

Saint George Church - Worcester and Holden

July 16, 2023 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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www.saintgeorgesparish.org

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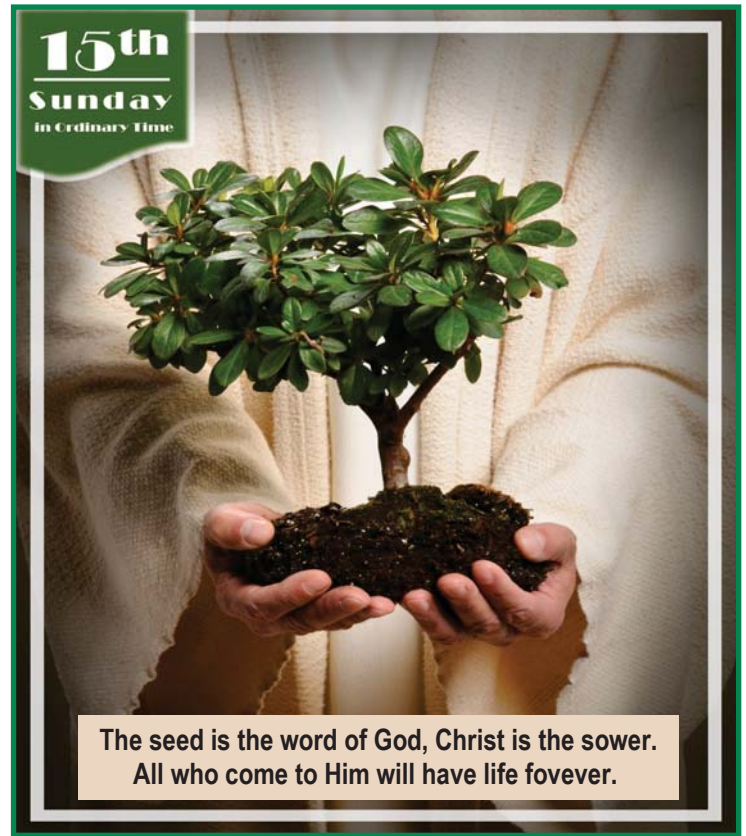
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Monday—Thursday 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

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mkhessel@aol.com

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

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 16, 2023



From Your Pastor

In this gospel, Jesus compares God's Word to seeds – tiny things that grow into something greater than themselves. A seed is pure potential, containing within its smallness its own ability to produce fruit as well as its harvest and all its future generations. With the right conditions a small beginning yields a rich harvest. Considered in this light, the preciousness is mind-boggling.

The sower in today's gospel parable seems messy and wasteful. The strange way that this sower acts would have struck Jesus' agrarian listeners even more forcibly than it does for us. The sower seems to be extravagant and careless, and Jesus' listeners would have been distressed over this. It just seemed so wrong.

Perhaps it only seems to be wrong. What is some "carefulness" seemed to really be stinginess? What if the sower's wastefulness is really generosity? Jesus' words remind us that God's grace can go anywhere because Jesus is the sower who sows grace everywhere and not just in the expected and profitable places. He sows it right here and right now.

Here are some questions to reflect upon with this Gospel:

1. *Today's gospel parable invites you to consider what kind of a sower you are. Do you plant the Word of God only where you think that you might be guaranteed a good harvest? What would your life look like if you sowed grace as freely as God does?*
2. *No one can sow seeds with a clenched fist. Are there places in your life where you are hanging tightly to a fistful of seeds that need to be cast over the earth? How can you ask the Holy Spirit to help you spread seeds for a future harvest?*
3. *Have you prepared your heart to receive God's Word? How has God's Word already transformed your life?*

Anointing of the Sick: Very often in my ministry as a priest, I get questions about the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. I share with you some thoughts about this Sacrament from the late Pope Benedict XVI, which actually is a good catechesis regarding this Sacrament and when one might receive it. Here is what Pope Benedict had to say:

"The anointing of the sick is meant to help with a spiritual process that in some circumstances can become a process of healing. This is the Church's sacramental help in the situation of illness. It's less a matter of the moment of death. In that case, the true Viaticum is the Eucharist....The anointing of the sick is more a help toward an acceptance of suffering. It is meant to help me, by lifting up my pain and suffering into Christ, to enter into sacramental fellowship with him. This is not necessarily a matter of physical healing. For illness can indeed heal me spiritually; I may even have spiritual need of it. Christ, by teaching me how to suffer and by suffering with me, may truly become my doctor, who overcomes the deep spiritual sickness within my soul."

Fr. Niccolls

We commend to your prayers

Pauline Brodeur, Beatrice Quinlan

Paul Bobkowsky, Sr. and Matthew Donoghue

May the angels lead them into paradise.

