

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden
August 27, 2017: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

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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

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 27, 2017

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 26: Vigil

4:00 PM Memorial for Jane, Vincent, & Daniel Zinkus by family

Sunday, August 27: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM 10th Anniversary for John Dickman by his wife Sheila & family

9:00 AM Memorial for Joseph Saldanha by family

11:00 AM Memorial for Luco Monopoli by Linda Monopoli

Monday, August 28: St. Augustine

8:00 AM In memory of Lillian Pringle Zachowski

Tuesday, August 29: Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:00 AM In memory of Earl & Esther Garrepy

Wednesday, August 30:

8:00 AM Memorial for Joseph Armenti by Joe & Carolyn Cariglia

Thursday, August 31:

8:00 AM In memory of Bernice Ladner

Friday, September 1:

8:00 AM Memorial for Jean Grenier by Carol Gringas

Saturday, September 2: Vigil

4:00 PM For the Community of St. George

Sunday, September 3: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Memorial for Geraldine Bak by Claire Cataldi

9:00 AM Memorial for Helen Dapper by family

11:00 AM Memorial for Geraldine Bak by Angela & Don McClain

Bulletin Deadlines

<u>Weekend of</u>	<u>Due to parish</u>
September 10	Wednesday, August 30
September 17	Wednesday, Sept. 6
September 24	Wednesday, Sept. 13

Items must be submitted by 5:00 PM on the due date. Email items to stgeooffice@gmail.com, or fax to the Rectory.

Altar Ministries

We are thankful to the Altar Servers and Ministers of Holy Communion from TEAM D who will serve at our Masses next weekend.

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.

Parish Calendar

Saturday, August 26:

8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, August 27:

8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall

9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St. George Rm

9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Confr Rm

Monday, August 28:

5:45 PM Yoga Hall

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

Tuesday, August 29:

Wednesday, August 30:

6:30 PM Faith In Action Confr Rm

7:00 PM Faith Sharing Group Confr Rm

Thursday, August 31:

6:00 PM Diocesan Youth Ministry Hall

6:30 PM Family Prayer Church

Friday, September 1:

10:00 AM Faith Sharing Group Center

Saturday, September 2:

8:00 PM AA Hall

September 3:

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 27, 2017

27	SUN	Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20
28	Mon	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22
29	Tue	1 Thes 2:1-8 (426)/Mk 6:17-29
30	Wed	1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32
31	Thu	1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51
1	Fri	1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13
2	Sat	1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30
3	SUN	Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



Prayer Shawl Ministry

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 bimonthly meetings or at home. Please call Annie Doyle at the Rectory for more information 508-853-0183.

We Commend to your Prayers



Virginia Johnson
Deborah Kline

May the Angels lead them into Paradise

Why not dedicate the first hour of your families' work week to God?

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Weekend of August 13, 2017

Total Weekly Ordinary: \$5,628.00

Weekend of August 20, 2017

Total Weekly Ordinary: \$5,164.25

Monthly Totals for July

Repairs: \$400.00

Air Conditioning Fund: \$1,026.00

Fuel: \$125.00



Thank You!

Coffee Shop Captain

September 3, 2017

Dave Walsh: 508-854-1332



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.



From Your Pastor

This weekend is the last weekend that our seminarian, Sagar Gundiga, will be with us. He will be returning to St. John's Seminary in Brighton to begin his fourth year of theological studies there in preparation for the priesthood. We wish Sagar well and pray that this coming year will be a very spiritually, pastorally and academically fulfilling one for him.

Fr. Niccolls

You're Invited to the EWTN Family Celebration in Worcester!

EWTN Global Catholic Network invites you to our Family Celebration at the DCU Convention Center in Worcester, MA on Saturday & Sunday, September 9 & 10 for an inspiring weekend for your entire family! The theme will be "Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Fatima". Be renewed in your faith with inspirational talks by your favorite EWTN hosts, Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J., Marcus Grodi, Susan Conroy, Fr. Maurice Emelu and Donna Marie Cooper O'Boyle. Bishop Robert J. McManus of the Diocese of Worcester, MA, will serve as the celebrant and homilist at Sunday's Holy Mass. Admission is free, no tickets required! Log onto www.ewtn.com/familycelebration for more information.

St. George Book Discussion Group

The next meeting of the St. George Book Discussion Group will be held on Monday, August 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. The book chosen for discussion is, "**The Gift of Peace**" by **Cardinal Bernardin**. Anyone interested in joining the group or for more information, please contact Joyce Purcell at [508-852-3304](tel:508-852-3304). All are welcome.

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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Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

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Kevin.brown@saintgeorgesparish.org

Inviting Parishioners to join our Religious Education Ministry

We would like to invite you to be a part of the Religious Ed Ministry. Whether you serve as a classroom teacher or aide, help out in the office, sub classes, or help out in any other capacity, your assistance and contribution is a wonderful gift to the parish, the Church, and our children. Please email us and let us know if you are interested .

Blessing and Orientation

If you are interested in helping again this year, you are also invited to attend the 9 AM mass on **Sunday, September 10th**. We will once again bless and commission our teachers, aides, and volunteers at the end of Mass, and follow up with an **Orientation at 10:15 am in the Parish Center**. Peace to you,
Sarah and Kevin

Registration for Religious Education

We are still accepting student registrations for this year. Since it is past August 1st, registration is \$100 per child (but not exceeding \$175 per family plus Sacrament year fees). If you have not already done so, please consider submitting your registration form and payment by the beginning of next week. We are hoping to have an accurate count of students by August 18th so we can order textbooks for this upcoming year. Forms can be found under the Education tab at <https://saintgeorgesparish.org/> , and can be mailed with fees to 40 Brattle St., Worcester, MA, 01606, Attn: Sarah Kelly. Thank you in advance for all of your help with this upcoming year. Religious Education only succeeds because of your commitment and willingness to foster the Catholic faith in your children.

