

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS NEWSLETTER

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Saint George Parish

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

Mustard Seed

Please keep in mind our families in need that we serve meals to at the Mustard Seed. Watch for announcement in the bulletin and web page for calls to volunteer or donate food or money to the cause. Any help in this important ministry is greatly appreciated. See Annie Doyle for more information.

Back to School

Please keep our youth and young adults in mind as you pray that they may get off to a good start this year academically and socially. Also pray for our young adults returning to campus away from home that they find the time for God in their lives and attend weekly mass.



Young Adult Conference

St. George parish welcomed young adults from all over the northeast to a Young Adult Conference sponsored by the Worcester Diocese. Representatives from local colleges, young adult organizations and parishes met to discuss the needs of young adults as they mature beyond youth ministry and go off to college. Tim Messenger, our diocesan leader of the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry (see neworchester.org web site) led the discussion around what young adults are looking for in their faith.

Numerous groups were identified in the local and regional area for young adults to find peer related ministries. Tim plans to update the diocesan website with links. I will also post them on our website for all to have access to. As always, if there are suggestions or needs, please do not hesitate to contact youthministry@saintgeorgesparish.org.



Saint James the Apostle - Feast Day July 25th

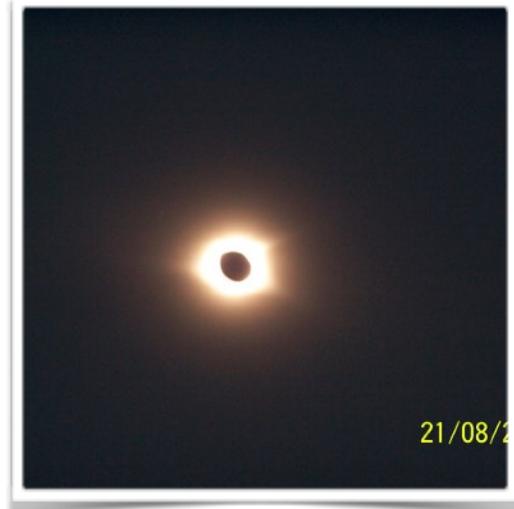
As we are each individually called to be disciples of Christ, here is a story about St. James and his discipleship.

Patron of pilgrim travelers, James walked with Jesus after being called by the Lord to become one of the Twelve Apostles. James had a special place among the disciples: with Simon Peter and his brother John, James traveled up Mount Tabor to witness the Transfiguration of Christ and joined Jesus in prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. Acts 12:1 tells us that James was one of the first martyrs of the Church. Over the centuries, pilgrims have followed in the Apostle's footsteps to his final resting place in Santiago de Compostela in northern Spain. The road to his tomb, called the Camino de Compostela, has been a model for pilgrims for generations - and continues to be an inspiration for all those on pilgrimage, including those en route to World Youth Day.

Did you see the eclipse?

If you did, send us some pictures. I was not among the thousands of Americans that drove somewhere to see the recent total solar eclipse but did get one good picture from a sibling. The experience was described as unbelievable.

What do you suppose ancient civilizations thought when in the middle of the day all light disappeared and the night sky appeared above their heads? Picture yourself on a bright sunny day doing your daily routine and then the sun suddenly



disappears and gets replaced by stars in the sky. It was probably the first time a lot of people in our current time saw the full night sky so brilliantly as there was no artificial "light pollution" coming from our local businesses and streets.

Prayer for Young Adults

Gracious and Loving God, help young men and women to be a light for all the world to see, in all the places they live and work. Let their light shine for all peoples: for their families, for their church communities, for their cultures and societies, for the economic and political systems, for the whole world. Coming into the room where the disciples were gathered after the resurrection, "Jesus, your son, said: Peace be with you!" (Jn 20:21). Make these men and women bearers of Christ's peace. "Blessed are the peacemakers, Teach them the meaning of what was said on the mountain: for they shall be called sons and daughters of God" (cf. Mt 5:9). Send them, Father, as you sent your son: to free their brothers and sisters from fear and sin. We ask this of you, in Christ's name. Amen.