

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden
July 8, 2018: Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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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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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.

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, July 8, 2018

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 7: Vigil

4:00 PM Memorial for Helen Pizan by Rick Agbay

Sunday, July 8: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Special Intention

9:00 AM Special Intention

11:00 AM Memorial for Steven Skeates by
Carol Grigas

Monday, July 9: St. Augustine Zhao Rong

8:00 AM For the Community of St. George

Tuesday, July 10:

8:00 AM In memory of Stan & Frances Pielaszczyk

Wednesday, July 11: St. Benedict

6:30 PM In memory of Barbara Ward

Thursday, July 12:

8:00 AM 16th Anniversary for Suzanne Niccolls
by her brother

Friday, July 13: St. Henry

8:00 AM Memorial for Michael & Katherine Misilo
by family

Saturday, July 14: Vigil

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

Sunday, July 15: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM 2nd Anniversary for Judy Ritchie by family

9:00 AM Birthday Remembrance for Robert Carter
by family

11:00 AM 5th Anniversary for Dr. Frank Bednarek
by family

Bulletin Deadlines

Weekend of

July 15

July 22

July 29

Due to parish

Wednesday, June 25

Wednesday, July 11

Wednesday, July 18

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, July 7:

8:00 PM AA

Hall

Sunday, July 8:

8:00 AM Coffee Shop

Hall

9:00 AM Children's Liturgy

St. George Rm

9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy

Confr Rm

Monday, July 9:

5:45 PM Yoga

Hall

7:00 PM Pieta

Confr Rm

Tuesday, July 10:

10:30 AM Prayer Shawl

Hall

Wednesday, July 11:

Thursday, July 12:

6:30 PM Family Prayer

Church

Friday, July 13:

9:00 AM Bible Camp

Hall & Center

Saturday, July 14:

8:00 PM AA

Hall

Sunday, July 15:

8:00 AM Coffee Shop

Hall

9:00 AM Children's Liturgy

St. George Rm

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Confr Rm

Scripture for the week of July 8, 2018

8 SUN Ez 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

9 Mon Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Mt 9:18-26

10 Tue Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Mt 9:32-38

11 Wed Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Mt 10:1-7

12 Thu Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Mt 10:7-15

13 Fri Hos 14:2-10/Mt 10:16-23

14 Sat Is 6:1-8/Mt 10:24-33

15 SUN Am 7:12-15/Eph 1:3-14/Mk 6:7-13



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.



Weekend of June 24, 2018

Total Weekly Ordinary:
\$6181.10

Thank you for your support!

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Prayer Shawl Ministry

New members are invited to join this important ministry of outreach to the sick and suffering. You might want to knit or crochet – here at our bimonthly meetings or at home. Please call Annie Doyle at the Rectory for more information 508-853-0183.

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

**You're invited—
Join our Community of Ministries**

Share your unique talent - baking, teaching, sewing, mending, gardening, welcoming newcomers, simple carpentry, landscaping, washing and ironing, computer skills, technology advice, knitting, and crocheting are a few of the skills needed.

Can you sing or play a musical instrument?

Do you want to learn more about scripture?

Just call or email us at Annie Doyle
annie@ saintgeorgesparish.org or 508-853-0183



Coffee Shop Captain

July 15, 2018

John Lewczyk: 508-856-9567

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.

This Week...

Pray for all those who care for the sick and the suffering that they may have hearts like Jesus who willingly made himself the servant of all.



From Your Pastor

Recently, new railings were installed on the side steps leading up into the sanctuary. This addition to our sanctuary will be of great assistance to those of you who need this type of support as you enter the sanctuary for whatever the occasion might be. The addition of these railings was one of the projects we designated for the proceeds from our calendar raffle that was held in June. We are grateful for the generosity and support that so many of you had shown to support this raffle and to make this project a reality!

Fr. Niccolls



Gentle Yoga

Mondays 5:45 PM – 6:45 PM in Church Hall

Gentle Yoga focuses on a relaxed pace and gentler approach to yoga postures. Classes will also include breathing and guided relaxation. Gentle yoga helps with flexibility, strength and well-being while relaxing your mind, increasing your energy, and reducing stress. For beginners and experienced students who want a slower paced, less strenuous class. For more info: suestevens57@charter.net or 508-852-4887. Cost: Donation (Proceeds go to the Pieta Support Group for Bereaved Parents).

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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

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 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.

**Holy Father's Prayer
Intentions for July**

During the month of July, the Pope asks that priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Happy Father's Day! Take time for your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Sep 15-16, 2018 in Medway, MA and Dec 7-9, 2018 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

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.



This Weekend's Stewardship Thought

During this time, we celebrate the independence of our country. We would do well to echo the psalmist, saying, "Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for His mercy." May we always recognize and use wisely the gifts of freedom and abundance He has showered upon us.

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



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. 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 with any questions.

Before Mass talk to God...

During Mass let God talk to you...

After Mass talk about God to everyone...



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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus travels to His hometown and He is greeted with skepticism and doubt. He preaches to them and, despite what they have heard and the things they have witnessed, they do not accept Him. Their lack of faith so distressed Him that He could not work a miracle there, except for a few cures. Their closed minds and hearts blocked the flow of grace and nothing happened.

