

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

September 16, 2018: 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 5:00PM
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00AM to 4:00PM

Parish Staff:

It is our privilege to serve you.

Rev. Edward D. Niccolls Pastor Ext. 12
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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

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 16, 2018

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 15: Vigil

4:00 PM Special Intention

Sunday, September 16: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Special Intention

9:00 AM Memorial for Richard H. O'Shea by the Murphy family

11:00 AM Birthday Remembrance for Robert Pratt by family

Monday, September 17: St. Robert Bellamine

8:00 AM For the Community of St. George

Tuesday, September 18:

8:00 AM In thanksgiving for Ron Bullard

Wednesday, September 19: St. Januarius

6:30 PM In memory of Joan Girard

Thursday, September 20: St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon

8:00 AM Memorial for Richard Wilder by a friend

Friday, September 21: St. Matthew

8:00 AM For the elderly of the parish

Saturday, September 22: Vigil

4:00 PM Birthday Remembrance for Ralph Laganilli by family

Sunday, September 23: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Special Intention

9:00 AM Birthday Remembrance for Brone Pridotkas by family

11:00 AM 1st Anniversary for Richard White by family

Parish Calendar

Saturday, September 15:

8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, September 16:

8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall

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

9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Confr Rm

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

Monday, September 17:

4:15 PM Religious Ed Gr. 1-5 Center

5:45 PM Yoga Hall

Tuesday, September 18:

4:15 PM Religious Ed Gr. 1-5 Center

7:00 PM Religious Education Board Rectory

Wednesday, September 19:

7:00 PM Faith Sharing Group Confr Rm

Thursday, September 20:

6:30 PM Family Prayer Church

6:30 PM Planning Meeting Women's Day of Spirituality Hall

Friday, September 21:

10:00 AM Faith Sharing Group Center

11:00 AM Grandparent Prayer Group Confr Rm

Saturday, September 22:

8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, September 23:

8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall

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

9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Confr Rm

3:00 PM Baptism Preparation Confr Rm

Bulletin Deadlines

<u>Weekend of</u>	<u>Due to parish</u>
September 30	Wednesday, Sept. 19
October 7	Wednesday, Sept. 26
October 14	Wednesday, Oct. 3

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.

Scripture for the week of September 16, 2018

16	SUN	Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
17	Mon	1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Lk 7:1-10
18	Tue	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Lk 7:11-17
19	Wed	1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Lk 7:31-35
20	Thu	1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50
21	Fri	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
22	Sat	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15
23	SUN	Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37



Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Hours

Open 4:30 AM to 8:00 PM Daily

Closed during the hours when students are in the building as of September 16th.

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

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Weekend of September 9, 2018

Total Weekly Ordinary: \$6,146.97

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for September

During the month of September, the Pope asks that young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

"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 or by calling 508-754-5361. Also, you can watch the film's 3-minute YouTube 'trailer' at the same website.

This Week..

Pray for those who are nearing the end of their lives, that they may be surrounded by the love of family and compassion of care-givers.

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 for more information.



From Your Pastor

We are inviting 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 24th, and Tuesday, September 25th, at 5:15 P.M. in the church.

At the end of this month. our parish administrative assistant, Mrs. Joan Koppenal, will be taking a three-month leave of absence to take care of her newest grandchild. We pray that this will be a special time as she bonds with this newest member of her family. In the time that she is away (October - December), her responsibilities will be covered in part by Annie Doyle, Kate Lockney and Kathy Hessel. Effective at this same time - October 1, 2018, our parish office hours will be changing. The new office hours will be Mondays - Thursdays from 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. This change in the parish office hours is permanent.

Fr. Niccolls



Coffee Shop Captain

September 23, 2018
Mark Viens: 774-262-0309

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.

Note: Team Listings and Schedule of Teams can be found on our parish website.



