#### November 6, 2022 - Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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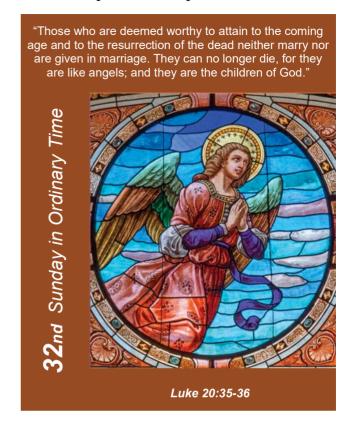
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# St. George Catholic Church

#### **Baptism Information:**

Please contact

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

#### **Eucharist Celebrated:**

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, November 6, 2022

#### November 6, 2022 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



#### From Your Pastor

In this year of Eucharistic Renewal I share with you some words of reflection

from Msgr. James Moroney, the Director of the Office of Divine Worship for our Diocese of Worcester: "The Collect or Opening Prayer of today's Mass tells us, we should avoid adversity, "so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are" of God. In other words, the whole aim of the Christian life and the whole reason for going to Holy Communion is to become more Godly in what we say and do. Pope St Leo the Great put it this way: "our participation in the Body and Blood of Christ aspires to nothing other than to become what we receive." That's why the Deacon sometimes dismisses us at Mass by saying "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life." Not only do we bring the sacrifices of our lives to Mass, to be joined to the perfect sacrifice of Christ upon the altar, but we then receive from that altar the very Body and Blood of Christ which gives us the grace we need to offer our lives as a sacrifice to God after we go home from Mass. That is why St John Mary Vianney used to urge the people in his parish to 'Come to communion.... It is true that you are not worthy of it, but you need it."

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.

#### **NOTICE: Winter Weekday Storm Schedule**

As we enter the winter season, we confront travel with snow, sleet and freezing rain. So that you will know what will be done about the weekday morning Masses when we have such weather, please note the following since some revisions had to be made with our expended Daily Mass schedule:

- 1. Whenever there is a "Cancellation" or "Delay in Opening" announcement for the Worcester schools and/or Wachusett school district, the 8:00 AM Weekday Masses are automatically cancelled.
- 2. Whenever there is a "Cancellation" announcement for the Worcester Schools and/or Wachusett School District, on Tuesdays or Thursdays, the 12:10 PM and 5:30 PM Masses are automatically cancelled on those days.
- Whenever there is a "Delay in Opening" announcement for the Worcester schools and/or Wachusett School District, on Tuesdays or Thursdays, the 12:10 PM and 5:30 PM Masses will be held.
- 4. Whenever there is a situation when one district cancels and the other opts for a delay in opening on Tuesdays or Thursdays, the 12:10 PM and 5:30 PM Masses will automatically be cancelled.

Fr. Niccolls



### Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 5, 2022 All Souls Mass 4:00 PM In Memory of Addlina LoStracco Requested by her Family

Sunday, November 6, 2022

**8:00 AM** In Memory of Jack Hanlon Requested by his Family

10:00 AM In Memory of Wesley Cordwell, and Victor and Statia Jakatavich Requested by Andrea Cordwell and Family

Monday, November 7, 2022

8:00 AM In Memory of John and Gertrude Geran

Tuesday, November 8, 2022

**12:10 PM** In Memory of Joseph and Florence Jocz

Wednesday, November 9, 2022

8:00 AM In Memory Pamela Hendrickson

Thursday, November 10, 2022 5:30 PM In Memory of Rodney and Dyann Kirouac

Friday, November 11, 2022

8:00 AM In Memory of Ralph and Jean Dunn

Saturday, November 12, 2022 4:00 PM In Memory of Matthew Ryan Requested by his Family

Sunday, November 13, 2022

**8:00 AM** In Memory of Eileen Ann Woods Requested by her Family

10:00 AM Mass of Thanksgiving for Volunteers

We commend to your prayers

John R. Hazelwood

May the angels lead him into paradise.



#### Stewardship Thought of the Week

In today's second reading, St. Paul prays that the Thessalonians may be strengthened "in every good deed and word." May we, too, be strengthened and empowered to use our time and talents for the good of others.





# Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden November 6. 2022 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Weekly Collection:

October 24, 2022 - October 30, 2022
On Line Giving: \$ 1,259.00

Ordinary Collection: \$ 5,383.00 Total: \$ 6,642.00

Thank you for your generosity!



