

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

May 16, 2021 Seventh Sunday of Easter

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Parish Staff:

It is our privilege to serve you.

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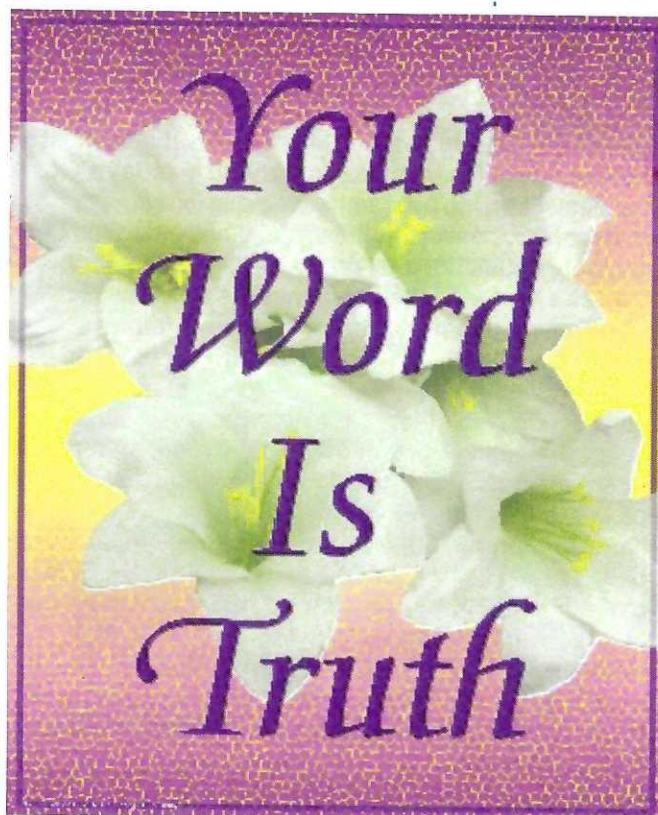
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For information regarding Pastoral Care of the Sick, Marriage Preparation, Confirmation, and Ministry Involvement, we invite you to call the Parish Office.



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 10:00AM.

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, May 16, 2021

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From Your Pastor

One thing in the life of Jesus that is most noteworthy is his recourse to prayer. In today's Gospel Jesus lifts his eyes to heaven and prays in the midst of uncertainty and fear that surrounded his Last Supper. Jesus not only prays for himself but for his disciples, knowing their weaknesses and how his forthcoming death will challenge them. He prays knowing that they will need protection, encouragement and strength if they are to go out into the world as active missionaries. Joining our prayer to that of Jesus lies at the heart of our second reading from the First Letter of St. John. When we acknowledge Jesus as the Son of God, God is there within us. Sometimes our formal prayers or the liturgical or communal prayers help us to articulate that love and need. At other times we may rely on what pours forth from our hearts even if it seems disjointed and inarticulate. Whenever we bring our praises and needs to God, it is an act of love. In our times of prayer may our love be the guide for our actions and shine forth in everything that we do.

I remind you that on Saturday, May 29th, at 10:00 A.M. Thiago Ibiapina (our seminarian from last summer) will be ordained to the Diaconate at St. Paul's Cathedral. He will be assisting and preaching at his Masses of Thanksgiving as a Deacon here at St. George's on Saturday, May 29th, at 7:00 P.M. to a Brazilian community (in Portuguese) and on Sunday, May 30th, at 1:30 P.M. (in English). Receptions will follow both Masses. Since no one from his family in his native Brazil will be able to attend his Diaconate Ordination and Mass of Thanksgiving, I hope that you - his parish family - will plan on attending one of the Masses of Thanksgiving.

Also, on May 29th but at 2:00 P.M., our seminarian for this summer, Julio Granados, will be ordained to the Diaconate at St. Paul's Cathedral. He will be assisting and preaching at a Mass of Thanksgiving at his home parish, St. John Paul II Parish in Southbridge.