Mass Intentions



Saturday, July 15, 2023

4:00 PM In Memory of Susan Evangelous Laverdure

Requested by her Family and Friends

Sunday, July 16, 2023

8:00 AM For the Community of Saint George

10:00 AM In Memory of David G. Allen

Requested by Joan Talbot

Monday, July 17, 2023

8:00 AM In Memory of Ann Zukowski

Tuesday, July 18, 2023 No Mass

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

8:00 AM In Memory of Russell and Mary Coe

Thursday, July 20, 2023 No Mass

Friday, July 21, 2023

8:00 AM In Memory of William Kett, Jr.

Requested by Dennis and Patricia Kett

Saturday, July 22, 2023

4:00 PM For the Community of Saint George

Sunday, July 23, 2023

8:00 AM For the Community of Saint George

10:00 AM For the Community of Saint George

Deacon Paul Audette

James Martin

"Simply put, one attempts to move away from those parts of ourselves that prevent us from being closer to God: selfishness, pride, fear, and so on. And one also tries, as far as possible, to move toward those parts of ourselves that draw us nearer to God. In the process, one gradually finds oneself growing more loving and more generous. One also trusts that the very *desire* to do this comes from God. That is, the desire for our true selves to be revealed, and for us to move nearer to God, is a desire planted in us by God...At the same time, one's own individuality, one's own brand of holiness is gradually revealed. Our personalities are not eradicated as much as they are made fuller, more real, and finally more holy."

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

11:00 AM at St. George Church

Luncheon or "Take Out" to follow

In the Church Hall

Please RSVP to Annie Doyle at 508-450-4134



**Feast Day of Saints
Anne & Joachim:
Jesus' Grandparents**

For more information or to schedule an appointment to receive this Sacrament at home Call Annie Doyle anytime.

Weekly Collection

Delay in full posting due to publisher deadlines

June 26, 2023 - July 9, 2023

On-line Giving: \$ 3,795.70
 Ordinary Collection: \$ 7,796.00
 Total: \$ 11,591.70

Month of June:

Monthly Fund : \$ 6,025.00
 On-line Giving: 6,170.40
 Ordinary Collection: 15,978.00
 Peter's Pence: 653.00
 Mission Co-op: 3,521.55
 Catholic Schools: 100.00
 Catholic Communications: 550.00
 Total: \$ 34,577.95

Thank you for your generosity! We are truly grateful.

Parish Calendar

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

Monday, July 17, 2023

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

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

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM Gentle Yoga Church Hall

Thursday, July 20, 2023

Faith Sharing - Will resume again in September
 6:00 PM Family Prayer Night Church

Friday, July 21, 2023

Saturday, July 22, 2023

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Art Night Church Hall
 8:00 PM AA Meeting Church Hall

Sunday, July 23, 2023

After 8:00 & 10:00 AM Mass Coffee Shop Church Hall
 10:00 AM Toddler & Children's Liturgy Church Hall



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 always happy to assist you,
 Please email with questions at mkhessel@aol.com
 Many thanks to all of our on line givers who help to
 provide faithful and consistent financial support to our
 parish during this time of great need.

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.

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



Do you like to draw or enjoy making art?

Come join open studio event once a month!

Saturday, July 22nd, 2023 **ART & SNACKS**
 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+).

Questions: contact Parish Office 508-853-0183



Gentle Yoga for "Every Body"

In-person - \$5 donation

Wednesdays 1:30 PM - 2:30 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



Join us for Coffee Shop Club

After 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Masses

July 16 - Dave Walsh and Team
 July 23 - Mark Cormier and Team
 July 30 - Robert Gray and Team
 August 6 - Jim Moughan 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 or 508-901-7813

Prayer Before or After Mass

O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honor. 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.

"Whoever has ears ought to hear."

Is the Lord inviting you to know, love and serve Him more closely in the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (508) 630-4473 or dinfante@saintpaulknights.org



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 to spend time in the presence of Jesus.

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.



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.



Stewardship Thought of the Week

May our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure show us to be among those who have heard the message of Christ and taken it in, yielding a hundred - or sixty - or thirty-fold!

St. Anne - St. Patrick Parish - July 18 - 25 Located on 16 Church Street, Fiskdale MA

Will hold its 136th Annual Novena to Saint Anne, "My flesh for the light of the world" (John 6:51), as follows: **July 18-25**, at 5:30 PM Confessions at St. Anne Church Sacristy; 6:30 PM Rosary Procession from the Generations Statue in front of the Gift Shop; 7:00 PM Novena Mass at the Outdoor Pavilion. July 26 Feast Day: 11:00 AM, Healing Mass; 5:30 PM, Confessions at St. Anne Church Sacristy; 6:30 PM, Rosary Procession from the Generations Statue; 7:00 PM, Feast Day Mass at the Outdoor Pavilion. **Come pray this powerful Novena to St. Anne.**

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.

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



*Readings
To-Go!*

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 16, 2023

Scan QR code to see
this week's readings!



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 Bartot 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!



Venerini Academy 27 Edward St., Worcester

Grades Pre-K to Grade 8 has spacing available for a limited number of students. Venerini Academy focuses on Academic Excellence and Faith-Focused Education. Class sizes are small to help us provide a high quality education.

