

Saint George Church - Worcester and Holden

June 26, 2022 - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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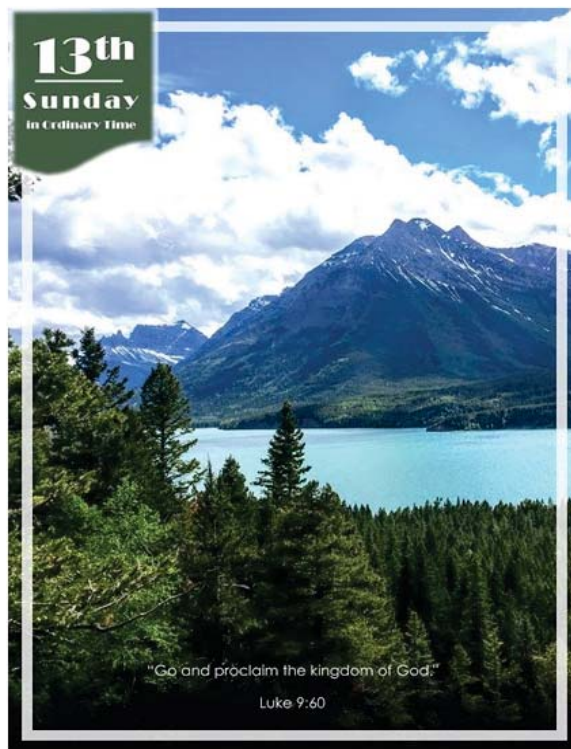
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Tuesday and Wednesday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
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For information regarding Pastoral Care of the Sick, Marriage Preparation, Confirmation, and Ministry Involvement, we invite you to call the Parish Office.



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 26, 2022

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From Your Pastor

As the occasion presents itself, it is good to mention once again a formation process that is very important in the life of the Church – the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or RCIA as it is more commonly known. This process is available to adults who have never been baptized or to those who have been baptized but were never instructed or catechized after baptism. There are several stages of preparation in this process that help a person become a full-fledged member of the Catholic Church.

1. One begins with the precatechumenate where (s)he has some spiritual conversation about God and the Church.
2. Then the rite of acceptance into the order of catechumens is celebrated where the person is considered a member of the Church in a broad sense. During this time one becomes familiar with what the Church teaches, follows the Christian way of life and engages in liturgical prayer. This formation period concludes with the rite of election when the Church, in the name of the local bishop calls the catechumen to the eventual reception of the sacraments of initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. This rite of election takes place on the First Sunday of Lent.
3. During the Lenten season, one continues in a period purification and enlightenment in order to spiritually prepare to celebrate the sacraments of initiation.
4. At the conclusion of the Lenten season during the Easter Vigil the person receives the sacraments of initiation.
5. After receiving these sacraments one enters into a period called mystagogy that usually coincides with the 50 days of the Easter season. This time in one of deepening the new Catholic Christian's participation in their new faith community of the Church by meditating, praying, worshipping and doing works of charity. This period of mystagogy prepares the person for a lifelong relationship in his/her new faith life and emphasizes the importance of remaining close to the faith community of the Church to which (s)he now belongs.

If you or anyone you know is interested in knowing more about this process, please contact us here at the parish either by email

(office@saintgeorgesparish.org)

or by calling 508-853-0183.

Fr. Niccolls

Mass Intentions



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

Monday, June 27, 2022

8:00 AM Memorial Mass for Msgr. Francis J.
Manning

Wednesday, June 29, 2022

8:00 AM 37th Birthday Remembrance for Angelo
Gentile Requested by The Gentile Family

Friday, July 1, 2022

8:00 AM In memory of Mary McDermott

Saturday, July 2, 2022

4:00 PM Memorial Mass for John McLaughlin
Requested by his wife and family

Sunday, July 3, 2022

8:00 AM For the Community of Saint George
10:00 AM Anniversary Mass for Ray and Helen
Hurley requested by Bill and Kate White

Parish Calendar

Saturday, June 25, 2022

8:00 PM AA Meeting Church Hall

Sunday, June 26, 2022

10:00 AM Coffee Shop Express

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

Monday June 27, 2022

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

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

7:00-8:30 PM Saint George Youth Ministry

Wednesday, June 29, 2022

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

Thursday, June 30, 2022

11:00 AM Faith Sharing Group Church Hall

Friday, July 1, 2022

Saturday, July 2, 2022

8:00 PM AA Meeting Church Hall

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Weekly Collection: June 14 - June 20, 2022

On Line Giving	\$ 1,847.00
Ordinary Collection	5,765.00
Total	\$ 7,612.00

Thank you for your generosity. We are truly grateful.



Stewardship Thought for the Week

In today's second reading, St. Paul provides a 'wonderful one-sentence summary of Christian stewardship: Out of love, place yourselves at one another's service.

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 10, 2022	June 30, 2022
July 17, 2022	July 7, 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



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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 8:00 a.m.
If interested you may contact
Jim Hachey at 508-579-9623.

Neighborhood Gatherings: At our most
recent pastoral council meeting, I mentioned that I
was going to resume a pastoral practice that I began
when I first came here eight years ago – bringing
people together in neighborhood gatherings. Three
of those gatherings have already been set up. I will
be looking to set up more of them in the coming
months as the good weather allows. However, I will
need your help to accomplish this mission. I believe
we need to come together now to share our thoughts
as we emerge from this two-year hiatus in our par-
ish's life caused by the pandemic and to discuss
matter that concern our Church on various levels.
Such outreach can do much to make the real pres-
ence of Jesus visible as the Shepherd who loves and
cares about his flock. It is also a way to heal, where
necessary, to keep us together as God's flock. A
sign-up sheet will be available in the church hall for
you to take advantage of this opportunity. Please
provide your name and contact information on the
sign-up sheet and I will be in contact with you. I
thank you in advance for your help.

