

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

April 28, 2019: Divine Mercy Sunday

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.

Rev. Edward D. Niccolls Pastor Ext. 12

Rev. Charles P.O. Omolo, Associate Pastor
Ext. 24

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annie@saintgeorgesparish.org Ext. 11

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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 28, 2019

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 27: Vigil
 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 a friend

9:00 AM Memorial for Armand Audette Jr. by family
 11:00 AM 30th anniversary for Edna Sawyer by Brian Hayes

Monday, April 29: St. Catherine of Siena
 8:00 AM Anniversary remembrance, Policiano & Clare Menezes by the Ajbani family

Tuesday, April 30: St. Pius V
 8:00 AM Memorial Mass for Sal Frustaci and John Donnelly by family

Wednesday, May 1: St. Joseph the Worker
 6:30 PM For the Community of St. George

Thursday, May 2: St. Athanasius
 8:00 AM Donna Mulchahy by Joyce Purcell

Friday, May 3: Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
 8:00 AM Special Intention

Saturday, May 4: Vigil
 4:00 PM One Year Anniversary, for Harry H. Dapper, Jr by family

Sunday, May 5: Third Sunday of Easter
 7:30 AM Memorial for Chuck Sarafinas by wife
 9:00 AM Special Intention
 11:00 AM Memorial for J. Normand Daigneault Requested by Paul and Stan

Parish Calendar



Saturday, April 27:
 8:00 PM AA Hall

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

Monday, April 29:
 5:45 PM Yoga Hall
 7:00 PM Book Club Conference Room

Tuesday, April 30:
 7:00 PM Pastoral Council Parish Center

Wednesday, May 1:
 6:00 PM Religious Ed Grades 6-9 Make-Up Ctr.
 7:00 PM Faith Sharing Grp Conf Rm

Thursday, May 2:
 6:30 PM Family Prayer Church

Friday, May 3:
 10:00 AM Faith Sharing Group 2nd Fl Ctr

Saturday, May 4:
 8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, May 5:
 8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall
 9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St. George Rm
 9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Conf Rm
 6:00 PM Rel Ed grade 6-9 Make-Up Ctr

Everyone is invited to join us!

Join us downstairs in the Church Hall after Sunday Mass for Coffee, Donuts and to enjoy being part of the parish community.



Coffee Shop Captain for May 5, 2019
 Mark Viens 774-262-0309

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

Scripture for the week of April 28, 2019

28	SUN Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31
29	Mon Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
30	Tue Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
1	Wed Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
2	Thu Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
3	Fri 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
4	Sat Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
5	SUN Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14



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

Bulletin Item Due Dates

<u>Weekend of</u>	<u>Due to parish</u>
May 19, 2019	Wednesday, May 1
May 26, 2019	Wednesday, May 8
June 2, 2019	Wednesday, May 15

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

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.



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Total Weekly Ordinary Collection:

Weekend of April 14, 2019

\$ 6,719.00

Thank you for your generous support!

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

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.



From Your Pastor

First of all, I want to thank all of you who took part in our Holy Week and Easter Liturgies, especially our staff, liturgy committee, altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, music ministry and those who helped to decorate the church for Easter. The assistance on the part of all of you helped to make these liturgies very spiritually and prayerfully uplifting ceremonies.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank you for your cards, gifts and treats during this Easter season. Your overwhelming generosity at this time of the year is gratefully appreciated. Thank you!!!

By now, you have already received a letter in the mail from our parish Finance Committee, along with tickets, announcing our fourth annual calendar raffle that will take place here during the month of June. The purpose of this calendar raffle is to fund parish projects that were not part of our original budget at the beginning of this fiscal year. We ask that you be as generous and supportive of this raffle as possible. Thank you for all that you are doing financially to support our parish!

Fr. Niccolls

We Commend to your Prayer

Kathleen DiBenedetto



May the Angels lead her into Paradise

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

First Communion Retreat

On Saturday, April 27 the students preparing to make their First communion joined together with their parents for a retreat. Everyone took part in different activities, attended mass together and shared a wonderful potluck supper.

