

Saint George Church - Worcester and Holden

April 16, 2023 - Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy

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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.

2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy



*"Have you come to believe because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and
have believed." John 20:29*

St. George Catholic Church

Baptism Information:

Please contact
Susan Pacek at 508-856-9960 or
email: st.geobaptism@gmail.com

Eucharist Celebrated:

Divine Mercy Adoration - April 16
Adoration, Exposition, Rosary and Chaplet,
and Benediction: 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
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, Friday at 8:00 AM
Tuesday 12:10 PM, and Thursday 5:30 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

Parish Mission Statement

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

A Community of Ministries, April 16, 2023



From Your Pastor

First of all, I want to thank all of you who took part in our Holy Week and Easter Liturgies, especially our staff, altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and music ministry. The assistance on the part of all helped to make these liturgies very spiritually and prayerfully uplifting ceremonies. My thanks to all!

I also want to take this opportunity to thank you for your cards, gifts and treats during this Easter season. Your overwhelming generosity at this time of the year is gratefully appreciated. Thank you!!!

I remind you that today is Divine Mercy Sunday. Please join us for a Holy Hour today from 11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. in church. During this hour we will have Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament along with the recitation of the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and a time for quiet prayer. The Holy Hour will conclude with Benediction.

Today's scriptures recall the gathering of the early disciples with the Apostles for what was known as the "Breaking of the Bread" which is one of the most popular names used by the New Testament to describe the Mass. This gathering in the life of the early Church was one of its main elements. They broke bread together, which meant that they ate together and shared life over meals in their homes. It also meant that they celebrated the Lord's Supper together as part of those meals. Many of them witnessed to the presence of Jesus without actually seeing him. They are the ones who Jesus tells Thomas and the rest of his Apostles and disciples gathered in that lock room have believed although they have not seen. For us, we have come to see Jesus in the Holy Eucharist where we gather today to celebrate his presence among us in the breaking of the Bread, his Body, and sharing of the cup of his Blood every time we gather for Mass. With wonder and worship, we, too, are like Thomas who respond, "My Lord and My God!"

Return to the Distribution of Communion Under Both Species:

Beginning Easter Sunday, Bishop McManus will lift the last of the COVID-19 restrictions from three years ago and will allow the distribution of the Precious Blood along with the distribution of the Body of Christ during Mass. The bishop has given this permission to pastors whenever they deem it appropriate for Communion under both species to occur in their parishes. In light of the fact that the number of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion greatly diminished during this three-year period, the return to the distribution of the Precious Blood will begin in a limited manner here at St. George's (with two cups at the center communion station of the church) beginning on the weekend of May 6th/7th. This period of time (March-April) will allow us to have a sufficient number of ministers well trained for its distribution.

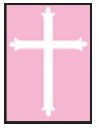
Fr. Niccolls

Stewardship Thought of the Week

Jesus meets the need of each disciple. To the fearful in the upper room, He speaks words of peace. To doubting Thomas, He provide the tangible proof of His resurrection.

What do I need to become His disciple? What do I have to share that might meet someone else's need?

Mass Intentions



Saturday, April 15, 2023

4:00 PM In Memory of Allen Marzilli
Requested by his Family

Sunday, April 16, 2023

8:00 AM For the Community of Saint George

10:00 AM In Memory of Sister Lily Philomena Chu and
Lai Ching Wong
Requested by Seraphina Wong

Monday, April 17, 2023

8:00 AM In Memory of Melba Sanford

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

12:10 PM In Memory of Francisca Candelaria,
11th Anniversary
Requested by Fr. Miguel Pagan

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

8:00 AM In Memory of Deacon Raymond and Muriel Bolduc
Requested by their Family

Thursday, April 20, 2023

5:30 PM In Memory of Dr. Policiano Menezes
Requested by the Ajbani Family

Friday, April 21, 2023

8:00 AM In Memory of Helen Milewski

Saturday, April 22, 2023

4:00 PM In Memory of Peter Brucato
Requested by Seraphina Wong

Sunday, April 23, 2023

8:00 AM In Memory of George and Stephanie Niccolls
Requested by their Son

10:00 AM In Memory of Joan Allen
Requested by Jim Sanford



We commend to your prayers

*Mary Dupre and
Thelma Lockney*

May the angels lead them into paradise.



