

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

**May 24, 2020: Seventh Sunday of Easter**

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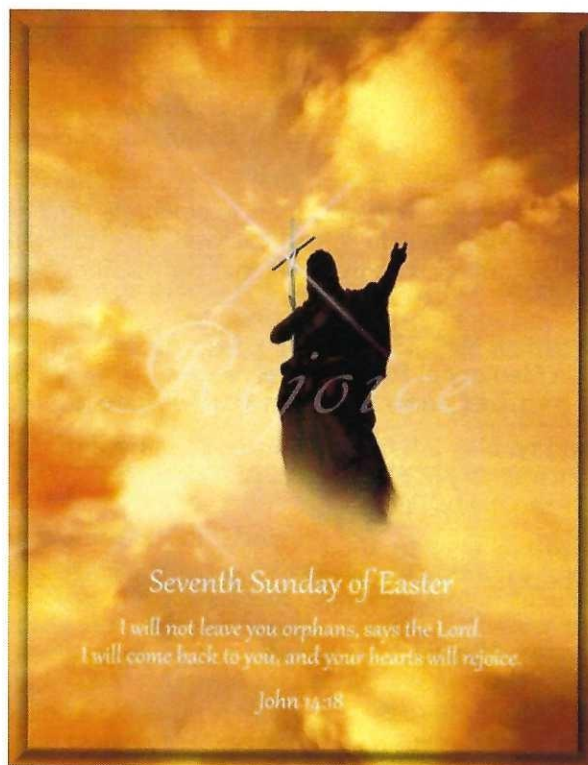
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## **St. George Catholic Church**

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

**Baptism Information:** Please contact Susan Pacek at 508-856-9960 or email: [st.geobaptism@gmail.com](mailto:st.geobaptism@gmail.com)

**Eucharist Celebrated:**

Mass will be live-streamed at approximately 9:45AM Sundays. The public celebration of Holy Mass will resume at a later date. Please see page 2 for more information.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Confessions will be heard outside near the Parish Center 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 24, 2020***



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### Mass Intentions

As you may know, during this unprecedented time we are not celebrating public Masses in church.

We, your priests, are encouraged by Bishop McManus to celebrate private Masses each day. In light of this we list the following Mass intentions and the days that we will offer these Masses:

#### Saturday, May 23, Vigil

In Memory of Rev. Charles Arney  
req. by Deacon Paul and Marilyn Audette

#### Sunday, May 24, Seventh Sunday of Easter

In Memory of Francis and Ann Killoran  
req. by family

#### Saturday, May 30, Vigil

Second Anniversary Mass for Patricia Celona  
req. by Steve Celona

#### Sunday, May 31,

37th Anniversary Mass for Albert Marzilli  
req. by family

#### Note:

Mass will be live-streamed  
at approximately 9:45 A.M. on Sundays  
Confessions will be heard outside near the  
Parish Center 3:00-3:30 PM on Saturdays



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### Parish Calendar

Regularly scheduled events will resume at a later date. Thank you for your understanding. Stay well.

During this time our "Community of Ministries" continues to meet virtually. Our Parish staff and Ministry Leaders are planning and looking forward to gradually and safely resuming the lively expression of our worship and the fullness of community life.

### Offertory Alternatives

During this time, as we await the day when our parish may open its doors again, we continue to pray for those affected by the virus, the healthcare workers, and all whose livelihood is disrupted. Our parish will be ready to welcome it's vibrant community 'home' as soon as it's feasible and safe.

Our buildings must be maintained and no one could predict this extraordinary event. As you are able, our offertory donations can be delivered in several ways. Online giving is an easy and safe method – simply go to our parish website at [www.saintgeorgesparish.org](http://www.saintgeorgesparish.org) and follow the icons for Online Giving. You may now make your donations weekly or monthly. If you need assistance with online giving, please contact Kathy Hessel at [mkhessel@aol.com](mailto:mkhessel@aol.com)

Alternatively, should you wish to drop your envelopes at the rectory, the mail box on the front porch is available and checked regularly. Finally, some parishioners send their donations through the regular mail.

Please know that we are sensitive to the households already impacted by this temporary loss of employment. Thank you for your support of our parish.

If you or anyone in your family is in need of assistance, please contact our Pastoral Outreach Coordinator, Annie Doyle, at 508-450-4134.

