Saint George Church - Worcester and Holden

November 20, 2022 - Thirty Fourth Sunday - Christ the King

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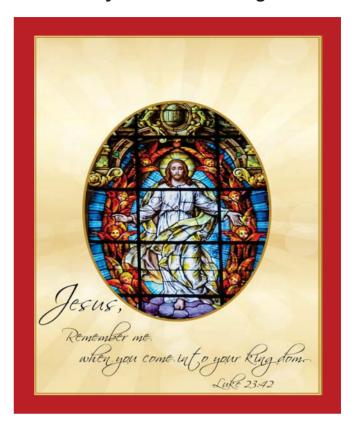
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Monday—Thursday 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

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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 20, 2022

From Your Pastor

This coming Thursday, November 24th, 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. . (There will be No 5:30 P.M. Mass.) 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.

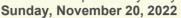
In celebrating this Solemnity of Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe, we believe that he is also the only path to true peace. We spend a lot of time looking for peace in all sorts of places: in diplomacy, in good governance, in law enforcement and in counseling. However, where we will find true peace is in God. That is why, just before we receive Holy Communion, we ask God at every Mass to give us peace which is described, "that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ." In receiving Holy Communion, we receive the "sacrifice of our reconciliation" which advances "the peace and salvation of all the world." In the prayer over the offerings for this solemnity, we pray that in this sacrifice, Christ bestows on all nations "the gifts of unity and peace." In the reception of Holy Communion we receive the peace of Christ, but in the adoration of Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament, we also receive this peace. In a homily given on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ in 2008 Pope Benedict XVI so beautifully described it this way: "Adoration is prayer that prolongs the celebration and Eucharistic communion and in which the soul continues to be nourished: it is nourished with love, truth, peace; it is nourished with hope, because the One before whom we prostrate ourselves does not judge us, does not crush us but liberates and transforms us."

Next Sunday we will celebrate the beginning of the Season of Advent which is also the beginning of our Church's liturgical year. This year we will be in the A Cycle of the liturgical year when we will hear the Gospel of Matthew proclaimed through most of the year.

Fr. Niccolls

Mass Intentions

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



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

Monday, November 21, 2022

8:00 AM In Memory of Rev. Arthur Faron

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

12:10 PM In Memory of Deacon John and Marion Cahill

Wednesday, November 23, 2022

8:00 AM In Memory Stanley and Frances Pielaszczyk

Thursday, November 24, 2022

8:00 AM For the Community of Saint George

Friday, November 25, 2022

8:00 AM In Memory of Rev. Joseph Nally

Saturday, November 26, 2022

4:00 PM In Memory of Paola Mari

Requested by LeeAnn Peterson

Sunday, November 27, 2022

8:00 AM In Memory of Joaquina Nascimento Requested by the Nascimento Family

10:00 AM In Memory of Laurence Newell, Jr. Requested by James Sanford



Fr. Walter Ciszek, a Jesuit priest being promoted for sainthood, spent years in

Russia as a political prisoner. In one of his books, "He Leadeth Me," he writes, "There is a tremendous truth contained in the realization that when God became man, He became a working man—not a king nor chieftain, not a warrior or statesmen, nor a great leader of nations." We celebrate Christ the King, not as a political figure or world leader, but as the King of the Cross where the work of salvation takes place. It is a work of love

Subjects follow their king into battle. We follow Christ into battle with sin and with death. First, He shows us how to live in love as God intends as He teaches, preaches, heals and forgives. Then, through His death, He destroys the power of sin and evil over us and asks us to pick up the cross and follow Him. We honor Him as the crucified King who suffers for our sins and gives us the hope of eternal life.

We serve the Lord and we follow Him. His kingship is one of service, love and humility. He invites rather than commands; he leads rather than directs. He is the Lord, the Savior, the Anointed and the Son of God. He is the victor, ruler and redeemer! But mostly, He is Jesus, our Brother, our King of love and of life. ~James Gaffney c 2010

Weekly Collection November 7, 2022 - November 13, 2022 On Line Giving: \$ 1.922.00

Ordinary Collection: \$ posting next week Total pending: \$ 1,922.00

> Thank you for your generosity! We are truly grateful.

