October 30, 2022 - Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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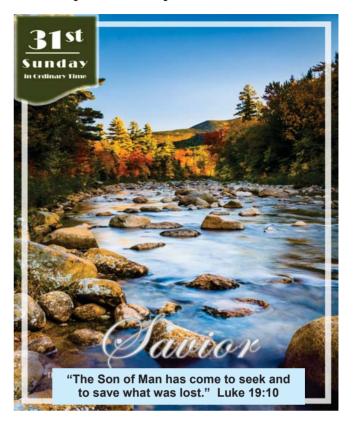
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St. George Catholic Church

Baptism Information:

Please contact

Susan Pacek at 508-856-9960 or email: st.geobaptism@gmail.com

Eucharist Celebrated:

Saturday 4:00 PM Sunday 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Live-Streamed Mass is offered on our parish website each Sunday at 10:00 AM.

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:00 AM Tuesday 12:10 PM, and Thursday 5:30 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions are heard inside the church 2:30 PM—3:15 PM on Saturdays.

Farish Mission Statement

We, the parish community of St George, celebrate the welcoming presence of Christ in our lives. Together with the universal Church, we are nourished and sustained through the Mystery of the Holy Eucharist, and we are inspired by the proclamation of the Word, guided by the Holy Spirit.

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

A Community of Ministries, October 30, 2022

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From Your Pastor

Tuesday, November 1st, is the Solemnity of All Saints and holyday of obligation. Masses for the holyday are at 8:00 A.M..

12:10 P.M. and 6:30 P.M. I remind you of the invitation to our annual Mass of Remembrance on Saturday, November 5th, at 9:30 A.M. The invitation to this Mass is open to everyone, and it is my hope that many of you will be able to attend. If you wish to view this Mass live-streamed, this will also be available.

The Church's Worldwide Synod – 2

In continuing my remarks about the progress of the synodal process in the Church, it is important to remember that parish and diocesan pastoral councils are important organs of synodality that the Church encourages in considering the call of the Gospel in light of the "signs of the times" in the local setting. These councils can continue the inclusive, empathetic listening sessions as a concrete way to practice and teach communal discernment. Through such discernment listening skill and theological reflection can be deepened. As Robert Choiniere, a professor of theology at Fordham University expressed it, the "muscles of synodality" can be trained. Here in our parish our Spiritual Growth Committee which undertook the original listening sessions for the synodal process will continue with such discussions that were incorporated into the report that our parish submitted to the Diocese of Worcester. Professor Choiniere also states that forms of spiritual encounter such as retreat ministry, pastoral conversations and mutual dialogue demonstrate the potential of a synodal church that recognizes the Holy Spirit as a creative, engaged and dynamic presence in our midst calling us into the fullness of life and trustful surrender to the will of God. These are ways that we Catholics can work out our spiritual muscles and continue our shared journey of discovery and renewal. Over these next two years we continue to become a synodal church if we choose to practice and build upon the grace that has already been poured out on us.

In November we will be observing the month of All Souls when we remember our beloved dead. As in past years our parish will be extending an invitation to the families of those parishioners who had died during the past year to gather for a special Mass of remembrance on Saturday, November 5th, at 9:30 A.M. Letters of invitation have been mailed out to those families. The Mass is open for parishioners to attend as well. The Mass will also be live-streamed that Saturday morning. We invite you to either attend this Mass or to view it live-streamed at this date and time to remember these deceased parishioners and all of our beloved dead.

