

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

September 15, 2019: Twenty-Fourth 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

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annie@saintgeorgesparish.org Ext. 11

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Indeed,

**the grace of our Lord has
been *abundant*, along
with the faith and love
that are in Christ Jesus.**

✧ 1 Timothy 1:14 ✧



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, September 15, 2019

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Mass Intentions



Saturday,	September 14: Vigil
	Welcome Weekend
4:00 PM	For the Community of St. George
Sunday,	September 15: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM	For our Religious Education Ministry
9:00 AM	Special Intention
11:00 AM	In memory of Patricia Pepper, req. by Pike family
Monday,	September 16: Saints Cornelius and Cyprian
8:00 AM	In memory of Conrad & Helen Lindblad
Tuesday,	September 17: Saint Robert Bellarmine
8:00 AM	Memorial for Jack DeCillis req. by family
Wednesday,	September 18:
6:30 PM	In Memory of George J. & Eileen White
Thursday,	September 19: Saint Januarius
	In memory of Robert Ovan req. by family
Friday,	September 20: Saints Andres Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang
8:00 AM	In memory of Larry & Phyllis McAuliffe
Saturday,	September 21: Vigil
4:00 PM	Special Intention
Sunday,	September 22: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM	In memory of Patricia Pepper req. by family
9:00 AM	In memory of Richard White req. by family
11:00 AM	Special Intention

NEW! Bulletin Item Due Dates NEW!

<u>Weekend of</u>	<u>Due to parish</u>
September 29, 2019	Monday, September 16
October 6, 2019	Monday, September 23
October 13, 2019	Monday, October 7

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 free coffee, and donuts as well as to enjoy being part of the parish community.



Please note there will be a .25 cent increase in each item as of September 8, 2019

Coffee Shop Captain for September 22nd
Jim Moughan 508-856-7443

All men and women are invited to join one of the St. George Coffee Shop Teams to serve once every 9 weeks. Please contact John Beahn 508-852-3115 for more information. All are welcome!

Parish Calendar

Saturday,	September 14:	
8:00 PM	AA	Hall
	Welcome Weekend!	
Sunday,	September 15:	
8:00 AM	Coffee Shop	Hall
9:00 AM	Children's Liturgy	St. George Room
9:00 AM	Toddler Liturgy	Conf. Room
6:00 PM	Religious Ed Grades 6-9	Hall
Monday,	September 16:	
4:15 PM	Religious Ed Grades 1-6	Center
5:15 PM	Finance Committee Mtg.	Rectory
Tuesday,	September 17:	
4:15 PM	Religious Ed Grades 1-6	Center
7:00 PM	Religious Ed. Board	Rectory
Wednesday,	September 18:	
Thursday,	September 19:	
6:30 PM	Family Prayer	Church
Friday,	September 20:	
11:00 AM	Grandparent Prayer	Church
Saturday,	September 21:	
10:00AM	Diocesan Leadership Group	Hall
8:00 PM	AA	Hall
Sunday,	September 22:	
8:00 AM	Coffee Shop	Hall
9:00 AM	Children's Liturgy	St. George Room
9:00 AM	Toddler Liturgy	Conf. Room

Scripture for the week of September 15, 2019

15	SUN Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10
16	Mon 1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10
17	Tue 1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17
18	Wed 1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35
19	Thu 1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50
20	Fri 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3
21	Sat Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
22	SUN Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13



Celebrate Welcome Weekend

As Summer winds down and we get back into our more regular and busy lives, please join Fr. Nicolls and Fr. Nally along with the Pastoral Council after all Masses this weekend to celebrate our parish.

**4pm Saturday Mass – Complimentary
Jerry's Soft Serve Ice Cream Truck**

**All Sunday Masses – Complimentary
Coffee, Donuts and Beverages**

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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.

This Weekend's Stewardship Thought

We can hear God speaking to us today in the words of the father to his elder son: "You are with me always, and everything I have is yours." What is my response to such a remarkable generosity? Do I give joyfully and generously as God gives to me?

