

# Saint George Parish Community

Under the Guidance of the Holy Spirit

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## 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 17, 2021



James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to Him, “Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask of you.” He replied, “What do you wish Me to do for you?” They answered Him, “Grant that in Your Glory we may sit one at Your right and the other at your left.” Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with

the baptism with which I am baptized?” They said to Him, “We can.” Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at My right or at My left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared.” When the ten heard this, they came indignant at James and John. Jesus summoned the twelve and said to them, “You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

~ Mark 10: 35-45

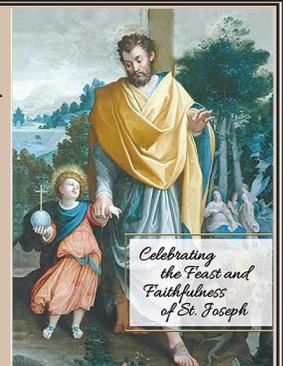
### Prayer to Saint Joseph

Join us as we pray the *Prayer to Saint Joseph* at the conclusion of Mass throughout the remainder of this Year of Saint Joseph:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

*To you God entrusted His only Son; in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. ~Amen.*



## Contact Us!

### New Parishioners

We are pleased to welcome new members to our Parish Community. Please call the Rectory Office at 610-237-1633 to make an appointment to register and to learn more about our parish, or visit [www.stgeorgeparish.org](http://www.stgeorgeparish.org). *Note: Students must be registered in the Parish before registering in the Parish Religious Education Program.*

### Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the **second Sunday of the month at 11:30 AM**. Parents seeking baptism for their child are asked to please call the rectory. Pre-Jordan is required for parents with a first-born child or parents with additional children who have not attended within a two-year period. Pre-registration is required for Pre-Jordan and Baptism. Please contact Mrs. Lynda Batten at the Rectory Office for more information.

### Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples planning a wedding are asked to call Father Oswald at the Rectory Office at least one year in advance of the wedding date. Couples are required to attend the Archdiocesan Marriage and Family Life Preparation Program.

### Sick or Homebound

In case of serious illness or advanced age, please call the Rectory Office. Arrangements will be made for the Sacrament of the Sick and for Holy Communion. If you are going into the hospital and you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the Rectory. Also, when you are hospitalized, please contact the hospital Chaplain and the Rectory Office.

### Tree of Life Memorial

If you would like to have a leaf (\$150) or a boulder (\$600) permanently inscribed in memory of a loved one on the Tree of Life, which is located in the vestibule at the main entrance of the church, please contact the Rectory Office at 610-237-1633.

### Vigil Candles

Vigil Candles, which are located in front of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph statues in the front of the church, are available for your intentions. Small candles are \$2 and will burn for two days. These can be purchased by placing your donation in an envelope and dropping it in the slot provided by the candles. Large candles are \$100 and will burn for an entire year. Large candles can be purchased by contacting the Rectory Office at 610-237-1633. A gold label with your loved ones name will be placed on the candle and it will remain there throughout the year.

### Godparents

Only one godparent is required for Baptism. If two are chosen, one must be male and one must be female. A godparent must be a fully initiated Roman Catholic (Baptized, Confirmed and receiving the Eucharist), at least 16 years of age, if married, must be married in the Church, and in good standing with the Church. A baptized non-Catholic Christian may be chosen as a "Christian Witness" provided there is one Catholic godparent. A former Catholic may not serve as either a godparent or Christian witness.

### R.C.I.A.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, or if you were baptized Catholic but did not complete your sacraments, please contact Sr. Lorraine Muglie, SSJ at the Rectory Office at 610-237-1633 to learn more about our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults Program.

### Mass Cards

Mass cards are available at the Rectory Office. If you would like to have a Mass celebrated in memory of a deceased loved one, or for special intentions, please contact the Rectory Office for details. Standard cards are available for a \$10 stipend and booklets are available for a \$20 stipend.