Certain moments in life are "oh, no" moments. We suddenly realize that what we thought was absolutely true turns out not to be. Facts and new information forces us to re-think our position and we have to admit to ourselves and to others that we were wrong. Our certainty gives way to truth and we realize our mistake; hence, the 'oh, no.'

Thomas has an "oh, no" moment. He and the Apostles had been with Jesus throughout His ministry. They were the first witnesses to His work, His words, and His miracles. Yet they were at first very skeptical about His resurrection. When he appeared, Thomas was absent and the others tried to convince him that they had seen Jesus. He doubted their testimony. So when Jesus appears to Thomas, he has an 'oh, no' moment. He not only dismisses his doubts, but he also professes his faith.

In the community of the Church, we experience the Risen Lord. In word and sacrament, in prayer and service, we find the assurance of the Lord. Together we join Him in working towards the goal of our faith: eternal life.

~James Gaffney-Pilot Bulletins

Weekly Collection

March 27, 2023 - April 9, 2023

On Line Giving: \$1,189.00 + \$5,024.00
 Ordinary Collection: \$3,248.20 + \$4,683.00
 Total: \$4,437.20 + \$9707.00 = \$14,144.00
 Month of March online and basket collection:
 A/C: \$335.00 + \$0 = \$335.00
 Fuel: \$240.00 + \$20 = \$260.00
 Repairs: \$225.00 + \$602 = \$827.00
 (New collection) Monthly: \$165.00
 Total: \$1,587.00 + \$14,144.00 = \$15,731.00

Parish Calendar

Saturday, April 15, 2023

8:00 PM AA Meeting Church Hall

Sunday, April 16, 2023

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

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

After 10:00 AM Mass-12:30 PM Adoration, Holy Hour Church

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

Monday, April 17, 2023

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Virtual Yoga Sue Stevens MonarchYoga@gmail.com

Thursday, April 20, 2023

11:00 AM Faith Sharing Church Hall

6:00 PM Family Prayer Night Church

6:30 - 8:00 PM Evening of Reflection/Emmaus Church Hall

Friday, April 21, 2023

Saturday, April 22, 2023

5:00 - 7:00 PM Arts Night Church Hall

8:00 PM AA Meeting Church Hall

Sunday, April 23, 2023

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

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

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

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

April 16 - Steve Toole and Team

April 23 - Dave Walsh and Team

April 30 - Mark Cormier and Team

May 7 - Robert Gray and Team

Coffee, donuts, bulkies, and fellowship! Please join a team!

Each team serves once every 10 weeks all teams need help!

Sign up at the Coffee Shop or come to find out more. Coffee

Club meetings are 2nd Sunday every other month.

Contact Andy Fish: andy@andyfish.com or 508-901-7813



\$1.00 each

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

National Helpline: 1-800-662-4357

Bulletin Item Due Dates:

Weekend of:

April 23, 2023

April 30, 2023

Due by:

April 17, 2023

April 20, 2023

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

E-mail our Parish Admin Assistant Patty LaBonte at

office@saintgeorgesparish.org The best way to book or

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



Partner's in Charity
 St. George Church
 donated \$41,610.00,
 our goal is \$95,000.00

Please consider donating. Thank you for helping!

Our agencies and ministries are faces of hope to so many. Your pledge or one-time gift is a tangible way to be a 'face of Christ and his helping hands' to the world through your support of the agencies and ministries which rely on this appeal for the funding each year. And you, in turn, share in the joy of bringing hope into the lives of those we serve. Please visit Partners-Charity.net to view the online video showing some of the many charities, ministries and educational programs that rely on your generosity. To donate you can place your donation in the collection basket at Mass, by using the Partners in Charity envelopes in the pews, or text the word "donate" to 84576 to access the online giving page, donate online at www.Partners-Charity.net or call in a pledge at 508-929-4366. Checks payable to: Partners in Charity send to 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609.



