

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden
February 17, 2019: Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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Parish Office: 508-853-0183
www.saintgeorgesparish.org

Office Hours:
Monday till Thursday 9:00AM to 3:00PM
Closed on Fridays

Parish Staff:

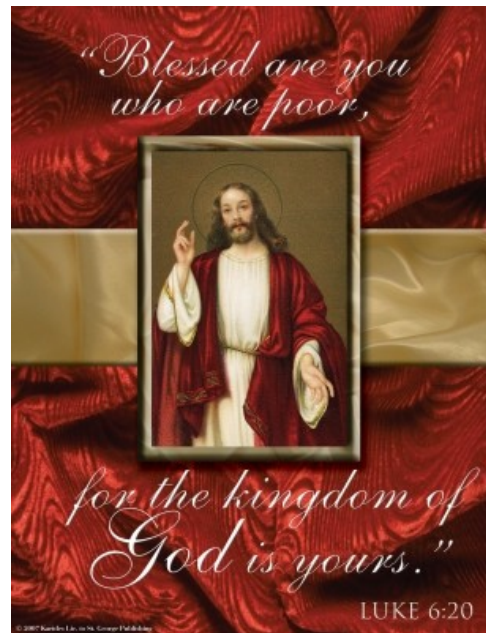
It is our privilege to serve you.

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

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, February 17, 2019

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 16: Vigil
 4:00 PM Memorial for Robert and Jeanette Boylan by family

Sunday, February 17: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Memorial for Sue Charbonneau Beane by family
 9:00 AM Memorial for Armand & Jeanette Audette by family
 11:00 AM Memorial for Sebastiana Gomes by Judy & Jim Pickett

Monday, February 18:
 8:00 AM For the Community of St. George

Tuesday, February 19:
 8:00 AM 22nd anniversary for George Niccolls by his son

Wednesday, February 20:
 6:30 PM For Souls in Purgatory by Family Prayer Group

Thursday, February 21: St. Peter Damian
 8:00 AM Memorial for Cecelia & Anthony Laconte by children and grandchildren

Friday, February 22: The Chair of St Peter
 8:00 AM Memorial for Maureen Migdelany by her sisters

Saturday, February 23: Vigil
 4:00 PM Memorial for Manuel & Eva Silvia by Suzanne & Matthew Dec

Sunday, February 24: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Memorial for Martin Forhan by family
 9:00 AM Third anniversary for James Purcell by his wife Joyce
 11:00 AM Memorial for Paul Bellows by James Sanford

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.



Coffee Shop Captain Next Week

For February 24, 2019
 John Lewczyk 508-856-9567

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.

Parish Calendar

Saturday, February 16:	8:00 PM AA	Hall
Sunday, February 17:	8:00 AM Coffee Shop	Hall
	9:00 AM Children's Liturgy	St. George Rm
	9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy	Conf Rm
Monday, February 18:	NO Yoga	
	7:00 PM Spiritual Growth Mtg	Center
Tuesday, February 19:		
Wednesday, February 20:	7:00 PM Faith Sharing Grp	Conf Rm
Thursday, February 21:	6:30 PM Family Prayer	Church
Friday, February 22:	10:00 AM Faith Sharing Grp	2nd Fl Ctr
Saturday, February 23:	8:00 PM AA	Hall
Sunday, February 24:	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 RCIA	Hall
	6:00PM Rel. Ed. Gr. 6-9	Hall/Center

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.



Scripture for the week of February 17, 2019

17	SUN	Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/ Lk 6:17, 20-26
18	Mon	Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13
19	Tue	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21
20	Wed	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Mk 8:22-26
21	Thu	Gn 9:1-13/Mk 8:27-33
22	Fri	1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
23	Sat	Heb 11:1-7/Mk 9:2-13
24	SUN	1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/ Lk 6:27-38



Bulletin Item Due Dates

<u>Weekend of</u>	<u>Due to parish</u>
March 3, 2019	Wednesday, February 20
March 10, 2019	Wednesday, February 27
March 17, 2019	Wednesday, March 6

Please submit items by 3:00 PM on the due date.
 Email to annie@saintgeorgesparish.org

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Weekend of February 3, 2019

thank
you

Total Weekly Ordinary:
\$7,256.77

Monthly Totals for January

Repairs: \$1,112.00

Air Conditioning Fund: \$155.00

Fuel: \$610.00

Thank you for your support!

