

Saint George Church - Worcester and Holden

July 2, 2023 - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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www.saintgeorgesparish.org

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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.

*"And whoever does not take up his cross
and follow after me is not worthy of me."*

Matthew 10:38

13th Sunday in Ordinary



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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

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, July 2, 2023



From Your Pastor

This coming week we will celebrate the 247th anniversary of our country's independence. When we observe this civic holiday, we should also thank God for the freedoms we have in this country, while remembering at the same time that all people should enjoy these same freedoms. One of these freedoms is the freedom to practice our religion. Whenever we gather to celebrate Mass, we are reminded of the importance to praise and thank our God for the blessings we enjoy here. As our gifts of bread and wine become holy, they are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ, so that we become holier people as we offer the gift of our lives into the Body of Christ. God who makes us holy desires that we share the love he shares with us and that we continue to build up his kingdom here on earth, beginning in our own country.

Our readings this weekend show the way that God's blessings can transform believers and those with whom they come in contact. Simple trust in God's promises brings rejoicing, illumination, exaltation, strength and security. Those who respond wholeheartedly to God's promises of justice and eternal love find themselves transformed by joy. As Christ's disciples today must remember the blessing they can be to others. Christ's spirit is a twofold source of grace, first for the disciple who bears it and then for any who receive it.

Fr. Niccolls

Deacon Paul Audette James Martin

In this excerpt from his book *Becoming Who You Are* (Part III), James Martin SJ treats a subject that all of us can relate to: the true self hidden behind all the masks and entanglements each of us wraps around it. Once one peels away all those layers and obstacles, the path to holiness becomes clear: simply be who you are: "Keeping this false self alive requires a good deal of work. And for me, it was an almost all-consuming effort. It took work to convince people that I was all the things I wanted them to think I was... It took work to make sure that no one saw me as uncertain about anything in life, especially in my professional life... It took work to run away from my true desires, my true feelings, and my true vocation in life... The 'clothing' of yourself with these bandages, in Merton's phrase, also means that if you are not ever vigilant, those bandages may occasionally slip, and reveal your underlying true self to others. A few years after beginning my work at General Electric, I used to doodle on my desk this note, over and over, in small letters: 'I hate my life.' How sad it is to remember that. But it felt that this was the only way I could express myself."

PIETA

is an ongoing support group for bereaved parents. Anyone who has experienced the death of a child is welcome to attend. Next meeting will be on:



Monday, July 10th at 7:00 PM in the Church Hall

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.

Mass Intentions



Saturday, July 1, 2023

4:00 PM In Memory of Maria Wong and Tak Sing Hung
Requested by Seraphina Wong

Sunday, July 2, 2023

8:00 AM In Memory of Patricia Cote
Requested by Jim Sanford
10:00 AM In Memory of Armand Audette, Jr.
Requested by Susanne Graves

Monday, July 3, 2023

8:00 AM In Memory of Monsignor Francis J. Manning

Tuesday, July 4, 2023 No Mass

Wednesday, July 5, 2023

8:00 AM In Memory of C. Louise Hadley, 1 yr Anniversary
Requested by Craig and Ann Hadley

Thursday, July 6, 2023 No Mass

Friday, July 7, 2023

8:00 AM In Memory of Cathy McCaffrey

Saturday, July 8, 2023

4:00 PM For all the Souls in Purgatory
Requested by Susanne Graves

Sunday, July 9, 2023

8:00 AM In Memory of Jordan Howe
Requested by Jim Sanford
10:00 AM In Memory of Donald Viens
Requested by his Family



Prayer for Independence Day

God, source of all freedom,
this day is bright with the memory
of those who declared that life and liberty
are your gift to every human being.
Help us to continue a good work begun long ago.
Make our vision clear and our will strong:
that only in human solidarity will we find liberty,
and justice only in the honor
that belongs to every life on earth.
Turn our hearts toward the family of nations:
to understand the ways of others,
to offer friendship,
and to find safety only in the
common good of all.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

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Weekly Collection

June 19, 2023 - June 25, 2023

On-line Giving: \$ 1,167.10
 Ordinary Collection: \$ 5,083.00
 Total: \$ 6,250.10

Thank you for your generosity!
 We are truly grateful.

Happy 4th of July!



Parish Calendar

Saturday, July 1, 2023

8:00 AM Rosary Group

Church

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Church Hall

Sunday, July 2, 2023

NO Coffee Shop

10:00 AM Toddler & Children's Liturgy

Church Hall

Monday, July 3, 2023

Tuesday, July 4, 2023 HAPPY 4th OF JULY!

