

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

June 18, 2017: Corpus Christi

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Parish Office: 508-853-0183
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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

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, June 18, 2017

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 17: Vigil

4:00 PM For the fathers & grandfathers of our parish

Sunday, June 18: The Body & Blood of Christ

7:30 AM For the fathers & grandfathers of our parish

9:00 AM For the fathers & grandfathers of our parish

11:00 AM For the fathers & grandfathers of our parish

Monday, June 19:

8:00 AM For the Community of St. George

Tuesday, June 20:

8:00 AM Memorial for Joseph Harrington by
Patty LaHair

Wednesday, June 21: St. Aloysius Gonzaga

8:00 AM For the health of Rev. Tom B. Fleming by
Betty Hanlon

Thursday, June 22: St. Paulinus of Nola

8:00 AM In memory of Bob Gedaitis

Friday, June 23: Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:00 AM For the souls in purgatory

Saturday, June 24: Vigil

4:00 PM Memorial for Alfred & Natalie Laurie
by family

Sunday, June 25: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM 58th Anniversary for Stephanie Niccolls by
her son

9:00 AM 1st Anniversary for Robert Boylan by
family

11:00 AM 15th Anniversary for Angelo Gentile by
family

Bulletin Deadlines

Weekend of

July 2

July 9

July 16

Due to parish

Wednesday, June 21

Wednesday, June 28

Wednesday, July 5

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 B 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.

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.

Parish Calendar

Saturday, June 17:

8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, June 18:

8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall

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

9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Confr Rm

Monday, June 19:

5:45 PM Yoga Hall

7:00 PM Youth Music Ministry Choir Loft

Tuesday, June 20:

Wednesday, June 21:
7:00 PM Faith Sharing Group Confr Rm

Thursday, June 22:

6:30 PM Family Prayer Church

Friday, June 23:

10:00 AM Faith Sharing Group Center

Saturday, June 24:

8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, June 25:

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 June 18, 2017

18 SUN Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

19 Mon 2 Cor 6:1-10/Mt 5:38-42

20 Tue 2 Cor 8:1-9/Mt 5:43-48

21 Wed 2 Cor 9:6-11/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

22 Thu 2 Cor 11:1-11/Mt 6:7-15

23 Fri Dt 7:6-11/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30

24 Sat Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

25 SUN Jer 20:10-13/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33



Looking for ways to participate in outreach? Hungry
for an idea of how to do more service work? Visit the
parish website. Click on Community, and then Ongoing Outreach Opportunities.



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Weekend of June 11, 2017

Total Weekly Ordinary: \$9,663.72

Thank you for your support!



From Your Pastor



Thus far, our parish family has raised **\$100,201.00** from **279** 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.

Help Complete the Trinity Dome in "America's Catholic Church"

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is in the process of completing the mosaic on the interior "Trinity Dome" of the Basilica. You can see an artist's rendering of a portion of the immense dome that is the pinnacle of a church that has taken one hundred years to complete. You can be part of making this inspirational shrine "America's Catholic Church" as previous generations have done. Join with Catholics in the Diocese of Worcester in supporting the completion of the mosaic on the Trinity Dome. Visit worcesterdiocese.org and make a SECURE ONLINE GIFT today or send your check payable to the Diocese of Worcester with "TRINITY DOME" noted on the check to Diocese of Worcester, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609. Thank you for considering how you can be a part of our Diocesan response to this National Appeal.

Coffee Shop Captain



June 25, 2017
Steve Warner: 508-852-5276

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.

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.

HAPPY FATHERS' DAY!!!

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

We hear so much today about two basic and fundamental rights that we hold dear as American Catholic Christians – the rights to life and religious freedom. In reviewing some material I have used in previous years for parish bulletins, I came across a message from one of the cards I received at the time of my 35th anniversary celebration of priesthood. I share this message with you as one to reflect upon and ponder as we think about life and religious freedom. Here is the message.

"JUST THINK, you're here not by chance, but by God's CHOOSING.

His hand FORMED YOU and made you the person you are.

He compares you to no one else—you are ONE OF A KIND.

YOU LACK NOTHING that His grace can't give you.

He has allowed you to be here AT THIS TIME IN HISTORY

To fulfill His special PURPOSE FOR THIS GENERATION.

MAY YOUR DAY BE BLESSED with the Knowledge of the special purpose God has for your life.

And may you be aware of the blessing you are to so many."

Roy Lessin

Fr. Niccolls

St. George Book Discussion Group

The next meeting of the St. George Book Discussion Group will be held on Monday, June 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. The book chosen for discussion is, **"Holy Longing" by Ronald Rolheiser**. Anyone interested in joining the group or for more information, please contact Joyce Purcell at 508-852-3304. All are welcome.

