

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

March 8, 2020: Second Sunday of Lent

40 Brattle Street Worcester, MA 01606
Parish Office: 508-853-0183
www.saintgeorgesparish.org

Office Hours:

Monday- Wednesday 9:00AM to 3:00PM
Thursday 9AM to 12 noon, Closed on Fridays

Parish Staff:

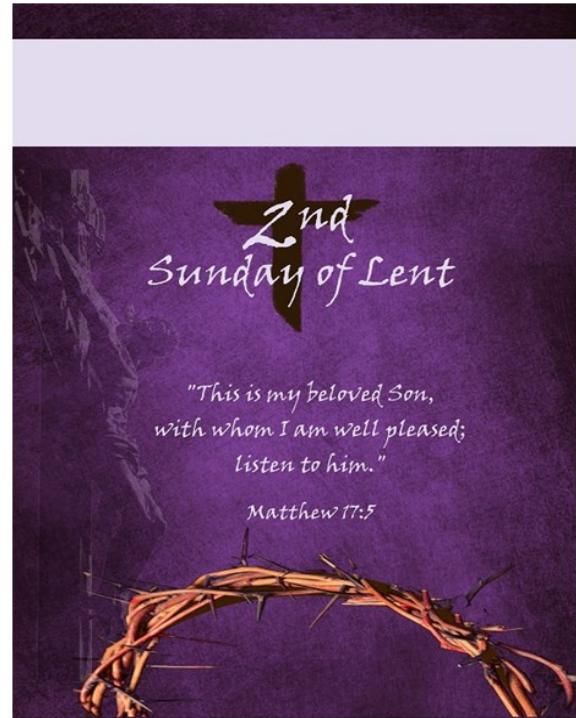
It is our privilege to serve you.

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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, 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, March 8, 2020

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Mass Intentions



Saturday, March 7, Vigil
4:00 PM First Year Anniversary for Daniel Toomey req. by his family

Sunday, March 8, Second Sunday of Lent
7:30 AM First Year Anniversary for Fr. Henry Donoghue
9:00 AM In Memory of Carmela Luca req. by Murphy Family
11:00 AM In Memory of Barbara Gaudet req. by Leigh & Sue Voitek

Monday, March 9: St. Francis of Rome
8:00 AM In Memory of Fr. Henry Donoghue req. By Helen Dymek and Betty Hanlon

Tuesday, March 10:
8:00 AM In Memory of Joseph M. Nally, Sr. req. by his Family

Wednesday, March 11:
6:30 PM In Memory of Ann Rogers

Thursday, March 12:
8:00 AM In Memory of Eleanor Catchpole

Friday, March 13:
8:00 AM In Memory of Ann Zukowski

Saturday, March 14: Vigil
4:00 PM Birthday Remembrance for Matthew Ryan req. by family

Sunday, March 15 : Third Sunday of Lent
7:30 AM Memorial Mass for Lena Barton req. by her daughter
9:00 AM In Memory of Michael Sheehan req. by Murphy Family
11:00 AM In Memory of Paul Francis Mullins req. by his Family

Total Weekly Ordinary Collection

Weekend March 1, 2020:

On line giving: \$ 1,317.00
Ordinary Collection: \$ 6,633.67

Monthly totals February 2020:

Fuel \$ 175.00
A/C 165.00
Repairs 1,106.00
Total \$ 1,446.00



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!

Parish Calendar

Saturday, March 7:
8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, March 8:
8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall
9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St. George Room
9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Conf. Room
10:00 AM Men's and Women's Club Mtg. Hall
3:00-5:00 PM Parish Mission for Families Church/Hall
6:00-7:30 PM Religious Ed. Gr. 6-9 Church/Hall/Ctr.

Monday, March 9:
4:15 PM Religious Ed., Gr. 1-5 Center
6:30 PM Parish Mission: Mass & Social Hall

Tuesday, March 10:
10:30 AM Prayer Shawl Hall
4:15 PM Religious Ed., Gr. 1-5 Center
6:00 PM Girl Scouts Conf. Room
7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting Parish Center
6:30 PM - 7:00 PM Confessions Church

Wednesday, March 11:
6:30 PM Daughters of Isabella Church Hall
7:00 PM Faith Sharing Group Conf. Room
7:00 PM Faith Sharing Group (Lent) Parish Ctr.

