

YOUTH MINISTRY

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Patron Saints

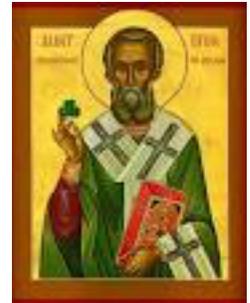
St. Patrick - Feast day - March 17th. St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. Born in Roman Britain then captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party at age 14, Patrick was taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. He escaped at age 20 after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland. Upon returning home he had a vision that he was being called to return to Ireland and he entered the priesthood. Patrick was later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland. He arrived in Slane, Ireland in 433 where he worked to convert the Druids and pagans and build churches until his death on March 17, 461 near Saul. Patrick often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity. (americancatholic.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.

St. Patricks Day

March is possibly the best month of the year here in the northeast. The weather changes so much that it can snow to cancel school but then quickly melts. Days get warmer and longer and the earth is filled with life again as all the little critters return to our yards. I hope you find time to enjoy the sunny days walking after spending more days indoors than outdoors these past months. Of course, there is also St. Patricks Day to celebrate and this is why we walk more!



Spring is not only a time for earth to renew itself and bloom with life again but is a great time to make a change in your life during Lent. Lent is about starting something small so that it grows into a positive permanent change in your life. Try to resist the temptation to go “all in” as this is usually too hard to maintain over 40 days and doesn’t result in a permanent change. Think small progressive steps over the course of the entire year.



Youth Mass and Religious Ed.

One of the goals this year with the Youth Ministry was to expose more of the parish to the talents of our youth. To this end we wish to acknowledge both Bill White and Kevin Brown for not only inviting the kids but for allowing them to participate actively in the music program during mass and Religious Ed class on Sunday nights. This has been a real pleasure for all involved and we look forward to other opportunities for service in the parish. Please see Kevin Cusack if you are interested in this ministry. Thank you all!



Mustard Seed

I want to thank all those who contributed to the Corned Beef dinner meal that we will serve at the mustard seed this month. Not only individuals but other ministries kicked in to help us pay for prepare and serve this meal. We are truly blessed at St. George to have such willing individuals and active ministries.

Saint George parish is a regular provider of free meals at the Mustard Seed in Worcester. 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. Please let Annie Doyle know if you want to see faith in action on a personal level in this ministry.

Thank you in advance for your kindness throughout the year.

Upcoming Events in Worcester and Beyond

Illuminate

Sunday, April 2, 5:00 PM

There will be an Illuminate event held at St. Joseph parish (10 H. Putnam Extension, Charlton, MA) on Sunday April 2nd from 6:30-8:00 PM. This is a diocesan event with a medium to large crowd and has good attendance of like minded Catholic teens. So if you want to see your faith through the eyes of your own generation and realize that you are not “weird” being a Catholic teen, this is a great place to gather. There will be praise and worship music, Eucharistic Adoration and an inspirational speaker. The event is preceded by mass at 5:00 pm so you don’t have to worry about mass that week if you want to do both! **ALL ARE WELCOME** to mass, pizza and illuminate and **IT IS FREE TO ALL**. Please contact Kevin Cusack if interested as I need to provide a head count to the deacon before we arrive.

Steubenville East

Friday, July 14, 5:00 PM

Please join us for this wonderful youth retreat the weekend of July 14th-16th 2016. The retreat is a weekend of music, prayer and faith sharing with >2000 (yes, two thousand) other like minded kids of high school age. To be eligible you must be in high school or entering high school in 2017. Please let Kevin C know before the end of March if possible though I will make every attempt even for late comers! Ask the current youth ministers what they thought about it when they attended (some multiple times). This is an overnight event with chaperones from the parish and diocese. We stay in the college dorms and enjoy college food (yum) on campus.