

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

May 7, 2017: Fourth 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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Ext.24

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annie@saintgeorgesparish.org Ext. 11

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Jesus said, "Amen, amen,

I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep.

Whoever enters through me will be saved.

John 10:7,9



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:

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.

A Community of Ministries, May 7, 2017

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 6: Vigil

4:00 PM Birthday Remembrance for Margaret Cleary
by the Cleary family

Sunday, May 7: Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM In memory of Harry & Anita Litchfield
9:00 AM Memorial for Herbert Travers by family
11:00 AM Memorial for Maureen Migdelany by the
Ovian family

Monday, May 8:

8:00 AM Special Intention

Tuesday, May 9:

8:00 AM Memorial for Robert S. Pietrowicz by
Bob & Fran Pike

Wednesday, May 10: St. Damien de Veuster

8:00 AM For the Community of St. George

Thursday, May 11:

8:00 AM Memorial for Ernesto Ponce Arauz by the
Parker family

Friday, May 12:

8:00 AM Memorial for James Purcell by his wife
Joyce

Saturday, May 13: Vigil

11:00 AM Memorial Mass for Paul & Mafalda
Pareseau by Judy Pickett and family

4:00 PM For the Mothers of our parish

Sunday, May 14: Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM For the Mothers of our Parish
9:00 AM For the Mothers of our Parish
11:00 AM For the Mothers of our Parish

Bulletin Deadlines

Weekend of

May 21
May 28
June 7

Due to parish

Wednesday, May 10
Wednesday, May 17
Wednesday, May 24

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 parents of
young children to please accompany them at all times.
Thank you.

*Why not dedicate the first hour of your
families' work week to God?*

Parish Calendar

Youth Group Cookie Sale after all Masses

Saturday, May 6:

10:30 AM Dragon Painting Hall
8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, May 7:

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 at St. Paul's Cathedral

Monday, May 8:

5:45 PM Yoga Hall
7:00 PM Youth Music Ministry Choir Loft
7:00 PM Pieta Confr Rm

Tuesday, May 9:

10:30 AM Prayer Shawl Meeting Center
6:30 PM Weight Loss Group Center
7:00 PM Pastoral Council Center

Wednesday, May 10:

6:30 PM Daughters of Isabella Hall
7:00 PM Faith Sharing Group Confr Rm

Thursday, May 11:

6:30 PM Family Prayer Church
7:00 PM Liturgical Evening of Reflection Hall

Friday, May 12:

10:00 AM Faith Sharing Group Center

Saturday, May 13:

Noon Reception Hall
8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, May 14:

8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall
9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St. George Rm
9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Confr Rm
10:00 AM Men's Club Confr Rm

Scripture for the week of May 7, 2017

7 SUN Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10
8 Mon Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:11-18
9 Tue Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
10 Wed Acts 12:24—13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
11 Thu Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20
12 Fri Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
13 Sat Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
14 SUN Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12



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Weekend of April 30, 2017



Total Weekly Ordinary: \$6,122.92

April Monthly: Fuel \$135.00

Air Conditioning: \$205.00

Repairs \$1000.00

Thank you for your support!



From Your Pastor

On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, it is important for us to listen to Christ in a world where so many voices try to compete with his. Being able to listen to him requires prayerful effort, patient endurance and courageous discipleship.

We can be easily be enticed away by the various voices that tell us that we must have one thing or another as well as the constant ring from cell phones or the other voices that can call out to us in different addictions and self-serving life decisions.

During this Easter season, especially, we need to re-commit ourselves to listen more closely and carefully to Christ. He is the one and only gate to an abundant life!

Fr. Niccolls



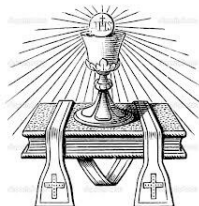
Thus far, our parish family has raised **\$80,866.00.00** from **193** donors toward our parish goal of \$100,000. Many have not had the opportunity to make their gift. We encourage you to make a gift today. Pledge envelopes are available in each pew.

Save the Dates

Deacon Henry Ramirez

Ordination to the Priesthood
Saturday, June 3, 10:00 AM
St. Paul's Cathedral

Mass of Thanksgiving
Sunday, June 4, 10:00 AM Mass
St. George Parish



Coffee Shop Captain



May 14, 2017
Dave 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 for more information.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration



The Adorers of the Perpetual Adoration Chapel wish to thank Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for these favors:

1. Thank you for s speedy recovery from surgery.
2. Thank you Lord ... I am a cancer survivor.

Pietà

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 on May 8 at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room.

