

**Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden**  
**January 26, 2020: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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40 Brattle Street Worcester, MA 01606  
Parish Office: 508-853-0183  
[www.saintgeorgesparish.org](http://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.*

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](mailto: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 26, 2020*

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**Mass Intentions**



**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 In Memory of Constance Murphy req. by Murphy family  
 9:00 AM Community of Saint George  
 11:00 AM 2nd Anniversary Mass for Nancy Svagdrys req. by her family

**Monday, January 27: Saint Angela Merici**  
 Memorial for Lorraine Vayo req. by Joan Talbot

**Tuesday, January 28: Saint Thomas Aquinas**  
 Memorial for Ron Bullard req. by Morning Mass Community

**Wednesday, January 29:**  
 6:30 PM In Memory of Rev. George V. O'Rourke

**Thursday, January 30:**  
 8:00 AM In Memory of Conrad & Helen Lindblad

**Friday, January 31: St. John Bosco**  
 8:00 AM In Memory of Lillian Pringle Zachowski

**Saturday, February 1: Vigil Blessing of Throats**  
 4:00 PM Memorial Mass for John Callan req. by family

**Sunday, February 2: Presentation of the Lord Sunday**  
 7:30 AM In Memory of Mary Kent req. by Bob & Linda Mulhearn  
 9:00 AM In Memory of Irene Cariglia req. by family  
 11:00 AM In Memory of Mark Cannell req. by Jim Sanford

**Total Weekly Ordinary  
 Collection Weekend January 19, 2020:**

On line giving: \$ 1,710.00  
 Ordinary Collection: \$ 3,971.15

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 C who will serve at our Masses next weekend.



**Parish Calendar**



**Saturday, January 25:**  
 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

**Monday, January 27:**  
 4:15 PM Religious Ed., Gr. 1-5 Center  
 5:45 PM Yoga Church Hall  
 7:00 PM Spiritual Growth Comm. Mtg.: Parish Ctr.

**Tuesday, January 28:**  
 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 64885 Conf. Room  
 4:15 PM Religious Ed. Gr. 1-5 Center  
 7:00 PM Fall Social Planning Meeting Church Hall

**Wednesday, January 29:**  
 7:00 PM Faith Sharing Group Conf. Room

**Thursday, January 30:**  
 6:30 PM Family Prayer Church

**Friday, January 31:**  
 11:00 AM Grandparent Prayer Church

**Saturday, February 1:**  
 8:00 PM AA Hall

**Sunday, February 2:**  
 8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall  
 9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St. George Room  
 9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Conf. Room

**Bulletin Item Due Dates**

February 2, 2020	Monday, January 27
February 9, 2020	Monday, February 3
February 16, 2020	Monday, February 9

Please submit items by 10:00 AM on the due date.  
 email to our parish Secretary at:  
[office@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto: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 Captains February 2  
 Mike Doherty/John Beahn  
 508-856-0823



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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*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. Home mission dioceses are those dioceses in the United States, its territories, and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services to Catholics without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass and the other sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and lay people. Right now, over 40% of dioceses are considered home mission. Thanks to your generosity, these dioceses were assisted with nearly \$10 million in assistance in 2019.

American Samoa, an archipelago of seven islands in the South Pacific and the only United States territory south of the equator, is located over 500 miles closer to New Zealand than it is to Hawaii. Over 97% of the territory's population lives on the largest Island, Tutuila, leaving the small number of residents in the outlying Manu'a islands to be served by one catechist and one priest, who visits monthly to celebrate Mass and to bring sacraments to the faithful. Despite these limited resources, the residents of Manu'a are growing in faith, with more becoming interested in being baptized and welcomed into the Church.

Your generosity has helped sustain this invaluable ministry to the faithful in the isolated environment of the Diocese of Samoa-Pago Pago. By supporting the Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA), you continue a tradition of support for mission dioceses in the United States dating back to 1924.

I encourage you to be generous on the weekend of **February 2** to help strengthen the Church at home. Your support will truly make a difference. For more information, please visit [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus



*From Your Pastor*

Today's Scripture readings allow us to be freed from our burdens and to follow Jesus Christ, the light who shines in the darkness. The Gospel from St. Matthew shows us how the prophecy is fulfilled when Jesus comes to free people from the burden of sin and darkness and experience abundant joy and great rejoicing. His preaching of the Good News of the Gospel where he speaks of repentance for the kingdom of God is at hand appeals to many like Simon and Andrew and James and John who follow him. Years later, St. Paul will write a letter to the people of Corinth to speak about this very gift of freedom. This freedom should have led these people to greater unity among them rather than division. It is not for specific people or human words that give them life, but rather Christ crucified who freed them from all burdens. Today, there are still people who walk in darkness and there remain divisions in the Church and among Christians. Yet we have been freed from our burdens in Jesus Christ who is the light who came into our darkness. We have been given the gift of faith to cast aside our doubts and through grace we can resolve to follow Christ, our light and salvation.

The blessing of throats will take place after all Masses next weekend, February 1st/2nd.