Staying Connected

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 For more information or assistance please contact Kathy Hessel at MKHessel@aol.com



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

The threat of identity theft has people taking extra precautions when they discard bills, personal papers and credit card receipts. Losing your identity can be costly, difficult to correct and cause a slew of problems. Restoring your good name, your credit and your bank account can take a very long time. Our soul, our spiritual identity can also be threatened by sin, apathy and pride. Losing your spiritual identity can be costly, difficult to correct and painful to restore. We need to take precautions to protect our souls from harm.

A strong family, a religious community and a daily dose of prayer can protect us from all evil because in them we are joined more closely to the Lord. It helps us keep focused on who we are and what we are about. It reminds us of our spiritual heritage in which God shares with us His endless wisdom, creative power and redeeming work. It calls us to be witnesses to and bearers of the Gospel message of love, hope, joy and peace. With and for each other, we remain committed to the Lord, His mission and His Church. There is no losing our identity, nor being confused for something or someone else. We know who He is and He knows who we are.

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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.

This Week... Pray for parents that they will live up to their responsibility to educate and encourage their children to follow the moral teachings of the Church.

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Have You Ever Thought About Making a Cursillo Weekend?

Cursillo (a short course in Christianity) is an uplifting and educational experience. A team of laypeople and clergy deliver organized talks and discussions giving witness of their own lives, their struggles and triumphs in Christ. The weekend is full of laughter, prayer, music, food and more. WOMEN'S CURSILLO: October 12-15th. The weekend is held at Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center, Putnam, CT. For more information, please call Sue @ 508-278-3155.

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/>.

Youth Ministry

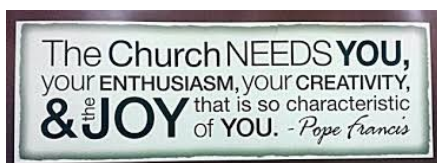
Youth ministry is a faith based group focused on achieving a personal relationship with God through service, music ministry and group activities.



Youth Ministry members have the opportunity to lead initiatives, bring new ideas into the group, and build a strong foundation in faith to carry with them in discipleship as they enter into adulthood. This is a recent email from Stephanie, a past Youth Group member:

"Everything is going great with me. I've just been enjoying my time living in Cape Cod and working as a teacher. I go to church here and I sing in the choir. I am also in a community theater group so I still do drama, dancing and singing! Please give everyone at church my love. Lets keep in touch. stephanie.polito@yahoo.com." Stephanie Polito

To learn more about our Youth Group contact Kevin Cusack at kcuse@mac.com.



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. Please check the future bulletins for upcoming dates.

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.

Eucharistic Adoration



The Adorers of the Adoration Chapel wish to thank Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for these favors:

1. Thank you Lord for giving me peace.
2. Thank you Lord for all your blessings & the health of my niece.

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.

This Weekend's Stewardship Thought

In today's reading, St. Paul reminds the Romans - and us - that all things come from God: "For from Him and through Him and for Him things are." Good stewards understand that *all* is gift and share generously the gifts of time, talent, and treasure with which they've been blessed.



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.

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

A Parent Blessing ... Father, we thank you for the gift of our children. Bless them as they go off to school. May they remember we love them and that you love them too! Help them to be good listeners, and to love and respect themselves and those around them. As they grow on the outside, may they grow on the inside too, in knowledge and love for you and others! Be with them and help them learn today all the things you need them to know. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



The newly installed bunk pews were the answer to Mountain Valley's rapid growth, though they took a little getting used to.

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).

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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

A BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

For all the children returning to school, send your Holy Spirit as their guide and protector. Keep them free from danger and all harm. May the presence of your Spirit fill their hearts with peace and confidence.

May they be kind and caring; thoughtful and open. Help them to learn in an environment that fosters mutual respect and a sense of security. Be with their teachers as they foster learning and growth in knowledge and virtue.

Help us as parents, grand-parents, God parents, friends and care givers to instill in them values that are of God. Protect our children and all who teach them so that together, we may grow strong in loving and serving You. Amen.

Fall Faith Sharing Groups

Fall faith Sharing Groups begin the week of September 11th. There will be an information table in the church hall after Mass this Sunday, August 27th. At the information table you may register for a group and purchase a book (cost \$12).

There will be a Faith Sharing Group on Wednesday: 7:00-8:15PM or Friday: 10:00 - 11:15 AM. You do not have to be present every week to join a group. Also, you do not have to share unless you are comfortable in doing so.

Give yourself a lasting spiritual gift by learning more about the upcoming Sunday Gospel and Scripture. Be a part of the Parish-wide initiative, to help our Parish continue to grow spiritual. If you have any questions, please call JoAnn @ 508-527-6973.

Important Organizational Meetings

TODAY : Young Women (18- 45) Evening of Gathering and Reflection TODAY after the 9:00 AM Mass in the Conference Room. Everyone's ideas and help, regardless of age, are welcomed.

• **SEPTEMBER 7**, Thursday at 6:30PM, planning for the Women's Day of Spirituality - held during Lent 2018.