

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

October 8, 2017: Twenty-Seventh 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.

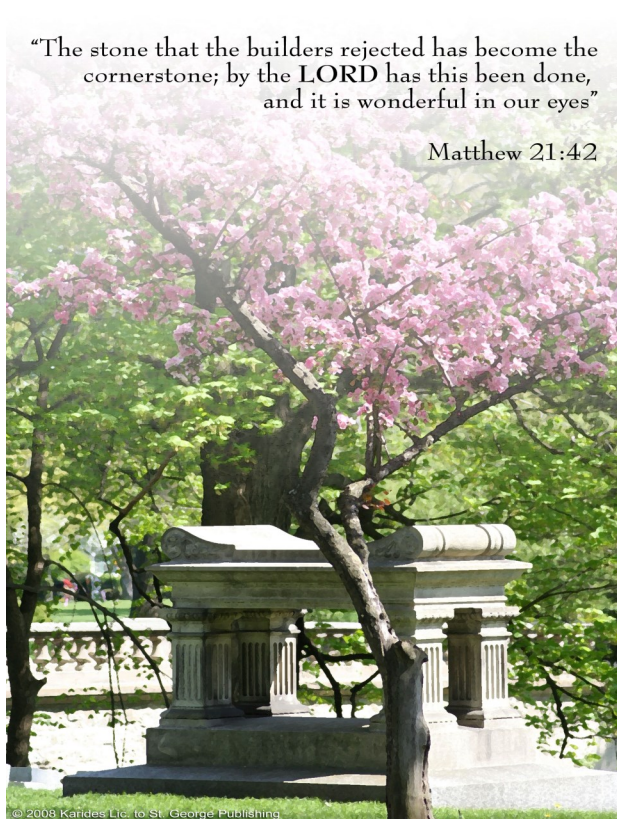
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"The stone that the builders rejected has become the
cornerstone; by the LORD has this been done,
and it is wonderful in our eyes"

Matthew 21:42



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 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, October 8, 2017

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 7: Vigil

8:00 AM For the intentions of our parishioners
4:00 PM Birthday Remembrance for Richar Girard Jr.
by family

Sunday, October 8: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM 4th Anniversary for Bob "Pappy" Smith
by family

9:00 AM Memorial for Bona Kim by family

11:00 AM Memorial for Margaret Grady by
Joe & Carolyn Cariglia

Monday, October 9: St. Denis

8:00 AM For the Community of St. George

Tuesday, October 10:

8:00 AM In memory of Mary Mooney

Wednesday, October 11: St. John XIII

8:00 AM Memorial for Ernesto Ponce by family

Thursday, October 12:

8:00 AM Memorial for Camille D'Ellia Soucy by
Chris Toloczko

Friday, October 13:

8:00 AM In memory of Rosalie Corcoran

Saturday, October 14: Vigil

4:00 PM Anniversary Mass for Anne Callan by family

Sunday, October 15: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM For the Community of St. George

9:00 AM Memorial for Marge Kingsbury by
James Fahey

11:00 AM Memorial for Margaret Grady by
Mike & Kay Grady

12:30 PM Sacrament of Baptism

Bulletin Deadlines

| <u>Weekend of</u> | <u>Due to parish</u> |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| October 22 | Wednesday, Oct. 11 |
| October 29 | Wednesday, Oct. 18 |
| November 5 | Wednesday, Oct. 25 |

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 B 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, October 7:

8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, October 8:

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

Monday, October 9:

5:45 PM Yoga Hall

7:00 PM Pieta Confr Rm

Tuesday, October 10:

10:30 AM Prayer Shawl Hall

Wednesday, October 11:

6:30 PM Daughters of Isabella Hall

7:00 PM Faith Sharing Group Confr Rm

Thursday, October 12:

6:30 PM Family Prayer Church

Friday, October 13:

10:00 AM Faith Sharing Group Center

Saturday, October 14:

3:00 PM Drop off Service Displays Confr Rm

6:00 PM Italian Nite Hall

Sunday, October 15:

8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall

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

9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Confr Rm

Confirmation Service Displays Hall Alcove

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

Scripture for the week of October 8, 2017

8 SUN Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

9 Mon Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37

10 Tue Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42

11 Wed Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4

12 Thu Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13

13 Fri Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26

14 Sat Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28

15 SUN Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10



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 hospi-
tal 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 hospi-
tals each week to see if any of our parishioners are
hospitalized. Thank you for your understanding in
this matter.

