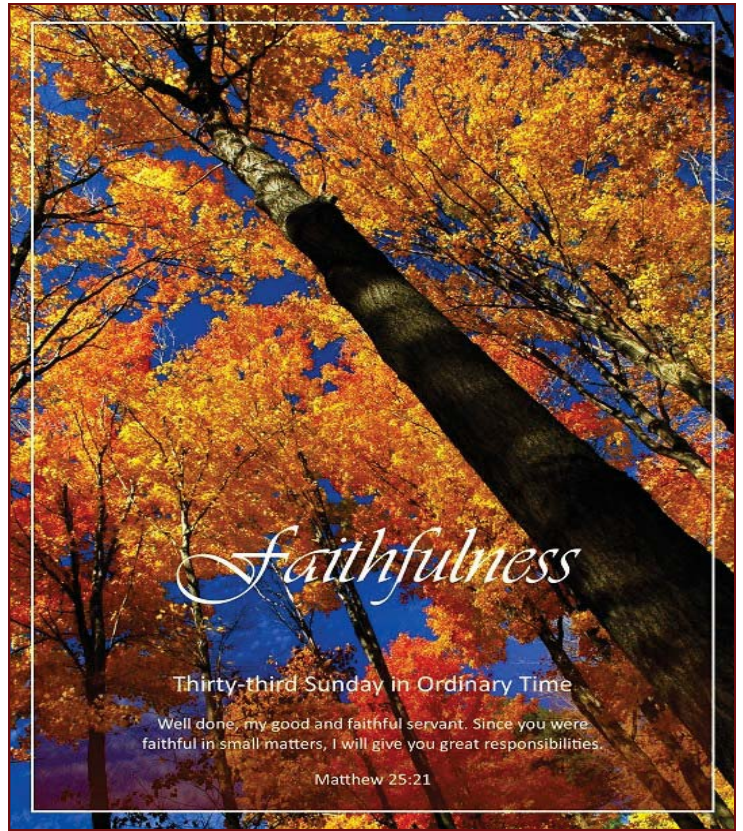
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Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

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## ***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  
**Thanksgiving Day:** Thursday, Nov. 23: 8:00 AM

### **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, November 19, 2023***



## From Your Pastor

This coming Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will be celebrating our American feast of Thanksgiving, a fall holiday which is a festive celebration and a time to recall our responsibilities as Christian stewards as well. Although it is a national holiday, this feast echoes the basic orientation of our Christian faith. It is naturally expressed in our central ritual of worship, the Eucharist, which comes from the Greek word for Thanksgiving. Every time that we celebrate the Eucharist we should remind ourselves that everything we have and all we are comes from God. As we celebrate this festive holiday, we will offer one Mass for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 8:00 A.M. (There will be No 5:30 P.M. Mass). We will also have the special blessing of food during this liturgy. Please bring something to church that you are going to serve at your Thanksgiving meal for this blessing.

This weekend's Gospel has a parable which refers to our Lord's coming again. When Jesus did not return as soon as expected in early Christian times, people developed practices to keep themselves ready for his arrival. Many of these people were from Jewish families whose tradition had a long history of patient waiting. These same people brought this practice of patience to the reality of Christ's delay. Matthew was one of these people who knew this, so he emphasized the development of Christian life. The "talents" the master left behind are the divine wisdom and example we have received from the Gospel. The enterprising servants are the ones who multiply the generosity, forgiveness, compassion and mercy that they have received. The servant who buried the talent is the one who knows Christ's teaching and has done nothing to embody and share them with others. It is in magnifying divine wisdom that we prepare ourselves for Christ's unexpected return. The divine wisdom is that God's love bears fruit in us, and, if shared that love bears fruit in the world. Fear is the hallmark of the hopeless, but as hope-filled people we accept God's promise of his infinite love, and in our joy and gratitude, multiply that love in giving it to others. We need to trust that God has given us what we need to achieve this end. We cannot fail if we rely on God!

