

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

**January 12, 2020: Baptism of the Lord**

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Parish Office: 508-853-0183

[www.saintgeorgesparish.org](http://www.saintgeorgesparish.org)

**Office Hours:**

Monday- Wednesday 9:00AM to 3:00PM

Thursday 9AM to 12 noon, Closed on Fridays

**Parish Staff:**

*It is our privilege to serve you.*

Rev. Edward D. Niccolls, Pastor Ext. 12

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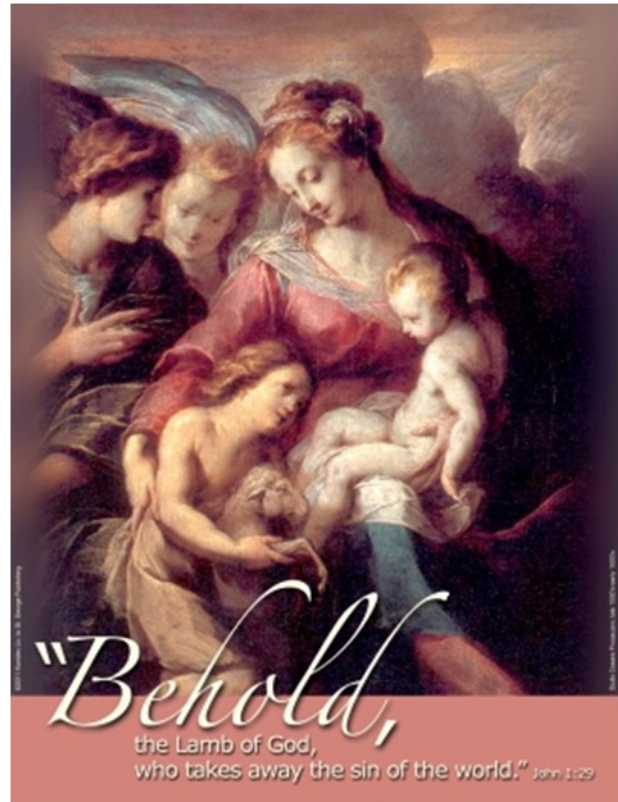
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# **St. George Catholic Church**

For information regarding Pastoral Care of the Sick, Marriage Preparation, Confirmation, and Ministry Involvement, we invite you to call the Parish Office.

**Baptism Information:** Please contact Susan Pacek at 508-856-9960 or email: [st.geobaptism@gmail.com](mailto:st.geobaptism@gmail.com)

**Eucharist Celebrated:**

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00 AM

Wednesday: 6:30 PM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday 3:00 to 3:30 PM and

by appointment

### ***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, January 12, 2020***

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#### Mass Intentions



**Saturday, January 11, Vigil**  
4:00 PM Special Intention  
**Sunday, January 12, Baptism of the Lord**  
7:30 AM Community of St. George  
9:00 AM In Memory of Michael Eggleston, req. by his family  
11:00 AM In Memory of Mary C. Velasques req. by Yvonne Murray  
**Monday, January 13: St. Hilary**  
8:00 AM In Memory of Michael C. Doherty req. by Phyllis Dick  
**Tuesday, January 14:**  
8:00 AM In Memory of Michael C. Doherty req. by Kathleen Farrell  
**Wednesday, January 15:**  
6:30 PM In Memory of George & Diana Listowich  
**Thursday, January 16:**  
8:00 AM In Memory of Florence & Nell Totalis  
**Friday, January 17: Saint Anthony**  
8:00 AM 1st year Memorial for Jack DeCillis req. by his wife  
**Saturday, January 18: Vigil**  
4:00 PM In Memory of William, Margaret and Mary Horan req. by son and daughter in law  
**Sunday, January 19: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
7:30 AM Special Intention  
9:00 AM For the Community of St. George  
11:00 AM Memorial for Nick Kijula req. by Yvonne Murray