#### Parish Calendar

Thanksgiving Food Drive Begins this weekend

8:00 AM Saturday Rosary Group Church
9:30 AM Mass of Remembrance Church
Reception to Follow Mass Church Hall
8:00 PM AA Meeting Church Hall

#### Sunday, November 6, 2022 Thanksgiving Food Drive

10:00 AM Bring a Guest to Mass Church
Be Our Guest with Breakfast Church Hall

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

of the Word

6:00-7:30 PM Religious Ed gr 6-9 Parish Center

Monday, November 7, 2022

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

Tuesday, November 8, 2022

1:00-2:15 PM Journeying Death to Life Church Hall 4:30-5:30 PM Religious Ed gr 1-5 Parish Center 7:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting Conference Rm

Wednesday, November 9, 2022

1:30-2:30 PM Gentle Yoga Church Hall

Thursday, November 10, 2022

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

Friday, November 11, 2022

10:30 AM Friday Faith Sharing Rm 107 Parish Center

**Saturday, November 12, 2022 Giving Tree Tags** 8:00 PM AA Meeting Church Hall

**Sunday, November 13, 2022 Giving Tree Tags** 10:00 AM Coffee Shop Club Church Hall

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

of the Word

11:00-12:15 PM Confirmation Classes
11:00 AM Reception for Volunteers
6:00-7:30 PM Religious Ed gr 6-9
Parish Center
Church Hall
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#### **Bulletin Item Due Dates:**

Weekend of November 13, 2022, due by November 3, 2022 Weekend of November 20, 2022, due by November 10, 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.

#### **Blessing of Thanks for Volunteers**



Please join us:

#### November 12th or 13th at any of the Masses

for a Blessing of thanks to all volunteers who support various ministries throughout our parish.

We are grateful for your time and talents that help strengthen and enrich our parish community.

#### **Help Support the Emmaus Ministry**

All funds raised support the Emmaus Ministry Programming at St. George Church.

#### **Basket Raffle Fundraiser**

All baskets will be displayed and tickets sold after Sunday Masses: November 6, 13, 20 & December 4.

Raffle Tickets: 3 for \$5 or an Arm Length for \$10 (arm length = Fr. Niccolls')

Final Drawing is December 4th at 12 noon.

Baskets will also be highlighted on the
Emmaus Ministry Facebook page.

If you would like to donate a basket of have questions, the please email JoAnn or Andrea at: emmaus.stgeorge@gmail.com or call 508-853-0183

# Coffee Shop Club Ministry of Hospitality We Hope You Will Join Us



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

\$1.00 Each

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

November 6 - Steve Toole and Team

November 13 - Jim Moughan and Team

November 20 - Kathy Hessel and Team

November 27 - Mark Cormier and Team December 4 - Bob Gray and Team

Monthly Coffee Shop Club Meeting Sunday:

November 13th after 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Masses
in the Church Hall conference room.

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!



#### St. George Book Club Meets

November 15, 2022

Parish Center, Conference Room 107 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Book: In Mysterious Ways By Paul Wilkes

Contact Nancy Forhan 508-963-9909 with questions

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#### **Prayer Before Mass**

Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the



things that are yours. 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.



# Family Prayer Night at St. George Church Every Thursday at 6:00 PM

In the Church, there is a gathering of people who pray for all families.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary are 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.

#### Deacon Paul Audette

James Martin Speaks to us through his "Essential Writings"

The theme of humor in the spiritual/religious life has been a frequent topic of Martin's lectures and media appearances. In these excerpts from an April 2, 2007 America Magazine essay (Part II), he treats both the long history of laughter's role in religious practice as well as the reasons why it can be such a healthy element of the spiritual life: "When asked about humor in the contemporary church, Professor Levine said: 'It's undervalued and needs to be recovered. We need to be open to the joys of the proclamation. The good news should put a smile on our face!' ... Elton Trueblood, the Quaker theologian, tackled the topic in his book The Humor of Christ (1964). His analysis of the paucity of humor in the New Testament took a different tack. First, contemporary Christians are overly familiar with the stories and may overlook their inherent humor. He recounted how his four -year-old son heard the Gospel image of the speck of dust in your neighbor's eye and the log in your own and laughed uproariously...Trueblood also noted the emphasis the Gospels place on the Passion, with the crucifixion narratives almost overwhelming the Resurrection. Finally, writes Trueblood, there may be a failure of imagination about Jesus of Nazareth, The fact that Jesus wept does not mean he never laughed. He must have laughed, suggests Trueblood, as do most people who tell clever and amusing tales."



#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

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

Thursday, December 1 from 6:00 until 7:00 PM and

<u>Friday, December 2</u> end of 8:00 AM Mass to 10:00 AM We hope you can come join us in prayer and to spend time in the presence of Jesus Christ.

#### **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 14th at 7:00 PM Conferen

**Monday, November 14**th **at 7:00 PM Conference Room** Please join us. For more information, please call Terry Terry Gentile at <u>508-284-0796</u> or Sue Stevens at <u>508-852-4887</u>, or email <u>pieta3@gmail.com</u>.

#### Miraculous Medal Novena St. Stephen Church

16 Hamilton Street, Worcester Miraculous Medal Novena on: Consecutive **Tuesdays at 6:30 PM** 

October 23 to November 22



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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

Just a few reminders for class schedules, times and updates on cereal drive for the Mustard Seed pantry.

#### **Confirmation Classes:**

Students registered for confirmation classes will meet on November 13th, and December 4th in the Parish Center from 11:00 AM to 12:15 PM. Candidates are expected to attend the 10:00 AM Mass.

