#### September 11, 2022 - Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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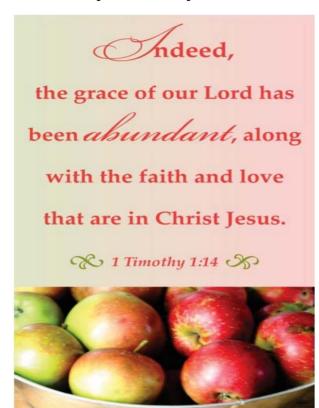
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# St. George Catholic Church



#### **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 and10:00 AM

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

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.

#### September 11, 2022 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



#### From Your Pastor

This weekend we are celebrating Welcome Weekend in our parish. However, we are also observing the

anniversary of the senseless acts of terrorism that occurred here in our nation in the World Trade Center. in the Pentagon, and in the fields of Pennsylvania on September 11, 2001. Not only were the victims of this tragedy Americans, but also people from other countries throughout the world. We gather and pray as a nation, a civic community and a faith community, still remembering and mourning so great a loss of life. We gather as a nation "under God," and full of trust in the one whose compassion and justice is beyond our understanding. As we keep the memory of those who have died, may our faith in the resurrection of Jesus strengthen us. May it renew the spirits of all who grieve and may our hope give us the courage to persevere. Let the following prayer keep us strong in our resolve to be a people of faith and hope who long for God's peace:

God of perfect peace,
Violence and cruelty can have no part with you,
For you destroy war and put down earthly pride.
You are our strength in adversity,
Our hope in times of trouble,
our comfort in sorrow.
Banish violence from our midst
And wipe away our tears
That we may all deserve to be called
your sons and daughters.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
The Prince of Peace,
Who lives and reigns forever and ever.
Amen.

In the spirit of celebrating and welcoming, I want to mention that this weekend I will be here for the Welcome Weekend festivities for the 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 A.M. Masses. Later on Sunday morning, I will be joining in the liturgy and festivities that celebrate the 100th anniversary of my home parish, St. Mary's in Shrewsbury. This, too, will be a happy occasion as St. Mary's welcomes many who have been part of their parish's life to join in celebrating this historic moment.

Fr. Niccolls



#### Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 10, 2022

**4:00 PM** In Memory of Louis and Mary DiPilato Requested by their Family

Sunday, September 11, 2022

**8:00 AM** In Memory of Lawrence LaFayette Requested by his Family

10:00 AM For the Community of Saint George

Monday, September 12, 2022

8:00 AM In Memory of Fred Sanford Requested by James Sanford

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

12:10 PM In Memory of Helen McCaron

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

8:00 AM In Memory of Frederick and Caroline Moriarty

Thursday, September 15, 2022

5:30 PM In Memory of Pauline Bates

Friday, September 16, 2022

8:00 AM In Memory of Mary Mooney

Saturday, September 17, 2022

**4:00 PM** In Memory of John Dickman Jr. Requested by his wife Sheila Dickman

Sunday, September 18, 2022

**8:00 AM** For the Community of Saint George **10:00 AM** For the Community of Saint George



While spring-cleaning my parents' basement, I came across my old Boy Scout Handbook. It had sat in

a box for years. Time and moisture had taken its toll on the book, so it was not in the best of condition. But it was filled with memories of learning, fun and adventure and I could not part with it. Tattered and curled, it has a special place in my bookcase and has given me hours of pleasure as I remember my time in the Scouts.

Sin and guilt takes its toll on us. We feel rejected, unlovable, and like a failure. All our good intentions seem to be lost and we may even give up on ourselves. Like the Prodigal Son we feel unworthy of God's love or forgiveness. But God never gives up on us. He wants us as His own and never fails to love us and restore us to grace. Our value to Him is infinite, paid for by the passion and resurrection of Jesus. God delights in His people and rejoices when we turn to Him. He knows us better than we know ourselves. He reads us like an old familiar book, aware of our strengths and our weaknesses, our virtues and vices, and loves us just the same. God holds us in the palm of His hand. He cannot forget us, deny us or not love us. Trust that He holds us right where He wants us to always be. James Gaffney, © Pilot Bulletins

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### Weekly Collection:

August 29, 2022 - September 4, 2022

 On Line Giving
 \$ 1,074.00

 Ordinary Collection
 \$ 3,834.00

 Total
 \$ 4,908.00

Monthly Totals August, 2022

A/C \$ 934.00 Repair \$ 270.00 Fuel \$ 295.00 Total \$ 1,499.00



#### Thank you for your generosity!

#### **Baptism**

We welcome to our parish family Jack Francis Shoro Who was baptized in August.



