

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

**September 27, 2020: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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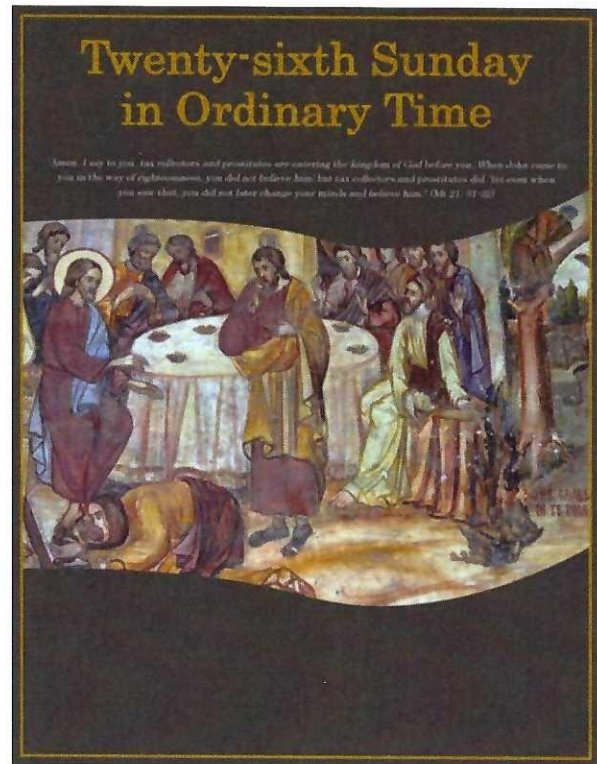
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## **St. George Catholic Church**

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 and 10:00 AM 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 will be 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 27, 2020***



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### Mass Intentions

Currently we are celebrating Masses in church on a limited schedule.

#### Phase B

One live Mass is offered Saturdays at 4:00 PM

One live Mass is offered Sundays at 10:00 AM

Live Mass is offered in the church at 8:00 AM on Monday, Wednesday and Friday

#### Saturday, September 26, 4:00 PM

Memorial Mass for Joseph and Virginia Sawicki  
Requested by Deacon Paul and Marilyn Audette

#### Sunday, September 27, 10:00 AM

4th Anniversary Mass for Martin Forhan  
Requested by his wife

#### Monday, September 28, 8:00 AM

For a special Intention

#### Wednesday, September 30, 8:00 AM

Memorial Mass for Jean Corio req. by family

#### Friday, October 2, 8:00 AM

Mass of Thanksgiving req. by parishioner

Registration is not required for those attending live Masses

Live-streamed Mass is offered on our parish website  
Sundays at 10:00 AM

Live weekday Mass is celebrated at 8:00 AM,  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Confessions are heard in the church  
3:00-3:30 PM on Saturdays



### From Your Pastor

In today's Gospel Jesus is celebrating mercy and his compassion upon those who initially seem to reject God in their life choices, like the tax collectors and prostitutes, but eventually turn away from sin and choose to live by God's ways.

However, Jesus also points out that virtue, which in this case is the status and learning of the religious leaders of his time, does not make them or anyone like them immune from disobedience and unrighteousness. Understanding God's will, committing to it and doing it, are what bring life. Everyone has a choice as to how to act just like the sons in today's Gospel parable.

In the first reading from the Prophet Ezekiel, the message from the Lord says that *"When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, he dies. But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life."*

These words from Ezekiel acknowledge not just those who repent and follow God's will by those who "turn from virtue to sin." These words are a good description of the second son in the Gospel parable, and likely the religious leaders and anyone like them, who words signify obedience and piety while their actions speak otherwise.

Fr. Niccolls



#### Bulletin Item Due Dates:

Bulletin for October 11 due by October 1

Bulletin for October 18 due by October 8

Please submit items by 10:00 a.m. on the due date.

E-mail our Parish Secretary



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and click on the yellow link  
"Join Our Email List" on the homepage  
to add your email address.

#### This Weekend's Stewardship Thought:

The first son in today's Gospel said he would do his father's bidding, but did not. The second son balked at first, but then repented and did as he was asked. What service is God calling me to do? Which son am I more like?



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### THE FAMILY CONNECTION

**Listening to God** - Lord, teach me to listen for you in the many ways in which you speak: in the phone call from the tiresome neighbor, in the drudgery of housework that will need to be redone tomorrow, in the inane and materialistic television commercials, in elections, disasters and deaths, in laughs, nonsense and joy. Let me believe, really believe, that you speak to me daily in dozens of voices and forms. Then I won't have to wait for that proverbial spiritual bolt of lightning to know you.

