

**Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden**  
**August 8, 2021 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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It is our privilege to serve you.

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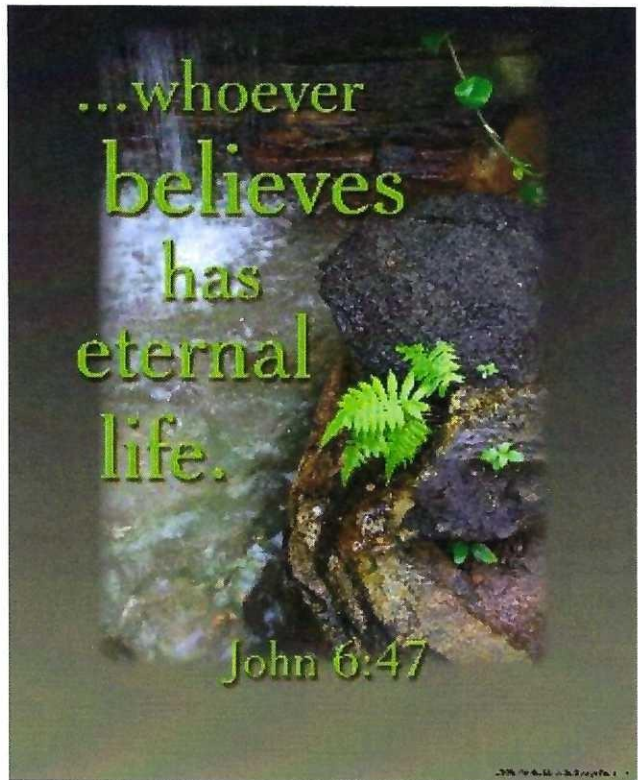
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For information regarding Pastoral Care of the Sick, Marriage Preparation, Confirmation, and Ministry Involvement, we invite you to call the Parish Office.



## ***St. George Catholic Church***

### **Baptism Information:**

Please contact

Susan Pacek at 508-856-9960 or  
email: [st.geobaptism@gmail.com](mailto: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, August 8, 2021***



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*From Your Pastor*

This weekend is the last weekend that our second seminarian, Luke Johnson, will be with us for this summer. Later this month, Luke will be returning to St. John's Seminary in Brighton to begin his second year of theological studies. We wish Luke well as he begins this new school year and pray that it will be an enriching one for him spiritually as well as academically.

This weekend we welcome the return of Coffee Shoppe after the 8:00 & 10:00 Masses on Sunday following a one-and-a-half year hiatus due to the covid pandemic. However, as it begins, Coffee Shoppe will be somewhat modified with coffee, milk and doughnuts being served by a volunteer staff from the kitchen. We will begin slowly with the hope that we will be able to expand the services of Coffee Shoppe over an extended period of time.

**I am the  
Bread of Life**



Today's Gospel from John is part of the Bread of Life discourse. What we hear in this part of the discourse is the truth and foundation of what we believe every time we receive Jesus in the Eucharist at Holy Communion. Our "Amen" should be an acknowledgement that Jesus is "the bread of life that came down from heaven" and that we are changed because of this. We are then united with God in his work and are sent forward to make God's kingdom present on earth through our own efforts.

*Fr. Niccolls*

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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*

Mass offered Saturdays at 4:00 PM  
Sundays at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM  
and Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 AM

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, August 7, 2021**

**4:00 PM** 20th Anniversary Mass for Donald Frye  
Requested by his wife and family

**Sunday, August 8, 2021**

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

**10:00 AM** Memorial Mass for Patricia Pepper  
Requested by her family

**Monday, August 9, 2021**

**8:00 AM** In Memory of Jim & Millie O'Connor

**Wednesday, August 11, 2021**

**8:00 AM** In Memory of Ralph & Eleanor Porzio

**Friday, August 13, 2021**

**8:00 AM** In Memory of JoAnn Puia  
Requested by Joyce Purcell

**Saturday, August 14, 2021**

**4:00 PM**

**Sunday, August 15, 2021**

**8:00 AM**

**10:00 AM** Anniversary Mass for Raymond and Helen Hurley, Requested by their family



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add your email address.



If you, a family member or friend is interested in receiving the Sacrament of Baptism, we invite you to contact us today:

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



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**Weekly Collection:**  
**July 26, 2021 – August 1, 2021**

Ordinary Collection \$ 5,028.00  
On Line Giving \$ 1,662.00  
Total \$ 6,690.00

July totals:

A/C \$ 835.00  
Fuel 280.00  
Repairs 215.00  
\$ 1,330.00



Thank you for your generosity.  
We are so grateful for your support!

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***This Weekend's Stewardship Thought***

The gifts of God that the angel brought to Elijah—food, water, rest, and encouragement—were given, not for his own good alone, but to strengthen him for service. How am I using my gifts to serve others?



