

## **Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden**

**May 20, 2018: Pentecost Sunday**

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**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](mailto: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, May 20, 2018***

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### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, May 19: Vigil

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

#### Sunday, May 20: Pentecost Sunday

7:30 AM Memorial for Bob & Helen Smith in Remembrance of 59th Wedding Anniversary by Linda Mulhearn

9:00 AM Memorial for Arthur & Flora Wentzel by their daughter Joyce Purcell

11:00 AM Birthday Remembrance for Joseph Harrington by Patty LaHair

#### Monday, May 21: St. Christopher

8:00 AM Memorial for Kathryn Giannetta by a friend

#### Tuesday, May 22: St. Rita of Cascia

8:00 AM For the Community of St. George

#### Wednesday, May 23:

8:00 AM 4th Anniversary for Ruth Nicolls by her son

#### Thursday, May 24:

8:00 AM Memorial for Armond Audette by Joyce Purcell

#### Friday, May 25: St. Bede the Venerable

8:00 AM In memory of Catherine McCaffrey

#### Saturday, May 26: Vigil

4:00 PM 1st Anniversary for Patricia McKiernan by family

#### Sunday, May 27: Most Holy Trinity

7:30 AM Memorial for Helen Duclos by family

9:00 AM Special Intention

11:00 AM Memorial for Barbara A. Burke by the Pike family

### Bulletin Deadlines

#### Weekend of

June 3

June 10

June 17

#### Due to parish

Wednesday, May 23

Wednesday, May 30

Wednesday, June 6,

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

### Altar Ministries

We are thankful to the Altar Servers and Ministers of Holy Communion from TEAM C 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 19:

8:00 PM AA Hall

#### Sunday, May 20:

8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall

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

9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Confr Rm

#### Monday, May 21:

5:45 PM Yoga Hall

#### Tuesday, May 22:

10:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Hall

#### Wednesday, May 23:

7:00 PM Faith Sharing Group Confr Rm

#### Thursday, May 24:

6:30 PM Family Prayer Church

#### Friday, May 25:

10:00 AM Faith Sharing Group Center

#### Saturday, May 26:

8:00 PM AA Hall

#### Sunday, May 27:

8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall

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

9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Confr Rm

*Mission Cooperative Appeal*

### Scripture for the week of May 20, 2018

20 SUN Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

21 Mon Jas 33:13-18/Mk 9:14-29

22 Tue Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37

23 Wed Jas 4:13-17/Mk 9:38-40

24 Thu Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:41-50

25 Fri Jas 5:9-12/Mk 10:1-12

26 Sat Jas 5:13-20/Mk 10:13-16

27 SUN Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20



### We Commend to your Prayers

Harry H. Dapper, Jr.

Robert F. Pratt

*May the Angels lead them into Paradise*

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### Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for May

During the month of May, the Pope asks that the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.



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

Thus far, our parish family has raised **\$83,327.00** from **233** 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.

### Weekend of May 13, 2018

Total Weekly Ordinary: \$8,825.05

Thank you for your support!



### *Coffee Shop Captain*

May 27, 2018

Mike Doherty/John Beahn: 508-856-0823

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.

### Family Prayer Night

Every Thursday at 6:30 PM at St. George's Church, there is a gathering of people who pray for all families. We invite you to join us. The Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed during this time. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn to pray the Rosary.

### Baccalaureate Mass

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



*From Your Pastor*

### MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL

The Second Collection next Weekend, May 26th/27th, will be the Diocese of Morgoro in Tanzania will speak on behalf of this appeal. Your generosity, both spiritually and financially toward this appeal, will be greatly appreciated.

**During the months of June, July and August, we are making a change in our daily Mass schedule. On Wednesdays we are changing the time of the Mass to 6:30 P.M. There will be two exceptions to this schedule, the first will be on Wednesday, July 4th, Independence Day, when Mass will be scheduled at 8:00 A.M. The second exception will be on Wednesday, August 15th, the Solemnity of our Blessed Mother's Assumption into Heaven, which is a holyday of obligation when we will follow our Mass schedule for holydays. With this schedule change for these three months, we will have daily Masses on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:00 A.M. and Wednesday at 6:30 P.M.**

*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](mailto:sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org)

[Kevin.brown@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto: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](mailto:sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org) if a weekday afternoon or weekday morning would work better for your family.

