

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

October 13, 2019: Twenty-Eighth 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, October 13, 2019

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Mass Intentions



Saturday, October 12: Vigil
4:00 PM Memorial for Anna & Joseph Wong, req. by family

Sunday, October 13: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Memorial for Dorothy Groden, req. by family
9:00 AM Memorial for Bernard A. Carlomagno req. by Rod and Betty Macisaac
11:00 AM 10th Year Anniversary for Anita Litchfield, req. by family

Monday, October 14: Saint Callistus I
8:00 AM In memory of June LaMalva

Tuesday, October 15: Saint Teresa of Jesus
8:00 AM In Memory of Edward & Barbara Granger

Wednesday, October 16: Saint Hedwig
6:30 PM In Memory of Barbara Pedone

Thursday, October 17: Saint Ignatius of Antioch
8:00 AM Memorial for Jack DeCillis by family

Friday, October 18: Saint Luke
8:00 AM In Memory of Joseph Chilleri

Saturday, October 19: Vigil
4:00 PM Memorial for Margaret and Ed Cleary req. by family

Sunday, October 20: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM For the Community of St. George
9:00 AM In memory of Carol Mae (Casey) Feeley
11:00 AM 15th Anniv. for Rita Bernard req. by Brian Hayes

Bulletin Item Due Dates

<u>Weekend of</u>	<u>Due to parish</u>
October 27, 2019	Monday, October 14
November 3, 2019	Monday, October 21
November 10, 2019	Monday, October 28

Please submit items by 10:00 AM on the due date.

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 20th
Mark Viens 774-262-0309



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!

Free Donut Chips for your youngest parishioners today, October 13th!

Parish Calendar



Confirmation Service Projects

Saturday, October 12:
8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, October 13:
8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall
9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St. George Room
9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Conf. Room

Monday, October 14:
7:00 PM Pieta Conf. Room

Tuesday, October 15:

Wednesday, October 16:

Thursday, October 17:
6:30 PM Family Prayer Church

Friday, October 18:
11:00 AM Grandparent Prayer Church

Saturday, October 19:
8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, October 20:
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

Scripture for the week of October 13, 2019

13	SUN	2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19
14	Mon	Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32
15	Tue	Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41
16	Wed	Rom 2:1-11/Lk 11:42-46
17	Thu	Rom 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54
18	Fri	2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9
19	Sat	Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12
20	SUN	Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8

Total Weekly Ordinary Collection

Weekend of October 6, 2019:

Ordinary weekly: \$ 6,625.15

On line giving: \$ 1,890.00



Second Collection

Next weekend, a special collection will be taken up at all Masses for **World Mission Sunday**. A letter from Bishop McManus can be found on Page 5.

Pieta 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: Monday, October 14th at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room. Please join us.



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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

Jesus healed ten lepers in today's Gospel. Only one (ten percent) came back to say thank you. I, too, have received many blessings from the Lord—indeed, all I am and all I have is a gift! How and how often have I remembered to thank Him?

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

Last year, I included the following prayer in my column to help us as a faith community to pray as we reflected upon all that had been going on with our Church. This year I include it not only for our Church but for our world as well.

*Loving God and Father,
in light of so much suffering,
we come before you as your hurting people in need of healing.
Knowing we are a Church of saints and sinners,
we acknowledge our own sinfulness
and ask forgiveness for the times
we have injured or neglected others.
Knowing we are called to holiness,
we trust you to lead us on our journey
to be a renewed Church, for with you all things are possible.
Christ Jesus, walk among us.
Embrace us with your healing.
Grace us to seek reconciliation.
Empower us to love as you love,
because healing, reconciliation and love are beyond our human capacity alone.
Spirit of God, seize our hearts.
Awaken us to gratitude and newness of life. Amen.*

Paulist Press, 2002

On Monday evening, October 28th, we will introduce a new and innovative Bible Study, entitled **Beverage, Cheese and Scripture**, which will focus on the 9th chapter of the Prophet Isaiah. This Bible Study will take place in the church hall from 7:00 – 8:30 P.M. All are welcome to attend.

In November we will be observing the month of **All Souls** when we remember our beloved dead. As in past years our parish will be extending an invitation to the families of those parishioners who had died during the past year to gather for a special Mass of remembrance. The Mass is open to the entire parish, but special recognition is given to these deceased parishioners. Letters of invitation are being mailed out to families of parishioners who have died in this parish during the past twelve months. They will be invited to this Mass on Saturday, November 9th, at 9:00 A.M. Following the Mass there will be refreshments served in the Church Hall. As I mentioned earlier, the invitation to this Mass is open to everyone, and it is my hope that many of you will be able to attend. Since this Mass is just a little less than four weeks away, please make a note of it.

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Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

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

Toddler Liturgy of the Word

The very youngest members of our parish community are invited downstairs, with a parent, during the 9AM Mass. Together we sing, share faith stories and color. Hope you'll join us!

Children's Liturgy of the Word at 9 AM Mass

During every 9 AM Mass on Sunday, the students in Grades 1-4 are invited downstairs to the Church hall to hear the Scripture Readings proclaimed in an age appropriate way. The Readings are discussed and a handout to color serves as a reminder of the Gospel message. Hope to see you there!



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- Ages 3-5years

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.

