

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

April 23, 2017: Divine Mercy Sunday

40 Brattle Street Worcester, MA 01606

Parish Office: 508-853-0183

www.saintgeorgesparish.org

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.

Rev. Edward D. Niccolls Pastor Ext. 12

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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.

A Community of Ministries, April 23, 2017

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 22: Vigil

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

Monday, April 24: St. Fidelis of Sigmaingen

8:00 AM For those who serve our country & their families

Tuesday, April 25: St. Mark

8:00 AM For the Community of St. George

Wednesday, April 26:

8:00 AM In memory of Carolyn & Fred Moriarty

Thursday, April 27:

8:00 AM For the sick of the parish

Friday, April 28:

8:00 AM Memorial for Jeanette Gaudet

Saturday, April 29: Vigil

4:00 PM Anniversary Mass for Barbara Callan by family

Sunday, April 30: Third Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM Memorial for Patricia Anne Ferreilli by the Morning Mass Group

9:00 AM Anniversary Remembrance for Policiano & Clare Menezes by the Ajbani family

11:00 AM 25th Anniversary for Thelma Baptiste by family

1:00 PM First Communion Class # 2 family

Bulletin Deadlines

Weekend of

May 14

May 21

May 28

Due to parish

Wednesday, April 26

Wednesday, May 10

Wednesday, May 17

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 B 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

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

Monday, April 24:

5:45 PM Yoga Hall

7:00 PM Youth Music Ministry Choir Loft

7:00 PM Book Discussion Group Confr Rm

Tuesday, April 25:

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

6:00 PM Weight Loss Group Center

7:00 PM Religious Ed Board Meeting Confr Rm

Wednesday, April 26:

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

7:00 PM Faith Sharing Group Confr Rm

Thursday, April 27:

6:30 PM Family Prayer Church

Friday, April 28:

9:30 AM Faith Sharing Group Center

Saturday, April 29:

11:00 AM Dragon Building Hall

8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, April 30:

8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall

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

9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Confr Rm

Scripture for the week of April 23, 2017

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

24 Mon Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8

25 Tue 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20

26 Wed Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21

27 Thu Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36

28 Fri Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15

29 Sat Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21

30 SUN Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35



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

Casimir (Chuck) Sarafinas

Judith Carroll

May the Angels lead them into Paradise

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Weekend of April 9, 2017

Total Weekly Ordinary: \$9,544.40

Weekend of April 16, 2017

Total Weekly Ordinary: \$7,008.30

Thank you for your support!



Thus far, our parish family has raised **\$52,281.00** from **156** 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

April 30, 2016

All men and women are invited to join the St. George Coffee Shop Teams to serve once every 9 weeks. Please contact Jim Sanford at 508-852-0293 for more information.



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

First of all, I want to thank all of you who took part in our Holy Week and Easter Liturgies, especially our staff, liturgy committee, altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, music ministry and those who helped to decorate the church for Easter. The assistance on the part of all of you helped to make these liturgies very spiritually and prayerfully uplifting ceremonies.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank you for your cards, gifts and treats during this Easter season. Your overwhelming generosity at this time of the year is gratefully appreciated. Thank you!!!

By now, you have already received a letter in the mail from our parish Finance Committee, along with tickets, announcing our second annual calendar raffle that will take place here during the month of June. The purpose of this calendar raffle is to close a \$10,000 deficit in our parish budget. We ask that you be as generous and supportive of this raffle as possible. Thank you for all that you are doing financially to support our parish!

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

Jesus meets the need of each disciple. To the fearful in the upper room, He speaks words of peace. To doubting Thomas, He provides the tangible proof of His resurrection. What do I need to become His disciple? What do I have to share that might meet someone else's need?



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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

Confirmation Registration for 2017-18

It's time to register for confirmation preparation! Confirmation preparation will be for current 9th grade students as well as any 10th, 11th or 12th grade student who have not yet received the sacrament. If you haven't already received information, you can either download the documents from the parish website at www.saintgeorgesparish.org/confirmation or contact Mike or Linda Ohl by June 1, 2017 to receive a registration packet for your son or daughter. Email: confirmation@saintgeorgesparish.org Phone: (508) 735-4633.

Mandatory Confirmation Meeting is June 11, 2017 from 6:30-7:30 in the church for all confirmation candidates and their parents. Please bring completed forms from the registration packet, sign up for summer service experience, and hear about the program. We look forward to meeting all of you!

