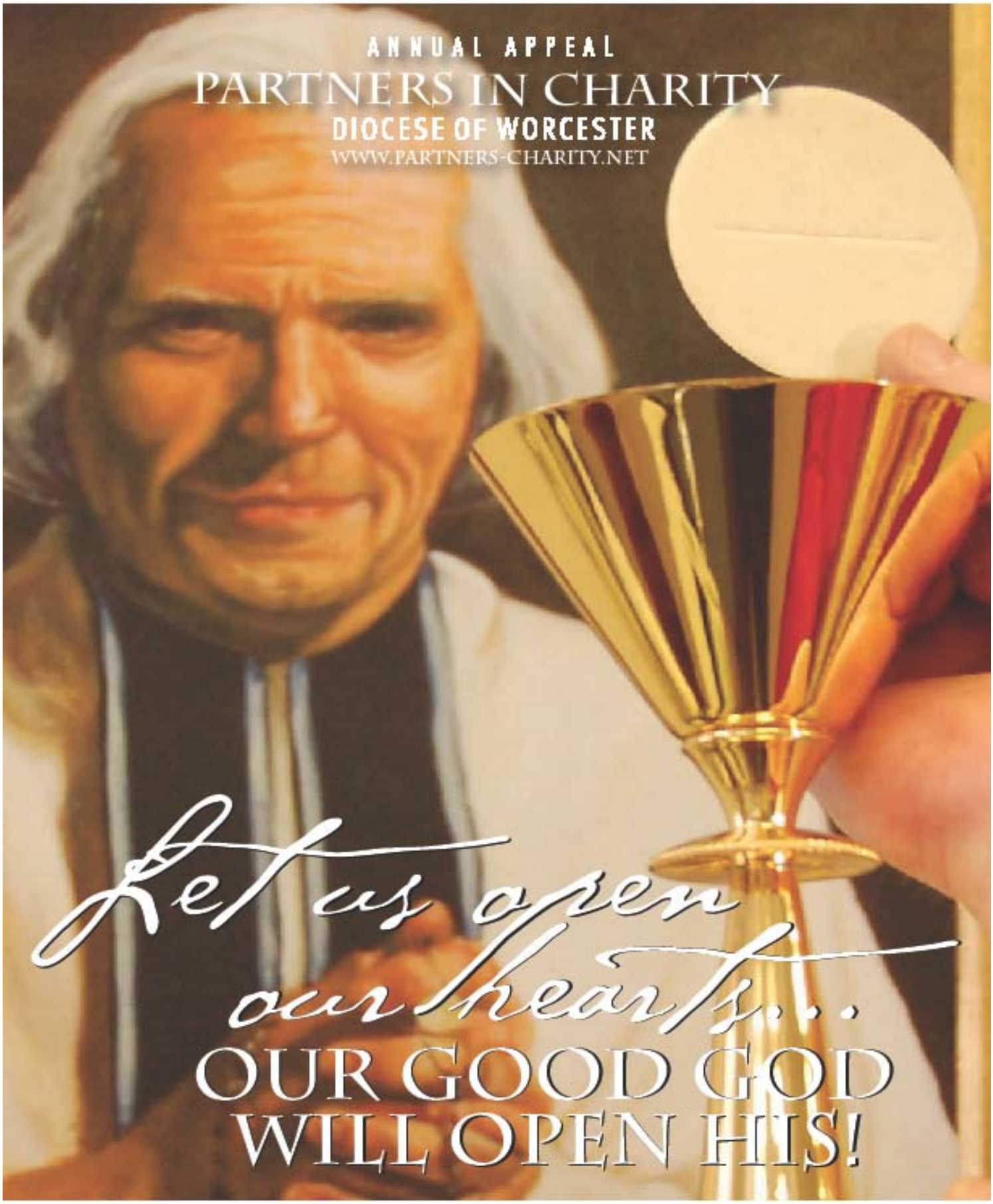

Saint George Church Worcester, MA

A Community of Ministries

June 13, 2010

Parish Information

40 Brattle Street, Worcester, MA 01606
phone: 508-853-0183 *fax:* 508-854-0864 *email:* office@ saintgeo.com *Website*: www.saintgeo.com

Eucharist Schedule: Vigil (Saturday): 4:00 PM Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM
Monday through Friday at 8:00 AM.