#### Parish Calendar



**Saturday, January 11:**  
8:00 PM AA Hall  
**Sunday, January 12:**  
9:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall  
9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St. George Room  
9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Conf. Room  
**Monday, January 13:**  
7:00 PM Spiritual Growth Comm. Mtg. Parish Ctr.  
7:00 PM Pieta Conf. Room  
**Tuesday, January 14:**  
7:00 PM Pastoral Council Mtg. Parish Center  
**Wednesday, January 15:**  
7:00 PM Faith Sharing Group Conf. Room  
**Thursday, January 16:**  
6:30 PM Family Prayer Church  
**Friday, January 17:**  
11:00 AM Grandparent Prayer Conf. Room  
5:30 PM Girl Scouts Hall  
**Saturday, January 18:**  
8:00 PM AA Hall  
**Sunday, January 19:**  
8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall  
9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St. George Room  
9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Conf. Room

#### Bulletin Item Due Dates

January 19, 2020	Thursday, January 9
January 26, 2020	Thursday, January 16
February 2, 2020	Monday, January 23

Please submit items by 10:00 AM on the due date.  
email to our parish Secretary at:  
[office@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:office@saintgeorgesparish.org)

#### Total Weekly Ordinary Collection Weekend Through 1/5/20:

On line giving:	\$ 2,782.00
Ordinary Collection:	\$ 6,233.00
Weekending 1/5/20	\$10,633.30

Fuel	\$ 225.00
A/C	165.00
Repairs	<u>941.00</u>
	\$1,331.00



#### Altar Ministries

*Thank you*

We are thankful to the Altar Servers and Ministers of Holy Communion from Team A who will serve at our Masses next weekend.

#### Please Join Us!

Join us downstairs in the Church Hall after Sunday Mass for coffee, and donuts as well as to enjoy being part of the parish community.

Coffee Shop Captain January 19  
Don Viens 508-854-1332



All men and women are invited to join one of the St. George Coffee Shop Teams to serve once every 9 weeks. Please contact John Beahn 508-852-3115 for more information. All are welcome!

Free donut chip for your youngest parishioners today, January 12th!



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### Stewardship by the Book:

Baptism of our Lord

Our Baptism, like the Lord's is a consecration to service. The bishops' pastoral on stewardship reminds us that "... there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism that people place their gifts, their resources - their selves - at God's service in and through the Church."



*From Your Pastor*

Today's feast of the Baptism of the Lord will conclude our celebration of the Christmas season. Today's Gospel recalls a significant moment in Jesus' public ministry. Because he is God made Human, he did not need to submit to a ritual cleansing such as the baptism that his cousin, John the Baptist, performed. Unlike John's other baptisms, this baptism was a manifestation of Christ's "acceptance and inauguration of his mission as God's Suffering Servant." Today we should not just reflect upon Christ's baptism but our own as well. Let us recall, with great awe and wonder as we reflect upon Jesus' baptism, that we are baptized in the same cleansing water in the presence of the Trinity which is a real presence in our lives, the rejoicing in heaven in becoming God's sons and daughters and the strength of the grace that still abides with us. Most importantly, we are reminded of the great responsibility that in our baptism God claimed each one of us as his own, thereby giving each of us the grace to overcome evil in the world. As we celebrate the Eucharist today, let us remember that we are transformed by our partaking of Christ's body and blood to go forth and fulfill that baptismal mission.

*Year 2020 Calendars are available for anyone who wants one.*

*Fr. Nicolls*

### 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, January 13th at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room. Please join us.



### Gentle Yoga

Mondays 5:45 PM – 6:45 PM in Church Hall

**Gentle Yoga** focuses on a relaxed pace and gentler approach to yoga postures. Classes will also include breathing and guided relaxation. Gentle yoga helps with flexibility, strength and well-being while relaxing your mind, increasing your energy, and reducing stress. For beginners and experienced students who want a slower paced, less strenuous class.

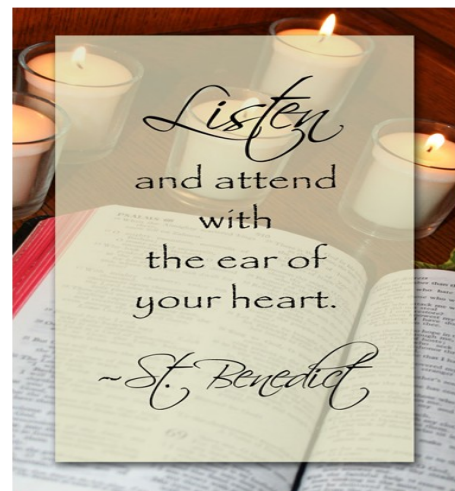
For more info: [suestevens57@charter.net](mailto:suestevens57@charter.net) or 508-852-4887. Cost: Donation (Proceeds go to the Pieta Support Group for Bereaved Parents).