### Scripture for the week of May 24, 2020

24 SUN Acts 1:12-14/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a  
25 Mon Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33  
26 Tue Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a  
27 Wed Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19  
28 Thu Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26  
29 Fri Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19  
30 Sat Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25  
31 SUN Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or  
Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn  
7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7,  
12-13/Jn 20:19-23



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### St. George Neighborhood Ambassadors

As we are all experiencing this crazy time in our lives with work closings, social distancing and our places of worship only now gradually beginning to reopen, we have had to adapt to a new way of experiencing life for the time being.

With that being said, a few of us at Saint George have offered our services to be neighborhood ambassadors to represent our parish of Saint George in distributing the weekly bulletin. Since late March I along with the help of my children have been distributing 15-20 weekly bulletins in the Birchwood neighborhood in Holden where our family lives. I think we are all experiencing a more community feeling as we are confined to our homes, and I have found this to be even more evident as I walk through our own neighborhood each week distributing the St. George Bulletin.

This weekly adventure not only forces me out of the house for a good walk, but also to represent St. George in a new way. Everyone I have come in contact with have truly appreciated the outreach as well as the conversations that have taken place during these weekly walks. This was never so evident during my walk on Palm Sunday when my son Jimmy and I handed out Palms in addition to the bulletins. It was pretty evident what we were doing and we had a few neighbors who were not parishioners at St. Georges but asked if they could have some since they could not get to their own place of worship.

Our outreach has created conversation and good will that I did not expect when this was started and has been truly appreciated by our neighborhood parishioners along with others.

I know we are not reaching all of our parishioners with what we are doing, **so please contact the Parish Office if you would like to offer assistance in your own neighborhood.** It is a great way to be of service during this trying time and to meet your neighbors and fellow parishioners.

Jim Moughan



### From Your Pastor

This weekend we observe Memorial Day in tribute to those men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives in fighting in the various wars here and around the world so that we could enjoy the blessings of freedom from tyranny and oppression. May we offer our thanks for what they have accomplished by taking the time to remember them in prayer.

*Fr. Niccolls*

### "God Must Be First Served!"

Next weekend we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came down upon Jesus's apostles to guide, inspire and stand with them in living and speaking the good news of salvation to the world. The Holy Spirit was for them then and now for us God's gift to us to energize, empower and impart peace to us, and to let us know we do not work alone in doing God's work.

Next Saturday we also remember a valiant young teenager who prayed many times each day, while working on her family farm, for an end to the war her country was a part of. She spoke to the King and volunteered to be a soldier. Inspired by her, the King allowed her to be a part of a major battle in Orleans between France and Spain. Before the battle, she had some soldiers shoot arrows to an area aside of the oppositions' camp. Each arrow had a message attached to it encouraging them to cease fighting. It did not happen but repeated it many times before the war's end. The girl was captured and after a court hearing was burnt at the stake before the war's end. Her name is Saint Joan of Arc.

She is remembered for her faith and courage in trying to stop the war. She is often remembered for proclaiming 'God must be first served.' And as she was dying at the stake the onlookers heard her often calling out Jesus's name.

In these now troubling times as we endure a pandemic, let us know the Holy Spirit is with us to inspire and keep us strong in being Christ's faithful helpers in this world. As we begin each day may the words of Saint Joan of Arc remind us that "God must be first served" and that Saint Joan of Arc stands with us.

*Fr. Nally*

**The church  
has left  
the building.**





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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)

### Religious Education Updates

We are not sure what the Fall will look like for our religious education classes, but please know that our religious education board is discussing different options for how to safely comply with state and diocesan regulations. As we know more, we will share information about registration for the fall. All of our religious education families continue to be in our prayers!

### A Way To Be Together During This Time Apart

If your children are anything like mine, then they miss being with their friends at school, religious education, sports, other activities and at mass. Seeing their friends on Zoom meetings has helped a bit. One thing that I had not realized would make such a difference for my children's sense of comfort and normalcy was being able to watch mass at our own St George Parish. Recently when given the choice between watching mass online at St George or watching an online mass that was significantly shorter, they emphatically chose the St. George mass. They wanted to see "their" priests, deacons and seminarians, and to hear Mr. White's music. So much of life feels out of sorts right now, but every Sunday since Palm Sunday, we have looked forward to being able to take part in mass at our beloved St George, even if it is only remotely. I hope that watching St George masses online can bring your family comfort until we can all be together again!

Sarah Kelly :-)

### First Communion Updates

Families have received an email explaining the postponement of this year's First Holy Communion.



Retreat/Rehearsal Dates:

Tuesday, August 25, 2020 4:15-6:15 pm

Wednesday, August 26, 2020 4:15-5:15 pm

1st Communion

Saturday, August 29, 2020 10:00 am

COVID-19 Updates:

Please be sure to check emails for any updates as well as online resources during this time of social distancing.