Fr. Niccolls

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 29, 2022
4:00 PM In Memory of Barbara Scardamaglia
Requested by Diane Kingsley

Sunday, October 30, 2022

8:00 AM In Memory of Elias Camilo
Requested by Ed and Donna Saucier
10:00 AM Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr. Julio Granados

Monday, October 31, 2022

8:00 AM For restored health for Kathy Coggins Requested by her son Michael Coggins

Tuesday, November 1, 2022 Holyday Of Obligation

8:00 AM For the Community of Saint George12:10 PM For the Community of Saint George6:30 PM For the Community of Saint George

Wednesday, November 2, 2022 8:00 AM In Memory Arthur Boulay

Thursday, November 3, 2022 5:30 PM In Memory of George and Muriel Doyle

Friday, November 4, 2022 8:00 AM In Memory of C. Louise Hadley Requested by Craig and Ann Hadley

Saturday, November 5, 2022 All Souls Mass 4:00 PM In Memory of Addlina LoStracco Requested by her Family

Sunday, November 6, 2022 8:00 AM In Memory of Jack Hanlon Requested by his Family

10:00 AM In Memory of Wesley Cardwell, and Victor and Statia Jakatavich Requested by Andrea Cordwell

We commend to your prayers

Donald Viens



May the angels lead him into paradise.

Stewardship Thought of the Week We are called to be good stewards of our personal vocations. St. Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians is therefore ours, too - "that our God May make us worthy of his calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith. "

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Weekly Collection: October 17, 2022 - October 23, 2022 On Line Giving: \$ 2.377.00 **Ordinary Collection:** \$ 3,776.00 Total: \$ 6,153.00 Thank you for your generosity. We are truly grateful!

Parish Calendar

Saturday, October 29, 2022 8:00 PM AA Meeting Church Hall Sunday, October 30, 2022 10:00 AM Coffee Shop Club Church Hall 10:00 AM Toddler & Children's Liturgy Church Hall of the Word

11:00- 2:15 PM Confirmation Class Parish Center 6:00-7:30 PM Religious Ed gr 6-9 Parish Center Monday, October 31, 2022

NO Religious Education Classes grades 1-5

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

NO Religious Education Classes grades 1-5 1:00-2:15 PM Journeying from Death to Life Church Hall Wednesday, November 2, 2022

1:30-2:30 PM Gentle Yoga Church Hall 7:00-8:30 PM Youth Ministry Group Church Hall Thursday, November 3, 2022 11:00 AM Faith Sharing Group Church Hall 6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration Church 6:00 PM Family Prayer Night Church Friday, November 4, 2022 8:30-10:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration Church

10:30 AM Friday Faith Sharing Rm 107 Parish Center Saturday, November 5, 2022

8:00 AM Saturday Rosary Group Church 9:30 AM Mass of Remembrance Church Reception to Follow Mass Church Hall 8:00 PM AA Meeting Church Hall

Bereavement Support Dealing with Holiday Grief

Mixing Mourning and Celebration

Saturday, November 19, 2022 1:00 to 2:30 PM



Holden Senior Center at 1130 Main Street Holden

Pre-registration requested: call 508-829-4434 or 978-422-0100, or register on Miles Facebook Page

Bulletin Item Due Dates:

Weekend of: Due by: November 6, 2022 October 27, 2022 November 3, 2022 November 13, 2022 Please submit items by 10:00 AM on or before the due date. E-mail our Parish Admin Assistant Patty LaBonte at office@saintgeorgesparish.org The best way to book or reserve a Mass is to call our office: 508-853-0183.



We welcome to our parish family 5 newly baptized babies. May God Bless you, your families, and your godparents on your journey of faith.

Anna Ouinn Chviruk Jack Timothy Fontaine Natalie Ann Laurina **Connor Raymond Lauring** Luke Robert Laurina

Coffee Shop Club Ministry of Hospitality We Hope You'll Join Us



Coffee and Donuts following the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses on Sunday Mornings.

> Coffee Shop Schedules are posted in the Kitchen on the bulletin board.

October 30 - Dave Walsh and Team November 6 - Steve Toole and Team November 13 - Jim Moughan and Team November 20 - Kathy Hessel and Team November 27 - Mark Cormier and Team

> The first meeting will be held on: Sunday, November 13th at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room.

We need to build up our coffee shop teams! Talk to one of the captains or contact Andy Fish at: andy@andyfish.com or call 508-901-7813 today!



Come out with your family and friends to enjoy the day!

