

Saint George Church - Worcester and Holden

April 17, 2022 - Easter Sunday

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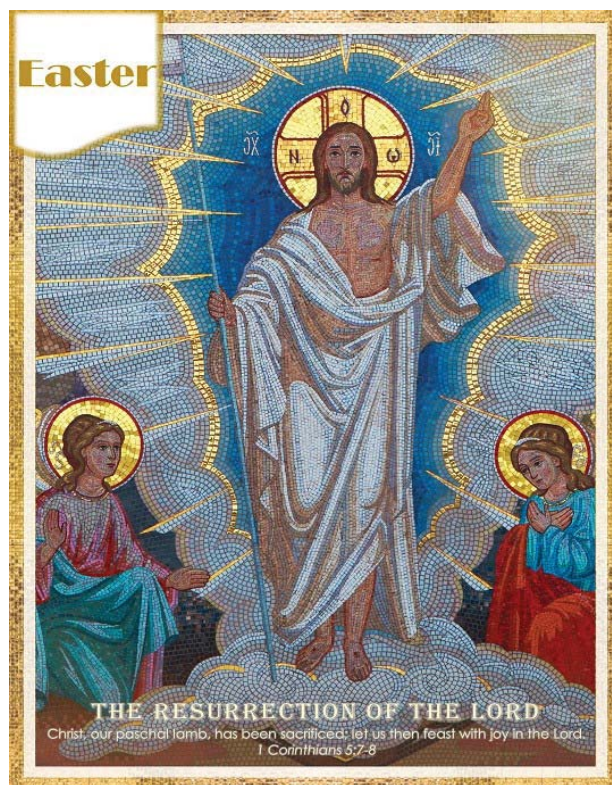
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Tuesday and Wednesday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Thursday 9:00 AM - 12:00 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 10:00AM.

Weekday Masses

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions are heard inside the church
2:30 - 3:15 PM on Saturdays.

Parish Mission Statement

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

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

A Community of Ministries, April 17, 2022

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From Your Pastor

This Easter, Bishop Robert Barron offers a reflection that is based on the three key lessons that he believes that we can take from what he calls the disquieting fact of the Resurrection. First, this world is not all that there is. The Resurrection shows us that God is up to something much greater that we can imagine. The world is then seen as a place leading to something much higher, more permanent and more splendid. Second, although the cross was seen as Rome's way of asserting its authority, now God reveals a new kind of power, the power of the Holy Spirit. Third, the path of salvation has been opened to everyone. Jesus, in going away from the Father by descending into the depths of pain, despair, alienation and God forsakenness, reached down to everyone, even those who had wandered far away from God. Bishop Barron tells us that in light of the Resurrection, the first Christians came to know that as far away as we can run from the Father, we can end up running into the arms of the Son. During this Easter season, let us reflect on these words and live their message as a people of hope.

On behalf of our Parish Staff, I extend to all of you God's Blessings, manifested in our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, in this Easter Season!

Divine Mercy Sunday – April 24th: Please join us for a Holy Hour on this Sunday, from 11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. in church. During this hour we will have Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament along with the recitation of the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and a time for quiet prayer. The Holy Hour will conclude with Benediction.

Upcoming Ordinations: On Saturday, May 28th, at 10:00 A.M. Peter Bui (our seminarian the summer of 2019) will be ordained to the Diaconate at St. Paul's Cathedral. On Saturday, June 18th, at 10:00 A.M. Deacons Julio Granados and Thiago Ibiapina will be among seven young men who will be ordained to the Priesthood at St. Paul's Cathedral. Please make a note of these dates and if your schedules allow, plan on attending these ordinations.

Fr. Niccolls



Mass Intentions



Saturday, April 16, 2022 Holy Saturday

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

7:30 PM Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 17, 2022 Easter Sunday

8:00 AM For the Community of Saint George

10:00 AM For the Community of Saint George

Monday, April 18, 2022

8:00 AM Special Intention

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

8:00 AM Memorial Mass for Sal Frustaci

Requested by Arlene Frustaci

Friday, April 22, 2022

8:00 AM Memorial Mass for Raymond and Muriel

Bolduc, Requested by their family

Saturday, April 23, 2022

4:00 PM Memorial Mass for Lily Philomena Phu

Requested by Saraphina Wong

Sunday, April 24, 2022 Memorial Mass for

Marianne Noonan, requested by Lorraine Murley

10:00AM Memorial Mass for Joey Johnson

Requested by his family

Parish Calendar

Saturday, April 16, 2022

NO AA Meeting

Sunday, April 17, 2022 EASTER SUNDAY

NO Coffee Shop Express 10:00 AM

Toddler & Children's Liturgy of the Word Hall

6:00 PM Religious Ed. Grades 6-9 Parish Center

Monday April 18, 2022

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

7:00-8:30 PM Faith Sharing Group Parish Center

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

4:30-5:30 PM First Eucharist Rehearsal Church

6:30-7:30 PM Girl Scouts Church Hall

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

4:30-5:30 PM First Eucharist Rehearsal Church

7:00-8:15 PM Faith Sharing Group Parish Center

Thursday, April 21, 2022

11:00 AM Faith Sharing Group Church Hall

6:00-9:00PM Diocesan Youth Discipleship Group Church Hall

Friday, April 22, 2022

Saturday, April 23, 2022

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Church Hall

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Bulletin Item Due Dates:

Weekend of:

May 1, 2022

May 8, 2022

Due by:

April 21, 2022

April 28, 2022

Please submit items by 10:00 AM on or before the due date. E-mail our Parish Secretary, Kate Lockney at office@saintgeorgesparish.org
Also, the best way to book/reserve a Mass is to call our office and speak to Kate directly. 508-853-0183



Thank you for your offertory donations.
We appreciate your generosity.

