

Saint George Church - Worcester and Holden

June 12, 2022 Most Holy Trinity

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Current Office Hours:

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

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

*"I have much more to tell you, but you
cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the
Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth."
(Jn 16: 12-13)*



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, June 12, 2022

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From Your Pastor

Clergy Assignment: It is with great joy that I announce to you that, effective on July 1, 2022, Fr. Miguel Pagan, presently serving as associate pastor of Annunciation Parish in Gardner, will become the associate pastor here at St. George's. Father Pagan was ordained in 2004 here in Worcester at St. Paul's Cathedral. We look forward to having him here at St. George's, and I am sure that over time you will get to meet him and welcome him to our parish in the same spirit of hospitality that you have always extended to priests who have served this parish.

Next weekend we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ also known as Corpus Christi. At the conclusion of the 10:00 A.M. Mass that weekend there will be a Eucharistic Procession through the church that will conclude with Benediction and a Holy Hour until 12:00 Noon.

For this year and the next two years the bishops of the United States will be asking the priests and people of their dioceses to educate and renew themselves in their appreciation and understanding of the Eucharist as the center of our lives in the celebration to the Mass. In recent years there has been a considerable decline in Mass attendance and in the belief among Catholics that the Eucharist is the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ. The following is an excerpt from a homily given Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI about the Eucharist from a homily given for that solemnity.

"Let us return in our meditation, to the Eucharist that will shortly be the focus of our liturgical assembly. In it, Jesus anticipated his Sacrifice, a non-ritual but a personal sacrifice. At the Last Supper his actions were prompted by that "eternal spirit" with which he was later to offer himself on the Cross. Giving thanks and blessing, Jesus transforms the bread and the wine. It is divine love that transforms them: the love with which Jesus accepts, in anticipation, to give the whole of himself for us. This love is nothing other than the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of the Father and of the Son, who consecrates the bread and the wine and changes their substance into the Body of Christ. Hebrews 9: 14. 9 7 and Blood of the Lord, making present in the Sacrament the same sacrifice that is fulfilled in a bloody way on the Cross. We may therefore conclude that Christ is a true and effective priest because he was filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, he was filled with the whole fullness of God's love and precisely "in the night on which he was betrayed", precisely, "in the hour... of darkness." It is

Father Niccolls column continued:

this divine power, the same 10 power that brought about the Incarnation of the Word, that transformed the extreme violence and extreme injustice into a supreme act of love and justice. This is the work of the priesthood of Christ which the Church inherited and extended in history, in the dual form of the common priesthood of the baptized and the ordained priesthood of ministers, in order to transform the world with God's love. Let us all, priests and faithful, nourish ourselves with the same Eucharist, let us all prostrate ourselves to adore it, because in it our Master and Lord is present, the true Body of Jesus is present in it, the Victim and the Priest, the salvation of the world. Come let us exult with joyful songs! Come, let us adore him! Amen."

Upcoming Ordinations: This coming Saturday, June 18th, at 10:00 A.M. Deacons Julio Granados (assigned to our parish in the summer of 2021) and Thiago Ibiapina (assigned here in the summer of 2020) 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



Sunday, June 12, 2022

8:00 AM Memorial Mass for Patricia and Stephen Celona Requested by their family

10:00AM Memorial Mass for Dr. Policiano Menezes Requested by his Family

Monday, June 13, 2022

8:00 AM In Memory of Leona Galoni

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

8:00 AM In Memory of Cathy McCaffrey

Friday, June 17, 2022

8:00 AM In Memory of Bernard Rondeau

Saturday, June 18, 2022

4:00 PM Memorial Mass for Linus Fung and Florence Ho Requested by a friend

Sunday, June 19, 2022

8:00 AM For the Community of Saint George

10:00 AM 63rd Anniversary Mass for Stephanie Niccolls requested by her son

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Weekly Collection:

May 24 , 2022 - June 6 , 2022

On Line Giving - \$3,565.00

May Utilities - Fuel \$270

A/C \$567, Repairs - \$ 235

Ordinary Collection- will appear next weekend

Thank you for your generosity.

Stewardship Thought for the Week

Today's psalm reminds us that we have been crowned with glory and honor and given rule over the works of God's hands. But we must be good stewards, for the Lord will surely hold us accountable for the use of those gifts!

