#### August 28, 2022 - Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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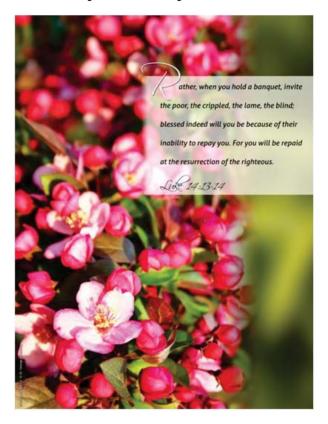
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Current Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday 8:30 AM - 2:30 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 and10:00 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 Additional Weekday Masses starting:

September 6th, Tuesdays 12:10PM September 8th, Thursdays 5:30PM

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

#### Parish Missian 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.

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#### From Your Pastor

In first-century Palestine, sitting down to eat with one another was an act of acceptance and respect. Meals affirmed

the status of the one invited who was usually of the same social rank as the host. However, in today's Gospel, we get the impression that Jesus was invited with an ulterior motive as we are told that the Pharisees were observing him carefully with the intention of trying to trap him in some cultural or ritual infringement. Observing how people were jockeying for places of honor at the banquet, he reminds them of the true meaning of humility. Using the banquet image, Jesus highlights the embarrassment of having to give up one's seat to another of higher rank. He reminds the people there that by initially taking the lower position may provide the opportunity for greater esteem if one is brought to a higher position. This is a very practical lesson that can be applied to our daily living on many levels. For one who is given the task of leadership, it should be an occasion to not seek to dominate those in their care but rather a time to be a servant leader - self-sacrificing and humble, relving on God for strength. They should lead with and recognize their own limitations and humanity and collaborate with the all-embracing wisdom and love of God, the giver of all good gifts. This is particularly noteworthy when we see so much division in our world, our communities, our families and even in our Church. By embracing the message of today's Gospel, we can live our lives in a spirit of humility. This spirit will also allow us to realize the potential within ourselves to love and serve one another in a way that can lead to unity and true peace.

Expanded Daily Mass Schedule: Beginning Tuesday, September 6th, a Mass will be offered at 12:10 P.M. and Thursday, September 8th, a Mass will be offered at 5:30 P.M. These Masses will become part of our daily Mass schedule on Tuesdays and Thursdays thereafter. The daily Masses on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays will remain the same.

#### Fr. Niccolls

#### ~ Stewardship Thought for the Week ~

In the Gospel today, Jesus warns us not to give in to hopes of repayment, but to give openhandedly to the poor and needy. That sort of giving mirrors the bountiful giving of God, and Jesus assures us it is blessed indeed!

#### Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 27, 2022 4:00 PM For the Community of Saint George



Sunday, August 28, 2022

8:00 AM Anniversary Mass for Bona Kim Requested by her Family

10:00 AM For the Community of Saint George

Monday, August 29, 2022 8:00 AM In Memory of Bona Kim Requested by her Family

Wednesday, August 31, 2022 8:00 AM In Memory of Melba Sanford Requested by James Sanford

Friday, September 2, 2022 8:00 AM In Memory of Florence and Nell Totilas

Saturday, September 3, 2022 4:00 PM In Memory of Tracy Ryan Requested by her Family

Sunday, September 4, 2022
8:00 AM In Memory of Louise Hadley
Requested by Craig and Ann Hadley
10:00 AM For Kate Lockney thank you for all that
you have done for us all.
Requested by Faith Sharing Group

#### Parish Calendar

Saturday, August 27, 2022 8:00 PM AA Meeting

Church Hall

Sunday, August 28, 2022
10:00 AM Coffee Shop Express
10:00 AM Toddler & Children's Liturgy Church Hall of the Word

Monday, August 29, 2022

Tuesday, August 30, 2022

Wednesday, August 31, 2022
1:30-2:30 PM Gentle Yoga for Every Body Church
Hall

Thursday, September 1, 2022

11:00 AM Faith Sharing Group
6:00 PM Family Prayer Night
6:00 to 7:00PM Eucharistic Adoration

Church
Church

**Friday, September 2, 2022**End of 8:00AM Mass to 10:00AM Eucharistic
Adoration Church

Saturday, September 3, 2022
8:00AM Rosary Group Church
8:00PM AA Meeting Church Hall

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#### Weekly Collection: August 15, 2022 - August 21, 2022

 On Line Giving
 \$ 1,687.00

 Ordinary Collection
 \$ 3,646.00

 Total
 \$ 5,333.00

Thank you for your generosity. We are truly grateful.



