

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

April 29, 2018: Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Office Hours:

Monday & Wednesday 9:00AM to 5:00PM
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00AM to 4:00PM

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 through Friday at 8:00 AM

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.

Searching for Jesus?

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

A Community of Ministries, April 29, 2018

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 28: Vigil

10:00 AM First Communion Group 2
4:00 PM Anniversary Mass for Barbara Callan
by family

Sunday, April 29: 5th Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM Special Intention
9:00 AM Anniversary Remembrance for Policiano
& Clare Menezes by the Ajbani family
11:00 AM Memorial for William McGuire by Pat Martel

Monday, April 30: St. Pius V

8:00 AM Memorial for Lucy Collaizzi

Tuesday, May 1: St. Joseph The Worker

8:00 AM For the Community of St. George

Wednesday, May 2: St. Athanasius

8:00 AM Memorial for Cleo Lohnes by family

Thursday, May 3: St. Philip/St. James

8:00 AM Memorial for Paul H. Pratt Jr. by the
Pike family

Friday, May 4:

8:00 AM For the sick of the parish

Saturday, May 5: Vigil

4:00 PM In memory of George Butler

Sunday, May 6: 6th Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM Memorial for Paul H. Pratt Jr. by
Bob & Marge Pratt
9:00 AM Memorial for Marilyn Donnelly by the
Doyle family
11:00 AM Memorial for Joan & William Pingeton by
family & friends

Bulletin Deadlines

Weekend of

May 13
May 20
May 27

Due to parish

Wednesday, May 2
Wednesday, May 9
Wednesday, May 16

Items must be submitted by 5:00 PM on the due date. Email
items to stgeooffice@gmail.com, or fax to the Rectory.

Altar Ministries

We are thankful to the Altar Servers and Ministers of
Holy Communion from TEAM D who will serve at our
Masses next weekend.

Attention Parents of Young Children

The Church building is open to all. We ask that par-
ents of young children to please accompany them at
all times. Thank you.

*Welcome to all family & friends who are wor-
shipping here with us today.*

Parish Calendar

Saturday, April 28:

8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, April 29:

8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall
9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St. George Rm
9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Confr Rm
6:00 PM Religious Ed Gr. 6-9 Hall/Center

Monday, April 30:

5:45 PM Yoga Hall
7:00 PM St. George Book Discussion Group Confr Rm

Tuesday, May 1:

Wednesday, May 2:

7:00 PM Faith Sharing Group Confr Rm

Thursday, May 3:

6:30 PM Family Prayer Church

Friday, May 4:

10:00 AM Faith Sharing Group Center

Saturday, May 5:

8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, May 6:

8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall
9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St. George Rm
9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Confr Rm
3:00 PM Confirmation St. Paul's Cathedral

Scripture for the week of April 29, 2018

29 SUN Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
30 Mon Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
1 Tue Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
2 Wed Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
3 Thu 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
4 Fri Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
5 Sat Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
6 SUN Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn
15:9-17



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.

We Commend to your Prayers

Linda Johnson



May the Angels lead her into Paradise

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Total Weekly Ordinary: \$6,686.62

Thank you for your support!



From Your Pastor



Faith in Action 2018 **Loving God by serving others**

Thus far, our parish family has raised **\$77,777.00** from **212** donors toward our parish goal of \$100,000. Many have not had the opportunity to make their gift. We encourage you to make a gift today. Pledge envelopes are available in each pew.

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.



Coffee Shop Captain

May 6, 2018

Jim Moughan : 508-856-7443

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.

Note: Team Listings and Schedule of Teams can be found on our parish website.

Scholarships Available to **St. George Graduates to be**



Please join us for a Mass of celebration for graduating Seniors on June 10 at the 11:00 AM Mass.

Scholarship applications are now available in the Church Hall. Please return them to the Parish Office by May 16, 2018.

Holyday of Obligation: Please not the dates & times of the Masses.

Thursday, May 10th, is the Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ into Heaven and a holyday of obligation that is still observed on Thursday in our Diocese of Worcester. Masses for this holyday will be on Wednesday, May 9th, at 6:30 P.M. and Thursday at 8:00 A.M. and 12:10 P.M.

