

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

April 21, 2019: Easter Sunday

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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:

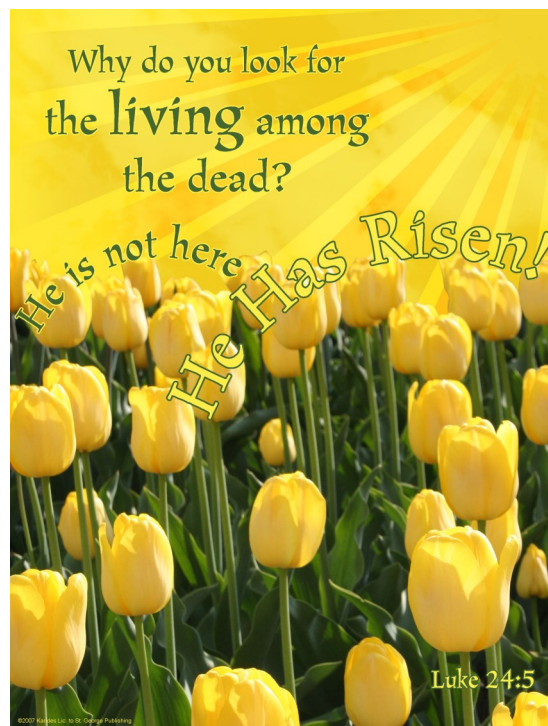
It is our privilege to serve you.

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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 21, 2019

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 20: Holy Saturday
 4:00 PM No Mass
 7:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 21: Easter Sunday
 7:30 AM Community of St. George
 For the Community of St. George

9:00 AM For the Community of St. George
 11:00 AM

Monday, April 22:
 8:00 AM For the Community of St. George

Tuesday, April 23:
 8:00 AM Memorial for Lawrence LaFayette by family

Wednesday, April 24:
 6:30 PM Memorial for Muriel Doyle by family

Thursday, April 25:
 8:00 AM Memorial for Cecilia & Anthony Laconte by children & grandchildren

Friday, April 26:
 8:00 AM Memorial for Rosemary Vecchio by Liz Woods

Saturday, April 27:
 4:00 PM Birthday remembrance for Policiano Menezes by Ajbani family

Sunday, April 28: Divine Mercy Sunday
 7:30 AM Memorial for Joan Johnson by friend
 9:00 AM Memorial for Armand Audette Jr. by family
 11:00 AM 30th anniversary for Edna Sawyer by Brian Hayes

Parish Calendar



Saturday, April 20:
Sunday, April 21:
 No Coffee Shop
 9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St George Rm
 9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Conf Rm
 10:15 AM Easter Egg Hunt & Games behind the Church Building

Monday, April 22:
 5:45 PM Yoga Hall

Tuesday, April 23:
 6:30 PM Girl Scouts Conf Rm

Wednesday, April 24:
 7:00 PM Faith Sharing Grp Conf Rm

Thursday, April 25:
 6:30 PM Family Prayer Church

Friday, April 26:
 10:00 AM Faith Sharing Group 2nd Fl Ctr

Saturday, April 27:
 2:30 PM 1st Eucharist Retreat Hall
 8:00 PM AA

Sunday, April 28:
 8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall
 9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St. George Rm
 9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Conf Rm
 12:30 PM Divine Mercy Celebration Church
 6:00 PM Rel Ed grade 6-9 Hall/ Ctr



**There is No Coffee Shop on Easter Sunday
 We hope to see you the following week**

Coffee Shop Captains for April 28
 Mike Doherty & John Bean 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

Scripture for the week of April 21, 2019

21 SUN Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

22 Mon Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15

23 Tue Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18

24 Wed Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35

25 Thu Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48

26 Fri Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14

27 Sat Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15

28 SUN Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31



For the audio version of the
 Daily Scripture Readings visit
www.USCCB.org

Altar Ministries

We are thankful to the Altar Serv-
 ers and Ministers of Holy Com-
 munion from TEAM C
 who will serve at our Masses next
 weekend.



Bulletin Item Due Dates

<u>Weekend of</u>	<u>Due to parish</u>
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

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Total Weekly Ordinary Collection:

Weekend of April 7, 2019

\$8,660.66

Thank you for your generous support!



From Your Pastor

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.

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 the homepage to easily add your email address.



If you, or someone you know, is interested in finding out more about reconnecting with your Catholic faith or being baptized into the Catholic Church, please speak to one of our priests or to our Deacon today.

Perhaps you would like to learn more about receiving Holy Communion or Confirmation? Couples married by a Justice of the Peace may want to receive the Sacrament of Marriage. Preparation sessions for this strengthening Sacrament are also available and far simpler than you would imagine.

