October 16, 2022 - Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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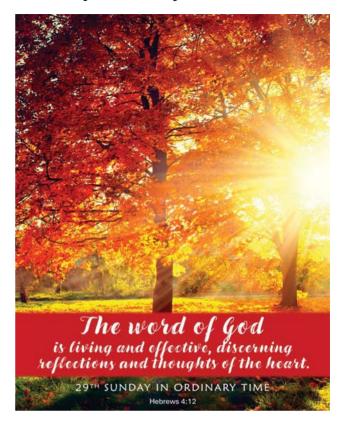
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Monday—Thursday 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

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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:

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.

Tarish Mission Statement

We, the parish community of St George, celebrate the welcoming presence of Christ in our lives. Together with the universal Church, we are nourished and sustained through the Mystery of the Holy Eucharist, and we are inspired by the proclamation of the Word, guided by the Holy Spirit.

We continually seek to grow in a deeper understanding of our faith, to respect the sanctity of human life, and respond to what Jesus asks of us in our time by sharing our gifts and participating in parish activities and outreach to others.

A Community of Ministries, October 16, 2022

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From Your Pastor

In today's on demand world of instant gratification, we are used to getting things

that we want instantly. If we have a question we can instantly get the answer by googling the question. The days of watching a program while being aired on prime time are over. We can simply record multiple programs at the same time to preview later. We can receive mail from across the country the next day. Instead of dieting or exercising to lose weight, we can have liposuction done. It goes on and on.

When it comes to God, there are no quick and easy approaches. Our God is not an on demand God. When we communicate with him, we are heard instantly but may not get the response we desire right away. This can frustrate some people who lose interest when they do not see the response they want quickly. Persistence pays off when one realizes that this is done over time. Praying persistently and not giving up when results do not come instantly is what today's gospel is about. We must not give up on our prayers. We must pray often and persistently.

Here are some questions to reflect upon with this Gospel:

- 1. How faithfully do you pray? What do you pray for? How do you react when God does not answer your prayer when you think he should?
- 2. What has been your experience of God's answering your prayers? How do you under stand Jesus' promise that God responds quickly?

Mass of Thanksgiving – Fr. Julio Granados: Because Fr. Julio Granados had to return to his native Colombia immediately after his ordination in June, we had to wait until later to schedule a Mass of Thanksgiving for him. So, on Sunday, October 30th, at 10:00 A.M. Fr. Julio will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving here in our church followed by a reception in the church hall. All are welcome to attend both the Mass and reception.

Planning One's Funeral in the Catholic Church: Later this month and into the early part of November, we will be offering a program called "Journeying from Death to Eternal Life – Planning for the Day when God calls you home." This three-week program – October 25th, November 1st and November 8th – will focus on the Catechesis and Spirituality of Death and Eternal Life, Funeral Planning with a Funeral Home and Planning your Funeral Liturgy with your parish church. From the dates listed above these presentations will be held on Tuesdays from 1:00-2:15 P.M. in the church hall. They will also be recorded on our website to replay at a later time if you cannot attend these afternoon sessions in person.

In November we will be observing the month of All Souls when we remember our beloved dead. As in past years our parish will be extending an invitation to the families of those parishioners who had died during the past year to gather for a special Mass of Remembrance on Saturday, November 5th, at 9:30 A.M. Letters of invitation are being mailed out to those families. The Mass is open for parishioners to attend as well. The Mass will also be live-streamed that Saturday morning. We invite you to either attend this Mass or to view it live-streamed at this date and time to remember these deceased parishioners and all of our beloved dead.

Fr. Niccolls

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 15, 2022

4:00 PM In Memory of Travis Morgan Requested by Sheila Dickman, Patricia McGoldrick and Thomas Murray

Sunday, October 16, 2022

8:00 AM In Memory of Joseph and Mary Collins
Requested by their daughter Kate Wells
10:00 AM In Memory of Armand Audette
Requested by his sister Susanne Graves

Monday, October 17, 2022 8:00 AM In Memory of Joseph Chilleri

Tuesday, October 18, 2022 12:10 PM In Memory of Ernest Zottoli

Wednesday, October 19, 2022 8:00 AM In Memory of Ralph and Jean Dunn

Thursday, October 20, 2022 5:30 PM In Memory of Bernice Ladner

Friday, October 21, 2022 8:00 AM In Memory of Earle and Esther Garrepy

Saturday, October 22, 2022 4:00 PM In Memory of George Moore Requested by Kelly Petrillo

Sunday, October 23, 2022

8:00 AM In Memory of Lawrence LaFayette
Requested by his spouse Seraphina Wong
10:00 AM 1st Anniversary Mass for Fr. Joseph Nally
Requested by his sister JoAnn Nally and Family

We commend to your prayers

Maureen Pratt

May the angels lead her into paradise.



