

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

**January 31, 2021: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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It is our privilege to serve you.

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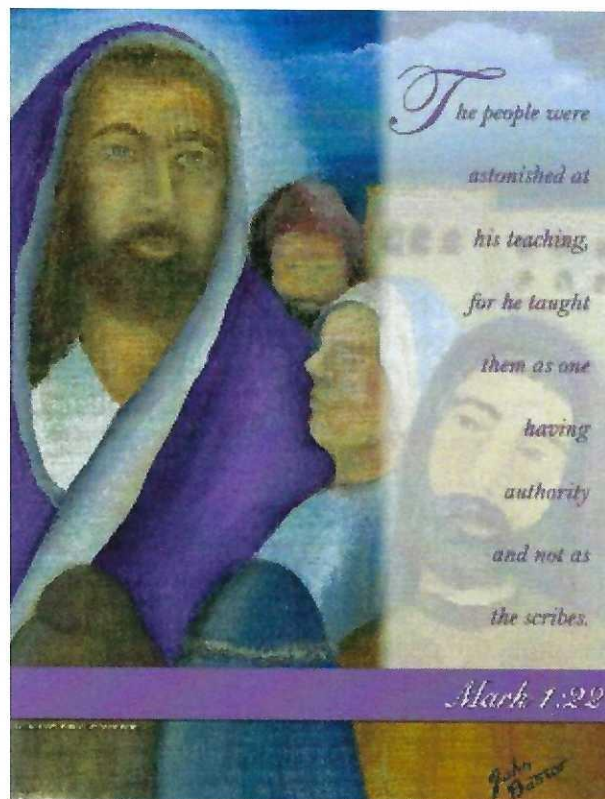
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For information regarding Pastoral Care of the Sick, Marriage Preparation, Confirmation, and Ministry Involvement, we invite you to call the Parish Office.



## **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:**

Live Weekend Masses are offered at 4:00 PM  
on Saturday as well as 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM  
on Sunday.

Please visit our parish website for details.

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

Live weekday Masses are held on Monday,  
Wednesday, and Friday at 8:00 AM

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Confessions are heard inside the church  
3:00 -3:30 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.

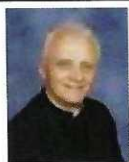
We continually seek to grow in a deeper  
understanding of our faith, to respect the sanctity  
of human life, and respond to what Jesus asks of  
us in our time by sharing our gifts and  
participating in parish activities  
and outreach to others.

***A Community of Ministries, January 31, 2021***



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*From Your Pastor*

On Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M. our seminarian, Thiago Ibiapina, will be ordained to the transitional diaconate at St. Paul's Cathedral. This information is being given to you now so that you can mark your calendars. More information about Thiago's diaconate ordination and Mass of Thanksgiving will follow in the coming weeks.

How would you define a prophet? Do you see a prophet as one who sees into the future, someone who is more like a psychic or a forecaster? 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, delivering God's message to us in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The Church's fundamental mission is to proclaim the Gospel message. For our part we are called upon to listen to this prophetic voice. We must focus on those who have God's words in their mouths. This will take prayer and discernment, but with the help of God's grace, this will be possible. In the midst of all the noise and everything that could distract us, we have to be attentive to the voice of God.

*Father Niccolls*

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**Total Weekly Collection**  
**January 19, 2021 — January 24, 2021**

Ordinary Collection    \$ 3,888.65  
On line giving            1,569.00  
Total                        \$ 5,457.65

**We are so grateful for your  
generous support especially  
during these pressing times!**



*Mass Intentions*

Live Mass is offered Saturdays at 4:00 PM  
Sundays at 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM.

Live Mass is offered in the church at 8:00 AM on Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Live-streamed Mass is offered on our parish website  
Sundays at 10:00 AM.

Confessions - heard in the church Saturdays 3:30PM

**Saturday, January 30, 2021**

**4:00 PM** Mass for John Callan

Requested by family

**Sunday, January 31, 2021**

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

**10:00 AM** Memorial Mass for Stuart Leroy Jr.

Requested by St. George St. Vincent DePaul Conf.

