

Saint George Church - Worcester and Holden

February 13, 2022 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Current Office Hours:

Tuesday and Wednesday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Thursday 9:00 AM - 12:00 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.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the LORD." (Jer 17:5)



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, February 13, 2022

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From Your Pastor

On most Sundays throughout the Church's liturgical year, the first readings are usually taken for the writings of the prophets. The biblical definition of a prophet is one who interprets the divine will. A prophet by this definition is one who delivers God's message to his or her contemporaries and advocates for adherence to God's plan. In this way we see the Church as being prophetic. She continues today to act publicly and authoritatively, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to deliver God's message to us in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. For our part we are called upon to listen to this prophetic voice. We must focus our attention on those who have the responsibility to proclaim God's word. As God's word is proclaimed especially in the Gospel, the Church journeys together with all the people of God. This journeying together is particularly true in the consultative process of the synod on synodality that Pope Francis has called for this year on the local, diocesan, national and international levels when he meets with the bishops from around the world in October, 2023. In our Diocese of Worcester broad input will be sought into how this journeying together has been happening here and what steps the Holy Spirit will be inviting us to take in our journeying together. As we strive to carry out this mission entrusted to the Church to make disciples of all nations, it will take prayer and discernment as well as dialogue, but with the help of God's grace, this will be possible.

Fr. Niccolls

Notice:

I regret to inform you that Bishop McManus has terminated Fr. Alan Martineau's assignment as associate pastor here at St. George Parish, effective immediately.

Stewardship Thought for the Week

The word of the psalmist echo the theme of all of today's readings, "Blessed are they who hope in the Lord." As good stewards, firmly grounded in that hope, may we bear fruit in due season—assisting the poor, feeding the hungry, and consoling the sorrowful whenever we have the chance.

PEACE
BE WITH YOU

Mass Intentions



Saturday, February 12, 2022

4:00 PM Memorial Mass for Agnes Wong and Anna Wong requested by family

Sunday, February 13, 2022

8:00 AM Memorial Mass for William Woods Jr.
Requested by Liz Woods

10:00 AM Memorial Mass for Michael Savino
Requested by his family

Monday, February 14, 2022

8:00 AM In Memory of Helen and Anna Stanton

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

8:00 AM In Memory of Joseph & Gertrude Scannell

Friday, February 18, 2022

8:00 AM In Memory of Eleanor Catchpole

Saturday, February 19, 2022

4:00 PM Memorial Mass for Gene Cournoyer
Requested by Ann Walsh

Sunday, February 20, 2022

8:00 AM Memorial Mass for Susan Charbonneau Beane Requested by her family

10:00 AM 2nd Anniversary Mass for Robert Shays
Requested by his family

Parish Calendar

What's Happening

Sunday, February 13, 2022

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

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

11:00-12:15 PM Confirmation Class Parish Center

6:00 PM Religious Ed. Grades 6-9 Parish Center

Monday February 14, 2022

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

7:00-8:30 PM Faith Sharing Group Parish Center

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

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

6:30-7:30 PM Girl Scouts Church Hall

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

7:00-8:15 PM Faith Sharing Group Parish Center

Thursday, February 17, 2022

6:00 PM Family Prayer Night Upper Church

Friday, February 18, 2022

10:00 AM Faith Sharing Church Hall

Saturday, February 19 2022

8:00 PM AA Meeting Church Hall

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Weekly Collection: February 1 - 6, 2022

On line giving:	\$1,354.00
Regular Offertory	6,085.00
Total	<u>\$7,439.00</u>

Monthly Totals:
A/C \$ 205.00
Fuel 1,071.00
Repairs 971.00
\$ 2,247.00

Thank you for your generosity. We are so grateful.

*Thank
you* ❤️

Year End Donation Information:

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.

Online givers may now access their giving history for 2021. The calendar year donation report can be downloaded and used for tax filing purposes.

For any questions, contact mkhessel@aol.com.

*Happy
Valentine's
Day*



**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 Ministers
of Coffee Shop Hospitality:**

Feb. 6 - First Sunday of the month
Steve Toole, Tim Bouchard & John Pacek
Feb. 13 - Second Sunday of the Month
Jim Moughan and Team
Feb. 20 - Third Sunday of the Month
Kathy Hessel, Jim Dupre, and Stephen Willand
Feb. 27 - Fourth Sunday of the month
Mark Cormier & Tom Pirani
May 29 - Fifth Sunday of the month
Dave Walsh and Team

Can you help on a 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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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.

Eucharistic Adoration

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

<u>Weekend of:</u>	<u>Due by:</u>
February 27, 2022	February 15, 2022
March 6, 2022	February 22, 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

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!

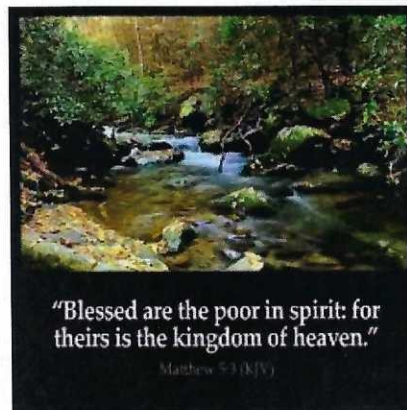
Contact Annie Doyle at 508-450-4134 for an introduction, depending on your interests, to our parish spaces and ministries.

