

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

November 7 2021, Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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"Amen. I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." (Mk 12: 43-44)



St. George Catholic Church

Baptism Information:

Please contact

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

Eucharist Celebrated:

Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Live-Streamed Mass is offered on our parish website each Sunday at 10:00AM.

Weekday Masses

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, November 7, 2021

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From Your Pastor

CONGRATULATIONS to Patrick Kelly & Caitlin Nascimento who were recently installed as Altar Servers.

Thank you to Deacon Paul Audette and to James & Lucy Kelly who trained them.

Coming Home to Church 1

As I mentioned in the recent articles regarding the worldwide Synod of Bishops which we will be preparing for over the next two years, the task of becoming more of a synodal church will mean that we will need to be more focused as a Eucharistic people. For us to truly live in this way, we need to acknowledge that the Eucharist is the place where at Mass Jesus becomes more present to us and invites us to be more present to him. We meet him at Mass in four different ways. First, when he gathers us as his Church, for the Lord himself promised us: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in their midst." Second, he is present in his priest, who acts in his person and has, by his reception of the Sacrament of Ordination, received the power to offer sacramentally the Sacrifice of Christ. Indeed, while it may appear that the priest is celebrating the rite and prayer of the Mass, it is really Christ, our great High Priest, who is offering himself upon the Altar of the Cross for our salvation. Third, he is present in his Word proclaimed, for while our ears hear the voice of lectors, deacons and priests, it is really Christ who is speaking to our hearts when the Scriptures are read in the Church. Finally, Christ is present substantially in the consecrated bread and wine, his own Body and Blood, and above all under the species of the Eucharist. "For in this sacrament Christ is present in a unique way, whole and entire, God and man, substantially and permanently. This presence of Christ under this species is called "real", not in an exclusive sense, as if the other kinds of presence were not real, but "par excellence." He becomes not only Christ living within us but Christ living among us, his brothers and sisters, and makes us into a body of people. This is the mystical body of Christ here on earth, the Church. As this mystical body we witness together to the presence of Christ in the world, for it is by our baptism that we have become instruments of his Holy Spirit.

So, in this way we are welcomed by God to Mass. We are welcomed home to the source and summit of the entire Christian life. We are invited to a

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foretaste of the heavenly banquet and to the holy and living sacrifice which gives us the strength to live the Christian life.

On November 11th, we will observe Veteran's Day. May we offer our thanks and prayers to those men and women who fought in the various wars here and around the world so that we could enjoy the blessings of freedom from tyranny and oppression.

Fr. Niccolls

Mass Intentions



Saturday, November 6, 2021

4:00 PM Memorial Mass for Peter Klejna

Requested by Ann Klejna

Sunday, November 7, 2021

8:00 AM Memorial Mass for Jack Hanlon

Requested by his family

10:00 AM In Memory of Rev. Joseph Nally

Requested by the Respect Life Committee

Monday, November 8, 2021

8:00 AM Mass for All Saints

Requested by the Bui Family

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

8:00 AM For the Community of Saint George

Friday, November 12, 2021

8:00 AM Memorial Mass for Eileen Ann Woods

Requested by Liz Woods

Saturday, November 13, 2021

4:00 PM Memorial Mass for Peter Murray

Requested by Yvonne Murray

Sunday, November 14, 2021

8:00 AM For the Community of Saint George

10:00 AM



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Parish Calendar

Sunday, November 7, 2021

Coffee Shop Express following 8AM & 10AM Mass
Church Hall
10:00AM Toddler and Children's Liturgy of the Word
Church Hall and Alcove

Monday, November 8, 2021

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

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

4:30-5:30PM Religious Ed Grades 1-5 Center
6:30PM - 7:30PM Girl Scouts Parish Hall

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

Liturgy Committee

Thursday, November 11, 2021

11:00AM-12:15PM Faith Sharing Church Hall
6:00PM-7:00PM Family Prayer & Adoration
Upper Church

Friday, November 12, 2021

Saturday, November 13, 2021

7:30AM Rosary Group Church Hall
8:00PM AA Meeting Church Hall

Sunday, November 14, 2021

Coffee Shop Express following 8AM & 10AM Mass
Church Hall
10:00AM Toddler and Children's Liturgy of the Word
Church Hall and Alcove
Following the 10:00AM Mass Confirmation Class
Parish Center
6:00PM Religious Ed Grades 6-9 Parish Center
11:00AM-12:15PM Confirmation Class Parish Center



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

Access is available through our website -
click on the icon like the one pictured here.