Thursday, March 12:
6:00 - 7:00 PM Family Prayer Church
6:00 - 8:30 PM Diocesan Leadership Group Hall

Friday, March 13:
6:30 PM Stations of the Cross Church

Saturday, March 14:
8:00 AM Men's Faith Sharing with Fr. Nally Hall
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM Confessions Church
8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, March 15:
8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall
9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St. George Room
9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Conf. Room
6:00 PM Confirmation Penance Service Church

Men's and Women's Club

Join Us for Coffee Shop and the
Monthly Meeting this Sunday
All are Welcome!



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 Team Captain

March 15, Don Viens 508-854-1332

All men and women, 16 years of age and older, 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 or to sign up today.

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We commend to your prayers

Gerald Duclos

May the angels lead him
into paradise



From Your Pastor

Weekly Stewardship Thought

"Bear your share of the hardship for the Gospel," St. Paul tells Timothy in today's second reading. What sacrifice is asked of me for the sake of the Gospel? How willing am I to bear my share?

Lenten Prayer Program

Marie Anna Center Saint Bernard Church,
220 Lincoln Street, Worcester, MA (508) 736-6986
Tuesday Mornings, 10:00-11:30 AM

March 17, 2020 Mary Jane Person (Former DRE/Co-Director of PBVM Associates

"Hope: Our Gift and our Challenge"

March 24, 2020 Theresa Fugardi

Pastoral Associate/St. Rose of Lima

"Rise Up: Healed and Sent, a Lenten Journey"

March 31, 202 Sr. Janet Provost, SSJ, Pastoral Ministry *The Last week... The Final Words"*

Once again, I mention that Bishop McManus is extending an invitation to any young man who is in high school or older to an annual discernment retreat to be held on April 3/4, from 6:00 P.M Friday to 6:00 P.M. Saturday at Immaculate Conception Retreat Center in Putnam, CT. There is no cost for this retreat, and transportation can be provided if necessary to the retreat center which is only 30 minutes away from Worcester. Visit director@worcestervocations.com or contact our Vocations Director, Fr. Donato Infante at (508)630-4473 to sign up for this retreat. You can also speak to either myself or Fr. Nally for more information.

Fr. Nicolls

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.



Respect Life Committee Visitation House Fundraiser



The St. George Respect Life Committee will be sponsoring a baby bottle fund raiser for Visitation House during the month of March. You will find the bot-

tles at the entrances of the church. Please take a bottle home and fill it with your spare change.

The bottles will be collected the weekend of March 28/ 29 and April 4/5. Last year St. George's donated \$2,822.88. Maybe we can exceed that this year during the season of Lent, to help with a brighter future for mothers and babies!

Visitation House, on Vernon Hill in Worcester, is a Catholic home for homeless women with crisis pregnancies. These women are supported in a safe environment. During this time and after the birth of their child, trained staff work with the mothers teaching life skills and how to take better care of themselves and their baby. Mothers are assisted in finding housing, exploring education, and pursuing job opportunities. May God bless you for your generosity in supporting this life giving ministry.

For more information contact :
Susan Pacek at 508-856- 9960

"Just One Thing" this Lent

**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.

EVERY LIFE
cherished • chosen • sent

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Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

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

Confession for 4th & 5th Graders Students in 4th and 5th Grade will have the opportunity to go to confession during class time in March. Each group has an assigned day. We are grateful to Fr. Nicolls and Fr. Nally for making it possible for the students to receive the sacrament of reconciliation during class time once a year. We typically have the 3rd graders have the opportunity during Advent and our 4th and 5th graders can go to confession during Lent.



Important dates for 1st Communion Retreat & Potluck Dinner- Saturday, March 28, 2020, 2:30-6:00 P.M. More information about the potluck dinner will be sent home with families as we get closer to the event.

Rehearsals- April 28 & 29, 2020 4:15-5:15 P.M.

Mass- Saturday, May 2, 2020 9:30 A.M.
(There has been a slight change on the time)

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

Free Donut Chips This Sunday!

- 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.