#### Parish Calendar

**Saturday, September 10, 2022 Welcome Weekend** 8:00 PM AA Meeting Church Hall

Sunday, September 11, 2022 Welcome Weekend 10:00 AM Coffee Shop Express

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

Monday, September 12, 2022

7:00 PM Pieta Conference Rm

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

7:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting Conference Rm

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

1:30-2:30 PM Gentle Yoga

Thursday, September 15, 2022

11:00 AM Faith Sharing Group 6:00 PM Family Prayer Night

:00 PM Family Prayer Night

Friday, September 16, 2022

Saturday, September 17, 2022

8:00PM AA Meeting

Church Hall

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### Gentle Yoga for "Every Body" 1:30 PM - 2:30PM Church Hall

Cost: Donation \$5.00

For More Information contact:

Sue Stevens at MonarchYoga@gmail.com



## BOOK CLUB

#### St. George Book Club Meets

September 20, 2022

Parish Center, Conference Room 107 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Book: Ask Peter Keeft

Nancy Forhan at 508-963-9909



### Welcome Weekend at St. George



We invite everyone to join us for our annual parish Welcome Weekend on September 10th /11th at all Masses. This is a special time in our parish as we welcome back families who have traveled during the summer. This is also an invitation to those of you who have been away longer than just the summer to rekindle your friendship with God and St. George friends. There will be a special blessing at Mass and free treats after the Masses - the Ice Cream truck on Saturday, doughnuts and coffee, etc. on Sunday. In the spirit of Eucharistic Renewal that is being celebrated this year and that is Jesus himself who invites and welcomes us, we will also provide an opportunity for Eucharistic adoration on Saturday evening after Mass until 6:00 P.M. and on Sunday morning after Mass until 12:00 Noon. You may take advantage of having ice cream on Saturday or doughnuts and coffee on Sunday either before or after adoration if you wish. Please join us in prayer and worship as we gather together.



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

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

### Thank You To Our Ministers of Coffee Shop Hospitality in September:

September 11 - Second Sunday of the ODD Month Jim Moughan and Team

September 18 - Third Sunday of the ODD Month Kathy Hessel, Jim Dupre, and Stephen Willand September 25- Fourth Sunday of the ODD month Mark Cormier & Tom Pirani

October 30 - Fifth Sunday of the month Dave Walsh and Team

#### Can you help on a Sunday morning?

Call Annie Doyle at 508-450-4134 to join a team. Note: There is no Coffee Shop on Holiday Weekends

#### **Bulletin Item Due Dates:**

Weekend of: Due by:
September 18, 2022 September 25, 2022 September 15, 2022

Please submit items by 10:00 AM on or before the due date. E-mail our Parish Admin Assistant

Patty LaBonte at <a href="mailto:office@saintgeorgesparish.org">office@saintgeorgesparish.org</a> Also, the best way to book/reserve a Mass is to call our office and speak to Patty directly: 508-853-0183.

#### September 11, 2022 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### **Prayer Before Mass**

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out



from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me, in Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

#### **Help Prevent Family Homelessness**

Please buy "Hope for Housing Cards" after the 4 PM Mass Saturday, and after the 8AM or 10 AM Mass Sunday. See Dave and Sue Genereux who are 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

#### Deacon Paul Audette

James Martin Speaks to us through his "Essential Writings"