Saturday, November 5th, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

There will be the White Elephant Table, Baked Goods Tables. Crafts Tables with beautiful handmade items and quilts! Raffles: Silent Auction, and Gift Baskets.

> St. Peter Parish in Northbridge 39 Church Avenue, Northbridge MA



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Prayer Before Mass

Almighty and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray,



that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Help Prevent Family Homelessness

Please buy "Hope for Housing Cards" after the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday, and after the 8:00 AM or 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday. See Dave and Sue Genereux in the Church Hall after EVERY Mass. If needed, contact them at 978-833-0306.

Notice from the Diocesan Office of Healing and Prevention

If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, please believe in the possibility for hope and help and healing.

We encourage you to come forward and speak out. The victim assistance coordinator for the Diocese of Worcester is Judith Audette at (508) 929-4363.

Eucharist and Prayers for the Sick

Especially during these difficult times, please call to let us know if a family member or neighbor is hospitalized, home bound or ill.

Call Ann Doyle at 508-450-4134

We want to be with you in prayer and support. We can perhaps arrange a visit and possibly 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 informed that you are a patient. Thank you for your understanding.



Family Prayer Night at St. George Church Every Thursday at 6:00 PM

In the Church, there is a gathering of people who pray for all families.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary are prayed during this time. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn to pray the Rosary. Eucharistic Adoration is also a part of this wonderful time of prayer on the Thursday before the first Friday of each month.

Deacon Paul Audette

James Martin Speaks to us through his "Essential Writings"

The theme of humor in the spiritual/religious life has been a frequent topic of Martin's lectures and media appearances. In these excerpts from an April 2, 2007 America Magazine essay (Part I), he treats both the long history of laughter's role in religious practice as well as the reasons why it can be such a healthy element of the spiritual life: "Joy has a distinguished heritage in the Christian spiritual tradition...Yet lightheartedness is still an unwelcome guest in some church circles...While the Gospels show Jesus as clever, especially in the telling of the parables, few places in the New Testament present him as humorous...Yet if the Evangelists were intent on painting an appealing portrait of Jesus, why omit his sense of humor...Amy-Jill Levine, a New Testament scholar at Vanderbilt University...notes that one difficulty with the topic is that what was considered humorous by people in first-century Palestine might not strike us as funny. For them, the setup was funnier... She says: 'The idea that a mustard seed would have sprouted into a big bush that birds would build their nests in would be humorous.' There is no way of knowing how much of Jesus' humor was expunged from or left out of the Gospels. But Professor Levine noted that Jesus laughs frequently in some noncanonical Gospels. The church fathers, moreover, intent on combating heresy, would likely not have seen the genre of humor as appropriate."



Eucharistic Adoration

The Thursday evening Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration will be held on:

<u>Thursday, November 3</u> from 6:00 until 7:00 PM and <u>Friday, November 4</u> end of 8:00 AM Mass to 10:00 AM If you are unable to join us in person, we invite you to visit our parish website to view "Eucharistic Adoration" video on the homepage.

Saint George Saturday Rosary Group



You are invited to attend our once a month Saturday morning Rosary Group.

First Saturday of every month. Currently, we are meeting in the

Church at 8:00 AM November 5th, 2022

Miraculous Medal Novena St. Stephen Church

16 Hamilton Street, Worcester Miraculous Medal Novena on: Consecutive **Tuesdays at 6:30 PM**



October 23 to November 22

Come and Pray this Novena to our Blessed Mother.

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Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith" Sarah Kelly, Administrator 508-852-1784

Sarah.Kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org Kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org

Religious Education 2022 - 2023

We are off to a great start with religious education classes. It has been so nice to see the students' smiling faces! Just a few reminders for class schedules and upcoming holiday.

Confirmation Classes:

Students registered for confirmation have their second meeting on this Sunday, October 30th. Candidates are expected to attend the 10:00 AM Mass. Class will begin immediately after the end of Mass. The next class will be on November 13th in the Parish Center.

