

**Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden**  
**August 26, 2018: Twenty-First 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 5:00PM  
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00AM to 4:00PM

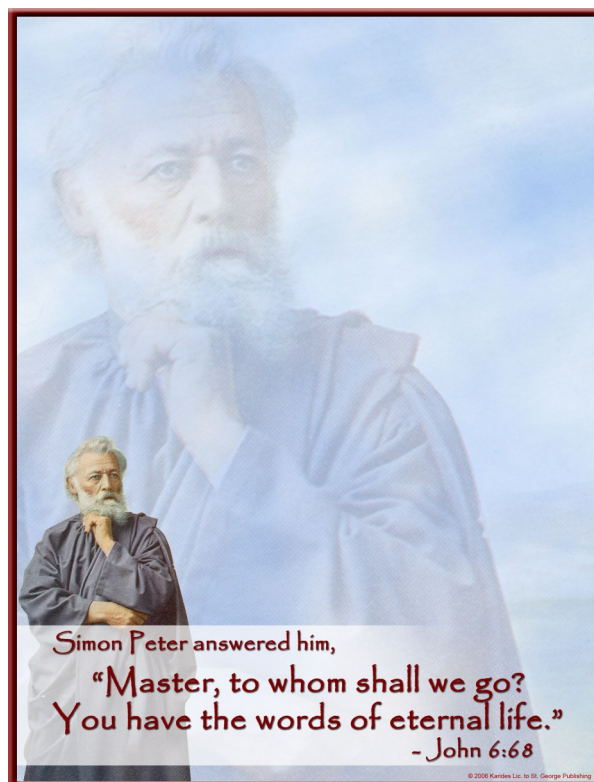
**Parish Staff:**

*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](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 26, 2018*

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### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, August 25: Vigil

4:00 PM Memorial for Mary Butler by Virginia Keith

#### Sunday, August 26: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Special Intention

9:00 AM For the Community of St. George

11:00 AM Memorial for Luco Monopoli by  
Linda Monopoli

#### Monday, August 27: St. Monica

8:00 AM Memorial for Robert Roddy by Paul Pratt

#### Tuesday, August 28: St. Augustine

8:00 AM Memorial for Sal Frustaci by family

#### Wednesday, August 29: Passion of St. John the Baptist

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

#### Thursday, August 30:

8:00 AM Memorial for Bona Kim

#### Friday, August 31:

8:00 AM In memory of Oberline Abare

#### Saturday, September 1: Vigil

4:00 PM Special Intention

#### Sunday, September 2 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Special Intention

9:00 AM Memorial for Helen Dapper by family

11:00 AM In memory of Maurice Ryan

### Parish Calendar

#### Saturday, August 25:

8:00 PM AA

Hall

#### Sunday, August 26:

8:00 AM Coffee Shop

Hall

9:00 AM Children's Liturgy

St. George Rm

9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy

Confr Rm

#### Monday, August 27:

5:45 PM Yoga

Hall

7:00 PM St. George Book Discussion Group Confr Rm

#### Tuesday, August 28:

10:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry

Hall

#### Wednesday, August 29:

7:00 PM Faith Sharing Group

Confr Rm

#### Thursday, August 30:

6:30 PM Family Prayer

Church

#### Friday, August 31:

10:00 AM Faith Sharing Group

Center

#### Saturday, September 1:

8:00 PM AA

Hall

#### Sunday, September 2:

8:00 AM Coffee Shop

Hall

9:00 AM Children's Liturgy

St. George Rm

9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy

Confr Rm

### Bulletin Deadlines

#### Weekend of

#### Due to parish

September 9

Wednesday, August 29

September 16

Wednesday, Sept. 5

September 23

Wednesday, Sept. 12

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.

### 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.



### Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Hours

Open 4:30 AM to 8:00 PM Daily

### Scripture for the week of August 26, 2018

26 SUN Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 or  
5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

27 Mon 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22

28 Tue 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26

29 Wed 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Mk 6:17-29

30 Thu 1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51

31 Fri 1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13

1 Sat 1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30

2 SUN Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk  
7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### Senior Fraud Hotline

RSVP's Senior Fraud HelpLine is a toll-free resource for seniors and their families to call when they are concerned that they are being targeted by scammers. If they are in doubt, they should check it out by calling 1-800-297-9760. Confidential. Knowledgeable. Local. Supportive.

