

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

May 2, 2021 Fifth Sunday of Easter

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It is our privilege to serve you.

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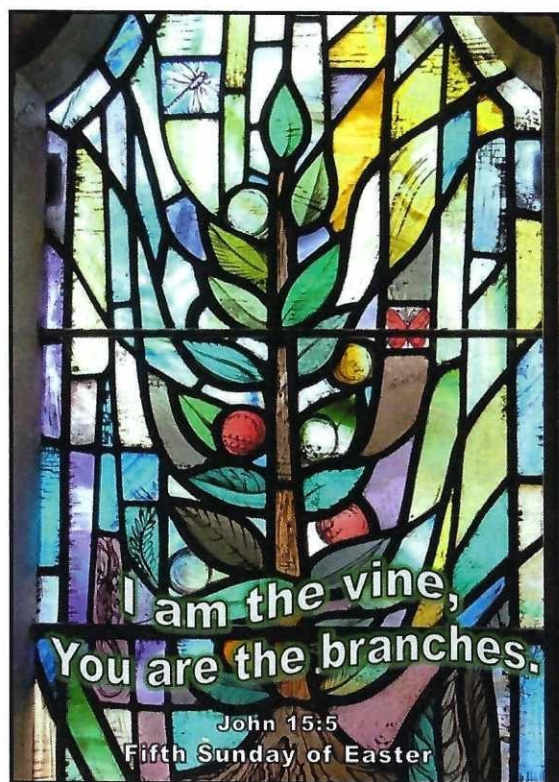
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For information regarding Pastoral Care of the Sick, Marriage Preparation, Confirmation, and Ministry Involvement, we invite you to call the Parish Office.



St. George Catholic Church

Baptism Information:

Please contact

Susan Pacek at 508-856-9960 or
email: st.geobaptism@gmail.com

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 10:00 AM.

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, May 2, 2021

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From Your Pastor

A final lesson from the book entitled *Finding Christ in the Crisis, What the Pandemic Can Teach Us* by Fr. Harrison Ayre and

Mr. Michael Heinlein, is about Ministry. Since our Church will have a smaller institutional footprint in the future along with the problems it has endured in recent years, Catholics will need to rely on its spiritual resources. In the early days of the pandemic, these resources may have been in short supply. Parish life as we have known it was put on hold, and more creative ways of parish ministry have been implemented, and more will probably occur in the future. The need to connect our parish community is important, and attempts must be made to reiterate what the faithful can do while separated from the community. The parish is not just a campus where activities happen but a collection of the faithful in a particular area. When we pray at home or hold an activity remotely through zoom, we are engaged in a parish activity. As we have approached this new challenge of staying at home and being socially distant, we might consider what we have had to stop "doing" and assess what the effects have been – positive or negative. This may be a time to reevaluate our program, activities and initiatives and prioritize our need for deeper prayer, a more penitential spirit and develop a greater understanding of sacrifice. With such spiritual tools already at their disposal, it is clear that the practice of the Faith is in the hands of the faithful. This may be a time to better distinguish the duties of the clergy and the laity. The clergy are at the service of the laity, and the laity are charged with the sanctification of the world. What this means is that the clergy have the responsibility to minister interiorly to the life of the Church while the laity's realm is to the entire society. It is clear that any change in the Church's approach to ministry has to have the enthusiastic support of the laity. The clergy has to do more in many respects to work with and train the laity about their roles and duties, while continuing to fortify them in the sacraments and instruct them in their preaching. This will help to build up the apostolate of the laity in bringing Christ to the world and the world to Christ. This mission helps us to see that every age brings forth new ways of doing Christ's work. The forms of our ministry may come and go but the goals of our ministry remain the same. The task before us is to seize the moment and to reflect upon what is necessary and what is not as we are supported and sustained by God's grace and the Holy Spirit. Taking advantage of the opportunities presented to us in this pandemic, we can allow the new life that God always offers to us to take root.