Baptism: Once a month at 12:30 PM. Call Ruth Viens, Baptism Coordinator at 508-852-5658 to make arrangements.

Penance: Saturday **-** 3:15 to 3:45 PM or by appointment.

Marriage: Arrangements, including date and time, must be made one year in advance with a priest. One of the couple must have been a registered member of the Parish for at least six months.

Anointing of the Sick and Communion Calls: Members of the family should notify the Rectory whenever a parishioner becomes confined at home, in a nursing home, a hospice or in the hospital.

Registration: New parishioners are always welcome! Please call Annie Doyle at the Rectory to register.

Coffee Shop: Sunday after every Mass in the Church Hall.

Pastoral Staff: *Rev. Ronald Falco,* Pastor*; Rev. Michael Lavallee, Associate; Norbert Archibald,* Deacon
Safe Environment Coordinator: *Margaret Moynahan*

Church Office: *Joan Koppenal*, Secretary **Parish Outreach:** *Ann R. Doyle*, Coordinator
Office Hours: *Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, closed Fridays and holidays*

Religious Education: 508-852-1784 - **Elementary***: Margaret Moynahan*, Coordinator
Junior High:
Senior High: Christopher O'Neill, Coordinator **Confirmation:** *Susan Pacek,* Coordinator

CYC Youth Group: **Music Ministry:** *Michael Lizotte*, Director 508-854-0459
Bulletin Editor: *Joan Koppenal, 508-853-0183* **Newsletter Editor**: *Ruth Viens,* 508-852-5658

Parish Mission Statement

We, the parish community of Saint George, celebrate the presence of Christ in our lives.

Central to our identity and together with the universal Catholic Church, we are nourished and sustained through the Mystery of the Holy Eucharist. We are inspired by the proclamation of the Word and guided by the Holy Spirit.

As Catholic Christians, we continually seek to grow in a deeper understanding of our faith, to respect the sanctity of human life, and to respond to what Jesus asks of us in our time by sharing our gifts and participating in parish activities.

We Commend to your Prayers

Bob Morris, our parishioner,
father & father-in-law of our
parishioners Bonny & Vincent O'Rourke

Joseph Canney, father and father-in-law
of our parishioners Cathy and John Gusha

May the Angels lead them into Paradise

Coffee Shop Captain

June 20, 2010
Joe Toomey: 508-791-2843

Please join us in the Hall after Mass on Sunday for coffee, donuts and fellowship!

Altar Ministries

We are thankful to the Altar Servers and Ministers of Holy Communion from TEAM A who will serve at our Masses next weekend. Thank you for sharing your time & talents with our Community of Ministries.

Financial Information

May 22/23 2010

4:00 PM: $1013.00
77 envelopes
7:30 AM: $1516.00
72 envelopes
9:00 AM: $1151.00
47 envelopes
11:00 AM: $835.00
43 envelopes

Mail: $1715.00
28 envelopes

Weekly Total:
$6230.00
267 envelopes and cash

Repair Fund
$5.00
1 envelopes

Air Conditioning
$120.00
9 envelopes

Consider making your gift online.

Our Weekly Financial Goal is $7,750

This week we achieved 80.4% of our goal.
Our shortfall is $1,520.00.