**Monday, February 1, 2021**

**8:00 AM**

**Wednesday, February 3, 2021**

**8:00 AM**

**Friday, February 5, 2021**

**8:00 AM** Mass for David Lamacchia

Requested by Saint George's Book Club

**Saturday, February 6, 2021**

**4:00 PM** One Month Anniversary Mass for Barbara Pike Lamoreux requested by Fran and Bob Pike

**Sunday, February 7, 2021**

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

**10:00 AM** Mass for Gerald DuCloss and Jerry

DuCloss requested by family

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**Bulletin Item Due Dates:**

<u>Weekend of:</u>	<u>Due by:</u>
February 14, 2021	February 4, 2021
February 21, 2021	February 11, 2021
February 28, 2021	February 18, 2021

Please submit items by 10:00 a.m. on the due date.

E-mail our Parish Secretary

Kate Lockney at: [office@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:office@saintgeorgesparish.org).



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St. George Parish, simply visit  
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on the homepage to add your email address.



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Try something New this Year!

**FRIDAY FAITH SHARING**

With Joyce Purcell and  
Andrea Svagdys-Gumbrell

We have gone VIRTUAL.

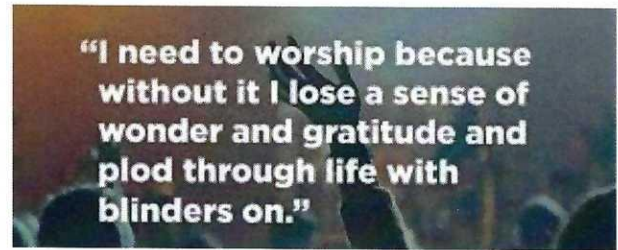
We hope you will join us for this time of enriching prayer and reflection. No previous experience necessary. All are welcome!

What You Need To Do:

Contact Andrea via email  
[andrea@svagdys.com](mailto:andrea@svagdys.com)

Andrea will email you the Zoom Link  
and Readings/Reflection  
(no need to buy the book this time)

You will need to have access to a computer  
with Video and a Microphone.



*Thank you*

You, the parishioners of St. George's, have continued to support our parish throughout these historic months of the pandemic, and you have recognized the need for maintaining our buildings and meeting our financial requirements. The Finance Committee's report last month confirmed that our parish has been sustained financially through these long months, and we are grateful to you.

If you are interested in eliminating your envelopes with our Online Giving program, you can choose either a weekly or monthly method of making your ongoing donations. The special collections are also available through Online Giving. Access is available through our website's weekly bulletin, and Kathy Hessel can assist at [mkhessel@aol.com](mailto:mkhessel@aol.com).

For those who are not able to attend Mass in person, we welcome your envelopes via regular mail or by simply dropping them in the mailbox on the front porch of the rectory. If you are in need of support during this time, please contact our Outreach Coordinator, Annie Doyle at 508-450-4134



**Prayers for the Sick**

Please, especially during these troubling times, call our parish office to let us know if a family member, friend or neighbor is hospitalized, homebound or ill. Since we can't always be together these days, you can help us to hold one another close in prayer.

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



*No act of kindness,  
no matter how small,  
is ever wasted.*



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**Religious Education**

"Growing Together in Faith"

Sarah Kelly, Administrator - 508-852-1784

email: [sarah.Kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:sarah.Kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org)

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

***This Weekend's Stewardship Thought:***

Moses told the people "The Lord will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own kinsmen." God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His Church. What gifts are yours to share?

**Congratulations:**

Our 2nd graders from Session One made their First Holy Communion on Saturday, January 23, 2021. They did a wonderful job! The video can be found on the homepage of the parish website.

**Session Two:**

Session Two for students in Grades 1-5 will begin with a Zoom meeting for all students who have been remote during Session One on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 4:30pm. We will review the calendar, policies & procedures and health screening. A zoom link will be sent home to families. In person classes will then begin on February 8 & 9.

**Zoom Meetings for Session Two:**

Those students in grades 1-5 who attended classes in person will now meet on Zoom. The Zoom link will be sent the week of the meeting.

The schedule is as follows:

Grade One- Thursdays at 4:30pm on 3/4, 3/18, 4/15

Grade Two- Wednesdays at 4:30pm on 3/10, 3/31 and on Thursday at 4:30pm, 2/11

Grade Three- Wednesdays at 4:30pm on 2/24, 3/24, 4/14

Grade Four- Thursdays at 4:30pm on 2/25, 3/11, 3/25

Grade Five- Wednesdays at 4:30pm 2/10, 3/17, 4/7

**THE FAMILY CONNECTION**

Salt gives food pizzazz. And salt was a very important commodity in Jesus' world. Jesus tells us we are the salt of the earth...we are good for something! And that we are light... our good works of love and service break the darkness around us. So if our family really lives in a Christ-like way we will be as visible as a city set on a hill.

