

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

***July 9 2023 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

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Parish Office: 508-853-0183 Ext. 110  
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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

### **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 9, 2023***



### From Your Pastor

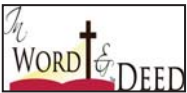
The words of today's gospel upend that notion that the wise and the powerful of the world will have an advantage over the rest of us when it comes to God. God the Father is known only through the Son, who speaks of such knowledge through the heart rather than the head. In the heart, meekness and humility must reign. In a sense, Jesus is thanking the Father for giving him the "burden" of powerlessness and is asking us to imitate him. If we have the trust of a child, we can discover that God's will is a weight we will gladly carry, just as Jesus did when he tells us that his (Jesus') yoke is one that is easy his burden one that is light.

*Fr. Niccolls*

### Deacon Paul Audette

James Martin

In this excerpt from his book *Becoming Who You Are* (Part IV), 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: "The trajectory of Merton's own life clearly shows his own steady movement away from the false self...Merton's early journals and letters are filled with a confidence that unsuccessfully masks a deep longing for a place to belong. These feelings continue unabated until the day he enters the Trappist monastery, when he finally finds the home he has long been searching for. But even then, during his years at the abbey, even after he has become a monk, Merton continues to meditate on what kind of monk he is intended to be, as he moves closer toward being the person God intended him to be...Ultimately, he says, 'If I find Him I will find myself, and if I find my true self I will find Him.' In other words, God desires for us to be the persons we were created to be: to be simply and purely ourselves, and in this state to love God and to let ourselves be loved by God."



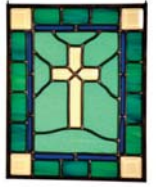
A community work project took place on a hot and humid morning. College students helped younger students, keeping a watchful eye on them as they were picking up trash, painting playground furniture and hanging new signs. Halfway through the morning, everyone headed for the shade of a weeping willow tree and a drink of ice-cold spring water. It really was refreshing. The shade and the water revived us and we were ready to finish our work. Everyone had a good time and contributed to our success.

Jesus never said that life would be easier because we believe. He only promised that He would be with us always. In our work and struggle, He is always near, giving us purpose and hope as we join our work to His as a prayer and an offering to the Father. We never struggle in vain, for even our smallest efforts join us to heavenly powers.

Our work may be difficult and tiresome, but the Lord is always watching over us. He makes sure we have the strength and the rest we need to complete our mission. His love never fails. We are certain of success because, in everything we do, we are building the Kingdom of God.

~James Gaffney © Pilot Bulletins

### Mass Intentions



**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 J. Viens  
Requested by his Family

**Monday, July 10, 2023**

**8:00 AM** Special Intention for Pauline Keyes  
Requested by her Family

**Tuesday, July 11, 2023 No Mass**

**Wednesday, July 12, 2023**

**8:00 AM** In Memory of Marion T. Anderson  
Requested by her Family

**Thursday, July 13, 2023 No Mass**

**Friday, July 14, 2023**

**8:00 AM** In Memory of Leona Galoni

**Saturday, July 15, 2023**

**4:00 PM** In Memory of Susan Evangelous Laverdure  
Requested by her Family and Friends

### 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](mailto:pieta3@gmail.com).

### Stewardship Thought of the Week

"Let all Your works give You thanks, Oh Lord, and let Your faithful ones bless You," says the psalmist. Stewardship is this "attitude of gratitude" for the many gifts God has given us.

See Psalm 145



**Readings To-Go!**

*14th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 9, 2023*

Scan QR code to see this week's readings!



## Parish Calendar

### 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

### Monday, July 10, 2023

7:00 PM Pieta Support Group

Church Hall

### Tuesday, July 11, 2023

### Wednesday, July 12, 2023

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM Gentle Yoga

Church Hall

### Thursday, July 13, 2023

11:00 AM Faith Sharing

Church Hall

6:00 PM Family Prayer Night

Church

### Friday, July 14, 2023

### Saturday, July 15, 2023

9:30 AM Mary Garden Help Needed

Church Parking Lot

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Church Hall

### Sunday, July 16, 2023

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

Church Hall

10:00 AM Toddler & Children's Liturgy

Church Hall



### 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 email [alabrecque2016@outlook.com](mailto:alabrecque2016@outlook.com)

## 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](mailto:mkhessel@aol.com) or Patty LaBonte at 508-853-0183

or send an email to: [office@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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.

