

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

May 14, 2017: 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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Rev. Charles P.O. Omolo, Associate Pastor
Ext.24

Rev. Patrick Ssekoyole, In Residence Ext. 30

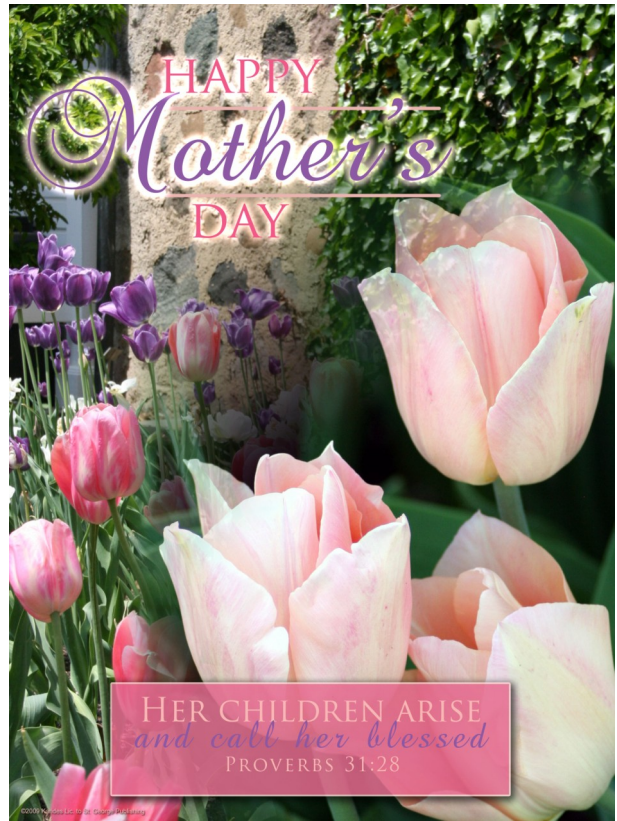
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St. George Catholic Church

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:

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 14, 2017

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 13: Vigil

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

Monday, May 15: St. Isidore

8:00 AM Special Intention

Tuesday, May 16:

8:00 AM For the Community of St. George

Wednesday, May 17:

8:00 AM Memorial for Hannah Laythe by Joanne Agnesian

Thursday, May 18: St. John 1

8:00 AM Memorial for Paul & Mafalda Pareseau by Joyce Purcell

Friday, May 19:

8:00 AM 3rd Anniversary for Ruth Nicolls by her son

Saturday, May 20: Vigil

4:00 PM Anniversary for Margaret Cleary by the Cleary family

Sunday, May 21: Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM 15th Anniversary for Sr. Mary Leonard by her nephew

9:00 AM Memorial for Ron & Flora Wentzel by family

11:00 AM Memorial for Paul & Mafalda Pareseau by Robert & Pauline Carbonneau

Bulletin Deadlines

<u>Weekend of</u>	<u>Due to parish</u>
May 28	Wednesday, May 17
June 4	Wednesday, May 24
June 11	Wednesday, May 31

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 A 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.

Welcome to all family & friends who are worshipping here with us today.

Parish Calendar

Saturday, May 13:

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

Monday, May 15:

7:00 PM Youth Music Ministry Choir Loft

Tuesday, May 16:

6:30 PM Weight Loss Group Center

Wednesday, May 17:

7:00 PM Faith Sharing Group Confr Rm

Thursday, May 18:

6:30 PM Family Prayer Church

Friday, May 19:

10:00 AM Faith Sharing Group Center

11:00 AM Grandparent Prayer Group Confr Rm

Saturday, May 20:

8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, May 21 :

8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall

9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St. George Rm

9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Confr Rm

Scripture for the week of May 14, 2017

14 SUN Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

15 Mon Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26

16 Tue Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a

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

18 Thu Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11

19 Fri Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17

20 Sat Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

21 SUN Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21



St. Peter Central Catholic Elementary Open House

St. Peter Central Catholic Elementary School, 865 Main Street Worcester will host an Open House on Wednesday, May 31 from 4:00 PM to 7 PM. St. Peter's has openings in Grades Pre-K to Grade 7. Please visit us on May 31, or call 508-791-6496 for information or visit www.stpetercentralcatholic.com.

