

**Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden**

**October 18, 2020: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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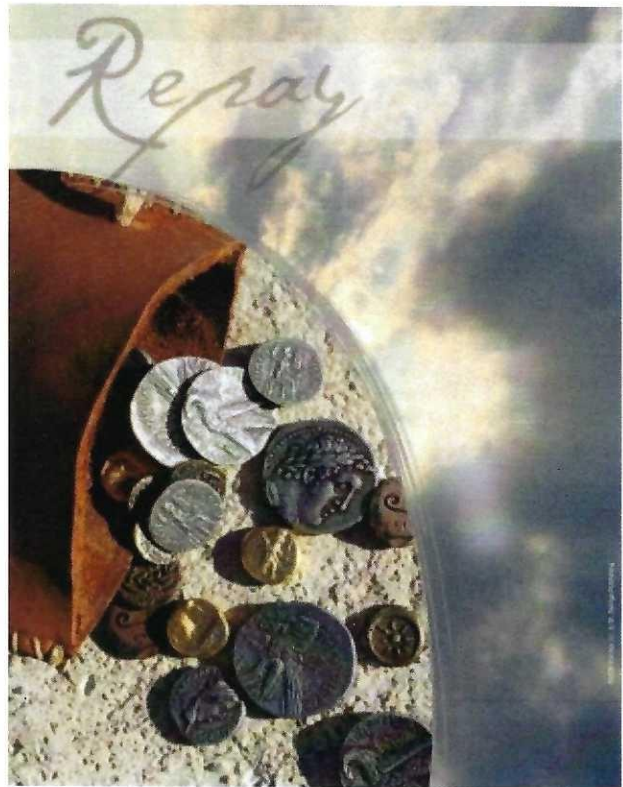
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## *St. George Catholic Church*

**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, October 18, 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, October 17, 4:00 PM**

For the Community of Saint George

**Sunday, October 18, 8:00 AM**

Special Intention

**Monday, October 19, 8:00 AM**

**Wednesday, October 21, 8:00 AM**

**Friday, October 23, 8:00 AM**

**Saturday, October 24, 4:00 PM**

Special Intention

**Sunday, October 25, 10:00 AM**

For the Community of Saint George

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*

Our allegiance to our country is important, and so is our allegiance to God. In this weekend's readings, and particularly in the gospel, we are reminded that we belong to God. We must render to God what is God's and repay to him what belong to him. We do this by giving ourselves to God, loving him with all our heart, soul and mind. Giving to God the best of our time talent and treasure is the best offering that we can make to God. In this way we put God first in our lives before everything else. Our participation in the Eucharist, whether in person or remotely during this time of pandemic, unites us with Christ and with one another as an offering to God. This is a grace that strengthens our unity and allegiance to the One to whom we belong both now and forever.

In November we will be observing the month of All Souls when we remember those who have preceded us in death. In past years our parish has extended an invitation to the families of those parishioners who had died during the past 12 months to gather for a special Mass of remembrance. This year, because of the covid-19 pandemic, the Mass will be open only to a limited number of family members of these deceased parishioners to attend. Invitations will be mailed to these families, explaining the protocols that we will be following for this Mass. The Mass will be live-streamed on Saturday, November 14th, at 9:00 A.M. We invite you to view this Mass 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 three weeks away, please make a note of it.

When our Spiritual Growth Committee met earlier this month, attendance at Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration was reviewed. As a result of this review, we will have Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration as a "Holy Hour" in the church on the First Fridays of every month, beginning in November, at the conclusion of the 8:00 A.M. Daily Mass, until 10:00 A.M. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, Eucharistic Adoration in a small, confined area (such as the former adoration chapel was) is no longer being allowed. We will continue to review the attendance at this devotion regularly to determine its future and whether we will be able to offer it at other.

*Fr. Niccolls*

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#### **Bulletin Item Due Dates:**

Weekend of:	<u>Due by:</u>
Oct. 31/Nov. 1, 2020	October 21, 2020
November 8, 2020	October 30, 2020
November 15, 2020	November 5, 2020

Please submit items by 10:00 a.m. on the due date.  
E-mail our Parish Secretary  
Kate Lockney at: [office@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:office@saintgeorgesparish.org).



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### THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Have you invited Jesus into your home? One of the most decisive moments of the Eucharist - and of our life - is the moment of invitation. Do we say: "It was wonderful to meet you, thank you for your insights, your advice and your encouragement. I hope the rest of your journey goes well. Goodbye!" Or do we say: "I have heard you, my heart is changing...please come into my home and see where and how I live!" This invitation to come and see is the invitation that makes all the difference. Jesus is a very interesting person; his words are full of wisdom. His presence is heart-warming. His gentleness and kindness are deeply moving. His message is very challenging. But do we invite him into our home?