**Why a "Community of Ministries"?**

Here at St. George Parish we strive to work together as a "Community of Ministries" who collaborate and cooperate with one another. It is in this spirit of humility and unity, that we hope to continue to grow "as one" in Christ.

Many thanks to all who serve, donate, attend meetings, pray, plan, prepare and so much more!

We invite you to call us to chat about how your gifts might match the needs that surround us.

We are eager to gradually begin the process of preparing for **COFFEE SHOP** after Sunday Masses again. The women, men and teens who work to help make this wonderful **MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY** possible are true builders of our vibrant community!

Please prayerfully consider how you might help make this happen. Could you volunteer to set up, support serving once a month, or clean up after one of the two Masses? Please add the Coffee Shop Ministry to your prayer intentions.

Call Annie Doyle to share your thoughts at:  
508-450-4134

**Bulletin Item Due Dates:**

Weekend of:

August 22, 2021

August 29, 2021

September 5, 2021

Due by:

August 11, 2021

August 18, 2021

August 25, 2021

Please submit items by  
10:00 AM on or before the due date.  
E-mail our Parish Secretary, Kate Lockney at

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**FROM DEACON PAUL AUDETTE:**

**Henri Nouwen Speaks to us  
through his Letters**



Henri writes to his friend Barb, who cares for troubled family members and struggles with guilt, anger and desolation.

(from "Love, Henri: Letters on the Spiritual Life"):

Dear Barb,

...God became a weak, broken, agonizing, lonely, rejected human being so that we could be with God as we are with people who need us...Do not focus so much on the powerful God "up there," but on the God with us. Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus always, and you will find comfort and consolation. God does not leave you alone. He sent Jesus to you to live and feel fully your struggle. You are not alone in your anger, frustration and desolation. Look at the cross and be there as John and Mary...Do not allow guilt feelings to take over. Guilt feelings do not come from the Spirit of Jesus. Just live your life day by day and try to say thanks whenever you can. Do not trust your feelings. Trust your knowledge that God loves you, Edmund, Robert and Andrew and act according to that knowledge...

Peace and love,  
Henri

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***Eucharistic Adoration***

**This Thursday, September 2  
from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM  
and Friday, September 3  
from the end of the 8:00 AM  
Mass until 10:00 AM**



If you are unable to join us in person, we invite you to visit our parish website to view the "Eucharistic Adoration" video on the homepage.



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*Religious Education*

"Growing Together in Faith"

Sarah Kelly, Administrator - 508-852-1784

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[Kevin.brown@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:Kevin.brown@saintgeorgesparish.org)

**Religious Education 2021-2022**

Religious education for students in **Grades 1-5 and 6-9** will begin the week of September 26.

Classes for grades 1-5 will take place on Mondays and Tuesdays 4:30-5:30 p.m. Students in grades 6-9 will be on Sunday evenings 6:00-7:30 p.m.

**Confirmation** classes will begin October 24 and will meet throughout the year on Sundays immediately following the 10:00am Mass until 12:15 p.m.

All registration information will be available on the parish website in the first week of August. Stay tuned for more information here in the bulletin, on the parish

**BECOME A VOLUNTEER - MAKE A DIFFERENCE**



**Volunteers Needed** - As always, we will need multiple volunteers to run a successful program. Please prayerfully consider giving of your time and talent to support the young people of our parish family. Please contact Sarah Kelly with any questions.



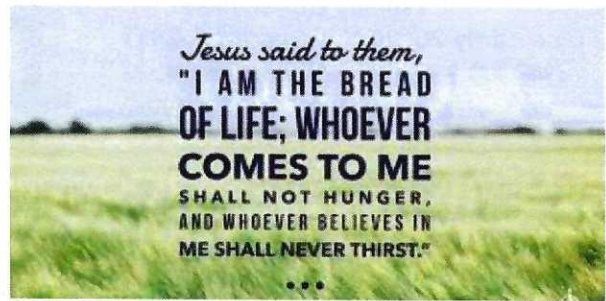
**Family Prayer Night at  
St. George Church**

**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.



**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, August 9th 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](mailto:pieta3@gmail.com).



**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.



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**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

*Letter from Bishop McManus*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

"Restore the Church – Build the Future" is the theme for the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe (CCEE) which will be taken up in our diocese on the weekend of August 8. Your donation supports strengthening Catholic education, charitable programs and development of new lay leaders in 28 countries.

The pastor visited the junior high students in religious education class to discuss their notion of faith. He asked them if they knew what he meant if he said that faith is more than a great idea. After a bit of silence, one student said, "I think that means we have to do stuff." Stuff might not be a theological word, but it is exactly what we need to do. Faith is a way of life, not just a way to think.

St. Paul gives a great description of one way we practice the discipline of faith. He tells the Ephesians to get rid of bitterness, malice and anger and be kind to others, showing compassion and love. Forgiving others as Christ forgives us will help us imitate God and allow us to follow the way of love. It pretty much sums up the "stuff" that faith can move us to do. After all, the goal of faith is to make us more like Christ, who gave His life for all.