If you are interested in scheduling a tour this summer of Venerini Academy, contact Albert Ganem, Jr. (508) 753-3210

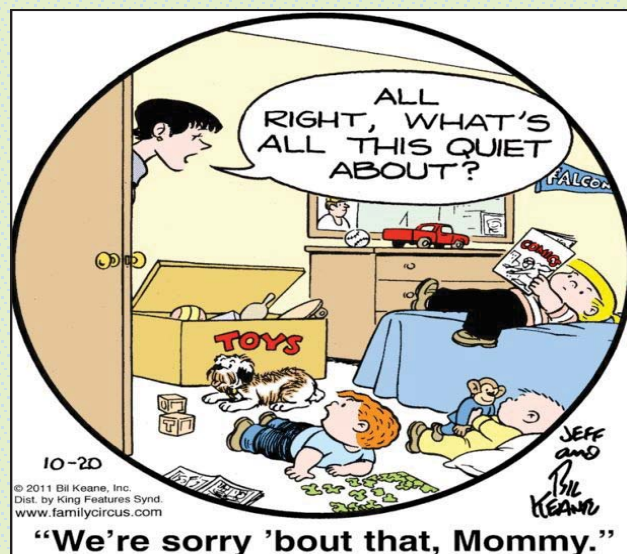


Youth Ministry Gathering Please Contact Kevin Browne

Open to grades 7-12
Kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Pray for your children. This sounds obvious but it easy to forget. Entrust them and their lives to God. Be patient with your failures as a parent.



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.**

Family Faith Byte



**Have a watermelon eating contest.
Careful of the seeds!**

Living Out Your Faith in College Gathering North American Martyrs Parish Located on 8 Wyoma Drive, Auburn, MA

All High Schoolers are welcome!

Come join current undergraduate college students on **Thursday, July 27 from 6 - 8 PM** at North American Martyrs in Auburn for a meal, conversation, and Q&A session centered around pursuing your faith after high school.

RSVP by contacting Kendall Mullen at mullenk@cua.edu

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



A Community of Ministries



St. George Parish Outreach

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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 21**. 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



Spiritual Growth Ministry Corner

Ministry Leader: Bonnie Moran
Saintgeorgespiritualgrowth@gmail.com

Summertime for many evokes thoughts of easier, less demanding days. However, for many parents' summer can also bring great concern for children. When children are young, plans for camp or summer care are handled by attending adults. Usually the goal is some mix of placing children in safe, social and fun experiences that help them learn and grow. While developing some independence and interests before attending the next level of school. As children grow, they become more involved in choices for summer activities, although a natural transition, this can create concern and anxiety for parents. Some teen independent choices could result in some suffering - to the child personally, to the parents and possibly to others they know and love.

Throughout this time, it is important to remember the power of prayer. No parent needs to proceed alone. That suffering, worry and anxiety can be shared. Parents can of course pray for what they want for the child, and this may prove successful. However, [Judy Landrieu Klein](#), theologian, inspirations speaker and pastoral counselor urges parents to "Parent Mary's Way". Doing what we can through teaching and prayer, then transitioning to turn the rest over to God, in a prayer of surrender. This transition helps parents convert to Mary's way, as realization occurs that parents are unable to control each and every situation. This is how Mary parented, surrendering herself and her child to God. Trusting in all God has planned.

Judy offers this prayer to help parents in learning to parent Mary's Way:

Let us Pray:

Father, sometimes I find it so hard to pray, "Thy will be done." I ask for the courage and humility to pen my hands to you and to surrender my life, my will and even my children to you. Help me to trust that you love me infinitely, that you are good, and that you work all things together for my good, my sanctification, and my salvation. I ask for a spirit of acquiescence like our holy Mother, that I may say yes to you in all things, even when I am disappointed, sorrowful, or afraid. Make yourself known in my yes, Father, and may I rest in the knowledge that my yes, united to yours, can only bring forth life. Amen.

For more on parenting with a Catholic mindset and Parenting Mary's Way by Judy Landrieu Klein go to website: catholicdigest.com/family

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

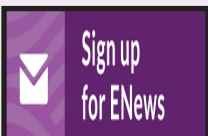


When we were little kids, it was so exciting to go to the bank with our passbooks, hand in our money and see our savings grow-- \$20, \$40, \$75 and then \$100!! As we reached each milestone, our desire to save grew and we learned a habit that would serve us our whole life. Passbooks were our report cards in the financial world!

Clergy and faithful alike often judge their life and their faith by the size of their accomplishments. Comments like "I never built a church or school" seem to nullify the thousands of baptisms, or weddings, or visits to the sick. "I've never been in charge of something or done anything great" does little justice to the hundreds of diapers changed, the young minds formed, the zillion meals prepared, or the countless hours of counsel and consolation, neighborly concern or devotion to family, work and community. Great faith is measured by perseverance, honesty, love and fidelity. It begins small and seems inconsequential. But it is the salt of the earth, giving life and flavor and sustenance to all who taste it. In spiritual things, don't let size fool you. One small thing is enough to change the whole world.

~James Gaffney © Pilot Bulletins

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