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.

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Weekend of May 7, 2017

Total Weekly Ordinary: \$7,616.00

Thank you for your support!



From Your Pastor



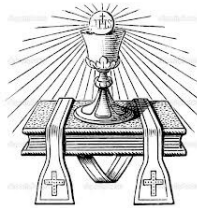
Thus far, our parish family has raised **\$82,761.00** from **202** donors toward our parish goal of \$100,000. Many have not had the opportunity to make their gift. We encourage you to make a gift today. Pledge envelopes are available in each pew.

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 21, 2017
Dave Allen: 508-853-2862

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.

Men's Club Meeting

The monthly Men's Club meeting will be held *this* 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!!!

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 *this* Sunday. The children will be given the tickets while at the Liturgy to be redeemed after Mass. Best Wishes to our young Catholics.

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!!!

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

MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL

The Second Collection next Weekend, May 20th/21st, will be the Annual Mission Cooperative Appeal. Catherine Judge from the Venerini Sisters Associates will speak on behalf of this appeal. Your generosity, both spiritually and financially toward this appeal, will be greatly appreciated.

Fr. Nicolls

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration



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

1. Thank you God for my family and helping me through this difficult time.
2. Thank you Lord for your protection, love, and blessings.

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.



*Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while,
but their hearts forever.*

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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 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

"Those who have faith in Me will do the works I do, and far greater than these," Jesus tells His disciples. That's quite an assignment for us as Christian stewards!

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.



Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism Preparation sessions are:
May 21 and June 4, 2017
and

July 23 and July 30, 2017

Families attend both sessions

Godparents and children are always welcome

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.

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

Bereavement Ministry in Worcester

Blessed Sacrament Bereavement Ministry has started their new support group. The group will meet at the Epiphany House, Blessed Sacrament Church, 551 Pleasant Street, Worcester on the *second Thursday of the month beginning from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm*. The Bereavement Ministry will serve families who have lost a loved one to death through Blessed Sacrament Parish. The members of the ministry will implement our mission to provide comfort, care, and support to the grieving families of the Blessed Sacrament community in their experience of loss in a way that is fully sensitive to their grief and responsive to their needs.

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.

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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Congratulations

Congratulations to the young adults of our parish who were confirmed by Bishop McManus on Sunday, May 7, 2017. 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.

<i>Alyssa Teresa (of Calcutta) Accordino</i>	<i>Thomas Christopher Hayden</i>	<i>Paige Teresa (of Calcutta) Newell</i>
<i>Katelyn Joan (of Arc) Alves</i>	<i>Anna Marie Hazelwood</i>	<i>Jamie Mary O'Donnell</i>
<i>Carter Henry Bergeron</i>	<i>Mitchel Nicholas Hurley</i>	<i>Jillian Cecilia Post</i>
<i>Nicholas John Burque</i>	<i>Tiley Patrick Jones</i>	<i>Delaney Helen Proko</i>
<i>Jack Peter Campanale</i>	<i>Alyssa Cara Kelleher</i>	<i>Thomas Arthur Rice</i>
<i>Madelyn Jessica Carnes</i>	<i>Christopher Anthony Lobo</i>	<i>Paige Elizabeth Rosseland</i>
<i>Matthew Matthew Cassella</i>	<i>Rylee Adelina McGrath</i>	<i>Ethan Luke Roy</i>
<i>Joseph Edward Fleming</i>	<i>Rachel Angela McNally</i>	<i>Meaghan Patricia Sheeran</i>
<i>Grace Elizabeth Foley</i>	<i>Grace Catherine (of Bologna) McShea</i>	<i>Michael Stanley Sheeran</i>
<i>Conor Sebastian Gallagher</i>	<i>Jacob Theresa Michalowski</i>	<i>Hayden John Smith</i>
<i>Sophia Sophia Gardner</i>	<i>Cali Abigail Milewski</i>	<i>Brianne Mary Sutherland</i>
<i>Elizabeth Irene Girard</i>	<i>Gabrielle Lynn Monfredo</i>	<i>Amanda Catherine Toole</i>
<i>Ryan Joseph Guries</i>	<i>Kyle Joseph Monfredo</i>	<i>Patrick Peter (Chrysologus) Toole</i>
<i>Kaley Maura Harper</i>	<i>Michael Joseph Monfredo</i>	



