

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

August 5, 2018: Eighteenth 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.

Rev. Edward D. Niccolls Pastor Ext. 12
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annie@saintgeorgesparish.org Ext. 11

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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.

A Community of Ministries, August 5, 2018

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, August 6: The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 AM For the Sick of our Parish

11:00 AM Service of the Anointing of the Sick

Tuesday, August 7: St. Sixtus II

8:00 AM For the Community of St. George

Wednesday, August 8: St. Dominic

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

Thursday, August 9: St. Teresa Benedicta

8:00 AM In memory of Gordon Newcomb

Friday, August 10: St. Lawrence

8:00 AM In Memory of Bob Giroux

Saturday, August 11: Vigil

4:00 PM Special Intention

Sunday, August 12: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Memorial for Bob and Dolores Chisolm

9:00 AM Special Intention

11:00 AM Special Intention

Bulletin Deadlines

Weekend of
August 19
August 26
September 2

Due to parish
Wednesday, August 8
Wednesday, August 15
Wednesday, August 22

Items must be submitted by 5:00 PM on the due date. Email
items to stgeoffice@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 par-
ents of young children to please accompany them at
all times. Thank you.



Parish Calendar

Saturday, August 4: 8:00 PM AA

Hall

Sunday, August 5:

8:00 AM Coffee Shop

Hall

9:00 AM Children's Liturgy

St. George Rm

9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy

Confr Rm

Monday, August 6:

5:45 PM Yoga

Hall

Light lunch to follow Anointing Service

Tuesday, August 7:

Wednesday, August 8:

6:30 PM Daughters of Isabella

Hall

7:00 PM Faith Sharing Group

Confr Rm

Thursday, August 9:

6:30 PM Family Prayer

Church

Friday, August 10:

10:00 AM Faith Sharing Group

Center

Saturday, August 11:

5:15 PM Spiritual Growth Meeting

Conf Room

8:00 PM AA

Hall

Sunday, August 12:

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 August 5, 2018

5	Sun	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35
6	Mon	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
7	Tue	Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
8	Wed	Jer 31:1-7/Mt 15:21-28
9	Thu	Jer 31:31-34/Mt 16:13-23
10	Fri	2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
11	Sat	Hb 1:12—2:4/Mt 17:14-20
12	SUN	1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51



Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Hours

Open 4:30 AM to 8:00 PM Daily

Second Collection

Next weekend, a collection will be taken up at all
Masses for the Church in Central and Eastern Eu-
rope. Please see Bishop McManus' letter on page 5
for information about this important collection.

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Weekend of July 29, 2018

Total Weekly Ordinary:
\$6,670.67



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 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 nurses and caregivers to family members, that the Lord will increase their patience, gentleness, and strength to continue witnessing to the dignity of each person in their care.

Thank you so much for your generous support of this life-saving ministry of Visitation House. The Lenten Baby Bottle Fundraiser at St. George Parish donated, \$3,344.00.

Your parish's donations help to provide a stable living environment as well as material, emotional, and spiritual support to the most vulnerable population in this country, homeless, pregnant women, who desperately need a place called Visitation House.

May God bless you and your parishioners for your generosity and multiply your blessings 100 fold.

Eve Lindquist, Visitation House, Inc.

Before Mass talk to God...

During Mass let God talk to you...

After Mass talk about God to everyone...



From Your Pastor (with the assistance of an article from Ministry & Liturgy magazine for November, 2005)

At this time of the year, I like to mention a topic that I have presented to you in the past. It has to do with a process that is very important in the life of the Church – the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or RCIA as it more commonly known. This process is available to adults who have never been baptized or to those who have been baptized but were never instructed or catechized after baptism. There are several stages of preparation in this process that help a person become a full-fledged member of the Catholic Church.

One begins with the precatechumenate where (s) he has some spiritual conversation about God and the Church. Then the rite of acceptance into the order of catechumens is celebrated where the person is considered a member of the Church in a broad sense. During this time one becomes familiar with what the Church teaches, follows the Christian way of life and engages in liturgical prayer. This formation period concludes with the rite of election when the Church, in the name of the local bishop calls the catechumen to the eventual reception of the sacraments of initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. This rite of election takes place on the First Sunday of Lent.

