

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

**June 25, 2017: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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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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*Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin?*

*Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge.*

*So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.*

*Matthew 10:29,31*



# **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:**

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 25, 2017***

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### Mass Intentions

#### 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

#### Monday, June 26:

8:00 AM For the Community of St. George

#### Tuesday, June 27: St. Cyril of Alexandria

8:00 AM Birthday Remembrance for  
Joseph Webster

#### Wednesday, June 28: St. Irenaeus

8:00 AM Birthday Remembrance for Angelo Gentile  
by family

#### Thursday, June 29: Sts. Peter & Paul

8:00 AM Months Mind for Patricia McKiernan by  
her family

#### Friday, June 30: First Martyrs of the Catholic Church

8:00 AM Memorial for Msgr. Francis J. Manning

#### Saturday, July 1: Vigil

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

#### Sunday, July 2: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Memorial for Chuck Sarafinas by  
Kriss Kibelkstis

9:00 AM Memorial for Arthur Wenzel by family

11:00 AM Memorial for Richie Godek Jr. by family

### Bulletin Deadlines

#### Weekend of

July 9

July 16

July 23

#### Due to parish

Wednesday, June 28

Wednesday, July 5

Wednesday, July 12

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  
Rector.

### 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.

### 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.

### Parish Calendar

#### 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

#### Monday, June 26:

5:45 PM Yoga Hall

7:00 PM St. George Book Discussion Group Confr Rm

#### Tuesday, June 27:

#### Wednesday, June 28:

7:00 PM Faith Sharing Group Confr Rm

#### Thursday, June 29:

6:30 PM Family Prayer Church

#### Friday, June 30:

10:00 AM Faith Sharing Group Center

#### Saturday, July 1:

8:00 PM AA Hall

#### Sunday, July 2:

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 25, 2017

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

26 Mon Gn 12:1-9/Mt 7:1-5

27 Tue Gn 13:2, 5-18/Mt 7:6, 12-14

28 Wed Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Mt 7:15-20

29 Thu Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

30 Fri Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Mt 8:1-4

1 Sat Gn 18:1-15/Mt 8:5-17



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](#).

### Second Collection

This weekend, the Peter's Pence collection for the  
Holy Father will be taken up at all Masses. Thank  
you for your generosity.

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

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### Weekend of June 18, 2017

Total Weekly Ordinary: \$7,476.70

Thank you for your support!



Many thanks, we have exceeded our goal of \$100,000.00



### 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](http://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



July 2, 2017

Mark Viens: 774-262-0309

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.*



### From Your Pastor

This Monday our seminarian, Vijaya Sagar Gundiga (Sagar, as he is most commonly called), will arrive to begin his summer assignment here. Sagar, a native of southern India who has been studying here in the United States for a few years, is completing his second year of theological studies at St. John's Seminary in Brighton. His assignment here will continue until close to the end of August. We welcome Sagar to our parish, and I know that when he arrives here, you will extend to him the same hospitality that you have offered to our other seminarians.

*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](tel:508-852-3304). All are welcome.



### Vacation Bible Camp

There are still openings available for the Vacation Bible Camp, which runs **July 10-14 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**. The theme is Tracking Mary: Mysteries and Messages. The camp is open to any child entering 1st-6th grade.

If you are interested, go to the St. George website for a registration form or pick one up in the church hall. Send it to the address listed at the bottom. If you have questions, please contact Karen Fuller at [kfuller217@gmail.com](mailto:kfuller217@gmail.com) or [508-414-1706](tel:508-414-1706).

We will close registration on 6/26. We hope your child or grandchild will join us! Thanks so much everyone!

*Before Mass talk to God...*

*During Mass let God talk to you...*

*After Mass talk about God to 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)

### 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, the Mustard Seed Soup kitchen on Piedmont Street and the Anointing of the Sick here at St. George. Please pray for us as we serve, your prayers help to give us courage.



### *This Weekend's Stewardship Thought*

The psalmist assures us that "the Lord hears the poor." Often, however, He answers their need through the generous gifts of good stewards.

### 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](http://www.saintgeorgesparish.org) For more information or assistance please contact Kathy Hessel at [MKHessel@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.



Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of the Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance, please accept our sincerest Thank You for your generous donation from your Annual Flower Sale, to support the work of the Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance. Matt always referred to the Flower Sale as the "daffodil sale", so whenever I see daffodils I think of Matt and St. George's Parish. You will be glad to hear that the money has been committed to a single mom from Worcester who has two young children. She works part time, but due to an unexpected bump in the road she found herself behind in her utilities. The dollars have been committed to her and the lights will turn on because of all of you wonderful people.

We are grateful to have your support for the work we do. We want you to know that your efforts and kindness truly makes a difference for those less fortunate-creating a better place for all of us to live.

Best,

Ann Gibbons-Smith  
Asst. Ed. Central Mass Housing Alliance





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## **12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

A German proverb says that fear makes the wolf bigger than it is. When we are afraid, our imagination can run wild, we feel helpless and trapped and we fail to act. Just ask any kid who hides under the bed when he hears a scary noise in the middle of the night! The only sound he wants to hear is the reassuring voice of his mom or dad.

