

**Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden**  
**August 6, 2017: Transfiguration Of The Lord**

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

Parish Staff:

*It is our privilege to serve you.*

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*Under the protection of Saint George in Christ Jesus*

## ***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, August 6, 2017***

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### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, August 5: Vigil

8:00 AM 1st Saturday Mass - Chapel

4:00 PM 16th Anniversary for Donald Frye by his wife Joan & family

#### Sunday, August 6: Transfiguration of the Lord

7:30 AM In memory of Harry & Anita Litchfield

9:00 AM For Tim & Kirstin Ritchie ...married in Christ yesterday at St. George

11:00 AM Memorial for Bob Smith by a friend

12:30 PM Sacrament of Baptism

#### Monday, August 7: St. Sixtus II

8:00 AM In memory of Connie Riedy

#### Tuesday, August 8: St. Dominic

8:00 AM In memory of Florence Jocz

#### Wednesday, August 9: St. Teresa Benedicta

8:00 AM For the families of our parish

#### Thursday, August 10: St. Lawrence

8:00 AM For the Community of St. George

#### Friday, August 11: St. Clare

8:00 AM Memorial for Ernesto Ponce by family

#### Saturday, August 12: Vigil

4:00 PM In memory of Nell & Flo Totilas

#### Sunday, August 13 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM In memory of Cathy McCaffrey

9:00 AM Memorial for Gay Nix by the Murphy family

11:00 AM In memory of Regina & John MacDonald

### Bulletin Deadlines

#### Weekend of

August 27

September 3

September 10

#### Due to parish

Monday, August 17

Wednesday, August 23

Wednesday, August 30

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 Rectory.

### 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 A who will serve at our Masses next weekend.

### This Week

Pray for all who suffer; that the mercy of God might bring them peace.

### Parish Calendar

#### Saturday, August 5:

8:00 PM AA

Hall

#### Sunday, August 6:

8:00 AM Coffee Shop

Hall

9:00 AM Children's Liturgy

St. George Rm

9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy

Confr Rm

#### Monday, August 7:

5:45 PM Yoga

Hall

#### Tuesday, August 8:

7:00 PM Religious Ed Board Meeting

Rectory

#### Wednesday, August 9:

6:30 PM Daughters of Isabella

Hall

7:00 PM Faith Sharing Group

Confr Rm

#### Thursday, August 10:

6:30 PM Family Prayer

Church

#### Friday, August 11:

10:00 AM Faith Sharing Group

Center

#### Saturday, August 12:

8:00 PM AA

Hall

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### Scripture for the week of August 6, 2017

6 SUN Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

7 Mon Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21

8 Tue Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

9 Wed Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Mt 15:21-28



10 Thu 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26

11 Fri Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28

12 Sat Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20

13 SUN 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

### Second Collection

Next weekend, a second collection will be taken up after all Masses for Aid for the Church in East/Central Europe. Please see Bishop McManus' letter on page 4 for information about this important collection.

### 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 August 14 at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room.

Please join us.

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### Weekend of July 30, 2017

Total Weekly Ordinary: \$5,744.00

Thank you for your support!



*From Your Pastor*

### School Supplies needed at Catholic Charities

#### 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-before August 10.  
Many Thanks!

In the past two weeks we have given our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel a new look. One of the reasons for rearranging the furniture in the Chapel was to accommodate an ever-increasing number of people who have mobility issues and are using canes. Keeping furniture in rows of one chair behind another was becoming more of an obstacle for them, and their need for better accessibility had to be addressed. Also, you will notice that the Chapel is open now from 4:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M. Over time there have been fewer and fewer people who were coming to the Chapel in the late night hours and the early hours of morning. These new hours help us to insure better safety and security of our parish property. Also, as an issue of protection and safety, key cards will no longer be issued.



### *Coffee Shop Captain*

August 13, 2017

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.

*Fr. Niccolls*

### 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.

*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.*

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.



All are invited to Eucharist Adoration between 4:00 AM and 9:00 PM every day. Come and spend time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and feel the peace of His presence.



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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.



### 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)



### *This Weekend's Stewardship Thought*

In the Gospel today, Peter yearns to *do* something to make concrete the Transfiguration he had witnessed. But to be a good steward of this spiritual gift, he was instructed to *be still*, to *listen* to Jesus, and to *wait* for His direction. Good advice for us, too!

### Bereavement Ministry in Worcester

Blessed Sacrament Bereavement Ministry has started their new support group. The group will meet at the Epiphany House, Blessed Sacrament Church, 551 Pleasant Street, Worcester on the *second Thursday of the month beginning from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm*. The Bereavement Ministry will serve families who have lost a loved one to death through Blessed Sacrament Parish. The members of the ministry will implement our mission to provide comfort, care, and support to the grieving families of the Blessed Sacrament community in their experience of loss in a way that is fully sensitive to their grief and responsive to their needs.

### We invite adults interested in receiving Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation or the Sacrament of Marriage to learn more

There is always more for all of us to learn about our Catholic faith.

Are you baptized Catholic or baptized into another religion but have never received any formal religious education?

Perhaps God is calling you to learn more about the Catholic faith to explore the possibility of becoming Catholic?

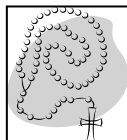
Are you married to a Catholic and attending Mass but you are now possibly considering becoming Catholic?

Are you an Adult Catholic who has not received the Sacraments of Holy Communion and/or Confirmation?

If so, we invite you to join us to learn more about the Catholic faith. Please see a member of our pastoral staff for more information. Classes begin soon.

