

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

***February 4, 2024 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

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[www.saintgeorgesparish.org](http://www.saintgeorgesparish.org)

Parish Staff: It is our privilege to serve you.

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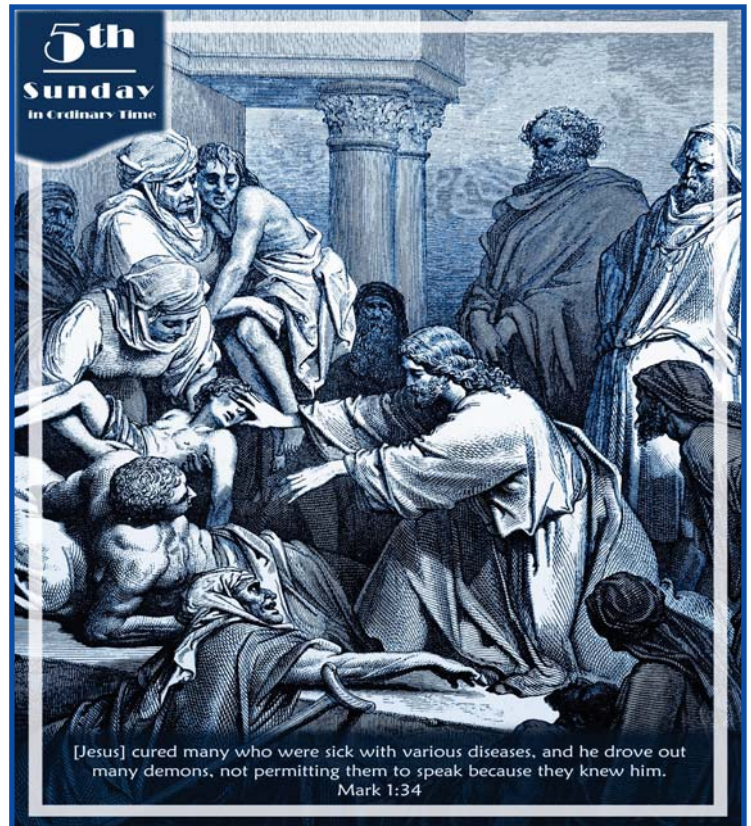
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Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

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



## ***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  
and Thursday at 5:30 PM

**Ash Wednesday, February 14:** Masses will be 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM and 6:30 PM

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

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

### ***Parish Mission Statement***

We, the parish community of St George, celebrate the welcoming presence of Christ in our lives. Together with the universal Church, we are nourished and sustained through the Mystery of the Holy Eucharist, and we are inspired by the proclamation of the Word, guided by the Holy Spirit. We continually seek to grow in a deeper understanding of our faith, to respect the sanctity of human life, and respond to what Jesus asks of us in our time by sharing our gifts and participating in parish activities and outreach to others.

***A Community of Ministries, February 4, 2024***



## From Your Pastor

Today's Gospel continues from last week's Gospel. Jesus has now gone to the home of his friend Simon and performs another miracle, curing Simon's mother-in-law of her fever. After sharing a meal that she has prepared, Jesus spends the night curing many other sick people and driving out demons. The next day he can hardly get in time to pray when Simon arrives to warn him that everyone is looking for him. The word has gotten out that Jesus can do wondrous things. We can empathize with Jesus because in our fast-paced world our schedules can become hectic. It helps to have a person like Simon to guide Jesus around. However, we know that it will be Jesus who will eventually guide Simon, and all of us, on the path to the heavenly kingdom. Despite the bends in the road and other obstacles we may encounter, we know that when we put our lives in Jesus' hands, he will show us the way of God's mercy and compassion. Jesus came to give witness that God does indeed care for each of us.

