

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

**June 14, 2020 Corpus Christi Sunday**

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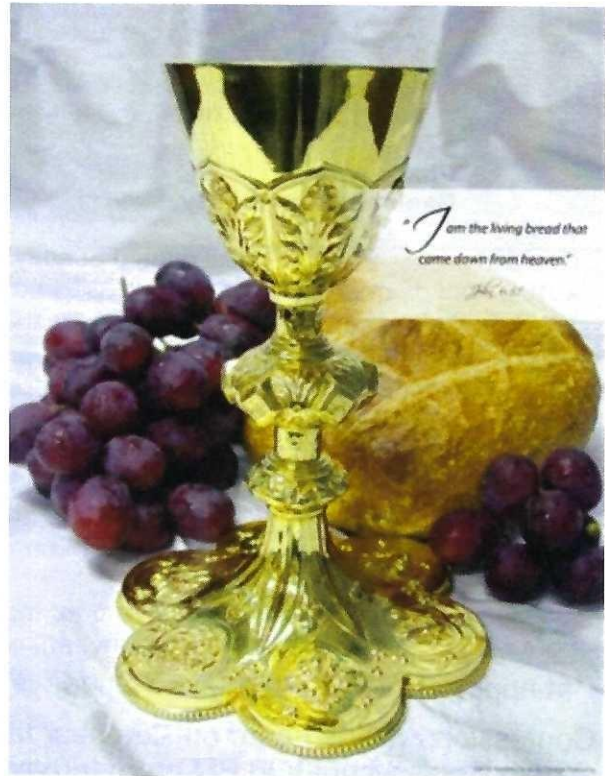
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## **St. George Catholic Church**

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:**

Online Mass offered each Sunday at 9:45 AM. Also, 10:00 AM Mass in the church by reservation. Sign up on our parish website.

Live week-day Masses will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:00 AM in the church basement hall. Please visit our parish website for full details.

### **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, June 14, 2020***



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### Mass Intentions

Currently we are celebrating Masses in church on a limited schedule.

#### Phase A - Beginning on Sunday, May 31

- One parishioner-attended Mass offered Sundays at 10:00 AM . Sign-up on our parish website.
- Weekday Mass at 8:00 AM, Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the church basement hall
- One online Mass offered for each weekend to be made available at 9:45 am on Sunday mornings

#### Sunday, June 14, 10:00 AM

Memorial Mass for Kenneth LeBlanc  
Requested by his 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

#### Bulletin Item Due Dates:

Bulletin for June 21, 2020 Due by Thursday, June 11  
Bulletin for June 28, 2020 Due by Thursday, June 18  
Bulletin for July 5, 2020 Due by Thursday, July 2

Please submit items by 10:00 a.m. on the due date.  
e-mail our Parish Secretary at:  
office@saintgeorgesparish.org. Thank You



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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 fully 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 is welcoming its vibrant community 'home' in gradual phases, following State and Diocesan Guidelines.

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. Some parishioners may choose to send their donations through the regular mail.

**At this time there will be no general collection taken during the Presentation of the Gifts at Mass. However, there will be baskets located at the railing for parishioners to leave gifts either before or after Mass.**

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.

### Total Weekly Collection June.....2020

On line giving:	\$ 2,870.00
Ordinary Collection	\$6,152.00
Total	\$9,022.00

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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.

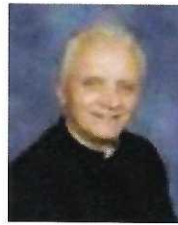
I know we are not reaching all of our parishioners with what we are doing, **so please contact the Parish Office if you would like to offer assistance in your own neighborhood.** It is a great way to be of service during this trying time and to meet your neighbors and fellow parishioners.

Jim Moughan

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### 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.



*From Your Pastor*

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Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. This is a time to celebrate, in a particularly focused way, what we celebrate and believe every time we gather for Mass. This is the Real Presence that we profess of the body and blood, souls and divinity of Jesus Christ in the elements of and under the appearance of bread and wine in the Eucharist.

Let us pray for an awareness of that presence so that we can be the body and blood of Christ to others.

*Fr. Niccolls*

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### 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

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### Scripture for the week of June 14, 2020

14 SUN Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58  
15 Mon 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Mt 5:38-42  
16 Tue 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Mt 5:43-48  
17 Wed 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
18 Thu Sir 48:1-14/Mt 6:7-15  
19 Fri Dt 7:6-11/1Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30  
20 Sat 2 Chr 24:17-25/Lk 2:41-51  
21 SUN Jer 20:10-13/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33



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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.

### Confirmation 2020

Congratulations to the young adults of our parish who will be confirmed this year. Our prayer is that you are filled with the Gifts of the Spirit and that you continue to grow as active members of the Catholic faith community.