### Food Pantry

Our Parish Food Pantry is available for parishioners and friends who are in need of a meal but cannot provide one for themselves. If you or a friend needs temporary food assistance, please contact Mrs. Lynda Batten at 610-237-1633.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Eucharistic Adoration is held in the Church **every Friday from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM, followed by daily Mass**, unless otherwise announced.

### Quotes of the Week

"It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; He is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is He who provoked you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is He who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is He who reads in your heart your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle.

It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be ground down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal."

~ Pope John Paul II

## Parish Staff

### Rev. Leo P. Oswald, Pastor

Rev. Martin E. Woodeshick, Pastor Emeritus - Holy Spirit

Rev. James McBurney, OSA and Rev. James McCartney, O.S.A., Weekend Assistants

Mrs. Lynda Batten, Administrative Assistant and  
Coordinator of Religious Education, Ext. 101

Mrs. Pat Dinan, Receptionist, Ext. 113 (Tues & Wed)

Mrs. Gloria Greene, Data Entry, Ext. 104

Mrs. Kathleen Lerro, Director of Music, Ext. 101

Mr. Patrick McCullough, Maintenance, Ext. 104

Sister Lorraine Muglie, SS, Director of Adult Faith Formation and  
Pastoral Care, Ext. 103

Mr. Keith Tomson, Business Manager, Ext. 104

Mrs. Barbara Fister and Mrs. Teresa Murray - Housekeeping  
Rectory/Convent/Church

# Parish Information

## Rectory Hours

Monday thru Thursday  
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
**Summer Hours: 9AM to 4 PM daily**  
For more details, see page 5.  
**Phone Number:** 610-237-1633  
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**Receptionist:** Mrs. Patricia Dinan  
**Secretary:** Mrs. Lynda J. Batten  
**Parish Business Manager:**  
Mr. Keith Tomson

## Convent

11 E. Lamont Avenue  
Glenolden, PA 19036  
**Phone Number:** 610-237-1633

## Office of Religious Education

**Director of Adult Faith Formation**  
Sr. Lorraine Muglie, SSJ  
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## Coordinator of Religious Education

Mrs. Lynda Batten  
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## Bereavement Ministry

Mrs. Mimi Ednie

## Legion of Mary

Mrs. Gloria Greene

## Ministry Outreach Program

Mrs. Lynda Batten

## Choir Director and Music Ministry

Mrs. Kathleen Lerro

## R.C.I.A.

Sister Lorraine Muglie, SSJ

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## Rite of Reconciliation

3:30 PM - 4:15 PM Saturday afternoons

## Care of the Sick

Please contact the Rectory Office in the event of sickness or hospitalization.

## Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Thursday 6:30 PM - Sept. to Easter

## Baptism

Second Sunday of the month at 11:30 AM

Please call the Rectory Office for an appointment to schedule a Baptism and Baptism Preparation (Pre-Jordan)



## Devotions

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** - Fridays 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM  
**Miraculous Medal Devotion** - Following the 4:00 PM Mass on Fridays  
**Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet** - Thursdays 7:00 PM

## Daily Readings & Mass Intentions

**Sunday, October 17:** Isaiah 53: 10-11; Hebrews 4: 14-16; Mark 10: 35-45 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:00 AM** Ann Marie McIntyre  
*Requested by: Fr. Oswald and Staff*

**10:30 AM** Edmund Ferguson  
*Requested by: Mary Ann Ferguson*

**Monday, October 18:** 2 timothy 4: 10-17b; Luke 10: 1-9  
**4:00 PM** Joseph Doran  
*Requested by: AJ Euganeo*

**Tuesday, October 19:** Romans 5: 12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Luke 12: 35-38  
**4:00 PM** James & Grace Fitzgerald  
*Requested by: Kathleen Collett*

**Wednesday, October 20:** Romans 6: 12-18; Luke 12: 39-48  
**4:00 PM** Margarita Shirley  
*Requested by: Shirley Family*