### 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.

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

#### **Bulletin Item Due Dates:**

Weekend of: <u>Due by:</u>
September 11, 2022 September 18, 2022 September 8, 2022

Please submit items by 10:00 AM on or before the due date. E-mail our Parish Admin Assistant Patty LaBonte at <a href="mailto:office@saintgeorgesparish.org">office@saintgeorgesparish.org</a>

Also, the best way to book/reserve a Mass is to call our office and speak to Patty directly: 508-853-0183.

### Welcome Weekend at St. George Come join us!



We invite everyone to join us for our annual parish Welcome Weekend on **September 10th /11th** at all Masses. This is a special time in our parish as we welcome back families who have traveled during the summer. This is also an invitation to those of you who have been away longer than just the summer to rekindle your friendship with God and St. George friends. There will be a special blessing at Mass and free treats after the Masses – the Ice Cream truck on Saturday, doughnuts, coffee, etc. on Sunday. Please join us in prayer and worship as we gather together.



# 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 in September:

September 4 - First Sunday of the ODD month
Labor Day Weekend - No Coffee Shop
September 11 - Second Sunday of the ODD Month
Jim Moughan and Team

September 18 - Third Sunday of the ODD Month Kathy Hessel, Jim Dupre, and Stephen Willand September 25- Fourth Sunday of the ODD month Mark Cormier & Tom Pirani

October 30 - 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

#### **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, September 12th at 7:00 PM in the
Conference Room. Please join us.

For more information, please call Terry Gentile at <u>508-284-0796</u> or Sue Stevens at <u>508-852-4887</u>, or email <u>pieta3@gmail.com</u>.

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#### **Help Prevent Family Homelessness**

Please 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:

<u>Thursday, September 1</u> from 6:00 until 7:00 PM and <u>Friday, September 2</u> 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 Church, there is a gathering of people who pray for all families.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary are 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.

"Jesus, we trust in You!"

#### Saint George Saturday Rosary Group

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



First Saturday of every month.

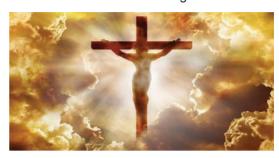
Currently we are meeting in the

Church at 8:00 a.m.

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

#### 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 (Part V) from a James Martin essay that appeared in the March 17, 2008 issue of America magazine, he talks about the "seven D's" – darkness, dryness, desolation, doubt, disbelief, depression and despair: "What are these states? How do they affect our relationship with God?...Depression is a profound form of sadness...One can be in darkness but not depressed. What about the other way around? William A. Barry SJ (and a psychologist) says that "Rarely is the clinically depressed person able to experience consolation in prayer.' Therese Bouchard, who writes a blog on depression for the spirituality website Beliefnet, has suffered depression herself. She understands it both from a theoretical and a personal point of view and agrees with Barry. 'When you're depressed you feel so angry at God, she told me. 'For some people it can lead you closer to God, as you struggle to express your anger and also cling to God as a last hope. For others it can distance you and lead to turning away from God.' Clinical depression needs to be treated by medical professionals as well as to be addressed in a spiritual setting...Sadness is different from depression. As Barry notes, 'Sadness over a painful reality in your life can be a sign that you are in touch with God."

#### **Prayer Before Mass**

O God, to whom every heart is open, every desire known and from whom no secrets are hidden; purify the thoughts of



our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily praise your holy name. Amen.

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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 2022 -2023

We hope that everyone has been enjoying a wonderful summer with family and friends. As summer comes to an end, it is the time of year when we need to start thinking about the fall. Registration for the 2022-2023 religious education year is open for students in all grades. We once again have online registration and all information and the link for the registration form can be found at the parish website:

https://saintgeorgesparish.org/religiouseducation
The registration deadline is September 4, 2022.
Questions can about registration can be sent to Sarah
Kelly at <a href="mailto:sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org">sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org</a>

#### When and Where:

All information about specific meeting dates for each grade level can be found on the parish website. Students in grades 1-5 meet on Mondays or Tuesdays 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm starting the week of September 18 through the end of April. Students in grades 6-9 meet approximately twice a month on Sundays 6:00pm - 7:30pm from the week of September 18 through the end of April. Students preparing for confirmation begin classes on October 16. The classes are approximately once a month on Sundays immediately following the 10:00am Mass. Attendance at the Mass is required and there is also a service component. Confirmation takes place at the Cathedral of St. Paul in Worcester in May. The date is TBD.

#### **Teachers Needed:**

Our excellent religious education program cannot run successfully without the help of many volunteers. Please prayerfully consider sharing your time and talent with the students of our parish. No experience is required and all lesson plans and supplies are provided, as well as lots of support and guidance.

#### If interested in helping:

Grades 1-5 or with Confirmation, please email Sarah sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org. Grades 6-9, email kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org.