Since I will be attending both Diaconate ordinations that day, there will be NO confessions on Saturday, May 29th.

Sunday Afternoon Mass Proposal: Due to a low return of forms for liturgical ministers for a late Sunday afternoon Mass, this proposal will be put on hold for now.

Fr. Niccolls



Mass Intentions

Live Mass is offered Saturdays at 4:00 PM
Sundays at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM. At this point in time, there is no need for preregistration.

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
3:00 -3:30PM

Note: there are no Confessions on May 29th

Saturday, May 15, 2021

4:00 PM In memory of Clara and Gunnar Bergland

Sunday, May 16, 2021

8:00 AM For the Community of St. George

10:00 AM 7th Anniversary Mass for Ruth Niccolls
Requested by her son

Monday, May 17, 2021

8:00 AM In Memory of Gertrude Sand

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

8:00 AM Memorial Mass for Earle Garepy Jr.
Requested by his family

Friday, May 21, 2021

8:00 AM Memorial Mass for Maureen Midgelany
Requested by her sisters and brother

Saturday, May 22, 2021

4:00 PM 19th Anniversary for Sr. M. Leonard
Requested by her nephew

Sunday, May 23, 2021

8:00 AM For the Community of St. George

10:00 AM Memorial Mass for Maureen Madden
Requested by Doug and Lee Ann Peterson



PARTNERS IN CHARITY: We remind you that our Partners in Charity Appeal is under way. Thus far, we have raised \$76,000 toward our goal of \$100,000. We ask that you make your gift or pledge within the next few weeks. Thank you to those who have already made a contribution.

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**Total Weekly Collection
May 3 - May 9, 2021**

On line giving	\$ 2,045.00
Ordinary Collection	\$ 3,028.00
Total	\$ 5,073.00

Bulletin Item Due Dates:

Weekend of:

May 30, 2021
June 6, 2021
June 13, 2021

Due by:

May 20, 2021
May 27, 2021
June 3, 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.**



**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.

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

Jesus is the perfect steward - watching carefully over
all who have been entrusted to Him by the Father
and then sending them all out into the world in
service. May I similarly protect and wisely use the
gifts entrusted to me!

ST. GEORGE Book Club MEETING

**Tuesday, May 18th
1:00- 2:00 pm Church Hall**

Erin's Children by author Eileen O'Finlan

Eucharistic Adoration

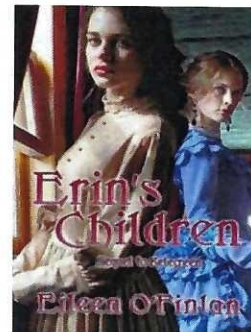
Your next opportunity to visit Jesus in the
Blessed Sacrament will be on

**Thursday, June 3rd from 6:00-7:00 pm
and Friday, June 4th 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.



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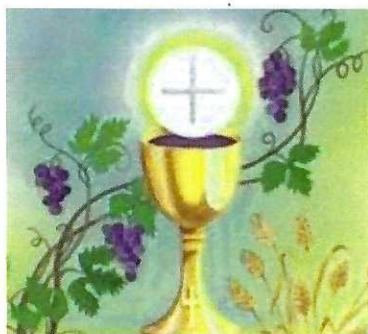
Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

Sarah Kelly, Administrator - 508-852-1784

email: sarah.Kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org

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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.

Special thanks to all of our Religious Education teachers who help to pass on our Catholic faith to the next generation of Catholics. These past two years have been especially challenging and your faithfulness has made a wonderful difference in many lives.

Why a "Community of Ministries"?

Here at St. George Parish we strive to work together as a "Community of Ministries" who collaborate and cooperate with one another. It is in this spirit of humility and unity, that we hope to continue to grow "as one" in Christ.

Many thanks to all who serve, donate, attend meetings, pray, plan, prepare and so much more!

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.