Online Donors Update

An email was sent from Kathy Hessel, Patty LaBonte and Our Sunday Visitor about online giving. Our Online Giving vendor is changing and you should have received instructions on how to enroll with Our Sunday Visitor.

Anytime from **April 5th through May 31st** you may start your online giving with Our Sunday Visitor and then delete your account with ParishSoft. Because of the security of your banking or credit card information we cannot do this for you. However, we are here to assist. Once you have reviewed the material and begun the change-over process, let us know if you need further assistance.

Visit St. George Website: <https://saintgeorgesparish.org/>

If you have any questions please contact:

Kathy Hessel at mkhessel@aol.com or

Patty LaBonte at office@saintgeorgesparish.org

or call the Parish Office at 508-853-0183



Do you like to draw or enjoy making art?

Come join open studio event once a month!

Saturday, April 22nd, 2023 ART & PIZZA

5:00 - 7:00 PM in the Church Hall

Bring your own materials & drop in to doodle, finish a project or work in your sketchbook.

For teens to adults (ages 13+).

For more information contact: Veronica Fish at:

veronica@undercoverfish.com

Gentle Yoga for "Every Body" Returning in-person

Wednesday, May 3rd at 1:30 PM in the Church Hall

Gentle yoga helps with flexibility, strength and well-being while relaxing your mind, increasing your energy, and reducing stress.

Contact Sue Stevens, email: MonarchYoga@gmail.com



Prayer Before Mass

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. 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, at (508) 929-4363.

"Truly, this was the Son of God!"



Do you believe that Christ may be calling you to see the glory of the Blessed Trinity through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (508) 630-4473 or donato.infante@gmail.com.

Vianney Dinner

The next Vianney Dinner is **May 4th** at:
The Holy Name of Jesus House of Studies
51 Illinois Street, Worcester.

Mass at 6:05 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM and Social at 7:00 PM. These are nights for men, high school age and up, interested in learning more about priestly vocation. An RSVP is not needed but helpful: email director@worcestervocations.com

Saint George Saturday Rosary Group

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

First Saturday of every month.

Currently, we are meeting in the Church at **8:00 AM May 6th, 2023**

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



Annual Mass to Honor and Remember our Children

You are invited to attend the Pieta Annual Mass to honor and remember all of our children on:

Monday, May 1 at 7:00 PM
St. George Church



This is a special time to come together with family and friends in remembrance of our children. Refreshments will be served following the Mass. Please invite any families who have lost a child. Sponsored by the Pieta Support Group for Bereaved Parents.

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

Deacon Paul Audette

James Martin Speaks to us through his "Essential Writings"

In this essay from the June 6, 2012 issue of *America* magazine, James Martin SJ expresses his frustrations with the church, including sharp divisions between Catholics and denunciations of leading progressive Catholics as heretics. However, it also indicates where Martin believes healing is possible and movement beyond impasse most likely: in a focus on Christ, on the saints, on the long arc of history. (Part I): "Dear God, sometimes I get so frustrated with your church... I know that I'm not alone... Priests and deacons, and brothers and sisters, can feel frustrated, too. And I'll bet that even bishops and popes feel frustrated. We grow worried and concerned and bothered and angry and sometimes scandalized because your divine institution, our home, is filled with human beings who are sinful. Just like me... But I get frustrated most of all when I feel that there are things that need to be changed and I don't have the power to change them... So I need your help, God... Help me to remember that Jesus promised that he would be with us until the end of time, and that your church is always guided by the Holy Spirit, even if it's hard for me to see. Sometimes change happens suddenly, and the Spirit astonishes us, but often in the church it happens slowly. In your time, not mine. Help me to know the seeds that I plant with love in the ground of your church will one day bloom. So give me patience."

Family Prayer Night Thursdays 6:00 PM in the Church



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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

ACTS 2:42-47: "They DEVOTED themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, the breaking of the bread... Many wonders and signs were done..." As you devote your life to God and to your SPOUSE, you will see many miracles, wonders, and a renewal in your relationship. One way to devote your life to God and your spouse is to sign up and attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience. You will learn ways/tools to renew and revitalize your relationship.

