

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden
October 17, 2021 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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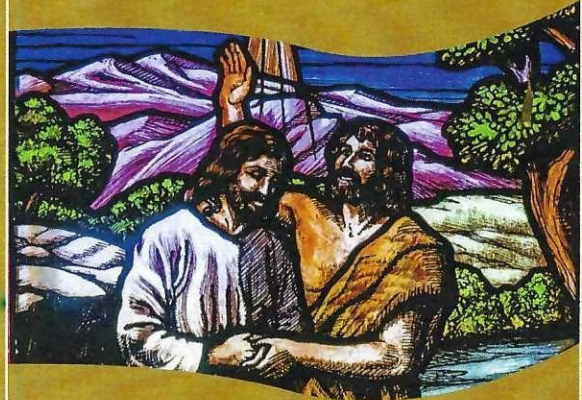
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"The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized . . ." (Mk 10: 39)



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
2:30 -3:15 PM on Saturdays.

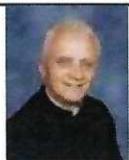
Parish Mission Statement

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, October 17th, 2021

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From Your Pastor

The Synodal Process in the Catholic Church 1

A synod is a council of a church, composed of clergy and/or laity and usually convened to decide an issue of doctrine, administration or application. Its purpose is to provide an environment of listening and hearing one another on all facets of church life.

Pope Francis is inviting all Catholics, those in the mainstream of church life and on the margins of church life, to voice their dreams, ideas and concerns in preparation for the Synod of Bishops from all over the world to convene in October, 2023. The Pope formally opened this synodal process at the Vatican on October 9-10, 2021. The process is being launched this weekend on October 17th in parishes and dioceses around the world.

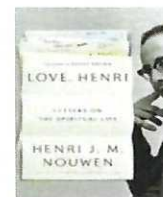
The October opening is a first step in a larger, longer-term process of incorporating the fruits of Vatican II in terms of becoming a synodal church. The synod is expected to adopt a final document which will guide the continuing development of a synodal church going into the future. The work for this synod in the diocesan and parish consultations is an invitation to creativity. This is an opportunity to be co-creators with the Holy Spirit of God in terms of reinvigorating an engaged community through creativity and a call to be open. It is also an opportunity to reaffirm the good and reimagine some things which could be better. Beginning in October, 2021 dioceses and parishes will be invited to engage in nearly six months of discussions or consultations in which people from across the church will also be invited to participate. It is encouraged that each parish and diocese will let the Holy Spirit guide the discussions. Each diocese is being asked to submit a summary of local discussions by April 1, 2022 to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops which will then take a month to synthesize these discussions into a final written presentation for the Vatican. Once the Vatican receives the synthesized reports of diocesan meeting throughout the world, the Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops will draft by September 2022 the working document that will guide the continental or regional church assemblies that will take place by March 2023. These assemblies, in turn, will help in drafting a second working document for the Synod of Bishops when they meet in October 2023. The synod is expected to produce a final document on synodality throughout the church, the hope and dream - as Pope Francis sees it - of Vatican II.

Fr. Niccolls' message continued:

November we will be observing the month of All Souls when we remember our beloved dead. As in past years our parish will be extending an invitation to the families of those parishioners who had died during the past year to gather for a special Mass of remembrance on Saturday, November 6th, at 9:30 A.M. Letters of invitation are being mailed out to those families. The Mass is open for parishioners to attend as well. The Mass will also be live-streamed that Saturday morning. We invite you to either attend this Mass or to view it live-streamed at this date and time to remember these deceased parishioners and all of our beloved dead. Since this Mass is just a little more than two weeks away, please make a note of it.

FROM DEACON PAUL AUDETTE:

Henri writes to a Protestant minister friend about burnout in ministry. (taken from "Love, Henri: Letters on the Spiritual Life"):



Dear Frank,
...The question of receiving the love of Christ is really very important. I personally feel more and more that sometimes it is harder for us to fully receive love than to give it. I am more and more convinced that we will find the peace and joy of Christ when we let Him truly enter into the deepest places of our heart, especially those places where we are afraid, insecure and self-rejecting. Somehow, true ministry is letting other people drink from the water that overflows from your fountain. Burn-out seems to happen when you let people drink your fountain dry and, so, have nothing left to give...burn-out quite often is the result of not going far enough in our love for Christ and depending too much on our own resources..."

Yours,
Henri



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Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

Sarah Kelly, Administrator - 508-852-1784

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Religious Education 2021-2022

Religious education for students in **Grades 1-5 and 6-9** began the week of September 26. Registration is now closed.

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.

Confirmation Service Experiences

This year's Confirmation Service Experiences are an "Introduction to Ministry at St. George Parish". Information and opportunities to **choose a date** for service **by Saturday, October 23** have been emailed to Candidates and their families. Looking Forward to serving with you,

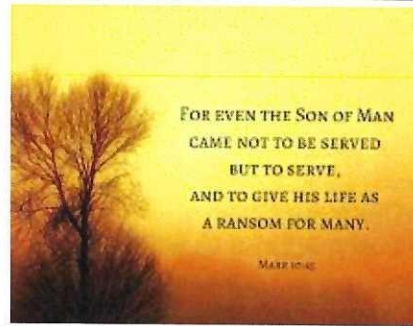
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The parish family welcomes these recently baptized children:

Alexander Matteo Sbat
Theo James Fontaine
Emmett Anthony O'Doherty
Christa Violet Massad

May God Bless you and
your families on your faith journey together.



