

Saint George Church - Worcester and Holden

July 24, 2022 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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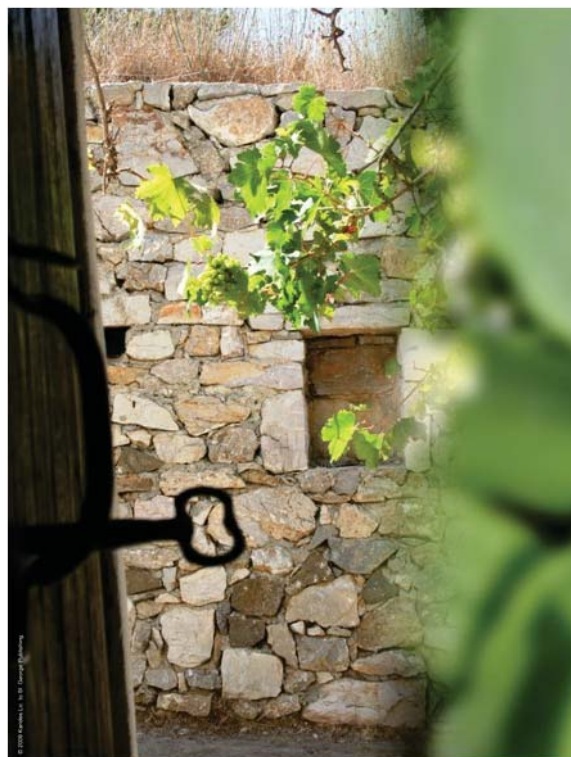
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Current Office Hours:
Tuesday and Wednesday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Thursday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Online Giving: Kathy Hessel at:
mkhessel@aol.com

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, July 24, 2022

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From Your Pastor

This weekend is the last weekend that one of our seminarians for this summer, Conner Morgan, will be with us. He will be taking a vacation before returning to Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland to begin his second year of pre-theological studies for the priesthood. We wish Conner well as he begins this new school year and pray that it will be an enriching one for him spiritually as well as academically.

Very often in my ministry as a priest, I get questions about the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. I share with you some thoughts about this Sacrament from our Pope Emeritus, Pope Benedict XVI, which actually is a good catechesis regarding this Sacrament and when one might receive it. Here is what Pope Benedict has to say:

"The anointing of the sick is meant to help with a spiritual process that in some circumstances can become a process of healing. This is the Church's sacramental help in the situation of illness. It's less a matter of the moment of death. In that case, the true Viaticum is the Eucharist....The anointing of the sick is more a help toward an acceptance of suffering. It is meant to help me, by lifting up my pain and suffering into Christ, to enter into sacramental fellowship with him. This is not necessarily a matter of physical healing. For illness can indeed heal me spiritually; I may even have spiritual need of it. Christ, by teaching me how to suffer and by suffering with me, may truly become my doctor, who overcomes the deep spiritual sickness within my soul."

Fr. Nicolls

Stewardship Thought for the Week

Jesus is describing God's immeasurable generosity when He says in today's Gospel, "Whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks, is admitted." But it should also be the description of us as Christian stewards - those seeking to follow Christ by using our gifts in service to others.



Mass Intentions



Saturday, July 23, 2022
4:00 PM Special Intention

Sunday, July 24, 2022
8:00 AM For the Community of Saint George
10:00 AM Birthday Remembrance for Gloria Shaughnessy requested by her daughter

Monday, July 25, 2022
8:00 AM In Memory of Pasquale and Barbara Quitadamo

Wednesday, July 27, 2022
8:00 AM In Memory of Rodney and Dyann Kirouac

Friday, July 29, 2022
8:00 AM In Memory of June LaMalva

Saturday, July 30, 2022
4:00 PM 17th Anniversary for Patrick John McGovern
Requested by his Family

Sunday, July 31, 2022
8:00 AM In Memory of Pierce Gould
Requested by the Chesney Family
10:00 AM Birthday Memorial for Helen Hurley
Requested by her family

Parish Calendar

Saturday, July 23, 2022
8:00 PM AA Meeting Church Hall

Sunday, July 24, 2022
10:00 AM Coffee Shop Express
10:00 AM Toddler & Children's Liturgy of the Word Church Hall

Monday July 25, 2022

Tuesday, July 26, 2022
7:00-8:30 PM Saint George Youth Ministry Church Hall

Wednesday, July 27, 2022
1:30-2:30 PM Gentle Yoga for Every Body Church Hall

Thursday, July 28, 2022
11:00 AM Faith Sharing Group Church Hall

Friday, July 29, 2022

Saturday, July 30, 2022
8:00 PM AA Meeting Church Hall

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Weekly Collection: July 12, 2022 - July 18, 2022

On Line Giving	\$ 1,377.00
Ordinary Collection	\$ 3,974.00
Total	\$ 5,351.00

Thank you for your generosity. We are truly grateful.



