

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

November 1, 2020: Solemnity of All Saints

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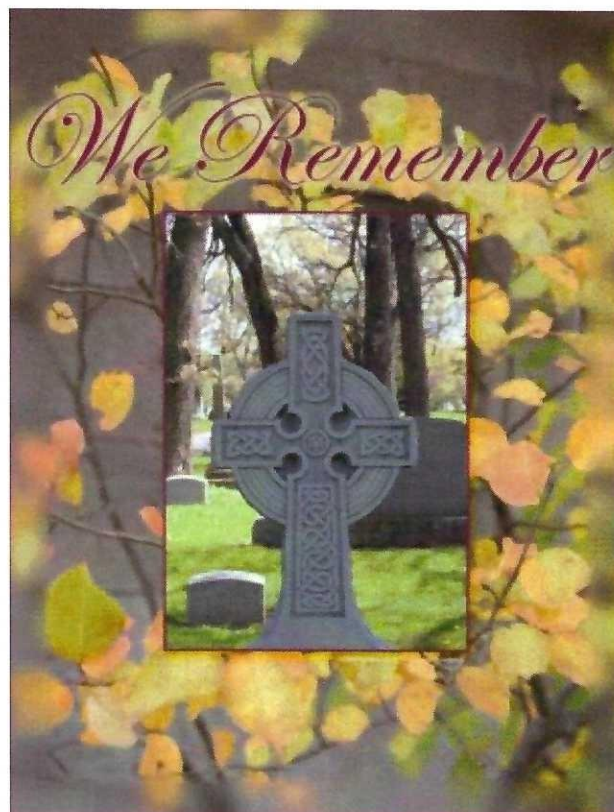
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St. George Catholic Church

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 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, November 1, 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 31, 4:00 PM

For the Community of Saint George

Sunday, November 1, 10:00 AM

8th Anniversary Mass for Roland Berard requested by family

Monday, November 2, 8:00 AM

4th Anniversary Mass for Matthew Ryan requested by Family

Wednesday, November 4, 8:00 AM

Friday, November 6, 8:00 AM

Saturday, November 7, 4:00 PM

22 Anniversary for Adelina LoStracco requested by Family

Sunday, November 8, 10:00 AM

Memorial Mass for Jack Hanlon requested by Family

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

Bulletin Item Due Dates:

Weekend of:	<u>Due by:</u>
November 15, 2020	November 5, 2020
November 22, 2020	November 12, 2020
November 29, 2020	November 19, 2020

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



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From Your Pastor

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. These people who have gone before us in faith at one time gathered around the Eucharistic table as we do now. They made Jesus' death and resurrection their own in sharing the "bread of life" and the "cup of salvation." We join with them in becoming the body of Christ.

Fr. Henri Nouwen tells us that we become the living Lord visibly present in the world. Fr. Nouwen also says that "when we realize that the body Jesus fashions in the Eucharist is *his* body, we can start to see what real presence is." Jesus is present in the gifts of bread and wine which become his Body and Blood in the Eucharist. When we gather for Mass at the Eucharistic table of the altar, his Body and Blood become present in us. We become the living Jesus Christ, and that real presence of Jesus we behold in the Eucharist, both when we adore him in the Blessed Sacrament and when we participate at Mass. This real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is what the saints believe and it is what we believe.

In this month of November, the month of All Souls, 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.

Fr. Niccolls

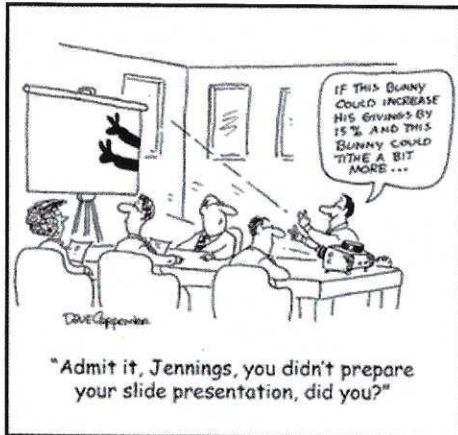


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THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Even though the food may be the same, your family will receive more nourishment at the dinner table than TV trays. The food on the table is not as important as the conversations across the table. Breakfast may be the most important meal of the day, but dinner can be the most important time of the day. A strong family usually has well worn seat cushions at the dinner table. The best thing to serve at dinnertime is food for thought!



