

## ***Saint George Church - Worcester and Holden***

***June 19, 2022 - Corpus Christi Sunday***

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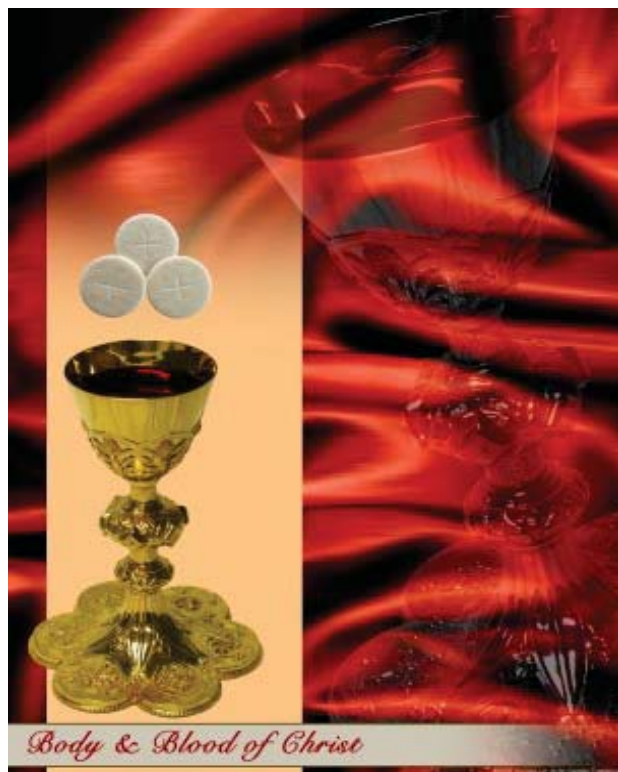
Current Office Hours:

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

Thursday 9:00 AM - 12:00 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.



# ***St. George Catholic Church***

### **Baptism Information:**

Please contact

Susan Pacek at 508-856-9960 or

email: [st.geobaptism@gmail.com](mailto: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 19, 2022***

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### From Your Pastor

#### HAPPY FATHERS' DAY!!!

We extend our blessings and good wishes to all fathers today as they celebrate their special day.

New Administrative Assistant: I am pleased to announce that Patricia LaBonte has been hired as our new parish administrative assistant. A professional nurse who has also had much administrative experience, she will be joining our staff in mid to late July to work with our present administrative assistant, Kate Lockney, and become familiar with the various aspects of our parish office administration before Kate retires on August 4<sup>th</sup>. We welcome Patty and ask that God bless her in her service to our parish as our administrative assistant for many years to come.

Today is also the Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ (*Corpus Christi*). Pope Francis, in a homily given in May of 2013, has some interesting thoughts to share with us, regarding this solemnity.

*The Eucharist is the sacrament of communion that brings us out of individualism so that we may follow him (God) together, living out our faith in him. Therefore, we should ask ourselves before the Lord: How do I live the Eucharist? Do I live it anonymously or as a true communion with the Lord, and with all the brothers and sister who share this same banquet?*



It would be good for us all to take some time and meditate on these words of Pope Francis. When we think about what our Holy Father is saying in this homily, it may give us reason, in this time of Eucharistic revival, to examine our beliefs and practices in receiving the Holy Eucharist and spending some time in quiet adoration and prayer before this sacrament.

*Fr. Niccolls*

### Mass Intentions



**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

**Monday, June 20, 2022**

**8:00 AM** In Memory of Pasquale and Barbara Quitadamo

**Wednesday, June 22, 2022**

**8:00 AM** In Memory of Anne Keenan

**Friday, June 24, 2022**

**8:00 AM** In Memory of Donald and Bernadette Boyce

**Saturday, June 25, 2022**

**4:00 PM** Memorial Mass for John McLaughlin Requested by Seraphina Wong

**Sunday, June 26, 2022**

**8:00 AM** Memorial Mass for Beatrice and Edward Jardus Family - Requested by Elizabeth Hanlon and Michael Jardus

**10:00 AM** 20th Anniversary Mass for Angelo Gentile Requested by The Gentile Family

### Parish Calendar

**Saturday, June 18, 2022**

8:00 PM AA Meeting Church Hall

**Sunday, June 19, 2022**

10:00 AM Coffee Shop Express

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

**Monday June 20, 2022**

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

**Tuesday, June 21, 2022**

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

**Wednesday, June 22, 2022**

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

**Thursday, June 23, 2022**

11:00 AM Faith Sharing Group Church Hall

**Friday, June 24, 2022**

**Saturday, June 25, 2022**

8:00 PM AA Meeting Church Hall

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### Weekly Collection: June 8 - June 13, 2022

On Line Giving	\$ 1, 227.00
Ordinary Collection ( 6/5 )	6,672.00
Ordinary Collection (6/12 )	4,141.00
Total	\$12,040.00

Thank you for your generosity. We are truly grateful.



