# Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

# January 9, 2022—Baptism of the Lord

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It is our privilege to serve you.

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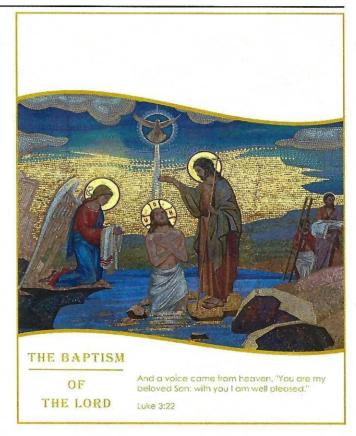
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**Current Office Hours:** 

Tuesday and Wednesday 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM Thursday 9:00 AM - 12PM

Online Giving: Kathy Hessel at: mkhessel@aol.com

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 10:00AM.

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 9, 2022

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# From Your Pastor

It is with great joy that I announce to you that, effective on the last weekend of this month, Fr. Alan Martineau, presently

serving in the parishes of St. Paul in Warren and St. Stanislaus in West Warren, will become the associate pastor here at St. George's. Father Martineau, a native of Spencer, was ordained three years ago here in Worcester at St. Paul's Cathedral. We look forward to having him here at St. George's, and I am sure that over time you will get to meet him and welcome him to our parish in the same spirit of hospitality that you have always extended to priests who have served this

parish.

Today's feast of the Baptism of the Lord will conclude our celebration of the Christmas season. Today's Gospel recalls a significant moment in Jesus' public ministry. Because he is God made Human, he did not need to submit to a ritual cleansing such as the baptism that his cousin, John the Baptist, performed. Unlike John's other baptisms, this baptism was a manifestation of Christ's "acceptance and inauguration of his mission as God's Suffering Servant." Today we should not just reflect upon Christ's baptism but our own as well. We recall that we are baptized in the same cleansing water in the presence of the Trinity which is a real presence in our lives. By our baptism, we have become instruments of Christ's Holy Spirit in the world and God's sons and daughters with the strength of the grace that abides in us. Most importantly, this lies at the heart of the synodal church which Pope Francis envisions as he asks all parishes and dioceses throughout the world to participate in meetings leading up to the Synod of Bishops in October 2023. In celebrating the Eucharist today and every day that we gather for Mass, let us remember that we are transformed by our partaking of Christ's body and blood to go forth and fulfill our baptismal

Year 2022 Calendars are available for anyone who wants one.

Fr. Niccolls

mission.



# Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 8, 2022 4:00 PM In Memory of Barbara Pike Lamoureaux Requested by her family

Sunday, January 9, 2022 8:00 AM For the Community of Saint George 10:00 AM In Memory of Tracy Ryan Requested by Thursday Faith Sharing Group

Monday, January 10, 2022 8:00 AM In Memory of Edward Manahan

Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:00 AM In Memory of Fred Sanford Requested by Jim Sanford

Friday, January 14, 2022 8:00 AM In Memory of Raymond & Lois Podesta

Saturday, January 15, 2022 4:00 PM Memorial Mass for Edmund Bouchard Requested by Dennis and Sharon Bouchard

Sunday, January 16, 2022 8:00 AM For the Community of Saint George 10:00 AM Birthday Remembrance for Raymond Hurley - Requested by his family

# Stewardship Thought for the Week

Jesus, whom God called "my beloved Son," is also the "servant" of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.



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

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# Parish Calendar

Sunday, January 9, 2022

Coffee Shop Express following 8AM & 10AM Mass Church Hall

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

11:00 AM-12:15 PM Confirmation Class Parish Ctr

Monday January 10, 2022

4:30-5:30PM Religious Ed Grades 1-5 Center 7:00 PM Pieta Conference Room

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

4:30-5:30PM Religious Ed Grades 1-5

Center

Wednesday, January 12, 2022 7:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting

Thursday, January 13, 2022

11:00AM-12:14PM Faith Sharing

Church Hall

6:00PM-7:00PM Family Prayer

6:00PM-9:00 PM Diocesan Youth Ministry Parish Hall

Friday, January 14, 2022

Saturday, January 15, 2022

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Church Hall

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#### Year End Donation Information:

Many thanks for your wonderful and continued generosity to our parish. Please be advised that all contributions, made via Weekly Offering Envelopes. received by December 31, 2021, will be sent to the parish envelope company to be credited to calendar year 2021. End of year statements will be mailed from the envelope company by January 31, 2022.

