

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

**October 15, 2017: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**Office Hours:**

Monday & Wednesday 9:00AM to 5:00PM

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*It is our privilege to serve you.*

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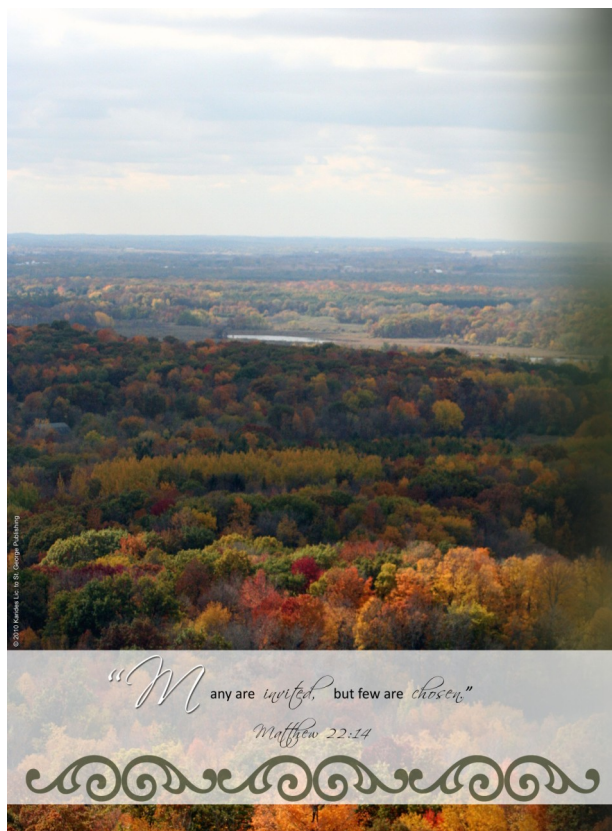
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# **St. George Catholic Church**

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 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 15, 2017***

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### Mass Intentions

**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  
**Monday, October 16: St. Hedwig**  
8:00 AM In memory of Bob Reidy  
**Tuesday, October 17: St. Ignatius of Antioch**  
8:00 AM In memory of John Balcom  
**Wednesday, October 18: St. Luke**  
8:00 AM In memory of Gordan Newcomb  
**Thursday, October 19: St. John de Brebeur**  
8:00 AM For those who lost their lives in Las Vegas & their families  
**Friday, October 20: St. Paul of the Cross**  
8:00 AM Memorial for Helmut Russ by Annie Doyle  
**Saturday, October 21: Vigil**  
4:00 PM Memorial for Helen Santon & Francis Harrington by family  
**Sunday, October 22: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
7:30 AM In memory of George Butler  
9:00 AM Memorial for John & Sophie Feld by the Gentile family  
11:00 AM 20th Anniversary for Rita Moughan by the Moughan family

### Bulletin Deadlines

<u>Weekend of</u>	<u>Due to parish</u>
October 29	Wednesday, Oct. 18
November 5	Wednesday, Oct. 25
November 12	Wednesday, Nov. 1

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 C 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 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  
Rosary after the 9:00 AM Mass Church  
Confirmation Service Displays Hall Alcove  
6:00 PM Religious Ed Gr. 6-9 Hall/Center  
**Monday, October 16:**  
4:15 PM Religious Ed Gr. 1-6 Center  
**Tuesday, October 17:**  
4:15 PM Religious Ed Gr. 1-6 Center  
6:00 PM Girl Scouts Confr Rm  
**Wednesday, October 18:**  
7:00 PM Faith Sharing Group Confr Rm  
**Thursday, October 19:**  
6:30 PM Family Prayer Church  
**Friday, October 20:**  
10:00 AM Faith Sharing Group Center  
11:00 AM Grandparent Prayer Group Confr Rm  
**Saturday, October 21:**  
8:00 PM AA Hall  
**Sunday, October 22:**  
8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall  
9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St. George Rm  
9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Confr Rm  
3:00 PM Baptism Preparation Meeting Confr Rm

### Scripture for the week of October 15, 2017

15 SUN	Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
16 Mon	Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32
17 Tue	Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41
18 Wed	2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9
19 Thu	Rom 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54
20 Fri	Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7
21 Sat	Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12
22 SUN	Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21



### Second Collection

Next weekend is World Mission Sunday. A collection will be taken up at all Masses. Please see Bishop McManus' letter on page 5 for information about this important collection.



This union of my soul with God is my wealth in poverty and joy in deepest afflictions.

... St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

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### Weekend of October 8, 2017

Total Weekly Ordinary: \$8,943.50

### Monthly Totals for September

Repairs: \$935.00

Air Conditioning Fund: \$219.00

Fuel: \$966.00

Thank you for your support!



*From Your Pastor*

In light of the unusually warm weather that we have been experiencing during this month of October, we are going to delay moving the celebration of Daily Mass to the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel for one week. If the weather cools down, we will celebrate Daily Mass there beginning on Monday, October 23rd. Daily Mass will continue to be held there until Mid-February when we begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday.

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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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. Niccolls*



### Coffee Shop Captain

October 22, 2017

Mark Viens : 774-262-0309

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.

