

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

**January 6, 2019: The Epiphany of the Lord**

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40 Brattle Street Worcester, MA 01606

Parish Office: 508-853-0183

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**Office Hours:**

Monday till Thursday 9:00AM to 3:00PM

Closed on Fridays

**Parish Staff:**

*It is our privilege to serve you.*

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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:**

First Saturday Mass: 8:00 AM - Chapel

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 6, 2019***

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### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, January 5:** St. John Neumann  
4:00 PM Memorial for Robert & Cheri  
LaPan by family

**Sunday, January 6:** The Epiphany of the Lord  
7:30 AM Memorial for Gerald Duclos by family  
9:00 AM Special Intention  
11:00 AM Memorial for Sebastiana Gomes by  
Judy & Jim Pickett

**Monday, January 7:** St. Raymond of Penafort  
8:00 AM In memory of Terry Palmer

**Tuesday, January 8:**  
8:00 AM In memory of Dick & Lorraine Duggan

**Wednesday, January 9:**  
6:30 PM In memory of Fred & Caroline Moriarty

**Thursday, January 10:**  
8:00 AM Memorial for Clare Menezes  
by the Ajbani family

**Friday, January 11:**  
8:00 AM For the Community of St. George

**Saturday, January 12:**  
4:00 PM 4th Anniversary for Florence Montville  
by family

**Sunday, January 13:** The Baptism of the Lord  
7:30 AM Special Intention  
9:00 AM For the newly Baptized  
11:00 AM Mass for Oliva Garceau

### 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.

### Second Collection

This weekend, a special collection will be taken up at all Masses for the **Catholic University of America**.  
Thank you for your generosity!

### Free Donut Tickets for Children's Liturgy

The Men's Club will be offering "Free Donut Tickets" to all participants to the "Children's Liturgy" during the 9:00 AM Mass *next* Sunday. The children will be given the tickets while at the Liturgy to be redeemed after Mass. Best Wishes to our young Catholics.



### Parish Calendar

#### Saturday, January 5:

8:00 PM AA Hall

#### Sunday, January 6:

8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall  
9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St. George Rm  
9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Conf Rm  
9:00 AM Confirmation Mass & Mtg Church/ Ctr  
6:00 PM Rel Ed Gr 6-9 Hall / Ctr

#### Monday, January 7:

4:15 PM Rel Ed grades 1-5 Center  
5:45 PM Yoga Hall

#### Tuesday, January 8:

4:15 PM Rel. Ed. Gr 1-5 Center  
6:30 PM Girl Scouts Conf Rm  
7:00 PM Pastoral Council Center

#### Wednesday, January 9:

7:00 PM Faith Sharing Grp Conf Rm  
7:15 PM Faith Sharing Grp 2nd fl Ctr

#### Thursday, January 10:

6:00 PM Diocesan Leadership Group Hall  
6:30 PM Family Prayer Church

#### Friday, January 11:

10:00 AM Faith Sharing Grp 2nd fl Ctr

#### Saturday, January 12:

2:30 PM 1st Reconciliation Retreat Hall  
8:00 PM AA Hall

#### Sunday, January 13:

8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall  
9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St. George Rm  
9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Conf Rm  
3:00 PM Baptism Prep Conf Rm

### Scripture for the week of January 6, 2019

6 SUN Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12  
7 Mon 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
8 Tue 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44  
9 Wed 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52  
10 Thu 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a  
11 Fri 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16  
12 Sat 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30  
13 SUN Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16,  
21-22 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-  
7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



### Bulletin Deadlines

#### Weekend of

January 20, 2019  
January 27, 2019  
February 3, 2019

#### Due to parish

Wednesday, January 9  
Wednesday, January 16  
Wednesday, January 23

Items must be submitted by 3:00 PM on the due date.  
Email items to [stgeooffice@gmail.com](mailto:stgeooffice@gmail.com).

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### Weekend of December 23, 2018

Total Weekly Ordinary: \$13,091

Christmas: \$7,239

Thank you for your support! Your generosity helps us to continue to be a caring and vibrant community!

### Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for January

That young people, especially in Latin America, may follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

### *This Weekend's Stewardship Thought*

The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the infant Jesus. How might we continue to follow their example of worship and generosity?

### Join us for Coffee!

Join us downstairs in the Church Hall after Sunday Mass for coffee, a donut, and time to enjoy one another's company. Everyone is always invited.



### Holy Hour for Priests

On Friday, January 11, 2019, a holy hour to pray for priests will take place from 7 to 8 pm at Immaculate Conception. This holy hour will consist of adoration, a short reflection, the rosary, silent prayer and benediction. This holy hour will be held on the second Friday of each month.

