

## ***Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden***

***January 2, 2022 Epiphany of the Lord***

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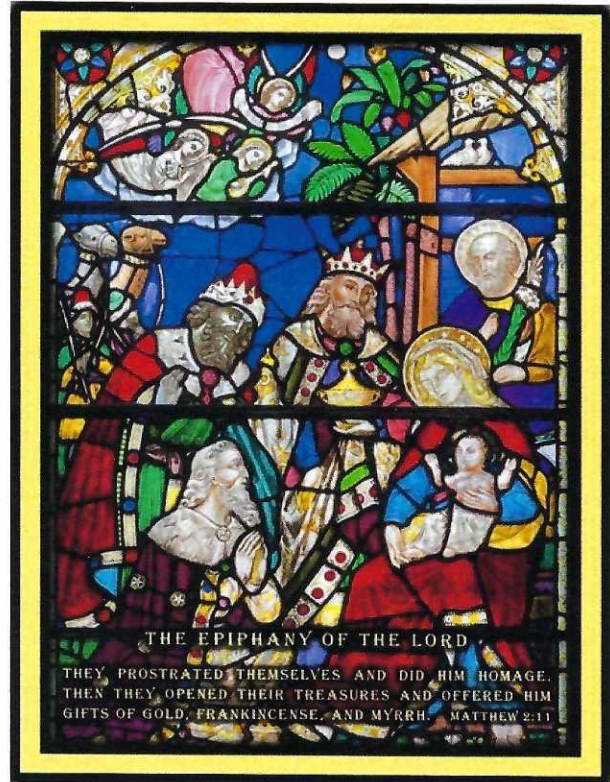
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Tuesday and Wednesday 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM  
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For information regarding Pastoral Care of the Sick, Marriage Preparation, Confirmation, and Ministry Involvement, we invite you to call the Parish Office.



# ***St. George Catholic Church***

**Baptism Information:**

Please contact

Susan Pacek at 508-856-9960 or  
email: [st.geobaptism@gmail.com](mailto: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 10:00AM.

**Weekday Masses**

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:00 AM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

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

***Parish 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, January 2, 2022***



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### From Your Pastor

We extend to you & your loved ones our prayerful best wishes for a Happy New Year!

You are invited to our holiday open house at the rectory which will take place after the 8:00 & 10:00 A.M. Masses this Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Proper safety regulations will be followed.

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord and pray that we may have the open-heartedness of the Magi. Their open-mindedness allowed them to see a star which led them to something far more wonderful and awe-inspiring than they could have ever imagined. They traveled from their own country to a foreign land to accept a simple gift that is revealed to them – a humble, simple child who does not appear to be a king but someone who below the surface is seen for who he truly is. Upon this recognition, the Magi pay him homage without hesitation and present him with their gifts. As Church we, like the Magi, witness together to the presence of Christ in the world. This is especially true as we prepare to undertake the process of the worldwide synod in which our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has invited us to participate. In preparation for this synodal process, let us pray for the grace to have the open-mindedness of the Magi. May we remember that all is a gift from God. Some gifts are more easily accepted while others are more difficult. With the help of the Holy Spirit, may we greet the obvious gifts and those that are more challenging to understand as truly gifts from God. May we see the example of the Magi as one to always keep in mind.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your many cards, gifts and treats. Your overwhelming generosity at this time of the year is gratefully appreciated. Thank you!!!

Also ----

*THANK YOU to those who helped in decorating the church for the Christmas season. Many comments were shared with me as to how nice and festive the church looked.*

*THANK YOU to our Music Ministry for the spiritually uplifting music you provided to make these special days of Advent and Christmas so festive. Your service was very much appreciated, as always.*

*THANK YOU to those of you who volunteered as Altar Servers, Lectors, Communion Ministers and Ushers & Greeters for the Masses at Christmas. Your service, too, was very much appreciated.*

Calendars for the year 2022 are available.

*Fr. Niccolò*

### Mass Intentions



**Saturday, January 1, 2022**

**4:00 PM** In Memory of Dudley Shaw

Requested by Saraphina Wong

**Sunday, January 2, 2022**

**8:00 AM** 38th Anniversary Mass for George Anderson  
Requested by his wife and family

**10:00 AM** In Memory of Lorraine Vayo  
Requested by her family

**Monday, January 3, 2022**

**8:00 AM** In Memory of Larry and Phyllis McAuliffe

**Wednesday, January 5, 2022**

**8:00 AM** In Memory of Men and Women in Service to our Country

**Friday, January 7, 2022**

**8:00 AM** In Memory of John and Josephine Dolan

**Saturday, January 8, 2022**

**4:00 PM** In Memory of Barbara Pike Lamoureux  
Requested by her family

**Sunday, January 9, 2022**

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

**10:00 AM**



### Stewardship Thought for the Week

The Three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?