### *This Weekend's Stewardship Thought*

In today's second reading, St. Paul thanks the Philippians for being willing to share in his hardships and promises that God, in turn, will fully supply all their needs. Our God truly cannot be outdone in generosity!

### Women's Day of Spirituality Planning Meeting

We are inviting anyone interested in assisting the planning the Women's Day of Spirituality. Our next planning meeting is Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the Church Hall. The 2018 Women's Day of Spirituality will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2018. For questions please call/text, Andrea Svagdys-Gumbrell at [508-330-0267](tel:508-330-0267).

### 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](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/commission-for-women).

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### Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

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### Religious Education Classes

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 AM 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](http://www.stmarysworcester.org).

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



### 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

At one parish, the pastor invited every newly registered family to come to the rectory for a Saturday morning breakfast. He insisted that the whole family come, kids, grandparents, uncles, and aunts. During breakfast, the parents could tell him about their experiences with other parishes, what they saw as their spiritual needs and how they could participate in the life of the parish. He was asked why he invited people to come to the rectory when he was going to visit them at home anyway. "Sometimes," he said, you just have to invite them in and ask them to join."

Families sometimes need to invite someone in and ask him or her to join. It might be the new neighbor, or a lonely child, or a senior citizen, but they are all people who need the special love that a family can offer. Simply being in your presence brings peace to the soul and healing to the heart. It fosters an acceptance of others, regardless of race, age, language or nationality. We are the family of God and when we come together, we are in His Presence. He sets before us a banquet of grace, seasoned with faith, hope and love. Invite someone to join. There is enough for everyone.

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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.

### *This Week..*

Pray for those who are dying that they may be comforted by the love of God made manifest in their caregivers.





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### Online Survey

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

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

### 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](mailto: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.

### A Letter from Bishop McManus

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In his message for **World Mission Sunday**, our Holy Father wrote, "World Mission Day gathers us around the person of Jesus, 'the very first and greatest evangelizer' (Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 7), who continually sends us forth to proclaim the Gospel of the love of God the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. This Day invites us to reflect anew on the mission at the heart of the Christian faith. The Church is missionary by nature; otherwise, she would no longer be the Church of Christ, but one group among many others that soon end up serving their purpose and passing away."

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 22**. 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](http://missio.org).

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus  
Bishop of Worcester

## *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 where 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

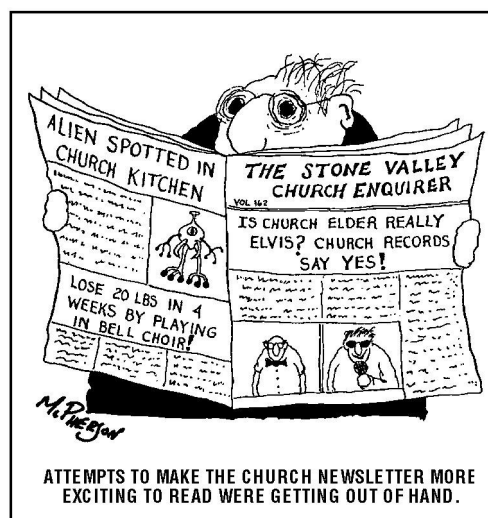
### **Holiday Outreach**

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**

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.



**Grandparent Prayer Group**, Friday, October 20 at 11:00 am in the Conference Room. All grandparents are welcome! More information please contact Ruth Viens, 508-852-5658 or [ruthviens@charter.net](mailto:ruthviens@charter.net).

**November Parish Newsletter Deadline.** All parish related information is due in writing for the November newsletter on Monday October 23. More information please contact Ruth Viens 508-852-5658 or email [ruthviens@charter.net](mailto:ruthviens@charter.net).

*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 [Way-sideATQ@aol.com](mailto:Way-sideATQ@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

#### I See Jesus

I see Jesus walking down the street with a shopping cart.  
I see Jesus shuffling down the aisle at church.  
I see Jesus despondent in a wheel chair at a nursing home.  
I see Jesus sitting by himself at a park.  
I see Jesus in a sick child no one wants to play with.  
I see Jesus in a single mother struggling to "make ends meet".  
I see Jesus in the teen searching for meaning and independence.  
I see Jesus in the person working to be "clean and sober".  
I see Jesus in everything and everyone around me...DO YOU?

(Adapted from Insight Reflection Book.)

### Update: Young Women's Evening Of Gathering And Reflection

Unfortunately, the Young Women's Evening scheduled for Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>, had to be postponed. We apologize for any inconvenience or disappointment that this postponement may have caused.

Here is the Good News:

*The Young Women's Evening of Gathering and Reflection Has Been Rescheduled To:*  
*Thursday, January 25, 2018: 6:00- 9:00 PM*  
*Speaker : Jamie Stuart Wolfe*

#### Please Save The Date Now!

If you paid the \$5.00 registration fee, please see Sarah Kelly @ the Rel. Ed. Office or call JoAnn @ 508-527-6973 for a refund.....Or.....

We can hold your registration form and fee, and you will be pre-registered for the January 25, 2018 Young Women's Evening of Gathering and Reflection.

We Thank You For Your Continuing Support Of This Important Ministry!

