

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

April 7, 2019: Fifth Sunday of Lent

40 Brattle Street Worcester, MA 01606

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.

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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, April 7, 2019

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 6: Vigil
4:00 PM Memorial for Alberico LaStracco
by family

Sunday, April 7: Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM Memorial for Edward Morley
by Bob and Linda Mulhearn
9:00 AM Memorial for Frances White by family
11:00 AM Memorial for Roger Hessel by family
Monday, April 8:
8:00 AM In memory of Susie Merrill
Tuesday, April 9:
8:00 AM In Memory of Arthur Boulay
6:30 PM Lenten Evening of Quiet Prayer
Wednesday, April 10:
6:30 PM In Memory of Colleen Donahue
Thursday, April 11: St Stanislaus
8:00 AM For the Community of St. George
Friday, April 12:
8:00 AM In memory of Mary Mooney
6:30 PM Stations of the Cross
Saturday, April 13: St. Martin 1, Pope
4:00 PM Memorial for Barbara Callan by family
Sunday, April 14: Palm Sunday
7:30 AM Memorial for Al LeFrancois
by family
9:00 AM 4th anniversary for Allan Marzilli
by family
11:00 AM In memory of Bobby Ovan
by family

Coffee Shop After Sunday Mass

Everyone is invited to join us after
Sunday Mass for Coffee and donuts!



Coffee Shop Captains for April 28
Mike Doherty & John Bean 508-856-0823

There will be no Coffee Shop on Easter Sunday

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.



Please join us in the Hall after Mass on

**Palm Sunday for
Pancake Breakfast!**

Bulletin Item Due Dates

<u>Weekend of</u>	<u>Due to parish</u>
April 14 & 21, 2019	Wednesday, April 3
April 28, 2019	Wednesday, April 10
May 5, 2019	Wednesday, April 17

Please submit items by 3:00 PM on the due date.

Email to annie@saintgeorgesparish.org

Parish Calendar

Saturday, April 6:
8:00 PM AA Hall
Sunday, April 7:
8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall
9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St. George Room
9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Conference Room
9:00 AM Confirmation Mass/Mtg Church/Center
12:30 PM CPR Training (AED) Hall
6:00 PM Religious Ed Grades 6-9 Hall/Center
Monday, April 8:
4:15 PM Last Rel Ed Class Grades 1-5 Center
5:45 PM Yoga Hall
7:00 PM Spiritual Growth Mtg Center
7:00 PM Pieta Conf Room
Tuesday, April 9:
4:15 PM Last Rel Ed Class Grades 1-5 Center
6:30 PM Girl Scouts Conf Rm
Wednesday, April 10:
6:30 PM Daughters of Isabella Hall
7:15 PM Faith Sharing Group Conf RM
Thursday, April 11:
6:00 PM Diocesan Leadership Grp Hall
6:30 PM Family Prayer Church
Friday, April 12:
10:00 AM Faith Sharing Grp 2nd Fl Ctr
Saturday, April 13:
8:00 PM AA Hall
Sunday, April 14:
8:00 AM Pancake Breakfast Hall
9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St. George Room
9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Conference Room

Scripture for the week of April 7, 2019

7	SUN	Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
8	Mon	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:12-20
9	Tue	Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
10	Wed	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
11	Thu	Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
12	Fri	Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
13	Sat	Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
14	SUN	Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49



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.

**CPR Training (AED) Sunday,
Today April 7, 12:30-3:00 PM in the Church Hall**

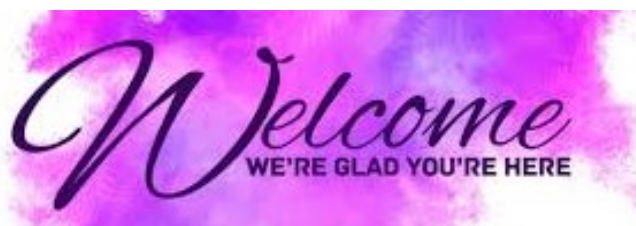
Free and open to everyone. Please join us.
For more information call John Bean 508-852-3115.

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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.



At Mass

The Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that fully conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy. Such participation by the Christian people as "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people (1 Pet. 2:9; cf. 2:4-5), is their right and duty by reason of their baptism.



Total Weekly Ordinary Collection:

Weekend of March 24, 2019

\$6,801.07

Weekend of March 31, 2019

\$7,254.35

Monthly totals for March:

Air Conditioning - \$185.00 Fuel - \$345.00

Repairs - \$ 1,353.00

Thank you for your generous support!

Free Donut Chips This Sunday April 7th

The Men's Club will be offering "Free Donut Chips" to all participants at the "Children's Liturgy" during the 9:00 AM Mass *THIS* Sunday- April 7th. The children will be given the chips while at the Toddler and Children's Liturgy of the Word.