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#### THE FAMILY CONNECTION

God give us love in our thinking, in our speaking, in our doing and in the hidden places of our souls, love of our neighbors near and far, love of our friends, old and new love of those with whom we find it hard to bear and love of those with whom we take our ease; love in joy and love in sorrow, love in life and love in death, that so at length we may be worthy to dwell with you who are Eternal love.



#### **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 <a href="mailto:ruthviens@charter.net">ruthviens@charter.net</a>, 508-852-5658 for more information.

Grandparents make memories that the heart holds forever.

#### **Gentle Yoga for Every Body**

Wednesdays

1:30-2:30 PM in the church hall, Cost: Donation \$5.00

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

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### 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



#### **Afghan Refugee Family News:**

Eight of the children will be in school this year. They are very excited! They are able to speak enough English to be understood now. Thanks to our parishioners who donated to Parish Outreach we are able to buy new shoes for those without. The mom's have been busy sewing new outfits. Donations of fabric and sewing supplies are always welcome.

#### Mustard Seed Meals:

Our next meal for 120 folks in need of a meal at the Mustard Seed is

Friday September 16, 2022.

#### Donations of \$5 per meal are needed.

The last two meals we experienced a shortfall in donations to pay for the full cost of the meal. We hope that by asking for donations a bit early we will be able to pay for all the meals.

A Block Party and a Summit on Hunger in Worcester were held this summer. The Mustard Seed will celebrate it's 50th Anniversary this year.

#### IHN (In the Hour of Need) Family Shelter

A current need is for gently used towels and twin sheets. Toilet paper is also needed.

### Food Donations Needed Please help!

To request a weekly reminder and links to weekly sales ads, please contact Dave at:

DavewithFDT@gmail.com



# Peanut Butter & Jelly and Cans of Soup are a special need



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

#### Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Welcome



Do you have a garden?
If you would like to share some of your harvest with folks in need, please give Annie at Parish Outreach a call: 508-450-4134.

Thank you to all who have reached out this Summer!

- praying with a sick friend
- donating summer reading books
- buying a back pack for a child
- visiting a lonely neighbor
- sending in soap and toothpaste to share
- knitting a Prayer Shawl
- watering and gardening at church
- picking up Coffee shop donuts
- offering hospitality at Coffee Shop
- donating toilet paper and dish detergent
- listening to a friend
- raising your voice in prayerful song to God
- donating the a meal at the Mustard Seed
- helping refugees to feel cared about
- visiting a lonely family member
- providing shelter to homeless families at IHN
- sending flowers or baking cookies
- sharing gently used blankets and T-shirts
- bringing food for the poor
- For rejoicing with all of us in our parish community as we celebrate God's love and abundant generosity

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# Our Parish Vision: To **welcome** all, build **connect**ions 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**

> Click on the box for Online Giving: Complete the registration process at 'click here to sign up' It's that simple!



### 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, to our parish spaces and ministries.

#### Sign up for E-news

Sign up to receive e-news!

To hear about updates and notifications from St.

George Parish, simply visit:

#### www.saintgeorgesparish.org

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

Saintgeorgespiritual growth@gmail.com

#### Did God Really Say That?

Making decisions during the course of our lives is not always easy. The decisions we make on a daily basis are able to be made almost automatically. But then, there are those decisions which may affect us or those we love for a long period of time. Reaching out to God in prayer is needed at a more intense level during these times.

As we pray for answers to a dilemma or problem we may be enlightened by God speaking through nature, something we have read, or the words of a friend etc. However, Fr. James Martin S.J. tells us in his book "Learning to Pray," our decisions are often revealed as we go about our ordinary life. However, we want to be sure so we still may ask, "Are the emotions, memories, desires, feelings etc. leading to a decision coming from God or from me?

This is a call for discernment. Fr. Martin offers some guidelines to follow as we go about discerning.

-If we feel despair, uselessness or hopelessness, this is not coming from God. If we feel hope, inspiration, and/or tranquility, these feelings are generated by the spirit leading us to God.

-if an action doesn't lead to an increase in love and charity the desire to follow that path is probably not coming from God.

-If a perceived solution to our dilemma does not fit with the God we know from Scripture, tradition and our own experience it is not God speaking to us.
-As we pray for a resolution to a specific problem we may wish that God respond in a certain way. Fr. Martin reminds us not to conjure up a response that corresponds to our wishes. He urges patience. As we pray we may need to wait for God to speak clearly.
-God enters our prayer most often when there is an important matter at hand. Fr. Martin tells us that in prayer when we are most attentive to God's voice we can trust what is happening.

Margaret Silf is an author, retreat leader, and proponent of Ignatian spirituality. In her book, "Close to the Heart: A Practical Approach to Personal Prayer," she offers a pertinent thought on discernment. She says,

"What comes from God will draw us closer to Him and closer to one another. God's voice will lead us more and more toward love."





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