#### **Grades 1-5 Classes:**

Classes will take place on November 7th, and 8th from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM in the Parish Center. We are looking forward to see everyone.

#### **Grades 6-9 Classes:**

November classes will take place on November 6th and 20th from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM in the Parish Center.

#### **Cereal Drive:**

Many thanks for the donated cereal! We were able to donate many boxes of cereal to the Mustard Seed pantry.



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, November 16th, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Youth Ministry Gathering in Church Hall

Wednesday, November 30th, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Youth Ministry Gathering in Church Hall

Open to grades 7-12

Please contact: Kevin Browne at: kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org For information about the Youth Ministry.

#### THE FAMILY CONNECTION

In some relationships we can make a temporary extra effort to be on our best behavior and then walk away. But there is an "always-ness in family living and no one can keep up a good front all the time In the family we see each other all the time with our masks off. We know one another's faults and weaknesses and we know how to hurt one another. All this makes love harder in the family yet it is the best school of love. We learn to love by loving and by being loved And as we do so we have the promise of God's presence.



**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: <a href="mailto:ruthviens@charter.net">ruthviens@charter.net</a> 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

#### **Holiday Outreach 2022**

- November 5 & 6 This weekend is our Thanksgiving Food Drive for non-perishable food items. Every bit of food is a blessing. No amount is too small. Bags can be left in the Outreach Collection area after Mass. Thank you!
- During the month of November donations to help purchase Turkeys for families at Our Lady of Providence are needed. Prelabeled donation envelopes "For Turkeys" are available at the church entrances. Mail checks to: Parish Office or add to the 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".

## Confirmation Students Community Service:

Join in our ongoing Parish Outreach Experiences!

#### Simply Text Annie Doyle's Cell for supplies And details: 508-450-4134

- Add to our food drives; collect non-perishable food items from family, friends or in your neighborhood
- Donate \$10 to purchase a turkey for a family in need
- Choose a Giving Tree Tag to donate a Christmas gift and help sort gifts in church: December 4 at 11:00 AM
- Help provide a Mustard Seed meal to feed the poor and homeless.

## Homeless and Vulnerable Folks At the Mustard Seed Need:

- Small portable blankets are a big need
- Guests are always asking for sleeping bags
- Men's sweatpants size Large and X-Large
- Men's and women's warm jackets
- Hygiene products, also tooth paste and brushes

#### **Afghan Refugee Family Needs:**

Gently used warm **winter clothing** is needed.

Petite sizes 3T to medium, boys and girls are needed.

Please leave items in the church

Outreach Collection Area.

#### 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

#### Can you please help feed the hungry Special needs for November are:



#### Food Drive Items and Peanut Butter & Jelly and Breakfast Cereal

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.

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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**

Living Out Our New Reality as a Church Community that took place on October

22nd, was a wonderful morning of self reflection, and sharing of our losses we have experienced during the pandemic, and what we can do as individuals to grow our church and faith communities.

> Here are 10 suggestions on what you can do to grow our church community:

- 1. Bring a friend to Mass at St. George
- 2. Attend Coffee Shop Club
- 3. Invite your extended family to Christmas Mass
- 4. Become a CCD teacher
- 5. Experience a Faith Sharing Group
- 6. Purchase a Hope for Housing Card
- 7. Join a ministry at St. George
- 8. Call a parishioner you have not seen recently to check in
- 9. Become a greeter at Mass you attend and welcome others
- 10. Prayerfully consider nominating someone to the Pastoral Council





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



#### **Spiritual Growth Ministry Corner** Ministry Leader: Bonnie Moran

Saintgeorgespiritual growth@gmail.com

"Giving thanks" and "remembering" are themes that dominate the month of November in both our liturgical and secular calendars. All Saints Day remembers" those individuals the institutional Church has singled out as living exemplary lives. In remembering, we don't merely honor these holy men and women. We also look to them as guides for how we should live our lives. None of them were gods or goddesses from birth. They were people like you and me who built upon the normal circumstances of their lives to bring God's grace to those in need through prayer and good works. On that day we also "remember" men and women who haven't been formally declared saints by the Church but who touched our lives in saintly ways - parents, grandparents, neighbors, priests and others. On All Souls Day we "remember" our loved ones, many of whom were saintly, who have died. In praying for them, we enter the mystery of death and resurrection as we prayerfully look forward to our reunion with them in eternity. On Thanksgiving Day (November 24 this year) our Catholic faith joins our prayer to a most worthwhile cultural tradition. We prayerfully "give thanks" for the many ways God has gifted us, from life itself in our mothers' wombs, to the beauty of God's creation to the graces that have come our way throughout our lives despite challenges and misfortune. "Giving thanks" and remembering" - important on every day of the year but front and center of our minds and hearts in the month of November

#### **Faith Sharing Groups**

Friday Faith Sharing Group will meet: November 11th, 10:30 AM in

Room 107, Parish Center

Monday Faith Sharing Group will meet: November 14th, 7:00 PM in **Room 107 Parish Center** 

Both Groups are Handicapped Accessible. Contact JoAnn Nally 508-527-6973 with any questions.





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