

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden
July 18, 2021 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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It is our privilege to serve you.

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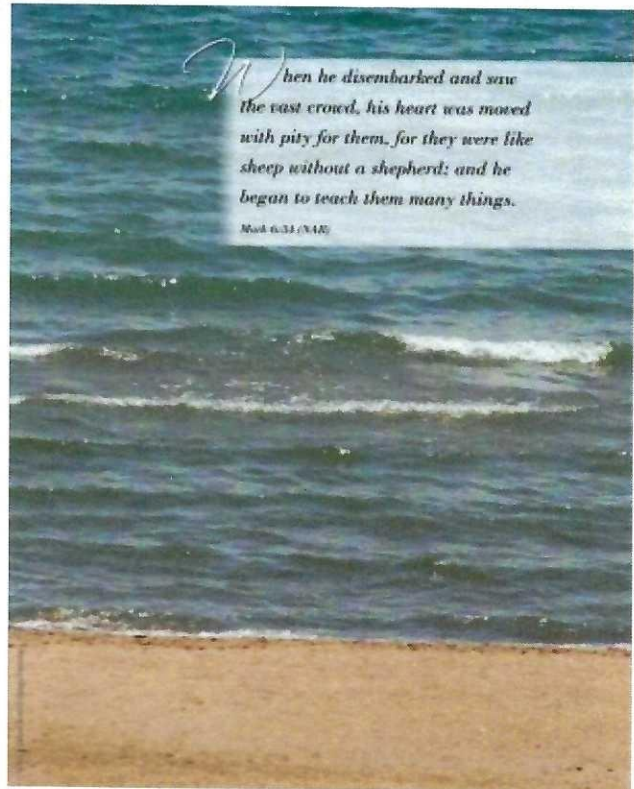
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mkhessel@aol.com

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 18, 2021

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From Your Pastor

This weekend is the last weekend that one of our seminarians for this summer, Deacon Julio Granados, will be with us.

He will be going home to his native Colombia for five weeks before returning to St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore to begin his fourth and final year of theological studies before he is ordained to the priesthood next spring.. We wish Deacon Julio well as he begins this new school year and pray that it will be an enriching one for him spiritually as well as academically.

Back on June 29th, we celebrated the solemnity of two of the Church's most prominent figures, Saints Peter & Paul. In a homily that he gave on that date in 2020, Pope Francis had the following to say: "It is pointless, even tedious, for Christians to waste their time complaining about the world, about society, about everything that is not right. Complaints change nothing. Let us remember that complaining is the second door that closes us off from the Holy Spirit.... The first is narcissism, the second discouragement, the third pessimism. Narcissism makes you look at yourself constantly in a mirror; discouragement leads to complaining and pessimism to thinking everything is dark and bleak. These three attitudes close the door to the Holy Spirit. Those Christians (of Sts. Peter's & Paul's time) did not cast blame; rather, they prayed. In that community, no one said: 'If Peter had been more careful, we would not be in this situation.' No one. Humanly speaking, there were reasons to criticize Peter, but no one criticized him. They did not talk about Peter behind his back; they talked to God. We today can ask: 'Are we protecting our unity, our unity in the Church, with prayer? Are we praying for one another?' What would happen if we prayed more and complained less, if we had a more tranquil tongue?"

Fr. Niccolls



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 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

Monday, July 19, 2021

8:00 AM Memory of Florence & Nell Totilas

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

8:00 AM Memory of Robert & Jeanette Boylan

Friday, July 23, 2021

8:00 AM Memory of Dick & Lorraine Duggan

Saturday, July 24, 2021

4:00 PM Special Intention

Sunday, July 25, 2021

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



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 11, 2021

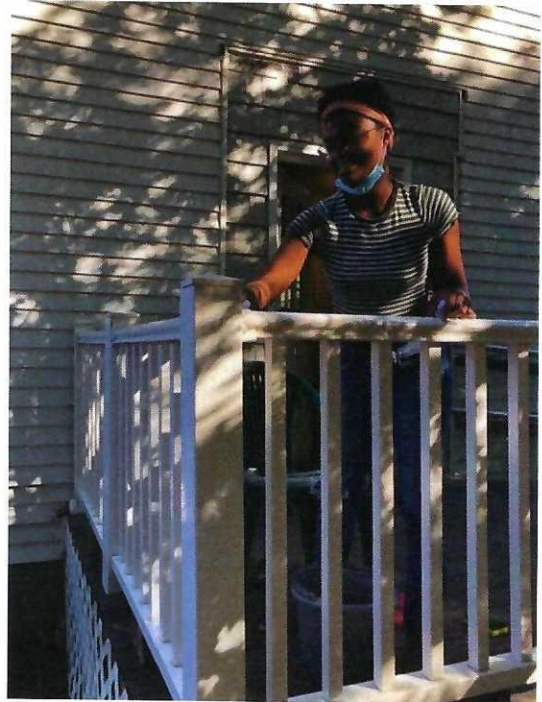
Ordinary Collection	\$ 4,629.00 (7/5 - 7/11)
On Line Giving	\$ 4,734.00 (6/28 - 7/11)
Total	\$ 9,363.00

Monthly totals:

Fuel	\$ 280.00
A/C	862.00
Repairs	485.00
Total:	\$1,627.00



Thank You to the young adults from St. George
who served with kindness and enthusiasm at the
Interfaith Hospitality Network Shelter !