### Staying Connected

As a member of the Faith Sharing Groups and Spiritual Growth Ministry, I wanted to connect with people in these groups while we are still apart. I realized that not everyone has access to a computer to do an online group. I began calling people in these groups plus others in the parish on a regular basis. Everyone appreciates getting a call, and I enjoy reaching out to others. It is a simple way to stay in touch. So, pick up your phone today and give someone a call!

Joyce Purcell

### Adoration Chapel Notice

Due to the concerns regarding the Corona Virus, the Adoration Chapel will **be closed** until further notice. In the meantime, you are most welcome to visit our Lord in the church which is accessible by using the lower side door that faces toward the rectory. We thank you for your understanding.

### Total Weekly Collection May 4 - May 11, 2020



On line giving:	\$3,895.00
Ordinary Collection	<u>\$6,344.00</u>
Total	\$10,239.00

Your generosity helps us to continue to be a vibrant parish community worshipping our Risen Lord and reaching out to our neighbors in need.

Thank you for your support,  
especially during these challenging times!



*Fill us with your gifts  
and make us always  
eager to serve you in  
faith, hope and love.*

• Roman Rite •



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### ***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.

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus prays, "I have given You glory on earth by finishing the work You gave Me to do." Good stewards follow His example by using their time and talents for the glory of God.

### **Call for Gardeners**

Interested in helping maintain the church property? The weeds will grow independent of COVID and any time you care to spend weeding, raking or planting around the rectory, church and Mary Garden is greatly appreciated.



Consider spending 15, 30 or 60 minutes a week in the Parish gardens. A little help goes a long way.

There is plenty of space to social distance. Please wear a face mask and bring along any tools you might need.

If interested, please contact Andy Labrecque at 508-873-2728 (call or text) or e-mail [alabrecque2016@outlook.com](mailto:alabrecque2016@outlook.com)

### **St. George Parishioners Honored at St. Peter Marian High School**

Quinn Fuller is the Valedictorian and Clare Krug is the Salutatorian of the SPM Class of 2020!

Your Parish Family wishes you both all the best!

### **Buy a "Hope for Housing" Grocery Card**

to help prevent family homeless



Contact Sue & Dave Genereux at 508-829-5776 or email [WaysideATQ@aol.com](mailto:WaysideATQ@aol.com) for information about special arrangements.

**Love and kindness  
are never wasted.  
They always make  
a difference.**

### **Food Donations Appreciated and are Still Needed**

Thank you to everyone who continues to donate food!

Non perishable food items, toilet paper, as well as cleaning and hygiene products continue to be a constant need.



### **Join St. George's "Food Donation Team"**

For information on bargains and/or to join the team, just email Dave at [DavewithFDT@gmail.com](mailto:DavewithFDT@gmail.com)

Special needs for May are:

**Tuna Fish, Canned vegetables,  
and Tomato Pasta Sauce**

Please leave donations in the "Outreach Collection Area" of the church basement. Thank You!

### **St. George Parish Scholarship Applications 2020**

This year's Scholarship Applications are available on our Parish Website. The due date is June 1, 2020.

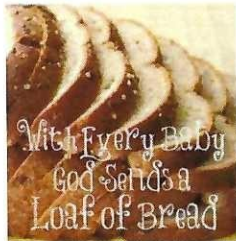


Congratulations to all of our Graduating Seniors!

The date of the Baccalaureate Mass will be announced some time in the future.



## *A Community of Ministries*



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

Ann Doyle 508-853-0183  
annie@saintgeorgesparish.org

May 14, 2020.

Dear St. George Parishioners,

An old proverb says, "With every baby God sends a loaf of bread." ... the "bread" of joy and reassurance that God will provide all that is needed. We thank you all for being the God-sent "loaf of bread" which has added so much joy to the birth of our first grandchild!

For years you shared pictures and stories of your own grandchildren. You brought them to church, instilling in me the hope that one day I might become a grandparent.

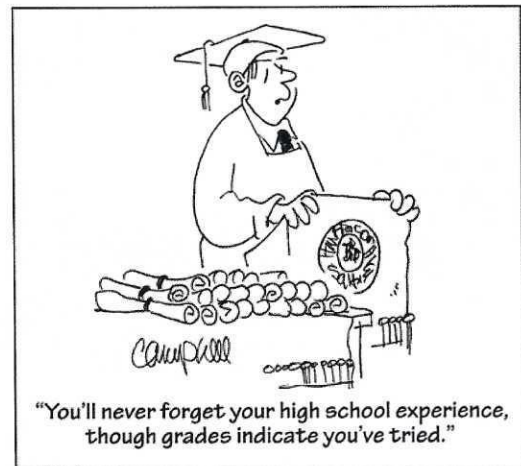
Early on, when my daughter Hilary became pregnant, you joined my husband John and I as we prayed for a healthy mom and baby. When the Corona virus happened and their life in Brooklyn N.Y. was disrupted, my very pregnant daughter came to live with us here in Worcester.