The Synod Prayer

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and

In the coming months, ahead of the 2023 Synod of Bishops, Pope Francis has invited all Catholics from around the world to come together to reflect on their experiences and share input on matters of faith and the Church. In so doing, the Church will voice our dreams, inspire hope and trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, and learn from one another in order to better love God and neighbor.

This input from around the world will then be compiled and shared for richer discussion at the Synod of Bishops. Your involvement is greatly desired. More information on how the Church asks you personally to participate will be available in the weeks and months to come.

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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, November 4th
from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM
and Friday, November 5th
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.

Weekly Collection: October 4th—October 10th

Ordinary Collection \$ 3,599.00
Total \$ 3,599.00



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

Bulletin Item Due Dates:

<u>Weekend of:</u>	<u>Due by:</u>
October 31, 2021	October 20, 2021
November 7, 2021	October 27, 2021
November 14, 2021	November 3, 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

Fall is in the air!



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
NEW TIME 2:30-3:15PM

Saturday, October 16, 2021

4:00 PM Memorial Mass for Mary and Joe Collins
Requested by their daughter Kate Wells

Sunday, October 17, 2021

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

Monday, October 18, 2021

8:00 AM In Memory of Helen Mc Caron

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

8:00 AM In Memory of Barbara Ward

Friday, October 22, 2021

8:00 AM In Memory of George J. and Eileen White

Saturday, 23, 2021

4:00 PM

Sunday, October 24, 2021

8:00 AM Memorial for Gerald and Helen Duclos
Requested by Linda Duclos
10:00 AM For the Community of Saint George

Parish Calendar

Sunday, October 17, 2021

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

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

Monday, October 18

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

Tuesday, October 19

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

Wednesday, October 20

7:00-8:15 PM Faith Sharing Group Conf. Room

Thursday, October 21

6:00PM Family Prayer Night Upper Church
6:00-9:00 Diocesan Youth Ministry Parish Hall

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



September 22 - October 31
40 DAYS FOR LIFE

HELP SAVE LIVES IN WORCESTER

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

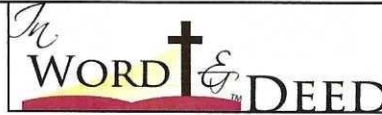
Sign up for prayer times: Visit the
web address below:

40daysforlife.com/worcester

Stewardship Thought for the Week

**SERVE
ONE
ANOTHER
HUMBLY
IN
LOVE**

Good stewards must not argue about who is the most important. Today's Gospel says clearly that those who aspire to greatness must humbly serve the needs of all. Even Jesus came not to be served, but to serve.



**29th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

A bishop wanted to keep in touch with people and get away from the problems and the bureaucracy of running a rather large diocese. So, as often as he could, he would slip away unnoticed, take off his pectoral cross and visit patients in a nursing home and in a hospital. He would introduce himself as Father "John" and bring Communion, hear confessions and anoint the sick. No one really knew who he was. For him, it was a labor of love and, as he put it, 'the time when I renew the grace of my priesthood.'

Grace and greatness come from serving others. Jesus reminds the disciples that they have all experienced how the Romans would force their authority on the people, using force if necessary. Their greatness was self-proclaimed. But in truth, those who are great put themselves at the service of others, willingly sacrificing whatever they have so that life will be better for someone else.

Our goal is to build the community of the church, to practice our faith, supporting and encouraging one another. In the small, seemingly unnoticed moments of love, of hope, of healing and helping, greatness comes. We hear it in words of thanks, we see it in the faces of those who are fed and clothed and taught and loved. We touch it in the hands of the lonely we visit, or the sorrowing we comfort. Find your way to greatness. It will be the source of your greater grace!

**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

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

Holiday Outreach – Sharing Our Gifts



**November 6 & 7 - Thanksgiving
Food Drive**

Donations for Turkeys



Tags

Mid November - Giving Tree

(Exact Dates

TBA)



**November 27 & 28 - Christmas
Food Donations**

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**

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Many communities experience problems such as crime, inadequate health care etc. What solutions can you think of to be of help? How can you be part of the solution? In what way is your faith a part of the solution?



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.*

Outreach Items Needed:

- 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 backs during the day to prevent them from being stolen.

- **Men's gently used sweatshirts, jackets or sweaters.**

- **New or Gently used backpacks**

Thanks to all of you who have left several of these items already! They are greatly appreciated!

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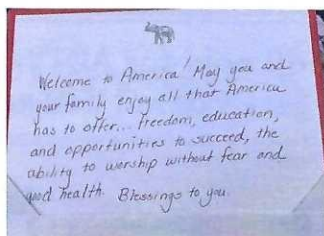
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Our Parish Vision: To *welcome* all, build *connections* to Christ and one another, and *live our faith* as true disciples of Jesus.

"Welcome Baskets" for Refugees Needed

- A basket, bag, box, or bucket filled with items for refugees coming to the USA are needed.
- A resettlement agency here in Worcester recently said that many folks "come with nothing."
- Items might be for a baby or young child (please specify age), a teenage girl or boy or for an adult woman or gentleman. See some generous examples donated by parishioners last week! Thank You!
- A Welcome Note tucked in the bag would be wonderful! (See a great example below)
- Your "Welcome Basket" can be left in the Church Outreach Collection area

Call Annie Doyle at
508-450-4135



FAITH SHARING GROUP

Friday Faith Sharing Group meets 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!

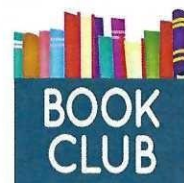
If you have any questions please contact Andrea at 508-330-0267 or andrea@svagdys.com

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



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



Regular Offertory Donations, Special collections and donations are available through Online Giving.

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

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