

YOUTH MINISTRY

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Patron Saints

St. Nicholas- Feast day - December 6th- was also known as "Nikolaos of Myra," was a fourth century saint and Greek bishop of Myra. Nicholas was born in Asia Minor in the Roman Empire as an only child to Christian parents. Both the Eastern and Western Churches honor him, and it is claimed that after the Blessed Virgin, he is the saint most pictured by Christian artists. Nicholas showed his charity toward a poor man who was unable to provide dowries for his three daughters of marriageable age. Rather than see them forced into prostitution, Nicholas secretly tossed a bag of gold through the poor man's window on three separate occasions, thus enabling the daughters to be wed. Over the centuries, this particular legend evolved into the custom of gift-giving on the saint's feast. (catholic.org).

Mustard Seed

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

Merry Christmas

It won't be long before Christmas is here. Are you ready yet? How do you prepare? Do you include the feast day of St.

Nicholas and the Immaculate Conception of Mary in your family routines leading up to Christmas?

Is Christmas about giving or receiving or both? Celebrating the feast of St. Nicholas and the Immaculate Conception with

family is a great way to explore these questions and keep the focus on Christ rather than commercialism.



Saint Nicholas was born to parents of wealth who died at a young age. Having chosen a life dedicated to God, St. Nicholas shared what he had with others (see story at right). Just two days later we celebrate another life of sacrifice, that of Mary. Mary gave herself to God to bear the baby Jesus who would later give his life for us. So as it turns out the season is filled with examples of giving rather than receiving. A fun way to share this at home is to have the kids place their shoes outside their room at night on the feast of Saint Nicholas. Once asleep, place a candycane in one shoe of each child. This simple treat reminds them of the goodness of the season and may encourage them to do something nice for others. In attending mass they equate the season with prayer and not just shopping and TV specials.

We hope to see you at the 4:00 PM St. George Mass or the 4:30 PM Christmas Eve mass at St. Peter Marian as we celebrate with our youth Ministry. Merry Christmas and Peace to you and your family this season!



Mustard Seed and Giving Tree

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 the giving tree as a way to share the lesson of giving in your family. If you can afford to help others, please keep these needy families in mind this season and throughout the year. Thank you in advance for your kindness throughout the year.

Installation of new servers and eucharistic ministers

Thanks to those who have answered the call to ministry. We recently installed multiple new altar servers and eucharistic ministers including our first youth minister to return to the area and become a eucharistic minister. This is the example we want our youth to follow - that of continuous development of their faith and ministry. Remember, confirmation is not graduation.

If you are interested in taking on a new or first time ministry in the parish, please see our bulletin or website where all information is listed.



Upcoming Events in Worcester and Beyond

Basketball signups are underway. Please contact Greg Post if you are a teenager interested in play starting in January 2017. We always field a competitive team and the games are all local. We hope to see you playing or attending the games.

