

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

October 14, 2018: Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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Parish Office: 508-853-0183

www.saintgeorgesparish.org

Office Hours:

Monday till Thursday 9:00AM to 3:00PM

Closed on Fridays

Parish Staff:

It is our privilege to serve you.

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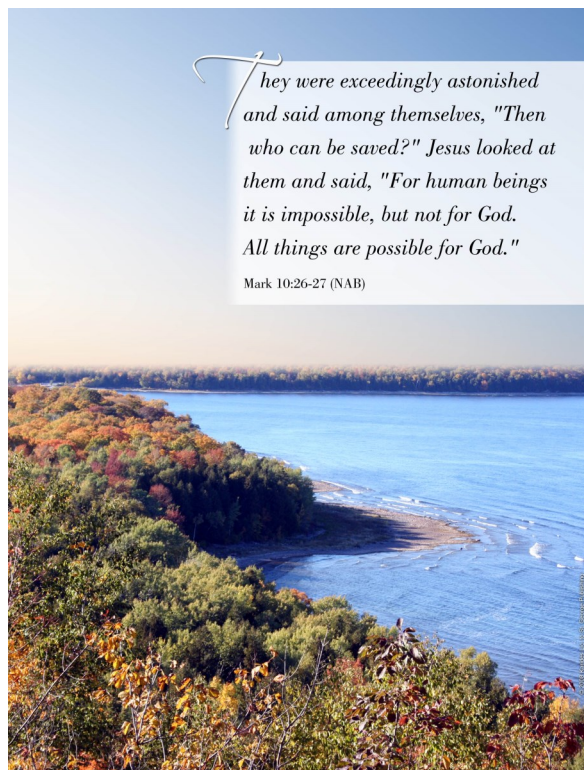
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*They were exceedingly astonished
and said among themselves, "Then
who can be saved?" Jesus looked at
them and said, "For human beings
it is impossible, but not for God.
All things are possible for God."*

Mark 10:26-27 (NAB)



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 14, 2018

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 13: *Vigil*

4:00 PM In memory of Rodney & Dyann Kirouac

Sunday, October 14: *28th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 AM Special Intention

9:00 AM Special Intention

11:00 AM Memorial for Ambrose & Helen Pike by
Robert & Fran Pike

Monday, October 15: *St. Teresa of Jesus*

8:00 AM For the Community of St. George

Tuesday, October 16: *Sts. Hedwig & M. M. Alacoque*

8:00 AM Memorial for Lena and Ernest Zottoli

Wednesday, October 17: *St. Ignatius of Antioch*

6:30 PM Memorial for Francis J. Doherty by
Ann Walsh

Thursday, October 18: *St. Luke*

8:00 AM In memory of Maria Henkins

Friday, October 19: *Sts. John deBrebeuf & I. Jogues*

8:00 AM In memory of Charles O'Neill and
Paul Ziegler

Saturday, October 20: *Vigil*

4:00 PM Memorial for Francis Harrington,
William H. and Helen Santon
requested by family

Sunday, October 21: *29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 AM Birthday remembrance for Florence Montville
requested by family

9:00 AM Special Intention

11:00 AM Special Intention

Second Collection

Next weekend, World Mission Sunday - the Propagation of the Faith collection will be taken up at all Masses. Please see Bishop McManus' letter on page 5 for information about this important collection.

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.

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.

Parish Calendar

Confirmation Service Projects Presentations This Weekend

Saturday, October 13:

8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, October 14:

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 Conf Rm

6:00 PM Rel. Ed Gr. 6-9 Hall & Center

Monday, October 15:

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

5:15 PM Finance Ministry Rectory

5:45 PM Yoga Hall

Tuesday, October 16:

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

7:00 PM Religious Education Board Rectory

Wednesday, October 17:

7:00 PM Faith Sharing Group Confr Rm

Thursday, October 18:

6:30 PM Family Prayer Church

Friday, October 19:

10:00 AM Faith Sharing Group Center

11:00 AM Grandparent Prayer Group Confr Rm

Saturday, October 20:

8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, October 21:

8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall

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

9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Confr Rm

Scripture for the week of October 14, 2018

14 SUN Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30

15 Mon Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Lk 11:29-32

16 Tue Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41

17 Wed Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46

18 Thu 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9

19 Fri Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7

20 Sat Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12

21 SUN Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45



Bulletin Deadlines

Weekend of

Due to parish

October 28

Wednesday, Oct. 17

November 4

Wednesday, Oct. 24

November 11

Wednesday, Oct. 31

Items must be submitted by 5:00 PM on the due date.