Fr. Niccolls



Mass Intentions

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

Live Mass is offered in 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, May 1, 2021

4:00 PM In Memory of Andrew Murray
Requested by his family

Sunday, May 2, 2021

8:00 AM For the Community of St. George

10:00 AM 30 Anniversary Mass for Sister M. Fidelis,
Requested by her nephew

Monday, May 3, 2021

8:00 AM

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

8:00 AM

Friday, May 7th, 2021

8:00 AM

Saturday, May 8th, 2021

4:00 PM 40th Anniversary Mass - Phyllis Ursoleo
Requested by her family

Sunday, May 9, 2021

8:00 AM For the Community of St. George

10:00 AM First Anniversary Mass for
Dr. Joseph Svagdys
Requested by Andrea and George Gumbrell



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**Total Weekly Collection
April 19 - April 25, 2021**

On line giving	\$ 1,769.00
Ordinary Collection	\$ 3,977.00
Total	\$ 5,746.00

Bulletin Item Due Dates:

<u>Weekend of:</u>	<u>Due by:</u>
May 16, 2021	May 6, 2021
May 23, 2021	May 13, 2021
May 30, 2021	May 20, 2021

Please submit items by 10:00 AM on the due date.
E-mail our Parish Secretary, Kate Lockney at
office@saintgeorgesparish.org

**Thank you for your
generosity.
We are so grateful for
your support
especially during
these challenging
times.**



**Pieta Annual Mass to
Honor and Remember our Children
Monday, May 3, 2021 at 7:00 PM**

Sponsored by
Pieta Support Group for Bereaved Parents
St. George Church, 40 Brattle St., Worcester

Everyone is invited to attend the Pieta annual Mass to honor and remember all of our children. This is a special time to come together with family and friends in remembrance of our children. Please feel free to invite any families who have lost a child.

For more information:
Annie Doyle, *St. George Outreach Coordinator*,
508-450-4134 or Terry Gentile 508- 284-0796
or pieta3@gmail.com.
Website: <https://saintgeorgesparish.org/pieta>



**Family Prayer Night at
St. George Church**

Every Thursday at 6:00 PM
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 first Thursday of each month.

Eucharistic Adoration

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

**Thursday, May 6th from 6:00-7:00 pm
and Friday, May 7th from the end of
the 8:00 am Mass until 10:00 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 on the home page.

The next Pieta meeting will be on:
Monday, May 10th, 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.

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

Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good
steward can say, "I do all that I do for the sake of
the Gospel in the hope of sharing in its blessings."

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Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

Sarah Kelly, Administrator - 508-852-1784

email: sarah.Kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org

Kevin.brown@saintgeorgesparish.org

Congratulations

to our 23 Confirmation

Students who received the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Paul's Cathedral
April 11, 2021!

Our thanks to you and your teachers for your dedicated work to prepare to receive this wonderful Sacrament.

Your parish family looks forward to the new life and uplifting energy that you will add to our parish community. We are excited to have you join us as we continue the work of spreading God's love in the world.

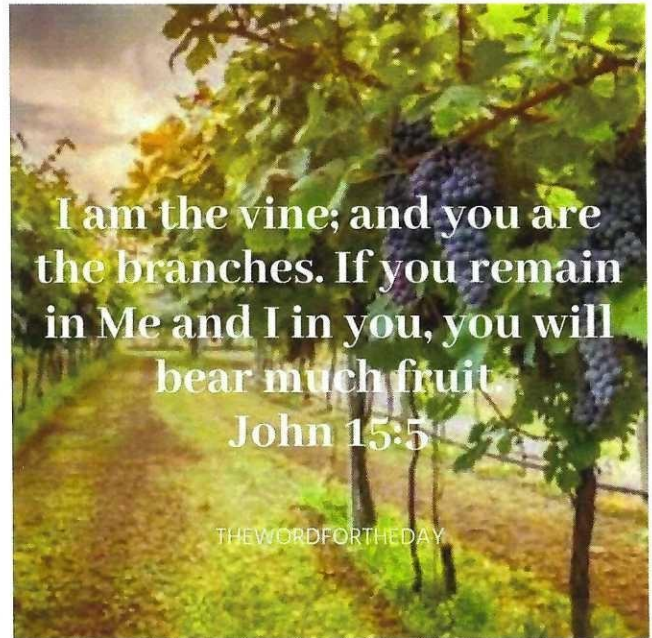
Our prayers are with you as you step out in faith and courage to help make a difference in the world.