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and click on the yellow link  
"Join Our Email List"



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### January 2, 2022 Epiphany of the Lord

#### Weekly Collection: December 12 - December 21

On Line Giving      \$ 2,032.00  
Ordinary Collection      7,996.70  
Total      \$10,028.70

THANK YOU for your generosity.  
We are so grateful!

Thank  
you ❤️

#### Eucharistic Adoration

The Thursday evening Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration for will be held on Thursday, January 6 from 6:00 until 7:00 PM and Friday, January 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.

#### Bulletin Item Due Dates:

<u>Weekend of:</u>	<u>Due by:</u>
January 16, 2022	January 5, 2022
January 23, 2022	January 12, 2022
January 30, 2022	January 19, 2022

Please submit items by 10:00 AM on or before the due date. E-mail our Parish Secretary, Kate Lockney at [office@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:office@saintgeorgesparish.org)

Also, the best way to book/reserve a Mass is to call our office and speak to Kate directly.



We are honored and delighted to  
**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS**  
to our parish family!

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

#### Family Prayer Night at St. George Church Every Thursday at 6:00 PM In the Upper Church

There is a gathering of people who pray for all families.

#### Everyone is invited to join us!

The Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet is 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.

#### From Deacon Paul Audette

#### Henri Nouwen Speaks to us through his Letters

Henri writes to a woman facing a terminal illness who has questions about the soul versus the body. (taken from "Love, Henri: Letters on the Spiritual Life"):

Dear Margaret,

...The way I think about the soul is simply as the place where God dwells. It is hard to distinguish it from ego, mind, self, DNA, simply because it is a spiritual concept. When I think about the soul, I think about myself as a child of God, infinitely loved and called to an eternal communion with God. My ego, mind, self and DNA are part of my mortal being, and I know that one day I have to let go of that. But my soul is eternal in me, that aspect of me where I am part of God's life. When I pray, I nurture my soul. When I care for the sick, dying and weak, I nurture my soul, and it is that soul in me that will be held eternally in God's embrace..."

With warm greetings,

Yours, Henri Nouwen

#### WANTED: Used Athletic Shoes and Sneakers!



Andrew Graves, an Eagle Scout Candidate from Troop 37 in Worcester, MA, and member of St. John's High School Class of 2022, is collecting used athletic shoes for his Eagle Scout Project. Athletic shoes and sneakers of all sizes are needed, and should be in gently worn condition with no holes. Single shoes are also acceptable, but no cleats, please.

#### Please bring items to donate to St. George's church on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022,

Andrew will be downstairs in the church hall after each mass that morning.

If you have used shoes to donate, and need other pickup arrangements, or if you have any questions, please contact Andrew directly at [agravesseagleproject@gmail.com](mailto:agravesseagleproject@gmail.com).

Thank you for your support!



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### Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

Sarah Kelly, Administrator - 508-852-1784

[sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org)

[Kein.brown@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:Kein.brown@saintgeorgesparish.org)

### Religious Education 2021-2022

Please keep our students and their teachers in your prayers.

**Confirmation Preparation** classes will meet following the 10:00am Mass until 12:15. Next year's dates are January 9, February 6 and March 6, 2022. Dates for the Retreat, the final class and the Rehearsal TBD. Confirmation will take place May 15, 2022 at St. Paul Cathedral.

### Confirmation Service Experiences

This year's Confirmation Service Experiences are an "Introduction to Ministry at St. George Parish". Candidates have each chosen a Sunday morning date to serve (7:30-12N) with our parish ministers of Music, Hospitality, Videography, Greeters, Collectors, Coffee Shop Ministers and others.

Next years dates for service are January 16, 2022, February 13 and March 13, 2022. Thank you to those who have served already.

Please continue to pray with our Candidates...that the Holy Spirit may grace us all with wisdom and courage.

### Christmas Break

We hope you will all be able to have some special time with your families during this wonderful Christmas Season.

**Website** Be sure to check the parish website regularly for updated information.  
[www.saintgeorgesparish.org](http://www.saintgeorgesparish.org)

### Tuition Fees

We still have some families who need to submit fees for religious education. If you would like to check your payment status, just email Sarah Kelly at [sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org)



### First Reconciliation Preparation and Dates

Retreat: January 15, 2022 2:30-4:00pm in Church Hall. The students attend with one or both parents.

Ceremony: January 29, 2022, 10:00am in the Church

### First Communion Preparation

Retreat & Family Dinner

March 26, 2022 2:30-6:00pm in Church Hall

The students attend the retreat portion with one or both parents.

Everyone then participates in the 4:00pm Mass.

Families, including siblings, then all join together in the Church Hall for a shared meal.

### First Communion Dates

Rehearsals: April 19 & 20, 2022 4:30-5:30pm

Mass: Saturday, April 23, 2022 10:00am

Celebrate "Three Kings Day" by "Chalking" the entrance of your home with this blessing:



### Children's and Toddler's Liturgy of the Word

Takes place on Sundays,  
During the 10AM Mass

Toddlers with a parent are invited to attend.

