

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

August 11, 2019: Nineteenth 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 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

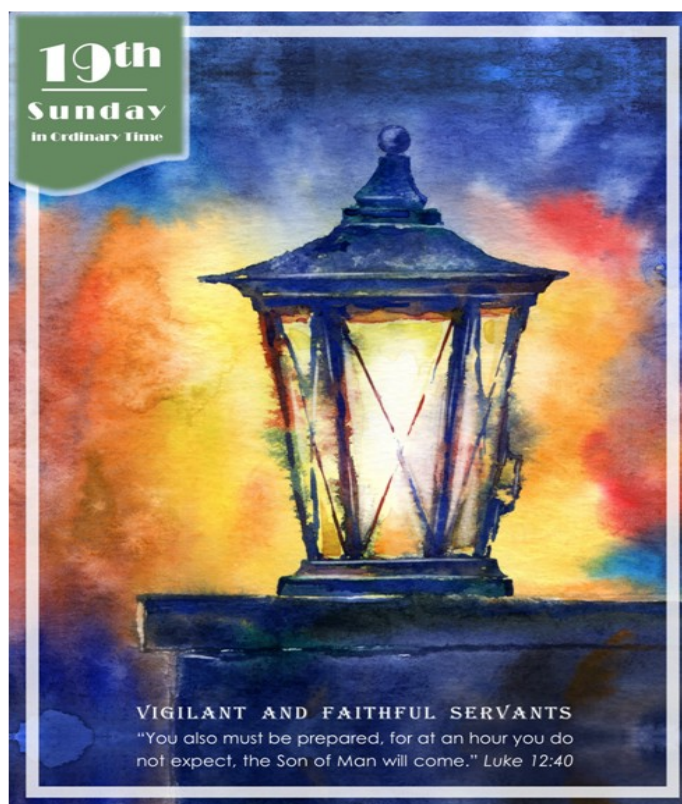
Deacon Paul T. Audette Ext.13

Annie Doyle, Pastoral Outreach

annie@saintgeorgesparish.org Ext. 11

Kate Lockney, Parish Secretary

NEW! 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

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 11, 2019

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Mass Intentions



Saturday, 4:00 PM **August 10:** Vigil
Special Intention
Sunday, 7:30 AM **August 11:** Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
1st Anniversary Mass Richard W. Brosnihan
by wife and daughters
 9:00 AM For the Community of St. George
 11:00 AM Catherine Maleckas req. by Pantos
and Berger families
Monday, 8:00 AM **August 12:** St. Jane Frances de Chantal
In memory of Elizabeth and Mary Grady
Tuesday, 8:00 AM **August 13:** Saints Pontian and Hippolytus
In memory of James McKeon Jr. & Sr.
Wednesday, 6:30 PM **August 14:** Saint Maximilian Kolbe
Special Intention
Thursday, 8:00 AM **August 15:** ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Community of St. George
 12:10 PM Special Intention
Friday, 8:00 AM **August 16:** Saint Stephen of Hungary
In memory of George and Muriel Doyle
Saturday, 4:00 PM **August 17:** Vigil
Memorial Bernice Murdock by Family
Sunday, 7:30 AM **August 18:** Twentieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
In Memory of John and Regina McDonald
 9:00 AM For the Community of St. George
 11:00 AM Birthday and Memorial Lisa Chandley Thuot
requested by her mother

Parish Calendar



Saturday, 8:00 PM **August 10:** AA Hall
Sunday, 8:00 AM **August 11:** Coffee Shop Hall
 9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St. George Room
 9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Conf. Room
Monday, 11:00 AM **August 12:** Ceremony of Anointing Church & Hall
of the Sick
 5:00 PM NO Yoga
 7:00 PM Pieta Conf. Room
Tuesday, 10:30 AM **August 13:** Prayer Shawl Hall
Wednesday, 6:30 PM **August 14:** Daughters of Isabella Church Hall
Thursday, 6:30 PM **August 15:** Family Prayer Church
Friday, 8:00 PM **August 16:** AA Hall
Saturday, 8:00 AM **August 17:** AA Hall
Sunday, 8:00 AM **August 18:** Coffee Shop St. George Room
 9:00 AM Children's Liturgy Hall
 9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Conf. Room