In ten days we will begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. Once again, we remind you that with this Ash Wednesday and all Ash Wednesdays in the years to come, all parishes in the Diocese of Worcester will be taking up a collection for Priest Retirement. This collection will help to supplement revenues that are collected from the endowment of the Legacy of Hope campaign, the annual Partners in Charity appeal, the assessment to parishes for Priest Retirement, the 1% of the Cathedralricum (Diocesan Tax to parishes) that is used for Priest Retirement and the annual Celebrate Priesthood Program held in October. Without this collection our Diocese of Worcester will continue to operate in a deficit to fund Priest Retirement. Please be as generous as you can in supporting this collection. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

*Fr. Niccolls*



A student presented an article to his class about things which successful people did to achieve their goals. Amazingly, almost every one of the famous people he researched had identified prayer and spiritual practices as an essential part of the day. It put life in perspective and values into practice.

Jesus needs time to pray and be one with the Father. In spite of the massive needs of the people and His desire to serve, Jesus still seeks time and the quiet solitude necessary for prayer. The more difficult the task, and the more challenging the work, the more time He prays. Jesus finds in prayer the grace and strength of His Father who guides and directs His mission. Prayer is essential to the success of Jesus and ultimately, the success of his Church.

Prayer strengthens our faith and renews our hope. It allows us to put our life in perspective, offering ourselves for the service of others. It is the Gospel of Christ we preach and the Kingdom of God we build. Don't lose contact with the Source of our life. Pray for wisdom, strength and courage. It's yours for the asking.

~James Gaffney © Pilot Bulletins

## Stewardship Thought of the Week

Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, "I do all that I do for the sake of the Gospel in the hope of sharing in its blessings."

See 1 Corinthians 9:23

## Mass Intentions



**Saturday, February 3, 2024**

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

**Sunday, February 4, 2024**

**8:00 AM** In Memory of Rev. Jeddie P. Brooks

Requested by Liz Woods

**10:00 AM** In Memory of Armand and Jeanette Audette

Requested by Sue Graves

**Monday, February 5, 2024**

**8:00 AM** In Memory of Eileen Carroll

**Tuesday, February 6, 2024 No Mass**

**Wednesday, February 7, 2024**

**8:00 AM** In Memory of Perry Roberts, Sr.

**Thursday, February 8, 2024**

**5:30 PM** In Memory of William Carroll

**Friday, February 9, 2024**

**8:00 AM** In Memory of Jane Lundberg, 10th Anniversary

Requested by her Family

**Saturday, February 10, 2024**

**4:00 PM** In Memory of Lorraine C. Vayo

Requested by the Vayo Family

**Sunday, February 11, 2024**

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

Requested by his Family

**10:00 AM** In Memory of Paul Bobkowski

Requested by Sue and Bob Ovia

## Deacon Paul Audette

James Martin

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

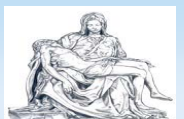
"Here are three basic ways to incorporate the saints into your work in parishes and high schools and colleges and hospitals and chanceries and retreat centers. 1. *Teach*. The biggest obstacle to devotion to the saints is a lack of understanding of how amazing their lives were, and how interesting they are. Some Catholics still see them frozen in stained glass, or as perfect, unattainable models far removed from any relevance. Or too boring... So...teach the real stories of the saints, and suggest resources and books to help people meet the real person...sometimes movies are just as good...2. *Worship*. The most natural way, the way already provided by the church's tradition, is to tell their stories on their feast days, even if briefly...3. *Innovate*. Be creative...Over the course of my life, and quite by surprise, then, I have gone from someone suspicious of devotion to the saints to someone who counts it as one of the great joys of my life. And these days I wonder which companions I will meet next."

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

**Monday, February 12, 2024 at**

**7:00 PM in the Church Hall**

For more information call Terry Gentile at 508-284-0796 or send an email to either Terry or Sue at [pieta3@gmail.com](mailto:pieta3@gmail.com)





## Weekly Collection

January 22, 2024 - January 28, 2024

On-line Giving: \$ 883.00  
Ordinary Collection: \$ 4,047.00  
Total: \$ 4,930.00

Thank you for your generosity!  
We are truly blessed.