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>
August 7, 2022	July 28, 2022
August 14, 2022	August 4, 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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Ministry of Hospitality
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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 in July:

- July 3 - Independence Day Weekend
NO COFFEE SHOP -
- July 10 - Second Sunday of the ODD Month
Jim Moughan and Team
- July 17 - Third Sunday of the ODD Month
Kathy Hessel, Jim Dupre, and Stephen Willand
- July 24 - Fourth Sunday of the ODD month
Mark Cormier & Tom Pirani
- July 31 - Fifth Sunday of the month
Dave Walsh and Team

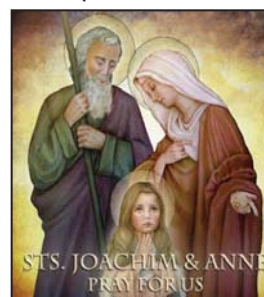
Can you help on a Sunday morning?

Call Annie Doyle at 508-450-4134 to join a team.
Note: There is no Coffee Shop on Holiday Weekends

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

Feast Day of Saints Anne and Joachim
Grandparents of Jesus



11:00 AM at St. George Church

Luncheon or "Take Out" to follow

**Please RSVP today
if you haven't already done so**

Ann Doyle
508-450-4134

Include if you will stay for lunch
Or to request "Take Out"

For more information or to
schedule an appointment
to receive this Sacrament in your home
Call Ann Doyle 508-450-4134 anytime

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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,
August 4 from 6:00 until 7:00 PM and
Friday, August 5 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.

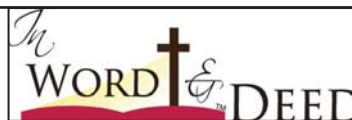
Saint George Saturday Rosary Group

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.



17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

When we are learning
something new, it's often the case that we learn bet-
ter when we take things slowly so that we see how
things work or how we handle them. For example,
driving, playing a sport or doing artwork requires us
to master basic skills before we go on to more com-
plex ones. It's the fundamentals that are important to
build on. They become the foundation of creative
expression as well as mastery of technique.
During His public ministry, Jesus spends time in
prayer and solitude and teaches His disciples the
fundamentals of a relationship with the Father. Love,
mercy, compassion, forgiveness and healing are all
hallmarks of God's relationship with His people. The
Apostles want the loving and personal relationship
with God that Jesus has. Jesus teaches them how to
pray. It is not just the recitation of words, but an offer-
ing of praise, an acknowledgement of love and a re-
quest for the things we need.

It's easy to recite the Our Father from memory and
fail to pay attention to the words. They've become so
familiar and so routine that we can skim through
them and complete the prayer, yet miss its meaning.
Slow down. Listen to the words and pray them care-
fully. The Lord will teach you once again how to pray.
~James Gaffney © Karides Lic. to Pilot Bulletins

Deacon Paul Audette

James Martin Speaks to us through his "Essential
Writings"

Many Catholics were shocked to discover in 2007
that St. Teresa of Calcutta had spent much of her life
experiencing a profound alienation from God. In
these excerpts from a James Martin essay that ap-
peared in the September 24, 2007 issue of *America*
magazine, he addresses the troubling notion that
even the holiest of persons might experience prayer
as a futile or empty exercise for long periods of time.
He writes: "*Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light*, a
posthumously published collection of the saint's let-
ters, offers some lessons to believers. First, the let-
ters are a reminder that what could be termed radical
Christianity is not simply the province of those called
saints. Many imagine that since the saints enjoy
privileged access to God in prayer, their work is
somehow easier, lighter – a mistaken view that ex-
cuses the average believer from striving for sanctity.
Instead, Mother Teresa's life reminds us that holi-
ness is a goal for all believers, even those given to
doubt. Second, her letters remind us that dryness,
darkness, and doubt are natural parts of the spiritual
life, whether ordinary believer or extraordinary saint."

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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!



Saint George's Youth Ministry

Join our 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.

