

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden
October 24, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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It is our privilege to serve you.

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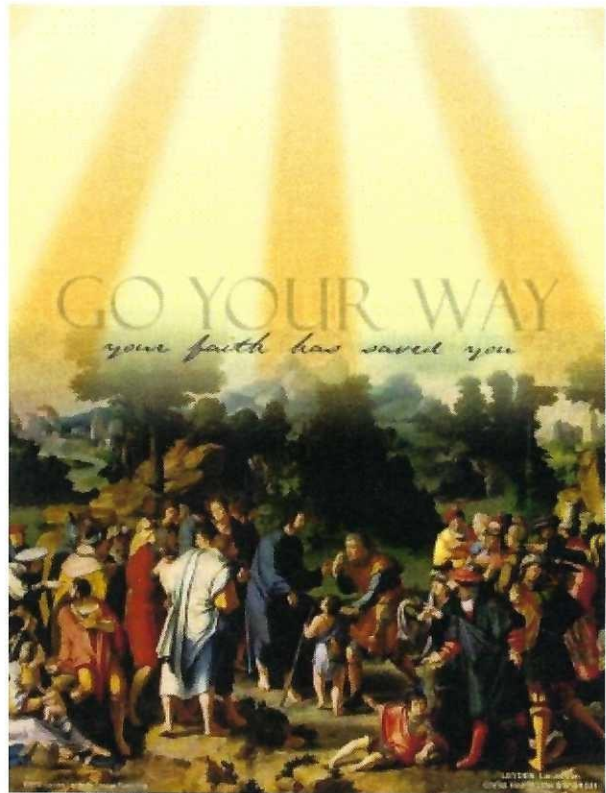
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St. George Catholic Church

Baptism Information:

Please contact
Susan Pacek at 508-856-9960 or
email: st.geobaptism@gmail.com

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 24th, 2021

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From Your Pastor

The Synodal Process in the Catholic Church 2

I believe that if we as church want to incorporate the fruits of Vatican II in terms of becoming a synodal church, then it is important to remember that that Council spoke of collegiality being an important element in how the Church should function. In the Roman Catholic Church, collegiality refers to "the Pope governing the Church in collaboration with the bishops of the local Churches, respecting their proper autonomy." The concept of collegiality, then, is rooted in a spirit of collaboration which is ideally the way that we as church should function. Collaboration is the process of two or more people, entities or organizations working together to complete a task or achieve a goal. Collaboration is similar to cooperation and in most situations requires leadership,

With these concepts in mind, the task of becoming more of a synodal church will mean that we will need to be more focused as a Eucharistic people (clergy and laity). In doing so, I will refer to some of the thoughts about this subject from the late Fr. Henri Nouwen. Fr. Nouwen wrote that our faith in Jesus is truly vital to our becoming more and more of a Eucharistic people. It means that we fully accept the truth that Jesus lives within us and fulfills his divine ministry in and through us. This means that we are the instruments of Jesus who are guided by his Holy Spirit. For us to truly live in this way, we need to acknowledge that the Eucharist is the place where Jesus becomes more present to us. This is where Jesus becomes not only Christ living within us but Christ living among us. As we realize that Christ lives within us, we also come to realize that Christ lives among us, his brothers and sisters, and makes us into a body of people. The teachings of our faith tell us that the Church is the mystical body of Christ here on earth. As this mystical body we as church witness together to the presence of Christ in the world. In other words by our baptism we have become instruments of his Holy Spirit in the world. I believe that this lies at the heart of what collegiality and collaboration mean in becoming that synodal church of which Pope Francis speaks.

In 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

Fr. Niccolls' message continued next column:

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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.

Fr. Niccolls

FROM DEACON PAUL AUDETTE:

Henri writes to a deacon who feels rejected and is questioning his vocation. Henri's personal reflections are something that all of us can relate to, regardless of the "vocation" we have chosen.

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

Dear George,

...I'd like to tell you that it is only now, thirty years after my ordination, that I am starting to understand to what I am really called, and starting to claim more fully and directly the mission that God has given me. The past thirty years have not been useless or fruitless but filled with obscurities and ambiguities, and with a lot of spiritual wandering, but I have always been able to hold on to the truth of my ordination, especially during moments when many of the people around me questioned its value and even, at times, encouraged me to move in different directions. I am intensely grateful for the grace God has given me to remain faithful to my call, even though I haven't always lived faithfully, and the long years of dryness are now revealed to me as the time needed to prepare myself for a more radical commitment to Jesus..."

Yours,
Henri Nouwen



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Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

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Religious Education 2021-2022

Religious Education for students in **Grades 1-5 and 6-9** is off to an exciting start. Please keep our students and their teachers in your prayers.

Confirmation Preparation classes will begin **November 7th** and will meet following the 10:00am Mass until 12:15 p.m. and again on November 21 & December 12, 2021. Next year's dates are January 9, February 6 and March 6, 2022. Dates for the Retreat, the final class and the Rehearsal TBD.



Confirmation Service Experiences

This year's Confirmation Service Experiences are an "Introduction to Ministry at St. George Parish". If a Candidate has not yet chosen a date for service yet, please do so on Sign Up Genius today. Thank you to Anaheed and Camden who will serve next Sunday 7:30am -12N. I look forward to serving with you,
Annie Doyle
Parish Outreach Coordinator

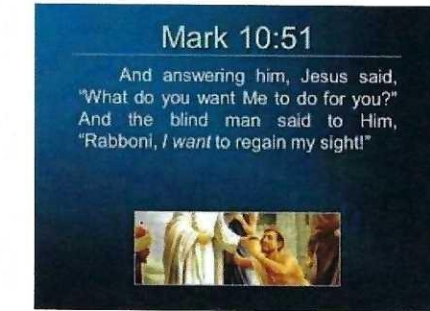
**Toddler Liturgy
of the Word**

Begins Sunday,
October 31

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.