### 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.



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**Weekend of August 19, 2018**

Total Weekly Ordinary: \$8,327.25

*This Week...*

Pray for those who are preparing to join the military or attend college, that they will continue to value and practice their faith.

**"Fatal Flaws" to be shown in Worcester**

'Fatal Flaws' is a film on legalizing physician-assisted death and euthanasia. All are welcome to come and watch this new documentary movie on the dangers of physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia world-wide. The film will be shown in the parish hall of Christ the King Church, 1052 Pleasant Street, Worcester, on **Tuesday, Sept. 18, at 7 pm**. It will be followed by a discussion. The evening will conclude by 90 pm. There is no cost. You can register for the evening at [www.witnessforlife.com](http://www.witnessforlife.com) or by calling 508-754-5361. Also, you can watch the film's 3-minute YouTube 'trailer' at the same website.

**Novena to St. Joseph in Worcester**

The 7th Annual Novena to St. Joseph will take place at Christ the King Parish in Worcester on **Monday evenings this fall beginning on Sept. 10**. We pray for the seriously ill, for improvements in palliative care, and to oppose attempts to end human life through physician-assisted suicide or euthanasia. The Novena will be celebrated for nine consecutive Mondays from 7:15 pm to 8:00 pm. This year's homilists are Bishop Robert J. McManus (Sept. 10); Msgr. Thomas Sullivan (Sept. 17); Rev. Daniel Becker (Sept. 24); Deacon Michael Chase (Oct. 1); Rev. John Gavin, SJ (Oct. 8); Rev. Frederick Fraini (Oct. 15); Rev. Jonathan Slavinskis (Oct. 22); Rev. Dennis O'Brien (Oct. 29); and Msgr. Thomas Sullivan (Nov. 5). All are welcome to participate in this annual Novena. The names of seriously or terminally ill persons can be submitted by calling 508-754-5361 or emailing [tsullivan5@mac.com](mailto:tsullivan5@mac.com).



Be not anxious about what you have, but about what you are.

... St. Gregory The Great



*From Your Pastor*

Today's Scriptures point out that despite human fickleness and weakness, God is always faithful and committed to us, his chosen people of today. Jesus knew how fickle and weak his disciples were and that they would not be able to stay the course when he would need them the most. We are familiar with Judas' betrayal and Peter's denial that hurt Jesus as much as the nails and crown of thorns. In today's Gospel some disciples find Jesus teachings difficult and shocking and prefer to walk away. Here again is an example of another betrayal. Even though these disciples walk away, Jesus faithfulness and resolve remain as steadfast as ever. He does not cave in to human sentiment. Jesus' steadfast love and resolute fidelity are the same as those that God made in a covenant with the people of Israel centuries earlier. This new covenant that is made in Jesus is even greater. Humanity's faithlessness is matched and is even taken further by God's faithfulness!

*Fr. Niccolls*



*Coffee Shop Captain*

September 2, 2018

Don Viens: 508-852-5658

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.

*Before Mass talk to God...*

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

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



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### *Religious Education*

"Growing Together in Faith"

Sarah Kelly, Administrator - 508-852-1784  
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[Kevin.brown@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:Kevin.brown@saintgeorgesparish.org)

### **Welcome to a Brand New Year of Learning**

I hope that all the families of our parish have been able to have a relaxing and fun summer break. It has been wonderful for me to be able to spend more time with my family and friends at a more relaxed pace these last couple of months. It's hard for me to believe that the "lazy days" of summer will soon come to an end. I'm sad to see that summer will be over soon, but I am excited to get to see our religious education students again each week.

To all of our returning families, I have missed your smiling faces and can't wait for you to be back in regular weekly classes. To all of the new families, welcome! It is my hope that you feel at home at St George Parish, and I cannot wait to get to know you.

