

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

August 15, 2021 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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It is our privilege to serve you.

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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
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, August 15, 2021

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From Your Pastor

This week we will interrupt the Discourse on the Bread of Life in the Gospel of John to focus on the Assumption of our Blessed Mother Mary into heaven. The Assumption of Mary was defined as a doctrine of faith by Pope Pius XII in 1950. In the encyclical that he wrote at that time, Pope Pius also cited Mary's intimate connection with Jesus, her Son, and his victory over sin and death. From the beginning of her life to its end, Mary's life was one of faith and prayer. Her life is a good example for us to follow because our life of faith has to be sustained in prayer, both personal and communal. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (ccc 1123) tells us that our participation in the liturgy of the Mass both expresses and nourishes our faith. Making time for prayer in our personal lives enables us to appreciate God's abiding presence and places us in deeper communion with him. By following Mary's example of a routine of prayer, a habit of praise and a total submission to God's will, we will join her in her heavenly reward.

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

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 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

Monday, August 16, 2021

8:00 AM In Memory of George Butler

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

8:00 AM In Memory of Vivian Ryan

Friday, August 20, 2021

8:00 AM In Memory of William and Frances Slater

Saturday, August 21, 2021

4:00 PM For the Community of Saint George

Sunday, August 22, 2021

8:00 AM 51st Wedding Anniversary Remembrance for Melba Sanford

Requested by Jim Sanford

10:00 AM Birthday Remembrance for Robert Ovia (Bobby) Requested by Family



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St. George Parish,

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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**

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Weekly Collection: August 2, 2021 – August 8, 2021

Ordinary Collection \$ 5,698.00
On Line Giving \$ 2,302.00
Total \$ 8,000.00



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

This Weekend's Stewardship Thought

Even though we are told that if we seek the Lord, we shall not want, in the second reading St. Paul reminds us that, thus blessed by the Lord, the good steward should "give thanks to God the Father always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."



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:	Due by:
August 29, 2021	August 18, 2021
September 5, 2021	August 25, 2021
September 12, 2021	September 1, 2021

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

FROM DEACON PAUL AUDETTE:

Henri Nouwen Speaks to us through his Letters



Henri writes a letter of consolation to Jurjen Beumer on the death of his father. (taken from "Love, Henri: Letters on the Spiritual Life"):

Dear Jurgen,
...I am very moved by what you write about the death of your father. I am so happy that you had a good and cordial farewell. I realize how important that is for you, especially since you told me a little about the tensions in your relationship with your father. Somehow I am convinced that this is a very important moment in your life, a moment in which you are facing your own mortality in a new way and where your father will become a new companion in your own journey. I am deeply convinced that the death of those whom we love always is a death for us, that is to say, a death that calls us to deepen our own basic commitments and to develop new freedom to proclaim what we most believe in. Mourning is a process in which you are, so to say, freed from old bonds but in which new bonds, more spiritual bonds, are being made ...

Yours,
Henri Nouwen

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"

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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 website and by email for returning families.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER - MAKE A DIFFERENCE



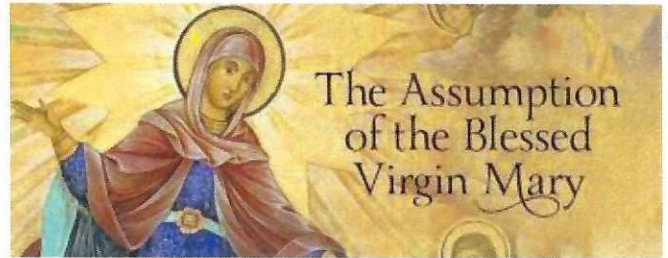
Volunteers Needed - As always, we will need multiple volunteers to run a successful program. Please prayerfully consider giving of your time and talent to support the young people of our parish family. Please contact Sarah Kelly with any questions.

Save the Date!

St. George Welcome Weekend

**Saturday, September 11 and
Sunday, September 12**

**Ice Cream after the 4 PM Mass
Free Coffee and Donuts
after 8AM And 10AM Mass
And a Ministry Fair to learn more about
our "Community of Ministries"**



**St. George "Coffee Shop Express"
is Here!**



As part of our growing together as a community, we are gradually and carefully emerging from the pandemic in small ways.

The Coffee Shop ministry of hospitality has begun as "Coffee Shop Express". This is a socially distanced gathering following the 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Masses on Sunday Mornings.

Everyone is invited!

Donuts, coffee and milk are available.

Anyone who is available to help out is welcome.

A Free Will Offering to help keep this going is appreciated.

Special thanks to Fr. Nicolls, Dave Genereux and Kevin Hayes who helped to start us off as we return to the Coffee Shop that we know and love.





**Feast of the
Assumption**

Some great mystery writers, like the late Agatha Christi, tell a story so well that the ending is shrouded until the last few pages of the book. To understand how the clues fit together, it is necessary to look back and review how the story unfolded. Of course, once you look back it all makes sense. But the first time the reader reads the story the clues seem to point in a different direction.

Mary knows that something special has happened. She has no way of knowing what the future will bring or what God has in mind. But she can look back and see how God has worked throughout history, doing great things for His people and now for her. God has blessed her and she knows something great is about to happen.

God works in our lives as He worked in Mary's. When we look back, we can see how His plan for us unfolds. People and events come into our lives that give it meaning and a purpose. We are members of His Body, joined to Christ and charged with the mission of preaching the Gospel. Through sacraments, prayer and our missionary activity, we all carry forward the work of the Lord. God has blessed us with faith, with grace and with His many gifts. Great things will happen!

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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 perhaps 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 Song of Mary

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever.

Thank you to all of our volunteers

- * who pray for those in need
- * bring food for the hungry
- * donate supplies for vulnerable neighbors
- * provide comfort for those who are sad, lonely and grieving
- * visit the sick
- * fill our church with song
- * Buy Hope for Housing Cards
- * And rejoice with us as we celebrate God's love and abundant generosity!

A Community of Ministries



St. George Parish Outreach

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

Next Mustard Seed Meal is Friday, September 17.

Preparation is in St. George Church Hall 2PM till 4PM- volunteers needed. Please call Annie. Donations towards food and supplies is also needed. A check in any amount, made out to St. George Parish with "Parish Outreach" noted can be dropped in the Offertory Basket or mailed to the parish office.

Outreach Items for the homeless Needed:

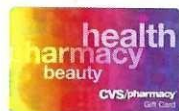
- Men's White Socks
- Gently used towels and wash cloths
- Travel Size Hand Sanitizer
- Gently used Men's sneakers and T-shirts
- Gently used small blankets

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 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 for more information or for special arrangements.

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Loving our children and being loved by them is what God intended. This love -a tough, flexible bond — knits the family together despite the clashes, power struggles, and hurtful words that often mark the teenage years. However, no matter how much we love our children, they are essentially on loan from God. They are ours to nurture, shape and guide for a short period of time. We don't own them or have the right to live their lives for them. Our task is to prepare them for life. Then, whether we feel they are ready or not, we surround them with prayer and release them into their own separate worlds.



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.*



Hail Mary, Full of Grace ...



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

**Every Thursday at 6:00 PM
In the Upper Church**

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.

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 6th 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



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Kathy Hessel is always happy to assist you at
mkhessel@aol.com

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