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

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Begins This Sunday,
October 31

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 if you have any questions.



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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 11th—October 17th**



On Line Giving (10/4 -10/17)	\$ 4,649.00
Ordinary Collection	\$ 5,145.00
Total	\$ 9,794.00

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

Bulletin Item Due Dates:

<u>Weekend of:</u>	<u>Due by:</u>
November 7, 2021	October 27, 2021
November 14, 2021	November 3, 2021
November 21, 2021	November 17, 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, 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

Monday, October 25, 2021
8:00 AM In Memory of Leo and Mary Jones

Wednesday, October 27, 2021
8:00 AM In Memory of Carol Tubridy

Friday, October 29, 2021
8:00 AM Memorial for Carlos Juan Abreau Deliz
Requested by Liz Woods

Saturday, 30, 2021
4:00 PM 5th Anniversary Mass for Matthew Ryan
Requested by his family

Sunday, October 31, 2021
8:00 AM For the Community of Saint George
10:00 AM

Parish Calendar

Sunday, October 24, 2021
Coffee Shop Express following 8AM & 10AM Mass
Church Hall
6:00 PM Religious Ed Grades 6-9 Parish Center
Monday, October 25
4:30-5:30 PM Religious Ed Grades 1-5 Parish Center
Tuesday, October 26
4:30-5:30 PM Religious Ed Grades 1-5 Parish Center
Thursday, October 28
6:00PM Family Prayer Night Upper Church

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. We hope you will join us.

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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:**

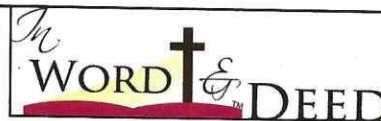
Offer prayers from home for the
unborn and their parents

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

40daysforlife.com/worcester

Stewardship Thought for the Week

Today's Psalm says "The Lord
has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy." Good
stewards demonstrate by their
living and giving that they
understand God as the Source
of all they are and have.



**30th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

An old man was walking around a lake and the water
had dropped off rather quickly, stranding many fish in
the shallow water and mud. As he walked along, he
would pick up a fish and toss it into deeper water. A
woman walking by saw this and told him that he was
crazy! He'd never throw all the fish back into the wa-
ter. "What does it matter?" she asked. Picking up a
fish, he said, "It matters to this one."

Jesus does not heal the whole world all at once, nor
does he reveal Himself to all in one huge display of
power and glory. Although He preaches to large
crowds, He is keenly aware of individual people and
specific needs that each one has. He heals one by
one. He teaches the Apostles privately. He raises
Lazurus from the dead. Each person has his or her
own encounter with Jesus and, to each one that en-
counter matters.

It is easy to feel lost in our world where we become
just a number, or another screen name in cyber
space. It is easy to feel disconnected from God, won-
dering if He really knows me or really cares about me.
The truth is that God knows us by name. He made us
in His own image and shares His life with us. We are
not strangers, but sons and daughters. Keep the faith
and trust the Lord. We matter and we matter to Him.

*~James Gaffney, © 2009 Karides Lic. to 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

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

Holiday Outreach Sharing Our Gifts



**November 6 & 7 - Thanksgiving
Food Drive**
Donations for Turkeys



November 13 & 14 - Giving Tree
Tags Will be available on the
"Giving Tree" in our church.



**November 27 & 28 - Christmas
Food Drive**
December 4 & 5 - Giving Tree
Gift Returns

Want to begin planning and shopping a bit early for folks who would otherwise do without?

Food Drive items that are typically needed are Turkey Stuffing Mix, cans of gravy, corn bread mix, small canned hams, cream of mushroom soup, cans of green beans and cans of vegetables.

Giving Tree Items that we know will be needed are men's zip up hooded sweatshirts, men's sweat pants, and children's gifts.

Our thanks to Ann Lauring who has generously agreed to contact the agencies that we have assisted in the past.

As we become aware of more specific needs we will include them here and of course on our "Giving Tree".

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**

Outreach Items Currently Needed:

- Gently used Men's sneakers and T-shirts
 - Gently used small blankets
 - 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!

Help Prevent Family Homelessness Buy "Hope for Housing Cards"

after the 4 PM Mass Saturday,
after the 8AM or 10 AM Mass Sunday.
See Dave and Sue Genereux who are in the
Church Hall EVERY Mass.

Contact them at 978-833-0306 for more information.

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Does your hearing improve with praise? Does your performance improve with gratitude? This week make it a point to thank each other for kindnesses small and large.



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.**

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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 Delivered



Your Generosity was overwhelming!

Twelve baskets/bags/buckets were delivered to the Refugee and Immigrant Assistant Center (RIAC) in Worcester. They were delighted with your wonderful gifts. I met with the Lead Case Manager who pointed to a 6 inch pile of red folders on his desk and explained that each folder held information about a new family from Afghanistan who would soon be coming to our area. He explained that Refugees and Immigrants from all over the world are also arriving each week. I was shown a small storage room of items offered to new arrivals. There was mostly used clothing on a few shelves. The gifts from St. George Parishioners nearly filled the floor space! We discussed the ongoing needs for supporting folks as they struggle to begin their new lives here in America. RIAC supplies the furniture basics, gives a small "Welcome Allowance"



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



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!

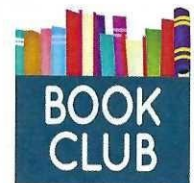
If you have any questions please contact Andrea at 508-330-0267 or andrea@svagdys.com

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



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