**Thursday, October 21:** Romans 6: 19-23; Luke 12: 49-53  
**4:00 PM** Joseph Doran  
*Requested by: Bill Battagliese*

**Friday, October 22:** Romans 7: 18-25a; Luke 12: 54-59  
**4:00 PM** Joseph Doran  
*Requested by: Martin & Fran Deeney*

**Saturday, October 23:** Romans 8: 1-11; Luke 13: 1-9  
**4:30 PM** Joseph & Betty Battagliese  
*Requested by: Bill Battagliese*

**Sunday, October 24:** Jeremiah 31: 7-9; Hebrews 5: 1-6; Mark 10: 46-52: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**8:00 AM** Pro Populo  
**10:30 AM** Dolly Mount  
*Requested by: Denis and Pat Casey*

## Daily Mass

4:00 PM Monday thru Friday

### Weekend Mass

4:30 PM Saturday

8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday

### Holy Days

As Announced

**Legal Holidays: 9:00 AM**

## Contributions

Sunday, October 10 \$5,164  
Mass Counts - October 3: 77=4:30 PM 70=8:00 AM  
107=10:30 AM Total Mass Count=254

## Stewardship Weekend at St. George

October 30-31, 2021

*Look for our annual Stewardship letter later this month.  
Time, Talent, Treasure!*

## Mother's Home Baby Drive

**November 13-14, 2021 - St. George Church**  
The Mother's Home in Darby is in need of baby items for new mothers and their babies. If you would like to help, please bring your donation to the church on the weekend of **November 13-14**. Details about what is needed will be available in next week's bulletin.



# Gospel Reflection and Parish



Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Put simply, severe storms are thieves. They often rob us of our chief source of electrical power. Faster than a snap of the finger, our well-outfitted homes go dark. Everything from lamps to lasers grow dark. We turn to our flashlights and phones, hoping that their batteries last. We quickly calculate ways to manage our refrigerated foodstuffs. In summer, the air conditioner will be sorely missed. In winter, same for the heater.

The unnamed theme of this section from Mark's gospel is all about power of a different species. In a world lit only by fire, two of Our Lord's chosen followers named James and John did not know anything about something called "electricity." But they well knew about "power." It was something derived from your position in society, either inherited, or part of one's class. Of course, it could be seized through success in battle. Or maybe gained by being in the right place at the right time and asking the right person. The sons of Zebedee foolishly chose the third tactic. What they caused was instead a prediction from Jesus, and targeted anger from their 10 peers. It was a bad move on their part. But it occasioned one of those frequent happenings in the Gospels that we call "teachable moments."

Of course, reading or hearing of this incident might touch off a reaction in us that would sound something like this: "I'm glad I'm not power hungry!" But may I suggest that you're only kidding yourself? You sought power when you were only 2 years old and said "No" to Mom or Dad or somebody else your superior in age and ability. From there it was all downhill. Later, you saw others get power and you wanted your share.

So you plotted and schemed, and maybe you were successful. Your skills morphed from toy getting to top gaining. You rose in rank, and it felt good for awhile. You may have accumulated all the marks of material success. But God got lost in the strivings and the stretchings of your ambition. Then one day you awoke to the fact that it all means nothing in the long run.

When Jesus told His two former fishermen that giving high position in heaven is "for those for whom it has been prepared" He was talking about God the Father. We may call Him for our purposes, "The Great Preparer."

My guess is that the real lesson being taught here is that a personal outlook for all Christians should be one of giving service to others. Not "being served," which betokens power. If you think about it, serving others is all the power we need to reach our ultimate destination. In the meantime, here is a bit of wisdom to ponder: "It may be well to stand tall in this life, but heaven is entered only on the knees."

God love you and give you His peace.