(from *Mornings with Henri J.M. Nouwen*)



### Total Weekly Collection September 9/28—10/4 2020

On line giving	\$ 2,005.00
Ordinary Collection	\$ 7,110.00
Total	\$ 9,115.00

### Maintenance, September 2020:

Fuel	\$ 968.00
A/C	205.00
Repairs	935.00
Total	\$2,108.00



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



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.



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*Religious Education*

"Growing Together in Faith"

Sarah Kelly, Administrator - 508-852-1784

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**Registration 2020-2021**

All registration information for grades 1-9 and Confirmation can now be found on the parish website. Families will be able to register, and even pay by way of the parish website. We are asking to have all registrations completed by October 2, 2020.

In order to accommodate different comfort levels on returning to in person learning, and to be in compliance with safety standards, things will look a little different this year. Below is an explanation of how classes will work at the different grade levels.

**We will to split the year into 2 sessions for grades 1-9.**

**For Grades 1-5,** The 1st session will run from October 19 until the end of January on Mondays or Tuesdays 4:15-5:15pm. The 2nd session will run from the beginning of February until the end of April on Monday or Tuesdays 4:15-5:15pm. Families will choose which session and day their child(ren) would like to attend. There will be 11 in person classes in each of the sessions. During the session that your children are not in person, they will have a monthly Zoom lesson with a family assignment/project to work on throughout the month.

The option to complete the typical 2nd grade year sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion will be available in both sessions. If you attend in person classes in session one, you will receive your sacraments in session one. Those attending in person classes in session two will receive their sacraments in session two.

**Grades 6-9** will follow a similar format with 8 ninety minute in person meetings on Sunday evenings in one session and 3 monthly Zoom meetings in the other session. Grades 6-9 sessions will be mid October-the end of January and February-mid May. Students would be in person for one session and in Zoom meetings in the other. Offering in-person classes will be contingent upon availability of volunteer teachers. Other models will be explored if we experience a shortage of available teachers.

**Confirmation** will conduct the 6 of their classes in the first semester (October - January) online through an invited Zoom link on Sunday mornings. The hope is that we will be able to conduct the remaining 2 classes, Penance Service, Retreat, and Confirmation practice IN PERSON during the Spring Semester (February-May). All Second Semester dates are TBD based on whether or not the Cathedral will host Confirmation this year or if we will hold the Confirmation in local parishes as was needed during the spring of 2020.

*Sarah*

From Deacon Paul Audette:

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

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 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.

***This Weekend's Stewardship Thought:***

Each year at tax time, we conscientiously give "to Caesar what belongs to Caesar." Does my Stewardship indicate that I am as faithful about giving "to God what belongs to God?"

**St. George Parish Day of Prayer**

**LET'S PRAY  
TOGETHER**

Our Parish Day of Prayer for the wellbeing and protection of all affected, in any way by Covid-19, is **EVERY FRIDAY**. Please join us from home or work wherever and whenever you are able as we pray together while apart.

**Saint George's Parish Community  
joyfully welcomes four newly  
baptized members:**



Ryan Daniel Lauring  
John Raymond Lauring  
Abigail Diane Lauring  
Ryan John Shoro



### *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.

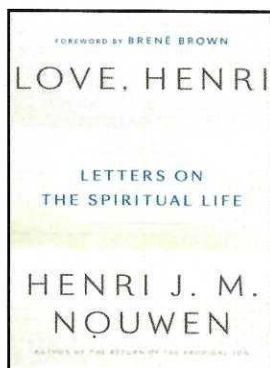
Due to HIPAA regulations, unless you allow the hospital or health care institution to release information and list St. George's as your religious affiliation, we are not told that you are a patient. Thank you for your understanding.

#### **From Deacon Paul Audette:**

Henri Nouwen speaks to us through his Letters.

Excerpts from a letter of consolation to the parents of a 23-year-old young woman who died in a horse racing accident in Idaho.

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



...I am very much aware of how hard these days, weeks and months must be for you. She is gone from you and you will miss her painfully. But I hope that you can find comfort and consolation in the awareness that she has meant so much to her friends. The value of life is not in the amount of years but in the intensity and fullness with which it is lived...

Personally I have a strong belief that there is much more to life than we can see and that, although Beth has died, she also has entered into a new life in which her best self continues to exist in the love of God. Sometimes it even seems to me that a special deep and even grateful communication can exist between us and those we loved so much and left us....

I think that anyone who we love sends us his or her spirit when they die...

Even those who are most close to us are only like guests who enter into our homes but leave it again to follow their own often mysterious way. Even children are guests who have to let go when the time has come. This is hard and painful, but don't forget to be grateful for the moments they were with us.