June 2-4, 2023 in Upton, MA

June 23-25, Sept. 22-24, 2023 in Huntington, NY

August 11-13, 2023 in CT.

October 20-22, 2023 in VT

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual 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.

For more information or to apply, call Joe & Ginny Vatile at 978-870-5646 or <https://www.mema.org/>

Religious Education

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

Sarah Kelly's email: sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org
Kevin Browne's email: kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org

Just a few reminders for schedules, rehearsals and times:

Confirmation Classes:

Students registered for confirmation classes will meet Sunday, April 16th - Parish Center from 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM. Candidates are expected to attend the 10:00 AM Mass.

Confirmation Students & Community Service:

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

Grades 1-5 Classes:

Classes will take place on April 24th and 25th from 4:30 to 5:30 PM in the Parish Center.

1st Communion Rehearsal: questions - contact Sarah
Wednesday, April 26th at 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM in the Church.

1st Communion Ceremony:

Sunday, April 30th at 1:00 PM in the Church.

Grades 6-9 Classes:

Classes will take place on April 23rd from 6:00 to 7:30 PM in the Parish Center.

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

Grades 1-5 or for Confirmation questions:

Please email Sarah at sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org

Grades 6-9, and Youth Ministry questions:

Please email Kevin at kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org

Diocesan Youth Retreat

All high school youth and current 8th graders are invited to:
Diocesan Youth Retreat on May 19-21, 2023

at Anna Maria College!

Retreat theme is *Mysterium Fidei* (Mystery of Faith). Come for a relaxing and recharging weekend that will include fun and games, prizes, music, guest speakers, breakout sessions, and an experience into the ultimate mystery of Christ in the Sacraments through Eucharistic Adoration, confession and Mass! The retreat will start Friday evening and will conclude Sunday around noon. Cost is \$125/person.

Deadline to register is April 25, 2023.

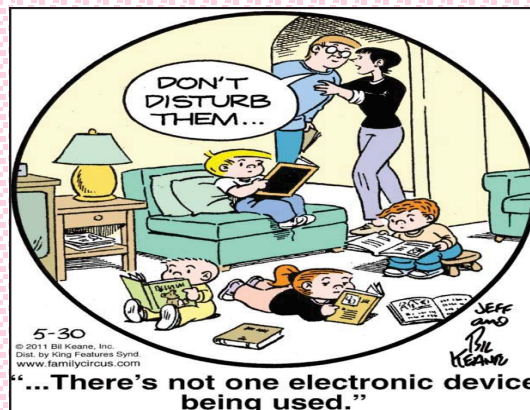
To sign up or to get more information visit:

www.neworchester.org/diocesan-youth-retreat



THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Prayer for Family Peace - Lord give us the strength and compassion to understand each other, wisdom and love to help each other and the trust and patience we need to live peacefully together. Grant that through the intercession of Your mother Mary and St. Joseph that our family too might become a holy family, a family who works together, who embraces peace and love, whose members are dedicated to each other and to God. Amen.



GRANDPARENTS:

All interested grandparents are asked to pray for the safety and well-being of their grandchildren. Copies of Grandparent Prayers are available on the back table in the church hall under the bulletin board.

Contact Ruth at: ruthviens@charter.net
or 508-852-5658

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

Diocesan Youth Discipleship Team 2023 - 2024

The application period for the 2023-2024 Diocesan Youth Discipleship Team is now OPEN! This program is open to all 9-12th grade youth (as of August 2023). If you are a high schooler or know of one in your parish or school who is interested in diving deeper into the Catholic Faith, looking to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ, and interested in Christian leadership and evangelization opportunities, then this is the perfect opportunity for you! Complete details as well as the online application can be found at:

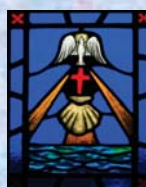
www.neworchester.org/diocesan-youth-discipleship-team



Youth Ministry Gathering
Please contact Kevin Browne
For next gathering.

