

## ***Saint George Church - Worcester and Holden***

***May 21, 2023 - Seventh Sunday of Easter***

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[www.saintgeorgesparish.org](http://www.saintgeorgesparish.org)

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Deacon Paul T. Audette Ext.113

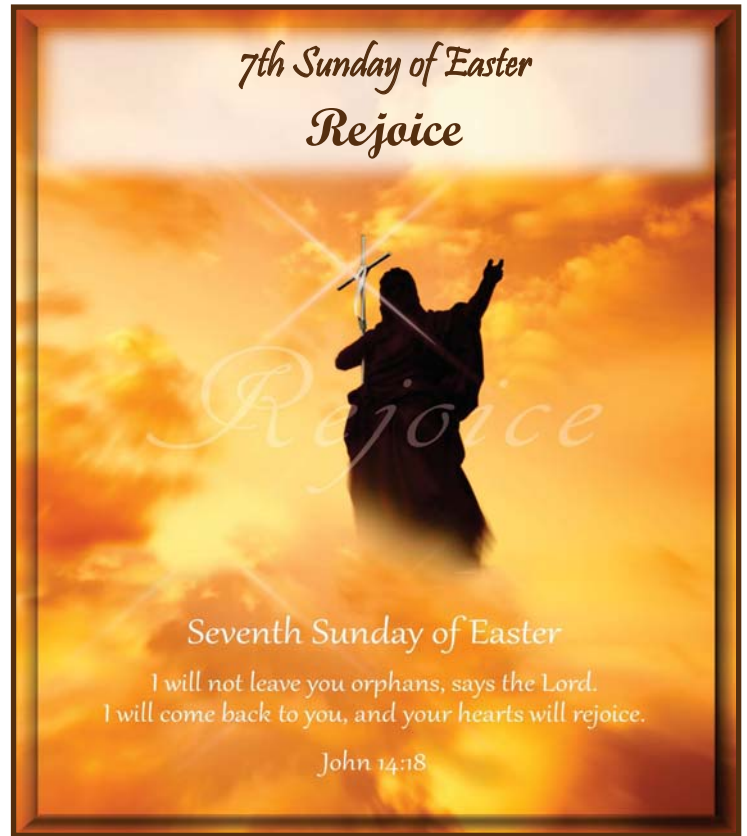
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Monday—Thursday 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

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For information regarding Pastoral Care of the Sick, Marriage Preparation, Confirmation, and Ministry Involvement, we invite you to call the Parish Office.



## ***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:**

Saturday 4:00 PM  
Sunday 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM  
Live-Streamed Mass is offered on our parish website each Sunday at 10:00 AM.

### **Weekday Masses:**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 8:00 AM  
Tuesday: 12:10 PM, Thursday: 5:30 PM

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Confessions are heard inside the church  
2:30 PM—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, May 21, 2023***



## From Your Pastor

One thing in the life of Jesus that is most noteworthy is his recourse to prayer. Today's Gospel is the conclusion of Jesus' farewell discourse and prayer to the Father. In this Gospel Jesus lifts his eyes to heaven and prays in the midst of uncertainty and fear that surrounded his Last Supper. Jesus not only prays for himself but for his disciples. Jesus' disciples may already be getting a taste of eternal life since they have come to know the only true God and the one whom he has sent – Jesus Christ. However, Jesus knows their weaknesses and how his forthcoming death will challenge them. In this prayer we learn of Jesus' intimacy with the Father, and his prayer for the protection, encouragement and strength they will need if they are to go out into the world as active missionaries. Joining our prayer to that of Jesus is how we acknowledge Jesus as the Son of God who is there within us. Sometimes our formal prayers or the liturgical or communal prayers help us to articulate that love and need. At other times we may rely on what pours forth from our hearts even if it seems disjointed and inarticulate. Whenever we bring our praises and needs to God, it is an act of love. We also learn that our destiny of eternal life does not depend upon ourselves but on God. Jesus teaches all of his disciples, then and now, that eternal life is not only something they will enter when they die, but is the fullness of life that they will experience even in this life, through their union with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*Here are some questions to reflect upon with this Gospel:*