Many Catholics were shocked to discover in 2007 that St. Teresa of Calcutta had spent much of her life experiencing a profound alienation from God. In These excerpts (Part VII and Conclusion) from a James Martin essay that appeared in the March 17, 2008 issue of America magazine, he talks about the "seven D's" - darkness, dryness, desolation, doubt, disbelief, depression and despair: "What are these states? How do they affect our relationship with God?... One need not be a scholar of Christian spirituality, a spiritual director or a person under spiritual direction to see that disentangling these spiritual strands can be encouraging, clarifying, consoling and freeing. Understanding that most of these experiences are common can encourage us by reducing anxiety... Being able to bring such experiences to prayer can be consoling, since it can deepen our relationship with God, in the same way that speaking about a thorny problem with a friend can strengthen a friendship and lead to greater intimacy...Knowing that these experiences can lead us to God can free us from fear, which can cripple our spiritual lives. For the God by whom Jesus felt abandoned on the cross is the same God who delivered Jesus from death, giving him new life."

#### **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, September 12th at 7:00 PM in the
Conference Room. Please join us.

For more information, please call Terry Gentile at <u>508-284-0796</u> or Sue Stevens at <u>508-852-4887</u>, or email <u>pieta3@gmail.com</u>.



#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

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

Thursday, October 6 from 6:00 until 7:00 PM and Friday, October 7 from the end of the 8:00 AM

Mass until 10:00 AM.

If you are unable to join us in person, we invite you to visit our parish website to view the "Eucharistic Adoration" video on the homepage.

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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 hope that everyone has been enjoying a wonderful summer with family and friends. As summer comes to an end, it is the time of year when we need to start thinking about the fall. Registration for the 2022-2023 religious education year is open for students in all grades. We once again have online registration and all information and the link for the registration form can be found at the parish website:

https://saintgeorgesparish.org/religiouseducation
The registration deadline is September 4, 2022.
Questions can about registration can be sent to Sarah
Kelly at <a href="mailto:sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org">sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org</a>

#### When and Where:

All information about specific meeting dates for each grade level can be found on the parish website. Students in grades 1-5 meet on Mondays or Tuesdays 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm starting the week of September 18 through the end of April. Students in grades 6-9 meet approximately twice a month on Sundays 6:00pm - 7:30pm from the week of September 18 through the end of April. Students preparing for confirmation begin classes on October 16. The classes are approximately once a month on Sundays immediately following the 10:00am Mass. Attendance at the Mass is required and there is also a service component. Confirmation takes place at the Cathedral of St. Paul in Worcester in May. The date is TBD.

#### **Teachers Needed:**

Our excellent religious education program cannot run successfully without the help of many volunteers. Please prayerfully consider sharing your time and talent with the students of our parish. No experience is required and all lesson plans and supplies are provided, as well as lots of support and guidance.

#### If interested in helping:

Grades 1-5 or with Confirmation, please email Sarah sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org. Grades 6-9, email kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org.





#### Saint George Church Youth Ministry

Please join us: Sunday, September 11th AFTER MASSES

Open to grades 7-12

Please contact

<u>kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org</u> For information about the Youth Ministry.

#### THE FAMILY CONNECTION

You are hereby officially notified that you are chosen, appointed, fully authorized and empowered as a representative of the living God. You are charged with the responsibility for making the love of my Father and I known and believable. We have given you unique talents and provided special experiences to use in your position among the people your life touches. We have given you the power of the Holy Spirit for wisdom, courage and strength. The world is starved for love and hope I have let you in on where

they can be found. I am counting on you. JESUS.

#### **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 <a href="mailto:ruthviens@charter.net">ruthviens@charter.net</a>, 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

#### Thank You for the School & Art Supplies!

Dear Parishioners and friends,

I am amazed and inspired by your kindness and generosity! Our parish community filled 21 backpacks with pens, pencils crayons, paper, scissors, notebooks & more! Donations to Parish Outreach also helped to purchase special items that were requested by the classroom teachers of the children in our Afghan families. A generous parishioner even donated a water bottle for each child! The 8 children went off to school fully prepared and came home very excited. The parents in our Afghan Refugee families are also very



busy lately. The dads are filling out applications for budgeting oil and electric costs this winter. One of the moms is home with two children under the age of 2 years and a 3year old. The second mom also has two little ones at home and is now working on cross stitch and sewing projects to try to earn a little pocket money. Please continue to keep all of them in your prayers. Thank you so much for all that you do for so many folks in need!

