

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

April 16, 2017: Resurrection of the Lord

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Office Hours:

Monday & Wednesday 9:00AM to 5:00PM

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00AM to 4:00PM

Parish Staff:

It is our privilege to serve you.

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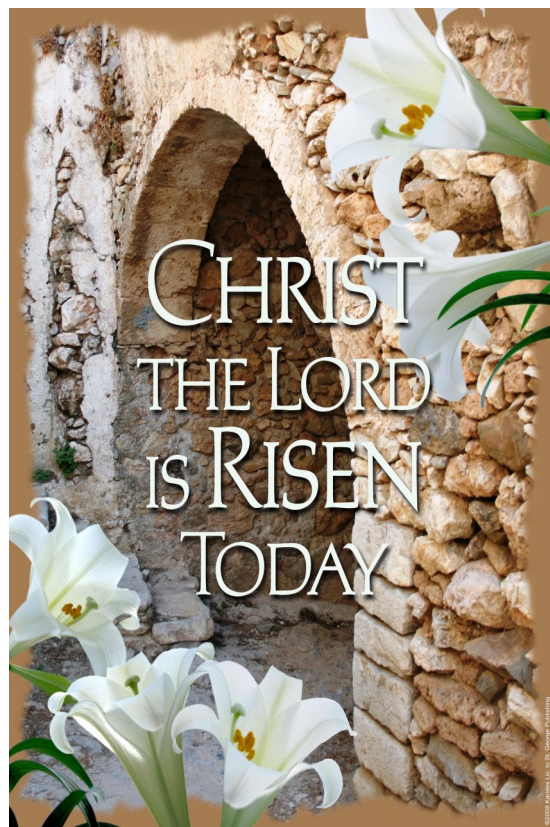
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St. George Catholic Church

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 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.

Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 15: *Holy Saturday*

4:00 PM No Mass

7:30 PM Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 16: *Resurrection of the Lord*

7:30 AM For the people of St. George

9:00 AM For the people of St. George

11:00 AM For the people of St. George

Monday, April 17:

8:00 AM For the Community of St. George

Tuesday, April 18:

8:00 AM Memorial for Sal Frustaci by family

Wednesday, April 19:

8:00 AM For the good health of Emily Grace Gentile
by family

Thursday, April 20:

8:00 AM Birthday Remembrance for Policiano
Menezes by the Ajbani family

Friday, April 21:

8:00 AM In memory of Justina Shackett

Saturday, April 22: *Vigil*

10:00 AM First Communion Class # 1

4:00 PM Memorial for Mary Butler by Virginia Keith
& Barbara Welch

Sunday, April 23: *Divine Mercy Sunday*

7:30 AM Memorial for John Patinskas by the
Sarafinas family

9:00 AM Memorial for Raymond & Beatrice Duquette
by the St. George Parish Community

11:00 AM Memorial for Maurice Ryan by his wife &
family

Bulletin Deadlines

Weekend of

Due to parish

May 7 Wednesday, April 19

May 14 Wednesday, April 26

May 21 Wednesday, May 10

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

Altar Ministries

We are thankful to the Altar Servers and Ministers of Holy
Communion from TEAM A 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.

Parish Calendar

Egg Hunt after 9:00 AM Mass behind the Church

Saturday, April 15:

Reception after Easter Vigil Hall

Sunday, April 16:

9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St. George Rm

9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Confr Rm

Monday, April 17:

7:00 PM Youth Music Ministry Choir Loft

Tuesday, April 18:

10:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Hall

4:00 PM 1st Communion Rehearsal Class # 2 Church

6:00 PM Weight Loss Group Center

Wednesday, April 19:

4:00 PM 1st Communion Rehearsal Class # 1 Church

7:15 PM Faith Sharing Group Confr Rm

Thursday, April 20:

6:30 PM Family Prayer Church

Friday, April 21:

11:00 AM Grandparent Prayer Group Confr Rm

9:30 AM Faith Sharing Group Center

Saturday, April 22:

8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, April 23:

8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall

9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St. George Rm

9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Confr Rm

Teacher Appreciation Reception After the 9:00 Mass

Scripture for the week of April 16, 2017

16 SUN Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor
5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

17 Mon Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15

18 Tue Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18

19 Wed Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35

20 Thu Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48

21 Fri Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14

22 Sat Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15

23 SUN Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31



Diocesan Daily Mass on TV

Daily Mass is LIVE each weekday morning on Charter
TV3 (Ch193), delay Broadcast on Shrewsbury TV28
at 4:30 pm and Clinton Cable TV8 at 4:30 pm.