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 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 October 19-25, 2020

On line giving	\$ 1,737.00
Ordinary Collection	\$ 3,878.00
Total	\$ 5,615.00

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



This Weekend's Stewardship Thought:

"The greatest among you will be the one who served the rest," Jesus says in today's Gospel. What wonderful good news for those who give of their time in service to others!

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Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

Sarah Kelly, Administrator - 508-852-1784

email: sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org

Registration 2020 –2021

Online Registration for this first semester is closed. Those who still want to register will need to attend in person classes in session two. Please see program information on the parish website.

Please Email Sarah Kelly
sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org
with any registration questions.

Volunteers Needed

There is a great need for teaching volunteers and office helpers. All lesson plans and materials are provided for teachers. Our program cannot run without the generosity of our teaching volunteers and office helpers. Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time and talents this year.

Health Screen Questions

All students and teachers will need to go through the Health Screen questions found on the parish website before attending in person classes.

Covid-19 Protocols

All important information pertaining to Covid-19 protocols and procedures can be found on the parish website.



Confirmation 2021 Please Pray with Us

Due to the Corona Virus we are unable to be together in the church building sharing Mass and enjoying Coffee Shop and donuts at this time. We ask our parish community to pray with us as we begin to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Here is a little bit about our first class: Students and families attended Sunday Mass in person or online. Online class through zoom then met at 11:30AM. We began with prayer, introductions and a reflection on that morning's Gospel and homily. Small groups met and plans were described for classes and service opportunities.

The next classes will be:

Sunday mornings: 11/8/2020, 11/22/2020, 12/6/2020
1/10/2021, 1/24/2021

Please pray with us often!

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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Your next opportunity to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament will be on

Friday, Nov. 6 (First Friday)

immediately following the 8:00 AM
Mass - until 10:00 a.m. We strongly
urge you to participate in this powerful
spiritual experience.



St. George Parish Day of Prayer

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.

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.

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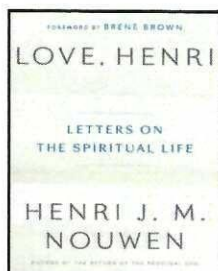
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From Deacon Paul Audette:

Henri Nouwen Speaks to us
through his Letters

Excerpts from a letter to a friend
within weeks of the sudden death
of Henri's mother.

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



*...I am still in a daze. Everything seems different to
me...She has been so much a part of my life that I
have to do some real relearning...*

*It is all very intimate and very deep, very sad and very
joyful, very beautiful and very painful...*

*I am still somewhere between Easter and Pentecost
not knowing what really has happened. Keep me in
your prayers and pray for her. Nobody has ever been
as close to me as she was and never did I lose any-
one whom I loved so deeply. Somewhere life needs
to be rediscovered. But I am sure that her death will
mean many new births for me.*

Love, Henri

Are you an adult interested in receiving Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation or the Sacrament of Marriage ?

There is always more for all of us to learn about the
Catholic faith.

Are you baptized Catholic or baptized into another
religion but have never received any formal religious
education?

Perhaps God is calling you to learn more about the
Catholic faith to explore the possibility of becoming
Catholic?

Are you married to a Catholic and attending Mass but
you are now possibly considering becoming Catholic?

Are you an Adult Catholic who has not received the
Sacraments of Holy Communion and/or Confirmation?

If so, we invite you to join us to learn more about the
Catholic faith. Contact a member of our pastoral staff
for more information.

Visit our Parish Website or see the cover of this
bulletin for contact information.



We remember in a special way our beloved dead
during the month of November. Please pray also
for those persons listed below who have passed
away during the past year as well as those who
are experiencing grief because of their loss.

Sandra Lee Berryhill
Melba D. Sanford
Helen M. Milewski
Robert Edward Canty
Joseph M. LeBlanc
Maryellen Scavone
Diane R. Jeffers
Ronald L. Bullard
Lorraine C. Vayo
William J. Burke Jr.
Barbara J. Gaudet
Stephen Mingola
Paul P. Nelson
Robert Shays

Gerald J. Duclos
Suzanne E. Ligo
Richard A. Berberian
Edward J. Polwrek
Theresa M. Latino
Maureen E. O'Connor
Madeline M. Courville
William J. Shilale
Virginia M. Quinn
Rita E. Vaughn
Virginia McNerny
David Ward
Gertrude Sand
Paul Brown Jr.



