

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

January 19, 2020: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

40 Brattle Street Worcester, MA 01606

Parish Office: 508-853-0183

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.

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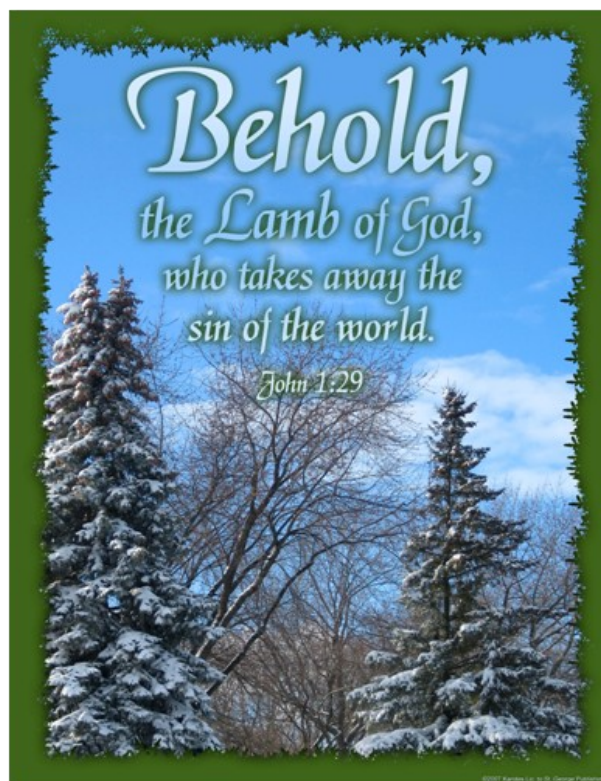
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St. George Catholic Church

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

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 19, 2020

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Mass Intentions



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 Community of Saint George
11:00 AM Memorial for Nick Kijula req. by Yvonne
Murray
Monday, January 20: Saint Fabian, Saint Sebastian
8:00 AM In Memory of John & C. Rita Buzzell
Tuesday, January 21: Saint Agnes
8:00 AM In Memory of Frank Pizan req. by family
**Wednesday, January 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal
Protection of Unborn Children**
6:30 PM In Memory of Maurice Ryan
**Thursday, January 23: Saint Vincent, Saint Marianne
Cope**
8:00 AM In Memory of Walter Browning
Friday, January 24: St. Francis de Sales
8:00 AM Memorial for Karyn MacGillivray req. by her
Husband (Robert Fillet)
Saturday, January 25: Vigil
4:00 PM Memorial for the deceased members of
Carlo Family; Kathleen Carlo and Joseph
Carlo req. by family
Sunday, January 26 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Community of Saint George
9:00 AM In Memory of Constance Murphy req. by
family
11:00 AM 2nd Anniversary Mass for Nancy Svagdys
req. by her family

**Total Weekly Ordinary
Collection Weekend January 12, 2020:**

On line giving: \$ 1,655.00
Ordinary Collection: \$ 5,196.28

Your generosity helps us to continue
to be a vibrant parish community
worshipping our Risen Lord and
reaching out to our neighbors in need.

Thank you for your support!

Altar Ministries



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

Parish Calendar



Saturday, January 18:
8:00 PM AA Hall
Sunday, January 19:
9:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall
9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St. George Room
9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Conf. Room
Monday, January 20:
5:15 PM Finance Committee Mtg. Rectory
5:45 PM Yoga Church Hall
Tuesday, January 21:
6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 64885 Conf. Room
7:00 PM Religious Edu. Board Parish Ctr/Rectory
Wednesday, January 22:
7:00 PM Faith Sharing Group Conf. Room
Thursday, January 23:
6:30 PM Family Prayer Church
Friday, January 24:
Saturday, January 25:
10:00 AM First Reconciliation Ceremony Church
8:00 PM AA Hall
Sunday, January 26:
8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall
9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St. George Room
9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Conf. Room
9:00 AM Confirmation Mass & Mtg. Church & Hall
6:00 PM Religious Ed Gr. 6-9 Center

Bulletin Item Due Dates

January 26, 2020	Monday, January 20
February 2, 2020	Monday, January 27
February 9, 2020	Monday, February 3

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

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 26
John Lewczyk 508-853-2862



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!

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Let Your Voice Be Heard — Again!

Say NO to Expanded Abortion Access

Thank you to everyone who has already contacted State Senators and Representatives expressing opposition to the proposed laws that would dramatically expand abortion rights in Massachusetts. Now, as the state legislature enters its final six months of session, it is time to speak out again.