## Rosary Group

The Rosary Group meets on **Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM** in the Church. We recite the Rosary and conclude with the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy for your intentions and for an end to the Coronavirus. All are welcome. **October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Please come and pray with us for your intentions.**

## Sister of St. Joseph Chance Drive

Visit our Chance drive page at <https://www.ssphpila.org/home/support-out-mission/fundraising-events/annual-chance-drive>. For additional information, please contact Sr. Lorraine Muglie, any Sister of St. Joseph, or the Development Office at 800-482-6510, [Development@ssphpila.org](mailto:Development@ssphpila.org) or <https://bit.ly/3yg4gRO>.

Turn \$5 into \$10,000 - there are 6 ways to win.

The Grand prize is \$10,000 - there are also 5 prizes of \$500.

The donation is \$5 per ticket or \$20 for a book of 5 tickets.

The Winner will be drawn on **December 5, 2021.**

**Get your tickets online today!**

All proceeds benefit St. Joseph Villa and the Retired Sisters of St. Joseph. *A Healing Presence.*

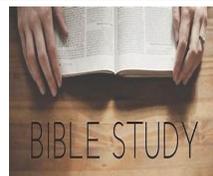
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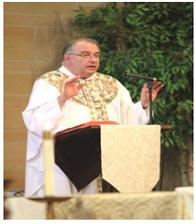


## Bible Study

We are pleased to announce that our Bible Study Program is back! Please join us on **Monday, October 18, from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM** in the church. No registration is necessary. We will present the Book of Revelation and cover the first 5-6 lessons in October and November and continue any remaining lessons in the new Year. Sessions will be held on **October 18, October 25, November 8, November 15, November 22 and, if needed, November 29.** Please join us.

Call USAGov for free at [1-844-USA-GOVI](https://www.usagov.gov) (1-844-872-4681) to ask us any question about the U.S. government and the services they offer. We'll get you the answer or tell you where to find it. We are open between **8:00 AM and 8:00 PM** Eastern Time, **Monday through Friday**, except federal holidays.

## Parish and Local



### A Message from Fr. Oswald

Please check out my weekly video reflections at [www.stgeorgeparish.org](http://www.stgeorgeparish.org) or on our Facebook page at St. George Church, Glenolden, PA. God bless you, one and all!

~Father Oswald, Pastor

### Adult Choir

If you would like to consider joining us, please contact Mrs. Kathy Lerro, Director of Music, at 610-237-1633. New voices are always needed and welcome. You don't have to be a professional singer to join us. All voices join in harmony! Practices are held every **Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM**. Won't you consider joining us?

*God sent his Singers upon earth, with songs of sadness and of mirth, that they might touch the hearts of men, and bring them back to heaven again.*

~Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



Join the choir...  
You'll Be Glad  
You Did!



### Happy Birthday

We wish everyone who is celebrating their birthday this week, a happy and healthy year ahead: James Bradley, John Callahan, William Ford, Elizabeth Hamill, Jarae Swain, Theresa Dunleavy, Antonio Esparza, Brandon Gaal, Matthew Henderson, Anthony

Marinero, Matthew Martinez, Joseph Pfaff, Dana Rotandi, Alicia Schoen, Stephen Zavorski, Amanda Beason, Michael erger, Ronnie Egan, Emma Kiely, Melissa Rubeo, Ralph Rubeo, Matthew Stephens, Anne Cicala, Asmar Cooke, Jade Kilgore, Shannon Lawson, Kimberly Ring, Melissa Sosh, Thomas Brundage, Mary Dallatore, Sue Garraty, Benjamin Kline, Jean McKinney, Peter Moore, Joseph Palmer, Eugenia Yeborah, Emma Allebach, Anna Callahan, Peyton Canderlaria, Patricia Casey, Stacey Lingham, Shibe Shiber, Danyela Valdez, Anthony Diorisio, Michael Dumigan, Marianne Healy, Karen Kerr and Constantinos Rentos.

