

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden
October 29, 2017: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Office Hours:
Monday & Wednesday 9:00AM to 5:00PM
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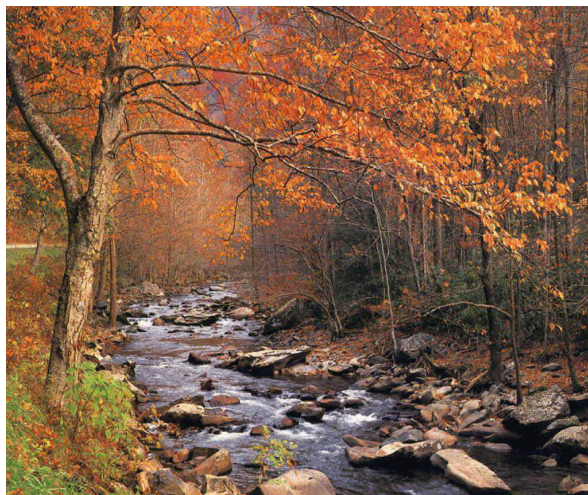
Parish Staff:

It is our privilege to serve you.

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*He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all
your mind."*

Matthew 22:37

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 29, 2017

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 29: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Memorial for Sarah Marie Paldino by family
9:00 AM For the Community of St. George
11:00 AM Memorial for Wesley Cordwell & Statia & Victor Jakatavich by family

Monday, October 30:

8:00 AM Memorial for Maureen & Ted Migdelany by her sisters

Tuesday, October 31:

8:00 AM Memorial for Robert C. Ovia (Bobby) by his family

Wednesday, November 1: All Saints Day

8:00 AM 5th Anniversary for Roland Berard by family
12:10 PM Memorial for Anthony & Cecelia Laconte by children & grandchildren
6:30 PM For All Souls in Purgatory by the Family Prayer Group

Thursday, November 2: All Souls' Day

8:00 AM 1st Anniversary for Matt Ryan by family

Friday, November 3: St. Martin de Porres

8:00 AM For the souls in purgatory

Saturday, November 4: Vigil

9:30 AM Bereavement Mass
4:00 PM 19th Anniversary for Adelina LoStracco by family

Sunday, November 5: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM 2nd Anniversary for Jack Hanlon
9:00 AM Memorial for Stanley & Monna Lobo by family
11:00 AM Memorial for Frank Sisti by family

Parish Calendar

Saturday, October 28:

5:15 PM Spiritual Growth Ministry Confr Rm
8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, October 29:

8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall
9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St. George Rm
9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Confr Rm
9:00 AM Confirmation Mass & Meeting Church/Center
6:00 PM Religious Ed. Gr. 6-9 Hall/Center

Monday, October 30:

5:45 PM Yoga Hall
7:00 PM St. George Book Discussion Group Conf Rm

Tuesday, October 31:

Wednesday, November 1:

7:00 PM Faith Sharing Group Confr Rm

Thursday, November 2:

6:30 PM Family Prayer Church

Friday, November 3:

10:00 AM Faith Sharing Group Center

Saturday, November 4:

10:00 AM Reception after Bereavement Mass Hall
8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, November 5:

8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall
9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St. George Rm
9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Confr Rm
6:00 PM Religious Ed. Gr. 6-9 Hall/Center

Confirmation Retreat at Assumption College

Turkey Donations

Bulletin Deadlines

<u>Weekend of</u>	<u>Due to parish</u>
November 12	Wednesday, Nov. 1
November 19	Wednesday, Nov. 8
November 26	Thursday, Nov. 9

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 A 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.

Scripture for the week of October 29, 2017

29	SUN	Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40
30	Mon	Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17
31	Tue	Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21
1	Wed	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
2	Thu	Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
3	Fri	Rom 9:1-5/Lk 14:1-6
4	Sat	Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Lk 14:1, 7-11
5	SUN	Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12



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!

This Week...

Pray for those who care for the sick and suffering, that their words and actions will always reflect the dignity and worth of those they serve.

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Weekend of October 22, 2017

Total Weekly Ordinary: \$7,425.00

Thank you for your support!

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.

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.



Coffee Shop Captain

November 5, 2017
Dave Allen : 508-853-2862

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.

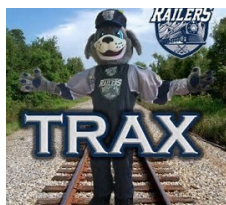
Note: Team Listings and Schedule of Teams can be found on our parish website.