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

1. *Our faith is still practiced in a spirit of patient waiting. How do you practice this patient waiting?*
2. *If you were to dust off a "talent" that you have been neglecting, to what use would you put it?*

*Fr. Niccolls*

## Stewardship Thought of the Week

**Good stewards are like the industrious and reliable servants in today's Gospel, prudently using and multiplying the gifts entrusted to them by God.**

## Mass Intentions



**Saturday, November 18, 2023**

**4:00 PM** In Memory of Helen Pizan  
Requested by her Family

**Sunday, November 19, 2023**

**8:00 AM** In Memory of Rita A. Hayes  
Requested by her Family

**10:00 AM** In Memory of Wesley Cordwell and  
Statia and Victor Jakatavich  
Requested by their Family

**Monday, November 20, 2023**

**8:00 AM** In Memory of Constance Waite

**Tuesday, November 21, 2023 No Mass**

**Wednesday, November 22, 2023**

**8:00 AM** In Memory of Maureen Migdelany  
Requested by her Family

**Thursday, November 23, 2023 Thanksgiving Day**

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

**Friday, November 24, 2023**

**8:00 AM** In Memory of David Gleason  
Requested by his Family

**Saturday, November 25, 2023**

**4:00 PM** In Memory of William and Marjorie Willand  
Requested by their Family

**Sunday, November 26, 2023**

**8:00 AM** For the Community of Saint George  
**10:00 AM** In Memory of Daniel F. Murray, 1st Anniversary  
Requested by his Family

## 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)**

"During the next few weeks, I grew accustomed to having people stare at me....As I walked through the streets of Oak Park, Ill., where I was recuperating, my face misshapen and marked by the stitches that coursed down its side, hair unwashed and greasy, I knew that the covert stares and surprised glances of the people I passed came because I was, well, ugly...One day I walked with a friend into the Ernest Hemingway Museum and strode up to the information desk... When I turned my head and displayed the left side of my face to the young woman at the desk, she stopped in midsentence and began stammering. I realized she was looking at my scar, and I flushed red...All of this made me think of what it was like to be someone who, for whatever reason, appears 'different' – whether overweight or wheelchair-bound or too tall or too short or with a physical trait that marks one as extraordinary. For me, it was unsettling. The very thing I wanted most to hide was exactly what everyone was staring at... After I got over the embarrassment of being stared at, I began to wonder if the experience, besides being yet another exercise in humility, might have some other value. For one thing, it magnified my feelings of compassion for those who appear 'different.'"



## Weekly Collection

November 6 - November 12, 2023

On-line Giving: \$ 1,556.60  
Ordinary Collection: \$ 3,872.00  
\$ 5,428.60

Thank you for your generosity!

## Parish Calendar

**Saturday, November 18, 2023 Giving Tree Tags**

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Art Night

Church Hall

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Church Hall

**Sunday, November 19, 2023 Giving Tree Tags**

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

Church Hall

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Rel. Ed grades 1-8

Parish Center

10:00 AM Toddler & Children's Liturgy

Church Hall

11:00 AM - 12:15 PM Confirmation Classes

Parish Center

After 10:00 AM Mass - Advent Wreath Project

Church Hall

**Monday, November 20, 2023**

**Tuesday, November 21, 2023**

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Book Club Room 108

Parish Center

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Rel. Ed grades 1-8

Parish Center

**Wednesday, November 22, 2023**

**Thursday, November 23, 2023 Happy Thanksgiving**

**Friday, November 24, 2023**

**Saturday, November 25, 2023 Giving Tree Tags**

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Church Hall

**Sunday, November 26, 2023 Giving Tree Tags**

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Church Hall

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Rel. Ed grades 1-8

Parish Center

10:00 AM Toddler & Children's Liturgy

Church Hall

**Make your own Advent Wreath**  
**Sunday, November 19th**  
**Following the 10:00AM Mass**  
**in the Church Hall**

# Emmaus Ministry

Emmaus Ministry invites you and your family to make an Advent Wreath. Learn the meaning behind the Advent Wreath. Cost is \$10 per wreath. All are welcome!



For More information about Emmaus Ministry contact:  
Andrea Svagdys-Gumbrell or JoAnn Nally at  
[emmaus.stgeorge@gmail.com](mailto:emmaus.stgeorge@gmail.com)

## Pastoral Council Nomination Form

Attention Parishioners:

The Saint George Parish Council is holding an election and we want you to step up-- if you or someone you know would like to join this important advisory ministry please consider nominating them! Give completed form to Parish Office or send form to the email below.