God Bless You:

Nicole Berger
Robert Blute
Ella Bradshaw
Jack Duehring
Tess Fuller
Garrett Hurley
Macey Johnson
Maeve Keneally
Karina Lubowicki
John McAuliffe
Alijandro Mendoza

Sarah Mendoza
Savannah Mitchell
Matthew Newell
Aurelien NGamo
Rose O'Malley
Vanessa Peloquin
Olivia Pickett
Brynn Pinkes
Mia Piscitani
Austin Tenczar
Jack Tirimacco
Dominik Wright



Upcoming First Holy Communion

Our Second Session of First Communion Students are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist.

Rehearsal - Tuesday May 11, 2021
at 4:30 PM

First Holy Communion - **May 15, 2021 at 10:00 AM**

Thank you for keeping our students and their families in your prayers.



Online Giving

Special collections and donations are available through Online Giving.

Access is available through our website - click on the icon like the one pictured here.

Kathy Hessel is always happy to assist you at
mkhessel@aol.com



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There are two different ways to spend a day at the beach. The first is to play in the water all day, splashing and riding the waves that roll into shore. The other way is to sit on a dock, occasionally dipping your feet into the water and then retreat to the comfort of the shade or an air conditioned room. But what's a trip to the beach without a wave or two, or finding a seashell or a small crab? You might as well just stay home!

Some people think that coming to church on Sunday is enough. They put the envelope in the collection basket, receive Communion and then go home. They did their duty. During the week there is little thought of God or faith or church. Other people come to Church with lots of prayers and good deeds to offer to the Lord, and they leave with a sense of renewal and mission. They put their envelope in too, and it often represents some sacrifice the family made or a special project done just for the church. God is an important part of their lives, and prayer, Scripture and 'religious stuff' is part of daily conversation. Church is not a duty; it's a way of life.

Just like the vine is part of the branch, we are part of Christ and therefore, part of the Church. A vine needs nourishment from the branch to survive and thrive. So, don't just hang around church, like an old vine doing nothing; be a part of the action and be a person of faith!

~James Gaffney, © 2009 Karides Lic. to St. George Publishing
jim@pilotbulletinbuilder.net



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.

(Ann Doyle at 508-450-4134)

We want to be with you in prayer and support. We can 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 told that you are a patient.

Thank you for your understanding.

FROM DEACON PAUL AUDETTE:

Henri Nouwen Speaks to us
through his Letters



Henri writes to a woman who has been blessed with a wonderful life but is longing for a more personal, intimate and direct relationship with God. This is Part III of his response. (taken from "Love, Henri: Letters on the Spiritual Life"):

Dear Ruth,

"... Maybe you can buy a notebook in which you can write down all the people for whom you want to pray. I am sure that the book will fill up very soon, and you can take that book with you in your prayer and ask the Lord to touch all the people whose names you have brought together. Doing so, you certainly will experience more fully the love of Jesus... I think that a life of grateful prayer and a life of intercession for others will bring you the goal you seek ..."

Sincerely yours,
Henri Nouwen



The Annual Mother's Day Rose Drive will look a little

RESPECT LIFE

While the pandemic has changed things, the needs of those in crisis remain just as real as ever. As part of our pastoral care for moms in need, many parishes have traditionally participated in the Rose Drive on Mother's Day weekend. This year, the fundraiser has gone virtual in order to maintain pandemic safety protocols, and the Rose Drive will be carried out in the form of a Go-Fund-Me campaign which can be accessed at this link: gf.me/u/zqhc3q.

All proceeds support Problem Pregnancy, a pregnancy help center assisting women in crisis pregnancies to choose life. As an all-volunteer organization, Problem Pregnancy of Worcester provides women a real choice by removing the barriers that often block them from keeping their babies. They support women and their families with housing, medical care, ultrasound tests, baby clothes, cribs, car seats, legal help, immigration aid, maternity clothes, life skills counseling, spiritual counseling, and vocational help. For more information, contact Rose Drive coordinator, Paul DeBeasi at paul.debeasi@gmail.com.