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Weekly Collection: October 3, 2022 - October 9, 2022 On Line Giving: \$ 2,151.00

Ordinary Collection: \$ 2,151.00 Ordinary Collection: \$ 4,502.20 Total: \$ 6,653.20

Thank you for your generosity.

We are truly grateful!



Parish Calendar

Saturday, October 15, 2022

9:30-10:30 AM Blessing Animals Church Parking Lot 9:30-10:30 AM Youth Ministry Church Parking Lot 8:00 PM AA Meeting Church Hall

Sunday, October 16, 2022

10:00 AM Coffee Shop Express Church Hall 10:00 AM Toddler & Children's Liturgy Church Hall of the Word

11:00-12:15 PM Confirmation Class Parish Center 6:00-7:30 PM Religious Ed grades 6-9 Parish Center **Monday, October 17, 2022**

4:30-5:30 PM Religious Ed grades 1-5 Parish Center 7:00 PM Faith Sharing Rm 107 Parish Center

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

4:30-5:30 PM Religious Ed grades 1-5 Parish Center

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

1:30-2:30 PM Gentle Yoga Church Hall 7:00-8:30 PM Youth Ministry Parish Center

Thursday, October 20, 2022

11:00 AM Faith Sharing Group Church Hall 6:00 PM Family Prayer Night Church

Friday, October 21, 2022 Saturday, October 22, 2022

9:00-11:00 AM Continental Breakfast, and:

Days of Spirituality Church Hall 8:00 PM AA Meeting Church Hall

Hurricane Relief Donation Second Collection

This weekend a special second collection will be taken up for the relief efforts of those parts of the Caribbean and Florida that were impacted by Hurricanes Fiona and Ian. If you would like to donate on the diocesan website, then please visit: https://worcesterdiocese.org/hurricane-relief

Bulletin Item Due Dates:

 Weekend of:
 Due by:

 October 23, 2022
 October 13, 2022

 October 30, 2022
 October 20, 2022

Please submit items by 10:00 AM on or before the due 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.

Coffee Shop Express News!

Annie Doyle is stepping away from her duties as organizer of the Coffee Shop Express.

Jim Moughan, Andy Fish and John Beahn will be resuming their regular Coffee Shop Service.

We want to thank Annie for all of her efforts, and appreciate all she has done!

Coffee Shop meetings will resume the 2nd Sunday of the month at 9:30 AM in conference room. Captains and all members of all teams are invited to participate.

The first meeting will be held on: Sunday, November 13th at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room.

Please consider joining a team or start a team. We need volunteers. Teams volunteer every 8 weeks. Contact: Andy Fish if you have any questions at: andy@andyfish.com or call 508-901-7813

Coffee Shop Express Ministry of Hospitality We Hope You'll Join Us



Coffee and Donuts following the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses on Sunday Mornings.

Coffee Shop Schedules are posted in the Kitchen on the bulletin board.

October 9 - Columbus Weekend - No Coffee Shop

October 16 - Brian Russo, Rich Matys, Mike Doherty and John Beahn

October 23 - Kevin Browne & St. George Youth Group

October 30 - Dave Walsh and Team November 6 - Steve Toole and Team November 13 - Jim Moughan and Team

We need to build up our coffee shop teams!
Talk to one of the captains or contact Andy Fish at:

andy@andyfish.com or call 508-901-7813 today!

9th Annual Celebrate Priesthood Taste of the Diocese Gala

A benefit for Retired Priest's Care

Thursday, October 20, 2022 5:30 - 7:30 PM Saint Paul Diocesan Jr./Sr. High School Gym

Purchase tickets in advance or donate at the door.

Cost of ticket \$100

To make a donation, buy tickets for Taste of the Diocese, or to get more information to place an advertisement, visit website:

worcesterdiocese.org/celebrate-priesthood or call Michael Gillespie at 508-929-4368

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Prayer Before Mass

Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Help Prevent Family Homelessness

Please buy "Hope for Housing Cards" after the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday, and after the 8:00 AM or 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday. See Dave and Sue Genereux in the Church Hall after EVERY Mass. If needed, contact them at 978-833-0306.

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.

