

## ***Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden***

***September 5, 2021 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time***

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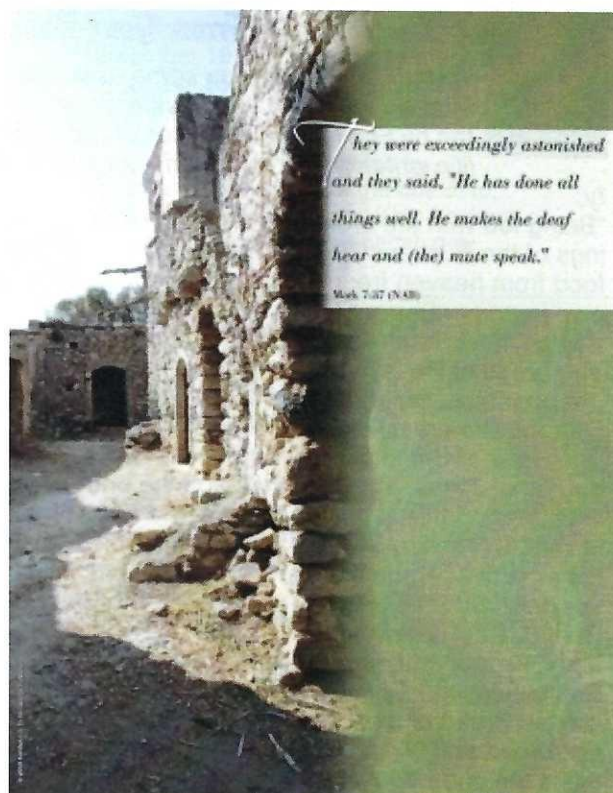
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# ***St. George Catholic Church***

### **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  
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, September 5th, 2021***



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### From Your Pastor

Today I share with you some excerpts from an article on Holy Communion written by Fr. Ronald Rolheiser who is a prolific writer on Catholic Christian spirituality.

"Being fed with the bread of life is one of the meanings of the Eucharist; we are meant to receive this food from heaven frequently to sustain us on our own journey. Being nourished by the Eucharist means more than receiving communion at Mass. The bread of life is meant to feed us in other ways. We aren't just called to receive the Eucharist in church. *We are called to be a Eucharistic people.* The Body of Christ comprises three realities: the person of Jesus, the Eucharist, and the body of believers. And this latter component, the body of believers, which is *us*, is just as real and just as physical as is the person of Jesus and the Eucharistic species. St. Paul tells us that we 'are' the Body of Christ...Paul affirms clearly the we 'are' Christ's body, as real and as physical as is the historical Body of Jesus. So we too, the Christian community, are the Bread of Life. At the Eucharist, then, it is not just bread and wine that are transubstantiated; so too is the congregation. When the priest pronounces the words of consecration, he is not just asking God to turn bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ; he is asking that the congregation be turned into the Body of Christ....And so the bread of life comes to us in various ways. Jesus nourishes us whenever we pray to him; the Eucharist feeds us with the bread of life whenever we partake of it; and the community of the faithful also functions as Eucharist. The love, friendship, support and care we give to others and receive from others is also communion." St. Thomas Aquinas, one of the Fathers of the Church, said that when we withhold a compliment from someone who deserves it, it is a sin because we are withholding food which that person needs to live on.

*Father Niccolls*



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### 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  
3:00-3:30 PM

**4:00 PM Saturday, September 4, 2021**

**Sunday, September 5, 2021**

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

**Monday, September 6, 2021**

**8:00 AM** Memorial Mass Russell and Grace Talbot  
Requested by their daughter Joan Talbot

**Wednesday, September 8, 2021**

**8:00 AM** In Memory of Charlotte Daigle

**Friday, September 10, 2021**

**8:00 AM** In Memory of Mary & Leonard Gribbons

**4:00 PM Saturday, September 11, 2021**

**Sunday, September 12, 2021**

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

### Parish Calendar\*



**Monday, September 6:**

7:00 PM Pieta Conference Room

**Thursday, September 9:**

6:00 PM Family Prayer Night Upper Church

**Friday, September 10:**

10:00 AM Faith Sharing Group Church Hall

**Saturday, September 11:**

Complimentary Jerry's Ice Cream Truck  
after 4:00 PM Mass

**Sunday, September 12:**

Complimentary Coffee Shop after all  
Sunday Masses

St. George Ministry Fair Church Hall  
after all Sunday Masses

\*( partial listing )



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**Weekly Collection:**  
August 23, 2021 – August 29, 2021

On-line giving \$ 1,404.00  
Ordinary Collection \$ 5,891.00  
Total \$ 7,295.00

### Bulletin Item Due Dates:

Weekend of:	Due by:
September 19, 2021	September 8, 2021
September 26, 2021	September 15, 2021
October 3, 2021	September 22, 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

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



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

The good steward must not show favoritism. The rich may have many material gifts to share, but St. James reminds us in the second reading that God has chosen the world's poor to be rich in faith and inheritors of God's kingdom.