**Happy Birthday, one and all!**

### Pray for Our Beloved Deceased

As we pray for our own families and friends, we ask you to please remember **Margaret Giordano and those who died from the coronavirus**. May all of our dearly departed, through the mercy of God, rest in the peace of Christ.



**PRAY**  
FOR THE SICK

### Pray for Our Sick

Al Beck, Mary Jane Beck, Helen Belcher, Dan & Marie Bellinger, Roberta Bennett, Michael Berger, Lillian Berlingeri, Irene Burns, Pat Muter Cahill, Suzie Carboni, Rose Celia,

Dominic Corvaia, Fred Cuccinello, Lenora Cuccinello, Martin Deeney, Betty DiGrasso, Leonard DiGrasso, Terry Dolores, Mark Ednie, Michelina Giuliono, Frederick Green, Delores and Ed Harrity, Ken and Peg Haynie, Kathleen Higgins, Doris Kerker, Silvio Lelli, Sr. Ann Marie Loftus, Madeline Loftus, Margie Loftus, Suzanne Madden, Maureen Maley, Ashley Marshall, Maureen McCann, Peg McCann, Bethann McCormick, Michael McFadden, David McFarland, Julia McGlinn, Angelo and Mary Ann Minutillo, Eric Mullica, Joseph Nowrey, Rev. Leo P. Oswald, Madeline Pfaff, George Phillips, Maria Prince, Joan Ratch, Ettore Ricci, John Rush, Sara Schilling, Harry Sperone, Denise Sponheimer, Michael Talent, Valerie Thompson, Mary Wizda, Carmella Young and Mary Ann Zeller. **Names are listed for 30 days unless more time is needed. Please keep us updated.**

**Now that the obligation to attend Mass has been reinstated, we share with you today an article about the importance of Catholic Church Etiquette, which can be found as an insert in today's Parish Bulletin.**

### Financial Assistance and Support Services for People with Disabilities

Explore a wide range of programs and tools to help with housing, taxes, medical bills, service and emotional support animals, and more. Please visit <https://www.usa.gov/disability-financial-support> for details.

## What is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)?

RCIA is intended to instruct in the Catholic Faith those who are seeking to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church through Baptism and/or Confirmation and Holy Communion. RCIA is your compass to the Catholic Faith.

### Who should look into RCIA?

**\*Anyone not yet baptized. \*Anyone baptized but not as a Catholic. \*Anyone baptized as a Catholic who did not yet receive First Communion or Confirmation. \*Fully initiated Catholics seeking fuller catechetical knowledge of their Catholic Faith. \*Anyone at all looking to learn more about Christianity.**

Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic? Are you interested in what the Catholic Church teaches? Do you want to deepen your understanding of the person and the nature of God and His Son Jesus Christ? You may be officially a member of another Christian body who is seriously considering the claims of the Church, or perhaps you were baptized a Catholic but never taught the Faith. Maybe you were raised Catholic but later drifted away and are looking to come back to full communion with the Church. You might be a committed Catholic who just wants to learn more about the Faith. If any of these descriptions fit you, you may be interested in exploring the St. George Parish RCIA Program. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or RCIA, is intended to instruct in the Catholic Faith those who are seeking to enter into full communion with the Church.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Sister Lorraine Muglie, SSJ at St. George Convent at 610-237-1633, ext. 103. Sessions begin on **October 21st from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM** in the convent.

# School News, Local and Stewardship



## Our Lady of Angels

Halloween Costume/Dress Down Day, **Friday, October 29**, for all students Grades Pre-K to 8. Pre-K to Grade 3 students will wear their Halloween costumes to school. Grades 4 to 8 students have the option of wearing Halloween costumes or Dress Down Halloween outfits. Dismissal is at **11:30 AM**

**Monday, Nov. 1**, is All Saints Day. There will be no school.

Progress Reports for students in Grades 1 to 8 will be available for parent viewing on **Friday, October 22, 2021 after 3:00 PM** on our Option C website.