Online giving is one method of making your financial contributions to St. George Parish through an electronic network. It eliminates paper envelopes, thereby reducing the cost of printing, postage and processing.



In whatever manner you choose to give to our parish, be it electronically, by using weekly envelopes or the basket, know that your donations are essential and always greatly appreciated.

If you would like assistance contact Kathy Hessel at MKHessel@aol.com



### *From Your Pastor*

Last month Deacon Tony Fiore called me to say that he will no longer be able to come and assist at St. George's because of his wife's declining health. She is now homebound and requires constant care. He told me that this will probably bring his diaconate ministry of fourteen years to an end. Let us keep Deacon Tony and his wife, Helen, in our prayers, asking that God will watch over them both and be a source of comfort and support.

I also want to inform you of the retirement of our parish secretary, Joan Koppenal. After her three-month leave of absence, she has decided that she will continue to take care of her infant granddaughter and remain in North Carolina, at least for the foreseeable future. We wish Joanie well in her retirement and time with her family.

The secretarial duties here at St. George's will be taken over by Lynne Brissette who has worked with me for the past six years as the administrator of the health insurance program for our active and retired priests. Lynne will continue in her position as administrator of the priests' health insurance program while taking on these new responsibilities later this month. We welcome her to our parish staff.

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

Year 2019 Calendars are available for anyone who wants one.

*Fr. Niccolls*

### *We Commend to your Prayer*

Paul F. Bellows  
Patricia M. Glavin  
Barbara Diesslin

*May the Angels lead them into Paradise*



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### Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

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### Christmas Break

**Grades 1-5 :** We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends. Classes will resume in the new year on Monday, January 7th and Tuesday, January 8th. We are looking forward to seeing all the wonderful students in our religious education program again in 2019!

### Upcoming Events for Grade Two

1st Reconciliation Retreat  
Saturday, January 12, 2019, 2:30-4 P.M.  
(1st Communion dates are chosen at this retreat)

1st Reconciliation Ceremony  
Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 10:00 A.M.  
More information will be coming home with families when classes resume.

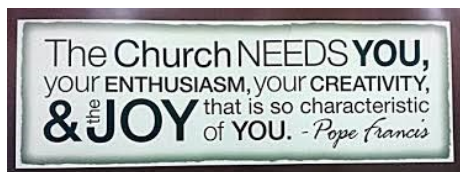
**Grades 6-9 :** The class dates for this second semester are: January 6 & 27, 2019, February 10 & 24, March 10 & 24 and April 7 & 28.

Join Us! Pick up a **Ministry Booklet** on the Resource Table at the back of the Church Hall today. Choose a ministry that you might be interested in and call the Ministry Leader to find out more.

### 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 food needs for January are:

Cans of **Tuna Fish** and Cans of **Soup** (flip top if possible) and **Peanut Butter**  
**Laundry Detergent** is always appreciated as well!



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

### The Epiphany of the Lord



*"On entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts" Mt 2:11*

The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ is one of the oldest Christian feasts. *Epiphany* comes from a Greek verb meaning "to reveal". At the visitation of the Magi, Christ's divinity is revealed to the Gentiles - the other nations of the earth. Epiphany is celebrated on January 6, twelve days after Christmas.

### Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Hours

Open 4:30 AM to 8:00 PM Daily

Please consider visiting the Chapel  
All are welcome!



Note: The chapel is closed during the hours when students are in the building as of September 16th and continuing until the end of April. Times are posted on the door.

### MEN'S CLUB MEETING

The monthly Men's Club meeting will be held **NEXT** Sunday, January 13, 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!!!

### 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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### **Baptism Preparation**

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](mailto:st.geobaptism@gmail.com).



Baptisms are usually held monthly following the preparation sessions and completion of paperwork. Please contact Sue for dates and times of the upcoming classes.

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### **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.

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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.

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### ***Coffee Shop Captain***

January 6, 2019  
Mike Doherty and  
John Beahn  
508 856-0823



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.

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### **Marriage Enrichment Weekends**

Consider attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend to enrich your Sacrament of Marriage.

The next Weekend is Jan 18-20, 2019 in South Kingstown, RI. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

### **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).

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### **"Ordinary Time" Begins January 14, 2019**

The Christmas Season ends on the  
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord,  
which is Sunday January 13, 2019.

"Ordinary Time" begins Monday, January 14, 2019.

Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word ordinalis, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word ordo, from which we get the English word order.



The volunteers of the Food Pantry at St. Joan of Arc would like to thank your parish for the generous donations made to us this year.

We would also like to wish you all a most happy and blessed New Year.