Email items to stgeooffice@gmail.com, or fax to the rectory.

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Weekend of September 30, 2018

Total Weekly Ordinary: \$6,031.05

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for October

During the month of October the Pope asks that consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have not voice.

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 was 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 or phone 508-829-8230.

This Week...

Please pray for all those who are in prison, that they may be treated with dignity and receive the care, counseling and education that they need.

John McDermott & Friends Christmas Concert

You won't want to miss John McDermott and joyous Christmas Concert at St. John's Upper Church on Wednesday, November 14 at 7:00PM to benefit St. John's Food for the Poor (www.stjohnsforthe poor.org). Tickets are \$20 each and seating is limited! A great Christmas gift for family and friends! Buy your tickets online at www.johnmcdermott2018.eventbrite.com or call or email Frank Carroll at 508-770-0110 and fc Carroll@sbsb.com to reserve your ticket.

We Commend to your Prayers



Carol Feeley
John Cosgrove

May the Angels lead him into Paradise



From Your Pastor

In light of all that has been going on with our Church lately, I thought that the following prayer might be helpful for us as a faith community:

*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*

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 3rd, at 9:30 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 three weeks away, please make a note of it.

Fr. Niccolis

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Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

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

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.

Grade Level News of the Week

This week we are taking a look at Third Grade. The students in 3rd grade started off the year reviewing the Sacraments of Initiation. They remembered their own First Communion from last spring, they talked about baptisms from when they were babies and they began talking about Confirmation. The 3rd graders are also learning about different types of prayers. There are prayers of petition, praise, blessing and thanksgiving



Save the Date for Upcoming Events

On Saturday, November 17th the Pastoral Council is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Family Fun Fall Festival.

On Saturday, December 1st we will have the 3rd Annual Breakfast with St. Nicholas.

Stay tuned for more information on these two fun events for the young people of our parish!

Confirmation Classes

Reminder: The first Confirmation class will take place in the parish hall from 10-11:30 am on Sunday, October 28th. Candidates are required to attend 9 am Mass prior to each Confirmation class. Contact Mike or Linda Ohl at (508) 735-4633 or confirmation@saintgeorgesparish.org if you have any questions.

Confirmation Service Projects

The Confirmation candidates will have their service project posters displayed in the church hall after all Masses this weekend. Please come by to see their posters and speak with them about their introduction to community service experience.

Eucharistic Adoration

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of your suffering and death. May our worship of this sacrament of your Body and Blood help us to experience the salvation you won for us and the peace of the kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



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.

This Weekend's Stewardship Thought

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the rich young man to give away all that he has in order to have treasure in heaven. But he is unable to free himself from his possessions, and so he goes sadly away. Does what I own keep me from following Jesus?

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. Date for the upcoming class is November 4 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM in the Conference Room.

A special invitation to 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.
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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.



Winter 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.

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:

Boxes of cereal, cans of tuna and flip top cans of soup!
Laundry Detergent is always welcome



Coffee Shop Captain

October 21, 2018
Jim Moughan 508-856-7443

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.

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.

Letter from Bishop McManus

October 12, 2018

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, In his message for **World Mission Sunday 2018**, our Holy Father reflects on how life itself is a mission. "To live out joyfully our responsibility for the world is a great challenge. . . Each one of us is called to reflect on this fact: 'I am a mission on this Earth; that is the reason why I am here in this world.' (Evangelii Gaudium 273)."

The world's missions include approximately 1,100 dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and remote regions of Latin America. Help is offered for pastoral and evangelizing programs, for catechists and catechetical work, to build churches and chapels, for the work of religious communities in health care and education, and for communication and transportation needs.