**This Weekend's
Stewardship Thought**

In today's Gospel, Jesus had planned to slip away from the crowds for a few moments of peace and a little rest. When He saw the people gathered, however, He put His needs aside to meet the needs of others. Sometimes, as good stewards, we are called to do the same.



Love. Grow. Serve.

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>
August 1, 2021	July 22, 2021
August 8, 2021	July 29, 2021
August 15, 2021	August 5, 2021

Please submit items by
10:00 AM on the due date.
E-mail our Parish Secretary, Kate Lockney at
office@saintgeorgesparish.org



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



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and donations are available through
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Kathy Hessel is always happy to assist you at
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**Family Prayer Night at
St. George Church**

Every Thursday at 6:00 PM

There is a gathering of people
who pray for all families.

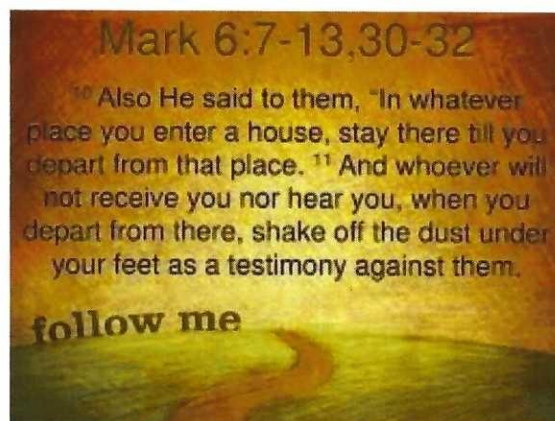
Everyone is invited to join us!

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.



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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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WORD & DEED **16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The story is told of an old man who walks along the beach after the tide has gone out. He picks up stranded starfish and tosses them back into the sea. A young man watches him for a while, and then says, "You cannot hope to save all these starfish. What you are doing means nothing to them." The old man pauses for a moment and then says, "It means something to this one" and continues on his way.

Jesus does not heal the world in one gigantic display of power. He does not preach the Gospel to everyone at one time. He meets people where they are, addressing them in their situation and in their need. He looks into their eyes and offers Himself as well as His message. It is a life-changing encounter for many, and an unsolved mystery for others. To those whose lives and hearts He touched, it made a big difference.

The value of what we do is not determined by the number of people we reach, or the scope of the work we do. Each encounter, each act of kindness, each moment of love means a great deal to the one who receives it. It also has the infinite possibility to change the world, to bring life, and to lead someone to Heaven. The mission of Christ is entrusted to us all and is measured by love, one person at a time.

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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.

FROM DEACON PAUL AUDETTE:

Henri Nouwen Speaks to us
through his Letters



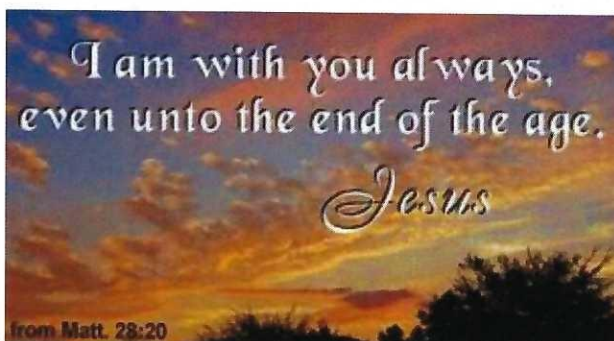
In the summer of 1984, Mark Hatfield, a Republican senator from Oregon who had a reputation for independence and integrity, came under suspicion in an ethics investigation. Henri writes to Hatfield about how to handle the injustice and pain of being unfairly accused. This is Part III of his letter. (taken from "Love, Henri: Letters on the Spiritual Life"):

Dear Senator Hatfield,

...I realize that this is one of the hardest periods of your life, since one tries to do harm to you in the center of your being. But it also is the true hour of faith and fidelity. It is time of dying with Christ. It is dark and lonely, but when you know that your heart is united with the heart of Christ the powers of darkness will not destroy you. If within a few months you will be re-elected and all investigations will have restored your full honor, you can be very grateful but do not have to be exuberant saying: "I always told you so." But if you will not be re-elected and not receive the satisfactory response you expect, you may feel sad but do not have to become depressed, resentful or bitter. In both situations you can become more compassionate, that is, a man who suffers with Christ and thus gains the life that even death cannot destroy ...

United in Our Lord,

Henri J. M. Nouwen



A Community of Ministries



St. George Parish Outreach

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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

One particular family event is guaranteed to give you the greatest opportunity to create memories and see God's provision all at the same time - the family car trip. This is not for the faint of heart but look what awaits you: you will learn patience as you answer the repeated plea for the "ETA" - estimated time of arrival, which is the contemporary version of "Are we there yet?". You will learn dependence upon God's provision as you find your way after being lost. You will learn to trust God for protection as you are changing the flat tire on the shoulder of the interstate. And perhaps most important of all, you will be learning these lessons together as a family. These are excellent opportunities to teach your children about God being in the middle of your circumstances. (from "God is in the Small Stuff for your Family" by Bruce & Stan)



"Actually, sir, the rules were chiseled in stone."

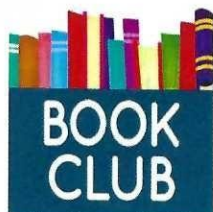
GRANDPARENTS!!

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.*

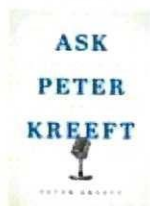


St. George Book Club Meets
the Second Tuesday of every other
month in the Church Hall

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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