

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden
July 11, 2021 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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It is our privilege to serve you.

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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 11, 2021

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From Your Pastor

Today, we hear of Jesus sending his Apostles out on their first missionary journey. He is specific as to what they are to take on this trip. They will have to trust in the Lord and depend upon the hospitality of those with whom they share the Gospel. Like the Apostles, we, too, are called to be disciples of Jesus and to make disciples for Jesus by virtue of our baptism. When we accept that call, we then have our challenging work set out before us. One in three people in our country do not profess Christianity, nor do one in three people in the world. The task before us is to spread the faith by word and example as the Apostles did, trusting in the Lord and in the kindness of strangers. To be an intentional disciple requires devotion, perseverance and persistence. The prophet Amos exemplified all these traits when he opposed Amaziah, the high priest of Bethel and an advisor to the king at that time, Jeroboam II. Amaziah despised Amos and wanted him expelled, never to prophesy again. Although he was banished and censored, Amos did not stop prophesying. He called God's people to repentance. God, who is always faithful, did not give up either, telling Amos, "Go, prophesy to my people. At the end of Mass, we are given the same instruction, "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord." Not everyone will listen, but for those who do listen, the word of God changes everything.

This weekend is the last time that the parish bulletins will be delivered to homes in our parish since the time that the Covid-19 pandemic began. Now that restrictions have been lifted by both the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Diocese of Worcester, bulletin deliveries have significantly decreased, and those who are either homebound or not well enough to come to church will now join the households who have the bulletins mailed to them.

Fr. Nicolls



We are honored and delighted
to welcome new parishioners
to our parish family!

Contact Annie Doyle at 508-450-4134 for an introduction, depending on your interests, to our parish spaces and ministries.

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 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

Monday, July 12, 2021

8:00 AM 19th Anniversary: Suzanne Nicolls
Requested by her brother

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

8:00 AM In Memory of Edward and Barbara Granger

Friday, July 16, 2021

8:00 AM In Memory of John and Regina McDonald

Saturday, July 17, 2021

4:00 PM Anniversary Mass for Earle Garrepy Sr.,
Esther Garrepy, Mary Tillson, Sister Mary Sylvia and
Earle Garrepy Jr.
Requested by family

Sunday, July 18, 2021

8:00 AM For the Community of Saint George
10:00 AM Memorial Mass for Lucille Dufault
Requested by Andy and Cheryl Labrecque



The parish family at St. George welcomes
these recently baptized babies:

Abigail Ruth Kinday
Addison Grace Sarkisian
William Jake Borowiec

May God Bless you and your families
on your faith journey together.

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Weekly Collection
June 28, 2021 – July 4, 2021

Ordinary Collection \$ 4,550.56
Total \$ 4,550.56

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



**This Weekend's
Stewardship Thought**

Today's readings are about being chosen and sent. The prophet Amos was chosen by the Lord and sent to use his talents for the people of God. The Gospel recounts the story of the sending of the twelve. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that we, too, are chosen. For what have I been chosen? To whom have I been sent?



**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 25, 2021	July 15, 2021
August 1, 2021	July 22, 2021
August 8, 2021	July 29, 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.



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:

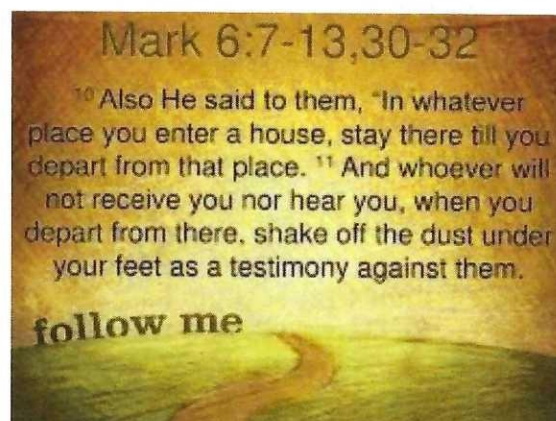
Monday, July 12th at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room. Please join us.

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.