We Commend to your Prayers

Charles A. Berry

May the Angels lead him into Paradise

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Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

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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. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to email me at sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org

God Bless!
Sarah Kelly :-)

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. 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 for more information.

Religious Education Announcement

New and returning teacher training will be offered on Tuesday, September 11th from 6:00-7:00pm
Thursday, September 13th from 6:00-7:00pm
Sunday, September 16th from 10:00-11:00am
(Teachers are required to attend only one of these sessions.)

And we are still looking for additional teachers! Contact the Religious Ed office if you are interested.

Religious Education Grades 6-9

Welcome back for the 2018-2019 Religious Education year! We are back for another year of learning, praying, upbeat music, stupid games, and of course, pizza!

Our September meetings will be from 6:00-7:30pm on Sunday, September 16th and Sunday, September 30th

Teachers are invited to attend the 9:00am mass on Sunday, September 16th to receive a special blessing as we kick off the new year.

This Weekend's Stewardship Thought

In the second reading today, St. James has harsh words for those who do not put their faith into action. May we be such good stewards of God's gifts to us that we can never be accused of having "faith hat does nothing in practice."



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. Dates for the upcoming classes are September 23 and November 4 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM in the Conference Room.

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.



**"Karina's Crew"
20th Annual UMass Cancer
Walk & Run**

UMass Cancer Walk - September 30th

The Lubowicki Family invites you to join team "Karina's Crew" at the UMass Cancer Walk on Sunday, September 30th. This is our 7th annual walk in honor of Karina's fight against brain cancer when she was 6 years old. To join our team or make a donation, please go to: www.firstgiving.com/team/376325. Thanks for all of your prayers and support!!

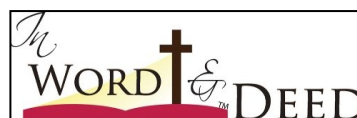
Eucharistic Minister Volunteer Openings

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.

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.

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.



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

During halftime, the high school basketball coach was trying to motivate his team as they struggled to stay in the game. "You're not really trying," he said, "you're just going through the motions. Your bodies are here, but your minds and hearts are a million miles away. Where's your commitment? Get in the game! Focus on what you are doing. Give it 100% or we are sure to lose."

Jesus wants to know what the Apostles are thinking about Him. He asks and it is Peter who answers for them all. Ironically, it is Peter who tries to spare Jesus from the cross, and later, Peter will deny even knowing Jesus. His body was there, but his mind and heart were elsewhere. Peter's faith wavered because of his fear and uncertainty. But once He recovers and is strengthened by the Holy Spirit, Peter will be the first to proclaim the Gospel and the first to lead the Church,

People struggle with faith. Our minds want to understand what we believe; we look for insight into what our hearts desire; we want to be more certain about our values, morals and choices. If you struggle, you are on the right path. Don't worry about 'spiritual' trends in society or how loudly others may speak out against all that is holy. Let your life witness answer the question of faith: who do you say that He is?

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A special invitation to Young Families with Toddlers & Young Children Join us at 9AM Mass on Sunday Mornings

- Toddlers, preschoolers and kindergarteners, accompanied by a parent, can move around a bit, downstairs - sing, and listen to the Gospel story in a simple way.
- Children in Grades 1-3 are invited to attend the "Children's Liturgy of the Word" downstairs where they will hear the Readings and Gospel in an age appropriate way.
- After Mass come to coffee shop in the church hall. Children play together while parents can relax with a cup of coffee. Donuts are free for children the second Sunday of each month.

A Community of Ministries



PARISH OUTREACH

Annie Doyle - 508-853-0183
Ext. 11

Office hours Mon-Tue-Wed 9-5

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Dear Friends,

Welcome back to all of you who have been away! I hope that your summer was restful .

As many of you know, food donations are especially needed at this time of year. The Holiday Food Drives are many weeks away and the food pantries are down to bare shelves since folks have been on vacation. Thanks to Trudy , Marie and our faithful donors of food and grocery cards - we were able to continue to give supplemental groceries each week to feed 30+ families, as well as 20+ elderly neighbors and singles. Our next Mustard Seed Meal for 200 is November 16th.