Mass Intention

Saturday, June 12: *Vigil*
4:00 PM Memorial for Dr. Policiano Menezes by the Ajbani family

In memory of Rose Marie & Marcel Mathias by family

Sunday, June 13: *Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*
7:30 AM In memory of Lillian Ferron by family
9:00 AM Memorial for Betty Kelley by her husband & daughter
11:00 AM 5th Anniversary for Bernard J. Walsh by family
12:30 PM Baptism

Monday, June 14:
8:00 AM For Fr. Michael in celebration of the 5th Anniversary of his ordination

Tuesday, June 15:
8:00 AM For those affected by the oil spill

Wednesday, June 16:
8:00 AM For our newly ordained transitional & permanent Deacons

Thursday, June 17:
8:00 AM Memorial for Bob Morris by the priests and parishioners of St. George

Friday, June 18:
8:00 AM Birthday Memorial for Bertha Burkee By her daughter

Saturday, June 19: *Vigil*
4:00 PM For the Fathers of our parish

Sunday, June 20: *Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
7:30 AM For the Fathers of our parish
9:00 AM For the Fathers of our parish
11:00 AM Special Intention by Fr. Ron

Eucharist and Prayers for the Sick

Please: Call to let us know if a family member or neighbor is hospitalized, homebound or ill. We can arrange to visit and bring Eucharist. Remember that due to HIPAA regulations, unless you allow the hospital or health care institution to release information and list St. George's as your religious affiliation, we are not told that you are a patient. We call the area hospitals each week to see if any of our parishioners are hospitalized. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Free Donut Tickets for Children's Liturgy

The Men's Club will be offering "Free Donut Tickets" to all participants to the "Children's Liturgy" during the 9:00 AM Mass *this* Sunday. The children will be given the tickets while at the Liturgy to be redeemed after Mass. Best Wishes to our young Catholics.

Consider Joining Our Community of Ministries

call or e-mail the Parish Office today to check out the many possibilities.

Parish Calendar

Saturday, June 12:		
8:00 PM	AA	Hall
Sunday, June 13:		
8:00 AM	Coffee Shop	Hall
9:00 AM	Children's Liturgy	Conf. Rm
9:00 AM	Toddler Liturgy	Hall
5:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting	Hall
Monday, June 14:		
7:00 PM	Pieta	Conf. Rm
Tuesday, June 15:		
6:30 PM	Weight Loss Group	Center
7:00 PM	Pastoral Council	Conf. Rm
7:00 PM	St. Vincent de Paul	Center
Wednesday, June 16:		
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Center
7:00 PM	Widow/Widowers	Center
Thursday, June 17:		
6:30 PM	Family Prayer	Church
Friday, June 18:		
11:00 AM	Grandparent's Group	Church
Saturday, June 19:		
9:00 AM	Yard Sale Women's Guild	Hall
8:00 PM	AA	Hall
Sunday, June 20:		
8:00 AM	Coffee Shop	Hall
9:00 AM	Children's Liturgy	Conf. Rm
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Scripture for the week of June 13, 2010

13	Sun	2 Sm 12:7-10, 13/Gal 2:16, 19-21/ Lk 7:36 - 8:3 or 7:36-50
14	Mon	1 Kgs 21:1-16/Mt 5:38-42
15	Tue	1 Kgs 21:17-29/Mt 5:43-48
16	Wed	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
17	Thu	Sir 48:1-14/Mt 6:7-15
18	Fri	2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Mt 6:19-23
19	Sat	2 Chr 24:17-25/Mt 6:24-34
20	Sun	Zec 12:10-11; 13:1/Gal 3:26-29/ Lk 9:18-24

Online Giving

Going Away for the Summer?

Then why not Give Online?

Try it. We're sure you'll like it!

Religious Education

Peg Moynahan
508-852-1784

Inviting Teachers to join us next year as Catechists or assistant teachers for our new class schedule for the Religious Education school year starting in September 2010. This revision of the class scheduling was recommended by parents in the 2008 Parish Survey and proposed by the Religious Education Advisory Committee**.** Please call Peg at the Religious Education office if you can volunteer.