**GRANDPARENT PRAYERS** used at our previous parish Grandparent Prayer Group still available for free. Send a self addressed stamped envelope to Ruth Viens, 700 Grove St. Worcester MA 01605 for a copy.



**Eucharistic Adoration**

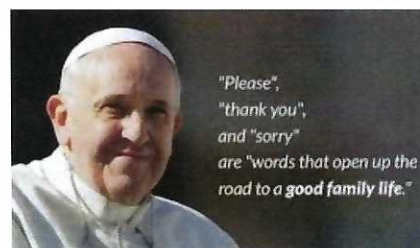
Your next opportunity to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament will be on



**Thursday, Feb. 4 from 6 - 7 pm and Fri., Feb. 5 from the end of the 8 am Mass until 10 am**

We strongly urge you to participate in this powerful spiritual experience.

If you are unable to join us in person, please visit our parish website to view the "Eucharistic Adoration" Video posted on the home page.



**A 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.



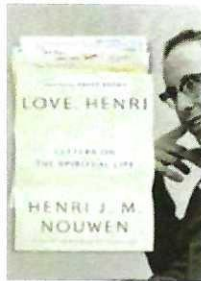
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**From Deacon Paul Audette:**

Henri Nouwen Speaks to us  
through his Letters

Henri sends a third letter to a couple who have asked him to preside at their upcoming wedding (taken from "Love, Henri: Letters on the Spiritual Life"):



Dear Jim and Cindy,  
"... I pray for you as you both prepare yourself for the great covenant of love. Keep in mind that your love for each other is to become a living sign of God's real presence in this world. Marriage therefore is a sacrament. It makes visible and realizes the presence of the Lord in the midst of this war-ridden, anxious, chaotic world. It speaks of life where there is death and of hope where there is despair..."

Love, Peace and Joy,  
With an embrace from  
Henri

Love recognizes no  
barriers. It jumps  
hurdles, leaps fences,  
penetrates walls to  
arrive at its destination  
full of hope.

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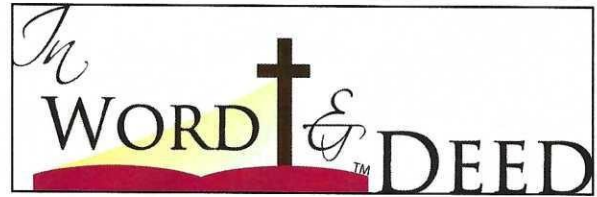
### PIETA



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, February 8 th 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](mailto:pieta3@gmail.com).



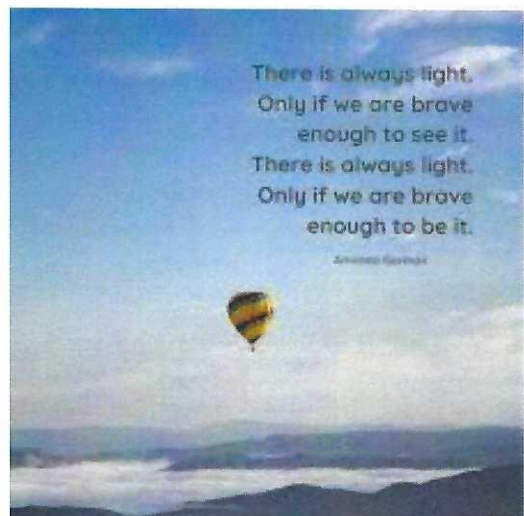
### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

What good is a great story unless someone tells it? What's a wonderful song unless someone sings it? How can an idea change the world unless someone makes it work? Ideas, songs and stories all need to be put into practice so their value will be seen, heard and known.

Jesus confronts and rebukes evil and then banishes it. People were amazed and began to ask the basic question of faith "who is this man?" The answer leads to a choice, sometimes called the leap of faith; is Jesus the Messiah? If the answer is yes, life is never the same.

Faith is not just a good idea. It must be lived and expressed, preached and accepted, taught and understood. By word and deed, Jesus shows us the power of faith: its ability to conquer sin and death, its power to change lives and its availability to everyone. In imitation of Jesus, when we reach out to others, and offer the love and mercy we have been given, faith is shown as a way of life, and an open invitation is given to everyone to hear the Good News. And our pursuit of holiness and eternal life begins.