### Registration for Next Year

Registration materials for the 2018-2019 school year were sent home with each family. We look forward to seeing everyone at classes in September.

## Reminder

### Confirmation Registration 2018-19

Confirmation preparation will be for students who will be in 10<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2018 as well as for any 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.saintgeorgesparish.org/confirmation) or contact Mike or Linda Ohl by June 1, 2018 to receive a registration packet for your son or daughter Email: [confirmation@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:confirmation@saintgeorgesparish.org). Phone: (508) 735-4633.

Mandatory Confirmation Meeting is June 1, 2018 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!

### Second Collection

Next weekend, the Annual Mission Cooperative Appeal collection will be taken up at all Masses. Thank you for your generosity.



### This Week...

Pray that all who are struggling to overcome addictions, whether to alcohol, drugs, pornography or gambling, may find healing, forgiveness and the strength to break free.

### 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

One miracle of Pentecost was that, despite their diversity, each listener heard God's word in his or her own language. The meaning for stewardship is that, by sharing the gifts poured out on us by the Holy Spirit, we will be empowered to meet the needs of our brothers and sisters, whatever they may be.



### 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](mailto:st.geobaptism@gmail.com).

Baptisms are usually held monthly following the preparation sessions and completion of paperwork. Dates for upcoming classes are July 15, September 23 and November 4 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM in the Conference Room.

### Vacation Bible Camp



Registration for Vacation Bible Camp is underway. Registration forms went home to all students enrolled in our Religious Ed. Program, but we also will leave copies downstairs in the church hall and outside of the Religious Ed. office. You can also print one from the website. The camp runs July 16-20 from 9:00-12:00. This year we will "Set Sail with the Holy Trinity" and learn about St. Patrick's quest to bring Christianity to Ireland and teach the people about the God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Please join us! Email [kfuller217@gmail.com](mailto:kfuller217@gmail.com) with any questions.



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### Pentecost Sunday

There are some days and moments in life that really change us. They are moments of decision, growth, choice, and loss. Some will be noted as anniversaries, others will be anonymous dates overshadowed by the events of the day. But we are defined by our experiences and the lessons they teach. It changes how we look at ourselves and can help us define the purpose of our life.

The Apostles experienced a similar moment in their life of faith. The Holy Spirit descends upon the Apostles and they are transformed from a group of frightened and fearful men, who squabbled over positions of authority and importance into fearless preachers of the Gospel. Filled with the power of the Spirit, they will become loyal and devoted servants of the Word and the world will be changed. United together in the power of the Spirit, they will carry out their mission and even give their lives for the sake of the Gospel.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are essential to the life of every Christian. We may not remember the date of our Baptism or Confirmation, but the events of those days have been a daily part of our life. We are never left on our own, but are always given the grace we need to live and practice what we believe, becoming a stronger witness every time we allow God to work in and through us. Through Word, prayer and sacrament, the Lord renews us for our mission. Be not afraid, but confident in the power of the His Holy Spirit.

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### Walk for the Homeless

The Annual Walk for the Homeless is a treasured and family-friendly community event that benefits programs of Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance, Friendly House, the Interfaith Hospitality Network, and St. John's Food for the Poor program. For more information please visit [www.cmhaonline.org](http://www.cmhaonline.org) or if you'd like to sign up for the WALK please go to [www.walkforthehomeless.org](http://www.walkforthehomeless.org). WALK date is **May 20, 2:00 pm** at Elm Park in Worcester.

Online giving is one method of making your financial contributions to St. George Parish through an electronic network. It eliminates paper envelopes, thereby reducing the cost of printing, postage and processing.



In whatever manner you choose to give to our parish, be it electronically, by using weekly envelopes or the basket-know that your donations are essential and always greatly appreciated.

If you would like assistance contact Kathy Hessel at [MKHessel@aol.com](mailto:MKHessel@aol.com)

### Thank You To The "Chefs"

On behalf of all of us at Abby's House we want to thank you for your generous contributions of delicious meals for our shelter. Your continued support through the years is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Jean Anger

*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.*

### 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](mailto:stgeooffice@gmail.com) or mail to the Parish Office.

### 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.

## *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

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. You Can Help:

- Donate 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.
- Buy "Hope For Housing" grocery cards after any weekend Mass
- 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.



Dear Friends,

I am most grateful to all who continue to so generously support the hungry and homeless. You respond to needs for food, clothing, service and prayers with great generosity!

