

YOUTH MINISTRY

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Patron Saints

St. Zdislava- Feast day - January 1st- daughter of a Czech aristocratic family, intent of becoming a hermitess, was brought home from her adventure and later married a Czech nobleman. The couple had four children. Zdislava received Holy Communion almost daily, and experienced many visions. She devoted herself to the poor, bathing the sick with her own hands, and taking homeless refugees into her home. When on one occasion her husband angrily went to expel from their castle a fever-stricken beggar he was stunned to find in the bed a crucifix instead. The mysterious incident moved him to accede to Zdislava's desire to fund the foundation of a Dominican convent. After Zdislava's death on January 1, 1252, her husband experienced a vision of her in glory. (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.

Happy New Year



The Christmas season is upon us as we begin the new year. Remember, the season doesn't end on Christmas day and we continue to celebrate through the Baptism of the Lord.

Christmas is one of the most important days of the Church year, second only to Easter itself. It is the feast of the incarnation, the feast of God becoming flesh (the Latin "in carne" means "enfleshment"). It is a uniquely Christian teaching, the Divine choosing to become one of us. Because of this belief, God is not only Transcendent, but also wholly Immanent, Emmanuel (God-with-us). While remaining Transcendent (meaning we must rise above our present condition to reach Him), He is at the same time Immanent (meaning He is with us as we rise toward Him). Every Eucharist is like Christmas where the bread and wine are transformed into His flesh, His Body and Blood, and, in a sense, He is born anew on the altar at each mass.

The liturgical season of Christmas therefore begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts, and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him...including the fact that he was born to die for us (uscgb.org).

If you are looking for a new year's resolution please think about keeping in mind those that are less fortunate and share some of your gifts, whatever they may be, throughout this year. Happy New Year all!



Mustard Seed

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. We added a new twist this Christmas, singing carols and Happy Birthday Jesus (with birthday day cake). 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.

Thank you in advance for your kindness throughout the year.

Christmas Eve Mass

Thanks to those who helped prepare for and participated in the celebration of our Christmas Eve Mass at St. Peter Marian chapel. The chapel was set up by staff at St. Peter Marian, was decorated by volunteers from St. George and the music was provided by our youth ministry group. The music effort took a lot

of planning and practice to pull off. Not bad for a group of teenage volunteers!

Please keep them in your prayers throughout the year that they continue to follow God in their lives. They are truly blessed in their ability to rise to the occasion whenever asked and added to our celebration. Thank you all!



Upcoming Events in Worcester and Beyond

The Worcester Diocese 2017 basketball season is underway! St. George is fielding a team under the direction of Greg Post. Greg is a Eucharistic Minister and member of our Men's club at St. George Parish. Be sure to wish him well when you see him at coffee club after Sunday mass then take the family out for some free basketball.

The schedule for the first several games is below, all games for these weeks will be played at Assumption College. The remainder of the season will be played at Mount Carmel parish. A schedule for those games will be posted on the parish web page under youth ministry.

- January 7th, 1:15 in the afternoon, court three
- January 8th, 12 noon, court one
- January 14th, 2:30 in the afternoon, court two
- January 15th, 12 noon, court two