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.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary

Family Prayer Night at St. George Church

Every Thursday at 6:00 PM In the Church



Deacon Paul Audette

James Martin Speaks to us through his "Essential Writings"

The election of Pope Francis in March 2013 set off an immediate media frenzy to determine the biographical details of the new pope: who Jorge Maria Bergoglio was, what he stood for, and from whence he had come. In these excerpts (Part V) from a James Martin essay that appeared in the March 23, 2013 issue of The Tablet, he provides an introduction to some of the basic principles of Ignatian spirituality. "Thirdly, poverty. Like members of all religious orders, Jesuits make a vow of poverty...We are, said St. Ignatius, to love poverty 'as a mother.' There are three reasons for that: first, in imitation of Jesus who himself lived as a poor man; secondly, to free ourselves from the need for possessions; and thirdly, to identify with (as well as help and advocate for) the materially poor. Pope Francis has so far eschewed many trappings of the papacy. Before stepping on to that balcony, he set aside the elaborate mozzetta that popes normally wear, and put on the Brocaded stole only when he offered a blessing. He rides on the bus with the rest of the cardinals. He walks rather than taking a limousine. Most Jesuits seeing this would say: 'Of course, the simple lifestyle that Ignatius asks of us." (NOTE" This article was written in March of 2013 before Pope Francis was beset with several physical ailments.)

Eucharistic Adoration

The Thursday evening Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration will be held on:

Thursday, November 3 from 6:00 until 7:00 PM and Friday, November 4 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.

Olocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Bishop McManus will celebrate this Mass on Sunday, October 23rd at 3:00 PM at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester. This liturgy of thanksgiving to God for many years of faithful witness to the sacredness of Christian marriage honors couples who are marking significant anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, etc.)

Couples wishing to attend should *pre-register* by **October 12th**. Either call 508-929-4311 or go to: www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass

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Religious Education

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

Sarah.Kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org Kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org

Religious Education 2022 -2023

We are off to a great start with religious education classes. It has been so nice to see the students' smiling faces! Just a few reminders for class schedules and upcoming holiday.

Confirmation Classes:

Students registered for confirmation will have their first meeting on Sunday, October 16. Candidates are expected to attend the 10:00 AM Mass in the Parish Center. Class will begin immediately after the end of Mass. We are looking forward to seeing all of the candidates and starting the preparation process for this very special sacrament.

Grades 1-5 Classes:

NO Monday and Tuesday Classes the week of Halloween. Due to Halloween falling on a Monday this year, there will be no religious education classes for grades 1-5 the week of October 31st. Classes will resume the following week, November 7th. Be safe Trick of Treating!

Grades 6-9 Classes:

Classes will meet on October 16th from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM as scheduled in the Parish Center. Next classes will be November 6th and 20th from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM in the Parish Center.

If interested in helping or if you have any questions, then please reach out to Sarah or Kevin via email: **Grades 1-5 or with Confirmation,** please email

Sarah sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org.

Grades 6-9, please email

Kevin kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org.









Wednesday, October 19th: Youth Group Meeting 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Church Hall.

Sunday, October 23rd: helping Coffee Shop AFTER 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses Church Hall Open to grades 7-12

Please contact: Kevin Browne at: kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Pray for those who need it most today. At Breakfast invite each member of the family to look for someone in need of prayer as you go through the day whether it be someone you meet, see at a distance, know well or read about in the paper.



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 or 508-852-5658 for more information.

Grandparents make memories that the heart holds forever.

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



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A Community of Ministries





St. George Parish Outreach

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

Save the Dates for Holiday Outreach 2022

 November 5 & 6 This weekend is our Thanksgiving Food Drive for non-perishable food items. Sturdy recyclable bags with handles are an added gift. Items can be left in the Outreach Collection area after Mass.

See suggestion items listed below:

- During the month of November donations to help purchase Turkeys for families at Our Lady of Providence are needed. Please label your donation envelope "For Turkeys" - Mail checks to: Parish Office or add to Collection Basket at Mass.
- November 12 &13 This weekend the Giving Tree Tags will be available on the "Giving Tree" in our church.



- November 18 Mustard Seed Meal for 120 guests. Please call Annie to help prepare the meal. Donations towards the cost of the meal are needed. Each meal costs \$5.
- November 26 & 27- Christmas Food Drive is this weekend.
- December 3 & 4 Giving Tree Gift Returns due.
 (More details will be included here each week.)

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

Food Drive Items: typically items 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: we know items needed are men's zip up hooded sweatshirts, men's sweat pants, and children's gifts. Also, small blankets, shower gel and body lotion.

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



Food Donations Needed Please help!



Special needs this October are: Cans of Tuna Fish, Mac and Cheese, and Jelly (\$1.25 at the Dollar Store)

Thank you to everyone who continues to bring food donations to keep our 3 food pantries going! Items can be left in the Outreach Collection Area inside the parking lot door at the basement level of the church just outside of the church hall.