20th Anniversary Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important 20th Anniversary Conference scheduled for *Assumption College* on Saturday, March 28th. Visit the conference website at www.firstmensconf.org

for information and to purchase ticket online and elsewhere. Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Dr. Scott Hahn (two presentations), Luis Soto (in English and Spanish) and with Bishop Robert Reed of Boston speaking on the need for confession. Bishops and priests will hear confessions. Bishop McManus will offer the Conference Mass. For a Conference brochure, further information or registration call Joan DeMasi at 508-929-4345. Adult tickets are \$45 until March 11th, afterwards \$60. Student tickets are always \$30.

Pray to End Abortion.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The Spring 2020 campaign, February 26 to April 5, is underway in a record-breaking 507 cities! Each day during 40 Days for Life, individuals, churches, families and groups join together in prayer for a specific request so the entire Body of Christ can unite around a common focus. The visible, public centerpiece of 40 Days for Life is a focused, peaceful, 40-day, prayer vigil outside a single Planned Parenthood center or other abortion facility in your community. The Planned Parenthood facility in Worcester is located on 470 Pleasant St. 40 Days for Life is a peaceful and educational presence. Those who are called to stand witness during this 40-day presence send a powerful message to the community about the tragic reality of abortion. It gives a voice to the unborn children who have no voice. People of faith are also invited to fast throughout 40 Days for Life. If you haven't yet signed up to pray, it's time to turn your good intentions into ACTION and sign up now for at least 1 hour:

40daysforlife.com/worcester. Bring a family member or friend. Upcoming Group Event Fri, March 13th: Bishop McManus, the Catholic Bishop of Worcester, will lead the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet at 11am.

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Lenten Regulations

Lenten fast and abstinence regulations form the Diocese of Worcester are as follows:

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) and older on Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent.

Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics 18 years of age but not yet 59 years of age on Good Friday.

Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's need, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed Lenten penitential practices.



Parish e-news

Want to hear about updates and notifications from St. George Parish? Simply visit www.saintgeorgesparish.org and click on the link on "Join Our Email List" on the homepage to add your email address.

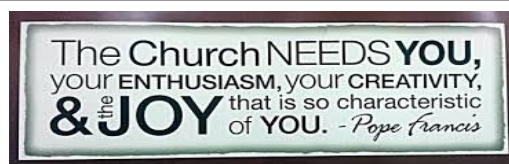
Legacy of Hope Campaign Update

Last month our **parish goal was revised to \$400,000** which we and the Diocese believe is attainable.

With just two weeks remaining in our Legacy of Hope effort, **we are now at \$373,500 or 93% of our goal!** We appreciate the generous support provided to date by 175 families in our parish.

If you have yet to participate in the Campaign, please help us attain our goal by making a gift or multi-year pledge on-line using the Diocese's secure website:

legacyofhope.worcesterdiocese.org
Remember, St. George will receive 40% of the funds we raise for the Campaign. **Thank you!**



Why the Ancient Traditions of Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving during Lent?

In preparation for the great celebration of Easter, we are called to pray, fast and give alms as some of the ways to help us draw closer to God during Lent.

Prayer is one of the ways to connect with God, in silence, in words, and in worship. Jesus prayed constantly and taught us to pray to Our Father in heaven. Jesus emphasized that our prayer need not be long, complicated or showy, but rather, short, to the point, and heartfelt.

Fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, (taking only one full meal) reminds us of our dependence on God. We "do not live on bread alone." On the Fridays of Lent we remember the sacrifice of Christ on Good Friday and unite ourselves with that sacrifice through abstinence from meat. These are acts of self-discipline and self-control which can help to keep us mindful of God's loving presence.

Almsgiving: Lent invites us to see the face of Christ in the hungry and homeless, sick and suffering. Jesus depends on us to listen with compassion to the joys and sorrows of our friends and family members and to reach out in kindness and compassion to all. See our parish website and the outreach section of this bulletin for ideas about giving Alms.



Scripture for the week of March 8, 2020

- 8 SUN Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
- 9 Mon Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
- 10 Tue Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
- 11 Wed Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
- 12 Thu Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
- 13 Fri Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- 14 Sat Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- 15 SUN Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

A Community of Ministries



St. George Parish Outreach

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



Many thanks to this young Outreach Ministry Team who joyfully transport donations, creatively make gifts for homebound parishioners and help to update the "Welcome Bookmarks" in the church pews.