*We commend to your prayers...*

Ronald Bullard  
Lorraine Vayo  
Diane Jeffers  
Barbara Gaudet



*May the angels lead them  
into paradise.*





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#### Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

Sarah Kelly, Administrator - 508-852-1784  
email: [sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org)  
[Kevin.brown@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:Kevin.brown@saintgeorgesparish.org)

#### Classes Resume

Classes for students in grades pre K-5 resume again NEXT week on Monday, January 13 and Tuesday, January 14. We look forward to seeing everyone!

#### Christmas Pageant/Epiphany Play

What an amazing job the children did in the Christmas Pageant/Epiphany Play! It was wonderful to have so many parishioners who came to see the Pageant. Thank you so much to all the children who participated in the production, and all the volunteers that helped at rehearsals and the day of the performance. We look forward to this becoming an annual Epiphany event for St. George!

#### 1st Reconciliation

The students preparing to make their first confession met together Saturday, January 11 with their parents at a retreat in the church hall. Please keep these students in your prayers as they prepare to receive the sacrament of reconciliation on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 10:00am

#### Important Dates for First Reconciliation and First Communion

1st Reconciliation Retreat -  
January 11, 2020, 2:30-4:00 P.M.  
Ceremony- January 25, 2020, 10:00 A.M.



1st Holy Communion Retreat & Potluck Dinner-  
Saturday, March 28, 2020, 2:30-6:00 P.M.  
Rehearsals- April 28 & 29, 2020 4:15-5:15 P.M.  
Mass- Sunday, May 2, 2020 10:00 A.M.

#### Scripture for the week of January 12, 2020

12 SUN Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17  
13 Mon 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20  
14 Tue 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28  
15 Wed 1 Sm 3:1-10/Mk 1:29-39  
16 Thu 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45  
17 Fri 1 Sm 8:4-7/Mk 2:1-12  
18 Sat 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17  
19 SUN Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

#### MEN'S CLUB MEETING

The monthly Men's Club meeting will be held *THIS* Sunday, January 12, in the Conference Room after the 9:00 AM Mass. Men's Club members and parish staff are welcome to attend. The coffee is on us!!!



#### Attention of Parents of Young Children

The Church building is open to the public. We ask parents of young children to please accompany their children at all times. Thank you.



For times when you are especially busy during the holidays, online giving is a good solution to keep your weekly donation systematic.

For more information contact  
Kathy Hessel at:  
[mkhessel@aol.com](mailto:mkhessel@aol.com)



thank you

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### *Eucharist and Prayers for the Sick*



Please: Call to let us know if a family member or neighbor is hospitalized, home bound or ill.

We can arrange to visit and 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 told that you are a patient.

We call the area hospitals each week to see if any of our parishioners are hospitalized. Thank you for your understanding.

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### **Year-End Donation Information**

Many thanks for your wonderful and continuing generosity to our parish. Please be advised that all contributions, made via Weekly Offering Envelopes, received by December 31, 2018, will be sent to the parish envelope company to be credited to calendar year 2018. End of year statements will be mailed from the envelope company by January 31, 2019.

All gifts received the weekend of Jan. 1 forward will be credited to calendar year 2019.

If you contribute to the parish via "On line Giving" a statement of your contributions may be printed off on line.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 508-853-0183 or [stgeooffice@gmail.com](mailto:stgeooffice@gmail.com). and we will be happy to assist you.

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### **Legacy of Hope Campaign Update**



We are just over 65% of our goal for the Legacy of Hope Campaign. Thank you to everyone who has given to date! We will be collecting pledges through the month of January, so if you have yet to participate, please take one of the pledge envelopes in the pews home with you today. You can mail your pledge in that envelope or put the envelope in the collection basket at Mass next weekend.

Remember St. George will receive 40% of the Funds we raise for the Campaign. Thank you!

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### *From Father Nally:*

#### **ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE: JANUARY 2020**

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States in its companion decisions *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*. Since that time, millions of children have lost their lives and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373 designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "**Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.**"

As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or almsgiving. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops provides resources to help parishes, schools, families, ministries, and individual Catholics participate in this important day of prayer and penance.