During the Lenten season, one continues in a period purification and enlightenment in order to spiritually prepare to celebrate the sacraments of initiation. During the Easter Vigil the person receives the sacraments of initiation. After receiving these sacraments one enters into a period called mystagogy that usually coincides with the 50 days of the Easter season. This time in one of deepening the new Catholic Christian's participation in their new faith community of the Church by meditating, praying, worshipping and doing works of charity. This period of mystagogy prepares the person for a lifelong relationship in his/her new faith life and emphasizes the importance of remaining close to the faith community of the Church to which (s)he now belongs.

Fr. Niccolls

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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 August

During the month of August, the Pope asks that any far reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.



Coffee Shop Captain

August 12, 2018

Dave Allen: 508-853-2862

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.

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 *next* Sunday. The children will be given the tickets while at the Liturgy to be redeemed after Mass. Best Wishes to our young Catholics.

This Weekend's Stewardship Thought

The crowd in today's gospel demanded a sign from Jesus. May our faithful stewardship be a sign to others that we, like the Ephesians in the second reading, have laid aside our former way of life and acquired a "fresh way of thinking" in Christ.

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 (*Especiallly 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. Many Thanks!

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A Letter from Bishop McManus

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

During the time of communist reign in many countries in Eastern Europe, practicing the Catholic faith was illegal, church buildings were confiscated, and people were forced to hide and secretly share the truths of the Gospel. Having survived decades of institutional oppression and persecution, Catholics still struggle to rebuild not only their physical places of worship but also their church ministries and communities. "Restore the Church - Build the Future" is the national theme for the **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe (CCEE)** which will be taken up in our diocese on the weekend of August 12. Grants funded by this national collection support pastoral projects, scholarships, and Catholic organizations working in areas formerly under Soviet control. The emerging problems posed by secularism also require major investments in developing the next generation of Church leaders.

The country of Albania is nestled north of Greece on the Adriatic Sea. This small country suffered greatly under communist rule. In the capital of Tirana, located in the middle of the country, the Church is continuing to restore not only its structures but also the spirituality of the faithful after years of oppression. For example, in 1996, the congregation of sisters known as the Company of Mary Our Lady founded a kindergarten, the first Catholic school in the entire capital city. Since then, they have opened a school for grades 1-9 and a daily activity center for children. The sisters are now serving over 700 children daily from all different backgrounds, faiths, and ethnic groups. With your support of CCEE, these sisters will be able to make critical repairs to their building to continue their ministry. Your generosity helps the sisters to continue teaching children and equips the congregation to provide a space to build peaceful communities.

In order for projects like this one to continue, the collection needs your help. I ask that you keep these programs in your prayers and that we join our fellow Catholics in the United States in making a generous contribution to support the efforts to rebuild pastoral capacity and create future leaders of the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

With every prayerful best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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.

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A Community of Ministries



Love. Grow. Serve.

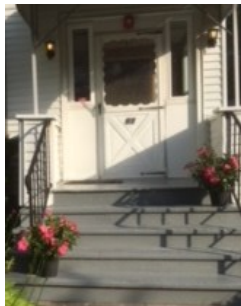
PARISH OUTREACH

Annie Doyle - 508-853-0183
Ext. 11

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

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

For Those Who Create Family for Others... Lord, bless those who reach beyond the boundaries of immediate family to nurture others in hospitals, daycare centers, hospices and crises nurseries. Bless those who care for people with cancer, AIDS, and other life-threatening and crippling sicknesses, who care for abused children or battered women and men, who extend themselves to the unemployed and the homeless. Bless all those who recognize brother, sister, parent or child in the faces of the lonely, the oppressed and the suffering.



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.

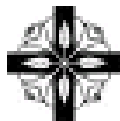
Current Needs at the Mustard Seed

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



Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick



Please join Us Tomorrow

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:

Boxes of cereal, cans of tuna, and (flip top) cans of 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.*

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 humility and unity, that we hope to continue to grow "as one" in Christ.

Pieta

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 August 13 at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room.

Please join us.

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).

**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. Nicolls, Fr. Charles, JoAnn @508-527-6973 or Joyce @ 508 852

St. George Book Discussion Group

The next meeting of the St. George Book Discussion Group will be held on Monday, August 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. We will be discussing "The Faith Club" by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver and Priscilla Warner. Anyone interested in joining the group, please contact Joyce Purcell at 508-852-3304. All are welcome.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

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/>.