Please join us.

We Commend to your Prayers

Hannah Laythe



May the Angels lead her into Paradise

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Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

Sarah Kelly, Administrator - 508-852-1784
Email : sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org

Registration for next year has begun!

Emails

Information for religious education is posted here in the bulletin, on our parish website www.saintgeorgesparish.org/religious-education and through email. Please let Sarah Kelly know at sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org if you are not receiving emails. Thank you!

Confirmation

Coordinators: Michael and Linda Ohl
confirmation@saintgeorgesparish.org
(508) 735-4633

May 7 - Confirmation Mass at 3 PM at
St. Paul's Cathedral

Confirmation Registration for 2017-18

It's time to register for confirmation preparation! Confirmation preparation will be for current 9th grade students as well as any 10th, 11th or 12th grade student 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, 2017 to receive a registration packet for your son or daughter. Email: confirmation@saintgeorgesparish.org Phone: (508) 735-4633.

Mandatory Confirmation Meeting is June 11, 2017 from 6:30-7:30 in the church for all confirmation candidates and their parents. Please bring completed forms from the registration packet, sign up for summer service experience, and hear about the program. We look forward to meeting all of you!

This Weekend's Stewardship Thought

Jesus says, "I came that they may have life, and have it to the full." Good stewards are grateful for the gift of life and joyfully share their abundance with others.



**Parish
Pastoral
Council**

Your PPC Welcomes You

On the first Sunday of each month, in order to facilitate communication between parishioners and the Council, members of the Pastoral Council will be available in the coffee shop after each Sunday Mass to discuss current happenings and thoughts for our Parish.

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.

St. George Parish Calendar Raffle

This is a very important fundraiser to help keep our parish on budget. Tickets have been mailed to you and are also available at the doorways of the church during the month of May. All ticket returns must be made by May 28, 2017.

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

Your support and generosity are very much needed and appreciated.

The Parish Finance Committee

Liturgical Ministers

Evening Of Reflection

"The Power of Proclamation."

May 11, 2017 : 7pm St. George's Church Hall

Please join us to celebrate the gift of your ministry and our parish community.

Tanya Rybarczyk is a Catholic writer, speaker and retreat leader, specializing in adult faith formation, meditative Christian prayer, and spiritual caregiving. She holds an MA in Pastoral Ministry from the University of Portland, and works as an Online Course Facilitator for Boston College's School of Theology and Ministry, and Notre Dame's STEP program. She lives in Metro west Boston with her husband and two teenage children.

Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP Regrets Only- LWOODS@QCC.MASS.EDU
508-853-2499

Congratulations

Congratulations to the children who received Jesus in Holy Eucharist for the first time on April 22 and April 30. May Jesus always keep you and your families in His loving care.

<i>Elise Andreoli</i>	<i>Caitlin Doyle</i>	<i>Dallas Mall</i>
<i>William Berger</i>	<i>Damien Dufresne</i>	<i>Elise Montgomery</i>
<i>Caden Brown</i>	<i>Camryn Fanning</i>	<i>Matthew Moore</i>
<i>Joseph Celona</i>	<i>Dylan Forjette-Ewans</i>	<i>Aiden O'Connor</i>
<i>Grace Coppolino</i>	<i>Christian Friberg</i>	<i>Taylor Reidy</i>
<i>Colin Cross</i>	<i>Benjamin Floyd</i>	<i>Jacob Sposato</i>
<i>Erin Cross</i>	<i>Mary Goodness</i>	<i>Mary Grace Sposato</i>
<i>Quinn Cross</i>	<i>Anthony Giaquinto</i>	<i>Savannah Sposato</i>
<i>Avery D'Amour</i>	<i>Connor Gumbrell</i>	<i>Trevor St. Cyr</i>
<i>Tess Daviau</i>	<i>Delaney Haskins</i>	<i>Willaim Thyous</i>
<i>Cameron Delamere</i>	<i>Cecilia Hayes</i>	<i>Madeline Truedeau</i>
<i>Cameron Doherty</i>	<i>Nora Hayes</i>	<i>Sadie Vella</i>
<i>Brendan Donahue</i>	<i>Charlotte Kinney</i>	<i>Andrew Victor</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- Kathy Beam, Andrea Berger, Mary Ann Coppolino, Theresa Dufresne, Deb Floyd and Caitlin Sposito. 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
Ext. 11

Office hours Mon-Tue-Wed 9-5
annie@saintgeorgesparish.org

Shoe Drive to Help Shelter Families in Worcester

As many of you know, the Interfaith Hospitality Network works in partnership with religious congregations, including St. George's, to provide shelter to homeless families on June Street here in Worcester.