In addition, the USCCB also sponsors an annual nationwide novena called "**9 Days for Life,**" which surrounds the liturgical observance of the Day of Prayer. Each day for nine days, a different intention is featured, accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions, and related information as we pray for the respect and protection of every human life. In 2020, the novena will take place **Tuesday, January 21 - Wednesday, January 29.**

A sample timeline and activity, homily helps, announcements, and more are provided to help you get started. You are encouraged to adapt these resources as needed to fit your specific parish, school, or ministry.

**Free downloads and additional resources can be found at [respectlifeprogram.org/january](http://respectlifeprogram.org/january).**

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## *A Community of Ministries*



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

Ann Doyle 508-853-0183  
Ext. 11  
annie@saintgeorgesparish.org

Thank You to everyone for a joy filled Christmas Season - celebrated together and shared with others:

- To the Krug family and Grades 6-9 for dozens of Reindeer Bags filled with healthy treats for the homeless
- To Grades 1-5 for gloves & hats donated to folks in need
- To Santa, elves, helpers & gift givers for a great Mustard Seed Family Christmas party
- For Open House at the Rectory ; great food and fun
- For a delightful Christmas Pageant



### **THE FAMILY CONNECTION**

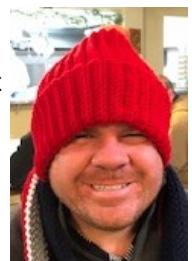
Today is the *Feast of the Baptism of the Lord*. Mark the dates of each family member's Baptism on the calendar and plan to celebrate Baptism days this year. Some ideas for baptismal anniversaries: set up a special place in the home with the person's baptismal candle, certificate, mementos, and pictures (if available, show the video of the Baptism); give godparents a call, or if they are in town, invite them for dinner; prepare a special meal and let the honored family member lead the prayer; share about the significance of the person's baptismal name; read the life of the person's patron saint. Everyone needs heroes/heroines, and good ones are hard to come by these days. What more suitable ones can we propose to children than those who have served God so faithfully? If the person has additionally been named after another family member, remember and share the qualities of that family member with each other.



- Many thanks to all our parishioners who keep neighbors in need warm all winter with hats, gloves, socks and gently used boots!

- Non-perishable food items, toilet paper, and cleaning products are always needed

- Our next Mustard Seed Meal is scheduled for March 20, 2020.





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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.*



### You Can Help to Prevent Homelessness after Mass today

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 every Mass. Contact them at 508-829-5776 or email [WaysideATQ@aol.com](mailto:WaysideATQ@aol.com) for more information.



### Spiritual Growth Ministry

Ministry Contact: JoAnn Nally  
508-527-6973

### FAITH SHARING GROUPS

Would you like to try out a Faith Sharing Group?

Groups meet on Wednesday: 7:10- 8:15PM or Friday: 10:00-11:15 AM. If you have any questions, please speak with one of the Priests, Joyce Purcell or JoAnn Nally.

### St. George's "Food Donation Team"

For information on bargains and/or to join the team, just email Dave at

[DavewithFDT@gmail.com](mailto:DavewithFDT@gmail.com)

Special Needs for January are:  
Canned Tuna, canned pasta sauce and cans of soup

Love and kindness  
are never wasted.  
They always make  
a difference.

### Consider Joining Our Community of Ministries

*Call or e-mail the Parish Office today to check out the many possibilities.*

*We have something for everyone!*

### All are Welcome to the Sacrament of Baptism



For registration, preparation session dates and more information please contact: :

Susan Pacek at: 508-856-9960  
or [st.geobaptism@gmail.com](mailto:st.geobaptism@gmail.com)

### ST. GEORGE CHURCH



Lenten Parish Mission  
March 7-9, 2020

Presenter: Rev. John Predmore, S.J.  
Topic: "GOD, WE ARE ALL EARS!"

Developing Greater Awareness of God's Presence in our Daily Lives

Day and Evening Events  
Encompassing All Age Groups

Information table, detailed brochures and registration,

Weekends: January 11-12, and 18-19, 2020

Please Call Joanne ( 508-527-6973)  
or Andrea ( 508-330-0267) for additional information