The following Sunday - April 14
is the Pancake Breakfast on Palm Sunday.
Best Wishes to our young Catholics.



From Your Pastor

On Tuesday, April 9th, from 6:30-8:00 P.M. we will have a Lenten quiet evening of prayer and reflection where you will also have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This opportunity invites us, in the words of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, to open ourselves to the light of Christ in order to bear fruit in our lives and to eliminate un-Christian behaviors that are sins. He tells us that we must repent of these sins and eliminate these types of behaviors in order to journey along the way of holiness. Pope Francis tells us through the following plea,

"Don't be afraid; go to him; he is waiting for you; he will take care of everything. We hear many offers from the world around us, but let us take up God's offer instead: his is a caress of love."

Let us take up our Holy Father's invitation to turn back to God and the way of life that God originally called us to follow, confident in his love for us and fully intending to show our love for him in return.

Fr. Niccolls



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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

Stations of the Cross

Students in grades 4 & 5 took part in Stations of the Cross during class time. Thank you to grade 4 teacher Terry Gentile for helping to choose the booklets that were used.

Lenten Confessions

Students in grades 4 & 5 had the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation during Lent. We are grateful to Fr. Nicolls and Fr. Charles for making it possible for the students to go to confession at least once during the year during their class time.

End of Year Reviews

The end of classes for the 2018-2019 school year is approaching fast. In these last weeks students will be reviewing for an end of the year assessment given by the diocese. Students in grades 1-5 will be bringing home study guides to review with their families as well. These assessments are meant to be a celebration of all that was learned during this year. We know the students are going to do a great job.

Last Days of Classes

Classes for students in grades preK-5 will end on Monday, April 8th and Tuesday, April 9th.

Grades 6-9 : The remaining class dates are: April 7 & 28. The last day of classes for the upper grades is Sunday, April 28th.

Making Summer Plans? Save this Date!

St. George Summer Bible Camp

Monday, July 29th - Friday, August 2nd.

the camp is for children entering grades 1-6.

Registration Information will be coming soon.

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.



Partners in Charity

Thus far, as of April 2nd, our parish family has raised **\$50,212.00** from **142** donors toward our parish goal of \$100,000. Thank you for your generosity!

If you have not yet had the opportunity to make a gift, we encourage you to do so today. Pledge envelopes are available in each pew and at the church exits.

Pieta

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 April 8, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall Conference Room. Please join us.



See This Sunday's "Tweet" on the Gospel

We invite you to sign up today and follow us every week on Twitter.

For more information and great photos please see our Parish Website at www.saintgeorgesparish.org

Easter Egg Hunt

There will be an Easter egg hunt, games and face painting for the children in the area behind the Church after the 9:00 AM Mass on Easter Sunday. Please join us!



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.

"If we regard the faults and limitations of others with tenderness and meekness, without an air of superiority, we can actually help them."

Pope Francis *Rejoice and Exult* (72)

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A Letter from Bishop McManus

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Do we recognize Jesus when we see the poor and vulnerable? When we respond to those in need, we “help Jesus in disguise” as we are reminded by the national **Catholic Relief Services Collection this weekend, April 7**. Through your generosity, you can help ease the burdens of our brothers and sisters in some of the most marginalized communities around the globe.

In a remote village in Ghor, one of the poorest provinces in Afghanistan, an estimated 80% of adults are illiterate, and the illiteracy rate is even higher for women. Most villagers are farmers who never attended school. The closest school was too far and the road too dangerous for young children to attend. Through your support of CRS, you helped bring a community-based classroom to this remote village. Your generosity made it possible for the children to attend school and has offered them a more hopeful and secure future.

Thanks to your financial support, you can

- alleviate suffering and provide assistance to people in need through the international Catholic humanitarian agency, Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
- supply outreach and pastoral care to refugees, migrants, and travelers
- provide assistance to victims of natural disasters and other emergencies around the world such as the recent devastation caused by a cyclone in Mozambique and Malawi
- advocate for poor and vulnerable people and for international justice and peace
- actively help victims of human trafficking and refugees by providing resettlement services and public policy advocacy

Are you ready to answer the knock of Jesus in disguise? I ask that you prayerfully consider how you can support the Catholic Relief Services Collection this year. If you want to learn more about the collection and the people who are assisted, please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester



Lenten Regulations

Lenten fast and abstinence regulations from 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.



Thank you to the 225 parishioners who participated in the daily Lent prayer Recordings and please take a moment to listen and pray with us this Lenten Season.

These 2-3 minute prayers and recordings are accessible from St. George's website throughout Lent.

This week, Grades K-5 Religious Ed students will lead us in the 13th and 14th Stations of the Cross.

