

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

January 29, 2017: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Office Hours:

Monday & Wednesday 9:00AM to 5:00PM
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It is our privilege to serve you.

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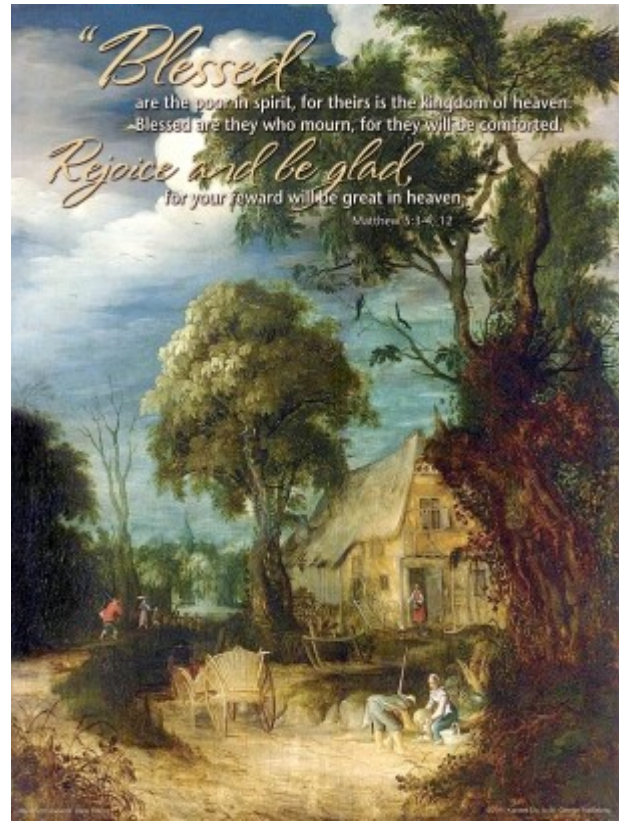
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St. George Catholic Church

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 the Parish Office at 508-853-0183 or email: stgeooffice@gmail.com

Eucharist Celebrated:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

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

Monday through Friday at 8:00 AM

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 29, 2017

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 28: Vigil
4:00 PM Anniversary Mass for John Callan
by family

Sunday, January 29: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Memorial for Margaret Hickey Kelly by
the Murphy family
9:00 AM In memory of George Butler
11:00 AM In memory of Regina & John MacDonald

Monday, January 30:
8:00 AM Memorial for Arthur Cronin by family

Tuesday, January 31: St. John Bosco
8:00 AM Special Intention

Wednesday, February 1:
8:00 AM Memorial for Ralph & Alice Lohnes by
family

Thursday, February 2: Presentation of the Lord
8:00 AM For those who serve our country & their
families

Friday, February 3: St. Blaise/St Ansgar
8:00 AM Memorial for Matt Ryan by Spiritual
Growth Ministry & Faith Sharing Growths

Saturday, February 4: Vigil
4:00 PM Birthday Remembrance for Jean Girard

Sunday, February 5: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM In memory of Katherine & Marion Gallagher
9:00 AM Memorial for Joseph Geraghty by the
Murphy family
11:00 AM For the Community of St. George

Parish Calendar

Blessing of the Throats after all Masses

Saturday, January 28:
8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, January 29:
8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall
9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St. George Rm
9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Confr Rm
9:00 AM Confirmation Mass & Meeting Church/Center
6:00 PM Religious Ed. Gr. 6-9 Center

Monday, January 30:
4:15 PM Religious Education Gr. 1-6 Center
5:30 PM Yoga Hall
7:00 PM Youth Music Ministry Choir Loft

Tuesday, January 31:
4:15 PM Religious Education Gr. 1-6 Center
6:00 PM Weight Loss Group Center

Wednesday, February 1:
7:00 PM Faith Sharing Group Hall

Thursday, February 2:
6:30 PM Family Prayer Church

Friday, February 3:
9:30 AM Faith Sharing Group Center

Saturday, February 4:
8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, February 5:
8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall
9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St. George Rm
9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Confr Rm

Bulletin Deadlines

<u>Weekend of</u>	<u>Due to parish</u>
February 12	Wednesday, Feb. 1
February 19	Wednesday, Feb. 8
February 26	Wednesday, Feb. 15

Items must be submitted by 5:00 PM on the due date.
Email items to stgeooffice@gmail.com, or fax to the
Rectory.

