

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden
July 4th, 2021 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parish Staff:

It is our privilege to serve you.

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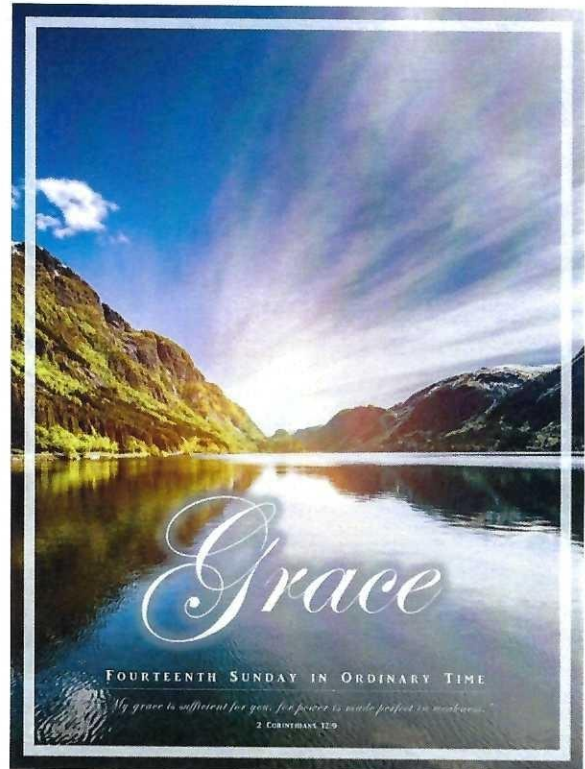
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For information regarding Pastoral Care of the Sick, Marriage Preparation, Confirmation, and Ministry Involvement, we invite you to call the Parish Office.



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

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, July 4, 2021

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From Your Pastor

This weekend we celebrate the 245th anniversary of our country's independence. When we observe this civic holiday, we should also thank God for the freedoms we have in this country, while remembering at the same time that all people should enjoy these same freedoms. One of these freedoms is the freedom to practice our religion. Whenever we gather to celebrate Mass, we are reminded of the importance to praise and thank our God for the blessings we enjoy here.

As our gifts of bread and wine become holy, they are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ, so that we become holier people as we offer the gift of our lives into the Body of Christ. God who makes us holy desires that we share the love he shares with us and that we continue to build up his kingdom here on earth, beginning in our own country.

Fr. Niccolls



Baptism
Sacrament of Welcome

All are welcome!

If you or someone you know has not been Baptized, we invite you to contact us today:

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

New Parishioners
are always welcome!
Contact Annie Doyle for details:
508-450-4134



Mass Intentions

Live Mass 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 also offered on our parish
website Sundays at 10:00 AM.

Confessions - heard in the church on
Saturdays 3:00 -3:30PM

Saturday, July 3, 2021

4:00 PM For the Community of Saint George

Sunday, July 4, 2021

8:00 AM Special Intention

10:00 AM Special Intention

Monday, July 5, 2021

8:00 AM In Memory of Philomena and Bernie
Cournoyer

Wednesday, July 7, 2021

8:00 AM Memorial Mass for Helen Pizan
Requested by Family

Friday, July 9, 2021

8:00 AM In Memory of Rev. George V. O'Rourke

Saturday, July 10, 2021

4:00 PM Memorial Mass for Charles Brazile
Requested by The Murphy Family

Sunday, July 11, 2021

8:00 AM For the Community of Saint George
10:00 AM



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Weekly Collection
June 21 – June 27, 2021

On line giving: \$ 1,394.00
Ordinary Collection 3,499.00
Total \$ 4,893.00



Your generosity helps us to continue to be a vibrant parish community worshipping our Lord and

**This Weekend's
Stewardship Thought**

During this time, we celebrate the independence of our country. We would do well to echo the psalmist, saying, "Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for His mercy." May we always recognize and use wisely the gifts of freedom and abun-



**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.

NOTICE:

Please be aware that there is a widespread scam circulating with our Pastor's name referenced asking for a favor and/or gift cards. If you receive an email like this, please do not respond to it. Delete the message because it is not from Fr. Niccolls.

Bulletin Item Due Dates:

<u>Weekend of:</u>	<u>Due by:</u>
July 18, 2021	July 8, 2021
July 25, 2021	July 15, 2021
August 1, 2021	July 22, 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 to the young adults from St. George
who served with kindness and enthusiasm at the
Interfaith Hospitality Network Shelter !



Their service included lots of hard work scrubbing the backyard deck and handicap accessible ramp, painting steps in the basement, mulching, and spreading 5 yards (thank you Kyle!) of wood chips around the children's play yard structure! Amazing!

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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

Please contact Sarah Kelly about Registration for Religious Education Classes beginning in September for Grades 1– 5 and for the Confirmation Program.

Please Contact Kevin Brown about Registration for students in Grades 6-9.

Please contact Sarah or Kevin
If you are interested in volunteering to teach a class or assist in the Office of the Religious Education Ministry.



