

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

September 29, 2019: Twenty-Sixth 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

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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 29, 2019

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Mass Intentions



Saturday, September 28: Vigil
4:00 PM Memorial for Joseph and Virginia Sawicki
Requested by Deacon Paul & Marilyn Audette

Sunday, September 29: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM 3rd Anniversary Martin Forhan req. by family
9:00 AM Community of St. George
11:00 AM Memorial for Jean Corio req. by family

Monday, September 30: Saint Jerome
8:00 AM In memory of Susie Merrill

Tuesday, October 1: St. Therese of the Child Jesus
8:00 AM In Memory of Terry and Denis Reen

Wednesday, October 2:
6:30 PM In Memory of Gordon Newcomb

Thursday, October 3:
8:00 AM In memory Richard and Joan Girard

Friday, October 4: Saint Francis of Assisi
8:00 AM In memory of Matt Ryan

Saturday, October 5: Vigil
4:00 PM For the Community of St. George

Sunday, October 6: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Memorial William P. Woods req. by Liz Woods
9:00 AM Special Intention
11:00 AM 1st Yr. Anniversary John F. Cosgrove req. by family

Bulletin Item Due Dates

<u>Weekend of</u>	<u>Due to parish</u>
October 13, 2019	Monday, September 30
October 20, 2019	Monday, October 7
October 27, 2019	Monday, October 14

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

Please note that
all items are now \$1.00 each

Coffee Shop Captain for October 6th
John Lewczyk 508-856-9567

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 28:
8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, September 29:
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. Gr. 6-9 Center

Monday, September 30:
4:15 PM Religious Ed. Gr. 1-5 Center
7:00 PM Spiritual Growth Comm. Mtg. Parish Ctr.

Tuesday, October 1:
12:00 Noon Parish Reception for Capital Campaign: Church Hall

4:15 PM Religious Ed. Gr. 1-5 Center
6:30 PM Parish Reception for Capital Campaign: Church Hall

Wednesday, October 2:
5:30 PM Liturgy Committee Mtg: Parish Ctr.

Thursday, October 3:
6:30 PM Family Prayer Church

Friday, October 4:
Saturday, October 5:
3:00 PM Confirmation Service Project Set Up: Alcove/Hall

8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, October 6:
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/Center

Scripture for the week of September 29, 2019

29	SUN Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31
30	Mon Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50
1	Tue Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56
2	Wed Neh 2:1-8/Mt 18:1-5
3	Thu Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12
4	Fri Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16
5	Sat Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24
6	SUN Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Online Daily Scripture Readings

Daily Scripture Readings are available at the
United States Catholic Conference of Bishops
Web site: <http://uscgb.org/>



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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

The sin of the rich man in today's parable was not that he was rich, but that he failed to share his wealth with the beggar at his gate. He knew Lazarus, perhaps walked by him every time he came in or out, but did nothing to relieve his suffering. Is there a Lazarus in my life? What am I doing to help?

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

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel challenges us in a very fundamental way.

The problem with the rich man is not that he did anything wrong, but that he did not do anything. He could have alleviated the poor man's suffering by doing anything like give him a little food, show him a little kindness or give him some decent and warm clothing. These were probably all things that the rich man had in abundance and could have easily shared with someone but didn't. When someone like the poor man is in need, how do we respond, first of all in our hearts and then in our actions? We may not be able to solve all the problems that a needy person has, but we can do our part to ease their sadness and suffering. All that may be needed is a little food, some clean used clothes or a listening ear and a prayerful heart. These little bits of our selves may go a long way toward easing the sufferings of another. It is good to keep this in mind as the weather gets colder and the nights become longer. We are dependent upon one another, and we are all dependent upon God. This is need is well demonstrated in the Eucharist where we are all in need of God's love, forgiveness and eternal life. In the Eucharist Jesus reaches out to us as we reach out with our hands and our hearts. Jesus offers us his love and comfort in his Body and Blood so that we can share that with those around us.

Like last year, you will also notice that over the next several weeks there will be additional altar servers in the sanctuary. These additional servers are in training to serve at our weekend Masses. They will be formally installed as altar servers on the weekend of October 26/27.

Fr. Nicolls

Total Weekly Ordinary Collection

**Weekend of
September 22, 2019**



Ordinary weekly: \$ 5,710.00
On line giving: \$ 1,495.00

Your generosity helps us to continue to be a vibrant parish community worshipping our Lord and reaching out to our neighbors in need.

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Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

Sarah Kelly, Administrator - 508-852-1784
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Kevin.brown@saintgeorgesparish.org

Great Start to New Year

It was so wonderful to see so many smiling faces as we started back up with classes this week. We have so many returning students, as well as new students. We also have many returning teachers, in addition to some teachers who are working with classes for the first time this year. It is going to be another great year of religious education at Saint George Church!

Important Dates for First Reconciliation and First Communion



1st Reconciliation Retreat - January 11, 2020,
2:30-4:00 P.M.

Ceremony- January 25, 2020, 10:00 A.M.

1st Holy Communion Retreat & Potluck Dinner-
Saturday, March 28, 2020, 2:30-6:00 P.M.

Rehearsals- April 28 & 29, 2020 4:15-5:15 P.M.