Parish Calendar

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 10:00 AM Coffee Shop Club Church Hall 10:00 AM Toddler & Children's Liturgy Church Hall 6:00-7:30 PM Religious Ed ar 6-9 Parish Center

Monday, November 21, 2022

4:30-5:30 PM Religious Ed gr 1-5 Parish Center 7:00 PM Monday Faith Sharing Rm 107 Parish Center

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

4:30-5:30 PM Religious Ed gr 1-5 Parish Center Wednesday, November 23, 2022

Thursday, November 24, 2022

Happy Thanksgiving Friday, November 25, 2022

Thankful Board Church Hall 10:30 AM Advent Faith Sharing Rm 107 Parish Center

Saturday, November 26, 2022

Thankful Board Church Hall 8:00 AM Christmas Food Drive Church Hall 8:00 PM AA Meeting Church Hall

Sunday, November 27, 2022

Thankful Board Church Hall

8:00 AM Christmas Food Drive 10:00 AM Coffee Shop Club

Church Hall 10:00 AM Toddler & Children's Liturgy Church Hall

Pastoral Council News

The council held its leadership election naming Andy Fish as Chair to replace the outgoing Kevin Cusak. Julie Currier will replace Andy as Council Vice-Chair.

We thank Kevin Cusak for his service.

There will be a General Election for one open Council seat the last weekend of December, and the first weekend of January. Nomination papers will be available at church entrances as well as on the website at the end of November.

Please consider joining this important advisory ministry. Email: andy@andyfish.com with further questions.

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Emmaus Ministry Basket Raffle

All baskets will be displayed and tickets will be sold after:

Sunday Masses: Nov. 20 & Dec 4.

Raffle Tickets: 3/\$5 or an Arm Length for \$10 Stop by the Church Hall on December 4th after 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Mass to participate in the Basket Raffle. We have 21 fabulous baskets to choose from

Final Drawing: Sunday December 4th at 12 Noon If you would like to donate a basket or 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 posted on Kitchen bulletin board.

November 20 - Kathy Hessel and Team November 27 - Mark Cormier and Team December 4 - Bob Gray and Team

December 11 - Julie Currier and Team December 18 - Brian Russo and Team

December 25 - NO COFFEE SHOP

Meetings for all members of Coffee Shop Teams and Captains are held the **second Sunday of every month** in the Church Hall Conference Room at 9:15am. Signups for coffee shop are available! Join today!

Talk to one of the captains or contact Andy Fish at: andy@andyfish.com or call 508-901-7813

Winter Coat Closet FREE WINTER COATS to those in need

Saturdays through December 17th, 9:30-11:30 AM



Holy Trinity Church 446 Hamilton Street, Southbridge

Donations also accepted.

\$1.00 Each

Bulletin Item Due Dates:

Weekend of: Due by: December 4, 2022 November 24, 2022 December 11, 2022 December 1, 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.

Prayer Before Mass

Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant,



we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. 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 undervaluing of Christian humor is particularly surprising in light of Gospel stories in which Jesus evinces playfulness. He is castigated for not being as serious as John. 'The Son of Man came eating and drinking,' says Jesus. 'And you say, look: a glutton and a drunkard' (Matt 11:19). Jesus also approves of a quick-witted man. When told that the Messiah is from Nazareth, Nathaniel blurts out, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' His mordant joke about the city delights Jesus, who exclaims, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Jesus then calls him to join the apostles (John 1:47).

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Thursday, December 1 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:



Tuesday at 6:30 PM last day Nov 22

Statues Restoration Completed

Thank you Holly Rieth-Gamache, local artist, for all your hard work restoring and painting the statues of Christ the King and the Blessed Mother.









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, and times:

Confirmation Classes:

Students registered for confirmation classes will meet Sunday, December 4th and January 8th 2023 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 21st and 22nd from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM in the Parish Center. Dismissal will be from the Church. An email was sent to families explaining.