Religious Education for Grades 1-5 will be offered on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM. All grades will be offered each day. First and second choices will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

REGISTRATION 2010-2011

Tuesday: June 15, 2010 10:00 AM - 12: Noon & 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Parish Center

Religious Education for Grades 6, 7 and 8 will be offered every Monday night from 6:30PM to 7:30PM.

**Please note: Parents must register their children in person.*

Youth Group

St. George Youth group with have a meeting on Sunday June 13th at 5:00 p.m. to discuss upcoming events. Look for us at the Women's Guild Tag and Craft sale doing face painting and kids games!

Bulletin Deadlines

Weekend of	**Due** to the parish
June 26/27	Wednesday June 16
July 3/4	Wednesday June 23
July 10/11	Wednesday June 30

Please submit bulletin items by 5:00 PM on the due date. Items can be mailed or faxed to the Rectory or e-mailed to office@saintgeo.com. If you have any questions please call Joan Koppenal at the Rectory (508-853-0183).

Legion of Mary

A lay Catholic organization invites men and women to join them. For detailed information please call Peggy Testarmata at 508-835-4857.

Pastoral Reflections

My Friends in the Lord Jesus,

We have begun the Season of Ordinary Time. This season of the Church year is the longest of the seasons and will end on the first Sunday of Advent in November. The Season of Ordinary time has as a focus the ministry and teachings of Jesus. During this year's Season of Ordinary Time the Sunday gospel reading will be taken from the Gospel according to Luke.

The gospel writer St. Luke emphasizes in his gospel accounts of Jesus the Lord's forgiveness, mercy, compassion, and the healing of a variety of illnesses of those who are infirmed. The gospel passage today of this unknown woman who offers her gratitude to Jesus for having forgiven her sin and setting her free from what ever it was that she was suffering from emotionally and spiritually is just one example.

St. Luke the gospel writer invites us not only to witness these events in the Lord's life but to participate in the Lord's ministry. We are invited to do what the Lord has done. Jesus, as it were, provides the teachable moments for us as we watch how he lovingly accepts people and gently enters into their particular life situations. As Jesus has done so we are invited to do. Mercy and compassion and forgiveness have no boundaries because they are expressions of love for another. They are expressions of the presence of Jesus through us who exercise these holy virtues lovingly.

Fr. Ron

Open you heart …
and make your donation to Partners in Charity today. Partners helps support programs that help people throughout the Diocese . A donation or pledge of any amount will help.

A Christian Steward receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with all, and returns them with increase to the Lord.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

The Adorers of the Perpetual Adoration Chapel wish to thank Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for these favors:

1. Thanks for the grace of singing God's praises.
2. Thanks for your life, love and hope you gave to us.

The Chapel of the Perpetual Eucharist Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament needs additional adorers. Call Deacon Archie at 508-847-3710 or 508-853-8169. to sign up or if you have any questions.

Parish Outreach

Annie Doyle - 508-853-0183 x12
Office hours Mon-Tue-Wed 9-5
adoyle@saintgeo.com

Dear Friends,

By the grace of God I plan to leave for Haiti on June 28. I will be working for 2 weeks at a home for orphaned children with severe physical disabilities. The "Wings of Hope" home for 38 children was totally destroyed in the recent earthquake and they are temporarily relocated in an old building nearby. I will be living there, cooking and sharing meals of porridge and sauce, helping to bathe, feed and care for the children. I am so happy to be going. I hope that you will pray with me as I prepare and serve there.

Many thanks,

Annie

Outreach for Confirmation Candidates

Will you be a Junior in High School this September 2010? Are you considering becoming a candidate the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2011? If so, you might want to consider doing your Confirmation Service experience this spring or summer. Call Annie Doyle (508-853-0183 Ex. 12) to discuss matching your interests with the needs in the community.

This Week…

Pray for all priests as we approach the end of the Year for Priests, that they will be guarded in truth and love by our Blessed Mother.