Best Wishes to Fr. Thiago.
Father now continues to serve at

Holy Family Parish
41 Hamilton Street,
Worcester, MA 01604

Photo's from
Fr. Thiago's
Reception last Sunday

Many thanks to everyone who attended and to all those who helped to make it such an enjoyable afternoon!



Online Giving

Regular Offertory Donations, 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



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, July 12th 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 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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**14th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

Jesus travels to His hometown and He is greeted with skepticism and doubt. He preaches to them and, despite what they have heard and the things they have witnessed, they do not accept Him. Their lack of faith so distressed Him that He could not work a miracle there, except for a few cures. Their closed minds and hearts blocked the flow of grace and nothing happened.

All too often in the church today, priests, deacons and religious are greeted with skepticism and doubt. In their own towns and parishes, their ministry and preaching is greeted with gossip and indifference. The lack of appreciation is a heavy burden that is added to the overwhelming work of ministering to others, especially in times of great need. As a community of faith, we need to honor the work of those who serve, for their task is neither easy nor light. First, pray for them that they may have the strength and courage to serve and lead. They too are clay vessels of God's grace. Second, tell them you appreciate them and their work. Offer positive support for a homily well done, a special visit to the sick, or ministry at times of funerals, weddings and sacraments. Your gifts of time, talent and treasure go a long way to boost the morale and confidence of those who serve us. It lets them know concretely that they too are part of the community and not just a functionary in times of need. Be supportive, be helpful, and be generous. It helps God's grace to flow!

~James Gaffney, © 2009 Karides Lic. to St. George
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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.

Today's Gospel:

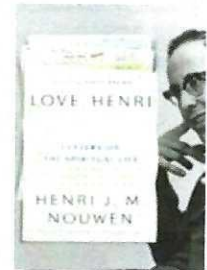
Mark 6:1-6

¹ Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. ² When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

"Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him, that he even does miracles? ³ Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

FROM DEACON PAUL AUDETTE:

Henri Nouwen Speaks to us through his Letters



In the summer of 1984, Mark Hatfield, a Republican senator from Oregon who had a reputation for independence and integrity, came under suspicion in an ethics investigation. Henri writes to Hatfield about how to handle the injustice and pain of being unfairly accused.

This is Part I of his letter. (taken from "Love, Henri: Letters on the Spiritual Life"):

Dear Senator Hatfield,

...I have been thinking a lot about the agony you must have been experiencing. What is more painful than seeing your own integrity being questioned by a press behaving like a "roaring lion looking for someone to devour" (1 Peter: 5:8)? I can hardly think of a suffering harder to undergo. Our name and reputation as sincere, honorable, trustworthy people belong to the core of our being, and when we are being attacked right at that place we are most tempted to give the demon a foothold in our heart...How to live in such a period of threat and temptation is the great spiritual question ...

United in Our Lord,

Henri J. M. Nouwen

A Community of Ministries



St. George Parish Outreach

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annie@saintgeorgesparish.org

St. George Service Week

Interfaith Hospitality Network Shelter

Thanks to so many!

Linda Ohl removes an ancient rug and transforms the entrance to the house. Sue Pacek gardens and together they created a wonderful "welcome home" for families in need.



The Family Connection:

*Strengthening the parent-teen relationship.....*Expect what is reasonable, not what is perfect. A new relationship begins to grow between parents and their children approaching the teenage years. Make time to talk with and listen to each other. Do things together that feel good and allow the time needed to build a new relationship. Pay attention to how well the two of you are getting along, ironing out problems as they arise. Remain sensitive to your needs and to your teen's needs.



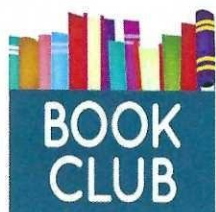
GRANDPARENTS!!

All interested grandparents are asked to pray for the safety and well-being of their grandchildren. Prayers used at our previous parish group are available by sending a long self addressed stamped envelope to Ruth Viens, 20 Mary Scano Drive, Apt. 223, Worcester MA 01605. As meetings and activities begin to slowly resume in the parish it is hoped that the eight year monthly Grandparent Group will again be available. Contact Ruth at ruthviens@charter.net.net, 508-852-5658 for more information.

*Grandparents make
memories that the heart
holds forever.*

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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.*



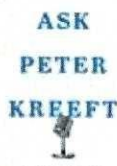
St. George Book Club Meets
the Second Tuesday of every other
month in the Church Hall

How about joining us?

Upcoming dates are:

July 13, 2021,
September 14 and November 16

We are currently reading:
"Ask Peter" by Peter Kreeft



For more information please contact
Nancy Forhan at 508-963-9909

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 needs for July are:
Cans of Soup, and
Peanut butter

Our next MUSTARD SEED MEAL

is Friday, July 16th, preparation is 2-4PM
in St. George church hall.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER - MAKE A DIFFERENCE



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.



**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.

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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