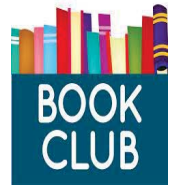
## Saint George Book Club

Tuesday, July 18th, 2023

Parish Center Room 107 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Radical Forgiveness, by Antoinette Bosco

Contact Nancy Forhan 508-963-9909



## SAVE THE DATE Mini-Retreat for Women this Fall

The Commission for Women of the Diocese of Worcester  
invite you to join a Mini-Retreat this Fall on:



**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.

Further information and a registration form may be found at:  
<https://worcestardiocese.org/2023-morning-retreat-invitation>

or you can send an email to the Commission at:

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

or email Susan at [susanzybert@gmail.com](mailto:susanzybert@gmail.com)

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



July 9 - Steve Toole and Team

July 16 - Dave Walsh and Team

July 23 - Mark Cormier and Team

July 30 - Robert Gray and Team

**\$1.00 each**

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](mailto:andy@andyfish.com) or 508-901-7813**

### Prayer Before or After Mass

O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. 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.

### ZOOM Rosary

#### Urban Missionaries from Our Lady of Hope

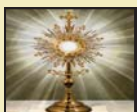
If you would like to join via Zoom for a weekly Rosary:

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

Send an email to [mailbox@urbanmissionaries.com](mailto: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, August 3rd, 2023** 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

**Friday, August 4th, 2023** after 8:00 AM Mass-10:00 AM.

Come join us in prayer and to spend time in the presence of



### 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.**

### 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.



**Pray together**

### 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.

### 12th Annual Novena to St. Joseph

**Begins Monday, September 11th**

**From 7:15 PM - 8:00 PM**

**Christ the King Church 1052 Pleasant St. Worc.**

Novena will be celebrated nine consecutive Mondays, starting in September. Prayers for the sick, improvements in palliative care and prayers to oppose all attempts to end human life unnaturally as in the case of physician assisted suicide. The schedule homilists are **Sept. 11**, Rev. Stephen Gemme; **Sept. 18**, Most Rev. Robert McManus; **Sept. 25** Rev, Msgr. James Moroney; **Oct. 2**, Rev. Paul Shaughnessy, SJ; **Oct. 9**, Rev. John Gavin; **Oct. 16**, Rev. Robert Grattaroti; **Oct. 23**, Rev. Richard Polek; **Oct. 30**, Rev. Enoch Kyermateng; and **Nov. 6**, Rev. Msgr. Thomas Sullivan. Hope you will participate in this most important event. Please come and pray.

### Trip to the Holy Land

**October 23, 2023 - November 5, 2023.**

**St. Joseph's Church, Charlton, MA**

Join Fr. Bob Grattaroti for trip to the Holy Land. Flight from Boston to Tel Aviv/Holy Land. Spend 7 days in the Holy Land before heading off to Rome with a papal audience.

Then off to visit Florence and Assisi and Venice. Price includes Roundtrip airfare from Boston, 2 meals a day, 4/5 star accommodations, luxury buses and a lifetime of memories.

Cost is \$5,999.00 per person.

**For more information please reach out to Proximo Travel at 855-842-8001**

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Come to me and I will give you rest." Matt 11:25-30: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart: and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Would you like to find rest for your souls? Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The dates are:

**August 11-13, in Storrs, CT. August 25-27, in VT**

**Sept. 22-24, 2023 in Huntington, NY.**

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 Vatele at 978-870-5646 or <https://www.mema.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 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](mailto: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!**



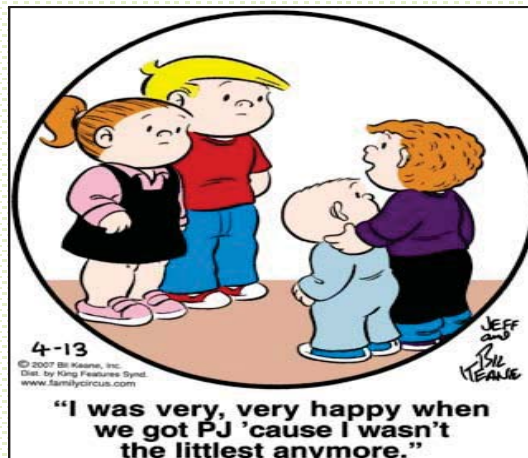
### Summer Diocese of Worcester Youth Events!

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](http://neworchester.org/other-events) or contact Tim Messenger, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at 508-929-4360 or email: [tmessenger@worcestardiocese.org](mailto:tmessenger@worcestardiocese.org)

## THE FAMILY CONNECTION

What could bring more delight to our hearts than sharing joy with our families and friends? What relieves us more of our burdens than when someone helps us carry them for a while? We are in this life together. Sometimes we are together to help each other over the rough spots and up to the high places. God has brought us together to help each other and to be blessed in giving and receiving love.



