

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

July 29, 2018: Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

40 Brattle Street Worcester, MA 01606
Parish Office: 508-853-0183
www.saintgeorgesparish.org

Office Hours:

Monday & Wednesday 9:00AM to 5:00PM
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00AM to 4:00PM

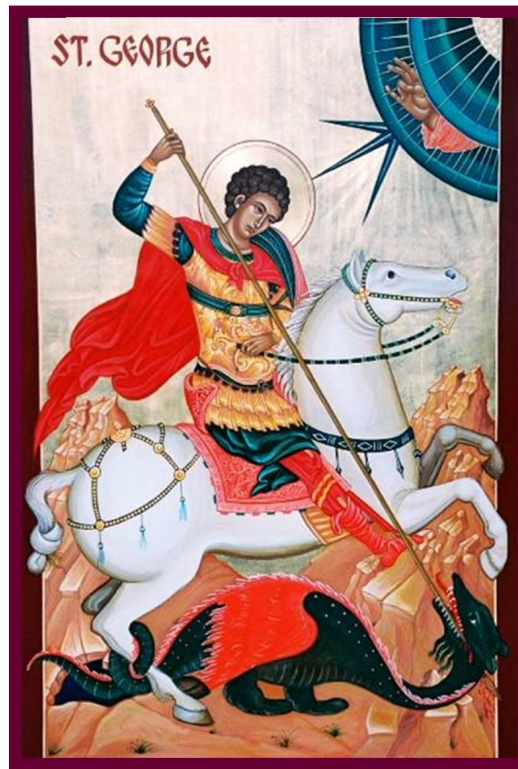
Parish Staff:

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 29, 2018

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 28: Vigil

4:00 PM Memorial for Sammy Rayondelli by
Dottie Harrington

Sunday, July 29: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Memorial for Donna Caputo by
Fran & Bob Pike

9:00 AM Special Intention

11:00 AM Memorial for Francis Pignataro by
Kallie Koppenal

Monday, July 30: St. Peter Chrysologus

8:00 AM In memory of Arthur Sullivan

Tuesday, July 31: St. Ignatius of Loyola

8:00 AM For the Community of St. George

Wednesday, August 1: S. Alphonsus Liguori

6:30 PM Memorial for Albert H. Duncan by
Carol Wall

Thursday, August 2: St. Eusebius of Vercelli

8:00 AM In memory of Ralph & Jean Dunn

Friday, August 3:

8:00 AM For the sick of the parish

Saturday, August 4: Vigil

4:00 PM 17th Anniversary for Donald Frye by his
Wife Joan & family

Sunday, August 5: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Memorial for Joseph Thompson by
Liz Woods

9:00 AM 1st Anniversary for Barbara Welch by
family

11:00 AM 60th Anniversary for Robert & Frances Pike

Bulletin Deadlines

Weekend of

August 12

August 19

August 26

Due to parish

Wednesday, August 1

Wednesday, August 8

Wednesday, August 15

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 A who will serve at our
Masses next weekend.

Attention Parents of Young Children

The Church building is open to all. We ask that par-
ents of young children to please accompany them at
all times. Thank you.

Parish Calendar

Saturday, July 28:

8:00 PM AA

Hall

Sunday, July 29:

8:00 AM Coffee Shop

Hall

9:00 AM Children's Liturgy

St. George Rm

9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy

Confr Rm

Monday, July 30:

5:45 PM Yoga

Hall

Tuesday, July 31:

Wednesday, August 1:

7:00 PM Faith Sharing Group

Confr Rm

Thursday, August 2:

6:30 PM Family Prayer

Church

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Saturday, August 4:

8:00 PM AA

Hall

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Scripture for the week of July 29, 2018

29 SUN 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

30 Mon Jer 13:1-11/Mt 13:31-35

31 Tue Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43

1 Wed Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-46

2 Thu Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53

3 Fri Jer 26:1-9/Mt 13:54-58

4 Sat Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12

5 SUN Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Eucharistic Adoration

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us the Eucharist as the
memorial of your suffering and death. May our wor-
ship of this sacrament of your Body and Blood help us
to experience the salvation you won for us and the



Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Hours

Open 4:30 AM to 8:00 PM



Before Mass talk to God...

During Mass let God talk to you...

After Mass talk about God to everyone...



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Weekend of July 22, 2018

Total Weekly Ordinary:
\$6,394.75



From Your Pastor

Welcome - The Door is Always Open

- If you've been away from church for a while consider reconnecting. Join us again for worship, Spiritual Growth Programs, community service, or a simple chat?
- If you are an unmarried couple or were married by a Justice of the Peace, have you considered receiving the Sacrament of Marriage (commonly referred to as having your marriage blessed)?
- Do you have an older child or a grandchild who was never Baptized? If you want to learn more about receiving this Sacrament of welcome, we invite you to give us a call.
- If you or an adult friend or a family member, who never received Confirmation but would like to learn more about this Sacrament, consider contacting us for more information.

For any of the above, please see one of our priests, call 508-853-0183, or email: Annie Doyle at annie@saintgeorgesparish.org.

This Week...

Pray for all children, that God may protect them from forms of harm, and that we too may learn from the example of children and receive Christ with humility, trust and without fear.

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.

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).