- You quickly helped us find a local Obstetrician and Pediatrician
- As we quarantined, we doubled and tripled our prayers together
- You dropped off gifts; food, home made candy, books, baby clothes and a beautiful Prayer Shawl were left on our doorstep
- You even gave our daughter a surprise Baby Shower - so many amazing gifts and well wishes!
- When Theo was born last week you breathed a sigh of relief with us and we rejoiced together via text, emails and phone calls

So I wholeheartedly thank you for your kindness and prayers. You are a part of the "Loaf of Bread" that God sent to our family along with our healthy grandson Theo Doyle-Hitt. You have multiplied our joy many times over!

Peace and Joy to you all,  
John and Annie Doyle

### **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.

### **Interfaith Hospitality Network Shelter**



A collection box for IHN has been set up in our St. George Outreach Collection Area.

Here are some of the items that are needed:

- Paper towels, toilet paper, tissues
- Hand soap, bath soap, laundry detergent, and dish washing liquid
- Disinfectant spray and bleach

### **St. George Parish Service Week June 21 -27, 2020.**

During these uncertain times, this year our on-site volunteer presence will be covered by a donation to cover the 84 hours that our parish volunteers and Confirmation Candidates usually supply. Grocery Cards that have been donated to cover the meals. As our service week approaches we will publish special needs here in our bulletin.



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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.*



*Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary*

"In this difficult time, we turn to the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of the Church and Queen of Peace, to ask that she intercede with her Son for all those who are affected, in any way, by this pandemic. As we renew the consecration of our country and of ourselves to the Mother of God, we implore her maternal care for her

children."

Praying this Consecration often will give you a greater sense of peace and trust, knowing that you are never alone and always held close to the heart of our Heavenly Mother.

Extra copies of the weekly Parish bulletin can be found on the table just inside the Church.



**Praying as a Parish Family**

Bishop McManus asked that each Parish in the Diocese commit **ONE DAY EACH WEEK** to pray for the wellbeing and protection of all affected, in any way, by Covid-19. Our Parish Day of Prayer is **EVERY FRIDAY.**

Thank You to the many parishioners who have already committed to an hour of prayer. If you would like to sign up for a specific hour, please call JoAnn Nally @ 508-527-6973 or email me @ jnallyspirit77@aol.com.

Although we cannot gather together at this time, we still have the opportunity to unite in spirit as a Faith Community giving thanks to our Loving God. Like you, I look forward to the day when we will come together to worship and celebrate God's great goodness to each one of us and our Parish Family. If I can be of assistance to you, please contact me and know that I hold you in prayer each day.

**Spiritual Growth Ministry**

Ministry Contact: JoAnn Nally  
508-527-6973

**Thoughts to Ponder**

"Lord, help me to live this day quietly, easily.  
To lean upon Thy great strength, trustfully, restfully.  
To wait for the unfolding of Thy will, patiently, serenely.  
To meet others, peacefully, joyfully.  
To face tomorrow, confidently, courageously."  
*St. Francis of Assisi*

**Novena to the Holy Spirit**

In last week's Parish bulletin, there was an insert of the 9 day Novena to the Holy Spirit. If, for some reason, you did not get a copy, extra copies of the novena are on the table just inside the Church.

While the novena began on May 22, it is not too late to start now. In fact, the novena can be prayed at any time or multiple times throughout the year. Praying the Novena to the Holy Spirit will give you great consolation. Calling on the Holy Spirit to shower His gifts and graces on you, will deepen your spiritual life and draw you closer to God.

**CELEBRATING the FEAST of PENTECOST, SUNDAY, MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>**

This picture illustrates part of Jesus' Passion and the handing over of His Spirit as recorded in St. John's Gospel (19:30). In the Acts of the Apostles, when the Holy Spirit

descended on the disciples with tongues of fire, they began to speak in tongues as well. During this reflection, the presenters will "speak in tongues" - English, Vietnamese, Spanish, Portuguese and French.

This powerful depiction will serve as inspiration for our celebration on the Feast of Pentecost. This thoughtful Pentecost reflection will be live streamed immediately following the live streamed 9:45 AM Mass on Sunday, May 31th.





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