Many parishioners dedicated their time and talents to make this year's program a success. We are extremely grateful to Peg Grisson, Susan Pacek, Alan Derry and 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 Greg Coppolino, Bill White (the younger), Fr. Charles Omolo, and Claire Schaeffer-Duffy for their Christian witness and personal faith sharing. We thank Fr. Nicolls, Fr. Omolo, Deacon Tony and the student's families and sponsors for their daily witness and leading us all in faith.

Linda and Mike Ohl



A Community of Ministries



PARISH OUTREACH

Annie Doyle - 508-853-0183
Ext. 11

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

Mustard Seed Meal - This Friday May 19

Needs are posted on the bulletin boards at each exit of the church. Please choose a ticket for chicken cutlet sandwiches, cole slaw, fruit or tomatoes.

Shoe Drive to Help Shelter Families

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 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 until May 26, 2017.



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

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 Friday, May 19, 11:00 to 11:45 am in the Conference Room in the church hall. This is the final monthly meeting of the "season". Resumes again the third Friday in September. Our grandchildren are growing up in a world in which terrorism, abuse, hatred, violence and war are dominating life. It is our hope that Saint Ann and Saint Joachim, the grandparents of Jesus will intercede with their grandson Jesus who alone can protect our families from all threats for all time. All grandparents are welcome. Not required to be a member of the parish.

For more information please contact Ruth Viens, Family Ministry Coordinator, 508-852-5658, ruthviens@charter.net.

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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 Next Weekend!

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



Spiritual Growth Ministry

One hundred years ago, on May 23, 1917, Our Lady appeared to three children in Fatima, Portugal. Frightened by her appearance, she calmed them by saying: "Please don't be afraid of me, I'm not going to harm you." In addition to her call for conversion, penitence, and prayer, Our Lady of Fatima calls us to live a life free from all fear.

A PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

"O Mother of all men and women and of all peoples, You who know all their sufferings and hopes, you who have a mother's awareness of all the struggles between good and evil, between light and darkness, which afflict the modern world, accept the cry which we, moved by the Holy Spirit, address directly to your Heart. Embrace with the love of the Mother and Handmaid of the Lord, this human world of ours, which we entrust and consecrate to you...placing it in your motherly Heart. (St. John Paul II)

WORCESTER ART MUSEUM

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2017

COST: \$12.00

We will gather at the Main Entrance (near the Gift Shop) @ 10:15 AM. We will have a guided tour of this exhibit by our parishioner, Angela McClain. PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE BULLETIN BOARD (near the Parking Lot). If you have any questions, please speak with Nancy Forhan or call JoAnn Nally @ [508-527-6973](tel:508-527-6973).

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.



Celebration of Pentecost

On Sunday, June 4, 2017, we will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost by attending Vespers and Benediction at the Trappist Monastery, Spencer, MA. After Vespers, we will have dinner at a local restaurant. As a Parish Community, this time together will give us an opportunity to celebrate the many gifts and graces of the Holy Spirit in our lives. There is a Sign Up Sheet on the Bulletin Board Adjacent to the Parking Lot. We will gather at the Parish no later 4:15PM and carpool. Please contact JoAnn Nally @ [508-527-6973](tel:508-527-6973) if you have questions or need additional information.

Reminder

"INSIGHT" Reflection Books are now available. Cost \$12.00 These reflection books go from May 20- September 5, 2017 SIGN UP: Sunday, May 14th or Sunday, May 21st.