This Weekend's Stewardship Thought

We fulfill the commandment to love our neighbor when we exercise good stewardship-joyfully sharing our gifts of life, abilities, and resources to meet our neighbor's need

St. George Family Fun Fall Festival

Save the date for the Family Fun Fall Festival on Saturday, November 18th from 10am -12noon, The Pastoral Council is hosting this FREE event for all families in the parish. Join us in the Parish Hall for games, snacks, face painting, cake walk and more.



Come Join in the Fun!

**Have your picture taken with
Trax the Worcester Railer's
Hockey Team mascot!**



From Your Pastor

Wednesday, November 1st, is the Solemnity of All Saints and a Holyday of Obligation. Masses on Tuesday are at 8:00 A.M., 12:10 P.M., & 6:30 P.M.

I remind you of the invitation to our annual Mass of Remembrance on Saturday, November 4th, at 9:30 A.M. Following the Mass there will be refreshments served in the Church Hall. The invitation to this Mass is open to everyone, and it is my hope that many of you will be able to attend.

CONGRATULATIONS to James Kelly, Rubelsi Moran and Tam Truong who were installed as Altar Servers last Sunday, October 22nd, during the 11:00 A.M. Mass.

Fr. Niccolls

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.

Italian Night...Thank You!



The Men's Club would like to thank the 84 men and women who attended our Italian Night. The event raised \$1,400 dollars for the youth of our parish. We had far less of a turn out than we have had in the past. However, thanks to Dick Martino, Fran LaMalva and Jim Sanford, we were able to put on a truly spectacular event.

Joe Cote

*From the Parishioners of St. George's...
A special thank you to Joe & Pat Cote for such an
enjoyable Community Building evening!*

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Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

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Kevin.brown@saintgeorgesparish.org

Religious Education

Important Dates for Grade Two

This is a very exciting year for our religious education students in grade two. They will have the opportunity to receive TWO sacraments. First Reconciliation will take place in January and First Communion will take place in April. There will be a retreat for the students and their parents to help prepare for each of these sacraments.

1st Reconciliation

First Reconciliation Retreat- Saturday, January 20, 2018 2:30-4:00pm

(Families will have the opportunity to choose 1 of the 2 First Communion dates at this retreat)

First Reconciliation Ceremony- Saturday, January 27, 2018 10:00am

1st Communion

First Communion Retreat and Potluck dinner- Saturday, April 7, 2018 2:30-6:00pm

First Communion #1 Sunday, April 22, 2018 1:00pm

First Communion #2 Saturday, April 28, 2018 10:00am

No Classes Halloween Week

There will be no classes on Monday, October 30 or Tuesday October, 31 for the students in the Monday and Tuesday classes. We will resume classes on Monday, November 6 and Tuesday, November 7.

Communication

A test email has been sent out to all religious education families. If you did not receive an email, please let Sarah sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org or Kevin kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org know so that your email can be correctly added to our distribution list.

Go to Parish Website for class dates.

Confirmation Mass and Meeting

This Sunday October 29 is the first Mass (9:00 AM) and Meeting (immediately following Mass) for our Confirmation Candidates. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will give them courage and fortitude this year.



Candy Donations For Veterans

"There will be a collection bin in the back of the church hall from November 1-12 for extra Halloween candy.

All donations will be taken to the veterans of Veterans Inc. Shelter in Worcester. Thank you for your help!"

Thanks, Amanda and Patrick Toole

Have you ever considered the idea of becoming Catholic or receiving the Sacraments of Holy Communion, Confirmation and/or Marriage ? Do you have a friend, neighbor, or relative who might be curious about the Catholic faith?

Our priests are happy to speak with anyone who is interested in exploring this thought or feel free to contact

Annie Doyle at 508-853-0183 x11
annie@saintgeorgesparish.org with any questions.

French Meat Pies

The Daughters of Isabella will be selling their French Meat Pies again. This is our major fund raiser. Because of the popularity of these meat pies, we are taking advance prepaid orders. The cost is \$13.00/pie. For those that want to make sure that they will receive one or more of these delicious pies, call Terry Turgeon 508 757-6209 with your order. Prepaid pies are to be picked up on Sunday, November 19. The final date for advance orders is Sunday, November 12. There will be some extra pies available on the sale date, while the supply lasts. However, we usually sell out.