Please see Fr. Niccolls after Mass or contact Annie Doyle 508-853-0183 x12 or [adoyle@saintgeo.com](mailto:adoyle@saintgeo.com).

### 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.

*Before Mass talk to God...*

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

*After Mass talk about God to everyone...*

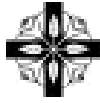


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### **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**



Please join Us

Monday, August 14, 2017 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.

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### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

"... my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it." Discover how God's loving words can help us show his love for us and the world by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Sep 16-17, 2017 in Medway, MA and Oct 21-22, 2017 in Contoocook, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at <https://www.mema.org/>.

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### ***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.

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### ***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.

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### **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](mailto:st.geobaptism@gmail.com).

Baptisms are usually held monthly following the preparation sessions and completion of paperwork. Please check the future bulletins for upcoming dates.

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

During the month of August Pope Francis has asked that artist of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

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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 Jesus for healing by back pain.
  2. Thank you Jesus for my life, my faith, my family & friends.
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### **St. Vincent de Paul**

The St. Vincent de Paul Ministry in the Parish wishes to thank all parishioners and friends who continue to support our clothing bin. St. Vincent de Paul carries out many works of charity behind the scenes. Request for assistance and help given is strictly confidential. Again many thanks for your support. When you're preparing for the fall please remember to use the white box with the blue emblem in the parking lot. Bob Pike  
President

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### **SAT Prep Course**

"James Kelly (Leominster H.S. Math Teacher & St. George Parishioner) and Michael Hughes (St. John's H.S. Theology Teacher) will be running an SAT Prep Course for high school students at St. George's. The course will consist of 7 classes for 33 hours of class time and run from 8/18 – 8/25. St. George parishioners will receive a \$100 discount and reduced rates are available for low income families. Contact James Kelly (978-660-8624) or visit [www.KellyandHughesSAT.com](http://www.KellyandHughesSAT.com) for more information."

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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

#### Feeding the Hungry

We continue to collect non-perishable food items throughout the summer. This food is given to our local food pantry which is held at the Unitarian Church on the corner of Shore Drive and Brattle Street and is called "Loaves and Fishes". St. George church and several other churches on Brattle Street help to run this food pantry- which is also supported through the Worcester County Food Bank. Food is delivered by a parish family and is usually set up the third Friday evening of the month at about 6PM and distributed the third Saturday morning of the month at about 9AM till 11 AM. We also donate, as needed, to the Mustard Seed on Piedmont Street in Worcester. This food is shared with about 25 neighboring families in need. Our next Mustard Seed Meal is September 16, 2017. Needs will be posted at the beginning of the month.

#### The Donations Clearinghouse

DCH collects furniture and household goods to help families and individuals leaving shelters and transitional housing. They also help people with limited fixed incomes those who have suffered from fire or flood, victims of domestic violence and the elderly. Items desperately needed are: dressers and bureaus, lamps, kitchen tables and chairs, night stands, end tables and coffee tables, twin size mattress sets. They do NOT accept: bedframes, sleeper sofas, exercise equipment, electronics, home decor items, clothing or toys. Free pickup is sometimes possible. For more information call 774-243-3805. Please leave a message.

#### Urban Missionaries

The Urban Missionaries of Our Lady of Hope are a local Catholic ministry who assist "the least, the last and the left out" in our diocese. They are in need of clothing, linens, dishes, shoes, and curtains. Redeemable cans and bottles are also welcome. They do accept some types of furniture and beds. Local Pick-ups are available for a fee. Please call first for more details 508-831-7455.

### **THE FAMILY CONNECTION**

In today's Gospel, Jesus was transfigured. He revealed himself to his apostles in all of his majesty. They definitely saw him in a new way. In our lives we can have transfiguration experiences too. We can be transfigured by the love and trust of another person and we learn that someone outside our family sees good in us. We can come to believe in that goodness. We can commit ourselves to God and the Church at Confirmation. We can hold our own child in our arms and realize God continues to create through us. We can admit our own powerlessness over a certain sin or addiction and come to see how God can do for us what we never could do for ourselves. We can be strengthened through these wonderful experiences. Then we need to move on and use that strength to continue God's work in responding to the needs of those around us. We can help others to see God's glory as well.



I say very simply to God what I wish to say, without composing beautiful sentences, and he always understands me.

... 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.*

### *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 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 or 508-852-3304



### *Spiritual Growth Ministry*

#### **Consecration To The Immaculate Heart of Mary**

I offer you, my holy Mother Mary, all my thoughts, all my actions, all my prayers and acts of charity, all my faith and good works, all the sacrifices that I make today. Grant me the grace to do everything in my life with pure intention and a desire to please God. I consecrate myself to your Immaculate Heart, and I pray, through the merits of your intercession, that I may adore the Divine Heart of Jesus, and through His mercy, obtain the grace of conversion and the remission of sins. O Mary, my Blessed Mother, watch over me and protect me from sin and from every evil this day. Amen.

#### **Fall Faith Sharing Groups**

Fall Faith Sharing Groups Begin the Week  
of September 10<sup>th</sup>

Groups will be held on:

Wednesday, 7:00-8:15 PM OR Friday, 10:00-11:15 AM

Registration And Information Table:  
Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup> and August 27<sup>th</sup>

#### **Save The Date**

Young Women's Evening of  
Gathering and Reflection( ages 18- 45)  
Thursday, October 5, 2017 6:00- 9:00 PM

Watch your E-Mail and the Parish Bulletin  
for additional information.

#### **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.