PARISHIONER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARISHIONER PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

PARISHIONER EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Or send an email with the above information to:

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

**Nominations are due by Nov 26th**

**Thank you!**



**St. George Church**  
**Fall Grounds Cleanup**  
**Tuesday, November 21st at 9:00 AM**  
**in the Church Parking Lot**

Many hands make light work. Please help. If you are able to assist in any way, then please contact Andy Labrecque at 508-873-2728 or send email: [alabrecque2016@outlook.com](mailto:alabrecque2016@outlook.com)

## Join us for Coffee Shop Club

After 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Masses

Nov. 19 - Dave Calson and Team

Nov. 26 - Doherty/Beahn and Team

Dec. 3 - Steve Toole and Team

Dec. 10 - Dave Walsh 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](mailto:andy@andytfish.com) or 508-901-7813



**\$1.00 each**

## Holiday Bulletin Item Due Dates:

Holiday Postings are due **14 days before the Sunday Bulletin**. Please submit items at least 14 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.

## Saint George Book Club

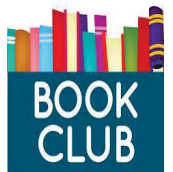
**Tuesday, November 21st, 2023**

**Parish Center Room 108 1:00 - 2:00 PM**

**"The Fourth Quarter of Your Life"**

**By Matthew Kelley**

Contact Nancy Forhan 508-963-9909



Call to Serve. The St. George Pastoral Council is holding its annual election this year. We have one seat open for a new council member. Councilors meet 6 times per year in an advisory capacity to Fr. Nicolls to help in the operational issues of the Parish. Meetings are held the second Tuesday for the following months: January, March, May, September, November and a fellowship meeting in December. Nomination Form is available and copies are in the in the Church Hall on the back table and online on the Church website:

<https://saintgeorgesparish.org>.

Please consider running for this important position.

Questions can be directed to current chair:

Andy Fish at email: [andy@andytfish.com](mailto:andy@andytfish.com)

### Prayer Before or After Mass

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. 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.

## VESPERS



**Sunday, November 26th at 5:00 PM**  
**St. Paul's Cathedral**  
**19 Chatham Street, Worcester**

In recognition of the recent appointment of Msgr. Richard Reidy as a Chaplain to His Holiness, Bishop McManus welcomes you to join the diocesan family in blessing this papal honor at Evening Vespers on the Solemnity of Christ the King. Followed by a reception with light refreshments.

### 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](mailto:mailbox@urbanmissionaries.com) put "Rosary" = subject line. ZOOM link sent to your email.



### 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 December 2, 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 and Friday of each month. Come Pray the Rosary with us. All are welcome.*



### St. George Church Eucharistic Adoration

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

**Thursday, November 30, 2023** 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM and

**Friday, December 1, 2023** after 8:00 AM Mass - 10:00 AM. Come and join us spending time with Jesus. All are welcome.

### Extra Weekday Masses during Advent Christ the King Parish

**1052 Pleasant St., Worcester**

**Starting Monday, December 4th**

**Masses will be M - F at 5:30 PM**

Advent begins on the weekend of December 2nd and 3rd.

Christ the King Parish will continue its custom of celebrating an additional weekday Mass. Masses will be Monday through Friday from 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM.

The only exception will be on December 8th for The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, when Mass will be at 6:00 PM rather than 5:30 PM.

Call Christ the King

Parish Office

if you have any questions:

508-754-5361



### 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](http://Immaculateconceptioncenter.org).

If you have any questions, you can either email us at: [ad-min@immaculateconceptioncenter.org](mailto:ad-min@immaculateconceptioncenter.org) call 860-928-7955.



### March for Life Registration now open!

Plan now to attend the 51st annual March for Life in Washington, DC on: **January 19, 2024**. Buses will leave from St. Paul's Cathedral on Thursday, January 18, 2024 following the Respect Life Mass at 7:30 pm, and will travel to the Basilica of National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC in time for Friday morning Mass followed by the March for Life at noon. Busses will return to Worcester immediately following the march, arriving back at St. Paul's at approximately 1:00 AM on Saturday, January 20, 2024. Cost is \$125 per seat.