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for February

For the elimination of Human Trafficking.

For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

Take action: learn more about local efforts at :

<https://liftworchester.org>

LIFT is a survivor-led organization comprised of individuals who have overcome commercial sexual exploitation as well as professionals who are sensitive to the needs of this under-served and marginalized population.

This Weekend's Stewardship Thought

Blessed are you when people hate you,...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man." (Luke 6:22)

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad?

Know that God is with you all the time, the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.



We Commend to your Prayer

Joshua J. Marrone

May the Angels lead him into Paradise

Special Request for Prayers

Please continue your prayers for a young child with a very serious illness. Please include her and her family in your family's morning and nightly prayers.



From Your Pastor

In recent weeks there has been a change in our church hall along the wall leading toward the kitchen. The painting of Prodigal Son which has hung on that wall has been relocated upstairs to the church where the picture of Jesus, the Divine Mercy had hung. That picture has been relocated to the Reconciliation Room. In the place in the church hall where the picture of the Prodigal Son had hung, we have hung a crucifix since there was not one hanging in the church hall. To either side of the crucifix, we have mounted two bulletin boards that will be used for Religious Education and Youth Ministry so that information pertaining to both of these ministries for our younger parishioners will be more visible.

Catholic Free Press: February is Catholic Free Press month. We hope that many of you will either begin or renew a subscription to our diocesan newspaper. Won't you help us by subscribing today? You can use the envelope in your church envelope packet and place the remittance into the collection basket.

Fr. Nicolls

Consider Joining Our Outreach and Service

We invite you to join us this year as we serve the homeless, hungry and struggling in our city through our service at the Mustard Seed, the Interfaith Hospitality Network Shelter, and local food pantries. We also support "Urban Missionaries" and Central Mass Housing Alliance through "Hope for Housing" grocery card sales after every Mass.



If you contribute to the parish via "On line Giving" a statement of your contributions for tax purposes may be printed off on line.

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

Note: Our envelope company has mailed out statements to parishioners who use the weekly envelopes.

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Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

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

No Classes during February Vacation.

There will be no classes on Monday, February 18th
or Tuesday, February 19th.
Classes will resume on the 25th and 26th.

Vocations Interviews

Our 3rd grade students are learning about vocations in their religious education classes. Recently they had the opportunity to compile a list of questions that they would like to ask a priest or deacon. Fr. Niccolls, Fr. Charles and Deacon Paul each visited a 3rd grade class to answer their vocations questions. The students loved the opportunity to talk with our priests and deacon!

Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather, class cancellations will be posted on the parish website and an email will be sent to families. If EITHER of the Worcester Public Schools or the Wachusett School District cancels school, then religious education classes are also cancelled that day.

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



Daily Prayer during Lent

Audio recordings of daily prayers for Lent, similar to what occurred at Advent, are being coordinated for the period Feb 15 to March 4.

A total of 40 three to four minute scripted recordings will be made for access and listening during the Lenten season from the St. George website.

We are looking for families, groups of 2-5 people or more (families, retirees, teens, ministry groups etc) and as many parishioners as possible to participate in these recordings.

Recordings will take place at the church or if you prefer, in your home. We hope you'll want to participate in this spiritual growth activity. Please contact Andy Labrecque at 508-856-0515 or at alabrecque2016@outlook.com for more information and to schedule your group.

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.

The most basic and powerful way to connect to another person is to listen. Just listen. Perhaps the most important thing we ever give each other is our attention...A loving silence often has far more power to heal and to connect than the most well-intentioned words.