Love, Henri J. M. Nouwen



- Have you visited our Parish Website recently? There is an inspiring video on Eucharistic Adoration!
- Have you thought about praising God among friends more often lately? Holy Mass is celebrated here 5 days a week and live-streamed every Sunday morning.
- How about joining a Faith Sharing Group? They meet regularly here at St. George.
- Have you perhaps heard God calling you to a deeper and more challenging faith life? The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one way to restart and begin anew. It's offered here every Saturday.
- Have you ever considered helping to pass on our faith on to young parishioners? Help is needed in Religious Education. Call Sarah.
- Why not join in from home? Every Friday we "Pray together while Apart".
- Want to practice the "Works of Mercy"? As a "Community of Peacemakers" we continue to feed the hungry, shelter homeless families, and donate essential items for neighbors in need.
- Do you enjoy working outdoors? Gardeners gather to keep our parish grounds looking beautiful - they are looking for help?
- Our Prayer Shawl Ministers continue to work from home. Why not join them?

Read on, more information about these opportunities can be found in this bulletin!

#### **A 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.



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## *A Community of Ministries*



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

Annie Doyle Ext.111  
508-450-4134  
[annie@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:annie@saintgeorgesparish.org)



Many thanks to all the volunteer gardeners who have kept up the parish grounds this spring, summer and fall! Your dedicated work continues to help make our parish a place that is well cared for and welcoming!

### **Outreach Opportunities Please Save these Dates**

#### **Giving Tree Gift Tags**

#### **Availability Begins November 7**

This year's tags will be available early on the tree in church AND in the church hall! This will give us extra time to order items online, if need be, and extra space to social distance when choosing a gift tag.



#### **Thanksgiving Food Collection**

#### **Drop off Saturday, November 14th**

**Any time before 3:00PM** - This year our food collection will be led by our Confirmation Candidates who have been invited to solicit and collect food in their neighborhoods. Food will be dropped off in the Outreach Collection Area. Parishioners can join in and leave their donations in that same area.



**Collection for Turkey Donations** This year we invite you to mail your donation into the parish office or drop it into the basket beside the door at Mass.

#### **Thanksgiving Day Mass 8:00AM, November 26**

Please join us for Mass on this day of giving thanks to God for many blessings. We invite you to bring food for a blessing for the congregation as a whole.

#### **Gifts, Food and Blessing Drive-Through Saturday, December 5th 12:30 till 2PM**

All are invited to drive through the church parking lot with Giving Tree Gifts and non-perishable food items in the trunk of your car. Confirmation candidates and volunteers will be happy to remove the items from your trunk and bring them into the church. A Christmas Blessing area of the parking lot will be set aside by our Spiritual Growth Ministry for those who would like to receive this gift from our priests while you are in your car. These items can always be left in the Outreach Collection Area.



### **You Can Help to Prevent Homelessness after the 4 PM Mass Saturday and 10 AM Mass Sundays Welcome Back Dave and Sue!**

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 both Masses. Contact them at 508-829-5776 or email [WaysideATQ@aol.com](mailto:WaysideATQ@aol.com) for more information or for special arrangements.



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

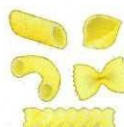
Thank you for continuing your generous food donations to the Mustard Seed Food Pantry and to our local "Loaves and Fishes" Food Pantry.

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 October are:

**Pasta and  
Tuna Fish**

**Thank You!**





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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**



"Shawls ... made for centuries universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify. Those who have received these shawls

have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles..." Janet Severi Bristow, Co-Founder of the national Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. George continues its ministry started over 20 years ago. In need of prayer shawl for yourself or a loved one? Call Annie Doyle at 508-450-4134.

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



Volunteers Needed

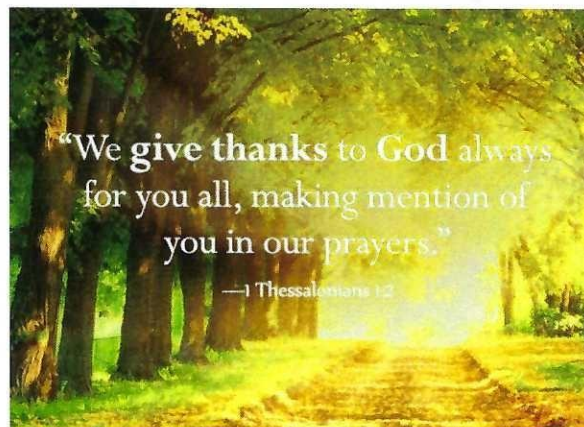
Call our Religious Education Ministry today!  
See page 4 for details



### **St. George Bulletin Ambassadors**

Generous St. George volunteers continue to hand deliver our weekly bulletin to their neighbors each week. How about joining this effort to deliver the bulletin to a neighborhood near you?

Call Annie Doyle at 508-450-4134 for more information.



**"We give thanks to God always  
for you all, making mention of  
you in our prayers."**

—1 Thessalonians 1:2



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