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Weekend of October 1, 2017

Total Weekly Ordinary: \$8,293.26

Thank you for your support!



From Your Pastor

Morning Retreat—Commission for Women

The Commission for Women invites you to join us on **Saturday, Oct. 28** at St. Mary Parish Hall, Main St., Shrewsbury. The day will begin with breakfast at 8:30 AM (included with the \$15 offering) and will conclude by Noon. Our facilitator will be Megan Fox-Kelly, chaplain at Holy Cross College and director of the college retreat program. With Megan we will explore our search for a deepening relationship with God and our desires for our life of prayer. The registration offering may be forwarded to Pat Smith, 11 Raymond Street, Worcester, MA 01607 by October 22. Further information and a registration form may be found at www.worcesterdiocese.org/commission-for-women.

Coffee Shop Captain



October 15, 2017
Steve Warner : 508-852-5276

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.

Daughters of Isabella

The Daughters of Isabella, Saint Katharine Drexel Circle, will meet on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The new board will be confirmed and the meat pies dates will be confirmed. Also, members are asked to bring items for the Veterans...such as: knit hats, socks, T-shirts, gloves and large tubes of toothpaste.

Help Save The Parish Money

Thank you for your generous weekly contributions which help keep our parish vibrant and growing. Please be aware the envelope company charges the parish an additional .25 cents per donation if your contribution is not enclosed in the Offering Envelope. Using your envelopes saves the parish a considerable amount at the end of the year. Thank you for helping us in this effort. An additional thank you to all our "Online Givers".

Our lives seem to have their share of anxiety. When we are anxious, we disturb the quiet that God would like us to have within ourselves. The distractions in our lives often overrun our quiet moments with God. We need to guard against this problem. As we awaken, we can praise God for another day. We can reflect upon the day ahead of us as we get dressed. During our commute or as we run errands, we can invite God into the challenging encounters that we may have. At meal time we can ask God's blessing on our food and those who gather to share a meal with us. Before we fall asleep we can give God thanks for the good things that happened in our day and his forgiveness for what went wrong. If we commit to a rhythm of prayer each day, then we will experience what St. Paul teaches us today, "...the God of peace will be with you." God's blessings for a good day and a fruitful life!

Fr. Niccolls

Reminder To All Men's Club Parishioners

The envelope for membership to the Men's Club is in this current envelope packet. Please use this envelope to pay the yearly dues of \$5.00. Thank you.

This Weekend's Stewardship Thought

In the Gospel today, the owner of the vineyard sent messengers to collect his share of the harvest from the tenant farmers, but there was not a single good steward on the property! God is the owner, we are the tenants. What sort of stewards are we?

This Week...

Pray for those coping with mental illness that they will have care and counseling and be treated by all with the respect due every human being.

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Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

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Kevin.brown@saintgeorgesparish.org

Religious Education Classes have Begun

Many thanks to our dedicated teachers who are sharing their time and talents to help pass our Catholic faith on to our youngest parishioners. In today's busy world it is especially inspirational that so many of our young and busy families are actively living their faith in thanksgiving to our loving and generous God.

Religious Education Grades 6-9

Upper Grade Religious Education classes have begun! We meet in the Church Hall from 6:00-7:30 PM for pizza, prayer, music, fun games, and a chance to get to know your teachers and one another.

Toddler & Children's Liturgy of the Word

Toddlers and young children are invited to hear the Readings and Gospel in an age appropriate way during the 9:00 AM Mass. Please join us!