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.

Bulletin Item Due Dates:

Weekend of:

June 26, 2022

July 3, 2022

Due by:

June 15, 2022

June 23, 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



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

for Coffee and Donuts following the
8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Masses on Sunday Mornings.

Thank You To Our Ministers of Coffee Shop Hospitality:

May 29 - Fifth Sunday of the ODD month
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND - NO COFFEE SHOP

June 5- First Sunday of EVEN months
Tom Ryan, Bob Gray and Team

June 12- Second Sunday of the Month
Julie Currier, Dave Carlson, Phil Connor, and
George Gumbrell

June 19 - Third Sunday of the EVEN Month
Brian Russo and Annie Doyle
(Rich Matys & Mike Doherty)

June 26- 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.

Note: There is no Coffee Shop on Holiday Weekends



Thank you to all of our parishioners

- * who pray for peace and for those in need
 - * who bring food for the hungry
 - * who donate items for vulnerable neighbors
 - * who provide hospitality to all or comfort for those who are sad, lonely or grieving
 - * who visit the sick
 - * who fill our church with song
 - * who buy Hope for Housing Cards
 - * And who rejoice with us as we celebrate God's love and presence among us!
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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 will be held on Thursday, **June 30** from 6:00 until 7:00 PM and **Friday, July 1** 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 Saturday 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 was a spiritual director for many people, including a number of high-profile American and Canadian politicians, businesspeople, and other celebrities. Joan Kroc, the wife of the founder of the McDonald's hamburger chain, began meeting regularly to discuss the spiritual life with Henri after being introduced by their mutual friend Fred Rogers. In 1995, Henri wrote her a reflection on unconditional love. This is Part V of his reflection. (taken from "*Love, Henri: Letters on the Spiritual Life*"):

Dear Joan,

"...The most beautiful fruit of accepting God's unconditional love for us is that it allows us to share that unconditional love with others. Indeed, strange as it may sound, we can become like God for others. It becomes possible to love without demanding love in return. That is the marvelous possibility of the children of God. They are free to love. It is a strong, energetic, vital and very active love. It is not a sentimental, all approving and always agreeing love. It can even be a confronting love. But it is unconditional!..."

Yours,

Henri J.M. Nouwen

History and Name Change

**Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN)
Is Now**

In The Hour of Need Family Shelter (IHN)

As many of you know, St. George Parish is a Charter Member of IHN. Our parish community, along with 28 other local congregations and synagogues, supports the work of providing shelter for homeless families in crisis. Our involvement with IHN began more than 15 years ago through the ecumenical work of our then pastor, Fr. Henry Donoghue. In 2012 a permanent home to provide shelter for homeless families was purchased on June Street here in Worcester. Our parishioners continue to help keep the shelter going by providing year round financial and volunteer support. Each spring our parish provides a week of staffing, donating meals, gardening, painting and more. As you might guess, the work of caring for the property and buildings is essential and ongoing.

This past year IHN changed its name. We are still the exact same organization, with the same acronym of IHN. We chose this name change to help support our financial situation which has been stressed due to the pandemic.

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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 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.

Confirmation

Congratulations to our Confirmation Students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last weekend, May 15, At St. Paul's Cathedral here in Worcester! God's peace and joy be with you all and with your families and loved ones.

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 encouraged to attend the group for older children.

This is a wonderful way to continue learning about God's love for us all summer long!

Please contact Sarah Kelly for more information.



In prayer and joyful hope, we look forward to the beginning of our new Youth Ministry at St. George Parish led by Kevin Brown!

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, June 13 at 7:00 PM
in the Conference Room. Please join us.

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
email pieta3@gmail.com.

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

The church of the home....as families we carry out the mission of the Church of the Home (the domestic church) in ordinary ways. Here's what our Bishops tell us: "you celebrate life, whether for birthdays, weddings, 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. 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.

A Community of Ministries



St. George Parish Outreach

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

Afghan Refugee Family News:

- Special needs are for liquid hand soap, Worcester City Garbage bags and Grocery Gift Cards in any amount. Donations can be mailed to the parish office marked "For Parish Outreach" or dropped in the Sunday Collection Basket at Mass.
- Thank you for your prayers and continuing support.