Today's Gospel is the one of the vine and the branches in which Jesus tells us that whoever remains in him, the vine, will bear much fruit. He assures us that if we live in him, we will live a life of meaning, purpose, direction and infinite value. We will make a difference not only in our individual lives but in the world around us. In our commonly shared life in Christ, we possess the ability to make change happen in our world. When we live in him, he will live in us so that our lives will bear fruit for the glory of God and the good of the world.

Fr. Niccolls

Eucharistic Adoration

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of your suffering and death. May our worship of this sacrament of your Body and Blood help us to experience the salvation you won for us and the peace of the kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Hours

Open 4:00 AM to 9:00 PM
Closed - Sunday from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Closed - Monday & Tuesday from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM

Consider Joining Our Community of Ministries

Call or e-mail the Parish Office today to check out the many possibilities.

We have something for everyone!

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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

New program for Ages 3-5

We are very excited to be introducing a new program for children ages 3-5 in the fall. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an wonderful program for the youngest of our parishioners. We are in the process on working out the schedule and timing for that program. If you have children in that age range, could you please share with Sarah Kelly at sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org if a weekday afternoon or weekday morning would work better for your family.



Prayer Cloths

Many grade levels had to opportunity to make prayer cloths this Lent. Veronica Fish and Annie Doyle led many groups in this activity. The prayer cloths help the students create a prayerful space at home where they could place prayer cards or other special sacramentals.

Registration for Next Year

Monday and Tuesday classes ended for this school year on April 9th and 10th. Registration materials for the 2018-2019 school year were sent home with each family. We look forward to seeing everyone at classes in September.

St. George Book Discussion Group

The next meeting of the St. George Book Discussion Group will be held on Monday, April 30, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. We will be discussing the book, "Rome Sweet Home Our Journey to Catholicism" by Scott & Kimberly Hahn. If you would like to join the group or for more information, please contact Joyce Purcell at 508-852-3304. All are welcome.



Thank You to all our parishioners who helped to beautify our parish grounds! It looks lovely and so well cared for. The Mary Shrine looks ready for flowers to bloom in May!

This Week...

Pray for all those responsible for the medical care of Their elderly relatives, that they may be guided in all their medical decisions by the voice of the Eternal Shepherd.

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 in this matter.

This Weekend's Stewardship Thought

In today's Gospel, Jesus says that God is glorified when a disciple, grafted in Christ, produces abundantly and bears much fruit. The disciple must then be good steward of that abundance.

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.

Baptism Preparation



This Sacrament welcomes everyone. For registration and information about selection of Godparents, please contact Susan Pacek at 508-856-9960 or Email: st.geobaptism@gmail.com.

Baptisms are usually held monthly following the preparation sessions and completion of paperwork. Date for upcoming class May 20, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM in the Conference Room.

Spring Fling – Ham & Bean Dinner

The Daughters of Isabella are hosting their Annual Spring Fling Dinner on Friday, May 4, 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) \$6. 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, please call Terry Turgeon 508 757-6209.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the children who received Jesus in Holy Eucharist for the first time on April 22 and April 28. May Jesus always keep you and your families in His loving care.

<i>Jaxon Bianchini</i>	<i>Brooke Doherty</i>	<i>Andrew Sears</i>
<i>Emma Caliri</i>	<i>MaKenna Donovan</i>	<i>Lukas Segur</i>
<i>Jameson Camell</i>	<i>Isabella Dufresne</i>	<i>Thomas Simmons</i>
<i>Frederico Castellanos</i>	<i>Gabriella Geurard</i>	<i>Jackson Stubbert</i>
<i>Lyla Chesney</i>	<i>Emily Jones</i>	<i>Lincoln Stubbert</i>
<i>Andrew Connor</i>	<i>Lucia Kelly</i>	<i>Huy Truong</i>
<i>Kerry Connor</i>	<i>Olivia Luzzo</i>	<i>Landon Vigneux</i>
<i>Madelyn Connor</i>	<i>Colleen Mahoney</i>	<i>Lucas Wiadrowski</i>
<i>Michael Currier</i>	<i>Sophia Nohrden</i>	<i>Daniel Wilson</i>
<i>Brielle Dagostino</i>	<i>Lilyana Piche</i>	<i>Mikayla Wright</i>
<i>Livia DeLuca</i>	<i>Mafer Ramos</i>	<i>Ava Zekos</i>
<i>Ariana Dobson</i>		<i>Austin Zilla</i>



We are very grateful to our Music Ministry and Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Parent Volunteers. Thank you for all your time and dedication to such a wonderful cause.