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.

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 email WaysideATQ@aol.com for more information. They are happy to explain more about how "Hope for Housing Cards" help families on the brink of homelessness.



Liturgical Ministers Evening Of Reflection

"The Power of Proclamation."

May 11, 2017 : 7pm St. George's Church Hall

Please join us to celebrate the gift of your ministry and our parish community.

Tanya Rybarczyk is a Catholic writer, speaker and retreat leader, specializing in adult faith formation, meditative Christian prayer, and spiritual caregiving. She holds an MA in Pastoral Ministry from the University of Portland, and works as an Online Course Facilitator for Boston College's School of Theology and Ministry, and Notre Dame's STEP program. She lives in Metro west Boston with her husband and two teenage children.

Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP Regrets Only- LWOODS@QCC.MASS.EDU
508-853-2499

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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.

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.



Vacation Bible Camp Save the Date July 10-14 9:00 AM-12:00

Registration for Vacation Bible Camp is underway. Stop by our table downstairs in the hall after Mass on 4/29 for more information. Registration forms went home to all students enrolled in our Religious Ed. Program, but we also will leave copies downstairs in the hall and outside of the Religious Ed. office. The camp runs July 10-14 from 9:00-12:00. This year's theme is "Tracking Mary: Mysteries and Messages" and focuses on our Blessed Mother's apparitions in Lourdes, Fatima, Mexico, Knock and England. Please join us! Email carpediem77722@yahoo.com with any questions.

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.

Thank you

Dear Parishioners,

We would like to thank the parishioners of St. George's for the donation of clothing and miscellaneous household items to the Urban Missionaries of Our Lady of Hope. Many people who are new to this country look to our programs, especially the Little Store, as resources for material goods such as food, furniture or clothing. Christmas help, immigration assistance, language or computer instruction. Without assistance such as yours we could not keep our doors open.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity,

Deacon Walter & Kathleen Doyle
Co-Directors

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

A Community of Ministries



PARISH OUTREACH

Annie Doyle - 508-853-0183
Ext. 11

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.

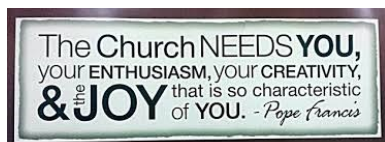
So I am thankful to all of you in my parish community who help me to fully experience the joyful Season of Easter:

- 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



I am surrounded by saints - by people who respond wholeheartedly to God's call to holiness. Those unselfish grandparents who have taken on the raising of their grandchildren; those faithful spouses who care for their mate with Alzheimer's or cancer; those foster parents who provide homes for needy kids; those respite people who supply relief to caregivers; those who teach, who work with, who care for the young; those who minister to the elderly, the people with handicaps, the poor; those who practice gospel values in the marketplace; those who love enthusiastically, unstintingly, recklessly, passionately.

(From Daily Meditations for Busy Grandmas by Theresa Cotter).



Before Mass talk to God...

During Mass let God talk to you...

After Mass talk about God to everyone...



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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. Thank you for opening my Mom's heart for letting you into her life.
2. Thank you Lord for guiding me back to Church.



Spiritual Growth Ministry

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 23, 2017

12:30- 1:30 PM In The Church

Come and Celebrate as a Parish Community

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Rosary

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Benediction

"Highest Heaven"

Worcester Art Museum Exhibit

Spiritual Growth Ministry is organizing this gathering on SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH @ 10:30 AM

Cost: \$12.00

Our Parish Group will be guided by our Parishioner, Angela McClain. If you are interested in going, please sign up on the BULLETIN BOARD located near the parking lot. Please speak with Nancy Forhan for more detailed information or questions.

Faith Sharing Groups

Special thanks to those Parishioners who attended one of our Lenten Faith Sharing Groups. Your presence and sharing enriched us personally and spiritually. Please know that you have an open-ended invitation to attend a Faith Sharing Group at any time.

Spring – Summer Faith Sharing Groups

There will be a registration table in the Church Hall, after all Sunday Masses, the weekends of May 13-14th and 20-21st. During this time, there will be an opportunity to purchase new "Quest- Insights" Reflection Books (cost: \$12.00). This reflection book will be used from May 21st- September 3rd.

Why a "Community of Ministries"?

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