This Shoe Collection Drive is one of several small fundraisers that helps to support IHN. Last year \$1,900 was raised to help support the shelter. This year we hope to double that amount! Shoes are then repurposed, recycled and reused in developing countries throughout the world.

Please help us by donating gently used shoes of all types and sizes. Clean and dry - Men's, Women's, and children's shoes in a condition "good enough to give to your best friend" are needed. Sandals, flip-flops, skates and boots also accepted.

The parish collection bin is located in the Outreach Collection Area. Please consider asking your friends, neighbors and co-workers to join in this effort; collection kits are available from Annie Doyle.



Scholarships Available to St. George Graduates to be



Please join us for a Mass of celebration for graduating Seniors on June 11 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, 2017.

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



Free Donut Tickets for Children's Liturgy

The Men's Club will be offering "Free Donut Tickets" to all participants to the "Children's Liturgy" during the 9:00 AM Mass *next* Sunday. The children will be given the tickets while at the Liturgy to be redeemed after Mass. Best Wishes to our young Catholics.

Men's Club Meeting

The monthly Men's Club meeting will be held *next* Sunday, May 14, 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!!!

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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.*

Faith Into Action Ministry Annual Flower Sale



Your help is needed for our annual flower sale for the homeless on
May 20/21 after all Masses.

We hope to collect and donate enough money to cover first and last months rent as well as security deposit for a family in need of housing.

Volunteers are needed to help at each church exit after each Mass. Please call Joyce if you can help.

Also, consider donating \$50 in advance of the flower sale so we can purchase trays of flowers to be sold. This would greatly add to our contribution for the homeless. Checks may be made out to St. George parish with "Flower Sale" noted on the memo line.



Contact Joyce Purcell to volunteer or for more details:
jap64us@gmail.com or 508-852-3304

Faith Into Action Ministry works to Prevent Family Homelessness!

We invite you to join us. Use "Hope for Housing Cards" to buy your weekly groceries or prescriptions at CVS. Give a Dunkin Donut 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 hat amount to "Hope For Housing" to assist the most vulnerable; children with families in crisis.

At the IHN shelter we have seen the faces of the children in these families and we know the stress that life in a shelter puts on parents and the little ones. Please pray for them and continue to be as generous as you always are.

See Sue or Dave Genereux after Mass or contact them at 508-829-5776 or email WaysideATQ@aol.com for more information. They are happy to explain more about how "Hope for Housing Cards" help families on the brink of homelessness.



Spiritual Growth Ministry

A Prayer for Trusting in God

Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life; rather, look to them with full hope that as they arise, God, whose very own you are, will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot stand it, God will carry you in His arms. Do not fear what might happen tomorrow; the same understanding Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and every day. He will either shield you from suffering or will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations. Amen. (St. Francis DeSales)

Celebration of Pentecost Sunday, June 10, 2017

As a Parish Community, we will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost by attending Vespers at the Trappist Monastery, Spencer, Ma. After Evening Prayer, we will go out to dinner at a nearby restaurant. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board next to the parking lot entrance to the Church. We will meet in our Church parking lot at 4:00PM and carpool to the Trappist Monastery. On the registration sheet, PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU ARE ABLE TO DRIVE. If you have any questions, please call JoAnn Nally @ [508-527-6973](tel:508-527-6973).

"Highest Heaven" - Art Exhibit Worcester Art Museum June 10th @ 10:15 AM

Learn how the creation and use of religious art for devotion and instruction was used to develop and spread the Catholic faith in South America.

We will meet at the Worcester Art Museum @ 10:15 AM. Cost: \$12.00. Our guide will be our parishioner, Angela McClain.

Please sign up on the bulletin board located near the parking lot entrance to the Church. This gathering is sponsored by Spiritual Growth Ministry. If you have any questions, please speak with Nancy Forhan.