

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

October 27, 2019: Thirtieth 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

Rev. Joseph M. Nally, Senior Priest Ext. 24

Deacon Paul T. Audette Ext.13

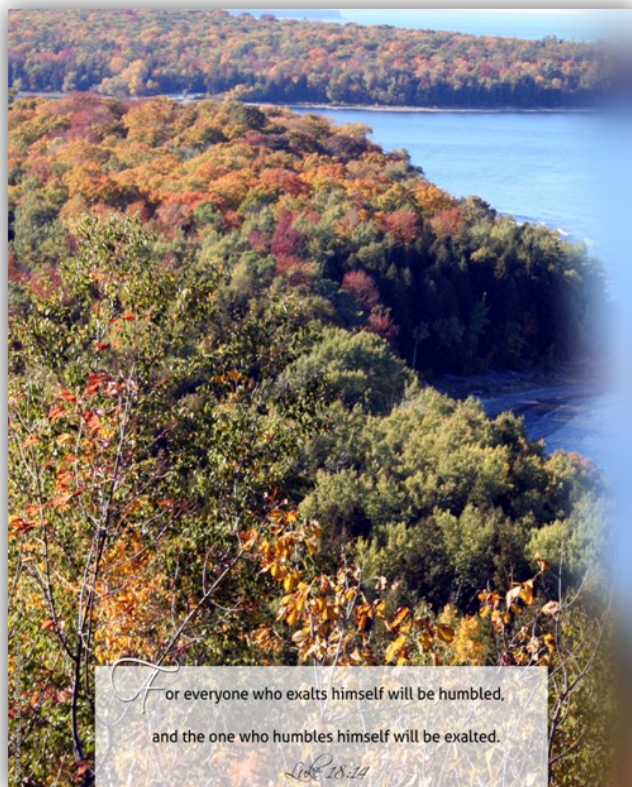
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annie@saintgeorgesparish.org Ext. 11

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For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,
and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.

Lev. 14:14

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:

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 27, 2019

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Mass Intentions



Saturday, October 26: Vigil
 4:00 PM Memorial for Lawrence LaFayette req. by family

Sunday, October 27: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM For the Community of Saint George
 9:00 AM For our Confirmation Candidates
 11:00 AM Memorial for George Paulin req. by family

Monday, October 28: Saints Simon and Jude
 8:00 AM In memory of Mary Butler

Tuesday, October 29:
 8:00 AM Memorial for Robert Ovia req. by family

Wednesday, October 30:
 6:30 PM For Souls in Purgatory req. by Family Prayer Night Group

Thursday, October 31:
 8:00 AM Memorial for Anthony Laconte req. by his children and grandchildren

Friday, November 1: All Saints Day
 8:00 AM 7th Anniv. For Roland Berard req. by family
 12:10 PM For the Community of Saint George
 6:30 PM Special Intention

Saturday, November 2: Vigil
 4:00 PM 3rd Anniv. Matthew Ryan req. by his family

Sunday, November 3: Thirty first Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Memorial for Jack Hanlon req. by family
 9:00 AM For the Community of Saint George
 11:00 AM Memorial for Kirk Bassett req. by Bobkowski Family

Parish Calendar



Saturday, October 26:
 8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, October 27:
 8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall
 9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St. George Room
 9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Conf. Room
 9:00 AM Confirmation Mass Church

Monday, October 28:
 4:15 PM Religious Ed., Gr. 1-5 Center
 5:45 PM Yoga Hall
 7:00 PM Bible Study Church Hall

Tuesday, October 29:
 4:15 PM Religious Ed. Gr. 1-5 Center
 7:00 PM Religious Education Board Parish Center/Rector

Wednesday, October 30:

Thursday, October 31:
 6:30 PM Family Prayer Church

Friday, November 1:

Saturday, November 2:
 8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, November 3:
 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

Bulletin Item Due Dates

<u>Weekend of</u>	<u>Due to parish</u>
November 10, 2019	Monday, October 28
November 17, 2019	Monday, November 4
November 24, 2019	Monday, November 11

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 November 3
 Dave Allen 508-853-2862



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!

Scripture for the week of October 27, 2019

27	SUN	Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14
28	Mon	Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16
29	Tue	Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21
30	Wed	Rom 8:26-30/Lk 13:22-30
31	Thu	Rom 8:31b-39/Lk 13:31-35
1	Fri	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
2	Sat	Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

**Total Weekly Ordinary Collection
 Weekend of October 13, 2019:**

Ordinary weekly: \$
 On line giving: \$ 1,990.00

Thank you!



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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

Both the first reading and today's psalm say clearly that the Lord hears the cry of the poor. Have I been given the gifts - of time or money or abilities - to be the means by which God answers their need?