Many thanks to Andy and Cheryl Labreque for the new planting of flowers at the front of our church!

We all look forward to the bright new growth that will welcome parish community members and visitors on warm summer days !

So many hours of planting and watering is giving us all this wonderful gift! We are very grateful!



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

- Please see page 4 of this bulletin for a history and news about IHN's recent name change
- Paper towels and toilet paper continue to be a special need.
- Join in "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
- Our **Annual week of service will be June 19-25, 2022**. Volunteers are needed for evening and over night staff coverage, gardening and more!

Just call Annie at 508-450-4134 if you can help out. We can talk about the details.

Food Donation Team

The need for Non-perishable food items has increased Please help!

To receive email information on sales, join St. George's "Food Donation Team" just email Dave at DavewithFDT@gmail.com

Breakfast Cereal, Jelly, & Cans of Soup

Thank you to everyone who continues to bring food donations to keep our 3 food pantries going!

At this time of year the food supply in our food pantries has dwindled! The economic situation has increased the number of folks who are coming for food. Please help in any way that you are able.

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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.*

Online Giving

Now you can make your offertory gifts work harder than ever to support our parish by participating in our Online Giving Program. When you participate, your gift will be transferred conveniently from your credit card or bank account directly to St. George Catholic Church.

Your recurring gift will allow our parish to reduce administrative costs while providing you with a method of consistent and reliable giving if you are away for the weekend.

ONLINE GIVING IS EASY

Visit our parish website at:
WWW.saintgeorgesparish.org
(If you need assistance, contact Kathy Hessel at:
mkhessel@aol.com)

Click on the box for Online Giving:

Complete the registration process at
'click here to sign up'



Spiritual Growth Ministry Corner

Ministry Leader: Bonnie Moran
Saintgeorgespiritualgrowth@gmail.com

A Reflection from the Spiritual Growth Committee:

June is a transition month both spiritually and personally. From a personal point of view, we settle into a "summer mode" in the month of June. The school year ends. The temperature rises. We begin the rest and relaxation of some vacation time. Liturgically, we transition from the 50-day Easter season and through the major feasts of Pentecost, the Most Holy Trinity and Corpus Christi back into Ordinary Time. But like all months in our liturgical year, June is filled with reminders that there is no such thing as "transition" when it comes to the love of God.

The love of God is constant, unchanging and pervasive. Our Blessed Mother is honored as the Mother of the Church on June 6. The feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is celebrated on June 25. The feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated on June 24. The feasts of popular saints St. Anthony of Padua on June 13 and Saints Peter and Paul on June 29 remind us of the rich heritage of all of the saints who enrich our spiritual lives in so many ways. And on June 18 our friends Deacon Thiago Ibiapina and Deacon Julio Granados will be ordained as priests.

Have a wonderful month of June. And as you find ways to rest and have fun during this "transition" month, savor the rich tradition of our Catholic heritage as well. Our "fun time" is made more fun when it is accompanied by the constant practice of our faith.

Spiritual Growth Committee members are:

Bonnie Moran – Chair; Andrea Svagdys-Gumbrell; Joan Talbot; Patty Walsh; Kyle Lewandowski and Helen Hurley. Fr. Nicolls and Deacon Paul serve as *ex officio* members.

The Spiritual growth committee continually works to offer events, services, and ideas to parishioners for the purpose of nurturing and growing the spirit within. Your comments, thoughts and ideas are always welcome, reach us by the email listed above.

Gentle Yoga for Every Body

Wednesdays

1:30-2:30 PM

in the church hall,
Cost: Donation \$5.00

Gentle Yoga is focused on a relaxed pace and gentler approach to yoga postures, stretching, breathing, and guided relaxation.

Gentle yoga helps with flexibility, strength and well-being while relaxing your mind, increasing your energy, and reducing stress.
You do not need to be flexible to do yoga!

No experience is necessary; this gentle yoga will accommodate any fitness level.

No sign up necessary, just show up.

Wear comfortable clothes and
bring a water bottle.

For more information and updates contact
Sue Stevens at MonarchYoga@gmail.com.

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 Mon-Fri from 9am to 4pm
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