### **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.

### ***Eucharistic Adoration***

**Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>  
from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM  
and Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>  
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.

### **FROM DEACON PAUL AUDETTE:**

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



Henri struggled with depression throughout his life. In this letter, he asks for support from his friend Brock. He writes from a retreat center for clergy, where he has been sent to recuperate from emotional and physical exhaustion triggered by a falling out with a friend.

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

Dear Brock,  
...I really need your prayers and support at this time because I find myself in a very hard place. During the past few months so much physical and emotional fatigue has built up in me that the community decided to give me a month of rest, but you know how during periods of rest sometimes the demons are very active. I am particularly mourning because of a broken friendship and am still not able to find the strength to let the mourning set me free. It is so hard to let go of someone you really care for deeply and to recognize that you are not the person who can offer the support and love that he needs... "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." I really have to meditate on these words more than ever and how hard it is to "let go."...

Yours,  
Henri

*We commend to your prayers....*



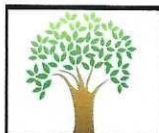
*Edward F. Daly  
Mary Karen Essex  
Richard Berberian*

*May the angels lead them  
into paradise*



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### **Religious Education**

"Growing Together in Faith"

Sarah Kelly, Administrator - 508-852-1784

email: [sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org)

[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 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.

### **Children's Liturgy of the Word**



Begins Sunday,  
**September 19th**  
During the 10 AM Mass

All Students Grade 1 to Grade 4 are invited. Students will leave the church by the two exits on either side of the altar and gather in the stage area of the Church Hall.

Please contact Sarah Kelly at contacts listed above if you have any questions.

### **Congratulations**

to Mary Ritchie and Brendan Murphy who were joined together in the Sacrament of Matrimony at St. George Church on Friday, August 20.

We as a parish community extend our best wishes to Mary and Brendan as they begin their life together as husband and wife.

**God bless you!**



### **St. George "Coffee Shop Express"**

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 modified, 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.

### **Toddler Liturgy of the Word**

Begins Sunday,  
**September 19th**  
During the 10 AM Mass

Toddlers with a parent are invited to attend. We will exit the church through the main central exit and gather in the alcove of the church hall.

Please call Ann Doyle at 508-450-4134 if you have any questions.





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**Our Lady of Mount Carmel and  
Our Lady of Loreto Parish  
welcomes American Heritage Girls**

Families with daughters are invited to an  
**Informational meeting September 14, 5 - 6:30pm**

Families have discovered a faith-based character development program for girls ages 5 to 18, dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country called American Heritage Girls.

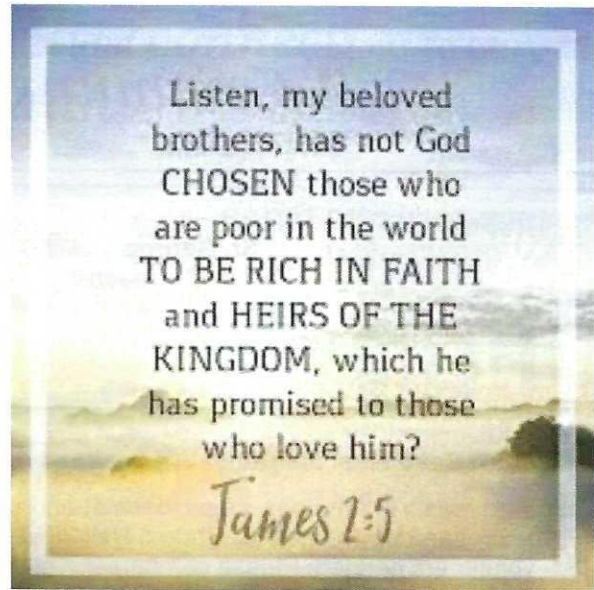
Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto in Worcester will be hosting an informational meeting to learn more about AHG on September 14, 2021 at 37 Massasoit Road, Worcester, MA. AHG is for families with daughters who are seeking a faith-based, scout-type experience. MA Troop 0716 has been active in Worcester County since 2013.