**Registration deadline is December 15, 2023**, on a first come first serve basis. For more details and to download a registration form visit: [www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life) or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311 or send email to Allison LeDoux: [aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto:aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org).





## 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

**Schedule Online:** The schedule for all religious education classes, grade one through confirmation, can be found on the parish website. Be sure to check the website frequently for any updates.

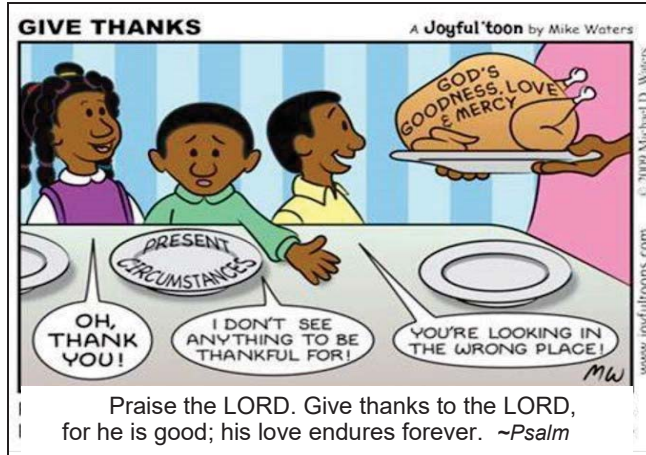
**Emails, Website & Remind App:** All important updates are typically sent out through email. We also post any changes to the schedule, or important updates on the parish website. A 3rd way, and often the quickest, of getting information out to families is through the Remind App. Simply text the code **@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 is this Sunday, November 19th 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM in the Parish Center.

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

## The Family Connection

This is the time of year when we traditionally count our blessings. First, we give our thanks to God by thinking about the blessing you have been given. Choose one or two and share them with someone else at the Thanksgiving table. Secondly, think of ways to share blessings with someone else.



**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.**



### Catholic Scouting Emblem Program Facilitator/Counselor Training Tuesday, Nov. 28th 7:00PM - 9:00 PM St. George Church in the Church Hall

This is the ONLY training session made available during the 2023 - 2024 program year. For all Catholic volunteer leaders, parents involved in the scouting program for youth ages 6 through 10. The Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting is presenting a 2-hour training session. This session will enable Catholic adults involved in the Scouting programs of the Worcester Diocese to gain the knowledge and procedures necessary to facilitate and counsel the youth emblem and Saint patch series programs offered to Catholic Scouts ages 6 through 10. For 11 years and older contact Youth Ministry and to **RSVP:** John Atlas at [JKARL@gmail.com](mailto:JKARL@gmail.com)

## Family Faith Byte Thank you God for...



### Christmas Festival in Worcester St. Christopher Church 950 West Boylston St., Worcester Saturday, December 2nd, 2023 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

The Christmas Festival will feature raffles, games for all ages, crafts, jewelry, white elephant and Christmas items, baked goods and more! Bring along your appetite and enjoy a delicious lunch! No admission fee, come enjoy the festivities to get you in the Christmas spirit. See you there!

For more information call  
St. Christopher Church at 508-853-1492

### Youth Ministry

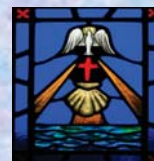
Contact Jay Guillette for next gathering. Gathering is in the Church Hall



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](mailto: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](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)

### Dates for Holiday Outreach 2023

#### 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 - Giving Tree Tags are now available** on the "Giving Tree" in our church. Heartfelt thanks to Ann Luring for generously preparing hundreds of tags with beautifully curled ribbon!



**December 2 & 3 - All Giving Tree Gift Returns due no later than after the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday. Thank you!** Volunteers are needed to help sort and deliver. Please contact Cheryl and Andy at either 508-873-2728 or email them at: [alabrecque2016@outlook.com](mailto:alabrecque2016@outlook.com)



### Important Information About The Giving Tree

**The Giving Tree** is set up at the side of the Sanctuary. It is decorated with tags that are labeled with the Christmas hopes of a needy person or family. There are many specific and special requests. It is especially important that you fill this need so that the wish is granted and the person or child in need is not left without a gift on Christmas morning.

