

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

June 28, 2020

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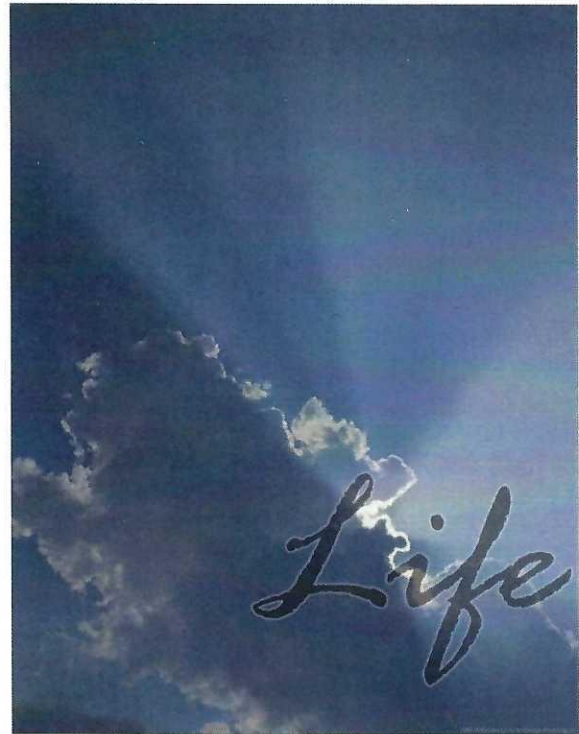
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St. George Catholic Church

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

Eucharist Celebrated:

Online Mass offered each Sunday at 10:00 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 28, 2020

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Mass Intentions

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

Phase A - Began on Sunday, May 31

10:00 a.m. June 28

- 35th Birthday Remembrance for Angelo Gentile
Requested by Family
- In Memory of Luigi Papa
Requested by David and Connie Carlson
- One parishioner-attended Mass offered Sundays at 10:00 AM. Sign-up on our parish website or **call our Parish Outreach Coordinator** Annie Doyle at 508-450-4134 if you are in need of assistance with registering for seating at Mass.
- Weekday Mass at 8:00 AM, Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the **church**
- One online Mass offered for each weekend to be made available at 10:00 am on Sunday mornings

Note: Mass will be live-streamed at approximately 10:00 A.M. on Sundays
Confessions will be heard in the **church** 3:00-3:30 PM on Saturdays

Bulletin Item Due Dates:

Bulletin for July 5, 2020 Due by Thursday, June 25
Bulletin for July 12, 2020 Due by Thursday, July 2
Bulletin for July 19, 2020 Due by Thursday, July 9

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 it's 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 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

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 16 - 21, 2020

On line giving:	\$ 1,680.00
Ordinary Collection	<u>\$7,333.70</u>
Total	\$9,013.70



We are so grateful for your generous support!

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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 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:

On another note, it is with sadness that I announce to you the retirement of our senior priest, Fr. Joseph Nally. Father has felt that he needs to do this in order to regain his good health and get some much-needed rest. We wish him well and pray that God will bless him with many happy years of retirement. As you know, a priest never retires from his ministry of celebrating Mass and administering the Sacraments, so Fr. Nally may still be around even after his retirement from ministry here.

However, it is with great joy that I announce to you that, effective July 1st, Fr. Thiago da Silva, presently the associate pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Milford will become our new associate pastor here at St. George's. A native of Brazil, Father Thiago was ordained last year here in Worcester at St. Paul's Cathedral. We look forward to having him here at St. George's, and I am sure that over time you will get to meet him and welcome him to our parish in the same spirit of hospitality that you have always extended to priests who have served this parish.



From Your Pastor

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus' very candid teaching on the importance and demands of discipleship. As he sends his disciples out to preach, he tells them to expect hardship and a variety of responses to their preaching. Yet, he assures them not to be afraid for they will always have his care and love. This same assurance is given to us as we are challenged to accept this call today. We must not give in to what the secular world thinks we should say and do but to recall Jesus' message of the Gospel that reaches far beyond the moments and crises of the day. We must take a broader look at the message of the Gospel which is to proclaim a message of life, both here and in the life to come, which speaks of love and respect for all, no matter who they are or at what stage of life they may be.