Fr. Nicolls

From Deacon Paul Audette

Henri Nouwen Speaks to us through his Letters

Henri Nouwen died on September 21, 1996. His
death was sudden and unexpected. In this final in-
stallment of this series of articles, I share Henri's re-
flections on Rembrandt's *Return of the Prodigal Son*,
a reproduction of which hangs on the wall of St.
George church. Henri wrote a book of the same title.
I encourage you to read his book and to spend time
in prayer before Rembrandt's painting.

*"When I went to St. Petersburg to see Rembrandt's
Return of the Prodigal Son, I had little idea how
much I would have to live what I then saw. I stand
with awe at the place Rembrandt brought me. He led
me from the kneeling disheveled young son to the
standing, bent-over father, from the place of being
blessed to the place of blessing. As I look at my own
aging hands, I know that they have been given to me
to stretch out towards all who suffer, to rest upon the
shoulders of all who come, and to offer the blessing
that emerges from the immensity of God's love."*

*Yours,
Henri J.M. Nouwen*

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Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

Sarah Kelly, Administrator -

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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!



**Introducing the relaunch of
Saint George's Youth Ministry!**

We are planning a 6-week Summer Youth Ministry program for Saint George youth going into grades 7-12. The program will include weekly meetings, social outings, and community service.

**Our first meeting is this Tuesday,
June 28th from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

Second meeting July 5, 2022 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Be a part of this exciting new opportunity to have fun and be with friends.

Please contact

kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org

for more information!



**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.

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Cooperation or competition? Our need to be competitive confronts us with interesting questions. Is it always necessary to have the last word in an argument? Can we sometimes admit that another person may have a valid point of view, even when it contradicts our own? Can we help others accomplish their goals? Do we look at our family members as obstacles to overcome or do we appreciate them simply for who they are?



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,
508-852-5658 for more information.

**Grandparents make memories
that the heart holds forever.**



A Community of Ministries



St. George Parish Outreach

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



IHN (In the Hour of Need) Family Shelter
Thank You to everyone who donated and served last week during St. George Annual Week of Service !

Afghan Refugee Family News: A NEW BABY !

- Wadan's family welcomed their sixth child! 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.
- The school year is over for 7 of the grade school-children. We hope to assist them with English language practice and fun summer activities. If you would like to donate towards the purchase of the summer reading books that the children need, please send a donation in any amount to St. George Parish Outreach marked "Summer Reading Books".

Our next Mustard Seed meal is Friday, July 15

Volunteers are needed 2:00PM till 3:30PM
on July 15th in the church hall.

Please call Annie Doyle 508-450-4134

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



Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Welcome

Do you have a vegetable garden?

Would you like to donate fresh fruits or vegetables?

Every Tuesday afternoon the Mustard Seed food pantry has been trying to offer fresh fruits and vegetable along with our non-perishable food items. The families are so happy to take home a few bananas or potatoes! If you are growing a garden this summer and would like to share some of your harvest, please give Annie at Parish Outreach a call: 508-450-4134.

We can arrange timely drop offs to ensure that food stays fresh.

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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'

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.

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Wear comfortable clothes and bring a water bottle.

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



Spiritual Growth Ministry Corner

Ministry Leader: Bonnie Moran
Saintgeorgespiritualgrowth@gmail.com

Nature Inspires Prayer

Blooming trees and bushes, the brown winter grass becoming a lush green, the songs of birds filling the air—all are welcome signs of new life and the revival of Spring, so long awaited—particularly this year. Our bodies, our hearts and our souls respond in various ways. More physical movement is possible, gathering with friends and families warms our hearts, and in our souls we say, "Thank you God for the beauty that surrounds us."

Nature throughout the year, in its many changing forms often leads us to a sense of awe felt so deeply. The poet, Mary Oliver, puts it so beautifully when she writes, "Sometimes I need only to stand wherever I am to be blessed."

Fr. James Martin, S.J. embodies this statement as he relates the manner in which he begins each yearly retreat. He looks at the ocean, river or forest depending on the retreat house location. He feels joy, a sense of calm and is disposed to praying. He tells us that according to Celtic spirituality places that call forth awe are called "thin places"—when the border between God and humanity is thin and a closeness occurs.

It has been proven that spending time in green spaces has significant health benefits. But just as important Fr. Martin tells us are the spiritual effects. Spending time in nature connects us with God at a deep level. We are encountering something directly made by God. Mary Oliver tells us, "To pay attention, this is our endless and proper work."

Perhaps we can relate to the Celtic idea of "thin places". On a personal level one of my "thin places" is the ocean. There I find peace and a sense of awe as I gaze at the immensity, the color, the tides and the life within. Although prayer comes easily at the ocean's edge, there are also times when I say nothing—just experiencing with awe. This too is a form of prayer. Fr. William A. Barry, S.J. indicates this when he writes, "You can be praying by consciously sensing what God has made."

We all have places which lead us to prayer and awe. Using the Celtic terminology "thin places" we can ask ourselves:

Where are my "thin places"?

Do these places lead me to prayer and a deepening relationship with God?

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