Altar Ministries

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

Attention Parents of Young Children

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

*Why not dedicate the first hour of your
families' work week to God?*

Scripture for the week of January 29, 2017

29	SUN	Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a
30	Mon	Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20
31	Tue	Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43
1	Wed	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6
2	Thu	Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
3	Fri	Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29
4	Sat	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34
5	SUN	Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16



In Appreciation To our Men's Club Coffee Teams!

Many thanks to the dozens of men
who wake up early and stay late on
a Sunday morning to provide hospi-
tality to our community members at the weekly Coffee
Shop. You express our parish vision so well as you
Welcome, Connect and Live The Gospel through your
faithful service!

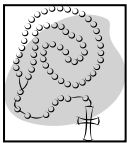
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Eucharist and Prayers for the Sick

Please: Call to let us know if a family member or neighbor is hospitalized, homebound 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 in this matter.

Family Prayer Night



Every Thursday at 6:30 PM at St. George's Church, there is a gathering of people who pray for all families. We invite you 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.

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, 2016, have been sent to the parish envelope company to be credited to calendar year 2016. We have been informed that end of year statements will be mailed from the envelope company by January 31, 2017.

All gifts received the weekend of Jan. 1 forward will be credited to calendar year 2017.

If you contribute to the parish via "Online 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.

Second Collection

Next weekend, a collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal will be taken up at all Masses. Please see Bishop McManus' letter on page 5 for information about this important collection.

If you or someone you know – has been sexually abused by a priest, religious or lay person working for the Church, and you need a place to talk about your feeling of betrayal or hurt by the Church, call the Office of Healing and Prevention, 508-929-4363. A 24 hour confidential voicemail is available.



From Your Pastor

The Blessing of Throats will take place after all Masses this weekend.

The Bible is given to us not only as a holy book to read, but one where its creed is heeded in a mission to be carried out. If we believe that we are meant to be out in the world walking together with Jesus Christ, then we have to see our mission to the world in our families, workplaces, parishes, classrooms and any place where we might associate with other people. They can be those close to us or those who might be more on the margins of society, like the poor, the homeless or anyone in need. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, speaks to this issue of mission by telling us that the only way for the lives of people to progress is via a culture of encounter in which all have something good to give and all can receive something good in return.

With these words in mind, I want to once again mention that Fr. Charles and I are willing to meet with more of you at our parish neighborhood gatherings. All that is required of you is to provide a place in your home for us to both socialize and for us to gather so that we can share some parish matters with you. Refreshments can be arranged between yourself and anyone whom you wish to invite. You can invite whomever you wish, whether they be parishioners in your own neighborhood or beyond it. If you are interested in hosting one of these gatherings, please contact us (508-853-0183). We will be very grateful for your willingness to be of assistance to us in this important parish ministry and outreach.

Fr. Niccolls



Coffee Shop

February 5, 2017
Robert Gray: 508-755-1268

All men are invited to join the Men's Club...be part of a Coffee Shop Team to serve every 9 weeks. Contact Jim Sanford at 508-852-0293.

This Weekend's Stewardship Thought

Blessed are they who are what they are and do what they do *for the sake of the kingdom!* The Gospel today assures good stewards that their suffering and their service on behalf of the kingdom *will* be rewarded.

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Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

Sarah Kelly, Administrator - 508-852-1784
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Emails

Information for religious education is posted here in the bulletin, on our parish website www.saintgeorgesparish.org/religious-education and through email. Please let Sarah Kelly know at sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org if you are not receiving emails. Thank you!

Religious Education Grades 6-9

Kevin Browne, Coordinator 508-450-2512
E-mail : kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org

The next meeting for Religious Ed grades 6-9 is tonight, January 29th! Pizza party at 5:30- first come, first served!

February classes will take place on Sunday, February 12 and Sunday, February 26.

Help families who are on the brink of homelessness and continue to honor Matt Ryan

Stop by our church hall after Mass on Sundays and buy a Hope for Housing caring card. You receive the full face value of the card in the amount you choose. The stores - CVS, Panera Bread, Dunkin Donuts and local grocery stores - donate up to 5% of that amount to "Hope For Housing" to assist the most vulnerable; children with families in crisis.

Call Sue Genereux 508-829-5776 or email her at Way-sideATQ@aol.com for more information.



Save The Date

Please plan to join us on Saturday, March 25, for our Women's Day of Spirituality. We look forward to welcoming you to this gathering of women for an enriching presentation by Jaymie Stuart Wolfe. More information to follow in March bulletins.

