

# YOUTH MINISTRY

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## Patron Saints

Saint Magdalen of Canossa -  
Feast day - April 10th.  
Born in northern Italy in 1774, Magdalen knew her mind—and spoke it. At age 15 she announced she wished to become a nun. Initially with the Carmelites, she realized her desire was to serve the needy without restriction. For years she worked among the poor and sick in hospitals and in their homes, and also among delinquent and abandoned girls. In time she opened a school, which offered practical training and religious instruction. As other women joined her in the work, the new Congregation of the Canossian Daughters of Charity—or Canossian Sisters—emerged throughout Italy. Members of the new congregation focused on the educational and spiritual needs of women. Magdalen also founded a smaller congregation for priests and brothers. Both groups continue to this day. Magdalen died in 1835. Pope John Paul II canonized her in 1988. (franciscanmedia.org)

*Our Parish Vision: To welcome all, build connections to Christ and one another, and live our faith as true disciples of Jesus.*



## Mustard Seed

A huge thank you to all in the parish who “dug deep” at the last moment to find a few more dollars to help us pay for the mustard seed meal. Between the Sunday coffee shop collection, the mens club and other financing we were able to feed the over 100 guests that showed up at Mustard Seed on Friday, March 17th. Many favorable wishes were extended back to our parish for the meal that was provided. You are an inspiration to others as to what it means to build connections and give whatever you can for the benefit of those in need.

The meal required 100 pounds of corned beef, 60 pounds of carrots, 150 pounds of potatoes and 25 heads of cabbage. Everyone who showed up had a full plate of food and the ability to come back for seconds of smaller portions. It took nearly 12 hours to prepare the day before with the help of Annie Doyle, Joe Cote and Alan Derry. Thanks also to the students of WPI who served the meal with us.

## Saint George Dragon

We plan to construct a human sized St. George dragon this April/May with the help of young volunteers. The design and construction is being led by our resident artists Andy and Veronica Fish. More to come on the web page and bulletin.



## Mustard Seed

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.