All Catholics have the opportunity to share in the "mission of the servants of the Word" through active participation in the efforts of the four Pontifical Mission Societies: The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the Holy Childhood Association, the Society of St. Peter Apostle and the Missionary Union of Priests and Religious. All of us can be a part of this effort, especially through prayer and through encouraging others to come to an awareness of their own role in the Church's missionary work by virtue of their Baptism.

I urge all in our diocesan family to share in the work of evangelization, offering your prayers and sacrifices for the Church's missionary efforts and in a special way on this **World Mission Sunday on the weekend of October 21**. Your generous support for this collection will also be a source of blessing for our own Diocese as we place evangelization at the heart of our Church's life and mission. This year, we are invited as well into a special opportunity to engage with Pope Francis and learn more about his missions. To do so, visit missio.org.

With every prayerful best wish,

I remain Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

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A Community of Ministries



Love. Grow. Serve.

PARISH OUTREACH

Annie Doyle - 508-853-0183

Holiday Outreach 2018
Please Save the Dates

November 3 to 11 - Donations towards
Turkeys for families in
need

November 11/12 - Thanksgiving
Food Drive

November 16 - Mustard Seed
Meal



November 17/18 - Giving Tree Tags will be
available

Christmas Food Drive - December 1/2

Giving Tree Gift Returns - December 8/9

Call for Volunteers!

Are you looking for a service project in our community? Would you like to give 2-3 hours per year of your time to a noble cause? St. George's supports the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry at the Unitarian Church on Holden Street with a portion of its generous food donations every month. The pantry provides food to approximately 65 needy families in the area. On the third Friday evening of each month, volunteers from the Unitarian Church, St. George's and other organizations help set up the "market" for distribution the following day. Setting up takes less than 90 minutes and begins at 6 pm. It would be great to have 6-12 families, couples, singles or students willing to help 1-2 times throughout the year with this activity. If Interested please contact Andy or Cheryl Labrecque at 508-856-0515 or at alabrecque2016@outlook.com

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

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Is Your Family Prayer-Conditioned? Family prayer can happen in every family despite the demands of things like homework, meetings and jobs. In today's world it isn't easy to bring up a family within a Christian framework. The values of a consumer society are so often opposed to the values of Jesus. The hectic pace of our lives cries out for time to be together, to pray together.



GRANDPARENT GROUP – This Friday, October 19 at 11 am in the church hall Conference Room. Join us as we pray for the safety and well-being of our grandchildren. Includes prayers to St. Ann and St. Joachim, grandparents of Jesus and the Rosary. More information contact Ruth Viens, 508-852-5658, ruthviens@charter.net.

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.

There will be **NO yoga** here at St. George on
Monday, 10/29

"When we are fully alert in spirit, mind, and body, we are more than we imagine and can accomplish more than we suppose." ~ Barbara Holmes

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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



Spiritual Growth Ministry

A GOOD THOUGHT!

"Patience.....prayer...silence
these are what give strength to the soul."
(St. Faustina)

Testimonial from Members of a Faith Sharing Group:

After much discussion with JoAnn, we reluctantly joined our present Faith Sharing Group for Lent, 2017. We have been pleasantly surprised by how much we enjoy it.

Our facilitator guides the group through the Sacred Scripture readings that will be presented at the upcoming Sunday Mass. Placing the readings within the context of what came before or what will happen later helps us to understand what we are reading. Time is set aside for quiet reflection, questions and sharing how the readings relate to our lives today.

This Faith Sharing Group has enhanced our lives in many ways. We are learning more about our Catholic faith. We are sharpening our listening and critical thinking skills. We feel comfortable asking questions and sharing personal stories with each other in a non-judgmental environment. We are getting to know some of our fellow parishioners on a much deeper level. (Dave and Patti Walsh)



Help prevent family homelessness !

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 a 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.

See Sue & Dave Genereux who are selling these cards in the Church Hall after every Mass. Contact them at 508-829-5776 or email WaysideATQ@aol.com for more information.



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.

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.

Faith Sharing Groups

Have you ever thought about joining a Faith Sharing Group?

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.

