Saint George Church - Worcester and Holden

November 13, 2022 - Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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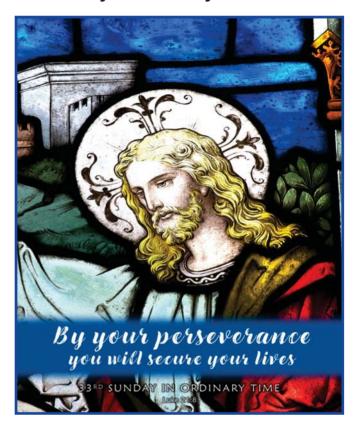
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Monday—Thursday 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

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For information regarding Pastoral Care of the Sick, Marriage Preparation, Confirmation, and Ministry Involvement, we invite you to call the Parish Office.



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.

Tarish 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, November 13, 2022



From Your Pastor

As with last week's bulletin column, I quote Msgr. James Moroney, regarding this time of Eucharistic renewal. "Do you remember

the last time you saw an old friend and embraced them with joy? That embrace came from your heart, the same place where you felt such deep joy at being in their presence. If we experience joy at being in the presence of an old friend, how much deeper is that joy in being in the presence of Christ. This is why we ask God that in the offering of the gifts of bread and wine on this altar we might gain "the prize of everlasting happiness." The Liturgy also quotes from the Prophet Jeremiah today, who tells us that happiness is to be near God. So too, the "joy of the community, the joy of the whole Church [is found] in contemplating and adoring the Most Holy Sacrament, recognizing in it the real and permanent presence of Jesus, the Eternal High Priest." Do you remember the song that goes "I received the Living God, and my heart is filled with jov."? Think of all those times when you went to Communion and felt the peace the world cannot give, the joy which is beyond all understanding. It is the feeling of knowing that God so loved the world (and you!), that his Only Son chose to give his life for you and to give you his very Body and Blood as food and drink...to live in you, that you might live in him. That is perfect joy."

Before too long we will be celebrating our American feast of Thanksgiving a fall holiday which is a festive celebration and a time to recall our responsibilities as Christian stewards as well. Although it is a national holiday, this feast echoes the basic orientation of our Christian faith. It is naturally expressed in our central ritual of worship, the Eucharist, which comes from the Greek word for Thanksgiving. Every time that we celebrate the Eucharist we should remind ourselves that everything we have and all we are comes from God. As we celebrate this festive holiday, we will offer one Mass for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 24th, at 8:00 A.M. We will also have the special blessing of food during this liturgy. Please bring something to church that you are going to serve at your Thanksgiving meal for this blessing.

Fr. Niccolls

Bereavement Support
Dealing with Holiday Grief
Mixing Mourning and Celebration



Saturday, Nov. 19th 1:00-2:30 PM

Holden Senior Center at 1130 Main Street Holden
Pre-registration requested: 508-829-4434 or
978-422-0100, or register on Miles Facebook Page

Mass Intentions



Saturday, November 12, 2022 4:00 PM In Memory of Matthew Ryan Requested by his Family

Sunday, November 13, 2022
8:00 AM In Memory of Eileen Ann Woods
Requested by her Family

10:00 AM Mass of Thanksgiving for Volunteers

Monday, November 14, 2022 8:00 AM In Memory of Mary Howard

Tuesday, November 15, 2022
12:10 PM In Memory of John and Rita Buzzell

Wednesday, November 16, 2022
8:00 AM In Memory Melba Sanford
Requested by her husband James Sanford

Thursday, November 17, 2022 5:30 PM In Memory of Ida Rose Blood Requested by her Daughter

Friday, November 18, 2022 8:00 AM In Memory of John and Gladys Reardon

Saturday, November 19, 2022 4:00 PM In Memory of Paola Mari Requested by Betty MacIsaac

Sunday, November 20, 2022
8:00 AM In Memory of Donald Viens
Requested by James Sanford
10:00 AM In Memory of Lorraine Jankowski
Requested by the Martella Family

We commend to your prayers

Laurence R. Newell, Ir.



May the angels lead him into paradise.

Stewardship Thought of the Week



Today's readings paint a somewhat frightening picture of the end of time. But the Gospel ends with the assurance to faithful stewards that those who persevere will be saved.

PIETA

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:



Monday, Nov. 14th at 7:00 PM Conference Room Please join us. For more information, please call Terry Gentile at 508-284-0796 or Sue Stevens at 508-852-4887, or email pieta3@gmail.com.