Grades 1-5 Classes:

NO Monday and Tuesday Classes the week of Halloween. Due to Halloween falling on a Monday this year, there will be no religious education classes for grades 1-5 the week of October 31st. Classes will resume the following week, November 7th. Be safe Trick of Treating!

Grades 6-9 Classes:

Our next class will be on October 30th from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM in the Parish Center. November classes will take place on November 6th and 20th from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM in the Parish Center.



Cereal Drive:

Please bring boxes of cereal to class on October 30th to benefit the Mustard Seed. Please be the answer to someone else's prayer and help restock the Mustard Seed pantry with donations of cereal.

If interested in helping or if you have any questions, then please reach out to Sarah or Kevin via email:

Grades 1-5 or with Confirmation, please email Sarah <u>sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org</u>.

Grades 6-9, please email

Kevin kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org.





Wednesday, November 2nd, Youth Ministry Gathering in Church Hall.

Open to grades 7-12

Please contact: Kevin Browne at: kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org For information about the Youth Ministry.

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Halloween.... Welcome the children! Its All Saints Eve. Our faith invites us to welcome the stranger and giving treats to trick or treaters is literally a form of open door hospitality. Welcome them without judgement They are saints in the making!



GRANDPARENTS: All interested grandparents are asked to pray for the safety and well-being of their grandchildren. Prayers are available by sending a long self addressed stamped envelope to Ruth Viens, 20 Mary Scano Drive, Apt. 223, Worcester MA 01605. As meetings resume in the parish it is hoped that the eight year monthly Grandparent Group will again be available.

Contact Ruth at: ruthviens@charter.net or 508-852-5658 for more information.

Grandparents make memories that the heart holds forever.

Baptisms in the Church Family

If you, a family member, or friend is interested in receiving the Sacrament of Baptism, we invite you to contact us today:

Susan Pacek at 508-856-9960 or email: st.geobaptism@gmail.com



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A Community of Ministries





St. George Parish Outreach

Ann Doyle 508-450-4134 annie@saintgeorgesparish.org

Save the Dates for Holiday Outreach 2022

 November 5 & 6 This weekend is our Thanksgiving Food Drive for non-perishable food items. Sturdy recyclable bags with handles are an added gift. Items can be left in the Outreach Collection area after Mass.

See suggestion items listed below:

- During the month of November donations to help purchase Turkeys for families at Our Lady of Providence are needed. Please label your donation envelope "For Turkeys" - Mail checks to: Parish Office or add to Collection Basket at Mass.
- November 12 &13 This weekend the Giving Tree Tags will be available on the "Giving Tree" in our church.



- November 18 Mustard Seed Meal for 120 guests. Please call Annie to help prepare the meal. Donations towards the cost of the meal are needed. Each meal costs \$5.
- November 26 & 27- Christmas Food Drive is this weekend.
- December 3 & 4 Giving Tree Gift Returns due.
 (More details will be included here each week.)

Want to begin planning and shopping early for folks who would otherwise do without?

Food Drive Items: typically items needed are turkey stuffing mix, cans of gravy, corn bread mix, small canned hams, cream of mushroom soup, cans of green beans and cans of vegetables.

Giving Tree Items: we know items needed are men's zip up hooded sweatshirts, men's sweat pants, and children's gifts. Also, small blankets, shower gel and body lotion.

As we become aware of more specific needs we will include them here and of course on our "Giving Tree".

Confirmation Students Community Service:

Join in our ongoing Parish Outreach Experiences!

Simply Text Annie Doyle's Cell for supplies And details: 508-450-4134

- Add to our food drives; collect non-perishable food items from family, friends or in your neighborhood
- Donate \$10 to purchase a turkey for a family in need
- Choose a Giving Tree Tag to donate a Christmas gift and help sort gifts in church: December 4 at 11:00 AM
- Help provide a Mustard Seed meal to feed the poor and homeless.