Bereavement Liturgy

On Saturday, November 4 at 9:30 AM St. George Parish will celebrate our annual Bereavement Liturgy. Candles will be lit in remembrance of former parishioners and those buried from the parish during the past year. Parishioners are invited to attend the 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 at each church entrance during the month of November to encourage prayers for the deceased as well as outreach to those who are suffering from a loss. The Remembrance Book will again be available for those who wish to enter the names of deceased loved ones.

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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 would like assistance to set up an account, contact Kathy Hessel at MKHessel@aol.com

In whatever manner you choose to give to our parish, be it electronically, by using weekly envelopes or the basket-know that your donations are vital to our continuity as a vibrant community at St. George Church.

Thank you for your continued support!

Donations Towards Thanksgiving Turkeys

Donation containers are set up at each church exit from November 4 to 12 for our annual Turkey Fund. Each year we hope to collect enough to purchase at least 30 turkeys for families in need. These are donated through Our Lady of Providence Catholic Parish on Lincoln St.



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

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

Fall Mustard Seed News and Needs

Last Friday night at the Mustard Seed the cool weather was making itself felt by the homeless folks who are sleeping out in abandoned buildings and wooded areas.

I walked in with a few sweatshirts in my arms and they disappeared in a moment. The socks in my bag were gone in a flash. People lined up for the scarves, hats and toiletries bags that a generous and creative parishioner put together. Everyone said "thank you". I heard an elderly man say he hadn't had socks for weeks. A young girl was so delighted to have a shampoo sample. I was happy to help some and sad to have a shortage to give to all who were asking.

One of the guests brought a plate of the evening meal out to a man in a wheel chair. You would have been moved with compassion to see him eat so quickly that he didn't even pause between bites!

It was Friday night and the line continued until every bit of food was given away. On the weekends the Mustard Seed and St. John's Food for the Poor is closed so people are eager to collect and save what food they can for Saturday and Sunday. A few downtown churches serve sandwiches and there is often an evangelical street ministry on Main Street that gives out some food on Saturday mornings.

Several folks asked if there were any blankets or sleeping bags but unfortunately there were none. If you have any to spare please leave them in the Outreach Collection Area inside the parking lot door to the church - at the foot of the steps. Sweatshirts and tee shirts continue to be needed. Everything is really appreciated! Many Thanks!



St. George Book Discussion Group

The next meeting of the St. George Book Discussion Group will be held on Monday, October 30, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. The book chosen for discussion is, "**Abraham**" by **Bruce Feiler**. Anyone interested in joining the group for more information, please contact Joyce Purcell at 508-852-3304. All are welcome.

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A Community of Ministries



PARISH OUTREACH

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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

All Hallow's Eve Party. Invite friends to come dressed as a saint or with an item that would identify them with a particular saint from the Bible. At one point in the party, members stand up one by one and have the participants guess who they are and the person says a little about why they picked that saint.



**Holy Father's Prayer
Intentions for October**

During the month of October, Pope Francis has asked that all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

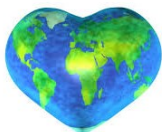
If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, please believe in the possibility for hope and help and healing. We encourage you to come forward and speak out. The victim service coordinator for the Diocese of Worcester is Judith Audette. A report can be made by phone to (508) 929-4363.

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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.



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.



Spiritual Growth Ministry

A Prayer Filled With Gratitude

Dear Lord,
We thank you for this earth which sustains us.
We thank you for the plants and animals
which feed us.
We thank you for the rain and snow,
which quench our thirst.

We thank you for the stars,
that provided light in darkness.
We thank you for the sun,
that brightens our spirits.

We thank you for the people around us,
who teach us lessons.
We thank you for the love and forgiveness,
for Your saving power.

And for the opportunity for eternal life
With You in heaven.
Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen
(adapted from an Iroquois Prayer of Gratitude)

Save The Date

YOUNG AT HEART WOMEN'S EVENING
OF GATHERING AND REFLECTION

Thursday, January 25, 2017 @ 6:00 PM
Church Hall

SPEAKER: Jamie Stuart Wolfe

Food Drive Coming Soon

Our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive will take place November 11 and 12. Collection will be before each Mass. Food can be left at the outer railing around Sanctuary. Deliveries will be made the following week so if you have forgotten please know that the food is welcome into the early part of the week. We hope to get enough to share with the local Catholic parishes in need as well as the Mustard Seed and the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry.