

Saint George Church - Worcester and Holden

June 11, 2023 - Corpus Christi Sunday

40 Brattle Street Worcester, MA 01606
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www.saintgeorgesparish.org

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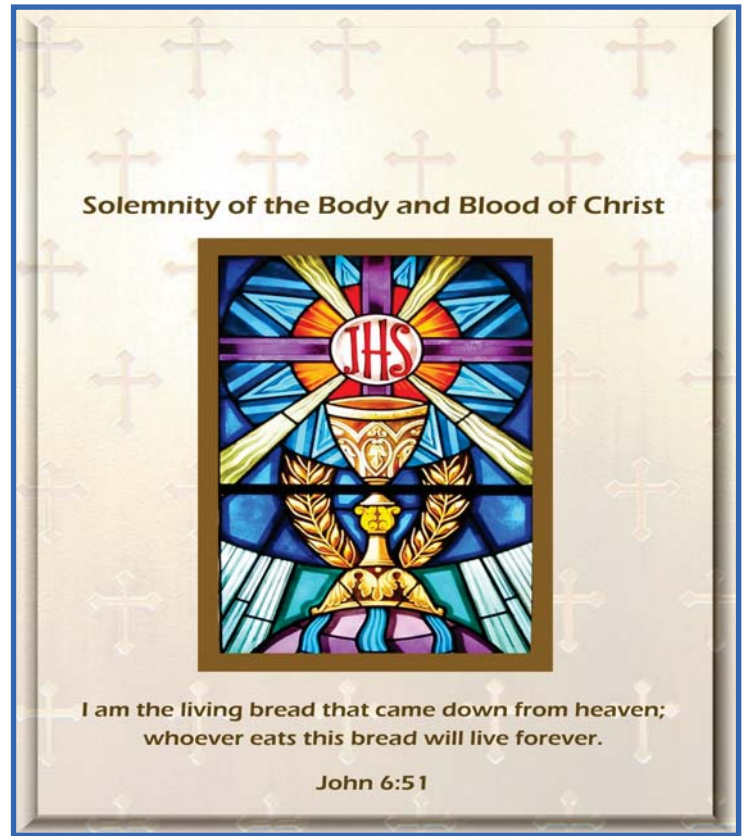
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Current Office Hours:
Monday—Thursday 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

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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

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 and Friday at 8:00 AM
Tuesday: 12:10 PM, and 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, June 11, 2023



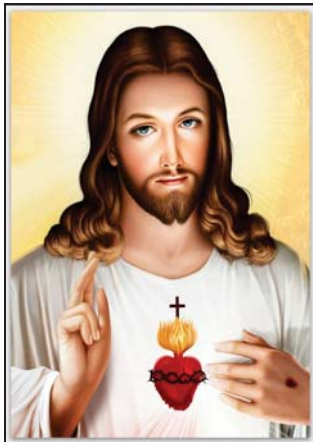
From Your Pastor

CLERGY ASSIGNMENTS: On July 1, 2023, Fr. Miguel Pagan, our associate pastor, will become the pastor of St. Denis Parish in Douglas. Our prayers and best wishes are extended to him as he begins his new assignment. Also on July 1st, Fr. Thomas Hultquist, the pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Lancaster, will retire from his pastorate and will become a senior priest in residence here at St. George's. However, for the months of July and August, Fr. Hultquist will be here only on weekends to help out with our Mass schedule. He will take up residence here completely beginning in September. We welcome Fr. Hultquist to our parish, and I am sure that you will welcome him as you have always done with the same hospitality you have extended to all priests who have served our parish. At a later time an associate pastor for our parish will be named and assigned.

MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL

The Second Collection next Weekend, June 17th/18th, will be the Annual Mission Cooperative Appeal. Fr. Giltus Matthias, C.P. from the Passionist Missionaries in Australia will speak on behalf of this appeal. Your generosity, both spiritually and financially toward this appeal, will be greatly appreciated. Today's Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ provides us with the opportunity to reflect upon the core meaning of the mystery of the Holy Eucharist. It is a celebration of God's saving grace given to us in his word, promise and hope for eternal life. More importantly, it stresses the receiving of Christ's Body and Blood by our participation in the Sacrifice which he offered for our salvation upon the altar of the Cross. He is the satisfaction of all desires and all hunger. He is the satisfaction of hunger for one's life to have meaning, to have forgiveness and to have acceptance. These are some of our deepest spiritual hungers. They ultimately point to our hunger for God. These hungers can be satisfied by spiritual food which is ultimately an encounter with God through Jesus Christ. As Jesus said in the Gospel, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in them." When we eat the Body and Blood of Jesus, we become one with him and a member of his Body. We are freed from selfishness and sin as we are inserted into the Person of Jesus and into the life of the Blessed Trinity. This is a blessing that the Church provides for us in the opportunity to be fed by Jesus.

Fr. Niccolls



Month of June is Sacred Heart of Jesus Month

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I pray for Your healing touch upon my body, mind and spirit. I beg You to remove any fear or anxiety. Fill me with the PEACE that You alone can give. I place myself completely in Your hands. O my Lord Jesus, trusting in Your care and love for me, may my recovery be swift, my strength renewed, and my health restored. I lift up all my afflictions in Your hands, Lord, for You are

the Divine Healer with DIVINE MERCY. O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I put my trust in You. Amen.

Mass Intentions



Saturday, June 10, 2023

4:00 PM In Memory of Dudley Shaw and Linus Fung
Requested by Seraphina Wong

Sunday, June 11, 2023

8:00 AM In Memory of James Phelan, 4th Anniversary
Requested by his Family

10:00 AM In Memory of Pierce Gould, 1st Anniversary
Requested by his Family

Monday, June 12, 2023

8:00 AM In Memory of Dr. Policiano Menezes
Requested by the Ajbani Family

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

12:10 PM In Memory of Ernest Pantos

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

8:00 AM In Memory of Bernard J. Walsh
Requested by his wife, Ann Walsh

Thursday, June 15, 2023

5:30 PM In Memory of Lucille DuFault

Friday, June 16, 2023

8:00 AM In Memory of Stuart C. Leroy

Saturday, June 17, 2023

4:00 PM In Memory of Laurence and Paul LaFayette
Requested by Seraphina Wong

Sunday, June 18, 2023

8:00 AM For the Community of Saint George

10:00 AM In Memory of Donald T. McClain
Requested by his wife, Angela McClain



After dinner at our parents' home on Christmas Day, we were sitting at the table, reminiscing about the Christmas celebrations of our childhood. The middle brother picked up one of my mother's incredible cookies and held it up as he announced that this was the best memory of his childhood Christmas. He told the story of being ten years old and sneaking to the kitchen in the middle of the night, just to get a Christmas cookie. A second later, the cookie was gone and it became another part of his memories!

Our celebration of the Body and Blood of Christ is more than just remembering the past. Through the sacrament, the sacrifice of Jesus is made present again under the forms of bread and wine. We do not simply recall the Pascal Mystery; we are present to it and participate in it. We are joined with all those who believe—past, present and future—to offer the one perfect sacrifice of Jesus. The most visible sign of that unity is when we gather around the altar to celebrate the Word and Work of the Lord.

Gathering around the table of the Lord, we celebrate the faith of the Church. We hear the stories and wisdom of those who have gone before us. We share the example and grace of those who are with us. We offer our prayers and hopes for those who will come after us. We are mindful of the gift of life, the gift of grace and the gift of forgiveness that is the Body and Blood of Christ. ~James Gaffney © Pilot Bulletins (JG Pilot)

PIETA is an ongoing support group for bereaved parents. Anyone who has experienced the death of a child is welcome to attend. Next meeting on:

Monday, June 12th at 7:00 PM in the Church Hall

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



Weekly Collection

May 29, 2023 - June 4, 2023

On-line Giving: \$ 1,596.50
 Ordinary Collection: \$ 4,135.00
 Total: \$ 5,731.50

Month of May Funds:

On-line Giving: \$ 4,860.90
 Ordinary Collection: \$ 15,812.00
 Monthly Fund: \$ 2,025.00
 (*phasing out) *A/C: \$ 110.00
 *Fuel: \$ 90.00
 *Repairs: \$ 130.00
 Total: \$ 23,027.90

Thank you for your generosity!
 We are truly grateful.

Parish Calendar

Saturday, June 10, 2023

8:00 PM AA Meeting Church Hall

Sunday, June 11, 2023

After 8:00 & 10:00 AM Mass Coffee Shop Church Hall

10:00 AM Toddler & Children's Liturgy Church Hall

10:00 AM Baccalaureate Mass Church

Monday, June 12, 2023

7:00 PM Pieta Group Support Church Hall

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

NO Gentle Yoga this week!

Thursday, June 15, 2023

11:00 AM Faith Sharing Church Hall

6:00 PM Family Prayer Night Church

Friday, June 16, 2023

Saturday, June 17, 2023

8:00 PM AA Meeting Church Hall

Sunday, June 18, 2023 Happy Father's Day!

After 8:00 & 10:00 AM Mass Coffee Shop Church Hall

10:00 AM Toddler & Children's Liturgy Church Hall

Online Donating News

Our Online Giving vendor has changed!
The new online giving vendor is Our Sunday Visitor. Email instructions on how to register with Our Sunday Visitor were sent and a letter was mailed to you if you had a ParishSoft account. We are here to assist you.

Visit St. George Website: <https://saintgeorgesparish.org/>

If you have any questions please contact: Kathy Hessel at:

mkhessel@aol.com or Patty LaBonte at 508-853-0183

or send an email to: office@saintgeorgesparish.org



Partner's in Charity
St. George Church
 donated \$72,945.00,
 our goal is \$95,000.00
 77% of our goal.

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 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 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.



Do you like to draw or enjoy making art?

Come join open studio event once a month!

Saturday, June 24th, 2023 ART & PIZZA

5:00 - 7:00 PM in the Church Hall

Bring your own materials & drop in to doodle, finish a project or work in your sketchbook.

For teens to adults (ages 13+).

Questions: contact Parish Office 508-853-0183



Line Dancing!



Line Dance Classes

St. Anne Church located on
130 Boston Turnpike,
Shrewsbury, MA

Parish Center 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Every Thursday until end of June.

No experience or registration is necessary. Come and have fun! Pay as you go, cost is \$10 per session. Bring your water bottle and dancing shoes. There will be different genres of music and lots of fun! Your dance instructor is Mary Dragon.

Contact Ellie at 508-757-5154 x 12
 with questions and to be added to the email list.

Indoor Yard Sale - Spencer

Mary, Queen of the Rosary Parish in the Church Hall
7 Church Street, Spencer

Saturday, June 17th 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Featuring: housewares, small furniture, books, home décor, jewelry, kids toys and games, seasonal items, vendor tables, raffles and lunch café. Cash sales only. Ample Parking.

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 The best way to book or reserve a Mass is to call our office: 508-853-0183.

Join us for Coffee Shop Club

After 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Masses

June 11 - Kevin Browne and Team

June 18 - Dave Carlson and Team

June 25 - Mike Doherty, John Beahn and Team

July 2 -No Coffee Shop 4th of July Weekend.

Coffee, donuts, bulkies, and fellowship! Please join a team!

Each team serves once every 10 weeks all teams need help!

Coffee Club meetings are 2nd Sunday every other month.

Contact Andy Fish: andy@andyfish.com or 508-901-7813



\$1.00 each

Prayer Before or After Mass

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one 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.

Workshop for Parish Respect Life Ministries

**St. Francis of Assisi - Parish Hall
81 Sheridan Street, Fitchburg
Saturday, June 17 from 10:00 AM - Noon**

The Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Worcester will offer "Respect Life Ministry in the Parish: The Church's Vision" information and basic training session. Whether you have been involved in Respect Life Ministry for many years, are considering starting or joining a ministry in your parish or would simply like to learn more, there is something for everyone.

For more information contact Cathy North-Erickson at adoration314@gmail.com or call 978-257-4559

*"God so loved the world,
He gave His only Son."*



Do you believe that Christ may be calling you to see the glory of the Blessed Trinity through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life?
Contact the Vocation Office at (508) 630-4473

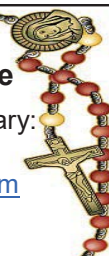
ZOOM Rosary

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 and put "Rosary" in the subject line. A ZOOM link will be sent to your email.



Family Prayer Night Thursdays 6:00 PM In the Church

There is a gathering of people who pray for all families. The Divine Mercy Chaplet 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. Come and pray together.