BEREAVEMENT MASS

On Saturday, November 9th, at 9:00 AM St. George Parish will celebrate its annual Bereavement liturgy. Candles will be lit in remembrance of former parishioners and those buried from our parish during the past year. Parishioners are invited to attend this Mass of Remembrance as both a sign of our belief in the Resurrection and support for those who are grieving. A list of those being remembered will be located at each church entrance during the month of November to inspire prayers for the decease of our community as well as outreach to those who are still grieving. The Remembrance book will again be available for those who wish to enter the names of deceased loved ones. Following the Bereavement Mass refreshments will be served in the church hall.

Parish Pastoral Council Elections



Parish
Pastoral
Council

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

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



thank you

Altar Ministries

We are thankful to the Altar Servers and Ministers of Holy Communion from A who will serve at our Masses next weekend.

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Thanks to Our Confirmation Candidates!



The garden box built and planted this spring by our Confirmation Candidates has blessed the folks at the Mustard Seed all summer long with the sweet scent of herbs and the uplifting sight of bright flowers. A guest recently noticed the basil plant going to seed and brought us the tiny seeds. "Look", he

said, "we can dry and save these so we can plant them again next spring." It will be wonderful to begin again!



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.

A mini-Retreat for Women— Commission for Women

The Commission for Women of the Diocese of Worcester invites you to join us for a Mini-Retreat for Women on Saturday, October 19 at St. Mary's Parish Hall, Main Street, Shrewsbury, MA. The topic will be "Re-entering the Paradise of the Heart: A Spiritual Path for Healing" and will be facilitated by Sr. Kathryn Hermes, a Daughter of St. Paul. Through quiet prayer, guided inner exploration, and Scripture meditation, this retreat will help you take back your self-ownership when you learn how to stand at the door of your heart, when you re-enter the *paradise* of the heart. You will leave the retreat with prayer guides and life tools you can continue to use in your daily life. The day will begin with Mass at 8:30 AM, followed by registration and coffee/pastries. Lunch will be included with the \$15 offering, and the program will conclude by 1:30 PM. Further information and a registration form may be found at www.worcesterdiocese.org/commission-for-women. Any questions or to have a registration form mailed to you, please call Jacqueline at 508-841-5621 or email us at worcestercommissionforwomen@gmail.com.

My dear friends in Christ,
Pope Francis has set October 2019 as an Extraordinary Missionary Month (EMM) to foster greater awareness of our mission to all peoples and to animate the missionary transformation of Church life and pastoral activity. World Mission Sunday will be celebrated in our diocese on October 20. In his message for World Mission Sunday, the Holy Father noted that this year marks the 100th anniversary of the Apostolic Letter, *Maximum Illud* of Pope Benedict XV. The title, "that momentous and holy charge" refers to the mission set forth in the Gospel of Mark, "Go into the world and preach the Gospel to all creation." (Mk 16:15) One hundred years after that Apostolic Letter was issued, and nearly two thousand years since Jesus uttered that command, there is still much to be done. To do this work, as Pope Francis reminds us, "takes a constant and ongoing missionary conversion, going forth in mercy, and driven by love." I invite you to reflect on these words of the Holy Father in his message for World Mission Sunday: "This missionary mandate touches us personally: I am a mission, always; you are a mission, always; every baptized man and woman is a mission. People in love never stand still: they are drawn out of themselves; they are attracted and attract others in turn; they give themselves to others and build relationships that are life-giving." Your donations on the weekend of October 20 are critical. The Pontifical Mission Societies serve the Church's universality as a global network of support for the Pope in his missionary commitment by prayer, the soul of mission, and charitable offerings from Christians throughout the world. These donations assist the Pope in the evangelization efforts of particular Churches (the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith), in the formation of local clergy (the Pontifical Society of Saint Peter the Apostle), in raising missionary awareness in children (Pontifical Society of Missionary Childhood) and in encouraging the missionary dimension of Christian faith (Pontifical Missionary Union). In a world where so much divides us, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries by our Baptism. And it provides an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized in more than 1,111 mission dioceses. Thank you for prayerfully reflecting on how you are mission, and support World Mission Sunday in your parish.

With every prayerful best wish,

I remain Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

A Community of Ministries



St. George Parish Outreach

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

Summer Service Presentations This Weekend!

Our Confirmation Candidates have set up their service displays in the alcove of the Church Hall. Please stop by to see pictures of their summer service work, to read reflections and speak to them about their experiences as well as to write them notes of support.

Current Needs at the Mustard Seed

- Non perishable food items
- Toilet Paper
- Sleeping bags and blankets
- Towels
- Gently used sneakers
- Sweatpants and hooded sweat shirts
- New underwear for men and women
- Toiletries and bars of soap



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 15 - 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

Nurture your child in the faith from the beginning; pray for your child from the womb. If you haven't ever prayed for your child, begin tonight to thank God for each child. Lead them with love into a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Attend Mass regularly as a family. Tell them of the challenges in living a life of faith with God. Instruct them in the faith. Allow spiritual grandparents to "adopt" your child and assist you in raising them in the faith. When they are full grown adults, let them leave and commit them into God's care.



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 WaysideATQ@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

Eat ~ Pray ~ Share
Faith Sharing, Lunch and Discussion

Friday, October 25, 2019
10am-12pm

St. George Church Hall

\$5 per person

To Sign Up Contact

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Andrea Svagdys - Gumbrell ~ 508-330-0267