1. *Think of one person for whom you have promised to pray. How might you bring that prayer into the present moment with that person? Now think of someone whom you have asked to pray for you. Could you bring that prayer into the present moment as well?*
2. *Have you or someone you know ever suffered for the name of Christ?*
3. *Have you ever tasted or experienced eternal life now? In what way have you had this experience?*

*Fr. Niccolls*

## Stewardship Thought of the Week

**In today's Gospel, Jesus prays, "I have given You glory on earth by finishing the work You gave Me to do."**  
**Good stewards follow His example by using their time and talents for the glory of God.**

*Glory of God.*

## Mass Intentions



**Saturday, May 20, 2023**

**4:00 PM** In Memory of Alberico LoStracco  
 Requested by his Family

**Sunday, May 21, 2023**

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

**10:00 AM** In Memory of Anna Wong and Florence Ho  
 Requested by Seraphina Wong

**Monday, May 22, 2023**

**8:00 AM** In Memory of Maureen O'Connor

**Tuesday, May 23, 2023**

**12:10 PM** In Memory of Florence Polito

**Wednesday, May 24, 2023**

**8:00 AM** In Memory of Joseph Svagdys

**Thursday, May 25, 2023**

**5:30 PM** In Memory of Deacon Gerald M. Montiverdi, Sr.  
 Requested by Fr. Miguel A. Pagan

**Friday, May 26, 2023**

**8:00 AM** In Memory of Elaine Simes

**Saturday, May 27, 2023**

**4:00 PM** In Memory of Joseph and Anna Wong  
 Requested by Seraphina Wong

**Sunday, May 28, 2023**

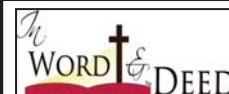
**8:00 AM** For the Community of Saint George

**10:00 AM** In Memory of Ann Ferdella, 20th Anniversary  
 Requested by the Moughan Family

We commend to your prayers

*Timothy J. Connolly*

May the angels lead him into paradise.



After completing some amazing passes in a football game, the winning quarterback was asked how he managed to be so accurate and consistent. "I have to think like my receivers. It's as though we share the same brain and I am throwing the ball to myself. I know exactly where he is running and when he'll get to the point where I will throw the ball. That comes from lots of practice and spending time together." The key to their success came from acting as a team with one mind and one goal.

Jesus prays intensely for the unity of the Church. He knows the Father, has carried out His mission and shared it with the Apostles. Now, Jesus wants them to do the same. He has shown them the Father, given them a mission and wants them to share that message with others. Just as Jesus is one with the Father, He wants His Apostles to be one with Him and with each other. In union with Him, they will be in union with the Father and will be successful in completing the work entrusted to them.

Some people have an attitude that being spiritual is enough or that they do not need a church or community of faith. But Jesus prays for this. He knows that together we will accomplish great things. We will think and love and forgive with the mind and heart and spirit of Jesus. Remaining faithful to the Gospel and to our baptismal promises, we can become who we are called to be: the Body of Christ.

~J. Gaffney-Pilot Bulletins.



**Weekly Collection**  
**May 8, 2023 - May 14, 2023**

**On Line Giving: \$ 2,389.10**  
**Ordinary Collection: \$ 4,236.00**  
**Total: \$ 6,625.10**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