You can find all registration information on the parish website [www.saintgeorgesparish.org](http://www.saintgeorgesparish.org). If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to email me at [sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org)

God Bless!  
Sarah Kelly :-)

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### **Registration Information 2018-2019**

We have now reached the August 1st deadline for religious education registration. The fee paid **after August 1, is \$100.00 per student – not to exceed \$175.000 per family**. Fees may be paid by check (payable to St. George Church) or cash. There is an **additional \$35.00 fee** for each student **entering Grade Two or Confirmation**. Registration fee payment must be made at time of Registration. Once the Registration Fee is received, your child will be assigned to a class.

Forms are available to be downloaded from the parish website [www.saintgeorgesparish.org](http://www.saintgeorgesparish.org). Hard copies can be found outside the religious education office in the Parish Center. Registration forms and fees can be mailed to the rectory 40 Brattle St 01606 or dropped off at anytime during the **day in the Parish Center (same building where the children have class)**. The door at the chapel end of the building will be unlocked during daytime hours. Registration forms and fees can be left in the mail slot in the religious education office door.

### **New Program for Ages 3-5**

#### **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**

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. This program will take place on Mondays 10-11AM please contact Sarah Kelly at : [sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org) for more information.

### *This Weekend's Stewardship Thought*

In today's first reading, Joshua challenges the people to decide whom they will serve. Recalling God's faithfulness to them and to their ancestors, the people declare, "We also will serve the Lord, for He is our God." May we, too, be mindful of God's gifts to us and renew our commitment to serve Him with grateful hearts

### *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](mailto: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.

### **"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.

**Mass  
Notes**

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.



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### 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Someone coined the phrase "cafeteria Catholic" a few years ago. It referred to Catholics who would pick and choose the teachings of the Church that they wanted to follow or that they thought were 'reasonable.' They set themselves up as the judge of what a Catholic was supposed to believe and what you could set aside. Unfortunately, many of them looked at church the same way we look at a cafeteria—let's get in and out as quickly as we can. Some never came back for seconds.

In this small space, let's give the church the benefit of thousands of years of experience, the lives and souls of countless millions, the ability to weather storms and enjoy prosperity. Let's assume for a moment that the Church is indeed led by the Spirit and what is revealed is God's Will. Then the Commandments and Beatitudes, and the dogma and doctrine of the Church mean something more than pick and choose. We are asked to be loyal and true to the Church, the whole Church, and nothing but the Church, so help us, God. We stake our life on what we believe and ask the Lord to save us. Be sure to know what the Lord in turn asks of us.

~James Gaffney, © 2009 Karides Lic. to St. George Publishing  
[jim@stgeorgepublishing.com](mailto:jim@stgeorgepublishing.com)

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### Women of Faith: Morning of Prayer

"A Habit of Noticing and Nurturing" with Liz Walz, ASP will take place on **Saturday, Sept. 15, 9:30 am – 1 pm** at St. Anne's Convent, 720 Boston Post Road East, Marlborough. In this gentle session we will learn a Prayer of Hospitality to Your Self and practice Noticing and Nurturing your own God-moment-awareness. You will come away with a deeper connection to the movement of Holy Mystery in this Lectio of your life. The presenter, Liz Walz, ASP is an Associate of the Sisters of Providence of Holyoke. The gathering will begin with "coffee and" followed by a brief presentation, prayer, personal reflection, and discussion. A registration fee of \$10.00 is paid at the door. Pre-registration is required by Sept. 7. Visit [www.WomenOfFaithSSA.org](http://www.WomenOfFaithSSA.org), or e-mail [info@womenoffaithssa.org](mailto:info@womenoffaithssa.org), or phone Ann Williams at 508-481-8176 or Sr. Yvette Bellerose, SSA at 774-239-3372

### Eucharistic Minister Volunteer Openings

UMass Memorial Medical Center, Memorial Campus, 119 Belmont Street, Worcester, has volunteer openings for Eucharistic Ministers to administer Communion to Catholic patients during their Hospital stay. Volunteer commitment is one day a week for 2 to 3 hours.