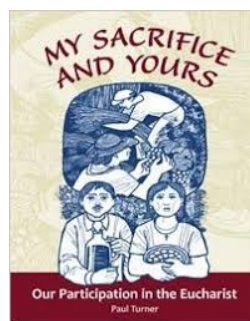
"Just One Thing"

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

**Mass
Notes**



At each exit of the church you will find this interesting booklet that helps us step more deeply into the celebration of Mass.

It says, in part, "The Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to a full, conscious and active participation in liturgical celebrations..."

Such participation by the Christian people as "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people" is their right and duty by reason of their baptism.

Learn more! Take a booklet home with you today!

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"Know, O Christian, that the Mass is the holiest act of religion. You cannot do anything to glorify God more, nor profit your soul more ..."

St. Peter Eymard

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.



Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

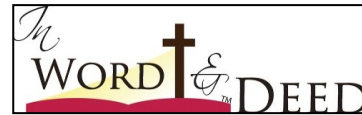
St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the
wickedness
and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world

The Beatitudes - Luke 6:20-23

Raising his eyes toward his disciples Jesus said:
"Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours.
Blessed are you who are now hungry,
for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are
now weeping, for you will laugh.
Blessed are you when people hate you,
and when they exclude and insult you,
and denounce your name as evil on account of the
Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day!
Behold, your reward will be great in heaven."

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.



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time

The college football team has a strict dress code and a strict code of behavior. Student athletes must dress well, sit in front of all classes, maintain a B average, attend mandated study hall and do community service hours each month. It's a matter of pride and integrity to be a member of the team, and each player supports the others in the effort to be his best.

Jesus had just chosen the Apostles, the 12 men who would be His closest companions and the first preachers of the Gospel. At the very beginning of their time together, Jesus outlines what is expected of those who would preach and live the Kingdom. Their attitude, treatment of others, dependence on God and the quest for holiness will mark the life of a believer.

It's easy to become complacent with religion. People fall into the good habits of going to church, supporting their parish and volunteering from time to time. But the mission is not to sustain the way things are, but to shake things up, to be signs of the Kingdom that announces a new way of life, justice, peace and mercy. Be more than a pew warmer. Carry the message with passion and urgency. Live the Beatitudes and you'll live the life of the Kingdom of God.

~James Gaffney

**19th 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 for Assumption College on Saturday, April 6.

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: Kevin Dunn, Francesco Cesareo, Trent Horn, Father Warren Savage, Mike Aquilina and Eric Mahl. Bishops and priests will hear confessions. Bishop McManus will offer the Conference Mass.

For a Conference brochure, further information or registration, call Sara Smillie at 508-929-4345. Adult tickets are \$45 until March 25, afterwards \$60. Student tickets are always \$30.

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A Community of Ministries



PARISH OUTREACH

Annie Doyle 508-853-0183

Office hours:

Mon -Tue -Wed 9-3PM

annie@saintgeorgesparish.org

Items for the homeless needed

Gently Used adult **sleeping bags** and
New underwear for adult men and women

(Affordable small packets at Dollar General in West Boylston)
would be greatly appreciated.

If you happen to have any **extra reusable cloth or thick plastic grocery bags** we can put them to good use in the food pantry.



Thank You for recent donations of knitted hats, new, warm sleeping bags!, food – especially tuna, peanut butter, soup and cereal, laundry detergent, tooth brushes, new underwear and blankets! You are so kind!

St George Parish

Community Wide Safe Environment Training Session

Thursday, March 7, 2019 7pm in the Parish Hall

All members of the Parish community are invited to a training on our responsibility to maintain a safe environment on our parish grounds, or wherever we are as a community. By completing this training you will fulfill your obligation as a volunteer or community member.

All parish volunteers must complete a CORI form every 5 years. They must sign off on Ministerial Misconduct Guidelines, and complete this Safe Environment Training.

At the completion of the training we will discuss the process for moving a report forward to the Diocese.

Your participation as parish volunteer, in any capacity, or an interested community member is encouraged.

Thank you for your help! We hope to see you there.