Scripture Readings

Scripture for the week of August 11, 2019

11 SUN Wis 18:6-9/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or
11:1-2, 8-12/ Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40
 12Mon Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27
 13Tue Dt 31:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
 14Wed Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20
 15Thu Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1 Cor
15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28. Day: Rv 11:19a;
12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
 16Fri Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12
 17Sat Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15
 18SUN Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

NEW! Bulletin Item Due Dates NEW!

<u>Weekend of</u>	<u>Due to parish</u>
August 18, 2019	Monday, August 12
August 25, 2019	Monday, August 19
September 1, 2019	Monday, August 26

Please submit items by 10:00 AM 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 18th
Mike Doherty/John Beah 508-856-0823

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 infor-
mation. All are welcome!

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 12th at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room.
Please join us.

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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.

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel



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

Jesus urges us to be rich in what matters to God.

This Weekend's Stewardship Thought

The psalmist warns us against hardening our hearts. Are our hearts open to what really matters?



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!

Total Weekly Ordinary Collection Weekend of August 14, 2019



Ordinary Weekly: \$ 6,321.67
Online Giving: \$ 1,385.00

Monthly totals for July:

Fuel	\$ 165.00
Air Conditioning	900.00
Repairs	788.00
	<u>\$1,853.00</u>

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!



From Your Pastor

From the Pastor's Desk:

Our church is meant to be a place where we can rest in God's presence in the midst of our busy lives. All of our lives can be busy with times set aside for prayer, growth and a great act of service. We need to make sure that every Sunday when we come to church, we take time to sit and rest as we worship. It is a place where God can uniquely and gently tend to our needs.

In Word and Sacrament, God can fill us with inspiration and courage and provide us with the best food here at the altar. God reminds us that he is steadfastly with us and will soon send us forth from here with his strength, his love and his nourishment to continue our journey in faith.

Thursday, August 15th, is the Solemnity of our Blessed Mother's Assumption into Heaven and a holyday of obligation. Masses for this holyday are on Wednesday at 6:30 P.M. and Thursday, at 8:00 A.M. & 12:10 P.M.

Fr. Niccolls

Office Volunteers needed

Our religious education program is in need of volunteers to help in the religious education classes during class times on both Monday and Tuesday afternoons 4:15-5:15 P.M. Responsibilities include answering the phone and door, and helping with miscellaneous tasks. All new volunteers must complete a CORI form. Please contact Sarah Kelly at sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org

Parish Calendar Attention Ministry Leaders

The new parish calendar becomes effective September 1st. All ministry schedules should have been submitted by 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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Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

Sarah Kelly, Administrator - 508-852-1784
: email: sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org
Kevin.brown@saintgeorgesparish.org

2019-2020 Registration

The new year of religious education is approaching fast! Classes begin the week of September. We hope everyone is having a fantastic summer with family and friends, but we are very much looking forward to seeing everyone again soon for classes.

We are now past the first cut off date of August 1st. The fee now increases to \$100 a student, not to exceed \$175 per family. Regardless of when you register, **there is also an additional fee of \$35 for all students making a sacrament this year, First Communion and Confirmation.** Please do not hesitate to reach out if fees are a concern for your family. We would never want finances to hinder your children from taking part in religious education. All information for how to register can be found on our parish website www.saintgeorgesparish.org. or you can email Sarah Kelly at sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org

Classes for Our Youngest Parishioners

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a religious education program for children ages 3-5. The class meets one morning a week for an hour. The day for the 2019-2020 school year is TBD and will depend on families' schedules. Please contact Sarah Kelly at sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org to find out more about this wonderful program.