Children's Rosary

All children, families, and St. George parishioners are invited to join in the praying of the rosary following the 9 a.m. mass on Sunday, October 15th. Rosaries will be provided for those who do not have one. Children will be taught how to pray and eventually lead the group in this wonderful devotion. Children's Rosary is planning to meet once a month following the 9 a.m. mass and future dates will be announced in the bulletin. If you have any further questions or concerns, please see Jim Kelly and/or Sarah Kelly.

St. Mary's Open House PreK-12

St. Mary's, 50 Richland St. Worcester, will be holding as Open House, Sunday, October 29 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. If you should require more information, please call (508) 753-1170 or go to our website at www.stmarysworcester.org.

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

Thank You



Dear Parishioners of St. George Parish,

Thank you for your generosity in giving to the Catholic Charities of Worcester School Supply Drive this year. The program was a great success! We were able to increase the number of children who received a backpack filled with school supplies to over 250 children in 112 families, in great part due to the charity of the people of St. George Parish. Thank you for your continued support! May God continue to bless each and every one of your hearts.

Men's Club Meeting

The monthly Men's Club meeting will be held *this* Sunday, October 8, 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!!!



**Italian Night
October 14th 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Church Hall
Last Weekend to buy tickets!**

An Evening with "Tony Funches"
Former Lead Singer of the "Platters"

Come join the fun at this nostalgic
50's Themed Evening of Music!

The evening includes music as well as a full course Italian Meal at a cost of \$20.00 per person. All proceeds will be used to fund the youth and St. George Church activities.

Tickets are on sale after all Masses.
For more information please contact Joe Cote at (508) 852-7718.



Online Survey Coming Your way

Our Finance Committee is interested in your opinion about making donations electronically.

Online giving is one method of making your financial contributions through an easy and secure electronic network. It eliminates the paper envelopes, thereby reducing the cost of printing, postage and processing.

If you have provided the parish with your email address, be on the lookout for our online survey which will take less than two minutes to complete- it has only 3 questions. Your feedback is very helpful and we value your input.

In whatever manner you choose to give to our parish, know that your donations are vital to our continuity as a vibrant community at St. George Church. Thank you for your continued support!

Eucharistic Adoration



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

1. Thank God for answering my prayers in a very special way.
2. Thank you God for a safe trip.

Chapel Hours

Open 4:00 AM to 9:00 PM

Closed - Sunday from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Closed - Monday & Tuesday from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM



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 upcoming classes are October 22, February 4 (snow date make up class March 4), and May 20, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM in the Conference Room.



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

At some point in life, everyone gets measured. Report cards, evaluations, test scores, driver exams, and license exams grade our knowledge, ability or accomplishments. Informal evaluations look at our abilities or our work to see how well we did as an amateur gardener or musician or ballplayer. We want to know how well we did and compare ourselves to some standard to see if we 'measure up.' When we do, we can take pride in our efforts and try to do even better next time.

The spiritual life has its form of measurement too. When we are focused on God's will and put our faith into practice, we experience God's peace. St. Paul says that this peace will 'stand guard' over our hearts and minds. There is a sense of satisfaction as we reap the rewards of faith—things that are true, good, pure and decent. Everyone has a role to play and no one is excluded. There is a place for everyone and every gift.

When your spiritual life needs a boost, practice your faith. Be kind to others, serve the poor, practice acts of kindness, pray more fervently, attend daily Mass or read the Gospels carefully. Give faith a more central and prominent role in your life. You'll find that grace will help you measure up!

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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 October 9 at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room.

Please join us.

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.

A Community of Ministries



PARISH OUTREACH

Annie Doyle - 508-853-0183
Ext. 11

Office hours Mon-Tue-Wed 9-5
annie@saintgeorgesparish.org

Food Needed

Our local food pantry and the Mustard Seed pantry are in need of non-perishable food items, especially peanut butter and cereal. Paper products are also needed. Please leave donations in the Outreach Collection area.