## Parish Calendar

### Saturday, February 3, 2024

8:00 AM Rosary Group Church  
8:00 PM AA Meeting Church Hall

### Sunday, February 4, 2024

After 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses Coffee Shop Church Hall  
9:00 AM Rel. Ed Classes gr. 1-8 Parish Center  
10:00 AM Toddler & Children's Liturgy Church Hall

### Monday, February 5, 2024

### Tuesday, February 6, 2024

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

### Wednesday, February 7, 2024

### Thursday, February 8, 2024

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

### Friday, February 9, 2024

### Saturday, February 10, 2024

8:00 PM AA Meeting Church Hall

### Sunday, February 11, 2024

After 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses Coffee Shop Church Hall  
9:00 AM Rel. Ed Classes gr. 1-8 Parish Center  
10:00 AM Toddler & Children's Liturgy Church Hall  
After 10:00 AM Mass - Mardi Gras Emmaus Church Hall  
11:00 AM - 12:15 PM Confirmation I&II Classes Parish Center



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 and consistent financial support to our parish. Thank you!

## 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:

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

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



February 4 - Andy Fish and Team  
February 11 - Jim Kelly and Team  
February 18 - George Gumbrell and Team  
February 25 - Mike Doherty/John Beahn & Team

\$1.00 each

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



## Catholic Men's Conference Returns to DCU Center 'You Shall Know the Lord'

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important conference. Scheduled to take place at Worcester's DCU Center on: **Saturday, March 16, 2024**. Adult tickets are \$50 until March 4, 2024; afterwards \$60. Student tickets are always \$30. Tickets will not be available at the door this year because of advance planning for the luncheon. For more information and purchase tickets online:

[www.catholicmenworc.org](http://www.catholicmenworc.org)

Come and hear dynamic talks from Catholic leaders: Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, James Wahlberg, Michael Nicholson, Bishop Robert McManus, and Msgr. Thomas Sullivan. Adoration will be available all day. Closing Mass at 4:00 PM.

For further information you can email  
[cathmenworc@gmail.com](mailto:cathmenworc@gmail.com)



## St. Vincent de Paul Free Home Pick-up

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Worcester and Hampden Counties is now offering free curbside pick-up of clothing, shoes, books, and household items. The funds received go to help our neighbors in need with (but not limited to) food, clothing, rent, and utilities.

To schedule a free home pick-up, visit website <https://svdworcester.org> and click on the "How You Can Help" tab, then choose "Schedule a Home Pick-Up". Complete the form, and you're done! You may also contact our partner (CMRK) at 508-474-8966 or scan the QR code which will bring you to the website.



Please Help us help our neighbors in need!  
Thank you!



## Readings To-Go!

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 4, 2024

Scan QR code to see  
this week's readings!

## Prayer Before or After Mass

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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, March 7, 2024** after 5:30 PM Mass to 7:00 PM and **Friday, March 8, 2024** after 8:00 AM Mass - 10:00 AM. Come and join us spending time with Jesus. All are welcome.

## The Catholic Free Press

The month of February is Catholic Free Press month. Catholic Communications and keeping us connected! Subscribe or renew home delivery by using your parish envelope. Follow The Catholic Free Press on social media:

[facebook.com/CatholicFreePressnews](https://facebook.com/CatholicFreePressnews)

[instagram.com/the\\_catholicfreepress](https://instagram.com/the_catholicfreepress)

X(formerly Twitter) [twitter.com/CatholicPress](https://twitter.com/CatholicPress)

## Miracles at St. George, "My Mary Stories" - Bob Ovian, Jr. , Part 5 Page 9 - 12: "Miracles in Medjugorje", Booklet can be found in the Mary Chapel

It's hard to see where earth ends and heaven begins in Medjugorje, the village between the hills. Its people are warriors, but not in the pugilistic sense. They fight an unseen enemy as many people around the world do. One without rules, morals, or hope. This enemy's mission is to destroy the world of man.

The people of Medjugorje focus their lives around the Holy Mass and following the will of God. They arm themselves with weapons that can pierce the strongest armor, the rosary, fasting and prayer from the heart and love for The Father. I was fortunate enough to visit Medjugorje in October of 1992.