Underwear, socks, & tee shirts were in short supply during the summer weeks of rain. Your special donations helped greatly! Sadly this need continues because these items are not typically available at the used clothing stores where the poor people in our city go to shop. Please consider choosing a ticket to fill a need. These tickets are available at the exits of the church.

My calendar is full, my desk is full, my waste basket is full...so why do I feel so empty? Lord, why am I running on empty when this day is so full. My time, my life, my every day is full-up and I am in danger of spilling over. I know it all has to get done but I still have this terrible craving to run away to an island and collapse under a shade tree. Having a full calendar does not necessarily mean you are leading a full life—just an overscheduled one. Remind me Lord to empty some real time soon so you and I can sit under that tree and have a much longer heart-to-heart. Only you, Lord, can move my gauge from empty to full-filled!



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, Cans of beef stew (flip top if possible)
Mac & Cheese and 100% juice boxes are a welcome treat!

Fall Retreat for Women

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.

GRANDPARENT PRAYER GROUP Begins 7th year on Friday, September 21, 11:00 to 11:45 am in the church hall Conference Room. As grandparents we can make a significant difference in the world by praying regularly and deliberately for our grandchildren and their parents. We have the opportunity to powerfully touch the lives of another generation. Includes prayers to St. Ann and St. Joachim, grandparents of Jesus and the Rosary. Open to all grandparents including those outside the parish. More information, Ruth Viens, 508-852-5658, ruthviens@charter.net.

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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.*

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

Additional Details and Online Registration
@ Worcester Catholic Women's Conference
Diocese of Worcester, MA
Ticket Prices (including lunch)
Students (ages 16 - 22) \$25.00
Early Bird - \$45.00
After Oct 13th - \$60.00

St. George's Parish



Want help Creating a Day of Community?
Looking to Build Relationships?
Do you like to Plan Events?

JOIN OUR PLANNING COMMITTEE

We will need help with determining this year's date, topic, marketing, decorations, registration, and food & beverage.

Thursday, September 20, 2018
6:30PM

St. George's Church Hall

Questions??? Please contact Andrea Svagdys-Gumbrell call/text 508-330-0267

Refreshments and Light Fare Will Be Served

Family Prayer Night

Every Thursday at 6:30 PM at St. George's Church, there is a gathering of people who pray for all families. We invite you to join us. The Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed during this time. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn to pray the Rosary.

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.



Spiritual Growth Ministry

Morning Prayer

Gracious God, thank you for the gift of today. Refresh me. Invite me to discover your presence in each person that I meet and every situation that I encounter.

Teach me when to speak and when to listen, when to ponder and when to share. In moments of challenge and decision, attune my heart to the whispers of Your Wisdom. As I understand ordinary and unnoticed tasks, gift me with simple joy.

When my days go well, may I rejoice. When things are difficult, surprise me with new possibilities. When life is overwhelming, call me to Sabbath moments to feel your peace and harmony. May the way I live today, reveal your Goodness and Love to all those I meet. Amen. (Pat Berger, C.S.J.)

Faith Sharing Groups

Have you thought about joining a Faith Sharing Group this Fall?

Faith Sharing Groups are held on Wednesday evening from 7:00 - 8:15 PM and Friday morning from 10:00 - 11:15AM. Many who have joined one of these groups, state that they listen to the Sunday Gospel and homily in a more reflective way, feel that they understand their faith in a deeper way and experience a growing sense of community. Please see one of our priests, JoAnn Nally (508-527-6973) or Joyce Purcell (508-852-3304) if you would like additional information.

Spiritual Growth Ministry Meeting

Monday, September 24 - 7:00- 8:30 PM
2nd floor, Parish Center

(please note the change of day, time and location)