St. George Hospitality Ministry

Greeters and Ushers play an important role in our church. They can be called "The doorkeepers in the House of the Lord". As Ministers of Hospitality, they promote a sense of welcoming and belonging to all the faithful assembled for worship.



We are very grateful to our current Hospitality Ministers who faithfully and consistently serve at St. George Church. Now, we would like to increase the number of men, women and family volunteers so that at least one person is stationed at each church entrance door at every weekend Mass. If you are friendly, courteous, attentive, eager to help, and punctual (able to arrive 10 minutes before Mass begins), this ministry could be for you!

A gathering for all present and potential Ministers of Hospitality will take place on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 7:00pm in the church hall conference room. We hope to learn from the experience of our current ministers and share thoughts and ideas for the future. Individuals and families are welcome. If you are interested in joining us or if you want more information, please contact:

Patti Walsh washpa2001@yahoo.com or
508-854-1332

Annie Doyle annie@saintgeorgesparish.org or
508-853-0183



From Your Pastor

We are looking for any boy or girl who is in the 4th Grade or older to consider becoming an altar server. As has already been mentioned in the parish bulletin, training sessions will be held on Monday, September 16th, and Tuesday, September 17th, at 5:15 P.M. in the church.

Brian Ashmankas, the seminarian who was assigned to our parish three years ago, has co-authored an Advent booklet for Pax Christi USA that will be available online through Sunday, September 22nd. The booklet can be purchased by going to PaxChristiUSA.org, clicking on "Store," and selecting "Advent Booklet" in the drop down menu.

Fr. Niccolls

Total Weekly Ordinary Collection Weekend of September 8, 2019

Ordinary weekly: \$ 6,385.00
On line giving: 1,990.00

On line giving w/e Sept. 1, 2019: \$ 1,145.00

Monthly totals for August, 2019:

Fuel: \$ 165.00
Air conditioning 889.00
Repairs 1,069.00
\$2,123.00

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!

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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 classes begins this Sunday evening for Grades 6-9. Classes for Grades 1-6 begin this Monday at 4:15 PM. We are very much looking forward to seeing everyone again.

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 of the week 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.



Parish e-news

Want to hear about updates and notifications from St. George Parish? Simply visit www.saintgeorgesparish.org and click on the link on "Join Our Email List" on the homepage to add your email address.



Thank You for joining us today as we praise and worship God together and celebrate His presence among us and within each of us.

Saint John's High School will be holding an Open House on Saturday, September 28th at 8:30 a.m. and Tuesday, October 22 at 5:30 p.m. The Placement Test for current 8th graders will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2019. Visit www.stjohnshigh.org or contact the Admissions Office at (508) 842-8934, ext. 266 for further information.



24th Sunday of Ordinary Time Cycle - Year C

While spring-cleaning my parents' basement, I came across my old Boy Scout Handbook. It had sat in a box for years. Time and moisture had taken its toll on the book, so it was not in the best of condition. But it was filled with memories of learning, fun and adventure and I could not part with it. Tattered and curled, it has a special place in my bookcase and has given me hours of pleasure as I remember my time in the Scouts.

Sin and guilt takes its toll on us. We feel rejected, unlovable, and like a failure. All our good intentions seem to be lost and we may even give up on ourselves. Like the Prodigal Son we feel unworthy of God's love or forgiveness. But God never gives up on us. He wants us as His own and never fails to love us and restore us to grace. Our value to Him is infinite, paid for by the passion and resurrection of Jesus. God delights in His people and rejoices when we turn to Him. He knows us better than we know ourselves. He reads us like an old familiar book, aware of our strengths and our weaknesses, our virtues and vices, and loves us just the same. God holds us in the palm of His hand. He cannot forget us, deny us or not love us. Trust that He holds us right where He wants us to always be.

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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.



We will have a Blessing for Catechists this Sunday, September, 15th at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please continue to keep our religious Education Teachers in your prayers.

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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.

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

Please consider visiting the Chapel.
All are welcome.