The first miraculous event I witnessed involved a young woman in our group. We took a bus to the other side of the village to see Visca, one of the six visionaries. Stepping out of the bus she realized her rosary beads were missing. They were very special to her and had sentimental value. We all looked for them but could not find them. She was very upset. After meeting and being prayed over by Visca, we boarded the bus for our return trip. To everyone's surprise, the missing rosary beads were right on her seat and amazingly, they had turned to gold!

The Bosnian war was in progress and Dragon, our interpreter, told us the fighting was only three miles away. He said a grenade had been thrown at a house two doors down from where we stayed. He said "luckily it killed only a cow, a pig, and a chicken". Medjugorje had been miraculously protected during the conflict. Enemy pilots reported trying to drop bombs but not being able to because of a mysterious cloud cover or unforeseen mechanical problems.

One night my cousin Dave and I were sitting outside watching the sky. I asked someone why there was so much heat lightening here. That's when I was told it was shells exploding from the bombs. The next morning Dave and I heard people outside our bedroom door. We went to see what was happening. We heard people saying, "The Cross! The Cross!". We grabbed our video camera and went to the balcony to get a look. The 15 ton cross at the top of the mountain had actually lifted off its base and was suspended in air and was slowly spinning! We have it on tape.

In the courtyard of St. James church we witnessed the miracle of the sun. At that time Our Blessed Mother was appearing to the visionaries in the choir loft. The sun was pulsating like a heart and there were pinwheels of color circling the sun. We could stare directly at it without seeing spots or hurting our eyes. We filmed it.

One of the most impressive miracles was the gathering of hundreds of birds about 30 minutes before Mary's apparition...TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED NEXT, see the booklet in the Mary Chapel.



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

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

## Online Weekly Rosary

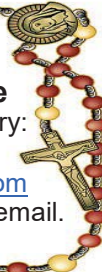
### Urban Missionaries from Our Lady of Hope

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

**Every Sunday, 6:00 PM via ZOOM**

Send an email to [mailbox@urbanmissionaries.com](mailto:mailbox@urbanmissionaries.com)

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







## Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

Sarah Kelly, Administrator Phone: 508-852-1784

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

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

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

**Confirmation:** The next class for Confirmation I & II will be Sunday on February 11, 2024. The next class will be on Sunday, March 10th. Church website has updates.

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



## Irish Festival St. Joan of Arc Church 570 Lincoln Street, Worcester Saturday, February 24th From 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Admission is \$5.00 per person. Featuring live Irish music and Irish step dancers from the McInerney School of Irish Dance. Corned beef dinner is \$15.00; corned beef sandwich and chips \$10.00; beer and wine will be sold. Tickets will be sold for these.

For more information or questions, please call St. Joan of Arc Church at (508) 852-3232.

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 7-14, 2024: National Marriage Week

Mark 1:33-35: "The whole city was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with many diseases, and he drove out many demons." Later, "He went off to a deserted place to pray." Jesus preached and also went about healing those who were ill. Jesus also can heal our marriages and make them whole again. Learn the five tools for a better marriage by signing up and attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience. You will be glad you did!

**February 8-March 21, 2024, Virtual (evenings twice a week)  
February 9-11, 2024 in Huntington, NY  
March 15-17, 2024, Upton, MA  
To find more dates visit: <https://wwme.org/>**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of virtual and in-person marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee.

Need information contact Joe and Ginny Vatile at 978-870-5646 or <https://www.mema.org/>

## The Family Connection Dedicated to Ruth Viens

Today ask yourselves what "ordinary" thing God wants each of you to do well...be it doing the dishes, listening to a friend in need, giving someone a ride or letting someone get ahead of you in traffic.

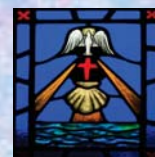


Grandparents: All interested grandparents are asked to pray for the safety and well-being of their grandchildren. Copies of grandparent prayers are available on the table in the Church Hall. Contact the Parish Office if you have any questions: [office@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:office@saintgeorgesparish.org)

**Grandparents make forever heartfelt memories.**

## 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**



## Youth Ministry Contact Jay Guillette for next gathering in the Church Hall



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

## Word of Life: Intercessions for Life

For the sick, especially those nearing life's end:  
May they be cared for with tenderness and compassion  
as they prepare to enter eternal life;  
We pray to the Lord.