### *Parish Calendar*

<b>Saturday, May 20, 2023</b>	
8:00 PM AA Meeting	Church Hall
<b>Sunday, May 21, 2023</b>	
After 8:00 & 10:00 AM Mass Coffee Shop	Church Hall
10:00 AM Toddler & Children's Liturgy	Church Hall
<b>Monday, May 22, 2023</b>	
7:00 PM Faith Sharing Group Rm 107	Parish Center
<b>Tuesday, May 23, 2023</b>	
<b>Wednesday, May 24, 2023</b>	
1:30 - 2:30 PM Gentle Yoga	Church Hall
2:00 PM Faith Sharing Group Rm 107	Parish Center
<b>Thursday, May 25, 2023</b>	
11:00 AM Faith Sharing	Church Hall
6:00 PM Family Prayer Night	Church
<b>Friday, May 26, 2023</b>	
<b>Saturday, May 27, 2023</b>	
8:00 PM AA Meeting	Church Hall
<b>Sunday, May 28, 2023</b>	
After 8:00 & 10:00 AM Mass Coffee Shop	Church Hall
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**Partner's in Charity**  
**St. George Church**  
**donated \$61,715.00,**  
**our goal is \$95,000.00**

**Please consider donating. Thank you for helping!**  
 Our agencies and ministries are faces of hope to so many people. Your pledge or one-time gift is a tangible way to be a 'face of Christ and his helping hands' to the world through your support of the agencies and ministries which rely on this appeal for the funding each year. And you, in turn, share in the joy of bringing hope into the lives of those we serve. Please visit [Partners-Charity.net](http://Partners-Charity.net) to view the online video showing some of the many charities, ministries and educational programs that rely on your generosity. To donate you can place your donation in the collection basket at Mass, by using the Partners in Charity envelopes in the pews, or text the word "donate" to 84576 to access the online giving page, donate online at [www.Partners-Charity.net](http://www.Partners-Charity.net) or call in a pledge at: 508-929-4366. Checks payable to: Partners in Charity and mail to: Partners In Charity 49 Elm St., Worcester, MA 01609.

### Online Donating News



Our Online Giving vendor is changing! Email Instructions on how to enroll with Our Sunday Visitor were sent if you have an account with the old online giving vendor: ParishSoft. You may sign up with Our Sunday Visitor and then stop all recurring donations from ParishSoft. We are here to assist. Once you have reviewed the material and begun the change-over process, let us know if you need further assistance or have questions. Visit St. George Website: <https://saintgeorgesparish.org/> If you have any questions please contact: Kathy Hessel at: [mkhessel@aol.com](mailto:mkhessel@aol.com) or Patty LaBonte at 508-853-0183 or send an email: [office@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:office@saintgeorgesparish.org)



### Saint George Parish Scholarships

Congratulations to our graduating Seniors!  
 Our prayers and best wishes are with you!  
 Parish Scholarships are now available. Applications may be found at the back entrance of the Church Hall and on the Parish Website. Completed applications are due at the:

**Parish Office no later than**  
**1:30 PM on June 1, 2023**

**Baccalaureate Mass** will be here at St. George Church on  
**Sunday, June 11, 2023 at 10:00 AM.**  
 The award ceremony will take place during the Mass.

### Gentle Yoga for "Every Body"



**In-person - \$5 donation**

**Wednesdays 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM in the Church Hall**

Gentle yoga helps with flexibility, strength and well-being while relaxing your mind, increasing your energy, and reducing stress.

Contact Sue Stevens, email: [MonarchYoga@gmail.com](mailto:MonarchYoga@gmail.com)

### Join us for Coffee Shop Club

**After 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Masses**

May 21 - Kathy Hessel and Team

May 28 - NO COFFEE SHOP- Memorial Day

June 4 - Andy Fish and Team

June 11 - Kevin Browne and Team

Coffee, donuts, bulkies, and fellowship! Please join a team! Each team serves once every 10 weeks all teams need help! Sign up at the Coffee Shop or come to find out more. Coffee Club meetings are 2nd Sunday every other month.

**Contact Andy Fish: [andy@andyfish.com](mailto:andy@andyfish.com) or 508-901-7813**



**\$1.00 each**



### Saint John's Spring Preview Open House

**Tuesday, May 23, 2023 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

Join the Saint John's High School community for the Spring Preview Open House. During this event, prospective families and students will have an opportunity to hear from Saint John's faculty, staff and students regarding the limitless opportunities available to our students! Limited space is still available for students hoping to enroll for 2023-2024; we encourage both families interested in this coming school year and next school year to attend!

