

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

**July 28 2019: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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40 Brattle Street Worcester, MA 01606

Parish Office: 508-853-0183

[www.saintgeorgesparish.org](http://www.saintgeorgesparish.org)

### **Office Hours:**

Monday- Wednesday 9:00AM to 3:00PM

Thursday 9AM to 12 noon

Closed on Fridays

### **Parish Staff:**

*It is our privilege to serve you.*

Rev. Edward D. Niccolls, Pastor Ext. 12

Rev. Joseph M. Nally, Senior Priest  
Ext. 24

Deacon Paul T. Audette Ext. 13

Annie Doyle, Pastoral Outreach

[annie@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:annie@saintgeorgesparish.org) Ext. 11

Kate Lockney, Parish Secretary

**NEW!** [office@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:office@saintgeorgesparish.org) Ext. 10



# **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, 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.

***A Community of Ministries, July 28, 2019***

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## Mass Intentions



## Parish Calendar

**Saturday, July 27:** Vigil  
4:00 PM In Memory of Bernice Ladner

**Sunday, July 28:** Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
7:30 AM In Memory of Msgr. Richard Carelli  
9:00 AM For the Community of St. George  
11:00 AM 14th Anniversary for Patrick McGovern req. by family

**Monday, July 29:** Saint Martha  
8:00 AM In Memory of Jim and Millie O'Connor

**Tuesday, July 30:** Saint Peter Chrysologus  
8:00 AM In Memory of Ralph and Jean Dunn

**Wednesday, July 31:** Saint Ignatius of Loyola  
6:30 PM In Memory of Walter Browning

**Thursday, August 1:** Saint Alphonsus Liguori  
8:00 AM In Memory of Theophile Martin

**Friday, August 2:** Saint Eusebius Vercelli  
8:00 AM In Memory of John Balcome

**Saturday, August 3:** Vigil  
4:00 PM 18th Anniversary for Donald Frye req. by his wife Joan and family

**Sunday, August 4:** Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
7:30 AM In Memory of Helen Walker req. by her nephew  
9:00 AM For the Community of St. George  
11:00 AM 1 Month's Mind Mass for Michael Carolan by Bonnie Moran and family

**Saturday, July 27:**  
8:00 PM AA Hall

**Sunday, July 28:**  
8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall  
9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St. George Room  
9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Conf. Room

**Monday, July 29:**  
5:45 PM NO Yoga  
9AM-12PM Vacation Bible Camp Center

**Tuesday, July 30:** Prayer Shawl Hall  
9AM-12PM Vacation Bible Camp Center

**Wednesday, July 31:**  
9AM-12PM Vacation Bible Camp Center

**Thursday, August 1:**  
9:AM-12PM Vacation Bible Camp  
6:30 PM Family Prayer Church

**Friday, August 2:**  
9AM-12PM Vacation Bible Camp Center

**Saturday, August 3:**  
8:00 PM AA Hall

**Sunday, August 4:**  
8:00 AM Coffee Shop St. George Room  
9:00 AM Children's Liturgy Hall  
9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Conf. Room

### Bulletin Item Due Dates

Weekend of	Due to parish
August 11, 2019	Wednesday, July 31
August 18, 2019	Wednesday, August 7
August 25, 2019	Wednesday, August 14

Please submit items by 3:00 PM on the due date.  
email to our parish Secretary at :  
office@saintgeorgesparish.org

### Please Join Us!

Join us downstairs in the Church Hall after Sunday Mass for Coffee, Donuts and to enjoy being part of the parish community.

**Coffee Shop Captain for August 4th**  
Don Viens 508-852-5658



All men and women are invited to join one of the St. George Coffee Shop Teams to serve once every 9 weeks. Please contact Jim Sanford at 508-852-0293 for more information. All are welcome!

## Scripture Readings

### Daily Scripture Readings

Daily Scripture Readings are available at the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops  
Web site: <http://usccb.org/>

### Scripture for the week of July 28, 2019

28 SUN Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13  
29 Mon Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42  
30 Tue Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43  
31 Wed Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46  
1 Thu Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53  
2 Fri Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Mt 13:54-58  
3 Sat Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12  
4 SUN Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

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### Diocesan Victim Service Coordinator Note

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.



*From Your Pastor*

*From the Pastor's Desk:*

### Eucharistic Adoration Chapel



Open 4:30 AM to 8:00 PM Daily  
Please consider visiting the Chapel  
All are welcome!