Do you enjoy baking?

Cookies, Bars, Cupcakes & your specialty sweet items are needed for post funeral and other parish receptions. Call Annie Doyle if you are willing to add your name and contact information to a list that we can call in times of special need.

Afghan Refugee Family News:

Gently used warm winter clothing is needed.
Petite sizes 3T to medium, boys and girls are needed.
Children's socks, paper towels and dish washing soap are also needed.

At the Mustard Seed:

As the weather is getting cooler, SPECIAL NEEDS are for small portable blankets and men's sweat-pants size Large and X-Large. Once again there are homeless folks who sleep out in wooded areas or walk the streets of Worcester all night long.

IHN (In the Hour of Need) Family Shelter

Join us at 91 June Street on the:
second and fourth Tuesday of any month
to lend a hand with cleaning, yard work,
painting or other household chores.
For more information contact Sheri at
slinn@ihnworcester.org_or call (508)755-2212



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



Emmaus Ministry

Cordially Invites
St. George Parishioners to:

Living Out Our New Reality
As a Church Community Discussion:
How has the pandemic affected your faith?

Discussion Led by JoAnn Nally
Saturday, October 22, 2022 9:00AM - 11:30AM
No Fee - No Registration

9:00AM-9:30AM - Continental Breakfast 9:30AM-11:30AM Discussion and Break Out Sessions 11:30AM - Discussion will Conclude

For More Information:
JoAnn Nally or Andrea Svagdys-Gumbrell
emmaus.stgeorge@gmail.com or call 508-853-0183

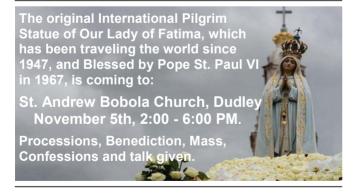


Faith Sharing Groups

WEDNESDAY Faith Sharing Group will now meet the SECOND MONDAY of the month. Next meeting: October 17th, 7:00 PM in Parish Center Room 107

FRIDAY Faith Sharing Group will resume in late October. Specific details will follow.

Contact JoAnn Nally 508-527-6973 with any questions.



Stewardship Thought of the Week

Today's theme is perseverance - Moses keeping his hands upraised throughout the battle, Paul urging Timothy to stay with the task of preaching and teaching, and the widow appealing to the corrupt judge. To be faithful stewards of God's gifts, we, too must persevere in the roles to which we are called.



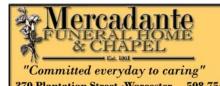
Spiritual Growth Ministry Corner

Ministry Leader: Bonnie Moran
Saintgeorgespiritual growth@gmail.com

Saint Francis of Assisi - Feast Day October 4 Our church is one of many area churches to honor the spirit of Saint Francis of Assisi, by holding a "Blessing of the animals" event in October. What can the Patron Saint of animals, ecology and merchants teach of glory? Born more than eight centuries ago to wealth and privilege Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone wanted for little in his early years. He was well liked, happy, and a born leader. As such any faults he had were quickly overlooked. In young adulthood the privileges he exercised with joy and ease led him to gather with bold, spirited groups and to a lifestyle of sin and excess. He thought life as a soldier would bring him Glory. Instead, while many soldiers died, he was held in a dungeon. After a period of captivity, his family was able to pay his way free. On his second foray as a soldier, he made it but one day, before hearing God tell him to "return home". Humbled and reviled at all that he had been, Francis sought conversion. He began to carry out Gods word but in a very literal sense. Taking the very clothes from his back to share with the poor. When Francis heard God speak again, he took from his father to gain money to "repair the church". His Father wanting Francis to follow him in business, did not want him to become "a man of God", would disown him. Francis began to live in poverty, accepting simplicity and sharing love and commitment to the poor. He began to preach, his followers became like a brotherhood, their poor joyful nature at first a spectacle became accepted over time. It is reported Francis preached as hundreds of birds gathered around him. Even to the animals Francis offered his brotherhood as he shared love and praise for God the Creator. Naturally Francis is attributed with holding the first live Christmas Nativity. Living in poverty and outdoors, exposed to the elements would lead Francis to become ill and eventually blind. He would continue to praise Gods beauty in all things until his death. Saint Francis did not find glory in the thing's wealth brought or in war. A repentant Saint Francis, choosing to live in poverty, in brotherhood and love for all, praising Gods works and sharing the Gospel, Francis surely was bound for Eternal Glory.

God Bless You!







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