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Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

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

Registration Religious Ed Gr. 1 - 6

Each family should have received a registration form in the last weeks of classes. Extra forms are available outside of the religious education office in the parish center, and in the church hall. Please drop off your family's registration in the parish center, outside the religious education office on the lower level by August 1st. Thank you!

Confirmation Service Experience

Confirmation Service experiences are a brief introduction to community service that the candidate may choose to repeat as a young adult member of our parish community. This year these experiences will mainly take place at the Interfaith Hospitality Network Shelter on June St, the Vacation Bible Camp here at St. George Parish and the Mustard Seed Soup kitchen on Piedmont Street and the Anointing of the Sick here at St. George Parish. Please pray for us as we serve.



This Weekend's Stewardship Thought

The Scriptures today remind us that "we, many though we are, are one body for we all partake of the one loaf." How are we using our gifts of time and talent to build up the Body of Christ?

Summer Plans?

As summer approaches, keep us in mind if your plans include weekends away from home. A great way to maintain your connection to the parish is through our online bulletin as well as using online giving; it's easy to use and allows you to continue your support of the parish year round. To sign up today, go to www.saintgeorgesparish.org For more information or assistance please contact Kathy Hessel at MKHessel@aol.com



Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism Preparation session is:
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.

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.

Scholarships 2017

To: Sara Akillian

In memory of the Cote & Breen Families
from Pat & Joe Cote
from St. George's Men's Club
from St. George Youth Ministry

To: James Moughan

In memory of St. John Paul II
from Pat & Joe Cote – 100th Scholarship Given
from the St. George Men's Club
from St. George Youth Ministry

To: Connor Flynn

In memory of St. Teresa of Kolkata
from Pat & Joe Cote
from St. Vincent de Paul
from St. George Parish



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The Body and Blood of Christ

After dinner at our parents' home on Christmas Day, we were sitting at the table, reminiscing about the Christmas celebrations of our childhood. The middle brother picked up one of my mother's incredible cookies and held it up as he announced that this was the best memory of his childhood Christmas. He told the story of being ten years old and sneaking to the kitchen in the middle of the night, just to get a Christmas cookie. A second later, the cookie was gone and it became another part of his memories!

Our celebration of the Body and Blood of Christ is more than just remembering the past. Through the sacrament, the sacrifice of Jesus is made present again under the forms of bread and wine. We do not simply recall the Pascal Mystery; we are present to it and participate in it. We are joined with all those who believe—past, present and future—to offer the one perfect sacrifice of Jesus. The most visible sign of that unity is when we gather around the altar to celebrate the Word and Work of the Lord.

Gathering around the table of the Lord, we celebrate the faith of the Church. We hear the stories and wisdom of those who have gone before us. We share the example and grace of those who are with us. We offer our prayers and hopes for those who will come after us. We are mindful of the gift of life, the gift of grace and the gift of forgiveness that is the Body and Blood of Christ.

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This Week...

Pray that the Holy Spirit may come down upon the leaders of our nation and upon all whose consciences are clouded by secularism, and inspire a new era of faith, liberty, and justice for all.



I know God. He is a father, a mother who in order to be happy must have his child upon His knee, resting on His heart.

... St. Therese of Lisieux

Thank You From Fr. Henry Ramirez

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all Saint George's Parish priests, staff, and parishioners for their support and kindness at my priestly ordination on June 3. All of you are part of my vocational process and your prayers and support are greatly appreciated. We grow together in faith knowing that everything we do is for the Glory of God. Thanks to all who helped in the liturgy, preparing the reception, for your gifts and for your presence, all of it means a lot to me. Once more, I would like to express my deepest gratitude and prayers for all of you.

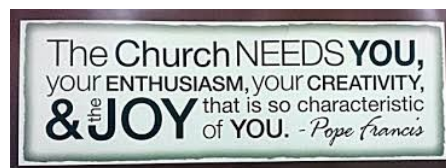
Sincerely,
Father Henry Ramirez

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for June

During the month of June Pope Francis has asked that national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimizes so many innocent people.

Parish Calendar Attention Ministry Leaders

Thank you to all Ministries for submitting your information requesting space in the Church Hall and Parish Center for the upcoming year. You will be notified if your request for meeting space is unavailable.



Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration



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

1. Thank you Lord we are grateful for all you have done for us.
2. Thank you dear God...my daughter has a job and is happy.

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

A Community of Ministries



PARISH OUTREACH

Annie Doyle - 508-853-0183
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Office hours Mon-Tue-Wed 9-5
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Our Annual Parish Service Week at IHN Family Shelter on June St. is June 25 till July 2

Needs are posted at each church exit. Please join in supporting this essential ministry. Your prayers are greatly needed during this time.

Urban Missionaries need help to "Fill A Truck" here this weekend

The Urban Missionaries of Our Lady of Hope are a local Catholic ministry who assist "the least, the last and the left out" in our diocese. Refugees, immigrants and the poor in our city are among those who are helped. The missionaries will be parking a truck in our parking lot on Father's Day weekend.



