

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden
September 26, 2021 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." (Mk 9: 41)



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, September 26th, 2021

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From Your Pastor

Next weekend our second collection will be for the Mission Cooperative Appeal. It has been two years since we have taken up this collection because last year we were in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic and no one from any missionary order or community was allowed to come and speak to us on behalf of this annual appeal. I felt that since there had been a hiatus in this appeal, it would be a good time to think about what it truly means to support this appeal. To do this I am enlisting the help of a member of the Maryknoll community, Fr. Joseph Veneroso, who has recently written an article for Maryknoll magazine, entitled "*The Spirit of Mission, Missioner vs. Missionary.*" In his article Fr. Veneroso states when we hear the word "Missionary", we probably think of a knock on the door and two well-dressed strangers asking if we have been saved, or of someone with a bible, asking if we have accepted Jesus as our personal savior. Today, the type of person - priest, religious or layperson - who is involved in the work of the missions is one who Fr. Veneroso says would most likely see themselves as a "missioner." The difference between being a missionary from being a missioner, he says, is perhaps seen best in the distinction of understanding the difference between proselytizing and evangelizing. One who proselytizes most likely sees others as objects to be converted to Catholicism through baptism, whether or not they encounter the reality of Christ in their lives. This was the thinking for centuries among missionaries and ordinary people who saw the work of missionaries as a motivation to save souls. Conversion in this manner often meant a change of religion but not necessarily a change of heart. One who evangelizes is a missioner who recognizes and respects others as partners on a spiritual journey. They are invited into the Reign of God as defined and inaugurated by the teachings, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This means that the missioner walks, works, lives and sometimes dies with those whom they evangelize as they encounter Christ in the culture of these people as well as in the Church. As one Maryknoll sister referred to this approach, she said, "I understand in a deeper way that we are sent to people of other religious beliefs, not to bring God to them, but to help them find a loving God within them."

With these thoughts in mind, the Second Collection next weekend, October 2nd/3rd, will be taken up for the work of the Dominican Fathers & Brothers in Nigeria. Fr. Raymond Nwabueze, O.P. from this religious community will make this year's appeal through a letter which is enclosed with this week's bulletin since an in-person appeal cannot be made at this time. Your generosity, both spiritually and financially,

As a reminder we are asking any of our younger families who have children in Grade 3 or older, to help us in addressing a need for altar servers. Some of our 4:00 P.M. Saturday Masses have only one server scheduled for a Mass. We would like to have at least two servers scheduled for each Mass to have sufficient coverage when a server may not be able to serve due to some unforeseen circumstance. As was mentioned above, we are looking for any boy or girl who is in the 3rd Grade or older to consider becoming an altar server. Please let either Fr. Nicolls or Deacon Paul Audette know if you are interested.

Fr Nicolls-



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 25, 2021

4:00 PM In Memory of Joseph and Virginia Sawicki Requested by Deacon Paul and Marilyn Audette

Sunday, September 26, 2021

8:00 AM For the Community of Saint George

10:00 AM In Memory of Bernice E. Murdock and for the health of William P. Murdock Requested by their son William

Monday, September 27, 2021

8:00 AM In Memory of Mary Butler

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

8:00 AM In Memory of William and Mabel Picard

Friday, October 1, 2021

8:00 AM In Memory of Mary Mooney

Saturday, October 2, 2021

4:00 PM

Sunday, October 3, 2021

8:00 AM In Memory of Ilene Gleason Requested by Linda and Bob Mulhearn

10:00 AM 5th Anniversary Mass for Martin Forhan Requested by his wife

*Parish Calendar **

Sunday, September 26, 2021

Coffee Shop Express following 8AM & 10AM Mass
Church Hall

6:00PM Religious Ed Grades 6-9 Parish Center

Monday, September 27

4:30-5:30PM Religious Ed Grades 1-5 Parish Center

Tuesday, September 28

4:30-5:30PM Religious Ed Grades 1-5 Parish Center

Thursday, September 29

6:00PM Family Prayer & Eucharistic Adoration Church

Friday, October 1

8:30AM -10:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration Church

10:00AM Faith Sharing Group Church Hall

** Partial Listing*

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Weekly Collection: September 13th - 19th, 2021

On line giving	\$ 2,427.00
Ordinary Collection	<u>4,020.00</u>
Total	\$ 6,447.00

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



This Weekend's Stewardship Thought

St. James warns in today's second reading that those who hoard their wealth and live only for themselves will be condemned. But in the Gospel, Jesus assures us that all who give of themselves for His sake will be rewarded.

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 Thursday before the first Friday of each month.

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Bulletin Item Due Dates:

<u>Weekend of:</u>	<u>Due by:</u>
October 10, 2021	September 29, 2021
October 17, 2021	October 6, 2021
October 24, 2021	October 13, 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 to a Dutch friend who was one of the many people who helped him through his depression. (taken from "Love, Henri: Letters on the Spiritual Life"):

Dear Hans,
...After a long period of healing away from my community I have now returned to Daybreak and am glad to be again part of the daily routine here. Most of my struggle was of a spiritual nature. It was a struggle to give all of my heart to God and not to allow myself to be dissipated by the many attractions of the world...It is indeed a great joy to belong to the Lord and really live in intimate communion with Him...You are right when you say that the struggle is not just a personal struggle but is a struggle between the powers of light and the powers of darkness. Jesus is already the victor, as you say, and that conviction should allow me to be engaged in the struggle in a very confident way"...
Yours,
Henri



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Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

Sarah Kelly, Administrator - 508-852-1784

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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.



