

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

May 5, 2019: Third Sunday of Easter

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:

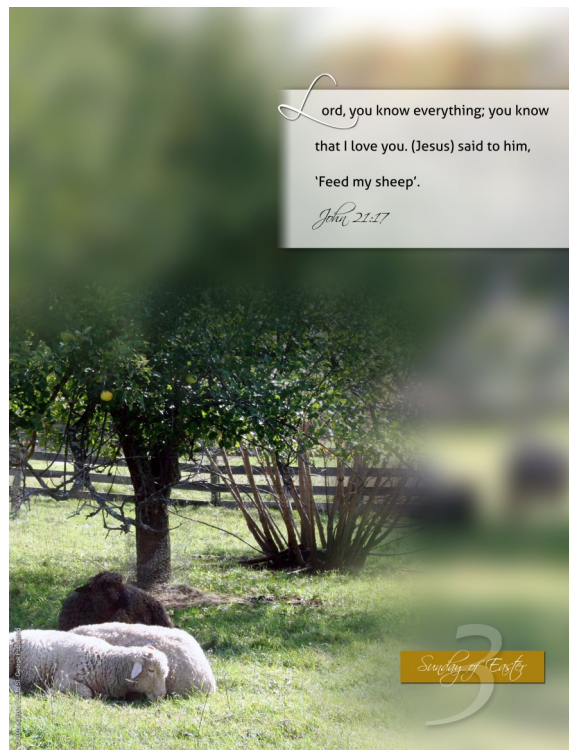
It is our privilege to serve you.

Rev. Edward D. Niccolls Pastor Ext. 12
Rev. Charles P.O. Omolo, Associate Pastor
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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, May 5, 2019

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, May 6:
 8:00 AM In memory of Stan & Fran Pielaszczyk
 7:00 PM Confirmation St. Paul's Cathedral

Tuesday, May 7:
 8:00 AM In memory of Leo & Mary Jones

Wednesday, May 8:
 6:30 PM For the Community of St. George

Thursday, May 9:
 8:00 AM In memory of June LaMalva

Friday, May 10: St. Damien de Veuster
 8:00 AM In memory of James McKeon Jr & Sr.

Saturday, May 11:
 10:00 AM First Eucharist
 4:00 PM Memorial for Daniel Toomey by family

Sunday, May 12: 4th Sunday of Easter
 7:30 AM Memorial for Lena Barton by her
 daughter

9:00 AM For the mothers of our parish
 11:00 AM 45th anniversary of ordination of
 Fr. Edward Nicolls

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 12, 2019

David Walsh 508-854-1332

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

Bulletin Item Due Dates

<u>Weekend of</u>	<u>Due to parish</u>
May 19, 2019	Wednesday, May 8
May 26, 2019	Wednesday, May 15
June 2, 2019	Wednesday, May 22
June 9, 2019	Wednesday, May 29

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

Parish Calendar



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 Center

Monday, May 6:
 5:45 PM Yoga Hall

Tuesday, May 7:
 4:15 PM 1st Eucharist rehearsal grp 1 Church

Wednesday, May 8:
 4:15 PM 1st Eucharist rehearsal grp 1 Church
 6:30 PM Daughters of Isabella Hall
 7:00 PM Faith Sharing Group Conf Rm
 7:15 PM Faith Sharing Group 2nd Floor Center

Thursday, May 9:
 6:00 PM Diocesan Leadership Group Hall
 6:30 PM Family Prayer Church

Friday, May 10:
 10:00 AM Faith Sharing Group 2nd floor Center

Saturday, May 11:
 8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, May 12:
 8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall
 9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St. George Rm
 9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Conf Rm

Scripture for the week of May 5, 2019

5	SUN	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
6	Mon	Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
7	Tue	Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
8	Wed	Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
9	Thu	Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
10	Fri	Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
11	Sat	Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69
12	SUN	Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30



Daily Scripture Readings

Daily Scripture Readings are available
 at the United States Catholic Conference of Bish-
 ops Web site: <http://usccb.org/>

Altar Ministries

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



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Total Weekly Ordinary Collection:
Weekend of April 21, 2019
\$ 7,756.00

Easter Collection \$3,849.00

Online Giving 4/7 - 4/21/19 \$3775.00

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!



From Your Pastor

I want to mention that Julio Bonilla, our seminarian who has been with us on weekends since February, is beginning an eight-week assignment here at St. George's that will begin on Saturday, May 4th and will continue until Sunday, June 30th. I am also pleased to announce that Peter Bui, the seminarian who was with us last summer, has been assigned to a three-week assignment here at St. George's from Saturday, July 13th until Sunday, August 4th. I am happy to have Julio here for an extended assignment during the summer and once again to welcome Peter here to St. George's later in the summer.