PEACE ON EARTH



Make Us Worthy Lord

Make us worthy, Lord, to serve our fellow men
throughout the world who
live and die in poverty and hunger.
Give them through our hands,
this day their daily bread,
and by our understanding love,
give peace and joy.
Amen



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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DEAR FRIENDS, LET US LOVE
ONE ANOTHER, FOR LOVE
COMES FROM GOD. EVERYONE
WHO LOVES HAS BEEN BORN
OF GOD AND KNOWS GOD
- JOHN 4:7 -



"The most basic and powerful way to connect to another person is to listen. Just listen. Perhaps the most important thing we ever give each other is our attention.... A loving silence often has far more power to heal and to connect than the most well-intentioned words."



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

Henri writes to his friends Baldwin and Roni on the occasion of the birth of their second child, Nora. Although his friends have moved away from religion, he encourages them to "seriously consider" the spiritual life of their child. (taken from "Love, Henri: Letters on the Spiritual Life"):



Dear Baldwin and Roni,
...I hope and pray that you will consider seriously Nora's spiritual life. Offer her the light of Christ and a journey supported by the grace of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. I guess that much of that has lost its meaning for you, but I hope and pray that you continue to think about introducing your children into the life of the Spirit. There is such a wealth of true life hidden in the Sacraments, and I feel, ever since my role in your wedding, that I have to keep calling you to that place of healing and grace..."

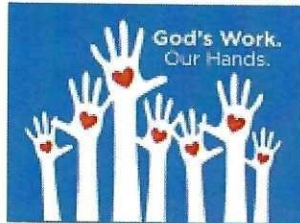
Love,
Henri

Is God Calling You ?

No matter how crazy life gets,
we are always here for you.

- If you've been away from church for a while, have you considered reconnecting. How about joining us in service to folks in need?
- You are always welcome to join us in prayer from home or here in church at Mass. Have you tried connecting to a recording of Mass through our parish website?
- If you are an unmarried couple or were married by a Justice of the Peace, have you considered receiving the Sacrament of Marriage (commonly referred to having your marriage blessed)?
- Do you have an older child or a grandchild who was never Baptized ? If you want to learn more we invite you to contact us.
- If you or an adult friend or a family member, who never received Confirmation but would like to learn more about this Sacrament, consider contacting us for more information. For any of the above, please call one of our priests, or email: Annie Doyle at 508-450-4134 or email at annie@saintgeorgesparish.org.

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**St. George
Parish Outreach**
Ann Doyle 508-450-4134
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Outreach Opportunities:

Our next **Mustard Seed Meal** is scheduled for this **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:

Graduations are special times of joy for all involved. Consider writing a personal diploma in which family members write of the uniqueness and giftedness of the graduate. A heart to heart letter from a parent or sibling listing the positive qualities and how the graduate has been a blessing in their life is also a treasured gift to give.

Blessing for a graduate

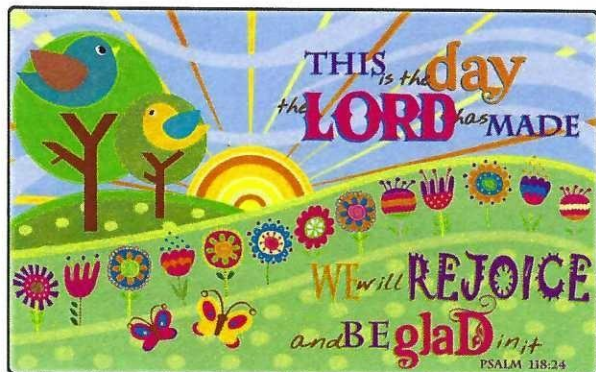
"May God continue to bless you and challenge you. May you always be surrounded by people who support and love you. May you grow more fully into the man/woman that God wants you to be, and that the world so desperately needs. We ask this today, in hope and expectation that God will continue the great things already begun in you. 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.*



**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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for E-news

Sign up to receive e-news!

To hear about updates and notifications from
St. George Parish,

simply visit www.saintgeorgesparish.org
and click on the yellow link

"Join Our Email List" on the homepage to add your email address.

**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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