Saint John's High School Admission Exams:

For grades 7 & 9 are on Saturday,
November 21 and December 12,
2020.

Pre-registration required, visit
www.stjohnshigh.org/admissions
for more information.

Contact the Admissions Office with any questions
at (508) 842-8934, ext. 266 or
admissions@stjohnshigh.org.

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.

A Community of Ministries



St. George Parish Outreach

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

Outreach Opportunities

UPDATE - Giving Tree Gift Tag Availability Begins November 7 on our parish website.

The Diocese of Worcester has just sent us Giving Tree Guidelines for Safety during the pandemic. These include using virtual Giving Trees and loosely bagged gifts. More information will be on the website.



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.



Donations for Turkeys and/or Giving Tree Gifts

This year we invite you to mail your donation to the parish office, drop it in the basket beside the door at Mass or give it as a "one time gift" through Online Giving. Add a note so we will use it as you intend.

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 a blessing from our priests while you are in your car. These items can always be left in the Outreach Collection Area.

Why a "Community of Ministries"?

Here at St. George Parish we strive to work together as a "Community of Ministries" who collaborate and cooperate with one another. It is in this spirit of humility and unity, that we hope to continue to grow "as one" in Christ.

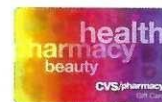
Many thanks to all who serve, donate, attend meetings, pray, plan, prepare and so much more!



You Can Help to Prevent Homelessness after the 4 PM Mass Saturday and 10 AM Mass Sundays

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 both Masses. Contact them at 508-829-5776 or email WaysideATQ@aol.com for more information or for special arrangements.



Food for Families

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

**Special needs for November are:
Stuffing Mix , Cans of Gravy
And Peanut Butter**

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.*

St. George Prayer Shawl Ministry
No Gift is too Small!

One of our veteran knitters who has been part of this ministry for over 20 years, recalls that she wanted to find a way to contribute after a personal health issue many years ago. Her first attempt at knitting a prayer shawl resulted in a small item and she was disappointed until she heard that it was given to a child in need of comfort who was delighted to receive it. No gift is too small!



Triplets were born to a family in our parish soon after the Prayer Shawl Ministry first began. They were very small at first. The ministry made tiny blankets to cover the tops of their incubators. Small sweaters and little hats were also made for the three little girls. Last year the triplets made their Confirmation here at St. George! Truly, no matter what size, all Prayer Shawls make a big difference!

In need of a prayer shawl for yourself, a friend or family member?

Call Annie Doyle at 508-450-4134

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.



St. George Parish Community
Welcomes

James Daniel Cunningham,
baptized on October 11, 2020.

May God bless James and his family as they grow in faith together.



Our Ministers of are Appreciated!

Our parish is grateful to our Lectors,
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion,
Greeters and Ushers,
Music Ministers,
Videographers.
Technology Ministers,
Altar Servers

and all who sanitize the church environment
during these challenging times.

Our beautiful Liturgies continue to praise God
with inspiring dignity - lifting us up and giving
us strength.

More Volunteers Needed

BECOME A VOLUNTEER - MAKE A DIFFERENCE



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

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Matthew 5:12

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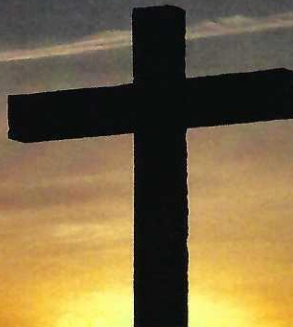
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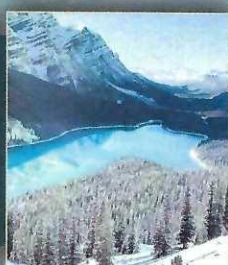
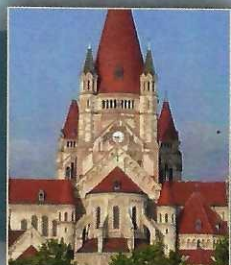


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