Open to grades 7-12 Please contact:

Email: kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.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:
Susan Pacek at 508-856-9960 or
email: st.geobaptism@gmail.com

A Community of Ministries



St. George Parish Outreach

Ann Doyle 508-450-4134

annie@saintgeorgesparish.org

Current Parish Outreach Needs and Opportunities

Mustard Seed Catholic Worker: Bars of soap and gently used wash clothes, as well as reusable grocery bags for the Food Pantry are needed. Gently used blankets and sleeping bags are requested every day and we have none.

IHN Family Shelter: Your weekly donations to St. George Parish help to shelter 6 families at the June Street home. As a Charter member parish we budget part of the supporting ongoing costs to keep the shelter open and available to families in crisis.

Our Afghanistan Families: The month of Ramadan has begun. The adults in both of our families are now fasting from all food and drink, from sunrise to sunset. Please keep them in your prayers.

Your Help is Needed to Feed the Hungry this Lent



Special Needs for April are:
fruit cups, granola bars, and individual packages of nuts

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Lenten Food Drive last weekend!



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



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.

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

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. Questions? 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 for your understanding.

Men's Prayer Shawls Needed

Thank you to all who knit and crochet. We are in need of Men's **Large and Extra Large** dark colors prayer shawls. Please call Annie or bring them to the Parish Center.

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



Emmaus Ministry

You are invited to:

An Evening of Reflection

"The Road to Emmaus"

Presenter:

Liz Woods

Thursday, April 20, 2023

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

in the Church Hall

Coffee and Pastry

Sponsored by the Emmaus Ministry

For information about Emmaus Ministry contact
JoAnn Nally or Andrea Svagdys-Gumbrell
Email emmaus.stgeorge@gmail.com
or call 508-853-0183



Spiritual Growth Ministry Corner

Ministry Leader: Bonnie Moran

Saintgeorgespiritualgrowth@gmail.com

The 40 Days of Lenten preparation have passed. Sanctified by the events of Holy week, new light shines for a Risen Christ. Easter brings so much to comprehend. Perhaps that is why Easter is the longest season of the Catholic Faith, beginning with the Resurrection on Easter Sunday, April 9th and ending on Pentecost Sunday, May 28th.

This newness and life celebrated in the Church's Easter season is abound for fifty days. God has created a rich season of rebirth reflected in nature. The greening of grass, the bold colors of early flowers, the budding of trees. All rising from the ground and encouraged by healing water.

A seven-week season lends plenty of time to celebrate and strengthen our newly transformed selves. Celebrating may help to avoid falling back into old or pre-Lenten ways. Continue to deepen a relationship with Christ using the connections made in Lent. The daily reading and reflecting on the Gospel and prayer help to keep you growing. Share with others the events, successes and shortcomings of your Lenten and Paschal journey. What has worked for you could help to strengthen others.

Signify your personal new beginning in Christ with outward signs. Carry the Cross with you through the Easter Season. Literally wear a cross in remembrance of Christ's suffering and sacrifice for us. Bless yourself and others by making the sign of the Cross, in both your coming and you're going. This is an opportunity to use the Holy water distributed at Easter. Commit to attending Sunday Mass regularly during the Easter Season. The Acts of the Apostles will be read and these acts develop understanding of the early days of the church and propagation of the faith. On the fiftieth day – the celebration of the Easter Season will draw to a close. Catholics will welcome the gifts the Holy spirit and extinguish the Paschal candle. The kingdom of God will continue to grow as we look to welcome our youth receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist.

Faith Sharing Groups

Monday Faith Sharing Group will meet:

**April 24th at 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
in the Parish Center, Room 107**

Wednesday Faith Sharing Group will meet:

**April 26th at 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM
in the Parish Center, Room 107**

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



***Readings
To-Go!***

***2nd Sunday of Easter
April 16, 2023***

***Scan QR code to see
this week's readings!***



Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



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 your interests. We would enjoy talking with you.



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