Grades 6-9 Classes:

November classes will take place November 20th and December 4th, and on December 11th 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 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.



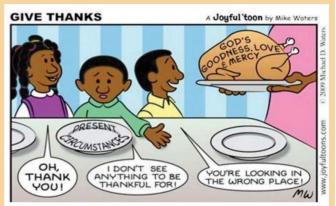
Baptisms in the Church Family

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

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

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

This is the time of year when we traditionally count our blessings. First we give our thanks to God. Now celebrate by thinking about the blessings you have been given. Choose one or two then share them with someone else. Visit someone who is lonely, or give someone a ride. Children can share a toy with a friend. *Happy Thanks-living!*



Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. ~Psalm 106:1

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.





You are cordially invited to a staged reading of the play "The True Story of Santa Claus" on

Sunday December 4th from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM at St. Anne Parish stage.

Located on 20 Boston Road, Southborough

A post-play party will feature pictures with "Santa" Nativity Gingerbread house making, candle wreath making, stockings for Jesus, trees and ornaments.

To learn more or to RSVP email: rachelle@stannesouthborough.org

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! A photo has been sent to your website.
- Thanks to your generosity we have received enough donations to purchase thirty Turkeys for families at Our Lady of **Providence**. Extra turkeys will also be purchased with additional moneys



- received.
- On November 12 &13 the Giving Tree Tags were added to the "Giving Tree" in our church. More requests are still coming in and those tags will be added. There are so many folks in need this year!



- November 18 The Mustard Seed Meal for 120 quests was served. Once again, the incredible generosity and love of our parish family has covered the cost of this meal and our volunteers prepared it.
- November 26 & 27- Christmas Food Drive is this weekend.
- December 3 & 4 Giving Tree Gift Returns due. If you can assist, please contact Andy Labrecque at email: alabrecque2016@outlook.com

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
- 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 in the Upper Church

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



Make your own Advent Wreath

Sunday, December 4th following the 10:00 AM Mass

Emmaus Ministry invites you and your family to make an Advent Wreath. Your donation of \$10.00 will help defray the cost of the wreath and 4 boxed Advent Candles.



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

Faith Sharing Groups

Advent Faith Sharing Group starts:
November 25th, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM
Parish Center, Room 107



Monday Faith Sharing Group will meet: November 21st and 28th 7:00 PM in Parish Center, Room 107

Both Groups are *Handicapped Accessible*. Please call JoAnn Nally 508-527-6973 to sign up.

Stewardship Thought of the Week

Today we celebrate Christ the King and are reminded that all was created through Him and for Him. Does my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me give evidence that Christ is Lord of my life?





Spiritual Growth Ministry Corner

Ministry Leader: Bonnie Moran Saintgeorgespiritual growth@gmail.com

This year's Advent Evening of Reflection will be held:

Monday, December 19th from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the Church

The Spiritual Growth Committee invites you to participate in the 2023 Saint George Parish, Lenten Reflection Book Project. You may remember our Summer Seminarians, Luke Johnson and now, Fr Julio Granados desired to collect parishioners' reflections on Lenten scripture and arrange them in a reflection book. This book would be distributed to parishioners for use during the Lenten Season.

Unfortunately, a single summer did not allow time for the Seminarians to plan, attain participants, publish, and complete the project. The Spiritual Growth Committee has spent time over the past year with parishioners discussing the 2023 Synod. We have heard how important you regard our church community and how you also desire a closer relationship with Christ and each other. This project offers an opportunity for our church community to journey together in participation, and mission, as we witness Gods word and work, in our lives. Our Seminarians explained that summer, "Your written reflection needn't be lengthy or theological." However, your scripture reflection should "represent the faith of our parish and come from the heart and from careful prayer over the Word of God." These written reflections should "simply inspire us" (in under 200 words) "to think about God each day as we move through Lent". As a member of the Saint George Community, please consider sharing your written reflection on one Lenten Gospel Scripture for the 2023 Lenten Reflection Book Project. We are halfway to our goal! Please reach out to a member of the Spiritual Growth Committee for more information or to sign up. With Gratitude, Bonnie Moran 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.





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