(From "Dolores Curran on Family Prayer")



As this pandemic continues to present its unique challenges, our St. George parishioners have responded with equally inventive ways - streaming the Mass on Sunday in their homes, outdoor Faith Sharing groups, prayer shawls knitted at home now, phoning a fellow parishioner for her shopping list and leaving groceries at her door, or Zoom meetings in place of face-to-face Faith Sharing. It's a testament to the strength and devotion of our parish that we continue to support each other and our church in these creative ways.

Thank you to each of you who have continued to financially support our parish over the months. You have found ways to make sure your offertory makes it's way to our virtual 'collection' - whether through dropping it at the doorway on your way into Mass or, more likely, sending it through the mail or delivering it to the rectory. Our Online Giving has seen an increase in its users as many find this an easy way to make an ongoing gift for weekly Mass as well as one-time special collections or Religious Education fees. Use our Online Giving icon on the parish website or contact Kathy Hessel at [mkhessel@aol.com](mailto:mkhessel@aol.com) for assistance.

Please know that we are sensitive to the households impacted by the financial stress of these trying times.

If you or anyone in your family is in need of assistance, please contact our Pastoral Outreach Coordinator, Annie Doyle, at 508- 450- 4134

Thank you again for your continued generosity. We look forward to the day we all can once again gather together safely in St. George's as a "Community of Ministries" fully rejoicing in service and praise of our God.



**Total Weekly  
Collection  
September 13, 2020**

On line giving	\$ 2,640.00
Ordinary Collection	\$ 4,418.00
Total	\$ 7,058.00

**We are so grateful for your generous support  
especially during these pressing times!**

*We commend to your prayers....*



*Susan DiDonato*

*Daughter of our parishioner  
C. Louise Hadley*

*May the angels lead her  
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)

Hello families,

Thank you for your patience while we made plans for our religious education program this year.

As many of you know, an email with information regarding registration and a calendar for meeting dates has been sent to all families. If you have not received that email, please contact me and we will be happy to send it to you.

As described in a previous email, this year will be split into two sessions for students in grades 1-9. Students will attend one session in person and one session remotely.

The confirmation program is not divided, and all confirmation students will be a part of the same program October-May.

Families will register for classes through the Google Form attached to the above mentioned email and you will have the ability to make payments through the Saint George Online Giving. The directions for Online Giving can be found on the parish website.

#### **BECOME A VOLUNTEER - MAKE A DIFFERENCE**



As always, the success of our religious education program depends on the help of volunteers.

Please prayerfully consider giving of your time to help make our program run safely and smoothly. In addition to teachers, we will also need volunteers who are willing to help with "hospitality". These volunteers will help us make sure we are complying with all safety measures, such as helping students use the hand sanitizer before entering classrooms.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

**Sarah**

From Deacon Paul Audette:

### **Plans for Annual Bereavement Mass** **Changed**

The previously announced plan to incorporate our annual Bereavement Mass into our regularly scheduled 10 am Mass on Sun., Nov. 1 has been changed. Planners of the event are concerned that so many people will want to attend that our church capacity will be exceeded and people will have to be turned away. Instead, the

### **Annual Bereavement Mass** **will be held as a separate event on** **Sat., Nov. 14 at 9 am.**

COVID precautions will be taken. There will be no reception after Mass. The number of family members allowed to attend will be limited to four. Family members will not be invited to enter the sanctuary to light a candle. Invitations will soon be mailed to the families of the 27 parishioners who will be remembered on that day. Their names will be published in a future bulletin so that all of you can lift them and their families in love and support as the grieving process continues.

### **Respect Life Diocesan Webinar**

A webinar entitled "Parish Respect Life Ministry in a Time of Pandemic" will take place Sept. 30, 2020 at 2:00 pm.

The challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic have affected all of us on many levels. Thankfully, we have Mass again in our parishes, along with a renewed appreciation for the Sacraments. The restrictions of social distancing, however, remain in place and this has at least temporarily, changed the ways in which we carry out our ministries. How can we grow in our call to live the Gospel of Life in these difficult days? This webinar will explore some creative options for engaging in parish Respect Life Ministry in these unique times, with an eye toward renewal and a future full of hope.