Mass- Sunday, May 2, 2020 10:00 A.M.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

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 for the 2019-2020 school year is Wednesday at 11:00am. Learn more at <https://www.cgsusa.org/> Please contact Sarah Kelly at sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org to find out more about this wonderful program. And please help spread the word about this great opportunity for our youngest parishioners.

St. John's High School Open House

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.



Religious Education Registration

We will except registrations in Grades 1-5 until the 2nd week of October.

Please be aware that the registration fee is \$100 a student, not to exceed \$175. There is also an additional fee of \$35 for all students making a sacrament this year, First Communion and Confirmation.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if fees are a concern for your family. We would never want finances to hinder your children from taking part in religious education.

All information for how to register can be found on the parish website at www.saintgeorgesparish.org/religious-education. Or email Sarah Kelly at sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org.

We Commend to your Prayer

Dorothy Eva Olen
Sandra Berryhill
Paul Letsky
Michael Shaughnessy

My the angels lead them into Paradise

Altar Ministries

We are thankful to the Altar Servers
and

Ministers of Holy Communion from TEAM C
who will serve at our Masses next weekend.

Thank you

Parish Pastoral Council Elections

The Pastoral Council will begin the election process for TWO open seats.



**Parish
Pastoral
Council**

Members serve as an 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 2020. Deadline for nominations are Oct 12-13. Candidates will be presented on Oct. 26-27 and elections will be held on Nov 2-3. Please consider sharing your talent and time to this important council. Please contact Courtney Shoro with any questions. Email: courtney.shoro@gmail.com
Phone: 774-249-5788

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TALK ON MARY'S ASSUMPTION

To be held at Immaculate Conception Parish

Monday, September 30, 6:30 PM Dr. Christopher Klofft and Dr. Ty Monroe, professors from Assumption College, will present a talk on the Assumption of Blessed Mary into heaven at Immaculate Conception Church, 353 Grove St., Worcester. The talk will be held in the Parish's Church Basement. Dr. Klofft's presentation will focus on contemporary implications and application of Our Lady's Assumption, while Dr. Monroe's presentation will provide the historical development of the Assumption. All are invited to attend this enlightening presentation of our Blessed Lady and the grace of her eternal glory in the presence of her Son. Refreshments and drinks will be served.



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.

As of 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.

**"Know, O Christian, that the Mass is
the holiest act of religion. You
cannot do anything to glorify God
more, nor profit your soul more ..."**

St. Peter Eymard

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.

Thank You Lord

Try to serve the Lord with all your heart and with all your will. He will always bless you more than you deserve.
....St. Padre Pio

**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

Summer Service Presentations Next Weekend!

Our Confirmation Candidates will set up displays in the alcove of the Church Hall next weekend. Please stop by to see pictures of their service work and read reflections on their experiences.

Thank You :

- To Bill, Kathy, Melanie, Tony, Lara, Kiely and Jake who prepared and served our September Mustard Seed Meal
- To all the makers of cole slaw and cookies
- To the summer time knitters of scarves & hats
- To the donators of food, clothing, blankets, paper plates, condiments and ripe bananas!

Every minute of your time, every can of soup and box of cereal, every stitch, every prayer, every penny donated and more was greatly appreciated!

Love and kindness
are never wasted.
They always make
a difference.

Holiday Outreach 2019 Dates for your Calendar

November 2/3 - Donations towards turkeys and food for families in need. These monetary gifts may be mailed to the parish office, dropped in the collection basket or placed in the containers at each exit of the church.

November 9/10 - Thanksgiving Food Drive
Non-perishable food items are brought in and placed at the outer edge of the Communion rail.

November 16 - Mustard Seed Meal for the hungry.
Choose a ticket to fill a need. See the bulletin boards at each exit of the church on Nov. 9/10

November 16 - Dec. 1 - Giving Tree Tags will be available on the Giving Tree located in the church.

December 7/8 - Giving Tree Gift returns and deliveries.

December 14/15 - Christmas Food Drive

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

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!



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



Socks for Adults are Needed

We have slowly and carefully given out the socks that were so generously given by our St. George parishioners as far back as last Christmas! Now the supply has dwindled to near nothing. Socks for men and women would be greatly appreciated. Extra large sizes 12 to 15 are a special need.

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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 October are: Mac & Cheese, Peanut Butter, and Cereal

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.



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 of humility and unity, that we hope to continue to grow "as one" in Christ.



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

HOW ABOUT BECOMING PART of a
FAITH SHARING GROUP

ALL ARE WELCOME...BRING A FRIEND

GROUPS MEET:
WEDNESDAY 7:15-8:30pm or
FRIDAY 10:00-11:15am

We read, discuss and pray with the
upcoming Sunday Gospel.

People have shared that they learn more about the Gospel, talk about how to live the Gospel in their daily lives, feel more peaceful and focused for the week and get to connect with other parishioners.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS,
PLEASE TALK WITH ONE OF THE PRIESTS,
JOYCE PURCELL or JOANN NALLY

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Good and Gracious God:

May I live this day
Compassionate of heart
Clear in word,
Gracious in awareness,
Courageous in thought,
Generous in love.

("Benedictus/ To Pray The Space Between Us"- John O'Donohue)

DEAR FRIENDS, LET US LOVE
ONE ANOTHER, FOR LOVE
COMES FROM GOD. EVERYONE
WHO LOVES HAS BEEN BORN
OF GOD AND KNOWS GOD
- JOHN 4:7 -