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If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, please believe in the possibility for hope and help and healing. We encourage you to come forward and speak out. The victim service coordinator for the Diocese of Worcester is Judith Audette. A report can be made by phone to (508) 929-4363.

## *A Community of Ministries*



### **PARISH OUTREACH**

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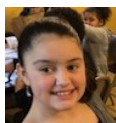
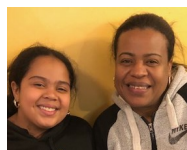
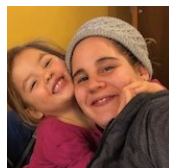
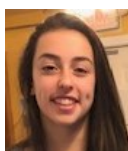
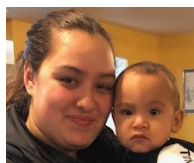
...Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience...  
Colossians 3:12-17



Dear Friends,

Thank you to all who recently put these words into action.

- To the Giving Tree donors and organizers Ann, Andy, sorting crews and all gift givers; your compassion reached into the homes of so many families in need
- To Daniel, Stan, John and others who delivered gifts and helped prepare the Mustard Seed dining room to receive guests for the Family Christmas Party
- To Trudy and Marie, who provided nutritious food for the party
- To Bob and Marie who lovingly welcomed each guest to the party
- To Patty, Dave and Mark who kindly transported family bundles of gifts
- To the Russo family, Sandra, Kathy and others who served food and attended to the parents as well as doing crafts and games with the children
- To the Moughan family who brought the magic of Christmas to the party. Your patience and kindness filled many hearts with joy!



### **THE FAMILY CONNECTION**

A Blessing Prayer for Our Home - Lord God, bless our home and all those who enter here. May this family and all who visit us this year be healthy and holy. May we worship Jesus within these walls. As the star made Christ visible to the wise men, help us make the light of Christ visible in our home today. Amen.



### *Pietà*

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 January 14, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall Conference Room. Please join us.

### *Consider Joining Our Community of Ministries*

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

### *Free Donut Chips at Children's Liturgy of the Word*

The Men's Club will be offering "Free Donut Chips" to all participants at the "Children's Liturgy" during the 9:00 AM Mass *NEXT* Sunday. The children will be given the chips while at the Liturgy to be redeemed after any Sunday Mass.

Best Wishes to our young Catholics.



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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 family homelessness !



Use "Hope for Housing Cards" to buy your weekly groceries Prescriptions at CVS or a treat at Panera or Dunkin Donuts.

CMHA celebrates and thanks you for helping!

- \* 283 households with 408 children avoided homelessness
- \* 596 senior homeowners maintained independent living
- \* 190 families were housed safely and securely from shelter
- \* 1,227 individuals received furniture and household goods
- \* 209 families were provided stabilization and work-force development services

Join us this New Year! You receive the full face value of a 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 children with families in crisis.

See Sue & Dave Genereux who are selling these cards in the Church Hall after every Mass. Contact them at 508-829-5776 or email

WaysideATQ@aol.com for more information.

### **A special invitation to Families with Toddlers & Young Children Join us at 9AM Mass on Sunday Mornings**

The community of St. George warmly welcomes children

- Toddlers, preschoolers and kindergarteners, accompanied by a parent, can move around a bit, downstairs - sing, and listen to the Gospel story in a simple way.
- Children in Grades 1-3 are invited to attend the "Children's Liturgy of the Word" downstairs where they will hear the Readings and Gospel in an age appropriate way.
- After Mass come to coffee shop in the church hall. Children play together while parents can relax with a cup of coffee. Donuts are free for children the second Sunday of each month.



### *Spiritual Growth Ministry*

#### PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Good and gracious God:

As we begin the New Year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires.

Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what You want us to do.

Help us to put aside anxiety about the past and the future so that we might live in peace with You, one day at a time. Amen

#### YOUNG WOMEN'S EVENING of SHARING FELLOWSHIP and FAITH

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2019  
6:00- 9:00PM in the CHURCH HALL



SPEAKER: Megan Fox- Kelly

TOPIC: Yes! God is in the Mess!

#### GET YOUR REGISTRATION FORM:

@ Religious Education Office...on the Spiritual Growth Bulletin Board or Speak with:  
Sarah Kelly...Kate Connor or Andrea Berger

#### DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION:

Tuesday, JANUARY 8, 2019  
Please Include Registration Fee (\$10.00)  
with your form  
A delicious dinner will be served !

#### FAITH SHARING GROUPS

We will use the new "Spring Insight" Reflection Book starting with the week of December 31, 2018. You can purchase the "Spring Insight" book from your Facilitator. The cost is \$12.00. If you are interested in becoming part of the Wednesday PM or Friday AM group, please speak with JoAnn Nally @ 508-527-6973.