Grade school age children welcome.

Many thanks to Ruby Moran for her kind and faithful assistance.



Please call Ann Doyle at 508-450-4134 if you have any questions.



## *A Community of Ministries*



### **St. George Parish Outreach**

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

### **Our next Mustard Seed Meal is Friday, January 21, 2022**

Volunteers are invited to help prepare the meal of 200 Hot Dogs, Potato Chips, fruit and dessert. The work begins at 2PM on that Friday in the church hall. Please call Annie if you can help out. Donations of \$5 dollars per meal are gratefully welcome. We hope to be able to serve 100 meals.



To receive a free weekly food bargain grid, join St. George's "Food Donation Team" just email Dave at [DavewithFDT@gmail.com](mailto:DavewithFDT@gmail.com)

### **Special needs January are: Peanut Butter and Jelly**



### **Thank You for the Gifts you Brought in 2021!**

Thank you for bringing 600 meals to the Mustard Seed guests, 500+ Christmas gifts to children and elderly folks in need, more than 60 car loads of food for the hungry, dozens of bags of gently used warm clothing for the homeless, "Welcome Baskets" for Afghan Refugees. Also, flashlights and Bath Wipes for folks living outdoors, new underwear and socks, Prayer Shawls for the sick and grieving, cleaning and paper supplies for families at the IHN Shelter, Grocery Gift, generous donations and **so much more!**

### **Help Prevent Family Homelessness 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 EVERY Mass. If needed contact them at 978-833-0306 for more information.

### **THE FAMILY CONNECTION**

Baptismal anniversary ideas: set up a special place for baptism mementos and pictures. Invite godparents for dinner if possible.



### **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](mailto:ruthviens@charter.net), 508-852-5658 for more information.

**Grandparents make memories  
that the heart holds forever.**

### **ON LINE GIVING:**

There have been some changes to the Online Giving Software. When you log on through the link on our parish website, you will see a new screen that requests your email rather than a USERID. Use your email address that is on record with the parish and the password you have used most recently for Online Giving (which you used with your former USERID), and you should now be able to access screens for giving and for your recent giving history. The changes by the vendor are continuing. We will keep you updated. Due to the vendor's software changes still underway, you may now see your deductions being made to RCB (Roman Catholic Bishop) of Worcester' rather than St. George Parish. It's still being directed to your account at St. George.





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

**Virtual by ZOOM  
DAY OF SPIRITUALITY**

March 5, 2022

9am-11:30am

\$15 per person

Registration Packet and  
ZOOM Access Code

**Father John Predmore**

presenting

**PATH TO A BETTER FUTURE**

What has unstoppable meant to us  
as we all were stopped in our tracks in  
March 2020?

Registration beginning January 8<sup>th</sup>

Registration available after all  
weekend masses or download  
from Website

For More Information Contact Andrea  
Svagdys-Gumbrell  
[andrea@svagdys.com](mailto:andrea@svagdys.com) or 508-330-0267

**Saint George Rosary Group**

You're invited to attend our once a  
month Saturday morning Rosary  
Group. First Saturday of every month.  
Please join us on :

**January 8, 2022**

Currently we are meeting at 7:30 a.m.  
If interested you may contact  
Jim Hachey at 508-579-9623



**Join Our Prayer Shawl Ministry  
Knit or Crochet At Home**

New members are invited to join this important ministry of outreach to the sick, suffering and lonely. We have now given out all the shawls that we have.

Please join us in prayer, knitting and crocheting from home. Hats and warm scarves for the homeless are also greatly appreciated.

Call Annie Doyle for more info: 508-450-4134



**Spiritual Growth  
Ministry Corner**

Ministry Leader: Bonnie Moran  
[Saintgeorgespiritagrowth@gmail.com](mailto:Saintgeorgespiritagrowth@gmail.com)

In the midst of the winter season, the Church provides us with plenty of rich spiritual opportunities for meditation in the month of January. What better way to begin a new year than to celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1. With each Hail Mary, may we ask Mary to guide our life of faith in this new year. On January 2, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany ("Little Christmas"). The Magi remind us that there is no contradiction between reason and faith. On the contrary, reason informs faith and vice versa. On January 9 we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord and the end of the Christmas season. Let us reflect on the power of our own baptism, the presence of Jesus in our spiritual DNA and our commitment to follow him in our day-to-day lives. And on January 22 we celebrate a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. We have reason to be hopeful this year since many challenges to *Roe versus Wade* are being sympathetically heard in statehouses and courts throughout the land. January is often a cold and snowy month. Mother Nature often stops us in our tracks. Let us take advantage of those pauses over which we have no control to pray and reflect.

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

**PIETA**



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, January 10 at 7:00 PM** in the  
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](mailto:pieta3@gmail.com).



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