Stewardship Thought for the Week

In the second reading today, St. Paul reminds the Colossians that they have been raised with Christ, exhorting them to "think about the things above rather than things of earth." We, too, have been raised with Christ. Let us rejoice and be glad!

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 that you are a patient. Thank you for your understanding.

Notice from the Diocesan Office of Healing and Prevention

If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, please believe in the possibility for hope and help and healing.

We encourage you to come forward and speak out. The victim assistance coordinator for the Diocese of Worcester is Judith Audette at (508) 929-4363.



*The Very First
Easter Taught Us This :
That
Life Never Ends
and
Love Never Dies.*



We Hope You'll Join Us for Coffee and Donuts

The Coffee Shop ministry of hospitality is now
"Coffee Shop Express"

This is a modified gathering following the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses on Sunday Mornings.

Thank You To Our Ministers of Coffee Shop Hospitality:

- April 3 - First Sunday of EVEN months
Tom Ryan, Bob Gray and Team
- April 10 - Second Sunday of the Month
Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast
- April 17 - Third Sunday of the Month
Easter Sunday - No Coffee Shop
- April 24 - Fourth Sunday of EVEN months
Andy Fish and Team (Royal OOB's)
- July 31 - Fifth Sunday of the month
Dave Walsh and Team

Can you help on a Sunday morning?
Call Annie Doyle at 508-450-4134 to join a team.

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Help Prevent Family Homelessness

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

Eucharistic Adoration

The Thursday evening Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration for will be held on Thursday, **May 5** from 6:00 until 7:00 PM and Friday, **May 6** from the end of the 8:00 AM Mass until 10:00 AM.



If you are unable to join us in person, we invite you to visit our parish website to view the "Eucharistic Adoration" video on the homepage.

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

Family Prayer Night at St. George Church

Every Thursday at 6:00 PM
In the Upper Church



There is a gathering of people who pray for all families.

Everyone is invited to join .us!

The Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed during this time. This is a wonderful opportunity

to learn to pray the Rosary. Eucharistic Adoration is also a part of this wonderful time of prayer on the Thursday before the first Friday of each month.

Saint George Rosary Group

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

First Saturday of every month.

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

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



From Deacon Paul Audette

Henri Nouwen Speaks to us through his Letters

Henri writes to a Dutch friend about prayer and the spiritual life. This is Part I of his response. (taken from "Love, Henri: Letters on the Spiritual Life"):

Dear Dineke,

...I want to encourage you to develop an intimate relationship with Jesus. "God who seems far away" is somewhat of a problem! God is called all powerful, almighty, etc. Jesus, however, is "God with us," vulnerable, weak, broken, dependent and very approachable. Jesus is the God who needs us and asks us for our love: "Do you love me? Do you love me? Do you love me?" When you pray, look at Jesus, who says: "Come to me, all you who labor and are overburdened, and I will give you rest – for I am gentle and humble of heart"....

*Yours,
Henri Nouwen*



KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

New members are invited to join this important ministry of outreach to the sick, suffering and lonely. Please join us in prayer, knitting and crocheting from home. Hats and warm scarves for the homeless are also greatly appreciated. If you are interested in the possibility of gathering together as a group again, please contact -

Annie Doyle for more info: 508-450-4134

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Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

Sarah Kelly, Administrator -
508-852-1784

sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org
Kevin.brown@saintgeorgesparish.org

Religious Education 2021-2022

Thank you to our teachers, volunteers and parents who all worked together to pass our Catholic faith on to our youngest parishioners!

End of Religious Education Year

Students in grades 1-5 had their last classes this week. It has been so nice to be together in person this year. We hope all students enjoy their time off with their families and we look forward to classes beginning again in September. Stay tuned for Fall registration information in early summer.

First Communion

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

Mass: Sunday, April 24, 2022 2:00pm*

Students preparing to receive their First Communion this year will celebrate the sacrament on Sunday, April 24 at 2:00pm. Please keep these students in your prayers as they prepare for this very special day.

Confirmation

Candidates met with their sponsors recently during class time. Confirmation will take place at the cathedral on May 15 at 3pm. Information about rehearsal will be coming soon.

Children's and Toddler's Liturgy of the Word

takes place on Sundays,

During the 10AM Mass

Toddlers with a parent are invited to attend.

Grade school age children are welcome to attend the group for older children.

Many thanks to Ruby Moran for her kind and faithful assistance.