Peace and Joy, Annie Doyle

#### **Mustard Seed Meals:**

Our next meal for 120 folks in need of a meal at the Mustard Seed is **Friday September 16, 2022.** 

#### Donations of \$5 per meal are needed.

The last two meals we experienced a shortfall in donations to pay for the full cost of the meal. We hope that by asking for donations a bit early we will be able to pay for all the meals.

A Block Party and a Summit on Hunger in Worcester were held this summer. The Mustard Seed will celebrate it's 50th Anniversary this year.

#### 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

### Food Donations Needed Please help!

To request a weekly reminder and links to weekly sales ads, please contact Dave at:

DavewithFDT@gmail.com

# Peanut Butter & Jelly and Cans of Soup are a special need this September.

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 door at the basement level of the church.



#### Thank you!

Multiple delivers of fresh vegetables from the gardens of 3 parishioners helped to feed folks at the Mustard Seed Feed Pantry, as well as the 17

members of our Afghan Refugee families! The radishes, tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, zucchini, and MANY cucumbers were all gratefully received.



KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

Call Annie Doyle at 508-450-4134 for details.



#### Join our "Community of Ministries"

Help is needed to pray, listen, t teach, share faith, guide, serve, host, welcome and support others.

Help is also needed to bake, cook, decorate, weed, garden, knit, sew, drive, repair, paint, and much more!

Here at St. George Parish we strive to work together as a "Community of Ministries" who collaborate and cooperate with one another. It is in this spirit of humility and unity that we hope to continue to grow "as one in Christ."

Contact Annie Doyle at 508-450-4134 to explore some of the opportunities that will match your gifts and talents.

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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.



With Prayer, Collaboration and God's Grace, We Joyfully Announce a New Ministry

#### Here at St. George's Church:

### **EMMAUS MINISTRY** "Journeying Together"

Please stop by our table after All Masses on Welcome Weekend. **September 10-11, 2022** 

For more detailed information watch the Bulletin, Parish Website or Facebook for upcoming events.

Like Us on Facebook at Emmaus Ministry at St. George

Contact JoAnn Nally or Andrea Svagdys Gumbrell emmaus.stgeorge@gmail.com

#### **Faith Sharing Groups**

#### REGISTRATION: NEW MEMBERS September 11th , 2022 After Sunday Masses

FRIDAY Faith Sharing Group will resume in late October: specific details will follow. JoAnn Nally 508-527-6973



### Stewardship Thought of the Week

We can hear God speaking to us today in the words of the father to his elder son: "You are with me always, and everything I have is yours." What is my response to such remarkable generosity? Do I give joyfully and generously as God gives to me?



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#### Spiritual Growth Ministry Corner Ministry Leader: Bonnie Moran

saintgeorgespiritualgrowth@gmail.com

Among the saints honored during the month of September (on September 23) is St. Pius of Pietrelcina, popularly known as Padre Pio. Padre Pio is a modern" saint. He died on September 23, 1968 at the age of 81. He developed a well-earned reputation for his exceptional manner in the confessional. And he is modern enough that some of our own contemporaries had the privilege of going to confession to Padre Pio while vacationing in Italy. Born Francesco Forgione to a poor Italian family. Padre Pio described himself as "a poor brother who prays." In 1948, Padre Pio heard the confession of Karol Wojtyla, the future Pope (and Saint) John Paul II. On June 16, 2002, Pope John Paul II canonized Padre Pio, noting, among other things, that "his body, marked by the 'stigmata,' showed the intimate connection between death and resurrection." May our devotion to St. Padre Pio increase our dedication to the Sacrament of Penance and increase our faith in the resurrection.

Spiritual Growth Committee members are:

Bonnie Moran-Chair; Andrea Svagdys-Grumbell; Joan Talbot; Patty Walsh; Kyle Lewandowski and Helen Hurley. Fr. Niccolls and Deacon Paul serve as exofficio members.



#### WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

We are honored and delighted to to our parish family!

Contact Annie Doyle at 508-450-4134 for an Introduction to our ministries, and our needs depending on your interests.

We would enjoy talking with you!

Pray for one another and God Bless you!







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