They are in need of clothing, linens, dishes, shoes, and curtains. Redeemable cans and bottles are also welcome.

They do not accept electronics, furniture, computers or bicycles.

Food Pantry Needs continue

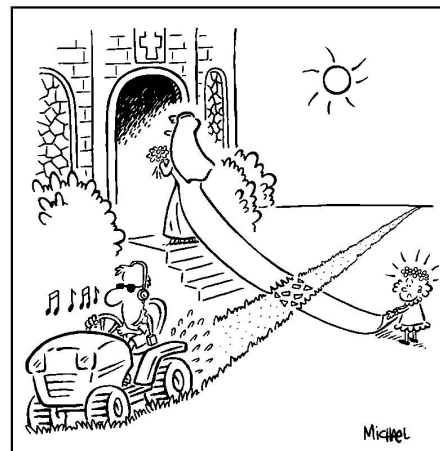
Peanut Butter, Tuna and boxes of cold cereal are a special need. This time of year, children's sunscreen is an important item as well.

Public Square Patriotic Rosary in Webster

All are welcome to join us on **Saturday, July 1 at 10:30 a.m.** to recite the Rosary at The Square, Webster Town Hall, 350 Main St. Webster. Join the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in prayer. Our Nation, our First Amendment rights, our Religious Freedom and our Faith remain under attack.

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

A Prayer for Fathers... Heavenly Father, we thank you for all the love you have shown to us, your children. We thank you for your most precious gift of all – the gift of your Son. Please help all fathers as they teach, guide and nurture their children. Let us never forget those children without fathers and our responsibility to reach out to them. As today's fathers feel the stress and pressures of balancing work and family, give them the wisdom to see that their most important job is teaching their children to love you and your ways. Amen.



Vacation Bible Camp Save the Date July 10-14 9:00 AM-12:00

Registration for Vacation Bible Camp is underway. Forms went home to all students enrolled in our Religious Ed. Program, but we also will leave copies downstairs in the hall and outside of the Religious Ed. office. The camp runs July 10-14 from 9:00-12:00. This year's theme is "Tracking Mary: Mysteries and Messages" and focuses on our Blessed Mother's apparitions in Lourdes, Fatima, Mexico, Knock and England. Please join us!

Email carpediem77722@yahoo.com with any questions.

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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

The Flower Sale for the Homeless 2017 was a great success!

Thanks to all of you and many others in our parish, a check for \$1,066.00 was sent to Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance last week. This donation was marked for first and last months rent to help a homeless family in need of an apartment. You continue to honor Matt Ryan and to serve the homeless through your generosity and kindness!



"Not everyone can do everything but all of us can do something"

Matt Ryan

Faith Into Action Ministry continues to work to Prevent Family Homelessness every weekend! Please join us!

Please visit the home page of our parish website to see the inspiring story of our parishioner Matt Ryan who began the "Hope for Housing" project! So far, \$264,000.00 has been raised!

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 the most vulnerable; children with families in crisis.

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

This weekend, as a Parish Community, we celebrate this feast day also known as the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. The primary purpose of this feast is to focus our attention on the Eucharist. At every Mass our attention should be drawn to the Eucharist and the Real Presence of Christ in it. The secondary focus of this feast is upon the Body of Christ as it is present in the Church.

In receiving the Body of Christ, we respond with one word: "Amen". When we say "Amen":

We are confirming, supporting and upholding all that the Body and Blood of Jesus is.

We are confirming and supporting that Jesus, through His Body and Blood, is as real today as when He walked this earth.

Our "Amen" calls us to celebrate the joys of new life and to respond to the needs of all those we walk this journey of life with.

We are affirming Jesus' being the most intimate part of our lives....as such, we uphold His command to Love, a call to reach beyond our comfort zone, a call to bring healing and justice in our troubled world.

Take Time To Reflect On These 3 Questions:

How attentive am I at Mass?

How conscious am I of the real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist?

When I say "Amen" as I receive the Eucharist, what does this mean to me?

Happy Father's Day

Today, we pray for all Fathers who have given us life and love.

Today, we pray for Fathers who have lost a child through death.

Today, we pray for Fathers who have a missing child.

Today, we pray for Fathers who have died.

Today, we pray for Fathers who have not committed themselves to parenting.

Today, we pray for our Grandfathers living and deceased who live the role of fathers.

And so, we pray:

Heavenly Father, please take care of all Fathers. Bless them with your wisdom, patience, kindness and right judgment. Help them to teach their children to live their lives with love, respect and gratitude. Strengthen all Fathers by your love that they may be and become the loving and caring persons they are meant to be. Give them your safety and protection. Keep them close to You and attentive to their responsibilities and blessings each day of their lives. Amen.