### 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](mailto:ruthviens@outlook.com)

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



**Family Faith Byte**

**Family time together:  
Make ice cream sundaes or  
a banana split at home.**

### 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)



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

Email Kevin: [Kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:Kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org)

# A Community of Ministries



## St. George Parish Outreach

Ann Doyle 508-450-4134  
[annie@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto: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!
- We are grateful to Sammy and Emily Bradshaw for sorting and organizing holiday items in the basement. It was a great accomplishment of a long overdue messy job!

## Your Help is Needed to Feed the Hungry



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



The last weeks of each month are especially difficult to our 3 food pantries. Government assistance 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.

## 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.

## NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME!



We are honored and delighted to welcome you. Contact Annie Doyle at 508-450-4134 for an Introduction to our ministries, our needs, and the interests you might have to help.

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

June 29, 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I previously wrote a letter describing WHERE some of our Outreach activities are taking place recently. This letter is written to describe WHAT some of the Outreach Activities are. Here are a few of the things that are happening because of your generous support to our parish and this ministry:

- ♦ Knitting and crocheting prayer shawls and scarves for folks who are sick, grieving, homeless, and lonely. Recently a small white blanket is being made for a homeless baby who is being christened. Thank you to the prayerful women who continue this ministry!
- ♦ Cooking 150 meals for guests at the Mustard Seed on **Friday, July 14**. 300 hot dogs will be cooked & wrapped. Chips, fruit & dessert will be added to 60 take out bags "To Go". The remaining 90 meals will be prepared, packed up, delivered & served at Mustard Seed dining room.
- ♦ Raking, weeding, sweeping, sorting, labeling, vacuuming, washing floors, scrubbing surfaces, sanding and painting continue to be done at the IHN Shelter.
- ♦ Inviting volunteers, baking, and setting up the hall for post funeral receptions. Serving and cleaning up is all done by kind and caring parishioners.
- ♦ Phone calls, emails & text messages are sent to request volunteer help, donations and supplies. Your response is always "yes"! It is so uplifting to work with you! Thank you for always quickly picking up those request tickets at the church exits during special outreach projects!
- ♦ Choosing Giving Tree Gift Tag requests, buying and wrapping hundreds of gifts, mailing in donations, donating Grocery Hope For Housing gift Cards, buying and donating tons of food and hygiene items-your generosity reaches out in so many ways, to so many in need!

God bless all of you who continue to see Christ in those in need. Thank you all!

*Annie Doyle*

## 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.*



## 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](mailto:emmaus.stgeorge@gmail.com)



### Spiritual Growth Ministry Corner

Ministry Leader: Bonnie Moran

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

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light" (Mt 11:28-30). These are the last few verses of this week's Gospel, and they are powerful words for us to remember. Today, many of us have heavy yokes on our shoulders; we are working demanding jobs, trying to take care of our own physical, mental and spiritual needs, as well as those of our families and friends, and all while handling the various "unexpected surprises" that happen every day. All of these can be overwhelming sometimes, and when we begin to feel overwhelmed, the advice we often hear today is to engage in "self-care", taking some time for ourselves to recharge. Although this may be a newer phrase, the idea is certainly not new. Jesus took time away from the crowds and his friends to be alone to rest and pray. This is something we should also try to emulate when we feel overwhelmed. Take some time, ask God for the strength and endurance to overcome our current hardships, and offer up those burdens to Him.

Spiritual Growth Committee members: Bonnie Moran – Chair; Deacon Paul Audette, Joan Talbot; Patti Walsh; Helen Hurley, and Kyle Lewandowski. Fr. Niccolls as ex officio member.

### Faith Sharing Groups

If you are interested in learning more about Faith Sharing 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



**to walk as ONE** Melanie was one of several second graders who volunteered to help tidy up the church after the school Mass. Her mother asked her why she decided to help clean the church, but never found time to clean her room. "God needed a favor," she said, "so I did it. Then when I need a favor, God will help me." Her faith in God was straightforward and simple; He was just another friend with whom she shared secrets and favors.

It's easy to substitute theology for faith and complex debate for simple relationship. Like many of the best things in life, we understand best with the heart, not the mind. To explain God, is it easier to say that in the perfection of His being, free from all sin and darkness, God, as the omniscient and omnipotent Being, loves me completely and without fail, as I am, since he makes me in his image and likeness? Or is it better to say, God loves me like a grandparent who spoils me rotten? If you are not sure, trade favors with God today. You'll not only be surprised by what He gives you, you'll also be surprised by what you can give Him. ~James Gaffney © Pilot Bulletins



### 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.



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