For more information you may also contact Annie Doyle at 508-853-0183 x 11 or annie@saintgeorgesparish.org

*When Simon Peter arrived after him,
he went into the tomb and saw
the burial cloths there,
and the cloth that had covered his head
not with the burial cloths,
but rolled up in a separate place.*

John 20:6-7



This scripture passage from today's Gospel for Easter Sunday shows us how overwhelmed the Apostles Peter and John were when they had heard the news that Jesus' body was not in the tomb where he had been buried just three days before. They did not know what to make of this event. Were they witnessing what Jesus had told them all along or was this some kind of prank? We know better, but do we really appreciate what has occurred here? Jesus triumphed over death but did not do this for himself alone. He is our savior! This means that we are heirs with him as St. Paul put it (Romans 6:4-8). He said that if we are heirs with him, then we will be glorified with him (Romans 8:17). This means that our bodies will be changed like his into glorious bodies. If we wish to remain faithful to this biblical testimony, then we must not think of resurrection as individuals but as people who share in this promise as a community, the work of God's creation. During this Easter season, let us dwell on this truth of our Catholic Christian faith and proclaim its message in our actions as well as in our words.

*On behalf of our Parish Staff, I extend to all of you
God's Blessings, manifested in our risen Lord, Jesus
Christ, in this Easter Season!*

Fr. Nicolls

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.

Diocesan Victim Service Coordinator Note

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.

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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

Classes Ending

The 2018-2019 Religious Education year has come to an end for students in grades preK-5. Students celebrated their year of learning by completing end of year assessments. Students should be proud of all the work they have done this year, and all that they have learned. We are looking forward to another wonderful year starting in September.

2019-2020 Registration

For returning students, registration packets were sent home with the youngest child in each family on the last day of classes. Please read over the registration packet carefully paying attention to registration deadlines and fees. Please take note that students entering grade 2 and Confirmation have an additional Sacrament fee of \$35. Additional forms can be found outside of the Religious Education Office in the Parish Center, on the table near the Religious Education Bulletin Board in the Church Hall, or on the parish website.

Grades 6-9 :

The last remaining class date is April 28.

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.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION 2019-20

Confirmation preparation will be for students who will be in 10th grade in the fall of 2019 as well as for any upcoming 11th and 12th grade students who have not yet received the sacrament. If you haven't already received information, you can either download the documents from the parish website at

www.saintgeorgesparish.org/confirmation or contact Mike or Linda Ohl by June 1, 2019 to receive a

registration packet for your son or daughter
Email: confirmation@saintgeorgesparish.org

Phone: (508) 735-4633.



Partners in Charity

Thus far, as of April 8th, our parish family has raised **\$62,292.00.00** from **161** 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.

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.



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 and More!

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. Everyone is invited to join in the fun.



Consider Joining Our Outreach and Service

We invite you to join us 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. Call Annie Doyle 508-853-0183 today or visit our parish website.

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I Love You

A couple of my brothers took a trip to New York with the grade school their kids attend and walked the city to see some of the sights. The one brother called out to our 5-year-old nephew, "Aidan, I love you." No response. He said it louder and again, nothing. On the third attempt, the quick-witted nephew answered in his most matter-of-fact tone, "I heard ya!" That ended his uncle's teasing in a hurry!

I love you. Three little words that many of us rarely say; we just assume that our family and friends know what we think and how we feel about them, so we skip saying it. Yet people often need to hear it, not so much because they don't know, but because they appreciate the thought and the reassurance. It takes no effort on our part, and it offers so much to those we love.

The other side effect of not saying 'I love you' is that we stop believing we are loveable, even by God. Assuming something that is never affirmed can lead to doubt, uncertainty and rejection. If we don't hear it, we can wonder if we are making it up, or if we believe something because we want to, not because it's true. So today, right now, let your family know that you love them. Don't show it, say it. Make sure they heard ya!

(By James Gaffney)
To Walk As One

P.S. I love you,
 God

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.



Scholarships and Mass for Graduating Seniors

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.

Bishop's Letter Easter 2019



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

"He is not here; He has been raised!" The angel's Easter greeting echoes down through the centuries to bring hope, joy and courage to us all.

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the single most significant event in the history of the world. It carries momentous meaning for each of our lives. For every widow who has wept at a grave, for every parent who has mourned a child and for all who grieve, their tears, mourning and grief will end. For all who have suffered injustice, betrayal or abandonment, Christ's triumph over sin, death and evil is cause for hope, inspiration to persevere, and reason to go on. Christ's Resurrection was not just for His own glory. It was for all of His followers that they might share in His glory not for a day or a season, but forever.