For more information



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### ***Prayers for the Sick***

Please, especially during these troubling times, call our parish office to let us know if a family member, friend or neighbor is hospitalized, homebound or ill. Since we can't always be together these days, you can help us to hold one another close in prayer.

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

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### **Parish Pastoral Council**

The Parish Pastoral Council team met during the week of September 7<sup>th</sup> to reconnect after the summer break.

It was noted that the Fall Social was cancelled due to Covid and is scheduled for the fall of 2021. Planning for the event will commence January/ February 2021.

In recent news, the two trees located in front of the parish were removed due to declining health.

Thoughts about addressing the appeal and functionality of the front entrance were discussed including ideas for a new sign.

At the current time, the Parish is focusing on upcoming CCD classes which is to take on a hybrid learning style. The council wishes all students a safe start to

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### **Families Need Food - Please Help**

Thank you for continuing your generous food donations to the Mustard Seed Food Panty and to our local "Loaves and Fishes" Food Pantry.

For free Information on bargains join  
St. George's "Food Donation Team"  
just email Dave at [DavewithFDT@gmail.com](mailto:DavewithFDT@gmail.com)

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

**Thank You to all who have given!**

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St.



**George Parish Day of Prayer**

Our Parish Day of Prayer for the wellbeing and pro-

the new school.



### **Go out and work in the vineyard today**

Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. (Matthew 21:31)

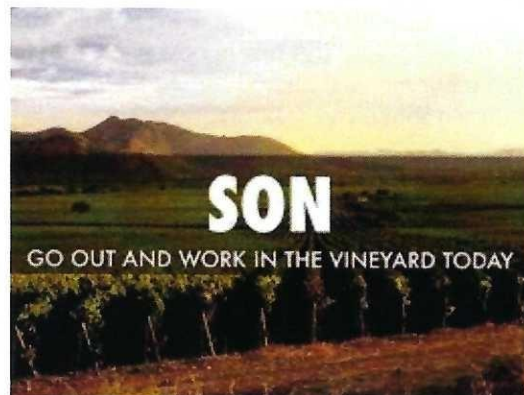
Tiredness, despondency, sadness ... how many times our feet no longer move forward, our eyes no longer look at the horizon, our words seem lost, our soul feels deeply dejected and alone? How many times everything we believe in and we fight for seems to be lost and dissipated like fog in the heat of the morning sun?

During difficult times in their lives, I see that many Christians feel alone, and they seem to get lost on their path and get nowhere. We are facing a difficult time in our lives and in the world. I am talking about the Covid-19 pandemic. This time of pandemic has showed me an increased number of people who have lost their ideals and no longer remember their dreams!

Where is the certainty that God remains with us? The certainty that God remains with us and supports us during difficult times is born from the most intimate relationship between the believer and Him.

When the Lord says: "Go out and work in the vineyard today!" He is telling us that there in his vineyard there is no tiredness or discouragement. For the grapes to be harvested and the vines to be cultivated, it takes a lot of work and a lot of enthusiasm from us. Working in the Lord's vineyard means giving practically everything up including our own lives.

Blessings,  
Fr. Thiago





## *A Community of Ministries*



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

Annie Doyle Ext.111  
508-450-4134  
annie@saintgeorgesparish.org

### **Thank you to St. George parishioners**

who add food donations to our local  
"Loaves and Fishes"

Food Pantry every month!

What a great testimony this is to the  
cooperation of neighborhood churches who  
work together to feed the hungry!



### **St. George Parishioners join together to nourish the body and spirit of hungry and weary guests at Mustard Seed**

We are very grateful to so many  
of you who donated the \$5 per  
meal to help pay for the purchase  
of all the items needed to  
make meals for the hungry guests  
at the Mustard Seed.

A special "thank you" to Kathy,  
Sandra, Anne and Kevin for cook-  
ing, packing and delivering 80 hot dog meals.

We are so very grateful to Bob and Carol, Pat and  
her family, Sandra and others who donated more  
than 20 home made meals.

To the Moran family who grew so many tomatoes  
this year that they were able to donate 100 pack-  
ages of tomatoes! What a generous and healthy sur-  
prise to add to each dinner bag for our hungry  
guests!

Last summer our confirmation students built a gar-  
den box at the Mustard Seed. This spring Mike Ohl  
planted tomatoes and basil that were joyfully shared  
with guests. This Fall the box is now filled with flow-  
ers to give everyone a much needed lift to weary  
spirits during these trying times.