Greeters and St. George Hospitality Ministry Gathering November 13, 7 PM

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

This Monday evening, October 28th, we will introduce a new and innovative Bible Study, entitled Sip, 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.

Friday, November 1st, is the Solemnity of All Saints and a Holyday of Obligation. The schedule of Masses for this holyday is 8:00 A.M., 12:10 P.M. & 6:30 P.M.

Mass of Remembrance: On Saturday, November 9th, at 9:00 A.M. a Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated for all our beloved dead whom we remember at this time. A special invitation to this Mass has been sent to the families of those parishioners who have died during the past twelve months. We hope that you will accept this notice as an invitation to join us at this Mass. Refreshments will be served in the Church Hall following the Mass.

Fr. Niccolls

*Annual Mass to Honor and Remember our Children
Monday, December 2, 2019 at 7:00 pm at
St George Church 40 Brattle St. Worcester, Ma.
Sponsored by Pieta Support Group
for Bereaved Parents*



You are invited to attend the Pieta annual mass to honor and remember all of our children. This is a special time to come together with family and friends in remembrance of our children. Refreshments will be served following the Mass. Please invite any families who have lost a child.

For more information, please call Terry Gentile at [508-284-0796](tel:508-284-0796) or Sue Stevens at [508-852-4887](tel:508-852-4887), or email pieta3@gmail.com.

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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

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. 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 C who will serve at our Masses next weekend.

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For times when you are especially busy during the holidays, online giving is a good solution to keep your weekly donation systematic.

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

For more information contact Kathy Hessel at:
mkhessel@aol.com



Eucharist and Prayers for the Sick

Please: Call to let us know if a family member or neighbor is hospitalized, home bound 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.

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.

Consider Joining Our Parish Outreach and Service Experiences

We invite you to join us as we serve the homeless, hungry and struggling in our city through our service at the Mustard Seed, the Interfaith Hospitality Network Shelter, and local food pantries. We also support "Urban Missionaries" and Central Mass Housing Alliance through "Hope for Housing" grocery card sales after every Mass. Call Annie Doyle 508-853-0183 today or visit our parish website.

Dear Parishioners of
St. George Catholic Church,

On behalf of students in Worcester County, please accept our heartfelt gratitude for the school supplies your parish donated to the Catholic Charities School Supply Drive of 2019.



There are over 370 students from families in need who are benefiting from the supplies that people of St. George's, as well as other parishes, businesses, and organizations, so graciously donated. Community partners are indeed an important part of the success of our youth, and your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic Charities, and may God bless the parishioners of St. George Catholic Church.



The Door is Always Open

- If you've been away from church for a while consider reconnecting. Join us again for worship, Spiritual Growth Programs, community service, or a simple chat.
- If you are an unmarried couple or were married by a Justice of the Peace, have you considered receiving the Sacrament of Marriage (commonly referred to having your marriage blessed)?
- Do you have an older child or a grandchild who was never Baptized? If you want to learn more about receiving this Sacrament of welcome, we invite you to give us a call.
- If you or an adult friend or a family member, who never received Confirmation but would like to learn more about this Sacrament, consider contacting us for more information.

For any of the above, please see one of our priests, call 508-853-0183, or email: Annie Doyle at annie@saintgeorgesparish.org.

*No act of kindness,
no matter how small,
is ever wasted.*

A Community of Ministries



St. George Parish Outreach

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

Thank You So Much for:

- Ten pairs of new shoes
- Dozens of new socks
- New Sweatpants and sweatshirts
- Just bought underwear and winter shirts

And for gently used and generously given:

- Towels and T shirts
- Jackets and Jeans
- Blankets and backpacks
- Sweaters and sneakers

Current and Continuing Needs :

- 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

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

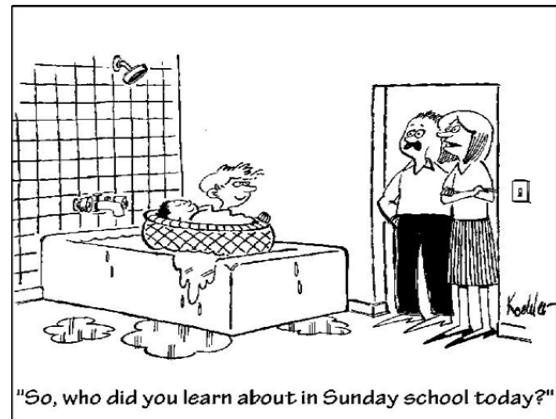
November 16 - Dec. 1 - Giving Tree Tags will be available on the Giving Tree located in the church.

December 7/8 -Giving Tree Gift returns and deliveries

December 14/15 - Christmas Food Drive

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

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?



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



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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

Sip, Cheese and Scripture
October 28th, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Church Hall - Presented by Father Niccolls
New and Innovative Bible Study
9th Chapter of the Prophet Isaiah

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