All too often in the church today, priests, deacons and religious are greeted with skepticism and doubt. In their own towns and parishes, their ministry and preaching is greeted with gossip and indifference. The lack of appreciation is a heavy burden that is added to the overwhelming work of ministering to others, especially in times of great need. As a community of faith, we need to honor the work of those who serve, for their task is neither easy nor light. First, pray for them that they may have the strength and courage to serve and lead. They too are clay vessels of God's grace. Second, tell them you appreciate them and their work. Offer positive support for a homily well done, a special visit to the sick, or ministry at times of funerals, weddings and sacraments. Your gifts of time, talent and treasure go a long way to boost the morale and confidence of those who serve us. It lets them know concretely that they too are part of the community and not just a functionary in times of need. Be supportive, be helpful, and be generous. It helps God's grace to flow!

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**St. Francis's Prayer
Before This Crucifix**

All-highest, glorious God,
cast your light into the
darkness of my heart.
Give me right faith, firm
hope, perfect charity
and profound humility,
with wisdom and perception,
O Lord, so that I may do
what is truly your holy will.

Amen



The Savior

Who is that man on the cross?
Oh, how long has he been hanging there?
I see the nails that pierce his hands and feet,
The blood that pours from his side,
Please, I beg you, let me take off the crown of
thorns--digging deep within his skull.

Who is that man on the cross?
Oh, how long has he been hanging there?
I am sure his knees are bruised and broken,
His back shredded with splinters of the wood,
Please, I beg you, let me run my hands across his
gashes with oil for they have become infected.

Who is that man on the cross?
And why does he refuse to come down?

- Our Seminarian, Peter Bui

*A Christian Steward receives God's gifts gratefully,
cherishes and tends them in a responsible and account-
able manner, shares them in justice and love with all, and
returns them with increase to the Lord.*

**Scheduling of
Parish Calendar Events**

The new parish calendar becomes effective September 1st. 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.

Pietà

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 on July 9 at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room.

Please join 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.

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

Interfaith Hospitality Network Shelter Service Week

Many thanks to so many volunteers! The following projects have been completed:

- **Shelves** assembled to organize household items in the basement
- **Woodchips and play sand spread** for the outdoor play structure, a cover and new sand toys were added
- A garden in the back yard was mulched and planted with flowers
- Front steps were repainted
- **Electrical repairs were done**



Thank you to all the folks who took tickets to fill needs. Your generosity is amazing! Special thanks for the anonymous donation of a much needed newborn baby car seat. We are grateful to our new Confirmation Candidates who joined our Parish Outreach efforts at the Shelter. Many thanks to Kate, Carol, Linda, Janice and Vivian for making meals and to Shelia and Betty who donated HFH grocery cards to enable the families to make the remainder of the meals. Thanks to Peter, Sue and Bob for landscaping. Special thanks to Kathy and Kate for helping to host during the evening hours and to so many others who helped to make this good work possible.

More details later....

Join St. George's "Food Donation Team"

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

DavewithFDT@gmail.com

Special needs for June are:

Boxes of cold cereal, and Cans of chicken
Cans of Soup (flip top cans are great if possible)
continue to be needed.

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Prayer for the Family Vacation... Loving God, bless this family as we begin a time of fun and relaxation together. Protect us, be our companion and ever-loving presence. Guide us safely as we travel, help us bring the best of who we are as a family to the places and people we will visit. Lead us on, Lord, to a healthy and holy time together. Grant that we may return to our home renewed and happy. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



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.



The only way to make rapid progress along the path of divine love is to remain very little and put all our trust in Almighty God.

... St. Therese of Lisieux

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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.*



Youth Faith Connection

Ice Breakers, Faith Sharing Discussion, Lunch

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**Sundays 2018**

**July 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th**

10:00AM - 11:30AM

*Attend 1 or Attend All Dates*

Parish Center 2nd Floor

Facilitators:

Peter Bui - Seminarian in Residence

Courtney & Ed Shoro - Religious Education

Please contact Courtney with questions

Call/Text 774-249-5788

courtneymcreamer@gmail.com

**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 for more information.

*Spiritual Growth Ministry*



**"Blessed Is The Nation Whose  
God Is The Lord" (Psalm 33:12)**

**Thank You God for the gift of our country.**

Keep Your Hand on this nation and give our leaders wisdom to see Your ways and to look to You for direction.

Provide for those who are in need, feed those who are hungry, comfort those that are sick and bring those who suffer Your protection and help.

May our elected officials respect the values of our country and lead with wisdom and right judgement.

Shower your protection on those in the military, our police and first responders.

Give us Your courage and strength to hold true to our Christian values.

Bless us and protect us and above all, help us to give to You praise, honor and glory in all that we think, say and do. Amen.

**Faith Sharing Groups**

Prayerfully consider becoming part of one of our Faith Sharing Groups. We meet once a week for 75 minutes. There is a Wednesday evening group and a Friday morning group. We read the upcoming Sunday's Gospel, pray and reflect as a group to better understand and live the values of the Gospel.

You don't have to come every week...we understand that you have other commitments. For additional information, please speak with Fr. Niccolls, Fr. Charles, JoAnn @508-527-6973 or Joyce @ 508 852-3304.

**ATTENTION: ALL PARISH YOUTH!!!**

Watch The Bulletin And  
The Posters On The Bulletin Board  
For Information About Gatherings After The 9:00  
AM Mass and Before The 11:00 AM Mass For The  
Sundays in July