Deacon Paul Audette

James Martin

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 undeserved struggle. In this essay from the August 14, 2006 issue of *America* magazine, Fr. Martin talks about the gift of parenthood (Part II and conclusion): "Seeing things through a child's perspective is a healthy spiritual practice, especially if we ever hope to enter the reign of God. So I never miss an opportunity to find out how Charles, my nephew, sees the world. Last year, I asked how his infant brother passed his time. 'He eats and he sleeps and he cries and he poops,' he said. I took this as a reasonable summary of Matthew's life and started to move to another topic, when Charles said excitedly: 'Uncle Jim, I almost forgot! He throws up, too!'...My nephew really is my favorite person in the world...Of course, even his parents and grandmother would admit that Charles is not a perfect child. But he is a beautiful soul. And seven years ago he did not even exist...My little nephew's presence in the world makes me grateful to be alive, astonished at the goodness of the Creator, conscious of what I have foregone as a Jesuit and, as an added benefit, more able to laugh at life."



Eucharistic Adoration in the Church

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

Thursday, July 6th, 2023 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Friday, July 7th, 2023 after 8:00 AM Mass-10:00 AM.

We hope you can come join us in prayer and to spend time in the presence of Jesus Christ.

Trip to the Holy Land

**October 23, 2023 - November 5, 2023.
St. Joseph's Church, Charlton, MA**

Join Fr. Bob Grattaroti for trip to the Holy Land. Flight from Boston to Tel Aviv/Holy Land. Spend 7 days in the Holy Land before heading off to Rome with a papal audience. Then off to visit Florence and Assisi and Venice. Price includes Roundtrip airfare from Boston, 2 meals a day, 4/5 star accommodations, luxury buses and a lifetime of memories. Cost is \$5,999.00 per person.

For more information please reach out to:
Proximo Travel at 855-842-8001

SAVE THE DATE Mini-Retreat for Women this Fall

The Commission for Women of the Diocese of Worcester invite you to join a Mini-Retreat on this Fall on:



**Saturday, October 28, 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM
at St. Anne's Church in the Parish Hall.
Located on 130 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury.**

This retreat will be led by Sarah Hart, a leading figure in contemporary Catholic music today.

Further information and a registration form may be found at <https://worcestardiocese.org/2023-morning-retreat-invitation> or you can send an email to the Commission at: worcestercommissionforwomen@gmail.com or email Susan at susanzybert@gmail.com



Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith" Sarah Kelly, Administrator

Phone: 508-852-1784

sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org

Welcome to St. George Religious Education Registration!

We are so excited to work with the children of our parish. We offer classes for children in grades 1-10. We prepare students for the sacraments of 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion (typically in Grade 2), and Confirmation (typically in Grade 10).

The cost for the program is \$100 per student with a family cap of \$200. There is an additional fee of \$50 for those students in a sacramental year (1st Communion and Confirmation). As an example, if a family has 3 children in classes they would pay \$200 for their religious education fees, plus \$50 per any child making their 1st Communion or Confirmation.

Students in Grades 1-8 meet weekly, and have the option of registering for Tuesday afternoons 4:30-5:30 PM OR Sunday mornings 9:00-10:00 AM. Confirmation I & II students (typically grades 9 & 10) meet approximately once a month on Sunday mornings 11:00-12:00 PM, after attending the 10:00 AM Mass together. All meeting dates and the online registration can be found on our parish website:

<https://saintgeorgesparish.org/religious-education>

If you have any questions, please reach out to Sarah Kelly at:

sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org



Young Adult Weekly Pick-up Volleyball & Hangout

**St. Christopher Church located on:
950 West Boylston Street, Worcester
Every Friday, at 6:00 PM starting
June 16 to the end of August.**

All young adults (ages 18+) are invited to join us for weekly pick-up volleyball. These gatherings are very laid back and open to any young adult regardless of skill level! If you are looking for a fun way to meet up with other young adults in the area, then this is perfect for you! There is no commitment or formal sign-ups but if you would like to receive text/email updates in the summer feel free to sign up at the following link:

www.neworchester.org/young-adult-summer-volleyball

8th Annual Quo Vadis Days Retreat!

