

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

May 12, 2019: Fourth 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

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Ext. 24

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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 12, 2019

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 11: Vigil

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 Niccolls**Monday, May 13: Our Lady of Fatima**8:00 AM Memorial for Paul and his sister
Agnes Wong by family**Tuesday, May 14: St. Matthias**8:00 AM Memorial for Paul and his sister
Agnes Wong by family**Wednesday, May 15: Saint Isidore**6:30 PM Memorial for Paul and his sister
Agnes Wong by family**Thursday, May 16:**8:00 AM Memorial for Paul and his sister
Agnes Wong by family**Friday, May 17:**8:00 AM Memorial for Paul and his sister
Agnes Wong by family**Saturday, May 18: Vigil**

4:00 PM Memorial for Jack DeCillis by family

Sunday, May 19: Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM Special Intention

9:00 AM Memorial for Arthur & Flora Wentzel
by daughter Joyce11:00 AM Memorial for Fr. Henry Donoghue
by Cathy and Bob Richardson

1:00 PM First Eucharist



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 19, 2019

Dave Allen 508-853-2868

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 508-852-029 for more information.



Parish Calendar

**Saturday, May**

8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, May 12:

8:00 AM Coffee Shop after 7:30 and 9:00 AM Hall

9:00 AM Toddler & Children's Liturgy Conf & Geo

10:30 AM Set up & Fr. Niccolls Reception Hall

Monday, May 13:

5:45 PM Yoga Hall

7:00 PM Pieta Conf Rm

Tuesday, May 14:

4:15 PM 1st Eucharist rehearsal grp 2 Church

6:30 PM Girl Scouts Conf Rm

Wednesday, May 15:

4:15 PM 1st Eucharist rehearsal grp 2 Church

7:00 PM Faith Sharing Grp Conf Rm

Thursday, May 16:

6:30 PM Family Prayer Church

Friday, May 17:

10:00 AM Faith Sharing Grp 2nd fl Ctr

11:00 AM Grandparent Prayer Conf Rm

Saturday, May 18:

8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, May 19:

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 12, 2019

12 SUN Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

13 Mon Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10

14 Tue Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17

15 Wed Acts 12:24—13:5a/Jn 12:44-50

16 Thu Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20

17 Fri Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6

18 Sat Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14

19 SUN Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35



Bulletin Item Due Dates

Weekend of

May 26, 2019

June 2, 2019

June 9, 2019

Due to parish

Wednesday, May 15

Wednesday, May 22

Wednesday, May 29

Please submit items by 3:00 PM on the due date.

Altar Ministries

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



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The most basic and powerful way to connect to another person is to listen. Just listen. Perhaps the most important thing we ever give each other is our attention...A loving silence often has far more power to heal and to connect than the most well-intentioned words.



From Your Pastor

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!!!

We extend our blessings and good wishes to all mothers today as they celebrate their special day.

With this being the Fourth Sunday of Easter, it is celebrated as the Sunday of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. As that Good Shepherd, Jesus knows us all and holds onto us as his dearest sheep. They cannot be taken from his or his Father's hand because he and the Father are one as it is stated in the gospel of John. As tightly as Jesus wants to hold our hand, we can break away from his grasp because he does not hold us against our will. If we do break away, we can always come back to him and be forgiven, renewing us and re-gifting us with salvation. Wander as we will and as lost as we might become, Jesus has promised us that he will never leave us. However, it is up to us to want to find our way back, thereby choosing good over evil, light over darkness and life over death.

Fr. Nicolls

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. These hours are posted on the door.

Eucharistic Adoration Prayer

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.

Join Us! 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.

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.

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.

Total Weekly Ordinary Collection:

Weekend of April 28, 2019
\$ 5,824.15



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!

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

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.

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.

Mandatory Confirmation Meeting is June 9, 2019 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!



Partners in Charity

Thus far, as of April 16th, our parish family has raised **\$73,694.00** from **200** 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.

"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." (Acts 13:52) They heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy, a joy that others notice and to which others are attracted.

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.

St. George Summer Bible Camp

Monday, July 29th -
Friday, August 2nd

The camp is for
children entering grades 1-6.

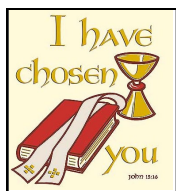
Registration Information will be coming soon.



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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 May 13, 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 *THIS* Sunday, May 12th, 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 were 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 Bartley	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 Scott Krug, 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 This 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

The Most Important Person on Earth is a Mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral - a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body. The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature. God joins forces with mothers in performing the act of creation. What on God's good earth is more glorious than this to be a mother?
Joseph Cardinal Mindzenty

GRANDPARENT GROUP: Final meeting this Friday May 17 until group resumes in September. More information contact Ruth Viens, 508-852-5658, ruthviens@charter.net.



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 *THIS* 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 is 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.