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**Stewardship by the Book:**

The watchword today is "immediately." Peter and Andres, James and John all respond immediately to the call of Christ. May I be as open to God's call and as ready to use my talents in His service as those first disciples were!

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**Second Collection**



Next weekend, a special collection will be taken up at all Masses for the

**Catholic Home Missions Appeal.**

*Thank you*

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*Religious Education*  
"Growing Together in Faith"

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[Kevin.brown@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:Kevin.brown@saintgeorgesparish.org)

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!

**Important Dates for First Reconciliation  
and First Communion**



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.



In the world of technology, work to protect yourself with these best practice tips:

- Do not open or reply to suspicious emails, especially those requesting donations, a favor, or other assistance.
- Do not click on any links or attachments.
- Do not send money, gift cards or anything of value.
- If the person sending the suspicious email may be someone you know, call that person to inquire about the message.

**Scripture for the week of January 26, 2020**

26	SUN	Is 8:23—9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
27	Mon	2 Sm 5:1-7,10/Mk 3:22-30
28	Tue	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35
29	Wed	2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20
30	Thu	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25
31	Fri	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34
1	Sat	2 Sm 12:1-7a,10-17/Mk 4:35-41

**Attention 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, online giving is a good solution to keep your weekly donation systematic.

For more information contact  
Kathy Hessel at:  
[mkhessel@aol.com](mailto:mkhessel@aol.com)



**"Just One Thing"**

**Mass  
Notes**

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.

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**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, have been 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 [office@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:office@saintgeorgesparish.org) and we will be happy to assist you.

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**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!



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*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 is taking 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](http://respectlifeprogram.org/january).**

## *A Community of Ministries*



### **St. George Parish Outreach**

Ann Doyle 508-853-0183  
Ext. 11  
annie@saintgeorgesparish.org

### **THE FAMILY CONNECTION**

I ask your blessings, dear Lord, for new direction. You have always been with me even when I am unaware. Now, as new responsibilities face me in the role of caregiver for my aging parents, I know you are still with me. My parents taught me to always look to you for direction and guidance. Today as my parents look to me for their well-being, help me show the same love and tender care they have given me throughout my life. I realize the responsibilities are great, but the opportunity is there to become closer to them than ever before. May we grow more dear to each other and to you as we enter our new life together. Amen.

**Thank You for  
“Having a Heart”  
for our neighbors in need !**



These cold mid winter days are an ongoing challenge for homeless folks trying to live in cars, on porches or in other slightly protected areas. I have spoken to some who are even trying to live outdoors in tents.

Every night at the Mustard Seed I hear requests for sleeping bags, warm clothing and blankets. Thanks to your generosity we are able to pass your donations on to them. Sadly the storage shelves are nearly empty now and I bring every item I find in our Outreach Collection Area down to Piedmont Street as often as possible.

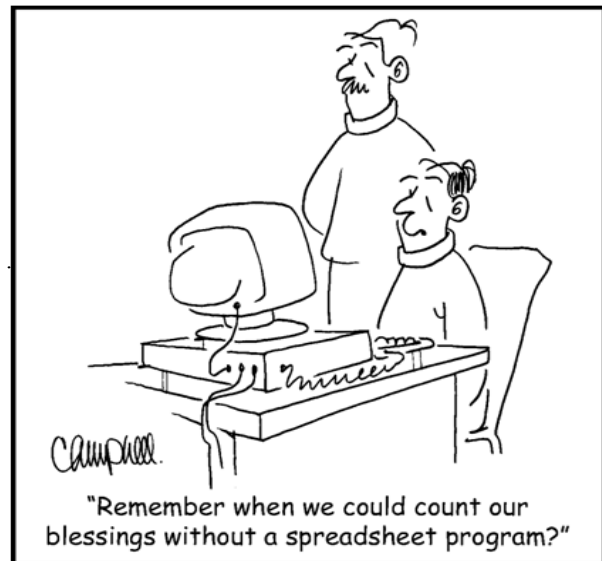
I have posted some of the current needs for our neighbors at the Mustard Seed and the Interfaith Hospitality Network at each exit of the church. If you are able, please choose a ticket to help fill a need.

I also ask for your prayers. The struggles of our neighbors in need are very complex. Only God's grace can untangle the troubles, illnesses and anxieties that fill their lives.

Gratefully yours,  
Annie Doyle

P.S.-Gently used boots are a special need.

Thank you for the non-perishable food items that you provide for so many families every week!



### **Blessing of Throats - St. Blaise**

Saint Blaise was the bishop in Armenia during the fourth century. Very little is known about his life. According to various accounts he was a physician before becoming a bishop. He was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat. During the Blessing of Throats, the following words are said: "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

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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.*

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**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](mailto:WaysideATQ@aol.com) for more information.

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**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 Needs for January are:  
Canned Tuna, canned pasta sauce and cans of soup

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Love and kindness  
are never wasted.  
They always make  
a difference.

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**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!*

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

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**Spiritual Growth Ministry**

Ministry Contact: JoAnn Nally  
508-527-6973

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**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.

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**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

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