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



**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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**15th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

At the community college, a local band put on a mini-concert to publicize their upcoming appearance. They performed over the lunch hours in the cafeteria. Many students got up and danced, or clapped, nodding their heads in rhythm with the band. In an article in the newspaper, one student was quoted as saying, "With music, you just have to dance. It is not a spectator event."

Jesus sends the Apostles out, two by two, to try their hand at proclaiming the Gospel. It was not a time to watch and see, but rather a time to say and do. They expelled demons, anointed the sick and cured many. The Kingdom of God comes in power, moving aside anything that stands in its way. It is music to the soul that causes its listeners to proclaim, to love, and to serve. Faith is not a spectator sport!

God calls each one of us. From the moment of your Baptism, you are given spiritual gifts to be used for the sake of the whole community. You are to serve as best you can, advancing the cause of the Gospel and announcing in all you say and do that the Kingdom is at hand. By word and deed, we live the Gospel, witnessing to the saving power of grace, and the joy of faith that gives life purpose, meaning and power. Are you still on the sidelines watching? It's time to be part of the mission, time to find and use your gifts. Pray, work, serve, and lead. It's time to be His disciple.

*~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.

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 II of his letter. (taken from "Love, Henri: Letters on the Spiritual Life"):

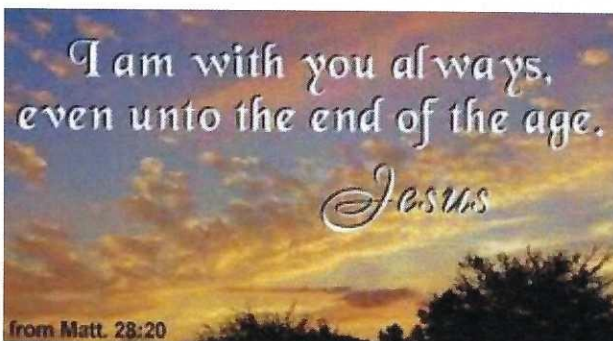
Dear Senator Hatfield,

...As you know so well, the great temptation of every human being and – I dare to say - especially of a politician is to let his identity be determined by the people who surround him, support him, vote for him, etc. The truth is that we are not who people say we are – good or bad – but we are people infinitely loved by God even though we are sinners. To this truth you have to return over and again. In these months your greatest temptation is to be only concerned to prove your "enemies" that they are wrong in what they say of you. The more you fight your enemies, the greater the danger is to get caught in their nets...I urge you to cling to the Lord in a very special way.

Your true name is the name God has given to you, and no human being can take that name away from you...You might or might not be able to convince others of your integrity, and it might be that you will have to suffer a very painful alone-ness in which you have no other company than the Lord himself. Do not be afraid for that.

Look at Him when He remains silent before Pilate. Look at Him too when he remains obedient to his Father in the knowledge that the Father will never leave him alone ...

United in Our Lord,
Henri J. M. Nouwen



A Community of Ministries



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St. George Service Week

Interfaith Hospitality Network Shelter Thanks to so many!

Linda Ohi 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

What could bring more delight to our hearts than sharing joy with our families and friends? What relieves us more of our burdens than when someone helps us carry them for a while? We are in this life together. Sometimes we are together to help each other over the rough spots and up to the high places. God has brought us together to help each other and to be blessed in giving and receiving love.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Jeff and Bill Keane



"The sermon was good, but I think
you could've used a couple jokes
to jazz it up a bit."

from JoyfulNoiseletter.com
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GRANDPARENTS!!

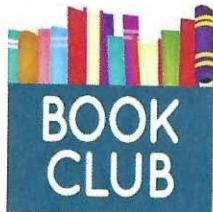
All interested grandparents are asked to pray for the safety and well-being of their grandchildren. Prayers used at our previous parish group are available by sending a long self addressed stamped envelope to Ruth Viens, 20 Mary Scano Drive, Apt. 223, Worcester MA 01605. As meetings and activities begin 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, 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?

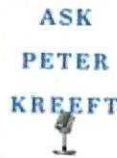
Upcoming dates are:

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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