

## **Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden**

**September 23, 2018: Twenty-Fifth 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.*

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](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, September 23, 2018***

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### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, September 22: Vigil

4:00 PM Birthday Remembrance for Ralph Laganelli  
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

#### Monday, September 24:

8:00 AM Memorial for Debbie Jacques by  
Denis & Paula Cote

#### Tuesday, September 25:

8:00 AM Birthday Remembrance for William Horan  
by family

#### Wednesday, September 26: St. Cosmas and Damian

6:30 PM For the Community of St. George

#### Thursday, September 27: St. Vincent de Paul

8:00 AM Memorial for Elizabeth A. Keane by  
Ann Walsh

#### Friday, September 28: St. Wenceslaus

8:00 AM Memorial for Cyndi O'Brien by  
Denis & Paul Cote

#### Saturday, September 29: Vigil

4:00 PM 2nd Anniversary for Martin Forhan  
by family

#### Sunday, September 30: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Special Intention

9:00 AM Memorial for Armand Audette by Susanne  
Graves & Claire Weiss

11:00 AM Memorial for Barbara Bullard by her  
husband Ron

### Parish Calendar

#### 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

10:00 AM Youth Faith Connection Confr Rm

3:00 PM Baptism Preparation Confr Rm

#### Monday, September 24:

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

5:15 PM Altar Server Training Church

5:45 PM Yoga Hall

7:00 PM Spiritual Growth Ministry Meeting Center

#### Tuesday, September 25:

10:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Hall

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

5:15 PM Altar Server Training Church

6:00 AM Girl Scouts Confr Rm

#### Wednesday, September 26:

7:00 PM Faith Sharing Group Confr Rm

#### Thursday, September 27:

6:30 PM Family Prayer Church

#### Friday, September 28:

10:00 AM Faith Sharing Group Center

#### Saturday, September 29:

8:00 PM AA Hall

#### Sunday, September 30:

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/Church

### Bulletin Deadlines

<u>Weekend of</u>	<u>Due to parish</u>
October 7	Wednesday, Sept. 26
October 14	Wednesday, Oct. 3
October 21	Wednesday, Oct. 10

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.

### 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 23, 2018

23	SUN	Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37
24	Mon	Prv 3:27-34/Lk 8:16-18
25	Tue	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/4/Lk 8:19-21
26	Wed	Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6
27	Thu	Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9
28	Fri	Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22
29	Sat	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51
30	SUN	Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



### Second Collection

Next weekend, the Annual Catholic Schools Appeal collection will be taken up at all Masses. Please see Bishop McManus' letter on page 5 for information about this important collection.



*We Commend to your Prayers*

*Joseph P. Desilvestri*

*May the Angels lead him into Paradise*

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**Weekend of September 16, 2018**

Total Weekly Ordinary: \$5,997.00



*From Your Pastor*

### 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.

### Pastoral Council Elections

The Pastoral Council will begin the election process for TWO open seats. Members serve as advisory committee to the Pastor, provide guidance on fulfilling the Parish Mission statement and collaborate with other ministries on parish planning and parish life. Elected members will serve for a term of 3 years beginning January 2019. Deadline for nominations are Oct 13-14. Candidates will be presented on Oct 27-28 and Elections will be held on Nov 3-4. Please consider sharing your talent and time to this important council. Please contact Andrea Berger with any question email: [andreab264@gmail.com](mailto:andreab264@gmail.com) or phone 508-829-8230.

### *This Week...*

Pray for all missionaries who have given up everything to Christ, that their lives of sacrifice may speak truth in the midst of cultures that value possessions over human life.

### 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.

Alex Garcia, our acolyte in training in the Permanent Diaconate program, who has been with us since this past January, is being re-assigned to the Brazilian ministry at Holy Family & St. Stephen Parishes here in Worcester, effective October 1st.. I have enjoyed having Alex here at St. George's over these past several months, and we pray that his new assignment will be a good experience for him. We extend to him our thanks for his ministry here among us and extend God's blessings to him in his new assignment.

Last week I mentioned that 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 30, 2018  
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.

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

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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)

#### A Great Start!

Classes began this week for all students in grades 1-9. It is so nice to see everyone's smiling faces again. It is going to be a great year in religious education. Throughout the year we will highlight different grade levels and share what they are learning in class.

#### Website and Emails

Information for religious education will be able to be found here in the bulletin, but also on the parish website and through emails. Please check in with the website [www.saintgeorgesparish.org](http://www.saintgeorgesparish.org) for updated information weekly. Also, if you have not been receiving emails, please contact Sarah Kelly [sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org) or Kevin Browne [kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org](mailto:kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org) and we will be sure to add your email to our distribution lists.

#### Volunteers

We are still in need of volunteers at all grade levels. Please consider becoming a part of this wonderful ministry. Contact Sarah Kelly or Kevin Browne for more information.

### 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 next September meeting will be held from 6:00-7:30 PM on Sunday, September 30th.

### Addiction Support Group in Webster

Calix is a Catholic support group (supplement to AA) for those directly affected by alcohol/addiction, and for family and friends who are also affected. It is open to all. The first Calix Society in the Worcester Diocese (A New Hope) will meet **October 20 from 1:30 PM to 2:45 PM** (and continue on the 3rd Saturday of each month) downstairs in the Emmaus Center across from Sacred Heart Church, 18 E Main St, Webster. Call Kyle at 508-887-2225 for more information.



