

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

September 3, 2017: Twenty-Second 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 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, September 3, 2017

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, September 4:

8:00 AM Memorial for Geraldine Bak by the
Cusack family

Tuesday, September 5: Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

8:00 AM For the Community of St. George

Wednesday, September 6:

8:00 AM Memorial for Maureen Migdelany by
Chris Toloczko

Thursday, September 7:

8:00 AM Memorial for Geraldine Bak by
Joyce Purcell

Friday, September 8: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM For the intentions of our parishioners

Saturday, September 9: Vigil

4:00 PM 1st Anniversary for Maria & Joseph Biscardi
by family

Sunday, September 10: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM For the Community of St. George

9:00 AM Memorial for Sylvester Marian D'SA by
family

11:00 AM Memorial for Geraldine Bak by the
Lewczyk Coffee Shop Team

Bulletin Deadlines

Weekend of Due to parish

September 17 Wednesday, Sept. 6

September 24 Wednesday, Sept. 13

October 1 Wednesday, Sept. 20

Items must be submitted by 5:00 PM on the due date.

Email items to stgeooffice@gmail.com, or fax to the

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.

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, 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

3:00 AM Baptismal Preparation Confr Rm

Monday, September 4:

Labor Day

Tuesday, September 5:

7:00 PM Religious Education Board Meeting Rectory

Wednesday, September 6:

7:00 PM Faith Sharing Group Confr Rm

Thursday, September 7:

6:30 PM Family Prayer Church

Friday, September 8:

10:00 AM Faith Sharing Group Center

Saturday, September 9:

8:00 PM AA Hall

September 10:

8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall

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

9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Confr Rm

10:00 AM Men's Club Confr Rm

6:00 PM Religious Ed. Gr. 6-9 Hall/Center

Scripture for the week of September 3, 2017

3	SUN	Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
4	Mon	1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30
5	Tue	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37
6	Wed	Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44
7	Thu	Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11
8	Fri	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
9	Sat	Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5
10	SUN	Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20



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.



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Weekend of August 27, 2017

Total Weekly Ordinary: \$6,639.00

Thank you for your support!



From Your Pastor

In these times when there just seems to be so much divisiveness in our country, our world and sometimes even in our Church, we need to hear the words of our late Holy Father, St. John Paul II, taken from his encyclical, *Dives in Misericordia (Rich in Mercy)*, where he says the following: "Society can become 'ever more human' only when we introduce into all human relationships which form its moral aspect the moment of forgiveness, which is so much of the essence of the Gospel. Forgiveness demonstrates the presence in the world of the love which is more powerful than sin. Forgiveness is also the fundamental condition for reconciliation, not only in the relationship of God with man, but also in relationships between people. A world from which forgiveness was eliminated would be nothing but a world of cold and unfeeling justice, in the name of which each person would claim his or her own rights vis-a-vis others; the various kinds of selfishness latent in man would transform life and human society into a system of oppression of the weak by the strong, or into an arena of permanent strife between one group and another. For this reason, the Church must consider it one of her principal duties...to proclaim and to introduce into life the mystery of mercy."

Fr. Niccolls



Thank You!

Coffee Shop Captain

September 10, 2017
Dave Allen: 508-853-2862



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.

Men's Club Meeting

The monthly Men's Club meeting will be held next Sunday, September 10, in the Conference Room after the 9:00 AM Mass. Men's Club members and parish staff are welcome to attend. The coffee is on us!!!

Altar Server Training September 11th & 12th

Altar Server Training is scheduled for September 11th & 12th for boys and girls Grade 4 and older. Please speak with one of the priests or call Alan Derry at 774-535-1651, or email at aland0307@gmail.com.

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 September 11 at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room.

Please join us.

**Welcome to all family & friends
who are worshipping here with us today.**

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Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

Sarah Kelly, Administrator - 508-852-1784
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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



UMass Cancer Walk - Karina's Crew

The Lubowicki family invites you to join the UMass Cancer Walk on Sunday, September 24th. We walk in honor of Karina's battle with brain cancer that began six years ago, and to raise funds for research and treatment for other cancer patients. To join our team, or make a donation, please go to:

<https://www.firstgiving.com/team/353547>

Thank you for your prayers and support!!



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.

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.

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.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for September

During the month of September, Pope Francis has asked that our parishes, animated by missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

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Annual Novena to St. Joseph at Christ the King

The 6th Annual Novena to St. Joseph will take place at Christ the King Parish, Worcester for **nine consecutive Mondays from 7:15 pm to 8:00 pm beginning Sept. 11**. There will be prayer for the seriously ill, for improvements in palliative care, and to oppose all attempts to end human life unnaturally as in the case of physician assisted suicide. Homilists are Msgr. Thomas Sullivan (Sept. 11), Bishop Robert J. McManus (Sept. 18), Fr. Kenneth Cardinale (Sept. 25), Fr. Dennis O'Brien (Oct. 2), Fr. John Gavin, SJ (Oct. 9), Fr. Frederick Fraini (Oct. 16), Fr. José Rodriguez (Oct. 23), Fr. Walter Riley (Oct. 30) and Msgr. Thomas Sullivan (Nov. 6). All are welcome to participate in this annual Novena especially as there are strong indications that physician assisted suicide could become the law in Massachusetts in 2018 through an act of the Legislature. The Public Health Joint Committee of the General Court of Massachusetts will hear a new bill proposing physician assisted suicide on Tuesday, September 26. If you wish to submit the name of a seriously ill person you can email Msgr. Sullivan at tsullivan5@mac.com.