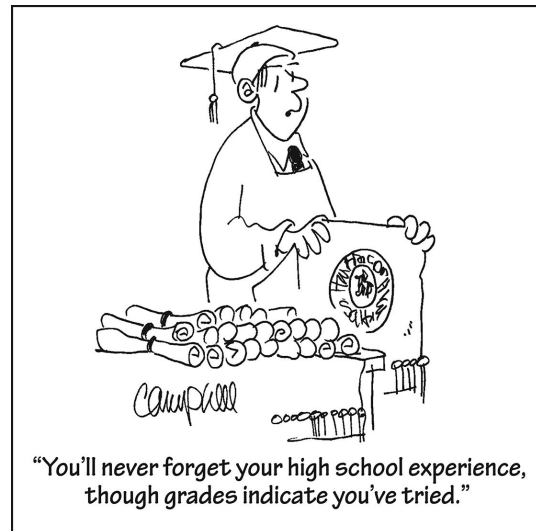
Words fall short and make it difficult to express how I feel personally each time I ask for more Cole slaw and bananas! I am often reluctant and embarrassed, especially when I am interrupting your coffee, donuts and time with friends - but you gently put me at ease and say, "yes" to my requests.

Thank you so much for your kindness to me, as well as to those we serve together!

Peace and Joy,  
**Annie Doyle**

### **THE FAMILY CONNECTION**

**Blessing for a graduate:** May God continue to bless you and challenge you. May you always be surrounded by people who support and love you. May you grow more fully into the man/woman that God wants you to be, and that the world so desperately needs. We ask this today, in hope and expectation that God will continue the great things already begun in you. Amen.



"You'll never forget your high school experience, though grades indicate you've tried."

### **All Are Welcome – Call Today**

If you, or someone you know, are interested in finding out more about being baptized into the Catholic faith, please call the Parish Office today.

Perhaps you would like to learn more about receiving Holy Communion or Confirmation? Couples married by a Justice of the Peace may want to receive the Sacrament of Marriage. Preparation sessions for this strengthening Sacrament are also available and far simpler than you would imagine.



Try to serve the Lord with all your heart and with all your will. He will always bless you more than you deserve.

...St. Padre Pio

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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.*

### Save the Dates: IHN Shelter Service Week

June 24 till July 1, 2018 5:30 PM till 6 AM

Please save these days to volunteer, cook, or donate needed items. Needs will be posted at the church exits beginning June 9.

### Join St. George's "Food Donation Team"

For information on bargains and/or to join the team, just email Dave at

[DavewithFDT@gmail.com](mailto: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)



**All Ministry Members And  
Those Who Help St. George Church Are Invited**

Sunday, June 3, 2018

2pm-4pm

St. George Church Hall

### 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](mailto:WaysideATQ@aol.com) for more information.



### Spiritual Growth Ministry

#### A Testimonial from a Faith Sharing Group Member

I joined the Friday Faith Group in October, 2016. I did not initiate the joining of a Faith Sharing Group but was invited by JoAnn to try it. I was hesitant to say yes because I had the preconceived notion that those who attended these groups knew a lot about Scripture and had a lot of understanding of the Bible and the Catholic faith. I was wrong about this. In the group, there were some quiet people, while others had much to say. There were people there who asked many questions and some who were willing to share their personal experience. One thing we all had in common was the love of our faith.

In the Faith Sharing Group, there is no judgement on what anyone says. The time I spend in this group is a time for me to be with God and learn more about Him. For me, it is a time to ask questions in order to gain a deeper understanding of the upcoming Sunday Gospel. Now, during Mass, I listen more intently to the readings. I am also able to understand the homily and absorb it's deeper message.

I now have a deeper understanding of my faith. I am so eager to learn more about the Bible and my faith by attending a Faith Sharing Group each week. *I have grown as a Christian and I find that I am less judgmental and a kinder person. I have found a home at St. George Church and a family in the Faith Sharing Group. (asg)*



#### Celebration Of Pentecost Sunday

"Come Holy Spirit into our hearts. Fill us  
Your many gifts and graces so that we  
may serve you and God's people in a deeper way."

#### Also A Reminder

This afternoon at 4:15pm, we will meet in the Parking Lot to attend Evening Prayer at the Trappist Monastery, Spencer. Vespers start @ 5:10pm. Following prayer, we will go to a local restaurant for dinner.