What we celebrate today is the reason we can always live for tomorrow. Whether we are 8, 18 or 88, it is literally true that our best days are ahead. This life, with all its great joys, beauty and wonder, is not always easy, happy or fair. It is a fallen world but Our Savior has risen. Hope grows in our hearts, confidence builds in our souls and joy lifts our spirits. The Easter sequence says, "Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous." At times, like Good Friday, it seems that death and evil might prevail. But Easter shows that they do not. In time – God's time – good will definitively triumph over evil, Redemption will wipe out sin, and life will conquer death for all who believe in and follow Jesus Christ. May Easter be the optic through which we view the whole of life.

Jesus Christ has risen from the dead. May the joy of Christ's triumph resonate in your heart and may the realization of that victory guide you and your loved ones as you journey through this life on the way to Eternal Life.

With every prayerful best wish for a joyous Easter,
I remain
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

Searching for Jesus?

We have hidden a little
Drawing of Jesus in this bulletin.
Can you find Him ?

A Community of Ministries



St. George Parish Outreach

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

Dear Friends,

During this Easter Season I wholeheartedly rejoice and thank God for your generosity which continues to lift up those in our parish community as well as the poor in our city:

- For your continuing donations of food for those in need. You help to feed at least 30 families and 20 individuals every week. These are the elderly and parents with children who work at minimum wage jobs. Many struggle with chronic illness and mental health issues. Homeless individuals who live in shelters and in wooded areas around our city are able to get by with your assistance and because of your kindness.
- For warm clothing that protects those who wander the streets of our city during these cold wet days. The sweat pants, socks, underwear and warm jackets which you give are always welcomed with gratitude and quickly put to good use.
- For your prayers for the poor, homebound, and grieving. For Prayer Shawls, warm hats, gently used clothing, blankets, sleeping bags and so much more!

Your kindness and service helps to raise us all up together in Christ!

May all that you give return to you with many more blessings,

Annie Doyle

Current Needs at the Mustard Seed

- Single Wrap tooth brushes and small tubes of tooth paste
- Men's Jackets and sweatshirts (gently used)
- Toiletries (hotel samples are great)
- Light blankets
- Flip top tuna & soup, granola bars, Mac & Cheese

THANK YOU !

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

At Easter we celebrate new life. Jesus died and then rose to new life. His new life is different than his old life, but he is the same Jesus. This is the same new life that we look forward to. A butterfly is a symbol of new life. Think about its life cycle. First it is a caterpillar. It spins a cocoon and stays inside of it for a while. Then it comes to new life as a butterfly. The butterfly's new life is different than its old life as a caterpillar, but it is the same. As a family, go for a walk. Look for signs of new life in nature. Plan a family trip to "The Butterfly Place", 120 Tyngsboro Road, Westford MA

<https://butterflyplace-ma.com/>



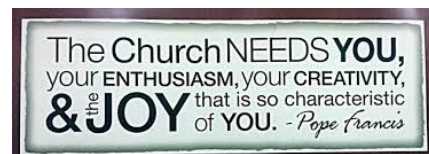
All are Welcome to the Sacrament of Baptism

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 after Mass today!

We invite you to use "Hope for Housing Cards" to buy your weekly groceries or prescriptions at CVS. Celebrate the Easter Season with a treat from Dunkin Donuts or Panera Bread.

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 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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thank you to all of our faithful knitters who spread comfort and kindness through their generous work!



New members are invited to join this important ministry of outreach to the sick and suffering. You might want to knit or crochet - here at our semi-monthly meetings or at home. Gatherings are in the church hall at 10:30 AM on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Come join us!



Spiritual Growth Ministry

Ministry Contact: JoAnn Nally
508-527-6973

A Thought to Ponder

"Christ has no body on earth but ours, no hands but ours, no feet but ours. Ours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ looks out upon the world. Ours are the feet with which He goes about doing good, ours are the hands with which He blesses His people." (St. Theresa of Avila)

Divine Mercy Novena

The celebration to honor Divine Mercy will take place on Sunday, April 28, 2019 from 12:30- 1:30PM in the Church. The novena to Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday, April 19, 2019. Copies of the novena will be available at the entrances of the Church. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call JoAnn Nally @ the number listed above.



Sweat Pants Collection For the Homeless

A hearty "Thank You" from the Faith Sharing Groups for all your support! Dozens of pants have been collected and gratefully received! This drive continues through Easter Sunday weekend.

Your Parish Pastoral Council Welcomes You



We look forward to meeting you! Feel free to reach out to any Pastoral Council member at any time (members listed on the parish website) with questions or ideas.

Our monthly meetings are open to all parishioners and are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM in the Parish Center (2nd Floor). Be sure to check the parish website for posting of our monthly meeting minutes.