To learn more and to register, please visit  
[stjohnshigh.org/preview](http://stjohnshigh.org/preview)

### Bulletin Item Due Dates:

Postings are due **10 days before the Sunday Bulletin.**  
 Please submit items at least 10 days before the Bulletin date.  
 E-mail our Parish Admin Assistant Patty LaBonte at  
[office@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:office@saintgeorgesparish.org) The best way to book or reserve a Mass is to call our office: 508-853-0183.

### Prayer Before Mass

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord, so that we, who believe that the Savior of the human race is with you in your glory, may experience, as he promised, until the end of the world, his abiding presence among us. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen



### 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. Contact Judith Audette, Diocese of Worcester victim assistance coordinator, at (508) 929-4363.

### ZOOM Rosary

#### Urban Missionaries from Our Lady of Hope

If you would like to join via Zoom for a weekly Rosary:

**Every Sunday, 6:00 PM via ZOOM**

Send an email to [mailbox@urbanmissionaries.com](mailto:mailbox@urbanmissionaries.com) and put "Rosary" in the subject line.

A ZOOM link will be sent to your email.

### Saint George Saturday Rosary Group

You are invited to attend our once a month Saturday morning Rosary Group.

**First Saturday of every month.**

Currently, we are meeting in the Church at 8:00 AM June 3rd, 2023

If interested, please contact Jim Hachey at 508-579-9623



### Family Prayer Night Thursdays 6:00 PM in the Church

In the Church, there is a gathering of people who pray for all families. The Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary are prayed. 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 first Thursday and Friday of each month.



### Position Available Director of Sacred Music

The position of Director of Sacred Music at St. Mark's Parish in Sutton is open for applications. This position is a part-time position. For a job description and more information please contact: Fr. Michael DiGeronimo at [frmichael@saintmarksparish.org](mailto:frmichael@saintmarksparish.org)

### Position Available Parish Secretary in Boylston

Saint Mary of the Hills Parish in Boylston is seeking part-time Secretary, approximately 20-24 flexible hours per week. The successful candidate reports to Pastor, Fr. Juan Echavarria and respects the Catholic faith, and has secretarial skills.

Contact [frjuan@saintmaryofthehills.com](mailto:frjuan@saintmaryofthehills.com)

### Deacon Paul Audette

James Martin Speaks to us through his "Essential Writings"

James Martin SJ in his writings points the reader toward the hidden or obscured treasures of daily life, even when that life can seem one of pointless suffering or underserved struggle. In this essay from the February 13, 2012 issue of *America* magazine, Fr. Martin describes *Six Stupid Things I Never Want To Do Again* (Part II): "3. *Get people to like you.* I spent all of my teens, most of my 20s, a great deal of my 30s and too much of my 40s trying to get people to like me. But forcing people's affections never works. Besides, it takes too much energy to tailor yourself to what you think people will like. Your true friends like you already. Be open to change and growth by all means, but treasure friends who love you for who you are...4. *Be a jerk.* You're tired. You're rushed. You've got a cold. You're late. You're angry about something your boss said. Yes, you are miserable. That doesn't mean you have to be a jerk to everyone else. It really doesn't. Sure, share your frustrations and struggles with close friends, but don't make everyone else's life more miserable by passing on your misery. Once I joked to a friend, 'Boy, my life is such a cross!' 'Yes,' he said, 'But for you or others?'"



### Eucharistic Adoration in the Church

The Thursday evening and Friday morning Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration will be:

**Thursday, June 1st, 2023** 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

**Friday, June 2nd, 2023** after 8:00 AM Mass-10:00 PM. We hope you can come join us in prayer and to spend time in the presence of Jesus Christ.



### Diocese of Worcester Night at the Bravehearts

Worcester Bravehearts are inviting you to the ballpark this summer!

