

Monthly Highlights

ST. GEORGE PARISH



SCHOLASTIC HONORS
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MARY GARDEN IN FULL BLOOM
ST. GEORGE LOT



VISIT TO RED SOX BENEFIT FOR NEW MUSIC AREA

YOUTH MINISTRY



Fourth of July

Welcome to summer! Hopefully you had time to take a day or two to celebrate with family and relax. The photo above is from a lake we visit every year on our annual camping trip with multiple family members and has been a tradition in some way since 1977. What are your family traditions? It is never too late to start one and see how long you continue to honor it. Good luck and be creative!

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

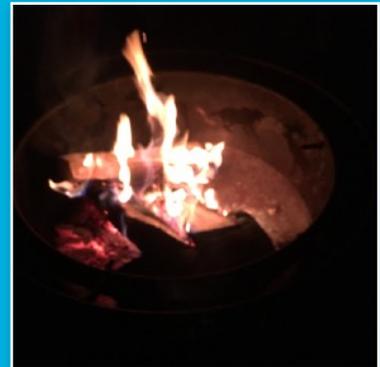
Faith and family

What role does your faith play in family life? Is it coming to mass each week? Saying Grace before a meal? Praying before bedtime? These are some of the most common ways we put our faith into action and are simple acts that can have a lasting effect on your children. I came to realize this at a recent wedding we attended. While none of us will likely be sainted any time soon, something amazing happened at the wedding.

It was an out of state wedding that required multiple families we grew up with to travel by air to get there. The wedding was beautiful but it was at the reception while we were sitting at the table together, that the DJ called all married couples to the floor. He started playing a slow song and trapped all the unwilling men on the floor as he guided us with instructions from his microphone. As the song began to play he started to ask some questions. The first question was “how many couples have been married one year or less”? After a few seconds he asked them to leave the floor. Next he asked 2-5 years and then asked them to leave the floor. Eventually he was up to 15-20 years and to our surprise our entire table was still on the floor. I won't tell you how long it took but all six families are all still married to their first love. What was amazing was that this was true of many couples in the room. So the next time you hear how many marriages struggle to survive, think about how many people have been married for what might seem like forever.

What made this possible? I am not sure to be honest. We all grew up in different grade schools, met in either high school, college or graduate school, and had dissimilar family situations growing up. But one thing rang true, an unspoken devotion to each other, both in our families and in our circle of friends. No matter how many years there are between meetings, once we are together, it is like we were never apart. Was it the prayer at bedtime or our parents insisting we attend mass even when we had sports or other fun activities at the same time? Was it a foundation in faith rather than something more commercial that taught us about the bigger picture and the importance of devotion? Whatever it was I am glad I was exposed to it as the traditions of family worship and prayer taught me about what really mattered. Even though I was unaware.

Enjoying the fun side of being Catholic!



Summer is underway with camping, gathering around the campfire at night and even a visit with Elvis. Find time to enjoy a day with family this summer. We are having a night out at the Bravehearts this July 23rd at 4 PM at Fitton Field in Worcester. Come join us!