Beginning next weekend, July 4th/5th, we will offer two live Masses – one on Saturday at 4:00 P.M. and the other on Sunday at 10:00 A.M.

Also, we will continue to offer the weekend Mass by way of live-stream (or recording) on Sundays at 10:00 A.M. as a service to you.

Please check our parish website for more information and frequent updates.

Fr. Niccolls



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June 28, 2020:



Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

Sarah Kelly, Administrator - 508-852-1784

email: 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 Burke
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
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Damon Christopher Morris
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Jake Bartholomew O'Donnell
Alexandra Philomena Pandolfi
Morgan Elizabeth Pandolfi
Sophia Peregrine Pandolfi
Victoria Gemma Peters
Giuliano Gabriel Piscitani
Meghan Isabella Russo
Brooke Julia Sheperd
Connor Paul Smith
Lauren Catherine Stein
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.

This Weekend's Stewardship Thought:

"Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed" Jesus tells us in the Gospel today, "and nothing hidden that will not become known." May our stewardship of God's gifts be such that we would not be ashamed if we were seen in the clear light of day.

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



Many Thanks to Michael Ohl for planting Tomatoes and Basil in the Mustard Seed Garden Box!

We look forward to watching it grow!

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 for information about special arrangements.



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

Message from Pastoral Council:

"The Pastoral Council met on the evening of June 9th to discuss current events and the progress of reopening. At this time, the Council finds that the reopening transition has been running smoothly and are excited to see parishioners that are ready to attend Mass again. Currently, some major events that were scheduled for the fall are either cancelled or on hold at the moment. Stay tuned to the bulletin for any potential upcoming events. The Council is on summer break and is planning to meet in September."

Elyse Gemme, Pastoral Council Secretary

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



St. George Parish Baccalaureate Prayer Service

June 28, 2020 at 1:00PM

Congratulations to all of our Graduating Seniors!

June 28, 2020:

A Community of Ministries



St. George Parish Outreach

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

With Gratitude

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The Pandemic has Increased Families Need for Food - Please Help

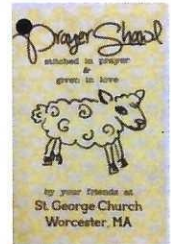
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tions to the Mustard Seed Food Panty and to our local
"Loaves and Fishes" Food Pantry.

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St. George's "Food Donation Team"
just email Dave at DavewithFDT@gmail.com

Special needs for July are:
Tuna, Soup, Canned Vegetables

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 minis-
try 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 prepar-
ing 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

Sharing



Sitting under the trees,
near Mary's Garden,
peaceful warm breeze
bright sunshine
happy and joyful
companions
sharing our faith.

We all have our masks on
6 feet apart
enjoying sharing
The "Book of JOY"
by the Dali Lama and

Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

By Shelia Dickman
Faith Sharing Group Member
Parish Pastoral Council Member



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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.*

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)



Spiritual Growth Ministry

Ministry Contact: JoAnn Nally
508-527-6973



May the Church be a place of God's mercy and hope, where all feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live according to the good life of the Gospel. May the Church make others feel welcomed, loved, forgiven, and encouraged.

The Church must be with doors wide open so that all may enter. We must go through these doors and proclaim the Gospel.

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.



Be grateful for every second of every day that you get to spend with people you love.
Life is so very precious.

FAITH SHARING GROUPS



At this time, 2 Faith Sharing Groups meet weekly. Jere and Rachael Brady have an outside afternoon group- Participants are very conscious of social distancing and wearing masks.

JoAnn facilitates a virtual group through Zoom. At this time, we are discussing the possibility of an outside morning Faith Sharing Group. Stay tuned for updates.

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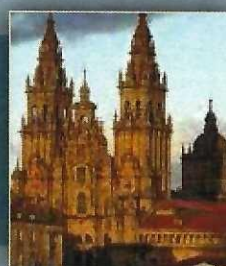


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