The Parent/Teacher Conferences for Grades Pre-K to 8 will be held on **Monday, October 25**. The sign-ups have been published on the Option C website. There is no school for students that day.

Our annual Trunk or Treat will take place on **Friday, October 29**, in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help parking lot outside the front of the school building. The event will run from **6:30 PM to 8:30 PM**. All information is on our school website. Registration is required. Annual Fall Gala - Springfield Country Club - **Sunday, November 21, 2021 from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM**. Tickets are available at the school office.

## Baby's Breath

### Crisis Pregnancy Centers

**Saturday, October 30, 6:30 PM**

**Crowne Plaza in King of Prussia**



19th Annual Silent Auction & Dinner Reception with Special Guest Fr. Stephen Delacy. Auction features Phillies tickets, Flyer tickets, restaurant certificates, golf course certificate, gift baskets and much more. \$70 per person. Visit [ababysbreath.org/auctions](http://ababysbreath.org/auctions) or email [kim@thegrantitos.com](mailto:kim@thegrantitos.com) for tickets and sponsorship donations.

## Use of Prayer in Management of Pain

Join us for a special virtual presentation offered by the Pastoral Care Team at Nemours Children's Hospital in Delaware on **Tuesday, October 26, from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM**. Dr. Marta Illueca, MD will be the guest speaker, who co-authored a paper in the Journal of Religion and Health regarding the importance of prayer in the management of pain. Visit the following link to access the presentation: <https://nemours.webex.com/Nemours/j.php?MTID=m40d058701bd88ddf41b0a9888b236291>. Enter the meeting number (access code) 2304 630 3285. The meeting password is *Nemours*.

## Being a Christian Steward

***"As each one has received a gift, us it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4: 10).***

What identifies a steward Safeguarding material and human resources and using them responsibly are one answer; so is generous giving of time, talent, and treasure. But being a Christian steward means more. As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

### Disciples as Stewards

Let us begin with being a disciple-a follower of our Lord Jesus Christ. As members of the Church, Jesus calls us to be disciples. This has astonishing implications:

- \* Mature disciples make a conscious decision to follow Jesus, no matter what the cost,
- \* Christian disciples experience conversion-life-shaping changes of mind and heart-and commit their very selves to the Lord.
- \* Christian stewards respond in a particular way to the call to be a disciple. Stewardship has the power to shape and mold our understanding of our lives and the way in which we live.

Jesus' disciples and Christian stewards recognize God as the origin of life, giver of freedom, and source of all things. We are grateful for the gifts we have received and are eager to use them to show our love for God and for one another. We look for life and teaching of Jesus for guidance in living as Christian stewards.

### Stewards of Creation

The Bible contains a profound message about the stewardship of material creation: God created the world, but entrusts it to human beings. Caring for and cultivating the world involves the following:

- \* Joyful appreciation for the God-given beauty and wonder of nature;
- \* Protection and preservation of the environment, which would be the stewardship of ecological concern;
- \* Respect for human life-shielding life from threat and assault, doing everything that can be done to enhance this gift and make life flourish; and
- \* Development of this world through noble human effort-physical labor the trades and professions the arts and sciences. We call such effort "work." Work is a fulfilling human vocation.
- \* The Second Vatican Council points out that, through work, we build up not only our world but the Kingdom of God, already present among us. Work is a partnership with God-our share in a divine human collaboration in creation. It occupies a central place in our lives as Christian steward.

### Stewards of Vocation

Jesus calls us, as His disciples, to a new way of life-the Christian way of life-of which stewardship is part. But Jesus does not call us as nameless people in a faceless crowd. He calls us individually, by name. Each one of us - clergy, religious, a lay person; married, single; adult, child - has a personal vocation God intends each one of us to play a unique role in carrying out the divine plan. The challenge, then, is to understand our role-our vocation-and to respond generously to this all from God. Christian vocation entails the practice of stewardship. In addition, Christ call each of us to be stewards of our personal vocations, which we receive from God.