This year the Giving Tree gifts will be donated to Winter Hill Rest Home, Blaire House, St. Mary's Health Care, St Francis Nursing Home, Diocesan Seminarians, the children at Our Lady of Providence Parish, our families from Afghanistan and the Mustard Seed Catholic Worker families and homeless guests.

The elderly in nursing homes are truly the forgotten folks in our community. Your gifts help to make their Christmas joyful.

**Please** - As we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace - **No toy guns or violent toys.** Also, no battery operated items - these are too expensive for the poor to replace.

**Please** - no cash and no food.

**Please wrap your Giving Tree Gift very loosely in a GIFT BAG or RECYCLABLE BAG** and reattach the tag. Kindly **return** it to the church **no later than December 3rd at the 10:00 AM Mass.**

**Many thanks for your kindness!**

Please call Annie Doyle at 508-450-4134  
if you have any questions.

Last Weeks of November 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Parish Outreach,

Every day I thank God for you! You make it possible to give food, clothing and shelter to hundreds of our neighbors in need. Every day I have the honor and privilege of seeing the grateful faces of the folks who receive what you share with them.

I sit and drink tea with our families from Afghanistan. I listen to their joys and struggles. I reassure them with confidence that your prayers are there for them during difficult moments. Their children now speak English so well that they express their thanks and assure us of their prayers for us as well. They glow with the happiness of being able to read now!

Visits to our IHN family shelter are so uplifting! Our service week this summer built connections with parents who share their successes as they graduate from training programs and move on to an apartment of their own. The kids are always so welcoming. They come running through the house or yard just to say hello!

The needs at the Mustard Seed fill many hours of pick up, delivery and the sharing of food and clothing. It's the moments of sharing that make all the loading and unloading of the car so well worth it! When a plate of food, a pair of dry socks, or a warm jacket is offered to a guest there are always simple expressions of amazement, relief and gratitude such as "Wow!", "Thanks!", "This is great!", "I was so hungry!", or "This fits perfectly, God must be watching out for me!"

God IS truly watching out for His people through each of you! Thank you for being God's gift to the least, the littlest, the lost, and the suffering.

Thank you for allowing me to serve with you. I count each of you among my abundant blessings,

*Annie Doyle*

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

### 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





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

## CAROLING COOKIES AND COCOA Sunday, December 3rd

6:00 PM Caroling in front of the Church  
6:30 PM Cookies & Cocoa in the Church Hall

The Emmaus Ministry invites you and your family and friends to join us on the front steps of St. George Church.  
**All are welcome!**

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



### Advent 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 27, and  
December 4th, 11th, and 18th  
from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Wednesday, November 29th, and  
December 6th, 13th and 20th  
from 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM

Meetings are in the Parish Center  
Room 108—*Handicapped Accessible.*



## Thanksgiving Prayer

Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation. We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities. We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes. We thank you, Lord: accept our thanksgiving on this day. We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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### Spiritual Growth Ministry Corner

Ministry Leader: Bonnie Moran

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

The Spiritual Growth Committee met on Mon., October 23rd:

The Committee evaluated the success of Welcome Week-end. There was much to be pleased with, including the attractive promotional display on Brattle Street and the increased number of participants.

The annual Mass of Remembrance was held on Saturday, November 4th at 9:30 am and was followed by a reception. Thank you to all who supported such an important event.

The end of November is the deadline for submission for the 2024 Lenten Reflection Booklet. The reflections will also be posted on our web page this year. The Committee welcomes additional parishioners to participate in this effort.

The Music Ministry is offering an Advent "musical retreat" on Wednesday, December 13th at 6:30 pm in the church, followed by refreshments in the church hall at its conclusion.

The first formal session of the Synod on Synodality has concluded. It focused on Communion, Mission and Participation. A Letter to the People of God is about to be released. The Committee will organize more parish listening sessions after guidelines for the next phase of the Synod are released.

The Advent Evening of Prayer and Reconciliation will be held on Tuesday, December 19th from 6:30 - 8 pm.

Committee members spent time at the church elevator to learn how it operates and to understand why people are reluctant to use it. It is not a "state of the art" elevator. People familiar with its usage need to be available to assist users.

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.



## Readings To-Go!

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 19, 2023

Scan QR code to see  
this week's readings!



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