### Stewardship Thought for the Week

In today's Gospel the disciples suggest that Jesus disperse the crowd so that they might *individually* see food and lodging. The miracle of the feeding of the five thousand is Jesus' powerful reminder that when we *share* our gifts in His name there is always more than enough.

### 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:

<u>Weekend of:</u>	<u>Due by:</u>
July 3, 2022	June 23, 2022
July 10, 2022	June 30, 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](mailto: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.

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### 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.

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### 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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### 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.

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### 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 8:00 a.m.

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

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### 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 VII (and conclusion) of his reflection. (taken from "Love, Henri: Letters on the Spiritual Life"):

Dear Joan,

"...It is not always easy to believe that we are unconditionally loved even when those who love us disagree with us or disapprove of us. But this is the love with which God loves us and wants us to love each other. It is a love that includes even those who treat us as enemies, who reject us or are angry with us. Because once we know in the depth of our hearts that we are forgiven children of God, we will always be able to forgive those who cannot respond to our love..."

Yours,

Henri J.M. Nouwen

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### 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](mailto:sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org)  
[Kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto: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!



### THE FAMILY CONNECTION

A Prayer for Fathers.... Heavenly Father we thank you for all the love you have shown us your children. We thank you for your most precious gift of all...the gift of your Son. Please help all fathers as they teach, guide and nurture their children. Let us never forget those children without fathers and our responsibility to reach out to them. As today's fathers feel the stress and pressures of balancing work and family, give them the wisdom to see that their most important job is teaching their children to love you and your ways. Amen.



### 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](mailto:ruthviens@charter.net),

## *A Community of Ministries*



### **St. George Parish Outreach**

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



**IHN ( In the Hour of Need) Family Shelter  
June 19 – 25, 2022**

**St. George Annual Week of Service  
Begins this Sunday!**

**Please see the Bulletin Boards  
at each entrance to the church  
Please**

**Choose a ticket to help fill a specific need**

- **Are you a Confirmation Candidate for 2023?**
- **Are you a member of the National Honor Society who wants to serve others?**
- **Are you a parishioner with a few hours to serve homeless families this week?**

**Just call or text  
Annie at 508-450-4134 anytime**

### **Afghan Refugee Family News: A NEW BABY !**

- Wadan's family welcomed their sixth child this week! Mom and a healthy baby girl are both doing fine! The parents, aunt, uncle, cousins and five brothers and sisters are delighted!
- Special needs are for liquid hand soap, Worcester City Garbage bags and Grocery Gift Cards in any amount. Sadly the food stamps have been decreased now that dads are working. Donations can be mailed to the parish office marked "For Parish Outreach" or dropped in the Sunday Collection Basket at Mass.

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!

### **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](mailto: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

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[WWW.saintgeorgesparish.org](http://WWW.saintgeorgesparish.org)  
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### Spiritual Growth Ministry Corner

Ministry Leader: Bonnie Moran  
[Saintgeorgespiritualgrowth@gmail.com](mailto:Saintgeorgespiritualgrowth@gmail.com)

### Spiritual Growth Committee Meeting Minutes:

The Spiritual Growth Committee met on Monday, May 23, the final committee meeting before the Summer break. The committee will meet again in late August. We share this summary of the meeting:

The Synod listening sessions attracted 65 – 70 people and garnered a lot of thoughtful and perceptive feedback. Results are being forwarded to the Chancery. Bulletin and website articles summarizing the feedback are forthcoming.

A Vespers Service is planned for 6 pm on Sunday, June 5, the Solemnity of the Pentecost, will be held to close out the Easter season. It will end with a procession to extinguish the Paschal Candle.

An Anointing Service will be held at 11 am on Tues., July 26, the Feast of Saints Anne & Joachim. Invitations will be sent to those who would benefit. A light lunch in the church hall will follow (with a bag lunch option for those who are interested).

Spiritual Growth Committee members in attendance: Bonnie Moran – Chair; Joan Talbot; Patty Walsh; Helen Hurley. Fr. Niccolls and Deacon Paul.

The Spiritual Growth Committee would like to wish all Fathers a Happy Father's Day.

Have a safe and enjoyable Summer!

**Spiritual Growth Committee** members are: Bonnie Moran – Chair; Andrea Svagdys-Gumbrell; Joan Talbot; Patty Walsh; Kyle Lewandowski and Helen Hurley. Fr. Niccolls 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.  
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For more information and updates contact Sue Stevens at [MonarchYoga@gmail.com](mailto:MonarchYoga@gmail.com).

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