Mustard Seed Meal

Many thanks to all who donated to our September meal and to the volunteers who served; Patti, Bill, Asa, Paige, Pat and especially to Melanie who's First Aid skills were a great blessing! Our next meal is Friday, November 17.

Service Opportunities

Fall Cleanup-November 11, 9AM till 12Noon on the church grounds. Contact Andy at 508-873-2728 to volunteer.

Socks Needed— As the weather gets cooler, homeless adults need socks. Organize a collection in your neighborhood.

Warm Scarves needed for the schools and shelters— Gather together with friends to make simple scarves from thick fleece.

Our Sunday Morning Coffee Shop is in need of adult men and women volunteers every Sunday morning, Call Jim at 508-852-0293.

"Loaves and Fishes" Food Pantry— 90 Holden St. can use help to stock groceries. Contact Betsy at Betsy.wood226@gmail.com for details & dates

Holiday Outreach

Please Save these Dates

November 4 to 12— Donations for Turkeys
November 11/12 — Thanksgiving Food Drive
November 18 - Giving Tree Gift Tags available
November 18/19-Family Shelter IHN Wreath Sale
December 2/3— Christmas Food Drive
December 9/10— Giving Tree Gift Returns
December 17—Mustard Seed Family Christmas Party
2:00 PM till 3:30 PM, 93 Piedmont St.

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

In the Face of Escalating Violence, Escalate Love:
Some forms of violence are hard to counteract. But this need not lead us to despair or paralysis. We can offset massive violence by escalating the number of random acts of kindness we perform. Keep in mind it's not the quantity of such deeds but the quality of each deed. Jesus, help us to give ourselves as fully and lovingly as we can, wherever we can. Multiply our random acts of kindness. Rekindle our hope that your light has truly overcome the darkness; that love, not violence, is the last word. How can you escalate love this week?



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 *this* Sunday. The children will be given the tickets while at the Liturgy to be redeemed after Mass. Best Wishes to our young Catholics.

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

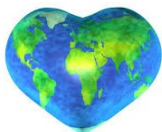
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*Our Parish Vision: To **welcome** all, build **connections** to Christ and one another, and **live our faith** as true disciples of Jesus.*

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! 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 Wayside-ATQ@aol.com for more information. They are happy to explain more about how "Hope for Housing Cards" help families on the brink of homelessness.



Spiritual Growth Ministry

As God Does

Help me to hear the words I speak...as God does.
Allow me to see my actions...as God does.
Help me to listen when people speak...as God does.
Let me open my heart with compassion...as God does.
Give me healing patience with others...as God does.
Show me how to forgive...as God does.
Hold Christ's shining light high...as God does.
Embrace love, over all other things...as God does.
(Insight Reflection Book- Fall, 2017)

Faith Sharing Groups

Do you know that you can join a Faith Sharing Group at any time? Do you know that you do not have to be present at every group (we realize that you may be sick, or have an appointment etc.). Do you know that you do not have to speak unless you feel comfortable. Please know that you are welcome at any time!

Come join us to read, reflect, talk and pray about the upcoming Sunday Gospel. If you have questions or need additional information, please speak with Fr. Nicolls, Fr. Charles, JoAnn or Joyce.

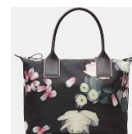
Coat Drive for the Needy Oct. 14 till Oct. 29

Nancy Forhan is organizing a Coat Drive for the needy. A Collection Box for adult and children's coats will be set up at the back of the church hall.

Please contact Nancy at 508-853-3703 or nancyf319@aol.com for more information or if you would like to help.



Homeless Women Need Help Can you donate hygiene items?



These days I have seen many more homeless women on the street. Recently a woman was using the Mustard Seed restroom to get cleaned up for the day. She said she was "staying at a place where there was no running water".

I wished I had donations of small bars of soap, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, tooth brushes and tooth paste to give to her and some of the other women. Sanitary hygiene items, clean socks, tee shirts and sweatshirts would also help a great deal. If you can help, please call Annie Doyle or leave your donation in the Outreach Collection area of the lower church.