Teachers Needed

We are blessed to have so many families with children in our parish. Our religious education program serves many young people ages 3 through high school. We cannot have a successful program without the help of volunteer catechists. Please prayerfully consider sharing your time and talents with the young people of our parish. All materials and lesson plans are provided for you. We need help at all grade levels. Grades 1-5 meet on Mondays or Tuesdays 4:15-5:15 P.M. Grades 6-9 meet two Sunday evenings a month 6:00-7:30 P.M. All new volunteers must complete a CORI form. Please contact Sarah Kelly at sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

"Restore the Church – Build the Future" is the 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 11. Your donation supports strengthening Catholic education, seminary formation and development of new lay leaders in 28 countries. Even in those areas where there has been economic progress, many dioceses remain in dire poverty due to the legacy of communism. The continuing problems posed by secularism also require major investments in developing the next generation of Church leaders.

Eastern Ukraine suffered greatly for many years as a stronghold of communism. The Catholic faith was illegal or restricted, so atheism grew stronger and family values deteriorated. Today the Catholic Church is working to rebuild these values. In Kharkiv, Ukraine, women who find themselves in unplanned pregnancies believe that abortion might be their only answer. Many of these women grew up as orphans themselves. Thanks to this annual appeal, you have given these women an option to protect life. Two homes for single mothers were established where they can live with their children. While living in these homes, women receive help with child care and employment. Not only have you helped these women choose life, but you also have given them the tools to create stable living and working situations for themselves and their children.

For more information about the collection and who it supports, visit www.usccb.org/ccee. I ask that you keep these programs in your prayers and that we join our fellow Catholics in the United States in contributing generously to this collection. Thank you for your help to restore the Church and build the future in Central and Eastern Europe.

With every prayerful best wish, I am
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

Thank You Lord

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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, or check out the IVC New



Partners In Charity

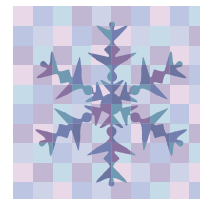
As of July 28, our parish family has raised \$97,684.00 **from 274** donors toward our parish goal of \$100,000. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

SAT PREP COURSE!

James Kelly (Leominster H.S. Math Teacher & St. George-Worcester Parishoner) and Michael Hughes (St. John's H.S. Theology Teacher & St. John's-Clinton Parishoner) will be running an August SAT Prep course at St. George to help HS students with their upcoming PSAT/SAT tests. Dates are August 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22. St. George Parishoners are eligible to receive a 20% discount. For more information, visit www.KellyandHughesSAT.com or email KellyandHughesSAT@gmail.com.

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.



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.

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



**St. George
Parish Outreach**
Annie Doyle
508-853-0183 Ext. 11
annie@saintgeorgesparish.org



The Mustard Seed building has been brightened up with fresh paint, flower boxes and a wreath of daisies on the door to welcome our guests!

Many thanks to all the parishioners of St. George who recently helped serve a meal, donated socks, t-shirts, tooth paste and brushes as well as non-perishable food items. The food pantry remains stocked with essentials thanks to your generosity.

Our Confirmation Candidates are continuing their introduction to community service.
A special "Thank You" to Trudy!

Current Needs

- Razors
- Deodorant
- Back Packs
- Gently used towels

Items can be left in the Outreach Area - inside the parking lot side door.

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Lord, some people have a little money and some people have a lot of money. Whether we have little or a lot, it is too much if we ignore you because of it. Bless our billfolds, piggybanks, savings and checkbooks. Every time we save or spend our money, help us to know that love and spending more time with our family and friends is most important than having more things. Help us to use our money in ways that serve you.



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



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thank you to all of our faithful knitters who spread comfort and kindness through their generous work!

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 semi-monthly meetings or at home. Gatherings are in the church hall at 10:30 AM on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

Our next gathering in the church hall is on August 13. Come join us!

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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.*



**Sacrament of the
Anointing
of the Sick**

Please Join Us!

Monday, August 12, 2019
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 Cell 508-450-4134 to
participate in the celebration of this Sacrament.

**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.

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
Ministry Contact: JoAnn Nally
508-527- 6973

**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, 2nd 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.**



**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:

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.