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 a letter of consolation to a young man who has lost his best friend to suicide. This is Part III of his response. (taken from "Love, Henri: Letters on the Spiritual Life"):

Dear Ashok,
...You are in great pain now and feel great sadness, but I trust deeply that as you live this pain and feel tears coming to your eyes, you can trust that Nevin's love and friendship will enter your heart more deeply and that you will find the strength to live on with the knowledge that he will continue to guide you and support you. I am sure that Nevin wants you to be hopeful and a very fruitful person, and I know that you will find the strength to live up to Nevin's deepest desire..."

Yours,
Henri Nouwen



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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Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

Sarah Kelly, Administrator - 508-852-1784

sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org

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 on March 6, 2022. Dates for the Retreat, the final class and the Rehearsal TBD. Confirmation will take place May 15, 2022 at St. Paul

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.

Dates for service are 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

IMPORTANT First Communion Date Changes:

Due to postponing of classes we will need to make a change to the 1st Reconciliation Retreat. We will also need to make a change to the 1st Communion date due to scheduling conflicts. Changes are indicated with * below:

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: Sunday, April 24, 2022 2:00pm*

Confirmation

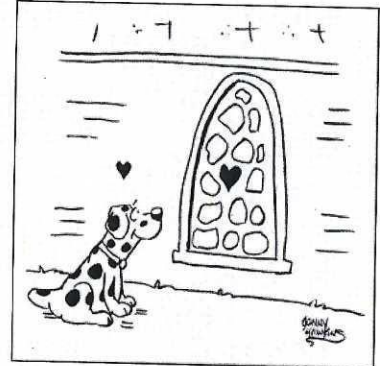
Classes resumed on Sunday, February 6 immediately following the 10:00am Mass. Sponsor forms will be due at this class meeting.

Be sure to always check with the website for any changes or updates to the schedule.

We look forward to seeing everyone soon and pray that everyone stays healthy!

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Do you keep your promises whether at work, school or home? Do you learn and question and find answers about your beliefs? Do you listen to your heart when your faith is tested? Are you faithful in your relationships?



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, 508-852-5658 for more information.

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

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, February 14 at 7:00 PM
in the Conference Room. Please join us.

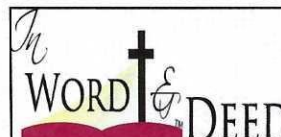
For more information, please call Terry Gentile at [508-284-0796](tel:508-284-0796) or Sue Stevens at [508-852-4887](tel:508-852-4887), or email pieta3@gmail.com.

A Community of Ministries



St. George Parish Outreach

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



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The college football team has a strict dress code and a strict code of behavior. Student athletes must dress well, sit in front of all classes, maintain a B average, attend mandated study hall and do community service hours each month. It's a matter of pride and integrity to be a member of the team, and each player supports the others in the effort to be his best.

Jesus had just chosen the Apostles, the 12 men who would be His closest companions and the first preachers of the Gospel. At the very beginning of their time together, Jesus outlines what is expected of those who would preach and live the Kingdom. Their attitude, treatment of others, dependence on God and the quest for holiness will mark the life of a believer.

It's easy to become complacent with religion. People fall into the good habits of going to church, supporting their parish and volunteering from time to time. But the mission is not to sustain the way things are, but to shake things up, to be signs of the Kingdom that announces a new way of life, justice, peace and mercy. Be more than a pew warmer. Carry the message with passion and urgency. Live the Beatitudes and you'll live the life of the Kingdom of God.

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Afghan Refugee Family News:

A second family has now joined the first. A younger brother is now here with his family of 6 children. They will all move into two separate apartments of a triple decker soon. Their current need is for Grocery Gift Cards from Big Y. Monetary donations sent to "Parish Outreach" are also being used to help with essential needs such as formula for a baby with an allergy to milk. Please continue to pray for these families.

Mustard Seed News:

- We are grateful to our volunteers who helped to donate and prepare the January Mustard Seed Meal for 100 guests.
- A special "Thank You" to our knitting parishioners who keep up the supply of hats and scarves for our homeless guests who walk all day long in the cold and snow
- A current need is for donations to "Parish Outreach" in any amount - to go towards the purchase of women's underwear.

IHN Family Shelter News:

- Heartfelt thanks to Mike Ohl who is helping to repair the second floor bathroom at the shelter
- Thank you to all who buy weekly "Hope for Housing" grocery cards. They are an essential help towards paying the security deposit when an apartment is found for a family in need.
- Donations of toilet paper and paper towels are needed.



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

Special needs for February are: Cans of Tuna Fish and Small bags of Rice

Thank you to everyone who continue to bring food donations to keep our 3 food pantries going!

Synod Prayer

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

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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 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.

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
Saintgeorgespiritualgrowth@gmail.com


Today's Gospel reading (Luke 6:27-38) reminds us that everything we have is of and from God. God bestows His endless love and mercy towards us. However, this love and mercy is not ours to keep. To expand the kingdom of God we must be good stewards. As good stewards we are required to follow Christ's lead and share this endless love and mercy with each other. This is the highest form of praise and gratitude we can express to God. In the best of our lives love and mercy are easy and natural responses. When tough times and conflict surround us love and mercy may not be a first response. In difficult times there may be a little more packing, shaking, and overflowing. The kind of response that doesn't measure up in Stewardship to God. Thankfully our God is also a forgiving God. Each of us is allowed to repent, to pray, and remeasure! Keeping Saint Francis of Assisi's Prayer on Peace close at heart may help increase a good stewards measure.

St. Francis of Assisi on Peace
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, Grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console; To be understood as
to understand; To be loved as to love. For it is in
giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are
pardoned; It is in dying that we are born to eternal
life. Amen

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

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