17th Annual Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference at Assumption College

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important annual Conference, scheduled at **Assumption College** on Saturday, April 1st. Visit the conference website at www.firstmensconf.org for information and to purchase tickets online and elsewhere. Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: **Father Chase Hilgenbrinck, Shawn Carney, Chris Stewart, Tony Brandt, Joe Dittmar, and Jeff Cavins**. Bishops and priests will hear confessions. Bishop McManus will offer the Conference Mass. For a Conference brochure, further information or registration, call Julie Schroeder at [508-929-4345](tel:508-929-4345). Adult tickets are \$45 until March 15th, afterwards \$60. Student tickets are always \$30.

Open House at Venerini

Venerini Academy is holding a Winter Open House for Pre K-3 through Grade 8 on **Sunday, Jan. 29, 12:15-3:00 pm**. Tour our campus, meet our student and parent ambassadors, chat with our teachers. Located at 27 Edward St., Worcester. Call [508-753-3210](tel:508-753-3210) or more information.

Open House

St. Peter Central Catholic Elementary School, 865 Main St. will host an Open House Sunday, Jan. 29 from 1:00-3:00 PM. St. Peter's has openings in Grades Pre K-7. Please visit us on Jan. 29, or call 508-791-6496 for more information or visit our website www.stpetercentralcatholic.com

Thank You

Dear Parishioners of St. George's,

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for the many Christmas items that were so generously given to the residents at Crescent Manor Rest Home. In a time of need, we can't fully express enough gratitude, as many residents have very little contact with their families. These gifts made it known that they were thought of. To us, this is a priceless gift.

With much appreciation,

The Residents of Crescent Manor Rest Home

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A popular proverb says that religion is caught, not taught. Both children and adults learn more about faith by seeing others practice it than by reading a catechism. Most of us can recall devout parents, an active community of faith, and the good example of sisters and priests. These were the people who shaped our life of faith, who taught us what it meant to be a member of a church community. They gave their time, talent and treasure to build churches, schools, halls and programs that made the parish a reality. And we are the ones who benefit.

Never underestimate the power of good example. Being kind and generous, praying before meals, regularly attending Mass, frequenting the sacraments, having an interest in the Bible, and displaying religious symbols in your home say a lot about your faith. Living in the Presence of God is more convincing than a thousand lectures—or sermons. When we practice what we believe, the preaching comes in a subtle form that teaches more than words can say. We become the instruments of grace and faith.

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Illuminate Event in Charlton Parish

All are welcome to an Illuminate Event to be held at St. Joseph Parish, 10 H. Putnam Ext., Charlton on **Sunday, January 29 from 6:30-8 p.m.** It will include praise & worship music, Eucharistic Adoration and an inspirational speaker (students and members of Focus missionary team from UConn). You are also welcome to Sunday Mass at St. Joseph Parish at 5 p.m. Join us for Mass, pizza after Mass, and Illuminate. If you are able to join us for pizza, please email Deacon Bill Shea at wshea26677@aol.com so we are prepared.

Take THREE minutes each day to retreat to God's presence. Visit the parish website www.saintgeorgesparish.org and click on Three Minute Retreat. Enjoy these brief posts from Loyola Press that provide us with a few moments with God during these wintry days.

A Letter from Bishop McManus

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Many dioceses here in the United States face challenges due to priest shortages, lack of funds, remote geography, or impoverished parishes. The **Catholic Home Missions Appeal** supports these dioceses that struggle to make ends meet and to serve the many needs of their parishioners. Through last year's grants of \$10.2 million, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal supported evangelization, catechesis, ministry formation, and other areas of faith development and pastoral programs in needy dioceses. Forty-two percent of all dioceses in the United States are considered home missions. As a result of the generosity of parishioners like you, this appeal impacts the lives of nearly 9 million Catholics.

The Diocese of Laredo is located in southern Texas, along the Texas-Mexico border. Many in this diocese live on the margins of society, either as immigrants or as people living in poverty, and it is a challenge for the diocese to keep up with the needs of its people. With your contributions, the diocese reaches out to some of the most marginalized people—those in prison. Many detainees are returning to the Catholic faith and are in need of God's mercy. Your gifts provide liturgical and educational supplies, help priests offer the Eucharist and other sacraments, and support volunteers' and ministers' outreach to over 10,000 men and women in detention facilities. Your generosity brings Christ's message of love, compassion, and reconciliation to this often forgotten population.

Thanks to your contributions, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal can continue to provide catechesis, lay leadership training, funding for seminarian education, and other essential pastoral outreach in home mission dioceses. I encourage you to be generous on the weekend of February 5 to help strengthen the Church at home. Your support will truly make a difference. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester



A Community of Ministries



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I.H.N. Family Shelter Needs

Massachusetts is the only state in the nation that guarantees shelter to families and their children. Currently there are 3,395 homeless families living in shelters in our state. I.H.N. is one of the shelters that provides training and support services to help families to secure jobs with fair wages as well as permeant and safe housing.