Please contact Sarah Kelly for more information.

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 24

11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.



For details, please see Fr. Niccoll's Letter to Parishioners on Page 2 of this bulletin.

PIETA Support Group

This ongoing support group is for bereaved parents. Anyone who has experienced the death of a child is welcome to attend our monthly meetings.



Annual Mass of Remembrance
Tuesday, May 2, 2022 at 7:00 PM
St. George Church

This is a special time to come together with family and friends in remembrance of our children. Please feel free to invite any families who have lost a child.

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

A Community of Ministries



St. George Parish Outreach

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

Afghan Refugee Family News:

- Last weekend the younger family was able to move into their own apartment. The older brother and his family hope to move into an apartment in the same triple decker soon.
- Both dads have begun jobs at UMass Medical. With help from family in California they were able to buy a small car and are now repairing it to get it up and running.

Mustard Seed News:

- Warm men's jackets are needed
- Monetary donations "St. George Parish Outreach" is needed to help purchase underwear



IHN (In the Hour of Need) Family Shelter News:

- Donations of Dish Soap, baby wipes, women's deodorant, and toilet paper are currently needed.
- Help is needed to repaint a bedroom before the next family arrives
- "Tidy Up Tuesdays" on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10AM - 2PM
Volunteers are needed to lend a hand with household upkeep chores. Contact Sheri at slinn@IHNworchester.org

Food Donation Team

To receive a free weekly food bargain grid, join St. George's "Food Donation Team"
just email Dave at DavewithFDT@gmail.com

Special needs for April are:

**Small plastic bottles of
Vegetable oil or Olive oil & Cans of Soup**

In plastic containers if possible - most of our neighbors walk to our food pantries so plastic is best.



Easter Egg Hunt At St. George Church

Where : In the grassy area behind the church building

When: After the 10AM Mass on Easter Sunday

Everyone is invited!



THE FAMILY CONNECTION

An open door and a vacant tomb, linen cloths tossed carelessly to the side, simple signs of life raised miraculously from the dead. Easter serves as a powerful proclamation that the God who is love is the conqueror of death!



"Hope the choir does some
hip-hop for Easter!"

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



In-Person

DAY OF SPIRITUALITY

Living Out Our New Reality
As A Community

*With Fr. John Predmore
Saturday, April 30, 2022*

St. George Church Hall

Continental Breakfast will be Served
\$25 per person

Registration will be on Sale beginning April 3rd
Register after Sunday Masses or
Go to the St. George Website for
more information

*Contact Andrea Svagdys-Gumbrell
508-330-0267 for more information*

The Synod Gathering and Feedback sessions have now been completed for the adults of our parish. These sessions proved to be lively and informative. Providing an opportunity for input on how baptized Catholics feel about the Church – both now and for the future. I look forward to a new journey as we begin to implement your suggestions and ideas from these Synod gatherings, at the parish level. My sincere Thanks to those who accepted the invitation to be involved. Your time and talent are appreciated and are pivotal to our parish.

If you were unable to take part in the Synod Gatherings or know of someone who would like to share, please reach out to me. The project moves on to the next phase of compiling the information for the Diocesan level. However, I would be interested in speaking to anyone who still wishes to offer suggestions and ideas. Growing in Spirit is what gives our committee purpose.

Wishing you and yours a Spirited Easter Season,
Bonnie Moran



Spiritual Growth Ministry Corner

Ministry Leader: Bonnie Moran
Saintgeorgespiritualgrowth@gmail.com

A Reflection from our Spiritual Growth Ministry

Good Morning, Happy Easter!

The Lenten journey is complete for He has Risen! Are you emerging from your journey healthy and new? Perhaps you are feeling like there is more work to be done? To truly experience Lent, one must leave something of themselves behind to gain something new. Something less monetary, less attached to this world. Denying ourselves for Christ, does not occur easily nor without sacrifice. There are inward expenses to acquire a more divine and Heavenly Spirit. Although there is often more work to be done, it is my wish that each of us has emerged in greater spirit, strengthened by the journey. If you can clearly identify that new piece of your spirit attained in his name, it is truly time to Celebrate the Easter Season.

Spiritual Growth Committee Minutes:

The Spiritual Growth Committee last met on Monday, Feb. 28th and affirmed:

A Lenten Evening of Prayer and Reflection for Tuesday, April 5, 6:30 – 8:00 pm; A 3-session exploration of the Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday) offered by Fr. Niccolls March 16, 23 and 30, 7 – 8:15 pm. Additionally, the committee prepared for the Synod Feedback Sessions on Monday, March 14, 10 – 11:30 am, Tuesday, Mar. 22, 6:30 – 8 pm and Sunday, April 3, noon – 1:30 pm.

The evening of Prayer and Reflection and Three-part Exploration of the Sacred Triduum were supported and assisted by the committee in hopes of enriching your Lenten journey. Mike Savino director of the Liminal media team captured the Exploration of the Sacred Triduum on video allowing it to be available, to a larger audience through the Saint George Parish YouTube channel. I hope you have an opportunity to view/listen to this valuable information.



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