Please contact Tatjana Abovich, Coordinator,  
Volunteer Services - 508-334-6308.

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*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.*

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### 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](mailto:stgeooffice@gmail.com) or mail to the Parish Office.

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### 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](http://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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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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## *A Community of Ministries*



### **PARISH OUTREACH**

Annie Doyle - 508-853-0183  
Ext. 11  
Office hours Mon-Tue-Wed 9-5  
[annie@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:annie@saintgeorgesparish.org)

Many thanks:

- To our 19 Confirmation Candidates who each attended an "Introduction to Service" this summer. We hope that you will choose to serve again as confirmed members of our parish community
- To all who have so faithfully remembered to feed and clothe the poor this summer
- To Stan, who made a wonderful meal for the homeless at St. Francis and Therese Catholic Worker
- To everyone who has been donating socks, underwear and tee shirts for the homeless
- To Andy and our Mary Shrine gardeners who have so faithfully cared for the parish grounds all summer
- To all who served at IHN, the Mustard Seed, VBS, and the Reception following the Anointing of the Sick this summer

### **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.

### **Fall Retreat for Women Save The Date!**

On Saturday, October 20, A Retreat for Women with Jaymie Stuart Wolfe will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at St. Mary Church Hall, Shrewsbury. Sponsored by the Commission for Women of the Diocese of Worcester. For more information, please contact Pamela Ashmankas at 508-798-0612.

### **THE FAMILY CONNECTION**

*Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be...*

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.



#### **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:

Boxes of cereal, cans of tuna, and (flip top) cans of soup

### **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.

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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.*

**Announcing 'Catholicism' in Worcester**

Christ the King Parish will offer this highly acclaimed new evangelization program on Thursday evenings this fall. All are welcome. The program was produced by Bishop Robert Barron. There will be large-screen, high quality DVD presentations and discussion groups. There will also be a half-day retreat on Saturday, Oct. 13. The program **begins on Thursday, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m.** (with dinner). Each Thursday begins with dinner (free will offerings accepted). The program concludes by 9 p.m. each evening. The schedule is: Sept. 13 ("Amazed and Afraid: The Revelation of God Become Man"); Sept. 20 ("Happy Are We: The Teachings of Jesus"); Sept. 27 ("Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast: Mary, the Mother of God"); Oct. 4 ("The Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure"); Oct. 11 ("A Body Both Suffering and Glorious: The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church"); Saturday, Oct. 13, Retreat, 9:15 am-1:30 pm, at Assumption College ("Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven: The Mystery of the Liturgy and the Eucharist" and "A Vast Company of Witnesses: The Communion of Saints"); Oct. 18 ("The Fire of His Love: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit"); Oct. 25 ("World Without End: The Last Things"); Nov. 1, Feast of All Saints, Mass at 6 pm and 'Celebration Dinner' at 7 pm. To register call Msgr. Sullivan at 508-754-5361 or email him at [tsullivan5@mac.com](mailto:tsullivan5@mac.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](mailto:WaysideATQ@aol.com) for more information.



*Spiritual Growth Ministry*

**"May The Peace Of God Surround You"**

Do not be dismayed by the brokenness in the world.  
All things break and all things can be mended.  
Not with time, as they say, but with intention.  
Love intentionally...unconditionally...extravently  
The broken world waits in darkness for the light that is you.

(L. R. Knost)

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**Worcester Catholic Women's Conference  
Saturday, November 10, 2018  
Assumption College, Worcester, MA**

More Details and Online Registration @  
Worcester Catholic Women's Diocese of Worcester

Ticket Prices With Lunch  
Students ( ages 16-22) \$25.00  
Early Bird (before 10/30) \$ 45.00  
After Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> - \$60.00

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**FAITH SHARING GROUPS**

**New Fall Faith Sharing Groups  
Begin The Week of September 9<sup>th</sup>**

Books will be available in late August  
If you should have any questions, please call  
JoAnn Nally (508-527-6973)

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**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.