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

Many thanks to all of our on line givers who help to
provide faithful and consistent financial support to
our parish during this time of great need.



We Hope You'll Join Us for Coffee and Donuts In the Church Hall After Sunday Mass

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. Please join us.



Eucharist and Prayers for the Sick

Especially during these difficult times,
please call to let us know if a family
member or neighbor is hospitalized, home bound
or ill.

(Ann Doyle at 508-450-4134)

We want to be with you in prayer and support. We
can perhaps arrange a visit and possibly bring
Eucharist. Remember that due to HIPAA regulations,
unless you allow the hospital or health care institu-
tion to release information and list St. George's as
your religious affiliation, we are not that you are a
patient. Thank you for your understanding.

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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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, December 2
from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM
and Friday, December 3
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 25-October 31

On Line Giving	\$ 937.00
Ordinary Collection	\$ 5,600.00
Total	\$ 5,637.00

Monthly totals for October:

Fuel	\$ 295.00
A/C	205.00
Repairs	917.00
Total	1,417.00



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

Bulletin Item Due Dates:

Weekend of:	Due by:
November 21, 2021	November 10, 2021
November 28, 2021	November 17, 2021
December 5, 2021	November 23, 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

From Deacon Paul Audette

Henri Nouwen Speaks to us through his Letters

Henri writes to a friend who is struggling with depression and self-rejection. (taken from "Love, Henri: Letters on the Spiritual Life"):

Dear Walt,

...I am more and more convinced how important it is that, in the midst of the incredibly depressing events in the Church, and in the world, we continue to believe and hope, and don't allow ourselves to be dragged into the darkness that surrounds us on all sides. Somehow we have to keep choosing very consciously to live toward the light, even when sometimes darkness seems to be so much easier to choose for..."

Sincerely,
Henri

PIETA

Pieta is an ongoing support group for bereaved parents. Anyone who has experienced the death of a child is welcome to attend.



The next meeting will be on

Monday, November 8, 2021

in the Conference Room. Please join us.

For more information, please call
Terry Gentile at [508-284-0796](tel:508-284-0796) or
Sue Stevens at [508-852-4887](tel:508-852-4887), or
email pieta3@gmail.com.

Stewardship Thought for the Week

Both widows in today's readings gave all they had to the work of the Lord, one using all her remaining food to feed Elijah and the other offering her two copper coins to the temple treasury. Faithful stewards give all that is asked and trust the Lord to be faithful to His promises.

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.

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Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

Sarah Kelly, Administrator - 508-852-1784

sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org

Kein.brown@saintgeorgesparish.org

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 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". Candidates have each chosen a Sunday morning date to serve (7:30-12N) with our parish ministers of Music, Hospitality, Videography, Greeters, Collectors and Coffee Shop Ministers and others. Thank you to Anaheed and Camden who served this Sunday. I look forward to serving with you,
Annie Doyle
Parish Outreach Coordinator

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Has begun on Sundays, 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.



First Reconciliation Preparation and Dates

Retreat: January 15, 2022 2:30-4:00pm in Church Hall. The students attend with one or both parents.

Ceremony: January 29, 2022, 10:00am in the Church

First Communion Preparation

Retreat & Family Dinner

March 26, 2022 2:30-6:00pm in Church Hall

The students attend the retreat portion with one or both parents.

Everyone then participates in the 4:00pm Mass.

Families, including siblings, then all join together in the Church Hall for a shared meal.

First Communion Dates

Rehearsals: April 19 & 20, 2022 4:30-5:30pm

Mass: Saturday, April 23, 2022 10:00am



Volunteer opportunities

We are in great need of volunteers willing to be on a substitute list for religious education teachers. We would also love to have more parent volunteers on our rotating schedule for Children's Liturgy of the Word. Annie Doyle handles the Toddler group, with veteran volunteers filling in for her when needed. With the "Big kid" group, we have a small group of parents who take turns. Depending on how many volunteers we have, you would be assigned to approximately one Sunday a month. Everything is provided for you and we'd be happy to go over how it all works or to have you sit in one week. Please consider helping with these great ministries. Contact Sarah Kelly at sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org

Toddler Liturgy of the Word

Has begun on Sundays,
During the 10AM 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.