Wednesday, July 5, 2023

Thursday, July 6, 2023

11:00 AM Faith Sharing

Church Hall

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration

Church

6:00 PM Family Prayer Night

Church

Friday, July 7, 2023

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

Church

Saturday, July 8, 2023

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Church Hall

Sunday, July 9, 2023

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

Church Hall

10:00 AM Toddler & Children's Liturgy

Church Hall

Online Donating News



Our Online Giving vendor has changed!

The new online giving vendor is "Our Sunday Visitor". Email instructions on how to register with Our Sunday Visitor were sent and a letter was mailed to you if you had a ParishSoft account. We are here to assist you.

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

If you have any questions please contact: Kathy Hessel at:

mkhessel@aol.com or Patty LaBonte at 508-853-0183

or send an email to: office@saintgeorgesparish.org

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

Massachusetts Helpline: 1-855-523-1426

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 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 \$80,630.00,
 our goal is \$95,000.00
 85% of our goal.

Please consider donating. Thank you for helping!

Our agencies and ministries are faces of hope to so many people. 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 and mail to:
 Partners In Charity 49 Elm St., Worcester, MA 01609.

Help Needed in the Mary Garden

Saturday, July 15, 2023
starting at 9:30 AM



Help is needed for trim work of several bushes, and small trees. More hands will make easy work and this project should be completed within 90 minutes. This is a great community service project for NHS candidates too. Bring your clippers and hedge trimmers: gas or battery operated. Please help! Contact Andy Labrecque at 508-873-2728, or alabrecque2016@outlook.com Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE Mini-Retreat for Women this Fall

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. Information and registration form may be found at <https://worcesterdiocese.org/2023-morning-retreat-invitation> or you can send an email to the Commission at: worcestercommissionforwomen@gmail.com or email Susan at susanzybert@gmail.com

Join us for Coffee Shop Club

After 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Masses



\$1.00 each

July 2 -No Coffee Shop

July 9 - Steve Toole and Team

July 16 - Dave Walsh and Team

July 23 - Mark Cormier and Team

Coffee, donuts, bulkies, and fellowship! Please join a team, you are needed. Each team serves once every 10 weeks. All teams need help. Sign up at the Coffee Shop, come to find out more about how you can help, and help a team!

Next Coffee Shop Club Meeting will resume in September
Coffee Club meetings are 2nd Sunday every other month.

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

Prayer Before or After Mass

O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. 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.

"He that shall lose his life for me, shall find it."

Find your life by answering God's call in you life. Seek Him as you strive for holiness. If you are discerning your vocation, contact the Vocation Office at (508) 630-4473 or donato.infante@gmail.com.

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

and put "Rosary" in the subject line.

A ZOOM link will be sent to your email.

Eucharistic Adoration in the Church

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

Thursday, July 6th, 2023 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Friday, July 7th, 2023 after 8:00 AM Mass-10:00 AM. Come join us in prayer and to spend time in the presence of Jesus.



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 July 1st, 2023

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



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.



Theatre By the Sea Trip to Wakefield, RI Saint Peter's/Saint Andrew's 929 Main Street, Worcester Thursday, August, 3rd - 11:00 AM

Live Performance of "The Bodyguard": romantic thriller musical featuring the music of Whitney Houston. The show starts at 2:00 PM and runs for 2 hours, 20 minutes including intermission. Prior to the show, participants will dine at the theatre restaurant. Bus leaves from St. Peter's Church at 11:00 AM and will return approximately at 6:00 PM. Plenty of free parking in the church lot behind Clark University building next to the church. Cost is \$125 per person and includes show, lunch and transportation.

Call St. Peter's Rectory at 508-752-4675 for information.

Pilgrimage to Ireland

Our Lady of Hope/St. James Church South Grafton

Pilgrimage to Ireland will be led by Fr. Anthony Mpagi and Fr. Derek Mobilio on **April 8-19, 2024**. Trip visits Galway, Glenstal Abbey, the Aran Islands, Our Lady of Knock Shrine, Cobh, Glendalough and Dublin. Tour includes round trip airfare, hotel accommodations for 10 nights, 9 dinners and 11 breakfasts, transportation on a private motor coach, and admission fees as per itinerary.

Double Occupancy Price per Person: \$4,750.

