Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden
October 10, 2021 Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parish Office: 508-853-0183 Ext. 110
www.saintgeorgesparish.org

Parish Staff:
It is our privilege to serve you.
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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:
Live Weekend Masses are offered at 4:00 PM on Saturday, as well as 8:00 AM and10:00 AM on Sunday.
Please visit our parish website for details.
Live-Streamed Mass is offered on our parish website each Sunday at 10:00AM.
Live weekday Masses are held on 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, October 10th, 2021
**Weekly Collection:**  
*September 27th—Oct 3rd*

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**Monthly Totals**

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Thank you for your generosity. We are so grateful for your support!

**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.

**Eucharistic Adoration**

*Thursday, November 4th*  
*from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM*  
*and Friday, November 5th*  
*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.

**Bulletin Item Due Dates:**

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Please submit items by 10:00 AM on or before the due date.  
E-mail our Parish Secretary, Kate Lockney at office@saintgeorgesparish.org

**FROM DEACON PAUL AUDETTE:**

**Henri Nouwen Speaks to us through his Letters**

Henri writes to a reader who has written with questions about loneliness and the meaning of life. (taken from "Love, Henri: Letters on the Spiritual Life"):  

*Dear Michael,*

…As far as the loneliness and the meaning of life are concerned, my brush with death really helped me to come to a deeper inner understanding…It is not that I have new words or new articulations, but I do have a very new sense of the presence of God in my life, and of being held very safe. During the hours that I thought I might die, I felt very peaceful and had a very deep knowledge that ultimately I am not alone and that my life had a very deep meaning, especially when I would be able to give it away”…

*With warm greetings,*

*Yours,*  
*Henri J. M. Nouwen*

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**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.
In today’s gospel the man who approached Jesus was described as a good man. He had observed all the commandments from his youth. However, Jesus shocked him by telling him that following the rules is not enough. He tells him that to inherit eternal life he must give up all that he has. In a time when material wealth was considered a blessing from God, this was a radical proclamation. This is still a radical proclamation for us to hear as well. However, it is only when we are free of the things that prevent us from growing closer to God that there will be room within us to be filled with God’s love. This is a love that is so fulfilling that it overflows into generosity to others and so overwhelming that we want to take up our cross and eagerly follow Jesus. This seems difficult to do because we become comfortable with the things which provide convenience. We also become proud of the things that represent our accomplishments. Jesus tells us that it is impossible for humans, but we are not on our own. We can rely upon God to help us break free from the material and temporal goods that we treasure because all things are possible with God. We are assured that if we give up things for his sake and rely on him totally by choosing him above all else, we will "receive a hundred times more now in this present age." Knowing that God is with us, we can continue seeking to make God our greatest “treasure” and trust that we will experience true joy not only in eternal life but here in this life which God has given so graciously to us.

In November we will be observing the month of All Souls when we remember our beloved dead. As in past years our parish will be extending an invitation to the families of those parishioners who had died during the past year to gather for a special Mass of remembrance on Saturday, November 6th, at 9:30 A.M. Letters of invitation are being mailed out to those families. The Mass is open for parishioners to attend as well. The Mass will also be live-streamed that Saturday morning. We invite you to either attend this Mass or to view it live-streamed at this date and time to remember these deceased parishioners and all of our beloved dead. Since this Mass is just a little more than three weeks away, please make a note of it.

Please note: Confessions will now be heard at a new time: 2:30 -3:15 pm.
Religious Education
“Growing Together in Faith”
Sarah Kelly, Administrator - 508-852-1784
email: sarah.Kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org
Kevin.brown@saintgeorgesparish.org

Religious Education 2021-2022
Religious education for students in Grades 1-5 and 6-9 began the week of September 26. Registration is now closed.

Confirmation classes will begin October 24 and will meet throughout the year on Sundays immediately following the 10:00am Mass until 12:15 p.m.

St. George
“Coffee Shop Express”
As part of our growing together as a community, we are gradually and carefully emerging from the pandemic in small ways.

The Coffee Shop ministry of hospitality has begun as “Coffee Shop Express”. This is a modified, socially distanced gathering following the 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Masses on Sunday Mornings.

Everyone is invited!
Donuts, coffee and milk are available.

PIETA
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, October 11 at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room. Please join us.

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

The parish family welcomes these recently baptized children:

Alexander Matteo Sbat
Theo James Fontaine
Emmett Anthony O’Doherty
Christa Violet Massad

May God Bless you and our families on your faith journey together.

We commend to your prayers...

Peter M. Klejna

May the angels lead Him into paradise.