Groups leading the prayers this week are:

Monday 4/8,	Deacon Paul Audette, Prayer
Tuesday 4/9,	Outreach Ministries, Rosary
Wednesday 4/10,	Daily Morning Mass Group, Prayer
Thursday 4/11,	Religious Ed Grades 3,4, Station 13
Friday 4/12,	Religious Ed Grades K,1,2,3,5, Station 14
Saturday 4/13,	Pastoral Council, Prayer

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for April:

Let us pray together for doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.



A Community of Ministries



PARISH OUTREACH



Annie Doyle 508-853-0183
Office hours:
Mon -Tue -Wed 9-3PM

Thank You:

- To everyone who helped to stuff, seal and address 1400 envelopes for the Finance Report mailing
- To all who volunteered to take home, fill and label 100 bottles for Easter Holy Water



Scholarships Available to St. George Graduates to be



Please join us for a Mass of celebration for graduating Seniors on June 2nd at the 9:00 AM Mass.

Scholarship applications are now available in the Church Hall. Please return them to the Parish Office by May 19, 2019.



CONGRATULATIONS to Carter Bergeron, our parishioner and an altar server, upon his receiving his Eagle Scout Award, the highest award given to a young man in the Boy Scouts.

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

God, we hardly have time within our own families to be together, how can we possibly find the time to reach out to others in need of our help? But that's what you ask us to do. Guide us to make the right decisions when it comes to our priorities. When we struggle with the pressures of work and family help us to remember that every night far too many families wonder where will they sleep or what will they eat. Help us bring your love and compassion to those forgotten families and all those we meet who need our help. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



GRANDPARENT GROUP CANCELED ON FRIDAY APRIL 19. THAT DATE IS GOOD FRIDAY.

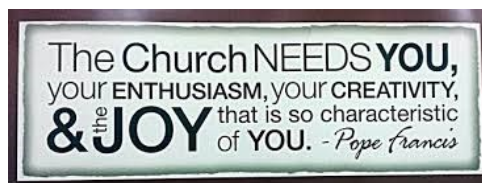
All are Welcome to the Sacrament of Baptism

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



For registration, preparation session dates and more information please contact:

Susan Pacek at 508-856-9960 or
Email: st.geobaptism@gmail.com



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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 !

This Lent use "Hope for Housing Cards" to buy your weekly groceries or prescriptions at CVS.

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.

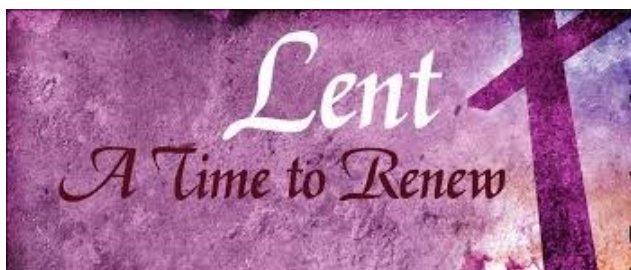
St. George's "Food Donation Team"

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

Special food needs for April:

Tuna Fish and Soup (flip top cans if possible)
Granola Bars and Mac & Cheese

All Non-perishable food items are always welcome. Bags can be left in the Outreach Collection Area at the foot of the steps inside the Parking Lot side entrance to the church.



Join Us this Lent! 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.



Spiritual Growth Ministry
Ministry Contact: JoAnn Nally
508-527- 6973

Tuesday, APRIL 9, 2019, 6:30- 8:00PM

LENTEN EVENING OF QUIET PRAYER

Come into the peacefulness of the Church to spend time in quiet prayer. This is a wonderful opportunity to "be still" before Our Lord. With soft background music and low lighting, you will experience an atmosphere conducive to listening to God words of unconditional love and mercy. There will be the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As our Lenten journey continues, give yourself the gift of much needed silence and quiet. Jesus said to his disciples and says to each one of us: "Could you not spend one hour with me" (Matthew 26:40)

AN IMPORTANT THOUGHT FOR LENT

"Do not be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset. Have patience with all things, but, first of all with yourself." (St. Francis de Sales)

DID YOU KNOW THAT DURING LENT:

Stations of the Cross take place Friday 6:30 PM: April 12th and Good Friday at 3:00 PM

Confessions are heard on Tuesday evenings at 6:30- 7:00 PM and every Saturday (except Holy Saturday) from 3:00- 3:30 PM

Wednesday evening Mass is celebrated at 6:30PM

Sweat Pants For The Homeless

Thank you for the dozens of sweatpants received thus far. However, the need to clothe the homeless continues to grow. Larger size men's sweatpants (darker colors) with draw strings are most in demand. Discount stores are selling them at \$6.00/pr. A turquoise collection bin has been set-up in the church hall. Please help the Faith Sharing Groups continue this ministry.

A hearty "Thank You" for your continued support!

Thank You