Homeless and Vulnerable Folks At the Mustard Seed Need:

- Small portable blankets are a big need
- Guests are always asking for sleeping bags
- Men's sweatpants size Large and X-Large
- Men's and women's warm jackets
- Hygiene products, also tooth paste and brushes

Afghan Refugee Family Needs:

Gently used warm **winter clothing** is needed.

Petite sizes 3T to medium, boys and girls are needed.

Please leave items in the church

Outreach Collection Area.

IHN (In the Hour of Need) Family Shelter

Join us at 91 June Street on the:
second and fourth Tuesday of any month
to lend a hand with cleaning, yard work,
painting or other household chores.
For more information contact Sheri at
slinn@ihnworcester.org_or call (508)755-2212

Can you please help feed the hungry? Special needs for November are:



Food Drive Items and Peanut Butter & Jelly and Breakfast Cereal

Thank you to everyone who continues to bring food donations to keep our 3 food pantries going! Items can be left in the Outreach Collection Area inside the parking lot door at the basement level of the church - just outside of the church hall.

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



Emmaus Ministry

The Blessing of the Animals was a joy filled Parish event. Had the opportunity to meet and talk with many owners. The

dogs were well behaved and "parents" had the opportunity to socialize and enjoy coffee and muffins, Danish and munchkins. We look forward to seeing you at the next Blessing of the Animals in 2023.

For More Information about Emmaus Ministry contact:
JoAnn Nally or
Andrea Svagdys-Gumbrell
emmaus.stgeorge@gmail.com
call 508-853-0183





Faith Sharing Groups

Sign up for Friday Faith Sharing Group will be October 30th after ALL Masses.

First meeting for Friday Faith Sharing Group will on: November 4th, 10:30 AM in Parish Center Room 107

Meeting for Monday Faith Sharing Group will be on: November 14th, 7:00 PM in Parish Center Room 107 Both Groups are Handicapped Accessible.

Contact JoAnn Nally 508-527-6973 with any questions.



Spiritual Growth Ministry Corner

Ministry Leader: Bonnie Moran Saintgeorgespiritual growth@gmail.com

Thank you again to the parishioners who assisted us in gathering information for the 2023 Synod Report from St. George Church. It was evident from the responses given, that these people care deeply about the Catholic faith and our parish church. In the weeks ahead, we will share some of these findings with all of you. Work has already begun to implement suggestions sparked from these Synod meetings. The following is from the second category of the Report on Eucharistic Revival.

What does the Eucharist mean to you?

 Unity. Unifying and healing. Part of the community, healing. It's a linking with Jesus and the community.
 Carry it with you. Basis of our actions through the week, carrying Jesus into the World.

- The body and blood of Jesus. So big its eternal. True body of Christ. Center of my faith. Source and summit of our Catholic life. Christ is present. Presence of God. The true presence of Jesus. Love of Jesus the true presence. Most important part of Mass. Essence of our faith. The center of our religion. Center of every thing. Brings it home. Being one with Jesus.
- Consecration brings us into the presence of the Pascal mystery.
- Eucharist means thanksgiving.
- Sacrifice Redeemed all of us.
- Chance to experience Christ in me.
- Intimacy and oneness. Getting closer to God.
- Goes through every cell in the body.
- Leave with lower blood pressure. Confidence from prayer. Feels very foundational. A connection to return to it.
- -- Peace and love, Love of Jesus that's soothing. It means life and love. Peace- community with Jesus. Being a part of Jesus.
- Spiritual Communion
- Faith
- Peace
- Being invited to the last supper every week. He hasn't given up on me.
- It's encouraging, asking me to follow him.
- Creates a feeling to be open and at Mass
- Redeeming and renewing.
- Process of coming to understanding. Receive so young it's a process to understand that happens over repetition and time.
- It's my Strength, Need to go to church.
- Jesus asking us to keep moving forward.

The next question – **How can people come to a deeper understanding of the Eucharist?** provides
thoughtful suggestions. Due to space constraints, this
question and the responses will be published in a future
column. Stay tuned and have a great week!







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