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A Community of Ministries



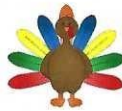
**St. George
Parish Outreach**

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

Holiday Outreach

November 6 & 7 - Thanksgiving Food Drive and collection for Turkey is this weekend. Please

label envelope "For Turkeys" - Mail in or add to Collection Basket at Mass. We hope to be able to donate 40 ten dollar gift cards to be added to Our Lady of Providence Parish Thanksgiving food baskets. This is a 20 year old tradition at St. George.



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



November 19 - Mustard Seed Meal for 100 guests. Please call Annie to help prepare the meal.

Donations towards the \$5 cost of each meal are needed.

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. Also, shower gel and body lotion.

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 November are:
Cans of Tuna and Cereal**

Help Prevent Family Homelessness Buy "Hope for Housing Cards"

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

If needed contact them at
978-833-0306 for more information.



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!



GRANDPARENTS:

All interested grandparents are asked to pray for the safety and well-being of their grandchildren. Prayers are available by sending a long self addressed stamped envelope to Ruth Viens, 20 Mary Scano Drive, Apt. 223, Worcester MA 01605. As meetings 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.*

The Refugee Story Continues

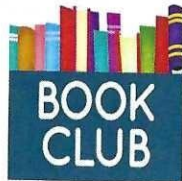
The family of 7 children and their parents continue to settle into their new home. The boys have been playing basketball in their back yard with young neighborhood friends. While visiting with them this past week the apartment was filled with the wonderful smell of home-made bread. Everyone in the family was enjoying traditional Afghan Naan bread as it came fresh and warm from the skillet. The children were all smiles!

Current Outreach Needs:

- Gently used clean recycle bags with handles, Shaw's heavy plastic ones can also be reused at the food pantry
- Women's socks
- Small portable blankets
- Men's gently used warm jackets
- Men's and Women's gloves

**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



**Join Our Prayer Shawl Ministry
Knit or Crochet At Home**

Thank you to all of our faithful knitters who continue to spread comfort and kindness through their generous work!

New members are invited to join this important ministry of outreach to the sick, suffering and lonely.

Do you know anyone who would like a Prayer Shawl? Call Annie Doyle today: 508-450-4134



**Spiritual Growth
Ministry Corner**

Ministry Leader: Bonnie Moran
saintgeorgespriualgrowth@gmail.com

The Spiritual Growth Committee members are:

Bonnie Moran – Chair; Andrea Svagdys-Gumbrell; Joyce Purcell; Joan Talbot; Patty Walsh; and Kyle Lewandowski. Fr. Niccolls and Deacon Paul serve as *ex officio* members.

As we read in the minutes of their last meeting, several members will be adding Spiritual Growth Reflections in this column each week.

Deacon Paul's Reflection:

The month of November presents us with several opportunities for spiritual reflection and growth. On November 1 we celebrate All Saints Day – an opportunity to think about the virtues of our favorite canonized saints as well as those saintly people in our lives who have passed the torch of faith on to us. On November 2 we celebrate All Souls Day – an opportunity to prayerfully remember and submit to God's mercy our departed loved ones. On November 21 we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This is the last Sunday of our liturgical year and a great segue to the season of Advent, which begins on Sunday, November 28. Notice how the apocalyptic, end-of-the-world themes of November get picked up in the first weeks of Advent and then shift to our anticipation of the 1st coming of Jesus. Have a prayer-filled and spiritually rich month of November.

Saint George Rosary Group

You're invited to attend our once a month Saturday morning Rosary Group. First Saturday of every month. Please join us on :

Saturday, December 4, 2021

Currently we are meeting at 7:30 a.m.

If interested you may contact
Jim Hachey at 508-579-9623



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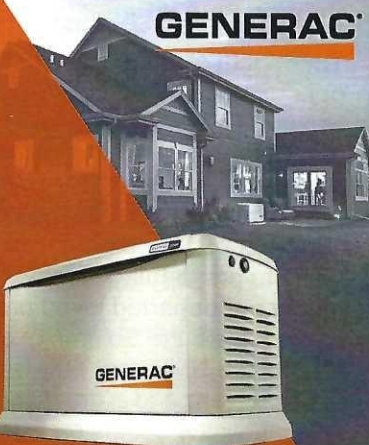
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