All gifts received after January 1, 2022 will be credited to calendar year 2022.

For online givers, the recent upgrade in the software has caused a delay in populating your record with weekly or monthly donation history. The data transfer will be complete in January and we will notify you when that has taken place. For any questions, contact mkhessel@aol.com.

If you have any questions please contact the Parish office at 508-853-0183 Ext. 110 or office@saintgeorgesparish.org for assistance.



# We Hope You'll Join Us for **Coffee and Donuts**

The Coffee Shop ministry of hospitality has begun as "Coffee Shop Express". This is a modified gathering following the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses on Sunday Mornings.

> Thank You To Our January 2022 Ministers of Coffee Shop Hospitality:

Jan. 2 - Steve Toole, Tim Bouchard & John Pacek

Jan. 9 - Jim Moughan and Team

Jan. 16 - Kathy Hessel, Jim Dupre, Julie Currier

and Stephen Willand

Jan. 23 - Mark Cormier & Tom Pirani

Jan. 30 - Dave Walsh and Team

Can you help on Sunday morning? Call Annie Doyle at 508-450-4134

# 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 that you are a patient. Thank you for your understanding.

# 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.

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## Weekly Collection: December 20 - December 27

\$ 1,762.00 On Line Giving Ordinary Collection 12,210.00 \$13,970.00 Total

THANK YOU for your generosity. We are so grateful!

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

The Thursday evening Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration for will be held on Thursday. February 3 from 6:00 until 7:00 PM and Friday, February 4 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:**

Weekend of: Due by: January 23, 2022 January 12, 2022 January 19, 2022 January 30, 2022 February 6, 2022 January 26, 2022

Please submit items by 10:00 AM on or before the due E-mail our Parish Secretary, Kate Lockney at 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

## From Deacon Paul Audette

Henri Nouwen Speaks to us through his Letters Henri writes to a friend who is struggling with anxiety. (taken from "Love, Henri: Letters on the Spiritual Life"):

#### Dear Antoinette.

... I really wish you an ever deeper peace. I know that peace quite often lives underneath the turmoils and anxieties of our heart and doesn't always mean inner harmony or emotional tranquility. That peace that God gives us quite often is beyond our thoughts and feelings, and we have to really trust that that peace is there for us to claim even in the midst of our moments of despair. When, a few years ago, I had a car accident, I got a real glimpse of this peace that I certainly do not always experience directly..."

> Yours, Henri

#### 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 9th, 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 agraveseagleproject@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

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Please keep our students and their teachers in your prayers.

Confirmation Preparation classes will meet following the 10:00am Mass on 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.

Website Be sure to check the parish website regularly for updated information. 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

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 2:30-6:0pm 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





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



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.

# 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 are welcome to attend the group for older children.

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

# 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

# Special needs January are: Peanut Butter and Jelly

# Help Prevent Family Homelessness Buy "Hope for Housing Cards"

after the 4 PM Mass Saturday,
And after the 8AM or 10 AM Mass Sunday.

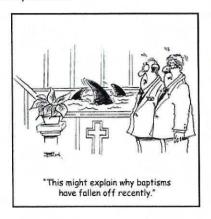
See Dave and Sue Genereux who are in the
Church Hall EVERY Mass. If needed contact them at
978-833-0306 for more information.

## 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,

#### 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,

contact Ruth at <u>ruthviens@charter.net</u> 508-852-5658 for more information.

# 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 **connect**ions 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 8th

Registration available after all weekend masses or download from Website

For More Information Contact Andrea Svagdys-Gumbrell 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

This week, we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. Baptism is a very significant event in each of our lives. It washes away the stain of original sin from our souls, and it marks the beginning of our life journey in Christ, being the first Sacrament of Initiation.

In Jesus' case, His Baptism was even more significant. He was born without the stain of original sin, and was already one with the Father, so why did He need to be baptized? He chose to be so He could further share in our humanity, as was prophesied by Isaiah, "Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased," and is reiterated in the Gospel, "And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'

It is also important to connect this to what John the Baptist said in the Gospel, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Here, he is revealing that Jesus would send the Holy Spirit to his disciples at Pentecost.

We also share in this today, through the Sacrament of Confirmation, the third Sacrament of Initiation. This is almost a second Baptism for us, where we, as adults, freely choose to make the commitment to living in Christ, and we are not left alone in this effort, as Jesus promised. Through our Confirmation, we are strengthened in our resolve with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of God.

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.



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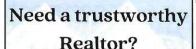


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