Tuesday, July 26th from 11:00am-1:00pm

Community Service Opportunity! Please help serve meals at the Saint Anne and Joachim Anointing of the Sick Prayer Service at Saint George Church

Tuesday, July 26th at 7:00pm

Mini-Golf outing at Mulligan's Mini-Golf located 124 Leominster Rd in Sterling.

Contact Kevin for more information!

Please contact

kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org

to RSVP or get more information about

Youth Ministry at Saint George Parish



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.

sarah.Kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Because of our family spirituality we share life and faith together in ways which we are always changing as both offspring and parents grow older, as the calendar pages fall and we need new ways to be family. Its easy to see the holiness and in our families in retrospect when we take out the old photographs or the old videos and remember the good old days. Our goal of a family spirituality is to help us see the good and holiness in our family here and now. A family spirituality is one that is in process, undergoing transformation even as it transforms us and the life we share.



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.

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.

A Community of Ministries



St. George Parish Outreach

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

School and Art Supplies Needed

For our Afghan and Food Pantry families

- Back Packs
- Pre-sharpened pencils
- Pens
- Crayons
- Sharpie Markers - regular and extra fine point
- Extra Large Glue Sticks
- Notebooks
- Large pack of Blue and Black construction Paper



Afghan Refugee Family News:

- The families have recently been enjoying these summer days at visits to Elm Park
- Thank you to folks who recently donated Big Y grocery cards to help with the purchase cleaning supplies and hygiene products that are not covered under the EPT Card.

Mustard Seed Meals:

- Thank you to everyone who helped to prepare and serve the meals that fed 100 guests
- We are grateful to the parishioners who donated towards the cost of the meal.



IHN (In the Hour of Need) Family Shelter

- Thank you to everyone who recently donated toilet paper and baby shampoo!
- Thank you to Michael Ohl who recently repaired the outside water faucet- especially appreciated on these hot summer days.
- We are very grateful to Tom P. for sharing his electrical expertise by repairing several lamps.

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.



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 vege-
table 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.

Thank you to the Moran family for the delicious
radishes that were shared with our Afghan family!

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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:
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Click on the box for Online Giving:
Complete the registration process at
'click here to sign up'



We are honored and delighted to
WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS
to our parish family!
Contact Annie Doyle at 508-450-4134 for an
introduction, depending on your interests,

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for E-news

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To hear about updates and notifications from St.
George Parish, simply visit:

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and click on the yellow link
"Join Our Email List" on the homepage to
add your email address



Spiritual Growth Ministry Corner

Ministry Leader: Bonnie Moran
Saintgeorgespiritualgrowth@gmail.com

The Gift of Silence

Noise seems to surround us more and more in today's world. External noise creates inner noise and feelings of unease. We long for peace and quiet.

One of many memorable sentences offered by Sr. Joan Chittister in her book, 'Called to Question' refers to this modern day issue. She writes, "We have become human hamsters on a twenty-four hour wheel. We work and run and talk at all times. The silence of the day never sets in. And we wonder why we can't find God".

Anne D. Le Claire, a Cape Cod author, decided to tackle the noise pollution she experienced head-on. In her book, 'Listening Below the Noise' she tells of her decision to not speak for two days each month. Silence became an atmosphere of deep spiritual work where among other revelations she learned the necessary skill of truly listening to herself and others. Towards the conclusion of her book she states, "My silence is a spiritual practice. It has carried me home".

Sr. Joyce Rupp, well-known author and retreat/conference presenter believes that if we listen we will hear the call to our soul to "go deeper"-to become more rooted in our strengths and wisdom. While on a desert retreat Joyce heard the call and braved her fears, trusting God as she journeyed deeper. She sensed this was a time to be quiet and attentive in order to listen more closely.

Sr. Joyce in her book, 'Dear Heart Come Home' quotes author Sue Monk Kidd who said, "Am I being asked to enter a journey in the spiritual life-the journey from false self to true self? Am I being asked to dismantle patterns and unfold a deeper, more authentic self-the one God created me to be?"

Perhaps we might ask ourselves the same question. Finding a consistent period of time is not easy in our busy, noisy world. However time taken to discover our true selves is worth the effort.

As we go back in time to our beginnings in a family setting, our friendships through life, the decisions we have made we may feel joy. We may feel pain. As we evaluate we may decide to make changes in our lives or perhaps work at re-establishing relationships. We may need to acknowledge harm done by others or to others. Are there situations we need to rectify?

As many with much knowledge of the spiritual life tell us-this is important work in our self-knowledge, our relationship with God and others. It can be transformational. Do we have the courage to be silent, go deeper and find our true self as it was created by God?

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