Our parish is one of 30 congregations that assists homeless families through the Interfaith Hospitality Network (I.N.H.) shelter on June Street in Worcester. Thanks to your generosity we are able to assist with staffing and supply needs.

Many thanks to Clara Dewar, one of our young adults, who joined in the effort by working with the children and helping with homework.

The need for grocery cards continues. In this way the families can plan, shop and cook their own meals. As many of you know, these cards are available after Mass in the church hall - ask for Sue and Dave. Big Y is the store closest to the shelter.

Household supply needs continue so these have been posted at each church exit. Supplies can be left in the Parish Outreach area.

Mustard Seed needs scarves, socks and food

Last week our parish served the evening meal to the guests at the Mustard Seed. Thanks to all who helped out ! Special thanks to Bob McCrohon for cooking the meal.

The need for non-perishable food items continues. The four small canned hams that someone donated were received with delight! Canned tuna and chicken as well as peanut butter help to add protein to the diets of the families who come to the food pantry.



Love. Grow. Serve.

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Home is holy ground!! Jesus said that love of God and neighbor is what following him is all about. My everyday relationships are where that love of God is supposed to show its face. And the first "neighbors" I am supposed to love are the ones I am related to and/or share a roof with on a daily basis. God calls us to be with these specific people. Together we are called to be Church. This is where we rub elbows with the Paschal Mystery, where we die and rise with Christ in comforting a frustrated and beloved spouse; in dealing with three children under the age of six; in surviving two teenagers who view home only as a refueling station and laundromat; in caring for an elderly parent or an ailing next door neighbor. Home is holy ground!!



A Christian Steward receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with all, and returns them with increase to the Lord.

This Week..

Pray for all priests and seminarians, that they may more deeply appreciate the gift of their vocation and be bold in proclaiming the Gospel of Life, through their daily partaking of the living bread that comes from heaven.

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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.*

Join our "Community of Ministries" this year!

Help is needed to pray, listen, teach, share faith, guide, serve, host, welcome and support others.

Help is also needed to bake, cook, decorate, weed, garden, knit, sew, drive, repair, paint, file, type and much more!

Here at St. George Parish we strive to work together as a "Community of Ministries" who collaborate and cooperate with one another. It is in this spirit of humility and unity that we hope to continue to grow "as one in Christ."

Contact Annie Doyle at 508-450-4134 or annie@saintgeorgesparish.org to explore some of the opportunities that will match your gifts and talents.



Youth ministry is a faith based group focused on achieving a personal relationship with God through service, music ministry and group activities.

Youth Ministry members have the opportunity to lead initiatives, bring new ideas into the group, and build a strong foundation in faith to carry with them in discipleship as they enter into adulthood.

We invite you to visit our parish website and / or contact Kevin Cusack at kcuse@mac.com

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration



The Adorers of the Perpetual Adoration Chapel wish to thank Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for these favors:

1. Thank you dear Lord for continued good health.
2. Thank you for answering my prayers.

Looking for ways to participate in outreach? Hungry for an idea of how to do more service work? Visit the parish website. Click on Community, and then Ongoing Outreach Opportunities.



Spiritual Growth Ministry

A Psalm To Reflection

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
Have mercy and answer me.
Of you my heart has spoken:
"Seek his face".

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
Hide not your face...
Instruct me Lord, in your ways:
On an even path lead me.

I am sure that I shall see the Lord's goodness
In the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord. (Psalm 27: 7-9, 13-14)

Lenten Faith Sharing Groups

Registration for Lenten Faith Sharing groups begins This Sunday. Please stop by the Faith Sharing Group Table in the Church Hall to register after the Sunday Masses.

If you attend the Saturday 4:00 PM Mass, please see Alan in the sacristy and he will help you.

There will be Faith Sharing Groups on:
Sunday: 2:00 - 3:15 PM @ 18 Stoneleigh Rd.,
Worcester (Very close to Church)
Facilitator- Charlie Connolly SR.

Wednesday @ 7:15- 8:30PM- Conference Room...
Facilitator- Ann Walsh Friday @ 10:00- 11:15 AM 2nd
Floor, Parish Center... Facilitator- JoAnn Nally

Please pray about making a commitment to be a participant for the 6 Sacred Weeks of Lent.
For more information, please call JoAnn Nally @ 508-527-6973, Gerrie Bak @ 508-829-5116 or speak with Fr. Nicolls or Fr. Charles.