Notre Dame Academy Open House

An Open House at Notre Dame for prospective students will be held on Sunday, October 22nd from 2:00-4:00 PM. Students currently in fifth, sixth, seventh & eighth grade are encouraged to attend. NDA's Entrance Exam will be held on Saturday, November 4 at 8:30 AM. Pre-registration is encouraged for the Open House and is required for the Entrance Exam. For more information, please contact the Office of Admission at 508-757-6200, Ext. 220 or email admissions@nda-worc.org. NDA is the only Catholic private and independent college preparatory school for young girls in grades 7-12 in Central Massachusetts.

Bash At Blessed Sacrament

A Neighborhood Bash at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 555 Pleasant Street, Worcester, will be held on Sunday, September 10th from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Please join us for this free block and lawn party under the tents. There will be hamburgers and hot dogs and other light refreshments, face painting, and hot popcorn. All are cordially invited and the event is **free**!

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.



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.

Spiritual Support for those with Cancer

The American Cancer Society estimates that approximately 1 in 2 men and 1 in 3 women will be diagnosed with some form of cancer in their lifetime. Many parishioners are fighting cancer, either as patients or as caregivers. Research strongly suggests that people who put their faith to work before, during, and after cancer treatment are more likely to be optimistic because they believe God has a purpose for them. Among the variety of support groups offered by the Saint Vincent Cancer and Wellness Center (SVCWC), there is one dedicated to the spiritual and sacramental support that the Catholic faith can provide. The monthly meeting is held on the **first Thursday of every month and begins at 11:30 am** in the chapel in the Cancer Center, located at 1 Eaton Place. The faith-sharing portion begins at Noon. Both the chapel and meeting take place on the Garden (or lowest) Level of the Center. Validated parking is available adjacent to the facility. For more information contact either Sr. Paula Kelleher or Msgr. Peter Beaulieu at [508-363-6246](tel:508-363-6246). The remaining sessions are **Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, and Dec. 7**.

This Weekend's Stewardship Thought

In today's second reading, St. Paul exhorts the Romans to *total* stewardship. Brothers and sisters, he urges, "... offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God."

Eucharistic Adoration



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

1. Special thanks for the grace of life.
2. Thank you Lord blessing me with health both physically & mentally.

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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A Community of Ministries



PARISH OUTREACH

Annie Doyle - 508-853-0183
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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

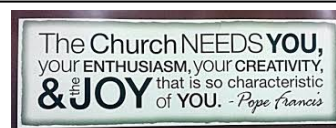
Lord, this is a time of new beginnings: a new month, a new season, a new school year. Thank you for all the opportunities that come with new beginnings. Help us to use every opportunity to love you and serve you. Bless each one of us as we begin our new beginnings. Bless our family as we share faith at home. Bless our commitment to live as a family of faith. Amen.



Gentle Yoga

Mondays 5:45 PM – 6:45 PM in Church Hall

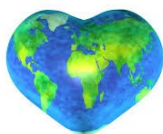
Gentle Yoga focuses on a relaxed pace and gentler approach to yoga postures. Classes will also include breathing and guided relaxation. Gentle yoga helps with flexibility, strength and well-being while relaxing your mind, increasing your energy, and reducing stress. For beginners and experienced students 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).



*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 Prayer For Peace

Lord, help us to face our fears and overcome them.
Help us to be free from all anger and bitterness.
May we be humble enough to lay at your feet,
All the things we think we are entitled to and should have...and be brave enough to say to You:
Lord, I want only what you want for me, because I know You want only the best for me.
Help me to find rest and peace in following You.
Give me your grace to understand in a deeper way that Your love is abundant and unconditional.

Fall Faith Sharing Groups

Fall Faith Sharing Groups BEGIN THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11TH. There will be 2 Faith Sharing Groups: Wednesday: 7:00- 8:15PM or Friday: 10:00-11:15AM. You do not have to be present ever week to participate in a Faith Sharing Group. Also, you do not have to share unless you feel comfortable doing so. Give yourself a lasting spiritual gift by learning more about the up-coming Sunday Gospel and Scripture. Be a part of the Parish wide initiative, to help our Parish to continue to grow spiritually. If you have any questions, please call JoAnn @ 508- 527-6973.

Organizational Meetings

Today, August 27th after the 9:00 AM Mass in the Conference Room to plan the Young Women's Evening of Gathering and Reflection. Anyone interested in helping to plan and organize for this event is most welcome to attend.

Thursday, September 7th @6:30 PM in the Conference Room to plan Women's Day of Spirituality (Lent 2018). This is an important meeting to organize and plan for this event. Please consider attending. Your ideas, suggestions and help in planning this are most welcome. In order to prepare for this event...we need your assistance.

Save The Date

Young Women's Evening Of Gathering And Reflection Thursday, October 5, 2017 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Speaker : Jamie Stuart Wolfe

Register online or at the Religious Education Office.