**Friday, June 2nd at Fitton Field**  
**Game start at 6:30 PM gates open at 5:30 PM**

All family members will receive discounted tickets for \$10. Purchase tickets at: [www.worcesterbraveheartsgroups.com](http://www.worcesterbraveheartsgroups.com)

And use the password: **tickets**

Email questions to Nate Gonelli at:

[nathan@worcesterbravehearts.com](mailto:nathan@worcesterbravehearts.com)

### Catholic Youth Leadership Program Diocesan Youth Discipleship Team

The application period for the 2023-2024 Diocesan Youth Discipleship Team is OPEN! This program is open to all 9-12 grade youth (as of August 2023). If you are a high schooler or a current 8th grader or know of someone in your parish or school who is interested in diving deeper into the Catholic Faith, looking to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ, and interested in Christian leadership and evangelization opportunities, then this is the perfect opportunity for you! Complete details as well as the online application can be found at: [www.neworchester.org/diocesan-youth-discipleship-team](http://www.neworchester.org/diocesan-youth-discipleship-team)

Questions: contact Tim Messenger, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at: [tmessenger@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto:tmessenger@worcesterdiocese.org), or 508-929-4360



## Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith" Sarah Kelly, Administrator  
Phone: 508-852-1784

Sarah Kelly's email: [sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org)

Kevin Browne's email: [kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org)



**Confirmation** took place on:  
Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 3:00pm at  
St. Paul Cathedral. Twenty eight of our  
young men and women were confirmed.  
We are very proud of them!

Anna Berger  
Jack Blute  
Kevin Bourget  
Samantha Bradshaw  
Noelle Brown  
Madeline Cameron  
Erin Connor  
Isobel Connor  
David Dobson IV  
Liam Donnellan  
Charles Johnson  
Alicia Lubowicki  
Nadia Lubowicki  
Delaney McGee

Brenna McGuire  
Jessica McMillan  
Aidan Montgomery  
Camden Morris  
Brigid Murphy  
Grace O'Malley  
Michaela Roberts  
Lucia Smarra  
Harry Stubbert  
Joseph Tirimacco  
Michael Truchsess  
Tam Truong  
James Wheeler  
Rebecca Wright



**First Communion** took place on:  
Sunday, April 30th, 2023.  
Congratulations to these 17 students.  
We are also very proud of them!

Samantha Abdelnour  
Juliana Andrade  
Nolan Capers  
Fiona Connelly  
Emma Cooksey  
Maeve Coppolino  
Kyla Fanning  
Makenna Fanning

Isabelle Hadley  
Cara Hayes  
Charlie Hubbard  
Rachel Kidnay  
Delaney Muckian  
Brady Peterssen  
Lucille Spencer  
Lila Svagdys  
Owen Vigneux

### Fall Registration:

Registration information will be emailed to families for grades 1 to Confirmation in May 2023. Please contact Sarah Kelly if you have any questions or have not received an email in May to register for Fall 2023 Religious Education classes.

If interested in helping or any questions, then please reach out to Sarah or Kevin via email.

### Grades 1 to Confirmation questions:

Please email Sarah at [sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org)

### Youth Ministry questions:

Please email Kevin at [kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org)



## THE FAMILY CONNECTION

*Smile ask and listen.* This phrase is guaranteed to help us all be friendly to everyone we meet today! A smile brightens the day for those who give and receive it. A question gets conversations started and lets the other person know you are interested in him or her. Genuine listening helps you learn about and know someone and shows him or her that you care.



### GRANDPARENTS:

All interested grandparents are asked to pray for the safety and well-being of their grandchildren. Copies of Grandparent Prayers are available on the back table in the Church Hall under the bulletin board. Contact Ruth at 508-852-5658 or email: [ruthviens@outlook.com](mailto:ruthviens@outlook.com)

**Grandparents make memories  
that the heart holds forever.**

## Diocesan Summer Youth Events

The Diocesan Youth Ministry Office will once again be offering a number of summer programs & activities for youth in middle and high school! This includes the Diocesan summer volleyball league.

### Registration deadline - May 26,

Other fun activities include: trips to an aerial adventure park, whitewater rafting, a summer Bible study for high schoolers, and a series of middle school hangout nights.

