

YOUTH MINISTRY

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Patron Saints

St. Anselm- Feast day - April 21st. Saint Anselm (1033-1109) was a Benedictine monk, Christian philosopher, and scholar who is recognized for many intellectual works, including his application of reason in exploring the mysteries of faith and for his definition of theology as "*faith seeking understanding*." St. Anselm is best known for arguing for the existence of God by reasoning. This is in contrast to Aquinas who argued in a very empirical way that you could see, touch and feel God's presence. His highly respected work, *Monologium*, rationalizes proof of God's existence. His *Proslogium*, advances the idea that God exists according to the human notion of a perfect being in whom nothing is lacking. He rose to the level of Bishop of Canterbury (anselm.edu).

Mustard Seed

As always, please keep our many volunteers in mind and help out if you can this month by donating to this ministry.

The Leaves are Changing

And so are our kids...how many people remember the youth that graduated from our Youth Ministry program and headed off to college this summer? We actually graduated four very active members last spring and they are



each at a different college across the greater New England area. It has been roughly one month off on their own and they are just about settled in. As a group back here in the parish, they were very strong together. However they are experiencing many new things alone now and deciding what to do on their own. The foundation built at St. George parish will surely give them a strong head start but as we all recall, moving off to college brings new freedom and responsibility as they decide which direction to go. I ask that you pray for David, Matt, Nick and Sarah that they find good moral/life habits, good study habits, good friends, and the desire to continue developing in their faith. A daily prayer for them may make the difference between an A and a B, a good choice or a bad choice, or simply inspire them to go to mass on that cold winter morning. They will certainly appreciate any support you can offer!

If you are interested in joining the Youth Ministry, we are always interested in finding new young Catholics to help guide our ministry in new directions. It is nothing formal and even if you simply have an idea to share with us, feel free to stop in after 9 am mass or any Monday night at music practice (normally at 7 PM upstairs in the loft).



Mustard Seed and Year of Mercy

Please let Annie Doyle know if you want to see faith in action on a personal level. Saint George parish is a regular provider of free meals at the Mustard Seed in Worcester. If you volunteer, you will find yourself in the kitchen preparing a meal then serving the needy side by side with various youth from local schools, confirmation class, or our own Youth Ministry. If serving is not an option, simply take a card from the donations board and return the item to Annie as we gather food for each night we serve. This is a really great way to remind ourselves of all the blessings we have in our lives, no matter how hard they seem.

And don't forget this is the year of mercy so try and find a way to be merciful this month at the parish or elsewhere. Good luck!

NeWorcester suggests "Brainstorm ideas on your own, with family or friends. Get creative. Consider working with the poor and marginalized; they may even be within your family or neighborhood"

Vital 3.0 Training Enters its Second and Final Year

We have just completed the first year of our Vital 3.0 training within the Worcester Diocese. Several ministries within the parish have attended at least one session and we encourage others to attend whenever possible. The next meeting is November 5th at 9 am St. Mary Parish, 77 Mendon Street, Uxbridge, MA. As we enter our second and final year of training this fall we are expanding the invitation to adults of the parish. In fact our last meeting was built around "if you could do one new thing at your parish with adults, what would it be?" I was very pleased to see that among the top considerations was to add a faith sharing group that was geared to all ages. Since JoAnn Nally is already leading this ministry at our parish, I would invite you to take one night out of your busy schedules and come see what other parishes are hoping to start. Other ideas were to start "prayer partners" to pray for special intentions with a younger or older partner. This is very simple and can be done at home if you like. And finally meal night where we cook for needy families. If interested in getting involved, come see me after the 9 am mass.

Upcoming Events in Worcester and Beyond

Tuesday, October 25th from 7-9 p.m. - Worship Night in America: An Evening of Unity and Prayer for Our Country
This is a nationwide one-night event with tens of thousands of other Christians gathered in churches and theaters. Music and remarks by worship leaders Chris Tomlin, Matt Redman, Tasha Cobbs, Phil Wickham, Kim Walker-Smith, Matt Maher and remarks by pastors Max Lucado and Louie Giglio. Tickets are \$7.00 each. **PLEASE NOTE:** If 75 tickets are not sold, the event cannot be shown at St. Joseph's. To purchase tickets click on <http://www.tugg.com/events/worship-night-in-america-an-evening-of-unity-and-prayer-for-our-country-v8lq>.

Sunday, November 20th from 6:30-8 p.m. - Illuminate
Praise & Worship Music, Eucharistic Adoration and Inspirational Speaker Fr. Eric Cadin

Also, please try to attend the upcoming Sound of Music gathering as we look to raise funds for our new organ for the church.

Anyone for autumn apple picking? More to come as we get closer to the season. This event will be open to all families and children of all programs so think of your religious education students!