

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

**August 18, 2019: Twentieth 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, August 18, 2019***

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### Mass Intentions



**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

**Monday, 8:00 AM** **August 19:** Saint John Eudes  
In memory of Susie Merrill

**Tuesday, 8:00 AM** **August 20:** Saint Bernard  
Memorial Matthew Ryan req. by his Family

**Wednesday, 6:30 PM** **August 21:** Saint Pius X  
In memory of Charles O'Neill

**Thursday, 8:00 AM** **August 22:** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
In memory of Raymond and Lois Podesta

**Friday, 8:00 AM** **August 23:** Saint Rose of Lima  
In memory of Russell and Mary Coe

**Saturday, 4:00 PM** **August 24:** Vigil  
For the Community of St. George

**Sunday, 7:30 AM** **August 25:** Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
In memory of Rodney and Dyann Kirouac

**9:00 AM** In memory of John and Gertrude Geran

**11:00 AM** In memory of Edward Manahan

### Parish Calendar



**Saturday, 8:00 PM** **August 17:** AA Hall

**Sunday, 8:00 AM** **August 18:** Coffee Shop Hall

**9:00 AM** Children's Liturgy St. George Room

**9:00 AM** Toddler Liturgy Conf. Room

**Monday, 5:15 PM** **August 19:** Finance Committee Meeting Rectory

**5:45 PM** Yoga

**Tuesday, 7:00 PM** **August 20:** Religious Ed. Board Parish Ctr/Rectory

**Wednesday, 8:00 PM** **August 21:** Family Prayer Church

**Thursday, 6:30 PM** **August 22:** Family Prayer Church

**Friday, 8:00 PM** **August 23:** AA Hall

**Saturday, 8:00 PM** **August 24:** AA Hall

**Sunday, 8:00 AM** **August 25:** Coffee Shop St. George Room

**9:00 AM** Children's Liturgy Hall

**9:00 AM** Toddler Liturgy Conf. Room

**12:30 PM** Fontaine Baptism Church

### NEW! Bulletin Item Due Dates NEW!

<u>Weekend of</u>	<u>Due to parish</u>
August 25, 2019	Monday, August ,19
September 1, 2019	Monday, August , 26
September 8, 2019	Monday, September, 2

Please submit items by 10:00 AM on the due date.  
email to our parish Secretary at :  
[office@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto: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 25th**  
Mark Viens 774-262-0309

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

#### Scripture for the week of August 18, 2019

18 SUN	Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
19 Mon	Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22
20 Tue	Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30
21 Wed	Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16
22 Thu	Jgs 11:29-39a/Mt 22:1-14
23 Fri	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40
24 Sat	Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
25 SUN	Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

### 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 September 9th 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.

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### From Your Pastor

*From the Pastor's Desk;*

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

### 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.

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### *This Weekend's Stewardship Thought*

In today's second reading, St. Paul encourages us not to grow weary or lose heart, but to persevere in following Jesus. Our willingness to give of ourselves, even in the face of conflict and division, is one way to measure our discipleship.

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### *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!*

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### Total Weekly Ordinary Collection Weekend of August 11, 2019



Ordinary Weekly: \$ 5,354.51  
Online Giving:    \$ 2,125.00  
                              \$7,479.51

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!**

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

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 of 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 is 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. Nicolls*

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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)  
[Kevin.brown@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:Kevin.brown@saintgeorgesparish.org)

#### **2019-2020 Registration**

The new year of religious education is approaching fast! Classes begin the week of September 15th. 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](http://www.saintgeorgesparish.org), or you can email Sarah Kelly at [sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org)

### **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. Nicolls after Mass or contact  
Annie Doyle 508-853-0183 x11  
or [adoyle@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:adoyle@saintgeorgesparish.org)

Thank You Lord



*We Commend to your Prayer*

Patricia Pepper

*May the angels lead her into Paradise*

#### **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.



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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)



### Partners In Charity

We are happy to announce that we have reached our parish goal of \$100,000.

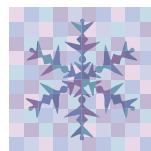
Thank you very much for your generosity.

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 19, 20, 21, 22. St. George Parishoners are eligible to receive a 20% discount. For more information, visit [www.KellyandHughesSAT.com](http://www.KellyandHughesSAT.com) or email [KellyandHughesSAT@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### "Just One Thing"

Our lives can be filled with so much! Yet God is present and speaks to us always, especially at Mass. We hear it sometimes, but at times the clutter of life can cause us to miss it or forget.

When you join us for Mass - listen and pray for JUST ONE THING. Ask God to help you hear JUST ONE THING: one word or idea, one challenge or invitation. Jot it down - Pencils and "Mass Notes" paper are at each church entrance.

Hold this ONE THING in your mind and heart during the next week. Pray and trust. God's love for you will grow this "ONE THING" within you into what it is meant to be.



### *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.



## *A Community of Ministries*



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

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

#### **As the Season begins to change, so do the needs of our less fortunate neighbors**



I am beginning to notice that, when I bring Holy Communion to the elderly residents in our near-by rest home, they are wondering if I might have sweaters or sweatshirts to share with them. They explain that when they go out in the early morning the weather is cool now.

The guests at the Mustard Seed are also beginning to ask for sweatshirts, long sleeved shirts and blankets.

As always, I come to you with confidence. I know that you will respond to these needs with kindness.

#### **Current Outreach needs include:**

- Razors
- Deodorant
- Back Packs
- Gently used sweatshirts
- Shirts with long sleeves
- Light blankets
- Sleeping bags
- Hygiene products
- Light jackets
- sweaters

And as always, Non-perishable food items are always needed, especially breakfast cereal.

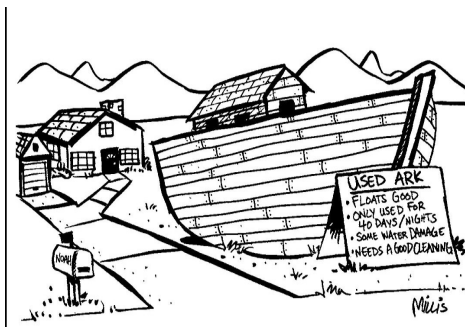
Items can be left in the Outreach Area - inside the parking lot side door.



### **THE FAMILY CONNECTION**

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**Leaving Home.....**(Name), even before you had a name you were loved. From the day of your birth we have shared with you who we are, what we value and believe. The beautiful young person you have become tells us it has all been worthwhile. You will always be our daughter/son, but more and more you will be on your own, living out your dream for your life with integrity. As you do, know deep within your heart that we believe in you, respect you and pray God's blessing upon you. As you step into the larger world, know that you will never be outside of our love and



#### **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.

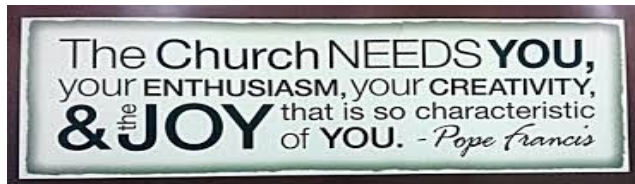
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*Our Parish Vision: To **welcome** all, build **connections** to Christ  
and one another, and **live our faith** as true disciples of Jesus.*

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



**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 ?

**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.



**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 August are:**

**Canned chicken, cereal, 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.