Weekly Collection October 31, 2022 - November 6, 202 On Line Giving: \$ 1.786.00 Ordinary Collection: \$ 4,521.00 Total: \$ 6.307.00 Monthly totals October 2022: A/C: \$ 270.00 Fuel: \$ 465.00 \$ 757.00 Repairs: Monthly Total: \$ 1,492.00

Parish Calendar

Saturday, November 12, 2022 Giving Tree Tags 8:00 PM AA Meeting Church Hall Sunday, November 13, 2022 Giving Tree Tags 10:00 AM Coffee Shop Club Church Hall 10:00 AM Toddler & Children's Lituray Church Hall of the Word 11:00-12:15 PM Confirmation Classes Parish Center 11:00 AM Reception for Volunteers Church Hall Monday, November 14, 2022 Parish Center 4:30-5:30 PM Religious Ed gr 1-5 7:00 PM Pieta Support Group Conference Rm Tuesday, November 15, 2022 1:00-2:00 PM Book Club Rm 107 Parish Center 4:30-5:30 PM Religious Ed ar 1-5 Parish Center Wednesday, November 16, 2022 1:30-2:30 PM Gentle Yoga Church Hall 7:00-8:30 PM Youth Ministry Gathering Church Hall Thursday, November 17, 2022 11:00 AM Faith Sharing Group Church Hall 6:00 PM Family Prayer Night Church Friday, November 18, 2022 9:00 AM Fall Ground Cleanup Church Parking Lot 10:30 AM Friday Faith Sharing Rm 107 Parish Center 2:00-3:30 PM Mustard Seed Meal Prep Church Hall Saturday, November 19, 2022 8:00 PM AA Meeting Church Hall Sunday, November 20, 2022 After 8:00AM & 10:00AM Thanksgiving Project in the Coffee Shop Church Hall

Bulletin Item Due Dates:

10:00 AM Coffee Shop Club

10:00 AM Toddler & Children's Liturgy

of the Word

6:00-7:30 PM Religious Ed gr 6-9

 Weekend of :
 Due by:

 November 20, 2022
 November 10, 2022

 November 27, 2022
 November 17, 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.

Fall Grounds Cleanup

Friday Nov. 18 at 9 AM Church Parking Lot Many hands make light work. Please help.

If you are able to assist in any way, then please contact
Andy Labrecque at 508-856-0515 or
Email: alabrecque2016@outlook.com

Blessing of Thanks for Volunteers

Please join us:

November 12th or 13th at any of the Masses for a Blessing of thanks to all volunteers who support various ministries throughout our parish. We are grateful for your time and talents that help strengthen and enrich our parish community.

Help Support the Emmaus Ministry

All funds raised support the Emmaus Ministry Programming at St. George Church.

Basket Raffle Fundraiser

All baskets will be displayed and tickets sold after **Sunday Masses: November 13, 20 & December 4.**

Raffle Tickets: 3 for \$5 or an Arm Length for \$10 Final Drawing is December 4th at 12 noon.

Baskets are highlighted on Emmaus Ministry Facebook

If you would like to donate a basket of have questions, the please email JoAnn or Andrea at: emmaus.stgeorge@gmail.com or call 508-853-0183

Coffee Shop Club

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



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

November 13 - Jim Moughan and Team November 20 - Kathy Hessel and Team November 27 - Mark Cormier and Team December 44 - Bob Gray and Team

December 11 - Julie Currier and Team

Monthly Coffee Shop Club Meeting Sunday:

November 13th after 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Masses
in the Church Hall 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!

St. George Book Club: Nov. 15th

Parish Center Conference Rm 107 1:00 - 2:00 PM

"In Mysterious Ways" By Paul Wilkes Contact Nancy Forhan 508-963-9909





Church Hall

Church Hall

Parish Center

Prayer Before Mass

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the



author of all that is good. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever 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 III), 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: "Another tantalizing explanation for the dearth of humor and playfulness in the church is advanced by Barbara Ehrenreich in her book, Dancing in the Streets: A History of Collective Joy. Ehrenreich posits that leaders, particularly in European cultures, were frightened by enthusiasm and collective joy, which they saw as primitive or hedonistic... Ehrenreich suggests that the church fathers may have set aside the parts of Jesus' message that embraced what she calls a 'sweet and spontaneous form of socialism' for something more serious. Spontaneity threatens the status quo. Because of the subversive nature of humor, many in authority deemed it unacceptable."



Eucharistic Adoration

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

<u>Thursday, December 1</u> 6:00-7:00 PM **Friday, December 2** after 8 Mass-10:00 AM

We hope you can come join us in prayer and to spend time in the presence of Jesus Christ.



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





Religious Education

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

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

Religious Education 2022 - 2023

Just a few reminders for class schedules, times and updates on cereal drive for the Mustard Seed pantry.

Confirmation Classes:

Students registered for confirmation classes will meet this Sunday, November 13th and December 4th in the Parish Center from 11:00 AM to 12:15 PM. Candidates are expected to attend the 10:00 AM Mass. **Confirmation Students and Community Service.** Join in our ongoing Parish Outreach Experiences. Simply text Annie Doyle's cell for details 508-450-4134. There are many ways to help the community.

Grades 1-5 Classes:

Classes will take place on November 14th and 15th from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM in the Parish Center. We are looking forward to see everyone.

Grades 6-9 Classes:

November classes will take place on November 20th and December 4th from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM in the Parish Center.

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 sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org. Grades 6-9, please email

Kevin kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org.



Youth Ministry Gathering will meet in the Church Hall on:

Wednesday, November 16th, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Wednesday, November 30th, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Open to grades 7-12
Please contact: Kevin Browne at:
kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org
For information about the Youth Ministry.