Colin Anthony Bourget  
Devyn Audrey Brenner  
Hayden Patrick Brenner  
Kyle James Burque  
Emma Mary Campanale  
Ryan Andrew Carroll  
Owen Matthew Chase  
Thomas Thomas Cleary  
Ethan William Clemons  
Colleen Catherine Duddy  
Colin Patrick Fitzgerald  
Kiely Marie Floyd  
Owen Luke Foley  
Cody David Gosselin  
Brendan Patrick Grady  
Andrew Thomas Graves  
Lauren Maura Harper  
Kyle Peter Jerszyk  
Paige Elizabeth Ann Keneally  
Mary Catherine Krug  
Kate Anne Laffin  
Kyle Joseph Leighton  
Leah Maria McNally  
Ella Rose Milewski  
Ruby Elvira Moran  
Damon Christopher Morris  
Alyssa Anne Moughan  
Caitlin Marie Moughan  
Dominic Cecilia Murphy  
Jake Bartholomew O'Donnell  
Alexandra Philomena Pandolfi  
Morgan Elizabeth Pandolfi  
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Giuliano Gabriel Piscitani  
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Brooke Julia Sheperd  
Connor Paul Smith  
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Hao Luke Truong  
Connor Christopher Victor  
Jeffrey Michael Wheeler  
Laura Teresa Woodin





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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.

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus sends out the disciples to meet the needs of others. His admonition to them is the same challenge He makes to us: "The gift you have received, give as a gift."

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### **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.

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

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### **St. George Bible Camp July 6-10, 2020.**

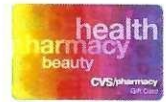
We are currently planning activities for each day of the camp, July 6-10, which will be available on the website for anyone who wants to participate. It is not a 'zoom' situation. We'll have a list of activities and some pre-recorded videos.

Contact Aaron and Karen Fuller for more information at [Kfuller217@gmail.com](mailto:Kfuller217@gmail.com)

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

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



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### **Wondering about the Catholic Faith?**

These unprecedented times have given all of us new opportunities for reflection about many things.

Like many of us, our life of faith may be something you are wondering about. We can all learn more about God's call to us. Are you interested in exploring your spiritual life more deeply?

Have you ever considered the idea of studying or reflecting on scripture or reading more about what Catholics believe?

If you were never baptized or baptized in another Christian religion would you be interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?

If you are Catholic but never received the Sacraments of Holy Communion, Confirmation and/or Marriage would you like to learn more about these Sacraments?

Our priests are happy to speak with anyone who is interested in exploring these thoughts or feel free to contact

Annie Doyle [annie@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:annie@saintgeorgesparish.org) with any questions.

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### **St. George Parish Baccalaureate Prayer Service**

**June 28, 2020 at 1:00PM**



Congratulations to all of our Graduating Seniors!





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

Thank you to everyone who continues to donated food ! You are making a difference in many families!

For Information on Bargains  
Join St. George's "Food Donation Team"  
just email Dave at [DavewithFDT@gmail.com](mailto:DavewithFDT@gmail.com)

Special needs for June are:  
**Cereal, Soup, and Pasta**

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



## 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 this difficult time we knit and pray as we work from home.



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

When this time of social distancing is over we will gather and share the work that is being done now. It will be great to be able to be together again! There will be many folks in need of the gifts we are preparing for them. As we work, our prayers will comfort those who are suffering. Feel free to contact Kathy Hessel with any questions at [mkhessel@aol.com](mailto:mkhessel@aol.com)

## Interfaith Hospitality Network Shelter



A collection box for IHN has been set up in our St. George Outreach Collection Area. Thank you to everyone who has donated thus far!

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.





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



Dear God,  
Speak gently in my silence. When the loud outer noises of my surroundings and the loud inner voices of my fear that keep pulling me away from You. Help me to trust that you are still there even when I am unable to hear you. Give me ears to listen to your small, soft voice saying: "Come to me, you who are overburdened, and I will give you rest...for I am gentle and humble of heart". Let that loving voice be my guide. Amen. (Henri Nouwen)

#### **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



#### **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.



#### **Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou,

O Prince of the heavenly hosts,

by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan,

and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



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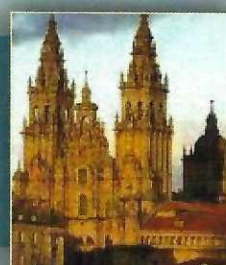
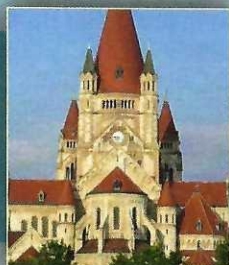


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