More information and to sign up, contact Fr. Derek Mobilio email: fr.mobilio@gmail.com or call 508-556-0553

Bible Study Series this Fall

"The Gospel of St. Luke"

**Christ the King Church 1052 Pleasant St.
Johnson Room, Tuesdays 7:15 - 8:45 PM
Starting September 19th - November 14th.**

Not meeting October 31st.

Monsignor Sullivan is preparing a new Bible series for this Fall. Three chapters of St. Luke will be read in 8 sessions. Sessions are in-person with a possibility of ZOOM sessions.

If you are interested in participating email Monsignor at: tsullivan5@mac.com or call him at 508-754-5361.



Accompanist Needed in South Grafton

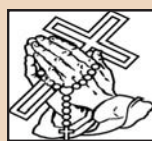
Our Lady of Hope/St. James Catholic Church 89 Main Street in South Grafton

Organist, pianist or guitar player is needed for the 9:00 AM Sunday Mass every week. Singing as well is helpful but not required. Must know Catholic Mass and traditional hymns and be able to commit to weekly service. Paid position.

If interested or questions, please contact Pam Cross at p.cross@shoplegacy.com or call 978-265-7264

Holy Hour to Pray for Priests

**Immaculate Conception Church
353 Grove Street Worcester
Friday, July 14th 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM**



The holy hour of prayer for priests consists of time for silent adoration, a short reflection, the rosary and benediction.

Please join us to pray for our priests.

Repeats every second Friday of each month.



Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith" Sarah Kelly, Administrator

Phone: 508-852-1784

sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org

Welcome to St. George Religious Education Registration!

We are so excited to work with the children of our parish. We offer classes for children in grades 1-10. We prepare students for the sacraments of 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion (typically in Grade 2), and Confirmation (typically in Grade 10).

The cost for the program is \$100 per student with a family cap of \$200. There is an additional fee of \$50 for those students in a sacramental year (1st Communion and Confirmation). As an example, if a family has 3 children in classes they would pay \$200 for their religious education fees, plus \$50 per any child making their 1st Communion or Confirmation.

Students in Grades 1-8 meet weekly, and have the option of registering for Tuesday afternoons 4:30-5:30 PM OR Sunday mornings 9:00-10:00 AM. Confirmation I & II students (typically grades 9 & 10) meet approximately once a month on Sunday mornings 11:00-12:00 PM, after attending the 10:00 AM Mass together. All meeting dates and the online registration can be found on our parish website:

<https://saintgeorgesparish.org/religious-education>

If you have any questions, please reach out to Sarah Kelly at:
sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org

Free Concert: Children's Choir of Greater Paris Christ the King Church on 1052 Pleasant St., Worc.

Tuesday, July 18th at 7:00 PM

A great *free* concert will be given by the famous Children's Choir of Greater Paris at Christ the King Church in Worcester.

All are Welcome! Under the direction of Professor Francis Bardot about 40 boys and girls (ages 11-14) will perform great musical works. Opening the concert with "The Star Spangled Banner" and "La Marseillaise". Closing the concert everyone will sing "America the Beautiful" and "Amazing Grace". There will be songs in French: Gregorien, Campra, Gounod, Franck, Saint Saens, and others. More works will be in Italian, German, and some secular music by Debussy, Mozart and others.

Bring your family & friends for an enjoyable evening!



Summer Diocese of Worcester Youth Events!

The Diocesan Youth Ministry Office will once again be offering a number of summer programs & activities for youth in middle school and high school. This includes trips to an aerial adventure park, and whitewater rafting, a summer Bible study for high schoolers, and a series of middle school hangout nights.

For complete details or to sign up for any of these offerings, visit: neworchester.org/other-events or contact Tim Messenger, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at 508-929-4360 or email: tmessenger@worcestardiocese.org

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Praying from Home:

Prayers for the aged, the sick and handicap can be very powerful prayers for the work of God. Many souls have been saved through the faithful prayer of those who are home bound.



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 508-852-5658 or email: ruthviens@outlook.com

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



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



Youth Ministry Gathering
Please Contact Kevin Browne
for next gathering.
Open to grades 7-12

Email Kevin: Kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org

A Community of Ministries



St. George Parish Outreach

Ann Doyle 508-450-4134

annie@saintgeorgesparish.org



In the Hour of Need Family Shelter

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our annual week of service at IHN! Some highlights:

- Sue and John Pacek worked for many hours to spring clean and garden in the yard. It looks wonderful!
- Your generous donations filled the supplies of paper products, as well as cleaning and hygiene products. The families were amazed by your generosity!
- Your donation of grocery "Hope for Housing" cards made it possible to purchase baby food and fruit as a treat for the 10 children. They glowed with happiness!
- The work of tidying up the common areas of the shelter continues. More about that and other items next week...