We Commend to your Prayers

Lindsay O' Rourke Doherty

May the Angels lead her into Paradise

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Weekend of April 3, 2017

Total Weekly Ordinary: \$8,061.50

Monthly Totals for March

Repairs: \$205.00

Air Conditioning Fund: \$150.00

Fuel: \$1,430.00

Thank you for your support!



Thus far, our parish family has raised **\$45,038.00** from **141** donors toward our parish goal of \$100,000. Many have not had the opportunity to make their gift. We encourage you to make a gift today. Pledge envelopes are available in each pew.

Spring Fling Ham & Bean Supper

On Friday, May 5, 2017, the Daughters of Isabella will be holding a Spring Fling Ham & Bean Supper. It is being held at 6:00 PM at the Holy Family Parish (at St. Joseph's Church) 10 Dupont Street, Worcester. In addition to good food, there will be door prizes and drawings. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Reservations and ticket orders should be done by April 21. Please call Terry Turgeon at 508 757-5209.



Coffee Shop Captain

No Coffee Shop
Easter Sunday, April 16

Coffee Shop will resume
April 23, 2016
John Lewczyk: 508-856-9567



CRS Rice Bowls

Kindly return the filled bowls to the same basket in the Church as soon as possible.

Your donations support local

and international poverty alleviation efforts. Many thanks.



From Your Pastor

*When Simon Peter arrived after him,
he went into the tomb and saw
the burial cloths there,
and the cloth that had covered his head
not with the burial cloths,
but rolled up in a separate place.*

John 20:6-7

This scripture passage from today's Gospel for Easter Sunday shows us how overwhelmed the Apostles Peter and John were when they had heard the news that Jesus' body was not in the tomb where he had been buried just three days before. They did not know what to make of this event. Were they witnessing what Jesus had told them all along or was this some kind of prank? We know better, but do we really appreciate what has occurred here? Jesus triumphed over death and is our savior. During this Easter season, let us dwell on this truth of our Catholic Christian faith and proclaim its message in our actions as well as in our words.

*On behalf of our Parish Staff, I extend to all of you
God's Blessings, manifested in our risen Lord,
Jesus Christ, in this Easter Season!*

Fr. Niccolls

Divine Mercy Novena

A Novena to the Divine Mercy will take place at the St. John's Church Chapel in Worcester (44 Temple St) at 5:00 pm on April 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22. Deacon Paul Dacri will be the celebrant each day and the service will consist of Divine Mercy Prayers and Benediction.

This Weekend's Stewardship Thought

Very early in the morning after the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body with precious oils. The reward of this good and conscientious steward was to be among the first to know that Jesus had been raised from the dead! Alleluia



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Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

Sarah Kelly, Administrator - 508-852-1784
Email : sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org

Registration for next year has begun!

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!

Confirmation

Coordinators: Michael and Linda Ohl
confirmation@saintgeorgesparish.org
(508) 735-4633

May 7 - Confirmation Mass at 3 PM at
St. Paul's Cathedral

This Week...

Pray for the sick and dying, for persons with disabilities and for their families: that the Lord's Resurrection will fill their hearts with joy and hope.

Celebrating the Feast of St. George - April 23

To help celebrate our parish name sake, our youth will work with artists, Veronica and Andy, to build a replica of the St. George dragon.

Join us:

April 23rd - Children's Liturgy students will begin to make dragon scales with Annie

April 29th - Teens (Gr. 7 and up) and artists will build the dragon, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM with Kevin Cusack and Kevin Brown in the Church Hall



May 6th - teens (4-6th grade) and artists will color the dragon, 10:00 AM to 12noon with Kate and Sarah

May 7th - We will all attach the scales to the dragon and complete it after the 9:00 AM Mass

As we work together, we all hope to learn more about the courage and faith of St. George and how it relates to our lives.

Faith Into Action Ministry works to Prevent Family Homelessness!



We invite you to join us. Use "Hope for Housing Cards" to buy your weekly groceries or prescriptions at CVS. Give a Dunkin Donut Gift Card as a birthday gift to a friend.

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. As of last year there were 8,354 homeless families living in Massachusetts!

At the IHN shelter we have seen the faces of the children in these families and we know the stress that life in a shelter puts on parents and the little ones. Please pray for them and continue to be as generous as you always are.

See Sue or Dave Genereux after Mass or contact them at 508-829-5776 or emailWaysideATQ@aol.com for more information. They are happy to explain more about how "Hope for Housing Cards" help families on the brink of homelessness.