Note:

The Toddler and Children's Liturgy of the Word is postponed until further notice.

Worcester Public School K-12 Sex Education-

How high is the risk for Sexually Transmitted Diseases? Under a sex-ed curriculum being introduced in the Worcester Public Schools this Fall, the "answer key" for 7th Grade Teachers lists "bathing together" and "mutual masturbation" as having "no risk for STDs. Anal sex and oral sex using condoms are labeled "low risk for STDs. Is this what you want your 12 and 13 year old sons and daughters learning in school this year? Please see the Rights, Respect, Responsibility curriculum on the publisher's website at <http://3rs.org/3rs-curriculum/3rscurric-search/>. Bishop McManus is urging parents of Worcester Public School students to familiarize themselves with this explicit, age, inappropriate curriculum which lacks a moral grounding. Massachusetts law allows parents to opt their children out of sex-ed programs. For opt out forms, please visit <https://worcesterschools.org/sexual-healtheducation-curriculum-information-sessions/> or ask your parish for a hard copy. Thank 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.



**As of September 20, 2021,
Face Coverings are required**

At all Masses and gatherings in Parish Buildings, for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals.

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September 22 - October 31
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September 22 - October 31

Here's how to take part:

Vigil location: On the public sidewalks outside Planned Parenthood, 470 Pleasant St in Worcester.

Vigil Hours: 7am to 7pm daily

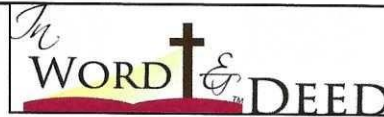
Local contacts: Lee Crowley
508-887-1064 and
Pauline Morris 508-839-7674

Unable to come to Pleasant Street:

Offer prayers from home for the unborn and their parents

Sign up for prayer times: Visit the web address below:

40daysforlife.com/worcester



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A college professor was frustrated with the pile of administrative paperwork that was required for a new project he was undertaking. He said that with his luck, he would find a cure for a dreaded disease and no one would look at it until he filled out the right forms and got all the necessary committee approvals. At times, red tape can halt the wheels of progress.

A man is using the Lord's name to cast out demons, but he is not one of the Apostles and they try to stop him, apparently without success. When they report to Jesus, He once again changes the focus. No one can do what the man does without believing in Jesus. His works reveal his faith and his faith is in the Lord. There is no class to take nor is faith an exclusive club. Anyone, and everyone, can proclaim, practice and witness to faith.

We can learn the lessons of faith from people we least expect and at times that seem most unlikely. If we reject the message because we do not like the messenger, we create our own red tape that halts the progress of faith. God never said you had to be perfect, good-looking, educated, rich, kind, faultless or ordained to carry the message of faith. The only requirement is to believe in Him.

~James Gaffney, © 2009 Karides Lic. Pilot Bulletins

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.



Partners in Charity

We are happy to announce that we have reached our parish goal of \$100,000. Thank you very much for your generosity.

A Community of Ministries



St. George Parish Outreach

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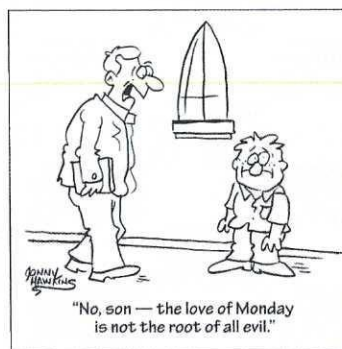
THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Lord we pray for children involved in organized sports that they may learn what it means to be a good sport and not focus on winning. That families may find a healthy balance between supporting children's involvement in sports and saving unstructured time for the family to be together.

Outreach Items Needed:

- Gently used towels and wash cloths
 - Gently used Men's sneakers and T-shirts
 - **Gently used small blankets**
- Now that the cold nights are here, many homeless guests are asking for blankets. Small ones are best because they typically carry them in their back packs during the day to prevent them from being stolen.
- **Men's gently used sweat-shirts, jackets or sweaters.**

The shelves at the Mustard Seed clothing room are missing these essential items.



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.*

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.

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 October are:
Cans of Soup and Peanut Butter**

Your generosity is Amazing!

- * Thank You to everyone who has been bringing in white stockings and toilet paper lately!
- * The new sneakers that a parishioner brought were a welcome gift for several guests whose shoes were totally worn out.
- * Many folks are so happy for the tooth paste and tooth brushes.
- * Weekly food supplies and school items were greatly appreciated.
- * Donations to the Mustard Seed meal totally covered the cost for all 100 meals!

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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.*



**"Loaves and Fishes"
Food Pantry
Help Needed**

St. George's supports the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry at the Unitarian Universalist Church (UUCW) on Holden Street with a portion of its generous food donations every month. The pantry provides food to approximately 65 needy families in the area.

On the third Friday evening of each month, St. George food donations are delivered to UUCW. Distribution to needy families occurs the following morning and is managed by the Loaves and Fishes administration.

If you are Interested in helping with this once per month activity, please contact Andy or Cheryl Labrecque at 508-856-0515 or at alabrecque2016@outlook.com



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**

**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!

New members are invited to join this important ministry of outreach to the sick, suffering and lonely. Do you know anyone who would like a Prayer Shawl?

Call Annie Doyle today:
508-450-4134



**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

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.

**St. George
Book Club Meets**

Second Tuesday of every other
month in the Church Hall



How about joining us?

November 16, 2021

Contact Nancy Forhan at 508-963-9909



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