Note: The chapel is closed during the Bible  
Camp July 29th—August 2nd.  
These hours are posted on the door.

### *This Weekend's Stewardship Thought*

Jesus is describing God's immeasurable generosity when He says in today's Gospel, "Whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks, is admitted." But it should also be the description of us as Christian stewards — those seeking to follow Christ by using our gifts in service to others.

### *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!

Last week I made available a book by Bishop Robert Barron to anyone who might want to read it. Bishop Barron wrote the book as a letter to the Church that he both loves and serves about the crisis that it is suffering right now in light of the clergy sexual abuse situation. This book is not an attempt to gloss over this issue but rather to put it into perspective. Bishop Barron does not defend the Church on this issue, but wants to make it clear that running away from it is not an answer either. Books are still available by the doors of the church. I ask that you take the time to read this book by Bishop Barron on this most troubling situation involving our Church today.

I am extending an invitation to you as well as to anyone else in the parish to come together in the church hall on Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7:15 P.M. This time will provide the opportunity for anyone to share her/his thoughts and comments about this book and how we as a parish family may reflect upon its message for the future of the Church.

I encourage you to set the time aside to join me and other parishioners in sharing your thoughts.

*Fr. Nicolls*

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**Total Weekly  
Ordinary Collection**

**Weekend of July 16, 2019**

Ordinary Weekly: \$ 5,414.00

Online Giving: \$ 2,285.00

Your generosity helps us to continue to be a vibrant parish community worshipping our Risen Lord and reaching out to our neighbors in need.

**Thank you for your support!**

### **Parish Calendar Attention Ministry Leaders**

The new parish calendar becomes effective September 1st. All ministry schedules should be submitted no later than August 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 Kate Lockney at:  
office@saintgeorgesparish.org.

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"Growing Together in Faith"

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Religious Education  
2019-2020 Registration

For returning students, registration packets were sent home with the youngest child in each family on the last day of classes. Please read over the registration packet carefully paying attention to registration deadlines and fees. Please take note that students entering grade 2 and Confirmation have an additional sacrament fee of \$35. Additional forms can be found outside of the Religious Education Office in the Parish Center, on the table near the Religious Education Bulletin Board in the Church Hall, or on the parish website.

*"Parachute With The Angels"*  
*Vacation Bible Camp*  
*July 29-August 2, 2019*



*Children entering Grades 1-6*  
*Come learn about angels and how God uses them to share his work and his will. Hear about people who spoke with angels and whose lives were forever changed. Meet Saint Catherine Laboure who had a very special visit from Mary, Queen of Angels, and gave us a very special gift.*

*For more information contact*  
*Karen Fuller at [Kfuller217@gmail.com](mailto:Kfuller217@gmail.com)*

**Evangelization in Action:**

**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."* (Luke 11:9) Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. Many people need very little. However, we usually want so much more. A good steward only asks God for what he needs.



When we are learning something new, it's often the case that we learn better when we take things slowly so that we see how things work or how we handle them. For example, driving, playing a sport or doing artwork requires us to master basic skills before we go on to more complex ones. It's the fundamentals that are important to build on. They become the foundation of creative expression as well as mastery of technique.

During His public ministry, Jesus spends time in prayer and solitude and teaches His disciples the fundamentals of a relationship with the Father. Love, mercy, compassion, forgiveness and healing are all hallmarks of God's relationship with His people. The Apostles want the loving and personal relationship with God that Jesus has. Jesus teaches them how to pray. It is not just the recitation of words, but an offering of praise, an acknowledgement of love and a request for the things we need. It's easy to recite the Our Father from memory and fail to pay attention to the words. They've become so familiar and so routine that we can skim through them and complete the prayer, yet miss its meaning. Slow down. Listen to the words and pray them carefully. The Lord will teach you once again how to pray.

*~James Gaffney, © 2010 Karides Lic. to St. George Publishing*



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### Volunteer Opportunity

Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) New England, a year-long volunteer opportunity for women and men 50 years of age and better, is recruiting volunteers for the upcoming (September to June) year.