Make it a point to practice your faith. Be considerate of others in the parking lot, at the store and in your own home. Try to see things from someone else's point of view and resolve your differences. Don't make a big deal out of other's faults and try to be as patient and gentle as you can be. The change will amaze you and you will see just how great this "faith stuff" can be!

*~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.

The worldwide coronavirus outbreak restricted nonessential travel across the globe. Stay-at-home orders, physical distancing, and quarantine practices implemented to mitigate the spread of the disease revealed great and urgent needs, especially in those countries of Eastern Europe still in turbulent transition stages. There, weak economies were made more vulnerable, and those affected included the elderly as well as doctors, nurses, and medical chaplains. In Ukraine, the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC) came to the assistance of homebound senior citizens in many cities, using Church facilities to organize the work and engaging both local volunteers and assistance from abroad. Using the Lviv Patriarchal Center kitchen, volunteers prepared meals and delivered them to needy seniors throughout the city. In addition, the UGCC mobilized its network of about 120 hospital chaplains and collected and distributed badly needed protective clothing, masks, sanitizer, and other necessities to ensure their safety as they ministered to the sick throughout the country.

"When you know that someone cares about you and that you are not alone in your struggles," said Fr. Volodymyr Malchyn of the UGCC, "it is much easier to go through all kinds of challenges." Your participation in the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe expresses your care and support for the people in Ukraine and throughout the region, especially in times of crisis and disruption.

For more information about the collection and who it supports, visit [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee). I ask that you keep these programs in your prayers and that you join our fellow Catholics in the United States in contributing generously to this collection. Thank you for your help to restore the Church and build the future in Central and Eastern Europe.

With every prayerful best wish, I am  
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus  
Bishop of Worcester



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## *A Community of Ministries*



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

Ann Doyle 508-450-4134  
annie@saintgeorgesparish.org

### **Outreach Items for the homeless Needed:**

- Men's White Socks
- Gently used towels and wash cloths
- Travel Tooth Paste with brush
- Travel Size Hand Sanitizer
- Gently used Men's sneakers
- Gently used small blankets and Wash cloths

### **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](mailto:DavewithFDT@gmail.com)

**Special needs for August are:**  
**Cans of Tuna, and**  
**Toilet Paper**

**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](mailto:WaysideATQ@aol.com) for more information or for special arrangements.

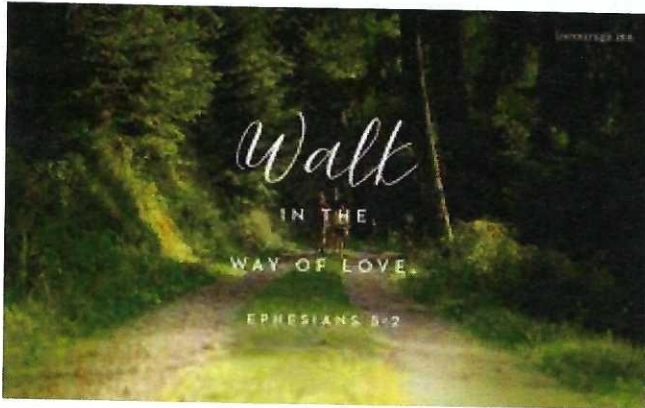
### **THE FAMILY CONNECTION**

*The Dinner Table* –Whether your dinner table is from Ethan Allen or Wards its significance is not how it was constructed but how it is used. The allied forces invaded Normandy with less strategic planning than will be required to assemble your family around the dinner table at the same time. Parents have work agendas and appointments that seem incompatible; the children have after-school activities and evening commitments that conflict. But don't surrender in the face of such obstacles. The dinner table is the best place for family information, family conversation and family formation. Whether it is used several nights a week or less often your dinner table can be significant in the life of your family. That's saying a lot for a piece of furniture!



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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.*



**"We ask for your guidance so that we might walk fully in your blessing and goodness today. We ask that your face would shine on us. That you would open the right doors for our lives and for our loved ones, that you would close the wrong doors and protect us from those we need to walk away from. Establish the work of our hands and bring to fulfillment all that you have given us to do in these days. We pray that you would make our way purposeful and our footsteps firm out of your goodness and love."**

**St. George Book Club Meets**

the Second Tuesday of every other month in the Church Hall

How about joining us?

Upcoming dates: September 14 and November 16

For more information

Contact Nancy Forhan at 508-963-9909

**FAITH SHARING GROUP  
MOVING TO IN-PERSON**

**Yes that's right....Friday Faith Sharing will be meeting in person**

Beginning....

AUGUST 6<sup>th</sup> at 10AM in the Church Hall

We hope you will join us for this time of enriching prayer and reflection.

All are welcome!

If you have any questions please contact Andrea at 508-330-0267 or [andrea@svagdys.com](mailto:andrea@svagdys.com)



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Kathy Hessel is always happy to assist you at

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Knit or Crochet At Home**

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