Why not dedicate the first hour of your families' work week to God?

Family Ministry

Ruth Viens, Coordinator - 508-852-5658
Email : ruthviens@charter.net

Family Connection

For Single Parent Families - Bless the moms or dads who are raising a family alone, one person doing the work of two. Wipe away tears of frustration over too much to do and not enough time. Lighten the worries of childcare, daycare, and after-school care which come with loving and caring for children alone. Help parent and child alike to see the gift each is for the other. Bless them with hugs and laughter today.

Parish Lending Library

Tired of bestsellers, movies and television shows with explicit violence, sex and four letter words? Want to read something with a message? Our parish library, located in the Conference Room in the Church Hall is available year round any time the church is open. Lots of good FREE Catholic reading for adults and children! just fill out the card in the back of the book and drop it in the box provided. Return the book to that same box when finished. Stop in and check it out!

Closing Masses in Clinton

The Closing Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary - 1 Cross Street, will take place on Sunday, June 13 at 9:00 AM. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.
The Closing Mass at Our Lady of Jasna Gora - 128 Franklin Street, will take place on Sunday, June 20, at 10:30 AM. A reception will follow in the Social Hall. All are welcome to join us!

Saint George's Women's Guild
We Need Your Support
Yard Sale June 19th from 9 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Members of the Women's Guild and members of the parish of St. George's Church. The Guild is having a yard sale to help raise money to support our community but in order to do this we need your assistance. We need more "Yard Sale Table Exhibitors" the cost is $15.-$20. We also need reasonable items (not clothes or tires) for the Women's Guild Table. For table space please contact Claudette (508) 892-8952. For donations please contact Brenda at (508) 853-4547.

If you cannot lift the load off another's back, do not walk away. Try to lighten it.

Hospice Volunteers Needed

Holy Trinity Hospice at Washburn House, 1183 Main Street in Worcester is seeking compassionate women and men from all walks of life who are ready to make a commitment and a positive difference to individuals and families coping with a terminal illness. A comprehensive training program will begin in May. You will receive ongoing support and education and a schedule that fits your needs. For more information call David Day at 508-791-8200 or email davidday@holytrinityhospice.org

Thank You

Dear Friends,

Once again, thank you for all you have done for Abby's House during this year. The meals are always delicious and generously abundant and delivered faithfully to our office and then taken to our shelter to be enjoyed by our guests. You have made a very big difference at Abby's as a parish community. We are grateful and thankful .

Enjoy the summer!

Best Wishes,

Annette

Children's Liturgy

Children are invited to hear God's Word on Sundays at the 9:00 AM Mass. Pre-school and school age children are encouraged to join us . Call Annie Doyle 508-853-0183 for more information.

Interfaith Hospitality Network

On behalf of the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Worcester, I would like to thank everyone at St. George's for their generous donation of grocery store gifts cards. These gifts are not only a big help to our families when they move into their new homes, they allow us to help past families, who are not eligible for or who receive only minimal assistance with food stamps.

Sincerely,

Joanne H. Alley
Director, IHN of Greater Worcester

Neighborhood Watch

Free ice cream! Bring the kids to the District One's Neighborhood Watch Meeting June 22nd 6 - 7 p.m. at St. Georges Rectory at 40 Brattle Street to meet our quality of life officer: Gerry O'Connor.

Officer O'Connor will be speaking about summer safety and then render the floor to open discussion. Ice cream novelties will be offered.

Scholarships

The following scholarships were awarded at the Baccalaureate Mass last Sunday. Congratulations to all the members of the Class of 2010.

St. Thomas a Becket Scholarship: Jeffrey Busha

Men's Club Scholarship: Alexandra Hughes

Women's Guild: Andrea Mosco

St. Vincent de Paul Scholarship: Thomas Long

St. Vincent de Paul Scholarship: Matthew Pedone

St. Paul: Carol Provencal

St. George: Colin Snee

Each year Joe and Pat Cote generously donate scholarships. Our Community is grateful for their faithful support. This year the following were awarded.