**Anna Maria College
50 Sunset Lane, Paxton.
Thursday, June 22nd - Sunday June 25th**

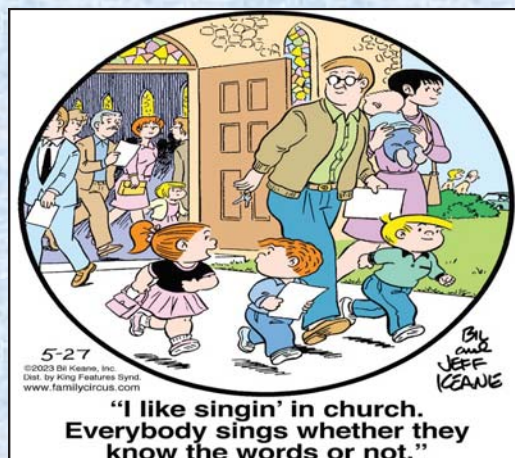
This annual even is sponsored by the Diocese of Worcester in conjunction with neighboring dioceses. This is a four-day over-night camp designed for high school-aged men (ages 13-18) to help them deepen their faith, grow in virtue, learn more about all vocations, and better discern God in their lives. Cost is \$150 which includes dorm at Anna Maria College.

To register or for more information visit:

<https://quovadisboston.com/>

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

As families, we carry out the missions of the Church in our homes (the domestic church) in ordinary ways. Here is what our bishops tell us: "You celebrate life, whether for birthdays, weddings, births, deaths, first day of school, or graduation, new jobs, old friends, family reunions, surprise visits, holy days and holidays. You come together when tragedy strikes or in joyful celebration of the sacraments. As you gather for a meal, you break bread and share stories, becoming more fully the community of love Jesus calls us to be." (Follow the Way of Love, 1994)



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

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



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

Open to grades 7-12 Please contact:

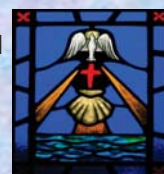
Kevin's email: kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org

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



A Community of Ministries



St. George Parish Outreach

Ann Doyle 508-450-4134
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.

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 on her cell at (508-450-4134) to learn about how you can help.

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.

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. 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.

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.

Current Parish Outreach Needs and Opportunities

Mustard Seed Catholic Worker:

The Mustard Seed Food Pantry is stretched to the limit. Food donations of all kinds are critically needed. Please help! Re-usable grocery bags for the Food Pantry are needed. Men's T-shirts, shorts and jeans are needed in 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.

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

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

Emmaus Ministry...

Thank you

Summer Celebration

The Summer Celebration was enjoyed by all!

Thank you to everyone who made this event extra special by giving of themselves, talents and time. With your help and support the event brought people together for an entertaining evening. There was wonderful music, food, and meeting friends and making new ones!

More pictures on the Church's website!

For information about Emmaus Ministry contact:
JoAnn Nally or Andrea Svagdys-Gumbrell
Email: emmaus.stgeorge@gmail.com or call
Parish Center at 508-853-0183



Spiritual Growth Ministry Corner

Ministry Leader: Bonnie Moran

Saintgeorgespiritualgrowth@gmail.com

This weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Each of our readings this week helps us to understand one of the most challenging mysteries of our faith. Today, it is not uncommon for Catholics to have a misunderstanding of the Eucharist, that it is "just a symbol" of Christ's Body and Blood, as many of our Christian brethren believe. We as Catholics, however, believe that the Eucharist is, in fact, more than just a symbol. It is the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ. We are reminded at each Mass, during the Eucharistic Prayer, that when Christ instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper, He said, "This is my Body," and "This is my Blood." It is important that we understand that through the Eucharist, we receive the whole person of Christ, that is, not just the Christ who was born, lived, and died, but also the risen and glorified Christ. This is why the Eucharist provides us with spiritual nourishment, because as we share in it, we unite ourselves with Christ, and through Him, with God the Father. Jesus explains this in this week's Gospel, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me."

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



"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever."

—John 6:51 (NABRE)

Photo: Getty Images



Readings To-Go!

*The Most Holy
Body and Blood of Christ
June 11, 2023*

Scan QR code to see this week's readings!

Faith Sharing Groups

If you are interested in learning more about Faith Sharing group, or interested in becoming involved, please contact JoAnn. Meetings will resume again in September in the Parish Center, Room 107.



If interested in joining a group, please contact JoAnn.
Handicapped Accessible. Call JoAnn Nally at 508-527-6973

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