The Facts:

The two bills under consideration (H.3320 and S. 1209) would:

- 1) Expand abortion access, including late-term abortions, during the nine months of pregnancy for virtually any reason.
- 2) Eliminate requirements that late-term abortions be performed in a hospital.
- 3) Eliminate the requirement that provides medical care to a child who survives and abortion attempt.
- 4) Eliminate the requirement that a minor under the age of 18 have the consent of a parent, guardian, or the courts.
- 5) Expand state funding for women who cannot afford the procedure.

To be clear - these bills would significantly change Massachusetts law. This is not about Roe v. Wade.

How can you help?

Contact your legislators, let them know you are a Massachusetts voter, and say NO on Abortion Expansion! Log on to www.macatholic.org and follow the links to find contact information for:

- Your individual State Senator and Representative via address and zip code link.
- Members of the Joint Committee on Judiciary who control the fate of H.3320 and S. 1209.

For individuals without internet access, please call the Massachusetts Catholic Conference at 617-746-5630 for legislative contact information.

"We, the Roman Catholic Bishops of the four Dioceses of Massachusetts, call on our elected officials to carefully consider the consequences that these bills would bring to the lives of infants, parents, families and the citizens of the Commonwealth. We urge all people of good will, regardless of what faith they practice, to vigorously oppose these extreme measures." 1

1 Statement of His Eminence Sean P. O'Malley, OFM, Cap., Archbishop of Boston; Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, Bishop of Worcester; Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski, Bishop of Springfield; Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, SDV, Bishop of Fall River. April, 11, 2019



From Your Pastor

I share with you a reflection from Bishop Robert Morneau on today's gospel. He tells us that John the Baptist boldly points out Jesus as the Lamb of God, the one who brings forgiveness. This knowledge of Jesus came to John gradually and would only be confirmed with the descent of the Holy Spirit. This was an epiphany moment for the Baptist as he adjusted his role in the mystery of salvation. Jesus was the one who would take away our sins and conquer death. To know him is to experience his love and mercy. This experience is so often communicated to us through our parents, the Christian community, the Scriptures and the sacraments. In word and action God comes to us so that we might live life to its fullest potential. Let us pray.

"Lord God, John the Baptist's function was to point people toward Jesus, your Son, the Lamb of God, thus fulfilling his mission. Like John, we, too, bear witness to what you reveal to us in prayer and what we see with eyes of faith. Bless us now to recognize more clearly where you are moving in our lives. Amen."

Year 2020 Calendars are available for anyone who wants one.

Stewardship by the Book:

Today's responsorial psalm is the theme song of the good steward: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." May I, too, stand ready to offer myself and my gifts in the service of the Lord."



*Fill us with your gifts
and make us always
eager to serve you in
faith, hope and love.*

• Roman Rite •

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Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

Sarah Kelly, Administrator - 508-852-1784
email: sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org
Kevin.brown@saintgeorgesparish.org

Classes Resume

Classes for students in grades pre K-5 resumed again on Monday, January 13 and Tuesday, January 14. Good to see 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

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.



DEAR FRIENDS, LET US LOVE
ONE ANOTHER, FOR LOVE
COMES FROM GOD. EVERYONE
WHO LOVES HAS BEEN BORN
OF GOD AND KNOWS GOD
- JOHN 4:7 -

Scripture for the week of January 19, 2020

19 SUN Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
20 Mon 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22
21 Tue 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28
22 Wed 1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51/Mk 3:1-6
23 Thu 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12
24 Fri 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19
25 Sat Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18
26 SUN Is 8:23—9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

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



"Just One Thing"

Our lives can be filled with so much! Yet God is present and speaks to us always, especially at Mass. We hear it sometimes, but at times the clutter of life can cause us to miss it or forget.

When you join us for Mass - listen and pray for JUST ONE THING. Ask God to help you hear JUST ONE THING: one word or idea, one challenge or invitation. Jot it down - Pencils and "Mass Notes" paper are at each church entrance.

Hold this ONE THING in your mind and heart during the next week. Pray and trust. God's love for you will grow this "ONE THING" within you into what it is meant to be.

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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.

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, 2019, will be sent to the parish envelope company to be credited to calendar year 2019. End of year statements will be mailed from the envelope company by January 31, 2020.

All gifts received the weekend of Jan.1 forward will be credited to calendar year 2020.

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. and we will be happy to assist you.

**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!



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.

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

Lord, help us to show respect for all life. Help us to have compassion for the elderly, for unborn children and their mothers, for persons with disabilities, and for all those who are unable to protect themselves. Remind us that all human beings are sacred to You and that You love each of us. Give us the courage and the strength to protect those who cannot protect themselves and to support leaders who also value and respect all life. Ever hopeful that our nation will be more caring towards those who cannot speak for themselves, let our light shine now to illuminate the darkness of ignorance and prejudice so that in the future we will be known as a nation which respects all life. Amen



- 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 for more information.

St. George's "Food Donation Team"

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

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



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 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