Volunteers give two full days/week of service and commit to a monthly spiritual reflection program in the Jesuit tradition. IVC works with nonprofits in the Boston/Worcester/Providence areas that address problems of homelessness, education, immigration and more. Get info and application by contacting regional director Dave Hinchey at:

[newengland@ivcusa.org](mailto:newengland@ivcusa.org), or check out the IVC New England website @ [www.ivcusa.org/new-england](http://www.ivcusa.org/new-england)



For times when you are away on vacation, online giving is a good solution to keep your weekly donation systematic. 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.

For more information contact Kathy Hessel at: [mkhessel@aol.com](mailto:mkhessel@aol.com)



### *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.



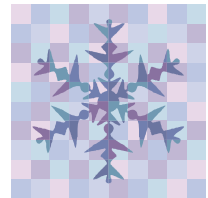
### Partners In Charity

As of June 9th, our parish family has raised **\$100,000.00 from 264** donors toward our parish goal of \$100,000. Thank you for your generosity.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to make a gift, we encourage you to do so today. Pledge envelopes are available in each pew and at the church exits.

### Help keep our Church cool

Please help us keep our church cool by closing any window or door that you notice is open. This will help to assure that the air conditioner is working at full efficiency.



### School Supplies needed at Catholic Charities and Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry

Backpacks  
Notebooks & 3-Ring Binders, 1-3 Subject  
Calculators (Especially Scientific!)  
Clorox Disinfecting  
Wipes  
Colored Markers  
Copy/Print Paper  
Crayons  
Glue Sticks  
Highlighters  
Pencil Sharpeners  
Pencils & Pens  
Pocket Folders



These items can be left in our church Outreach Collection area up to August 5. Thank you!

## *A Community of Ministries*



### **St. George Parish Outreach**

Annie Doyle  
508-853-0183 Ext. 11  
annie@saintgeorgesparish.org



Herb and flower box made by our Confirmation Candidates is being enjoyed by everyone at the Mustard Seed.



### **All are Welcome to the Sacrament of Baptism**

For registration, preparation session dates and more information please contact:  
Susan Pacek at: 508-856-9960 or  
st.geobaptism@gmail.com



### **THE FAMILY CONNECTION**

"Someday" we're going to have a mother-daughter lunch date. "Someday" we're going to write our family history. "Someday" we're going to go on a weekend retreat. "Someday" we're going to tell our children how much we love them. "Someday" we're going to do a family tree for the grandkids. "Someday..." The calendar contains Mon-days, Tues-days, Wednes-days, Thurs-days, Fri-days, Satur-days, Sun-days, but no Some-days.



We are grateful to all of our parishioners who work together so lovingly to help to maintain our parish grounds for the greater Glory of God!

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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.*



**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 July and August are:

Canned chicken, cereal, soft, healthy granola bars. All non-perishable food items are always welcome and can be left in the Outreach area at the foot of the stairs inside the church entrance near the parking lot.



**Spiritual Growth Ministry**  
Ministry Contact: JoAnn Nally  
508-527-6973

**No act of kindness,  
no matter how small,  
is ever wasted.**

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*Thank You Lord*

**Why a "Community of Ministries"?**

Here at St. George Parish we strive to work together as a "Community of Ministries" who collaborate and cooperate with one another. It is in this spirit of humility and unity, that we hope to continue to grow "as one" in Christ.

**LAUGH** when you can,  
**APOLOGIZE** when you should and  
**LET GO** of what you cannot change.  
(from Contemplative Monk)

**FAITH SHARING GROUPS**

**How about coming to a Faith Sharing Group this summer?**

**FRIDAY 10: 00- 11:15 AM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor- Parish Center**

**This is a great opportunity to meet other members of our Parish Community, to learn more about the upcoming Sunday Gospel, to share ideas and learn more about our faith. ALL ARE WELCOME! If you have questions/need more information, please talk with one of our Priests, or**

**call Joyce Purcell @ 508-852-3304 or JoAnn Nally @ 508- 527-6973.**



**You Can Help to Prevent  
Homelessness after  
Mass today**

We invite you to use "Hope for Housing cards" to buy your weekly groceries or prescriptions at CVS. Celebrate a graduation with a treat from Dunkin Donuts or Panera Bread.

You receive the full face value of the a card in the amount you choose. The stores- CVS, Dunkin Donuts, Panera Bread, and local grocery stores - donate up to 5% of that amount to "Hope for Housing" to assist children with families in crisis. See Sue & Dave Genereux who are selling these cards in the Church Hall after Mass