"A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned."

Pope Francis, Message for the 29th World Day of the Sick, 2021  
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# A Community of Ministries



## St. George Parish Outreach

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



### Three Refugee families from Afghanistan

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

### Current Parish Outreach Needs

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

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

### Hope For Housing Cards Help Prevent Family Homelessness

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

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

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



### Eucharist and Prayers for the Sick

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

We want to be with you in prayer and support. We can perhaps arrange a visit and possibly bring Eucharist. Remember that due to HIPAA regulations, unless you allow the hospital or health care institution to release information and list St. George's as your religious affiliation, we are not informed that you are a patient. Thank you.

### What is the Mustard Seed Catholic Worker ?

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

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

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

**The next Mustard Seed Meal is on March 15, 2024. Please contact Annie if you would like to help prepare the meal.**



In the Hour of Need  
Family Shelter

### Tidy Up Tuesdays

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

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

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

### Folks at our three Food Pantries Still Need Help

**Special Needs for February are:**

#### Cereal and Jelly

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





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



## Emmaus Ministry

**Interested in being involved in Emmaus Ministry?**

**Your ideas, talents and time are most welcome!**

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



### Spiritual Growth Ministry Corner

Ministry Leader: Bonnie Moran

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

#### Who Was St. George?

Following is a biography of St. George that appeared in the January issue of Magnificat magazine. We offer it both because St. George is our parish patron but also because this particular biography is refreshingly different from the usual biographies we read of St. George:

Saint George is generally considered to have been a soldier-martyr under Diocletian. He was canonized in 494, but gained enormous popularity during the Middle Ages as one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers, who were specially invoked during the Plague. The most popular legend of Saint George, found in the "Golden Legend" of Blessed Jacobus de Voragine, tells how George saved a young woman and her whole town by killing a dragon...Catalonia, the northeast corner of the Spanish peninsula, declared Saint George its patron in 1456. His feast on April 23 became a major holiday, associated with marriages and betrothals. According to the Catalan version of the legend, roses sprang up where the dragon's blood spilled. Hence it is the custom for men to give ladies roses on this day. (Ladies, on the other hand, give men books, because the holiday falls on or near the death anniversaries of Shakespeare and Cervantes.)...George is also a beloved patron of England, in whose battles he has a long tradition of miraculous intervention. As recently as 1914, British soldiers, about to be overpowered by a larger German force, reported a winged army around them, calling upon their leader: either Saint George or Saint Michael, depending on the account. The German infantry paused their onslaught, and the British forces escaped destruction. Later, German prisoners mentioned their surprise at seeing the British using longbows again.

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.

Hosted by



**Belonging  
Warm Hospitality  
Caring Community  
Fun & Exciting**

**We Invite You to Experience the  
St. George Community  
40 Brattle Street ~ Worcester MA**

## BRING A GUEST BE OUR GUEST

**Sunday, February 11, 2024  
after the 10:00 AM Mass**

**Mardi Gras Celebration  
in the Church Hall**

**Coffee Shop is Open  
Kings Cake  
Prize for finding Baby Jesus**

**Featuring:  
Emmaus  
Breakfast Sandwich  
Free Will Offering will go  
Towards Emmaus Programming**

**Faith Sharing Groups  
Meet in the Parish Center Room 108**

**Monday Faith Sharing Group:  
February 12th, at 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM**

**Wednesday Faith Sharing Group:  
February 14th, at 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM**



*Back Entrance of Parish Center is Handicapped accessible.*

**If interested in joining a group, please contact  
JoAnn Nally at 508-527-6973.**

## SAINTS & OBSERVANCES 2024 YEAR B

### SUNDAY

Feb 4 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### MONDAY

Feb 5 Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

### TUESDAY

Feb 6 Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

### THURSDAY

Feb 8 Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

### SATURDAY

Feb 10 Saint Scholastica, Virgin

### SUNDAY

Feb 11 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Shopping	✓	✗

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