Your Help is Needed to Feed the Hungry



**Special Needs for July are:
Jelly, Cereal and
Soup (Flip top if possible)**



The last weeks of each month are especially difficult for folks coming to our 3 food pantries lately. Government assistance (SNAP & WIC) has been decreased and inflation is stretching family food budgets.

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.

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

June 15, 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I write this letter to describe some of the recent Parish Outreach activities that are happening because of your generous support to our parish and this ministry.

Outreach work might be invisible at times because it no longer happens solely in a parish office. It happens in the homes of our homebound and grieving parishioners, as well as in the apartments of our refugee families. Hours are spent each week at the Mustard Seed Catholic Worker Food Pantry and Thursday night meal service. Last week we were at the IHN shelter for more than 100 hours of service. Our volunteers also work at the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry and right here in our church where they donate food, sell Hope For Housing Cards, fill cars with donations, and prepare hundreds of meals for hungry neighbors in our inner city. As you might imagine, many hours are spent in the car traveling from place to place and delivering donations!

The Outreach Ministry is honored to be able to bring Holy Communion on Sunday mornings to eight and sometimes more community members who are no longer able to be with us at Mass.

The Funeral Mass of Christian Burial for deceased parishioners and friends of St. George Parish is planned and coordinated through our Outreach Ministry. It is such a privilege to be able to be present to families during this difficult time in their lives.

Thanks to advances technology our Parish Outreach Ministry is "on call" at all times. We are able to answer emergency calls and to quickly respond to and serve those in need.

It is an incredible joy and privilege to have served as your Parish Outreach Coordinator for these past 21 years! I pray that I might be granted a few more years to be of service.

God's Peace and Thank You All,
Annie Doyle

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.

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



Emmaus Ministry

Want to...

**Become more involved at St. George Church?
Develop meaningful, welcoming programming?
Meet wonderful people at St. George?
Share new ideas for programming at St. George?**

CONSIDER JOINING THE EMMAUS MINISTRY

Contact Andrea or JoAnn for more information at
508-853-0183 or emmaus.stgeorge@gmail.com

Faith Sharing Groups

If you are interested in learning more about Faith Sharing group, or interested in becoming involved, please contact JoAnn Nally.

Meetings will resume again starting in:
September in the Parish Center, Room 107.



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



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.



Readings To-Go!

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Scan QR code to see
this week's readings!



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and click on the yellow link "Join Our Email List"
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Spiritual Growth Ministry Corner

Ministry Leader: Bonnie Moran

Saintgeorgespiritualgrowth@gmail.com

Eucharistic Renewal

Father Simeon, O.C.S.O. (formerly Erasmo Leiva-Merikakis) is a Trappist monk at St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer. He recently published Volume IV of *Fire of Mercy*, a 3,000 page meditation (verse by verse) on the Gospel of St. Matthew. This excerpt from his exegesis on Matthew 26:26 (*While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, "Take and eat; this is my body."*) gives us something to think about in this year of Eucharistic Renewal.

"Jesus' affirmation shows that the Eucharist at bottom is about nothing other than *life everlasting, communicated and enjoyed through the mutual indwelling of lovers*. Jesus' discourse on the Bread of Life has apparently awakened in Peter this burning intuition, and it is by its power that Peter leaps with trust into the most desirable of realities. Peter intuitively that the speaker is as good as his word because (outlandish as it sounds) this particular speaker is offering nothing other than himself, his whole self, for consumption by anyone who listens: TAKE, EAT; THIS IS MY BODY. These may well be the most extravagant, astonishing, mysterious, provocative, generous, and true words ever uttered by any human mouth. Their strange uniqueness radiates healing light and peace and, therefore, invites belief. But such wholehearted acceptance can, in turn, be explained only if, together with Peter, we discern that the human mouth that speaks those startling words belongs to a Divine Person."

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.

Stewardship Thought of the Week

Both the first reading and the Gospel today speak of hospitality and welcome. Our ministers of hospitality are a most visible example of using one's time and talents to welcome the people of God. But the Gospel assures us that all who give even just "a cup of cold water" to one of His lowliest ones will be rewarded.



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