Upcoming Dates for First Communion

1st Group First Communion Rehearsals

May 7 & 8, 2019 4:15 - 5:15 pm

Mass : Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 10:00 am

2nd Group First Communion Rehearsals

May 14 & 15, 2019 4:15-5:15 pm

Mass : Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 1:00 pm

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.

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.



Partners in Charity

Thus far, as of April 16th, our parish family has raised **\$66,772.00** from **174** 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



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for E-news

Parish e-news

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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

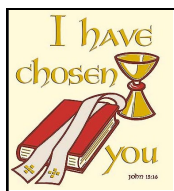
Email: confirmation@saintgeorgesparish.org

Phone: (508) 735-4633.

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Fr. Niccolls Celebrates 45 Years of Priesthood !



On May 11th/12th, Fr. Niccolls will celebrate his 45th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood.

A Mass of thanksgiving to celebrate his anniversary will take place at 11:00 AM on Sunday, May 12th.

A reception will follow in the church hall.

A Sign-Up Sheet for all who would like to set-up, serve or donate food is posted at the church exits.

St. George Parish Calendar Raffle

This is a very important fundraiser to help fund much needed parish projects. Tickets have been mailed to you and are also available at the doorways of the church during the month of May.

Only \$10 a ticket or 4 tickets for \$30

Your support and generosity are very much needed and appreciated.

We warmly welcome

Liza Joan Scardato

and

James Peter Cunningham

who received the

Easter Sacraments,

Confirmation and Holy Eucharist

for Lisa and

Confirmation for James.



Special thanks to John Berger for leading them on this journey of faith.

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.



Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

Open 4:30 AM to 8:00 PM Daily

Please consider visiting the Chapel

All are welcome!

Note: The chapel is closed during the hours when students are in the building as of September 16th and continuing until the end of April. Times are posted on the door.

St. George Book Club

St. George's Parish Book Club will be meeting on Monday, April 29th at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room. We will be discussing a very inspirational book called "To Whom Shall We Go?" by Cardinal Timothy 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 relationship with Jesus. All are welcome!

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 seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



SPRING FLING – HAM & BEAN DINNER

The Daughters of Isabella are hosting their Annual Spring Fling Dinner on Friday, May 3, at 6:00 p.m.

at the Holy Family Parish, St. Joseph's Msgr.

Ducharme Center, at 10 Dupont Street, Worcester, (off Hamilton Street). Cost: Adults \$10, Children (under 12) \$5. Menu includes Ham, Baked Beans, Macaroni & Cheese, Coleslaw, Salad, Rolls & Butter, Desserts, Coffee & Tea. There will be door prizes, themed baskets, and a grand prize. Join us for a great night of good food and fun! For tickets and reservations, please call:

Terry Turgeon 508 757-6209

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 more than 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

Lord, when I hear about the Resurrection, I am like the disciples. I believe. But when I feel pain and when I see suffering, I am like Thomas. I have doubts. I am afraid. I wonder where you are. Jesus, you are risen! You are with me. Keep me ever mindful of how you are a part of my life in a deep and profound way. Help me to recognize your hope-filled presence in my life. Surprise me with a touch of your love in places where I never thought that I would find you. Fill my heart with hope. May the gift of your presence transform every ordinary moment of mine into a sacred place where you dwell. Help me to see this gift through the eyes of faith. Help me to believe in the Resurrection and become your presence for others. Amen.



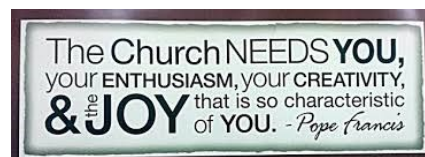
All are Welcome to the Sacrament of Baptism

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



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

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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 May are:

Peanut Butter, Cereal and Tuna Fish

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.

Family Heritage Social

Sponsored by St. George Pastoral Council



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



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.

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 usually held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM in the Parish Center (2nd Floor). See the weekly bulletin for exact dates. Be sure to check the parish website for posting of our monthly meeting minutes.