Founded in 1995 in Cincinnati, Ohio, AHG has grown from ten troops and 100 members to more than 49,000 members across 15 countries and in all 50 states. AHG helps girls to know who they are and whose they are in Christ through service work, badge work, leadership opportunities, and more.

With programming that puts an emphasis on faith, service, and fun, girls choose from more than 240 badges, participate in service projects, and are challenged by leadership opportunities and outdoor experiences. Troops are led by adult volunteers who facilitate the AHG Program while encouraging girl leadership. Faith-based organizations like churches and schools charter AHG Troops to achieve their ministry goals for youth. Visit the AHG website at [americanheritagegirls.org](http://americanheritagegirls.org) to learn more.

Visit AHG's YouTube Channel to view "Faith, Service, Fun," a 30-second video about AHG.

Feel free to contact Lynn Somers at [lmmsomers@gmail.com](mailto:lmmsomers@gmail.com) with any questions. We look forward to seeing you on September 14!



### **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, September 6th 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).

### ***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.



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## A Community of Ministries



### St. George Parish Outreach

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

### Next Mustard Seed Meal is Friday, September 17.

One hundred meals of hot dogs, chips, dessert and fruit will be prepared in St. George Church Hall 2PM till 4PM- volunteers needed. Please call Annie.

Donations towards food and supplies are needed. The cost of each meal is about \$5. Cash marked "Mustard Seed Meal" can be put in the Offertory Basket. If you prefer, a check in any amount, made out to St. George Parish with "Parish Outreach" noted—can also be dropped in the Offertory Basket or mailed to the parish office. Thank You!



### 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

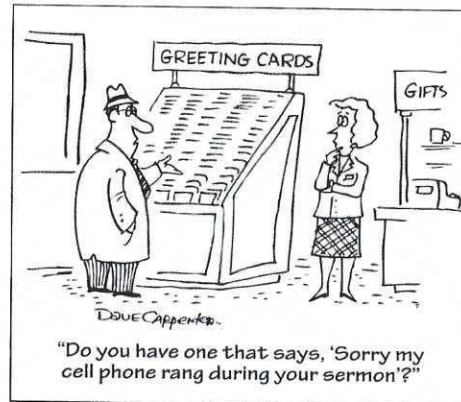
### Food for Folks in Need

To receive a free weekly food bargain grid, join St. George's "Food Donation Team" just email Dave at [DavewithFDT@gmail.com](mailto:DavewithFDT@gmail.com)

**Special needs for September are:  
Cans of Soup and Peanut Butter**

### THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Pray for the elderly that they may endure their ailments with fortitude and grace. For retired people that they may find creative and fulfilling ways to use their time.



### 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](mailto:ruthviens@charter.net), 508-852-5658 for more information.

*Grandparents make memories*

### 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 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.

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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.*



**WELCOME  
WEEKEND**



**Saturday, September 11th**

Complimentary Jerry's  
Ice Cream Truck After  
4pm Mass

**Sunday, September 12th**

Complimentary Coffee  
Shop After All Sunday

Masses

**Sunday, September 12th**

St. George Ministry Fair Church Hall after All  
Sunday Masses

Come and learn about all the wonderful  
Ministries St. George Parish Offers

**St. George  
Book Club Meets**

Second Tuesday of every other  
month in the Church Hall



**How about joining us?**

**September 14 and November 16**

Contact Nancy Forhan at 508-963-9909



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](mailto:mkhessel@aol.com)



**FAITH SHARING GROUP  
IN-PERSON**

*Friday Faith Sharing Group is  
now meeting in person*

Every Friday 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)



St. George Parish - Worcester MA  
**Saturday, October 2, 2021**

LIVE MUSIC

Band - Hit the Bus

BUFFET DINNER

Val's Restaurant

6pm Cocktails ~ 7pm Dinner/Live Music

\$45 per person

Buffet Dinner, Live Music and Raffles

Tickets on Sale from

August 21st through September 26th after all  
weekend Masses

Tickets are Limited

Please purchase your tickets early to reserve  
your seat at the Party of the Year.

Contact Andrea with Questions 508-330-0267  
or [andrea@svagdys.com](mailto:andrea@svagdys.com)  
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