A Community of Ministries



St. George Parish Outreach

Ann Doyle 508-450-4134
Ext. 111
annie@saintgeorgesparish.org

Outreach Opportunities:

Our next **Mustard Seed Meal** is scheduled for
Tuesday, May 18th.

If you would like to volunteer to help prepare the meal from St. George Parish hall at 1:00PM, please call Annie Doyle at 508-450-4134.



Our parish Service Week at the
**Interfaith Hospitality
Network Shelter**
is scheduled for **June 20 -26.**

If you are interested in volunteering to do gardening or to donate a grocery card to help provide a meal, please contact Annie at the phone number above. Stay tuned for more information about projects and service needs.



**You Can Help Prevent Family
Homelessness after the 4 PM
Mass Saturday
and after the 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 Mass on Saturday and following both Masses on Sunday. Contact them at 978-833-0306 or email WaysideATQ@aol.com for more information or for special arrangements.

The Family Connection:

What do you do Lord when someone needs comfort. Send me? I want to Lord but I don't know how and I am afraid. You know just the right words to match the needs. You know just the right time to lend a touch. You know just the right facial expression to show love and concern. But I know none of these. My words seem all so insignificant. My touches and my glances all seem so pointless. Do you still want me to go to be a comforter? Then I need your guidance Lord. Let Your words be on my lips and your touch be upon my hand. Let the kindness and comfort of Your face be upon mine. And touch the heart of my loved one with understanding of my meaning. Amen.



Thank you

We are so grateful to Dave and Sue Genereux, who show up after every Mass at St. George parish, to sell "Hope for Housing" cards! Their dedication to this ministry makes it possible for a family in crisis to pay the first and last months rent, as well as the security deposit, when that family finally finds a safe and affordable apartment for their family. These working families greatly appreciate this essential assistance at a very vulnerable time in their lives. A heartfelt thank you to Dave, Sue and to all our parishioners who purchase "Hope for Housing" cards every week!

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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.*

**Donating Food for
Folks in Need**

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

**Special need for May is:
Cooking oil in plastic bottles**

**Dear Parishioners of St. George
Parish,**



I want to thank you so much for all the flashlights and other supplies that you have donated recently. They have been a HUGE success! I wish you could have seen one person's face when I offered one of the solar flashlights to him. He was fascinated by it and kept saying, "You don't know how awesome this gift is for me!" Thank you so much for your ongoing and consistent support for the work we do. We appreciate you very much!
Sincerely,
Barbara Lucci
PATH Homeless Outreach Clinician

**Homeless folks in Worcester are
Currently in need of White Tube Socks**

According to our local health clinic for the homeless many homeless folks walk at least 10 miles every day. This is a difficult way of life that often causes painful foot care issues. Most shelters or churches serve only one meal a day so walking from place to place is necessary. The pandemic has closed several public buildings so folks must walk across the city in search of toilets and sources of clean drinking water. A few of the once available showers for the homeless are just now beginning to reopen. Folks also walk in search of "day labor" jobs and second hand clothing shops. Some carry their belongings from place to place or hide them in secluded area but then they must walk back to those hiding areas to be sure their items are safe from the weather or from being discarded or stolen.
Your donations of white tube socks can help. Please leave them in the Outreach Collection area at St. George Church labeled attention Annie Doyle and they will be brought to folks most in need. Thank You!

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH MINISTRY
VIRTUAL FRIDAY FAITH SHARING**

With Joyce Purcell and
Andrea Svagdys-Gumbrell
We hope you will join us for this time of enriching prayer and reflection. All are welcome!
Contact Andrea via email andrea@svagdys.com
Andrea will email you the Zoom Link ,Readings/ Reflection. You will need to have access to a computer with Video and a Microphone.



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**Share the Good News
In Our Parish Weekly Bulletin!**

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 .

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



Thank you to all of our faithful knitters who continue to spread comfort and kindness through their generous work! During the pandemic we knit and pray from home.

New members are invited to join this important ministry of outreach to the sick, suffering and lonely.

Feel free to contact Kathy Hessel with any questions at mkhessel@aol.com

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