Recently, our third Vacation Bible Camp in recent years was held. We had seventeen of our young parishioners take part in it and they enjoyed it very much. I am very grateful to Aaron & Karen Fuller and all the adult and youth volunteers who helped them to make this Vacation Bible Camp such a great learning and fun experience for our young parishioners and their families. We have not yet scheduled next year's Vacation Bible Camp. When we do have it scheduled, we will inform you so that you can mark it on your calendars.

I want to mention that this is the last weekend that our seminarian, Peter Bui, will be with us. He will be returning to the Theological College in Washington, D.C. in three weeks to begin his second year of pre-theological studies there in preparation for the priesthood. We wish Peter well and pray that this coming year will be a very spiritually, pastorally and academically fulfilling one for him.

Fr. Niccolls



Coffee Shop Captain

August 5, 2018

Dave Walsh: 508-854-1332

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.

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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

"The hand of the Lord feeds us," says the psalmist; "he answers all our needs." Both Elisha's servant in the first reading and the disciples in the Gospel story who witnessed the feeding of the five thousand saw this happen and knew it to be true.

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 the upcoming classes are September 23 and November 4 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM in the Conference Room.

School Supplies needed at Catholic Charities

Backpacks with:

- ☐ Notebooks & 3-Ring Binders 1-3 Subject
- ☐ Calculators (*Especialty 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-before August 5.
Many Thanks!

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Here is another family ritual that is worthwhile considering. In the days after Christmas, one family in our parish gathers everyone together and each child picks a toy or game in good condition and some clothes to share with kids in the homeless shelter. Each adult picks some clothes for the same purpose. When everything has been cleaned and prepared, they go together to the shelter and present the director with their donations. The children get a powerful lesson in sharing and mom gets a little less clutter to pick up.

Sharing is becoming almost counter-cultural. We are so clingy to material goods that we hang on to things long after they have become useless to us. Our homes are so full of junk that we rent storage space for more junk. Eventually, when we die, someone will have the thankless task of cleaning up our junk. Instead, we should put things to good use. Clothe the naked and assist the needy. Help someone get a job with your old suit or dress. Let another child enjoy a game or fun toy. Share your good fortune and wealth. Be generous and God will bless you.

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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



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

Our Church

I only want one thing,
For this I long...
That is for people to know God.



We only want one thing,
For this we long...
That is for people to know God.

Our Church only wants one thing,
For this she longs...
That is for people to know God.

...Our Seminarian, Peter Bui

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.

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.

St. Thomas More Law School Scholarship

Each year the St. Thomas More Society of our Diocese awards a scholarship of not less than \$3000 to a law student attending an accredited law school. Applicants or parents must be registered and active members of a parish in the Diocese of Worcester. Applicants may be in any year of law school studies. Applications may be obtained by visiting the diocesan website, www.worcesterdiocese.org/st-thomas-more-society, by mailing requests to: St. Thomas More Society, Chancery Office, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609 or by calling Sara Smillie at 508-929-4345. Applications are due on or before September 21, 2018. Should anyone wish to contribute to the scholarship fund, donations will be greatly appreciated and you can make contact at the above address or phone number.

A Community of Ministries



Love. Grow. Serve.

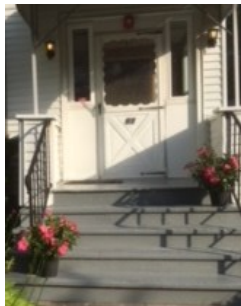
PARISH OUTREACH

Annie Doyle - 508-853-0183
Ext. 11

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

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Strengthening the parent-teen relationship.....Expect what is reasonable, not what is perfect. A new relationship begins to grow between parents and their children approaching the teenage years. Make time to talk with and listen to each other. Do things together that feel good and allow the time needed to build a new relationship. Pay attention to how well the two of you are getting along, ironing out problems as they arise. Remain sensitive to your needs and to your teen's needs.



IHN Shelter Work Continues

We continue our commitment to the six families at IHN. We are currently working to install a much needed vinyl floor in the back entryway and rubber stair treads in the back staircase. Please keep these efforts in your prayers.

Current Needs at the Mustard Seed

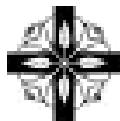
The following items are needed:

- White socks for adults
- Underwear for men and women
- Hotel soap, shampoo and conditioner
- Used small blankets and sleeping bags
- Tuna, cereal and flip top cans of soup

Our Next Mustard Seed Meal is November 16



Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick



Please join Us

Monday, August 6, 2018 at 11:00 AM

A brief service will take place followed by
a light lunch in the Church Hall

The Sacrament of the Sick is administered by the priest and is for those who are ill, elderly, and those afflicted by physical or emotional pain.

The graces of this Sacrament include a strengthening, peace and courage to overcome the difficulties of illness, as well as healing, and forgiveness.

Please call Annie Doyle - Parish Outreach at
508-853-0183 Ex. 11 or 508-450-4134 to participate
in the celebration of this Sacrament.

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.

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 August are:

Small bags of cereal, cans of tuna, and soup

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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*

"Silence is not the absence of noise but the absence of resistance to God.

God is always present. We're the ones who are absent.

The yearning you feel for God is actually God's yearning for you." (Thomas Keating)

**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

**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.