### *Everyone Needs Undies*



Underwear is the most under-donated, yet most  
needed, item of clothing. Although it might be an un-  
comfortable topic at times, no one should be deprived  
of the simple daily necessities of clean underwear  
that many of us take for granted. Hygiene and physi-  
cal comfort are only part of this basic human need.  
New clean underwear also provides dignity and self  
esteem.

Thanks to a generous donation, the Mustard Seed  
was able to purchase dozens of packages of under-  
wear! To add dignity while distributing them, they  
asked for help to repackage them into individual bags.

A special thank you to the Kelly, Coppolino, Moran  
families and Judy Pickett for helping with this project.



### **IHN Needs Volunteers**

The Interfaith Hospitality network family shelter on  
June street is asking for volunteers to help clean out  
their garage. Folks to help with small repair projects  
are also needed.

Please call Annie Doyle 508-450-4134

As you well know, new socks are also an under-  
donated item. Thank you for all the socks that you  
have donated over the summer months! I find them  
tucked in with your donations of food for the hungry.  
Your generosity is amazing!



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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.



### Gardeners Needed Join Us for Fall Clean up

Interested in helping maintain the church property?

Consider spending 15, 30 or 60 minutes a week in the Parish gardens. A little help goes a long way.

If interested, please contact Andy Labrecque at 508-873-2728 (call or text) or e-mail [alabrecque2016@outlook.com](mailto:alabrecque2016@outlook.com)



### Video Series "Explaining the Mass" Can now be enjoyed on our parish website!

Our Seminarian Thiago Ibiapina has recorded a series giving us some explanations about the Mass. This video series is clear and informative, as well as beautiful! The music is an added treat! Visit our parish website today!



### St. George Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. George has been knitting and crocheting for over 20 years and delivers shawls freely to anyone in need of their comfort - during illness, in times of bereavement, or to celebrate. While the group has traditionally gathered to knit, crochet and pray together, during the pandemic this ministry continues to work from home, providing beautiful shawls that are full of prayers for their recipients. As one member of the prayer shawl group recently said 'I am a cancer survivor and when I was undergoing treatment someone made knitted scarves for us and I never forgot it. When I saw St. George had a group I joined after I retired.' In need of a prayer shawl for yourself or a loved one? Contact Annie Doyle at 508-450-4134.

### Pieta Annual Mass to Honor and Remember our Children Monday, September 28, 2020 at 7:00 PM



Sponsored by Pieta Support Group  
for Bereaved Parents St. George Church,  
40 Brattle St., Worcester

Everyone is invited to attend the Pieta annual Mass to honor and remember all of our children. This is a special time to come together with family and friends in remembrance of our children. Please feel free to invite any families who have lost a child.

Every family attending the Pieta Mass must register by clicking on this link:

[Pieta Mass Registration](#)

Or on the Pieta website:

<https://saintgeorgesparish.org/pieta>

For more information:

Annie Doyle, St. George Outreach Coordinator, 508-853-0183 or Terry Gentile 508-284-0796

or [pieta3@gmail.com](mailto:pieta3@gmail.com)

Website: <https://saintgeorgesparish.org/pieta>

## Thank You

To all who continue to make face coverings for folks in need! The sport team fabric was a huge hit!

**Extra special thanks** to the wonderfully creative woman who made and sold masks on line for the benefit of the Mustard Seed! Your donation was amazing!





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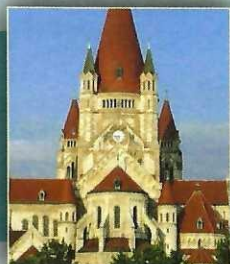
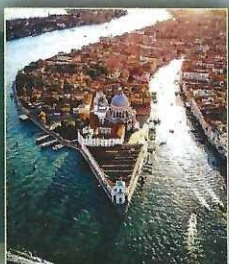
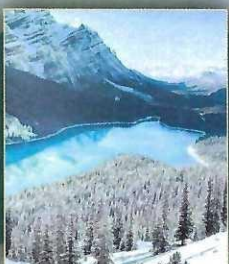
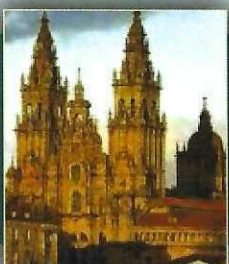
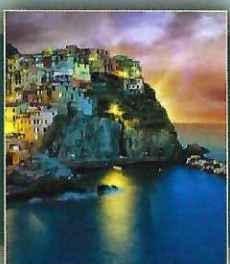
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