### 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 and continuing until the end of April.

### Bereavement Support Group Our Lady of Good Counsel

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish will hold a six-session bereavement support group beginning, Monday, October 15th, from 1:00 - 2:30 PM in the parish hall, 111 Worcester Street, West Boylston. The faith based program offers insights about grieving in a healthy way to work toward healing. For more information or to register [registration require] call Renate Isbell (508) 835-3286.

### *This Weekend's Stewardship Thought*

Today's second reading warns that a heart consumed with avarice and envy leads to jealousy, strife, conflicts, and disputes. A giving heart, in contrast, can sing instead with the psalmist, "Freely will I offer you sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness."

### 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.

### Healing a Spouse's Grieving Heart And Finding Your Way Saturday, October 13 Holden Senior Center 1:00 - 2:30 PM

This seminar, presented by Miles Funeral Home, will assist participants on their journey toward recovery and living fully once again after the profound loss of a spouse or partner. Miles Funeral Home Grief Consultant, Ms. Terri Philbrick, LICSW, a Licensed Independent Social Worker and Grief Counselor/Bereavement Coordinator, will be our facilitator. There is no charge for the seminar and everyone is welcome, pre-registration is required. Please call 508-829-4434 or 978-422-0100 for a reservation.



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### **"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](http://www.firstgiving.com/team/376325). Thanks for all of your prayers and support!!

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#### **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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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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### *Letter from Bishop McManus*

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Dear friends in Christ,

Why choose a Catholic School given all the choices that are available today? While we take pride in our quality academics, in developing physical and teamwork skills in sports, and in being involved in community service, one thing stands out above all else: children can encounter Christ in all aspects of a Catholic School experience. The Catholic education each child receives is rooted in an understanding of the human person as made in the image and likeness of God who is the true source of human dignity.

The mission of Catholic Schools is an integral part of the mission of the Catholic Church. In the Sacrament of Matrimony, parents vow to raise their children in the Catholic faith. There is no better opportunity to do so than in a Catholic School where teachers, staff and volunteers alike give witness to the faith every day, both in and out of the classroom.

I invite you to review this year's Catholic Schools' Appeal report available online at [www.schools.worcesterdiocese.org](http://www.schools.worcesterdiocese.org) and in *The Catholic Free Press* and recognize how Catholic Schools are performing a vital service to the entire Church and how we need the support of everyone to carry on our mission. In order to share the "Good News" story of Catholic schools we rely on those of you who have received a Catholic education firsthand or have witnessed the benefits of a Catholic education in the graduates you have come to know. We owe it to future generations to be able to encounter Christ in the classroom. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can be part of this commitment.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus  
Bishop of Worcester

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Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is a key that opens God's heart. You must speak to Jesus, not only with your lips, but also with your heart; actually, on certain occasions, you should speak with only your heart.

... St. Padre Pio

## *A Community of Ministries*



**Love. Grow. Serve.**

### **PARISH OUTREACH**

Annie Doyle - 508-853-0183  
Ext. 11

Office hours Mon-Tue-Wed 9-5

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.

#### **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 September are:

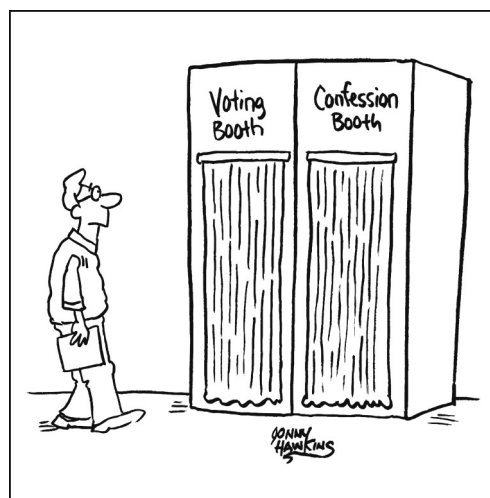
Peanut Butter, Cans of beef stew (flip top if possible)  
Mac & Cheese and 100% juice boxes are a welcome treat!

### **Fall Retreat for Women**

On Saturday, October 20, A Retreat for Women with Jaymie Stuart Wolfe will be held from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM 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**

*"Those who humble themselves will be exalted".* Family life confirms these words of Jesus in the Gospel. Commitment, intimacy, loyalty and love are the rewards of humble service and care for one another. Lord, we are grateful to the parents, grandparents, childcare providers and teachers who give so much of themselves to our children. Give them wisdom in their teaching and the strength to be positive role models.



### *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.

### **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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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 13<sup>th</sup> - \$60.00



### 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.)

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  
6:30 PM

St. George's Church Hall

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

*Refreshments and Light Fare Will Be Served*



### Youth Faith Connection

The Youth Faith Connection will be having a meeting on Sunday, September 23rd from 10-10:30 AM in the parish hall conference room to discuss service. Open to any student in grades 6-12! Hope to see you there!

### 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.

### 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 - 11:15 AM. 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Parish Center

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