In memory of Pope John Paul II: Kirk Bobkowski

In memory of Mother Teresa: Johanna Pacek

In memory of Patrick Tubridy: Alexandra Hughes

In memory of the Cote family: Elizabeth Potvin

In memory of the DiNardo family: Daniel Lipka

Prayer Shawl Ministry

New members are invited to join this important ministry of outreach to the sick and suffering. You might want to knit or crochet – here at our bimonthly meetings or at home. Patterns and traditional yarn are available. Call 508-853-0183 for information.

Reflections on the Sunday Gospel

Wednesday 7:00 PM-8:15 PM in the Parish Center. Join us for reading of the Gospel for the coming Sunday, group reflection, prayer, and sharing. Call Father Lavallee at 508-853-1083 x 16.

St. Thomas More Scholarship for Law Students

Applications for the St.Thomas More Law Scholarship are now available from:

The St. Thomas More Society
Chancery Office
49 Elm Street
Worcester, MA 01609

Call Eileen at the Diocesan Tribunal (508-791-7171) for additional information. The scholarship is for law students who will be attending an accredited law school in the Fall or for a student presently in law school. The application must be returned by *June 30, 2010*. Applicants (or their parents) must be members of parishes within the Diocese of Worcester. The Scholarship is usually in the amount of $3,000. Should anyone wish to contribute to this scholarship fund your donations will be greatly appreciated.

Pietá

Is an ongoing support group for bereaved parents. Anyone who has experienced the death of a child is welcome to attend. The next meeting will be on June 14 at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room. Please join us!

Save the Date for Youth Day 2010

The 5th Annual Diocesan Youth Day will be held on **Saturday, October 23, 10 am - 5:30 pm** under the Big Tent. This is open to all Junior High and High School youth with chaperone to join the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office Team for a dynamic day. Fr. Matt Williams, Director of the Office For Evangelization, Youth, and Young Adult Ministry from the Archdiocese of Boston will be our keynote and Jon Niven and band will provide music. Closing Mass with Bishop McManus. More information will be posted by June 1 on our website: www.ymworcester.org.

This Weekend's Stewardship Thought

Like Nathan in today's first reading, we sin when we begin to feel entitled and act as if what we have is ours by right, when we forget that everything we have is an unmerited gift from God. But God is gracious and forgiving - even when we use His gifts wrongly or squander them thoughtlessly - if, like Nathan, we confess our guilt and ask His pardon.

"Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Fr. Peter Joyce of St. Mary's - Southbridge"

Date: September 20 - 30, 2010
Where: Jerusalem-Bethlehem-Nazaraeth-Galilee
Cost: $3,990 Air Fare and All Included
To sign up Contact: Anthony Nachef, PhD or Erin McCarthy :
Phone: 508-340-9370 or Toll Free 877-994-8259
FAX: 508-854-8003
Email: Anthony@Proximotravel.com
Website: www.Proximotravel.com

We Invite You to Join Us as

Let us open our heart s . . .
our good god will open his!

"My secret is easy to learn. It can be summed up in these words: give everything away, keep nothing for yourself."
- St. John Vianney

Parish Goal:	$104,000.00
Donated to Date:	$ 69,438.00
Number of Gifts:	314
Amount to Goal:	$ 34,562.00
% of our Goal:	66.8%

If you have already made your gift Thank You!

This weekend inside your bulletin you will find a brochure describing the many ministries supported by Partners in Charity. Take a minute and read through it and consider opening your heart to those who are helped by our gifts to this campaign. Please prayerfully consider making a pledged gift to this year's appeal. For your convenience, pledge envelopes are available in the pews. Please complete and return one as soon as you are able.

Thank you for your generosity and support.