This Journey of Grief Finding Your Way & Healing Your Spirit Saturday, April 29, 2017 1:00 to 2:30 PM Holden Senior Center 1130 Main Street, Holden

Join others in healing your mind, body and spirit in the seminar on mindful grieving. Grief is our heart's natural response to loss and creates emotions that deserve attention and care. This seminar will help you to be present to your loss, understand the emotions of grief, and help you take steps to transform the pain of loss into growth and healing as you journey through grief.

Seating is limited. The seminar is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Please call 508-829-4434 or 978-422-0100 for reservations.



I say very simply to God what I wish to say,
Without composing beautiful sentence, and
He always understands me.

... St. Therese of Lisieux

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A Letter from Bishop McManus

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Love drew Mary Magdalene to Jesus' tomb on Easter Sunday. In the pre-dawn darkness she set off in grief to anoint his body. Instead, she found an angel, an empty tomb and the announcement: "He has been raised, just as he said."

Fearful, but overjoyed, Mary ran quickly from the tomb to tell the astonishing news to Peter. On the way, the Jesus appeared and greeted her, "Do not be afraid." Grief gone and fear dispelled, joy alone now propelled Mary from the garden with the Good News, "Jesus, My Hope has arisen" (Easter Sequence).

Faith, hope and love draw you to church this Easter Sunday. Like Mary you have your hopes and joys, griefs and sorrows. At Easter Mass you, like Mary, encounter and receive the Risen Christ who tells us all "Do not be afraid."

In life, many things can prompt fear and stifle hope. Division and discord mar our politics and may touch our families. Worries about health, safety and economic opportunity can undermine our sense of optimism. Changes in society and cultural mores may leave us unsettled, guarded and discouraged. But in the face of it all, we are filled with hope.

Ours is a hope that stems not from a culture, country or economic system. Our hope is based in God and on His love for us. Out of love, God sent His Son into the world. Out of love, His Son went to the Cross to save us from our sins. Out of love, Jesus suffered death and then defeated death that we might share forever in God's glory. Easter shows us that, in the end, good triumphs over evil, redemption overcomes sin and God's love is stronger than death. After Easter, we need not fear anything that befalls us in this world, even the sins we repent. We are not only freed from fear but we are liberated to live bold lives marked by faith in the Risen Christ and a confident hope that we, too, will share in God's love that on Easter triumphed over all.

With every prayerful best wish for a joyous Easter, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

St. George Book Discussion Group

The next meeting of the St. George Book Discussion Group will be held on Monday, April 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. We will be celebrating our 11th Anniversary with cake and ice cream. The book chosen for discussion is, "**Resisting Happiness**" by **Matthew Kelly**. Anyone interested in joining the group or for more information, please contact Joyce Purcell at [508-852-3304](tel:508-852-3304). All are welcome.



Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism Preparation sessions are:
May 21 and June 4, 2017

and

July 23 and July 30., 2017

Families attend both sessions

Godparents and children are always welcome

This Sacrament welcomes everyone. For registration and information about selection of Godparents, please contact Susan Pacek at 508-856-9960 or Email: st.geobaptism@gmail.com.

Baptisms are usually held monthly following the preparation sessions and completion of paperwork.

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.

Holy Water

You are invited to take a newly blessed bottle of Holy Water home with you this weekend.



The water was blessed Saturday night at our Easter Vigil. The bottles are near the doors of the Church.



Egg Hunt

There will be an Easter egg hunt for the children in the area behind the Church after the 9:00 AM Mass on Easter.

Welcome to all family & friends who are worshipping here with us today.

A Community of Ministries



PARISH OUTREACH

Annie Doyle - 508-853-0183
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Office hours Mon-Tue-Wed 9-5
annie@saintgeorgesparish.org

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Dear Friends,

I find myself feeling very grateful that Easter is a season that lasts 50 days. Easter Sunday is just one day but the seven weeks that make up the Easter Season help me to absorb some of the mystery of the Resurrection. I notice it takes a while for me, especially after being reminded of the tragic events of Holy Week, to then quickly switch to a feeling of full rejoicing on Easter Sunday.