Faith leads us to the battle of life and death as we struggle with sin and grace. There may be moments when we are afraid, pinned down by sin, failure and the constant temptations to abandon the good fight. Overcoming fear means we rely on God, calling on His grace and strength to help us in moments of weakness and fear. God's Word and Sacrament reassure us that we have all we need and should not be afraid.

Fear can hold us back from practicing our faith. We are afraid of what others might think, or that our efforts will be rejected or may not be good enough. Let God worry about that. Do what you know is right, what God wants you to do. Your fears will disappear in the light of faith.

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### ***This Week...***

Pray for the hungry and homeless, that they may find food and shelter through the Church's ministries.

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### **Monastic Weekend Still River, MA**

Men, 18-30 years of age  
Be a monk for a weekend

Experience Monastic Life  
August 11-13, 2017

To register and for more information visit our website: [www.abbey.org](http://www.abbey.org) or contact: Fr. Anthony Kloss, O.S. B. at [vocation@abbey.org](mailto:vocation@abbey.org) or call 978-877-3694.

Register now, space is limited.

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### **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

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### **Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for June**

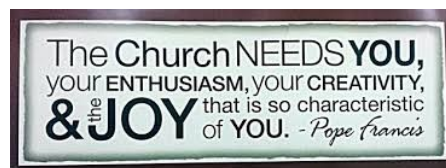
During the month of June Pope Francis has asked that national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimizes so many innocent people.

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### **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.

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### ***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 for helping me pass my certification exam..
  2. Thank you Lord for peace after the storm. We love you.
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***Why not dedicate the first hour of your families' work week to God?***

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## *A Community of Ministries*



### **PARISH OUTREACH**

Annie Doyle - 508-853-0183  
Ext. 11

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

### **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. We began to plan to serve seven adults and six children. Two more families have now been added.

We are now providing meals and evening/overnight hospitality for six families: Ten adults and ten children! This a very full house! Please remember to pray that peace and joy may fill all of our hearts.

Many thanks to all who are planning to cook meals, bake desserts, donate items, assist with repairs, spend time with the children and pray during this coming week!

### **Thanks from Urban Missionaries !**



Many items were donated!  
All were appreciated!

### **Food Pantry Needs Continue**

Peanut Butter, tuna and boxes of cold cereal are a special need. This time of year, children's sun-screen is an important item as well. Many thanks to all who remember to feed the hungry every week!

### **THE FAMILY CONNECTION**

*Parent's Prayer for Adult Children* - Dear Lord, my children are grown, yet I find that a parent's work is never done. The love and concern do not die when they graduate from school, or get married. But the objects of that love and concern are no longer dependent young children, but grown individuals with lives of their own. Help me to let go of becoming overly involved in their lives. Grant me patience when they stray from the ways in which I raised them. Help me to let them know I am there when they need love and understanding, but never let me interfere with their independence and integrity. Guide them Lord, that they will never be far from you.



*"He's using the devotional we gave him for Father's Day."*

### **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.

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.

*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*

Faith Into Action Ministry continues to work to prevent family homelessness every weekend!



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](mailto: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.



We invite you to consider joining us to promote a heightened awareness and support for Catholic Church teachings as related to social justice, non-violence, dignity of life and caring for creation issues within our parish and the world. Join us in action:

- Consider buying a "Hope for Housing Card" in the church hall after Mass. See Dave and Sue
- Support poor farmers worldwide by buying "Fair Trade" coffee in our Coffee Shop
- Read about Catholic Social Teaching by taking home a theme card from the table in the back of the church hall
- Contact us if you are interested in joining our ministry. Our next meeting is August 30.

Contact Joyce Purcell for details:  
[jap64us@gmail.com](mailto:jap64us@gmail.com) or 508-852-3304



### *Spiritual Growth Ministry*

#### **Thank You God**

For all You have given,  
Thank You God.  
For all You have withheld,  
Thank You God.  
For all You have withdrawn,  
Thank You God.  
For all You have permitted,  
Thank You God.  
For all You have prevented,  
Thank You God.  
For all You have forgiven me,  
Thank You God.  
For all You have prepared for me,  
Thank You God.  
For the death You have chosen for me,  
Thank You God.  
For the place you are keeping for me in heaven,  
Thank You God.  
For having created me to love You for eternity,  
Thank You God.

#### **"Highest Heavens" Art Exhibit**

On Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 5 parishioners were given a tour of the "Highest Heavens" Art Exhibit at the Worcester Art Museum. Participants found the exhibit to be very impressive. A special THANK YOU to our parishioner, Angela McClain, for her expertise in discussion each work of art. We are deeply grateful to you, Angela, for providing this wonderful opportunity and learning experience for our parishioners. God Bless You .

#### **Summer Faith Sharing Groups**

Did you know that you are more than welcome to join a Summer Faith Sharing Group although we have started our new Insight Reflection Book? Not too worry if you are unable to attend every week...we understand that you may already have summer plans. Groups meet on Wednesday Evening from 7:00-8:15PM or Friday from 10:00- 11:15 AM. For further information and/or questions, please call Gerrie Bak @ [508-829-5116](tel:508-829-5116) or JoAnn Nally @ [508-527-6973](tel:508-527-6973).