For complete details or to sign up for any of these offerings, go to [www.neworchester.org/other-events](http://www.neworchester.org/other-events) or contact: Tim Messenger, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry, at: [tmessenger@worcesterdioecese.org](mailto:tmessenger@worcesterdioecese.org) or 508-929-4360

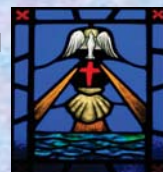
**Youth Ministry Gathering**  
Please contact Kevin Browne  
For next gathering.



Open to grades 7-12 Please contact:  
Kevin's email: [kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org)

## Baptisms in the Church Family

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](mailto:st.geobaptism@gmail.com)



# A Community of Ministries



## St. George Parish Outreach

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



### In the Hour of Need Family Shelter

As many of you know, St. George Parish has been a partner with **In the Hour of Need Family Shelter (IHN)** for more than 15 years. IHN promotes self-sufficiency by

providing temporary shelter, meals, and housing advocacy services to homeless families with children regardless of income and family structure.

**Our annual week of service at IHN is June 18-24, 2023.**

**Only 4 weeks away!** Needs have been posted at each entrance of the church. Please choose a ticket to join this effort. Volunteers are needed to help donate evening and overnight hours which help staff the shelter. There will also be a need to help with cleaning, gardening, painting and other activities. Donations of "Hope for Housing Cards" will help provide supplemental food items for meals and hygiene items. Please call Annie (508-450-4134) to learn about how you can help.

### Current Parish Outreach Needs and Opportunities

**Mustard Seed Catholic Worker:** Reusable grocery bags are needed for the Food Pantry. Men's T-shirts, shorts and jeans are needed for the clothing room.

**Our Afghanistan Families:** Donations of gently used towels and face cloths are needed. Toilet paper, bars of soap and dish washing liquid would be greatly appreciated.

**THANK YOU!** We are grateful to everyone who helped to provide the May Mustard Seed Meal for 150 homeless and elderly neighbors. Your donations, preparation, delivery and service were greatly appreciated!

### Your Help is Needed to Feed the Hungry



**Special Needs for June are:  
Peanut Butter & Jelly,  
Cereal and Soup.**



The last weeks of each month are especially difficult for folks coming to our 3 food pantries lately. Government assistance (SNAP & WIC) has been decreased and inflation is stretching family food budgets.

All types of food donations are always welcome and can be left in the "Outreach Collection Area" just outside the entrance to the Church Hall on the basement level.

### NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME!



We are honored and delighted to welcome you. Contact Annie Doyle at 508-450-4134 for an introduction to our ministries, our needs, and your interests. We would enjoy talking with you.

Call the Parish Office with questions at 508-853-0183.

### All Children Are Welcome

The community of St. George warmly welcomes children:

- Babies who make sounds that carry our prayers to heaven,
- Toddlers who wiggle and jump,
- Little ones who ask a million questions,
- Older children who are growing in their friendship with Jesus are all welcome.

**Children belong here. We all belong to Christ.  
We are all God's people.**

**We invite you to sit up front when you come to Mass. It's easier for children to see and hear there. At the 10AM Mass children are invited downstairs for part of the Mass.**

- Toddlers, preschoolers and kindergarteners, accompanied by a parent, can move around a bit, sing and listen to the Gospel story in a simple way.
- Children in Grades 1-3 attend the "Children's Liturgy of the Word" where they will hear the Readings and Gospel in an age appropriate way.

**Please join us after Mass every Sunday in the Church Hall for coffee and donuts.**

### Hope For Housing Cards Help Prevent Family Homelessness



Hope for Housing is a non-profit program developed by our parishioner Matt Ryan.

Matt has left us with this legacy which utilizes the collective buying power of 30 congregations to raise money for the prevention of family homelessness.

These Gift Cards for local retailers, including Big Y, CVS, Dunkin' Donuts, Hannaford, Panera, Shaws, Stop & Shop, Target, Starbucks, and TJ Max are purchased in bulk, which in turn are sold to members of participating congregations who receive the full value of the card. The retailers donate 2-10% of all sales to the Hope for Housing program. By purchasing gift cards for **your use** at local retailers, you can help to stabilize families by providing counseling and support.