Next weekend, May 11th/12th, I will celebrate my 45th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. Although it seems hard for me to believe that all those years have gone by - I can say that priesthood has been a calling that I have come to appreciate and enjoy with each passing day. I will especially make note of this anniversary at the 11:00 A.M. Mass on Sunday, May 12th. I invite you to join me in this celebration which I consider not just one for myself but for everyone. It is my firm belief that the ministry of priesthood is to serve God and all of God's people, the Church, who are a community of faithful spirit-filled believers centering themselves around the celebration of the Eucharist.

Fr. Niccolls

We Commend to your Prayer

Mary S. Scannell
George Paulin



My the angels lead them into Paradise

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

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.

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 **\$67,897.00** from **178** 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.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for May

Let us pray that the church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

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.

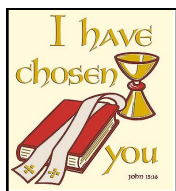
CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION 2019-20

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.

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.



Pietà

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 March 11, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall

Conference Room. Please join us.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

The monthly Men's Club meeting will be held *NEXT* Sunday, March 10th, in the Conference Room after the 9:00 AM Mass. Men's Club members and parish staff are welcome to attend. The coffee is on us!!! All are welcome

Congratulations

Congratulations to the young adults of our parish who will be confirmed by Bishop McManus on Monday, May 6, 2019. Our prayer is that you are filled with the Gifts of the Spirit and that you continue to grow as active members of the Catholic faith community.

Julia Rose Barry	Jack Peter Flynn	Aidan Francis Xavier McGee
Colby Peter Barley	Lily Cecilia Hazelwood	Leah Catherine of Siena Michalowski
Sophie Kathleen Chauvin	Trevor Thomas Johnson	Rubelsi Nicodemus Moran
Raymond Francis Dewar	Tucker Patrick Jones	Ashley Alexandra Newell
Hayley Jean Dolan	Phoebe Josephine Kennedy	Benjamin Sebastian Smola
Caitlin Gobnait Donahue	Julie Catherine of Bologna King	Evan Francis Wynn
	Kaitlyn Genevieve Lindquist	

Many parishioners dedicated their time and talents to make this year's program a success.

We are extremely grateful to Peg Grisson, Susan Pacek, Aaron Fuller for their willingness to serve as teachers. We extend a special thank you to Annie Doyle for her patient and graceful coordination of students' service experiences. Lastly, we are grateful to Bill White (the younger) Fr. Charles Omolo and Claire Schaeffer-Duffy for their Christian witness and personal faith sharing. We thank Fr. Niccolls, Fr. Omolo, Deacon Paul Audette, and the students families and sponsors for their daily witness and leading us all in faith.

Linda and Mike Ohl

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.

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

Annie Doyle

Mustard Seed Meal Friday, May 17th

We will feed about 200 guests at the Mustard Seed.



Needs are posted at each exit of the church.

Please choose a ticket to help fill a need. We will be preparing 400 hot dogs to serve with cole slaw, fruit and a cookie.

For more information, or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Annie Doyle at the phone or email listed above. The hours of service are 3:30 PM until 6:15 PM at the Mustard Seed on 93 Piedmont Street in Worcester.

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
- Gently used sleeping bags
- Peanut Butter, Cereal and tuna
- Prayers for all who suffer from mental illness, poverty are greatly needed

Thank You!

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Next Sunday is Mother's Day. Here are some ideas to celebrate mom—

- Breakfast in bed
- Make a list of all your favorite things about mom
- Play cards and eat M&M's together
- Remember a deceased mom with prayer
- Tell a favorite story about mom

Lord God, bless our mother with all good things: health, joy, love and laughter. Keep her in your care and protect her from all which is harmful. And grant her peace and justice all her days.



All are Welcome to the Sacrament of Baptism

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

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



Free Donut Chips At Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Men's Club will be offering "Free Donut Chips" to all participants at the "Children's Liturgy" during the 9:00 AM Mass *NEXT* Sunday. The children will be given the chips while at the Liturgy to be redeemed after any Sunday Mass.

Best Wishes to our young Catholics.

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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.



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

SAVE THE DATE:

Pentecost Sunday - June 9, 2019
Evening Prayer at the Trappist Monastery
in Spencer followed by dinner at a local
restaurant. More details to follow.

If you seek peace...be still.
If you seek wisdom...be silent.
If you seek love...be yourself.

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



Faith Sharing Groups

Faith Sharing Groups meet all year (including the Summer). Please pray about becoming a participant. We read and discuss the upcoming Sunday Gospel, share our thoughts, ask questions and pray. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Jesus and His message of love and hope. Some people have said that "they wished they had become part of a Faith Sharing Group a lot sooner because it really makes a difference in their lives and helps them to understand the Gospel in new and deeper ways".

Groups are held for 1.5 hours:

Wednesday 7:00- 8:15 PM in the Conference Room
or Friday 10:00- 11:15 AM in the Parish Center on the 2nd floor.

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.