Safe Environment Coordinators:

Liz Woods 508-853-2499 lwoods@qcc.mass.edu

Patty Walsh 508-854-1332

walshpa2001@yahoo.com

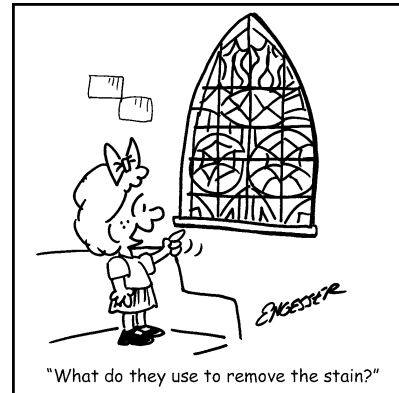


THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Out of the mouths of God's kids.....In church, a small child was fascinated by the stained-glass windows. "Who are those people painted on the windows?" the boy asked. "Those are the saints", his mother replied. He later told his grandparents that he had seen saints in church. "Who are the saints?", they asked him. "Saints are people the light shines through", the boy said.

Lord, make my life a window for your light to shine through and a mirror to reflect your love to every person I meet.

CARE NOTES Free Care Notes from Abbey Press are available on a number of topics on the Resource Table in the church hall. Take any that that may be helpful to you or to share with friends.



"What do they use to remove the stain?"

Welcome to the Sacrament of Baptism

where, by the grace of God,
we **share the in heart of Jesus**
with parents, godparents and the faith community.

For registration and more information
please contact:

Susan Pacek at 508-856-9960 or

Email: st.geobaptism@gmail.com

The next Baptism Preparation Session

will be held at St. George's on
Sunday, February 17th from 3-6pm.



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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.

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.

St. George Book Club



St. George's Parish Book Club
will be meeting on Monday,
February 25th at 7 p.m. in the
Conference Room. We will be
discussing a very inspirational
book called "To Whom Shall
We Go? – Lessons from the
Apostle Peter" by Cardinal-

Timothy M. Dolan.

Our Book Club meets every other month on the
last Monday of the month. If you would like to
know more about the club, please come to our
meeting to meet the members and to listen to
the lively discussion about deepening our rela-
tionship with Jesus. All are welcome!

For more information, please call or email:
Vivianne Ouellette, tel. 508-829-5341 or email:
vivoue30@charter.net

Women's Day of Spirituality

**"God's Healing Grace
in Times of Transition"**

Sr. Kathryn J. Hermes F.S.P., M.T.S.

Saturday, March 23, 2019 9AM till 1:15PM

Registration due by March 11 - \$20 per person
Questions? Contact Andrea at
andrea@svagdys.com



Spiritual Growth Ministry

Ministry Contact: JoAnn Nally
508-527- 6973

"Do not look forward to what might happen tomor-
row. The same everlasting Father who cares for
you today, will take care of you tomorrow and every
day. Either he will shield you from suffering, or He
will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at
peace then and put aside all anxious thoughts and
imaginings." (St. Francis de Sales)

LENTEN FAITH SHARING GROUPS

Lent will be here before we know it!
It's not too early to be thinking about doing some-
thing special for Lent.

How about joining a Faith Sharing Group?

Faith Sharing Groups are held on:
Wednesday 7:15PM or FRIDAY 10:00

We read, pray and discuss the upcoming Sunday
Gospel. You do not have to share.....Good listeners
are welcome.

There will be a registration table in the church hall
Where participants will answer your questions the
weekends of February 17th and 24th or speak with
Fr. Niccolls, Fr. Charles or Joann Nally .

St. George's "Food Donation Team"

For information on bargains and/or to join the team,
just email Dave at



DavewithFDT@gmail.com
Special food needs for February:
Flip Top Cans of
Tuna Fish
Cans of **Soup**
and **Peanut Butter**

**Tomato Pasta Sauce would be
appreciated as well!**

Thank You! Food is shared with our local "Loaves &
Fishes" food pantry and the Mustard Seed Pantry.