As of September 20, 2021, Face Coverings are required At all Masses and gatherings in Parish Buildings, for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals.
HELP SAVE LIVES IN WORCESTER

September 22 - October 31
Here’s how to take part:
Vigil location: On the public sidewalks outside Planned Parenthood, 470 Pleasant St in Worcester.
Vigil Hours: 7am to 7pm daily
Local contacts: Lee Crowley 508-887-1064 and Pauline Morris 508-839-7674
Unable to come to Pleasant Street:
Offer prayers from home for the unborn and their parents
Sign up for prayer times: Visit the web address below:

40daysforlife.com/worcester

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It’s fun listening to my young nieces as they play a game in my parent’s yard. I have no idea what the game is, but it is clear that each one announces a new ‘rule’ that benefits her. If something happens that one of them does not like, she simply announces a new rule—and a ten-minute debate ensues over the fairness of the rule or how some nuance can be added to make the rule better. Sounds like Congress, no?

Jesus teaches everything the rich young man needs to know about practicing faith. Keep the commandments and then depend totally on the Lord. Material things are used to help others and advance the Gospel. Otherwise, they become the things that hold us back and they end up owning us, not us owning them.

The benefits of faith come at a great price. We need to trust that God will provide all we need. We make sacrifices, live the values of God’s Kingdom and become those who preach and practice the Beatitudes and the Works of Mercy. If we look for a basic rule of faith, the one thing that each of us must do to live the Kingdom and inherit everlasting life, it is pretty clear. Become more like Christ.

~James Gaffney, © 2009 Karides Lic. to Pilot Bulletins

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.

Partners in Charity
We are happy to announce that we have reached our parish goal of $100,000.
Thank you very much for your generosity.
A Community of Ministries

St. George Parish Outreach
Ann Doyle 508-450-4134
annie@saintgeorgesparish.org

Outreach Items Needed:

- Gently used towels and wash cloths
- Gently used Men’s sneakers and T-shirts
- Gently used small blankets

Now that the cold nights are here, many homeless guests are asking for blankets. Small ones are best because they typically carry them in their back packs during the day to prevent them from being stolen.

- Men’s gently used sweat-shirts, jackets or sweaters.

The shelves at the Mustard Seed clothing room are missing these essential items.

Help Prevent Family Homelessness after the 4 PM Mass Saturday and after the 8AM or 10 AM Mass Sunday

We invite you to use “Hope for Housing cards” to buy your weekly groceries or prescriptions. You receive the full face value of the a card in the amount you choose. The stores donate up to 5% of that amount to “Hope for Housing” to assist children with families in crisis.

See Dave and Sue Genereux who are in the Church Hall after Mass on Saturday and following both Masses on Sunday. Contact them at 978-833-0306 or email WaysideATQ@aol.com for more information.

Food for Folks in Need

To receive a free weekly food bargain grid, join St. George’s “Food Donation Team” just email Dave at DavewithFDT@gmail.com

Special needs for October are:
- Cans of Soup and Peanut Butter

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Living as a Christian is a lifelong journey taken one step at a time. What next step is God telling you to take in your journey as a Christian, individually or as a family?

GRANDPARENTS:

All interested grandparents are asked to pray for the safety and well-being of their grandchildren. Prayers used at our previous parish group are available by sending a long self addressed stamped envelope to Ruth Viens, 20 Mary Scano Drive, Apt. 223, Worcester MA 01605. As meetings and activities begin to slowly 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.

This Weekend’s Stewardship Thought

In today’s Gospel, Jesus asks the rich young man to give away all that he has in order to have treasure in heaven. But he is unable to free himself from his possessions, and so he goes sadly away. Does what I own keep me from following Jesus?
“Welcome Baskets” for Refugees Needed
-A basket, bag, box, or bucket filled with items for a refugee coming to the USA are needed.

-A resettlement agency here in Worcester recently said that many folks “come with nothing.”

-Items might be for a baby or young child (please specify age), a teenage girl or boy or for an adult woman or gentleman. Please attach a tag indicating who should receive your gifts.

-Hygiene items that would be useful include towels and wash cloth, soap, toothbrush with toothpaste, hair brush and comb.

-Household items such as tissues, dish soap, dustpan with brush and laundry detergent, toilet paper and paper towels, food wrap and plastic bags are very helpful.

-Small items of clothing such as socks, hat, scarf, or gloves would be appreciated.

-Non-perishable food items in cans such as tuna and soup, a jar of peanut butter and jelly, or box of rice, crackers or cereal would be useful.

-Other useful items might include a toy for a child, a small flashlight with batteries, clothes pins, bandages, an extension cord, pad of paper with pencils, a water bottle, or pair of scissors.

-A Welcome Note tucked in the bag would be wonderful!
-Your “Welcome Basket” can be left in the Church Outreach Collection area
Call Annie Doyle at 508-450-4135

FAITH SHARING GROUP
Friday Faith Sharing Group meets every Friday at 10AM in the Church Hall.
We hope you will join us for this time of enriching prayer and reflection.
All are welcome!

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.

St. George Book Club Meets
Second Tuesday of every other month in the Church Hall
How about joining us?
November 16, 2021
Contact Nancy Forhan at 508-963-9909

Regular Offertory Donations, Special collections and donations are available through Online Giving.
Access is available through our website - click on the icon like the one pictured here.
Kathy Hessel is always happy to assist you at mkhessel@aol.com
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CONTACT: SAVELICIA@GMAIL.COM

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