Please buy "**Hope for Housing Cards**" available after all Masses. See Dave and Sue Genereux in the Church Hall after Mass. Any questions call them at: 978-833-0306

### 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, homebound or ill. Call 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 institution to release information and list St. George's as your religious affiliation, we are not informed that you are a patient. Thank you for your understanding.



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

Emmaus Ministry Hosting

St. George Church Hall

DJ

DANCING

LIGHT  
FARE

BEVERAGES

**Summer**  
CELEBRATION

June 2, 2023  
7pm-10pm

**\$10 per person**

**Youth 17 yrs and younger are Free**

**\$15 at the door on 6/2**

Tickets on Sale 5/15 through 6/2

After all Weekend Masses and by mailing payment to  
the church office, 40 Brattle Street Worcester MA 01606,  
Tickets will be mailed to you.

Questions...Please contact Andrea or JoAnn at  
508-853-0183 or [emmaus.stgeorge@gmail.com](mailto:emmaus.stgeorge@gmail.com)



**Spiritual Growth Ministry Corner**

Ministry Leader: Bonnie Moran

[Saintgeorgespiritualgrowth@gmail.com](mailto:Saintgeorgespiritualgrowth@gmail.com)

In the Fall of 2021, Pope Francis opened the Synod on Synodality. He invited the entire Church to "journey together" in this time of "renewal" to reflect on the processes of the church. To determine the processes that can, "help her to live communion, to achieve participation, to open Herself to mission."

In the spring of 2022 our own parish held gatherings to discuss our experiences and thoughts on the future of our church. We discussed and shared many experiences and hopes for our local parish, the Diocese and our shared Catholic faith.

As the Synod moves through this second year, many voices have been heard through Synod discussions throughout the world. Remarkably some of what the voices have shared are an echo of the voices that have spoken from our own parish. The voices that spoke of marginalization of people. Marginalization of women, those with alternate lifestyles, and the voices of those that have suffered at the hands of the church. The voices of divorced and remarried Catholics-uncertain of their place to receive the Holy Eucharist.

Recently Pope Francis made some changes in the discussions and gatherings going forward, as the Synod moves into the final phase. This is important news for those of you who attended gatherings here and were concerned that "our voices might not be heard", "might not make a difference".

Some of the changes being made in preparation for the final gatherings and writings on the 2023-2024 Synod are about those who will have a vote.

An additional list of 140 people will be selected by the leadership of this years Continental Synod meetings. Seventy of these members who are priests, consecrated women, deacons and laypeople will be chosen by Pope Francis himself and will become eligible to vote.

Of the seventy people selected fifty percent will be women. Pope Francis also wants the selections to emphasize and include "young people".

In the past, ten male priests were selected to represent those in consecrated life. Pope Francis makes a second change here requiring that five men and five women be elected to represent those in consecrated life.

The final modification Pope Francis shared - he will personally choose the representatives of the Vatican dicastery's who will participate in the assembly.

These of course are not monumental changes. However, they are notable changes made from within a progressing Synod. Perhaps already signaling change in our journey forward.

Continue to be a part of the Synod on Synodality. Stay informed about its progress and any further changes by visiting [Vaticannews.va](http://Vaticannews.va) and of course, join with us in prayer for communion, participation and mission, Synod 2024.

Spiritual Growth Committee members: Bonnie Moran – Chair; Deacon Paul Audette, Joan Talbot; Patti Walsh; Helen Hurley, and Kyle Lewandowski. Fr. Niccolls, Fr. Pagan as ex officio members.

**Faith Sharing Groups**

**Monday Faith Sharing Group will meet:**

May 22nd at 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
in the Parish Center, Room 107

**Wednesday Faith Sharing Group will meet:**

May 24th at 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM  
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If interested in joining a group, please contact JoAnn.

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