Lenten Outreach

- Our next **Mustard Seed Meal for 175 guests** is Friday March 20, needs are posted at each exit of the church.
- **Men's Warm Jackets and Sweatpants** are in short supply at the Mustard Seed. It's been a long cold and wet winter. Donations welcome!
- **Our Lenten Food Drive** is scheduled for the weekend of March 28/29. Please place bags of non-perishable food items at any church entrance or around the outer rail of the sanctuary.
- **Volunteers** are needed to label and fill little bottles with water. These will become our Easter Holy Water Bottles. Please send me an email (see above) if you can help out. (Thanks Lynn & Donna!)

Join St. George's "Food Donation Team"

For information on bargains and/or to join the team, just email Dave at DavewithFDT@gmail.com

Special needs for March are:

Mac & cheese, Cereal and Peanut Butter

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The Family Connection



Morning Prayer for Liturgical Ministers:

Each of these mornings begin at 9:00 am at St Paul's Cathedral with the celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours and a talk on the spirituality and theology of a particular ministry. The morning continues with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and concludes with a final presentation during Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The morning concludes by noon.

A Morning of Prayer for Lectors

Saturday, March 14, 2020
9 am- noon
St Paul's Cathedral
With Fr. Joseph Briody

A Morning of Prayer for Extraordinary

Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday, March 21, 2020
9am-noon
St Paul's Cathedral
Monsignor Marc Caron

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

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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.*

**Hope for Housing (HFH) Cards
are sold after Mass Today**

You Can Help to Prevent Homelessness by using "Hope for Housing cards" to buy your weekly groceries.

You receive the full 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 for more information.



Spiritual Growth Ministry

Ministry Contact: JoAnn Nally
508-527-6973

FAITH SHARING GROUPS

(2) Wednesday at 7:00PM
Thursday at 10:00 AM
Friday at 10:00 AM
Saturday at 8:00 AM

MEN'S GROUP with FR. NALLY

Saturday 8 AM QUESTIONS: JoAnn (508-527-6973)
Joyce (508-829-3304)

Graces on Our Parish Mission

We Ask God's Continuing Blessings and
graces on our Parish Mission



REMINDER: THIS MONDAY, March 9,

**10:00- 11:00 AM Coffee and Conversations
with Fr. Predmore (Church Hall)**

6:30 PM- Mass of Celebration and Reception

EVERYONE IS WARMLY WELCOMED!

CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

"Come Back to Me With All Your Heart"

EVERY SATURDAY - 3:00-3:30 pm

Saturday, March 7th at 1:15pm

Part of Parish Mission - 3 Priests Available

Saturday, April 4th 3:00pm and 5:00pm- after Mass

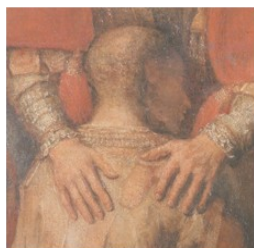
TUESDAY EVENINGS at 6:30-7:00pm

Tuesday, March 31st 6:30-8:00pm

Lenten Evening of Prayer/Reflection

3 Priests Available

**OR: Call the Rectory at 508-853-0183
to make an appointment with a Priest**



Stations of the Cross

During Lent

FRIDAY EVENINGS at 6:30PM

GOOD FRIDAY at 3:00 PM

Come and Pray as a Family!



From Father Nally:

Take Action! Say No To Roe!!

A public hearing for the "Roe" bills (to Remove Obstacles and Expand abortion access) took place 6/17/2019 in the MA State House. The proposed legislation (Senate Bill 1209/House Bill 3320) is designed to dramatically expand abortion at the state level with virtually no limits – just like New York.

If "ROE" becomes law:

- Abortion will be allowed through all nine months of pregnancy.
- A girl of any age will be able to get an abortion without her parents' knowledge
- Babies who survive late term abortion attempts can be left to die after birth
- Late term abortions will no longer have to be performed in hospitals

To sign up to pray in Emmanuel Radio's "ROE"- sary:

- 1) Call 508-767-1230 leave your name, town/state, time you can pray
- 2) Email cindy.dorsey@1230radio.com with your info
- 3) Reply on Facebook/1230AM Emmanuel Radio