Beginning September 15, 2019
hours that the Eucharistic
Adoration Chapel will be open
are as follows:



Sundays, 4:30 A.M. -10:00 A.M., 12:00-4:00 P.M.
Mondays & Tuesdays, 4:30 A.M.-3:00 P.M.
Wednesdays, 4:30-8:00 A.M., 2:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.
Thursdays-Saturdays, 4:30 A.M.-8:00 P.M.

Please note: On Wednesday when the Chapel is not open, you are most welcome to visit our Lord in the church which is accessible by using the lower side door that faces toward the rectory.

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.

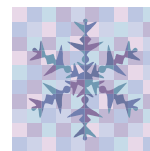
Are you a baptized Catholic or baptized into another religion but have never received any formal religious education?

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.

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.

Mass Notes

“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.

A Community of Ministries



St. George Parish Outreach

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

Current Outreach needs include:

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



Non-perishable food, toilet paper and cleaning supplies are always needed.

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

Many thanks to everyone who donated some of these items lately. I am always so filled with gratitude as I deliver your generous gifts to our less fortunate neighbors and they are so grateful as well!

Our **Next Mustard Seed Meal** is scheduled for **September 20th**. Needs are posted at each exit of the church. We are looking forward to having several Confirmation Candidates join us to help prepare and serve this meal.

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. Come join us!

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Grandparents Day Prayer: Loving God, you have given us the wondrous gift of grandmothers and grandfathers. Your gracious love is reflected in their love and care for us. We thank you, Lord, for the surprises grandmas bring, and for the mending they do. We thank you, Lord, for the toys that grandpas fix and the stories they read to us. We thank you Lord, for the ways that our grandparents spoil us, for the celebrations they never forget, and for all the snuggles they give. We thank you for giving us grandparents to share their wisdom, to listen to us, to be there loving us. We remember in a special way those grandparents who have died and thank you Lord for the blessing they were in our lives. We thank you, Lord. Amen.

Our **GRANDPARENT PRAYER GROUP** begins its 8th year on Friday, September 20th from 11:00 am to 12 Noon in the Church Hall Conference Room. The group meets the third Friday each month from September through May. Grandparents can make a significant difference by praying regularly and deliberately for all grandchildren and their parents and have the opportunity to powerfully touch the lives of another generation. Includes prayers to SS. Ann and Joachim, the grandparents of Jesus and the Rosary. More info if needed Ruth Viens, Family Ministry Coordinator, 508-852-5658, ruthviens@charter.net.



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



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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.*

**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 September are:
Peanut Butter, Cereal and Pasta Sauce**

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.

Dear Dave and Food Donation Team,

Each day that I collect and deliver food to the Mustard Seed I am so aware of the teamwork that it takes to fill the shelves!

There is no other parish that has donated canned chicken this month! Together you have managed to fill the shelves with a protein source that is unique and very welcome! Cans of chicken can easily be mixed with macaroni and cheese, along with cans of vegetables.

This provides healthy meals for more than 30 families! Many Thanks, Annie Doyle



**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 Way-sideATQ@aol.com for more information.



Spiritual Growth Ministry

Ministry Contact: JoAnn Nally
508-527-6973



**FAITH SHARING GROUPS BEGAN THE WEEK of
SEPTEMBER 3, 2019.**

Have you considered becoming part of a Faith Sharing Group? Stop by the registration table in the Church Hall before/after the 9:00 AM Mass or before the 11:00 AM Mass.

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the upcoming Sunday Gospel and to talk about ways to better live the Gospel in your daily life. Groups are held on Wednesday evening from 7:00- 8:15PM OR Friday morning from 10:00- 11:15AM.

This Fall (on Friday mornings) there will be a new space available with better accessibility for those who are physically challenged. If you have questions, please speak with one of the Priests or talk with Joyce Purcell or JoAnn Nally.



To our students returning to school or college.

Know that our prayers are with you.
Know that you always have our welcoming
community to return home to.
Know that God is always with you to guide
and protect you.
Stay close to God and ask His help.
You are never alone.