# Parish Religious Education



## St. George-St. Gabriel Parish Religious Education Program

PREP classes continue with live instruction! All Levels are now full. If you are interested in learning more about our program, please contact Mrs. Batten at the Rectory Office at 610-237-1633.

### Halloween Dance

**Grades 5-8, Friday, October 22, 7-10 PM - St. Gabriel Hall, Norwood**

Students in Catholic school and our Parish Religious Education Program are invited to join us on **Friday, October 22**, for a Halloween Dance and Social at St. Gabriel Parish Hall in Norwood. There will be lots of fun, music, pizza, drinks and even a costume contest. Please join us for the fun and contact St. Gabriel Rectory at 610-586-1225 for more details.



### Christmas Pageant

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding a Christmas Pageant on **Monday, December 13, at 7:00 PM** in St. George Church. Sponsored and presented by students in our PREP and Catholic school (especially our sacrament class) this pageant will remind all of us about the true meaning of Christmas. Letters will be mailed this week to all parents with children in the sacrament class explaining the details about this service activity. Stay tuned for more updates.



### Careful What You Wish For...

For some people, the best thing about having chicken for dinner is the "wishbone." After you finish eating, two people each hold one side of the wishbone, close your eyes and make a wish. Then you pull on the wishbone until it breaks apart. The one who gets the biggest piece is supposed to have his or her wish come true.

Have you ever wished for something? Sometimes we make a wish without thinking about what would happen if our wish really came true.

Have you ever planned to have a picnic and it rained? Perhaps you sat and watched the rain and grumbled to yourself, "I wish it would stop raining." What if that wish came true and it really stopped raining FOREVER? There would be no grass, no trees, no flowers. Rivers, lakes, and streams would dry up, and all life would begin to disappear. This world would be a miserable place if it stopped raining, wouldn't it?

James and John were two brothers who were disciples of Jesus. One day, the two of them came to Jesus and said to Him, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask."

"What do you want Me to do for you?" Jesus replied.

"In Your glorious Kingdom, we want to sit in places of honor next to You, one at Your right and the other at Your left." You see, they thought Jesus was going to set up an earthly kingdom, and they wanted to sit beside Him on the throne. They wanted to share in His glory and greatness.

Jesus answered, "You don't know what you are asking." Then He explained that whoever wants to be great must be a servant of all. He said, "For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give My life as a ransom for many."

We don't think that being a servant was exactly what James and John were wishing for!

Sometimes we may say, "I wish I could be more like Jesus." But is that really our wish? If we really want that wish to come true, we must live as servants the way Jesus did. Only then can we be truly great and show God's love to the world.

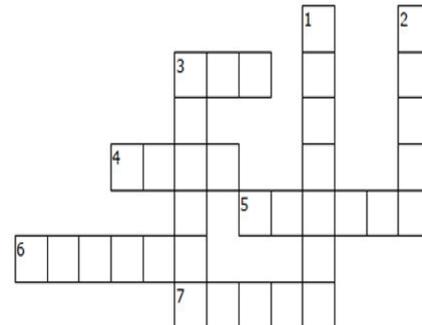
*Dear God, help us to mean it when we say, I wish I could be more like Jesus. Please show us each day how to become a greater servant to those around us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

~Source: Compliments of Sermon for Kids

### To Be Like Jesus

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Mark 10:35-45



#### ACROSS

- To occupy a chair
- The direction that is the opposite of right
- to be in front; to be first
- A special chair used by a king or queen
- The direction that is the opposite of left

#### DOWN

- A person who works for another person
- To do something to help someone, often after they ask you to do it
- To feel physical or mental pain

LEFT	LEADER	SERVANT	FAVOR
RIGHT	SIT	SUFFER	THRONE