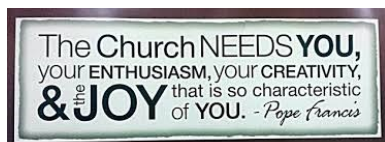
So I am thankful to all of you in my parish community who help me to fully experience the joyful Season of Easter:

- For all of you who make "outreach happen" in so many ways; caring for those who are hungry, sick, sad and lonely - you help me to see Christ alive in your love of others
- For the Sunday Coffee Shop Crowd who fill the church hall with abundant life – children running around, grown-ups enjoying one another's company - you help me to remember God is truly alive
- For the toddlers at the Children's Liturgy of the Word who sing the "Sign of the Cross" with such pride and reverence- you remind me that Jesus truly lives
- For all of you who help to "make Church happen" here; ministering on the altar, singing in the choir, ministering at meetings and in classrooms, on the website and in sharing groups

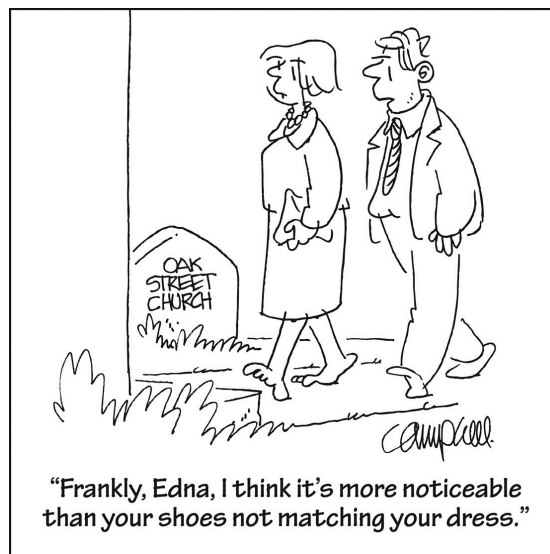
...because of all of you and the Grace of God – by the end of the Easter Season – I am confident that I will be all the more convinced that our Redeemer lives. The great mystery of Easter dawns slowly but surely and I am very glad!

Christ is Risen-Alleluia, Alleluia!

Annie Doyle



"He saw and believed" (Jn 20:8b). John saw the empty tomb. Many ideas must have crossed his mind. Like the rest of us, John was a busy person. He had obligations as a fisherman. He was busy but he gave Jesus the chance to enter his life. The power of the Resurrection could only touch his life because he was ready to accept the Risen Lord. Our modern century presses us for time. The day's demands hurry us along the road of life. Work often swallows our time for relaxation. Where does that leave the Lord? Do we give him a chance to come into our lives? Or does our busy schedule shut God out too? The Resurrection cannot make an impact on our lives if we don't leave ourselves open to it. The empty tomb which allowed John to see and believe, beckons us as well. Easter challenges us to find time and space for God so that we too can see and believe. When we allow the Risen Lord into our lives, he will transform them!



*Happy
Easter !!*

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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 Easter Season

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.

Faith Into Action Ministry

We invite you to consider joining us to promote a heightened awareness and support for Catholic Church teachings as related to social justice, non-violence, dignity of life and caring for creation issues within our parish and the world.

Join us in action:

- Take part in our annual flower sale for the homeless on May 20/21 – donate a tray for \$50 or purchase a plant for \$5.00
- Consider buying a "Caring Card" in the church hall after Mass. See Dave and Sue
- Support poor farmers worldwide by buying "Fair Trade" coffee in our Coffee Shop

Contact Joyce Purcell for details:
jap64us@gmail.com or 508-852-3304

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration



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

1. In thanksgiving for successful cancer surgery and recovery.
2. Thank you Jesus for your guidance and protection.



Spiritual Growth Ministry

Thank You!

At this Most Holy Season of Easter, we voice our thanks and gratitude:

*to those who participated in the Lenten Faith Sharing Groups

*to those who have stepped forward to facilitate our Faith Sharing Groups

*to the many people who worked so hard to make The Women's Day of Spirituality a wonderful spiritual Experience

*to those who planned and participated in the very graced Lenten Evening of Prayer and Reflection

*to the members of the Spiritual Growth Ministry Team and the Faith Sharing Group Team for their tireless efforts, witness and continual "yes" to the many programs and activities involved in Spiritual Growth Ministry

*to Fr. Nicolls and Fr. Charles for their support and encouragement

*to our Parishioners for their faith-filled example, generosity and personal and spiritual commitment to deepen the growth of our Parish Community.

I am deeply grateful to each of you. May you be richly blessed by Our Risen Christ.

JoAnn Nally

Have You Ever Thought About Making a Cursillo Weekend?

Cursillo (a short course in Christianity) is an uplifting and educational experience. A team of laypeople and clergy deliver organized talks and discussions giving witness of their own lives, their struggles and triumphs in Christ. The weekend is full of laughter, prayer, music, food and more. **WOMEN'S CURSILLO:** May 18-21st and October 12-15th. **MEN'S CURSILLO:** June 22-25th. The weekends are held at Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center, Putnam, CT. For more information, please call Sue @ [508-278-3155](tel:508-278-3155).