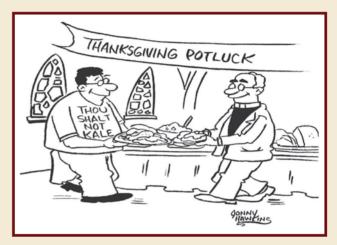
Baptisms in the Church Family

If you, a family member, or friend is Interested in receiving the Sacrament of Baptism, e invite you to contact us today: Susan Pacek at 508-856-9960 or

email: st.geobaptism@gmail.com

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Our society makes us aware of the many laws under which we live. Most people strive to uphold them, but we often forget the one law that matters most: that we love one another. We may have to go out of our way to manifest God's love to others but that is the one task that counts



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.



Assumption School is holding a Craft Fair & Winter Carnival on:

Saturday, Dec. 3 from 9 AM to 3 PM at
Our Lady of the Assumption Church Hall on
12 Waters Street, Millbury.

Features Crafters, Vendors, Games, Face Painting, Lunch Menu, Grand Raffle and Penny Social Raffles. Please join in the Fun!

A Community of Ministries





St. George Parish Outreach

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

Holiday Outreach 2022

- Thank you! Our Thanksgiving Food Drive was a huge success! Pictures to follow next week.
- FOOD DRIVE
- During the month of November donations to help purchase Turkeys for families at Our Lady of Providence are needed.
 Pre-labeled donation envelopes "For Turkeys" are available at the church entrances. Mail checks to:
 Parish Office or add to the Collection Basket at Mass.



- November 12 &13 This weekend the Giving Tree Tags will be available on the "Giving Tree" in our church. There are so many folks in need.
- 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.)

Help Needed

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
- 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 on:

December 4 at 11:00 AM

 Help provide a Mustard Seed meal to feed the poor and homeless.

Special Information About The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is set up at the side of the Sanctuary decorated with tags that are labeled with the Christmas hopes of a needy person or family. There are many specific and special requests. It is especially important that you fill this need so that the wish is granted and the person or child in need is not left without a gift on Christmas morning.

This year the Giving Tree gifts will be donated to Winter Hill Rest Home, Blaire House, St. Mary's Health Care, St. Francis Nursing Home, the Diocesan Seminarians, the children at Our Lady of Providence Parish and the Mustard Seed Catholic Worker.

The elderly in nursing homes are truly the forgotten folks in our community. Your gifts help to make their Christmas joyful.

Please - As we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace - No toy guns or violent toys.

Also, no battery operated items - these are too expensive for the poor to replace.

Please - no cash and no food.

Please wrap your Giving Tree Gift loosely in a GIFT BAG or RECYCLABLE BAG and reattach the tag. Kindly return it to the church no later than December 4th at the 10:00 AM Mass.

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

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.

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

Living Out Our New Reality as a Church Community that took place on October 22nd, was a wonderful morning of self reflection, and sharing of our losses we

have experienced during the pandemic, and what we can do as individuals to grow our church and faith communities.

Here are 10 suggestions on what you can do to grow our church community:

- 1. Bring a friend to Mass at St. George
- 2. Attend Coffee Shop Club
- 3. Invite your extended family to Christmas Mass
- 4. Become a CCD teacher
- 5. Experience a Faith Sharing Group
- 6. Purchase a Hope for Housing Card
- 7. Join a ministry at St. George
- 8. Call a parishioner you have not seen recently to check in
- Become a greeter at Mass you attend and welcome others
- 10. Prayerfully consider nominating someone to the Pastoral Council





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



Spiritual Growth Ministry Corner

Ministry Leader: Bonnie Moran
Saintgeorgespiritual growth@gmail.com

The Spiritual Growth Committee met on Monday, October 24th, 2022:

The Committee evaluated this year's successful Welcome Weekend effort and made some suggestions for improvements for next year.

"Greeting cards" were sent to 17 homebound parishioners by children in the Religious Education program. Ideas for expanding this outreach were discussed.

This year's Advent Evening of Reflection will be held on Tuesday, December 19th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm.

The 2023 Lenten Reflection Booklet effort will be launched soon. At least one reflection for each week of Lent will be included. We welcome more volunteers for this project.

The Committee discussed ideas for following up on the feedback received in the Synod Listening Sessions and for communicating the results of the Diocesan and national sessions. Synodality has the potential to change the dynamics of church decision-making at the parish, national and world-wide levels by opening up a new channel for the Holy Spirit. The Committee wants St. George Parish to be a part of this exciting process.

Spiritual Growth Committee members are: Bonnie Moran – Chair; Andrea Svagdys-Gumbrell; Joan Talbot; Patty Walsh; Kyle Lewandowski and Helen Hurley. Fr. Niccolls, Fr. Pagan and Deacon Paul serve as ex officio members.

Faith Sharing Groups

Friday Faith Sharing Group meeting: November 18th, 10:30 AM in Room 107, Parish Center



Monday Faith Sharing Group will meet:

November 21st, 7:00 PM in Room 107, Parish Center

Both Groups are Handicapped Accessible. Contact JoAnn Nally 508-527-6973 with any questions.

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