Thank you also to our second grade religious education volunteers— Christina Andreoli, Sarah Caliri, Kim Connor, Jim Kelly, Karen Simmons and Sue Stubbert. Without you, this would not be possible. Thank you for all your sacrifice, patience, and planning. A special thank you to Sharon and Scott Krug for helping with a special song.



A Community of Ministries



Love. Grow. Serve.

PARISH OUTREACH

Annie Doyle - 508-853-0183
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Our parish continues to work on issues of justice for the poor through our involvement at the Mustard Seed, Hope For Housing, the Interfaith Hospitality Network, St. John's Temporary Shelter and Food for the Poor and Sally's Place.

How You Can Help:

- Donate Used Towels and small blankets. Thank You to all who have donated thus far. They have been gratefully received! Now that many of the homeless are "unsheltered" and "sleeping out" the need continues. Gently used towels and wash cloths are always welcome.
- Buy "Hope For Housing" grocery cards after any weekend Mass
- Help with the needs for the Mustard Seed Meal May 18th, posted at all church exits May 5/6
- Purchase and give non-perishable food items for the homeless and for poor families in need
- Clear out your closets and recycle gently used spring jackets, tee shirts and jeans

Leave donated items in the Outreach Collection Area @ parking lot entrance to the church



Thank You for Dozens of SNACK SACKS

Many thanks to everyone who is donating individual peanut butter packets, granola bars, juice boxes and individual boxes cereal boxes. We are also very grateful to Trudy who donated milk and hours of her time to help put the sacks together. These healthy snacks are very appreciated by Mustard Seed guests. All food is always deeply appreciated!

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



Parish Calendar Attention Ministry Leaders

The new parish calendar becomes effective September 1st. All ministry schedules should be submitted no later than June 15. Even if your group's schedule has not changed we need your information so that the calendar is as accurate as possible. You will be notified if your request for meeting space is unavailable.

Please email schedules to Joan Koppenal at stgeooffice@gmail.com or mail to the Parish Office.



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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.*

Used Towels Needed

There are two showers that are available for the homeless to use at "Sally's Place" in downtown Worcester. Used towels are needed. Hotel samples of hygiene products are also welcome.

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 May are:

Jars of Peanut Butter, Cans of Tuna Fish and cans of Soup (flip top cans are great if possible)

"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 meant to be.

**Mass
Notes**

Help to prevent family homelessness Every weekend in our Church Hall

We invite you to begin today to join this effort. Use "Hope for Housing Cards" to buy your weekly groceries or prescriptions at CVS. Give a Dunkin Donut or Panera Bread Gift Card as a birthday gift to a friend.



You receive the full face value of the 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.

Thanks to Sue & Dave 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

Faith Sharing Groups

New "Insight" Reflection Books will be available at the Registration Table located in the Church Hall after all the Sunday Masses, April 29 and May 6th. These new reflection books will also be available from your group facilitator as well. The cost is \$12.00

This is a wonderful opportunity to read, reflect and pray with the upcoming Sunday Gospel. Being part of one of these groups will also give you a chance to get to know fellow parishioners. If you are part of a Faith Sharing Group, you do not have to be present every single week...we understand that you have appointments and commitments.

Groups are held: Wednesday Evening and Friday Morning. We would love to have you join us. If you have questions, please talk with one of the priests or speak with JoAnn Nally (508-527-6973) or Joyce Purcell (508-829-3304).

Celebration

PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018



**As we celebrated The Feast Of Pentecost
Please join us for:**

**Evening Prayer (Vespers) @ 5:10PM
at the Trappist Monastery in Spencer, MA.**

**Following Evening Prayer We Will Have
Dinner At A Local Restaurant**

**We will leave the parish parking lot @ 4:15PM.
Please sign up on the bulletin board near the
parking lot.**