~James Gaffney, © 2009 Karides Lic. to St.  
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## *A Community of Ministries*



Thank You  
for having a  
"Heart for the Homeless"!



The **Interfaith Hospitality Network Shelter**  
Current needs are for:

- Gently used or new **towels and wash cloths**
- Heavy plastic shower curtains with metal grommets
- Plastic **Table cloths** with heavy felt backing for round and rectangle tables

The **Mustard Seed** Soup kitchen and food pantry  
Current needs are for:

- Men's and women's new **socks**
- Food Pantry donations of cans of **soup and peanut butter and tuna**
- **Sweat pants for men** are currently a great need. Our guests ask us for them daily and we have none. In the past our parishioners have generously helped to fill this urgent need and so we come to you again in hope. Any size, gently used or new (I have bought some at Walmart for about \$8 dollars each) would be greatly appreciated.

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

Contact Annie Doyle Ext.111  
508-450-4134  
[annie@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:annie@saintgeorgesparish.org)



Thank  
You!

The Parish Pastoral Council recently met for their annual retreat. This year the enriching and uplifting event was on zoom. Members had the opportunity to reflect on the life and work of St. Francis Xavier. Conversations led us to see how the missionary work of this saint encourages all of us to reach out to family and friends with respect, kindness and a spirit of welcome.

Fr. Niccolls spoke about the importance of a collaborative model of Pastoral Leadership. This model calls us all to listen carefully and non-judgmentally and humbly to one another.

Given the challenges of the current pandemic we shared a realization that the virtue of hope and the need to comfort one another is essential.

Stay tuned for more information and thoughts from others in attendance.



### **Fr. Thiago sends a message from Brazil!**

We invite you to visit our Parish website for a video interview from Brazil with Fr. Thiago.

Father is waiting there for his visa and is taking care of his mom who is ill. Please pray for her as she recovers from her recent surgery.

The video also includes pictures of the local area and a visit with Fr. Thiago's mom.

Many thanks to our technology ministers for making this amazing video possible!



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



### **Food for Folks in Need**

Thank you for continuing your generous food donations to the Mustard Seed Food Pantry and to our local "Loaves and Fishes" Food Pantry.

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 for February are:  
Cans of soup, peanut butter and tuna**

### **You Can Help Prevent Family Homelessness after the 4 PM Mass Saturday and 8AM or 10 AM Mass Sunday**

We invite you to use "Hope for Housing cards" to buy your weekly groceries or prescriptions. You receive the full face value of the a card in the amount you choose. The stores donate up to 5% of that amount to "Hope for Housing" to assist children with families in crisis. **See Dave and Sue Genereux** who are in the Church Hall after both Masses. Contact them at 978-833-0306 or email [WaysideATQ@aol.com](mailto:WaysideATQ@aol.com) for more information or for special arrangements.

### **Help to Spread the Good News! Join St. George Bulletin Ambassadors**

Generous St. George volunteers continue to hand deliver our weekly bulletin to their neighbors each week. How about joining this effort to deliver the bulletin to a neighborhood near you?

Our bulletin is available on our parish website. If you do not have access to the internet but would like to receive a copy of the weekly bulletin at home, Just give us a call.

Annie Doyle at 508-450-4134 .

### **Holiday Cheer for Isolated Older Adults**



### **Holiday Season letter and Card Writing Campaign**

- Send a card, a handwritten note, a hand drawn picture or a simple doodle
- Start your card or letter so it can be shared with a man or woman, for example Dear Friend, Hello Neighbor, Good Day
- Add a colorful, heartfelt, non-denominational message and put the card/letter in an unsealed envelope
- Send as many cards/letters as you like by **January 31, 2021** to:
- Elder Services of Worcester, Attn: Holiday Cheer, 67 Millbrook St., Suite 100 Worcester MA 01606
- Questions? Contact Carol McCrohon at 1(508) 498-6379

### **Many thanks to Mary Krug**

for making these creative cards to send encouraging messages to older adults during these difficult times.





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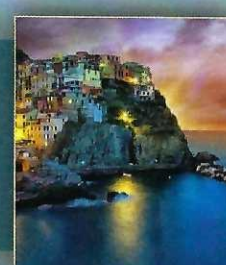
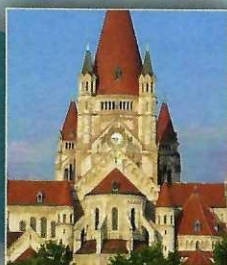


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