

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

**November 4, 2018: Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time**

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40 Brattle Street Worcester, MA 01606  
Parish Office: 508-853-0183  
[www.saintgeorgesparish.org](http://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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## ***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, 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, November 4, 2018***

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### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, November 3:** *Vigil*  
4:00 PM In memory of John and Gertrude Geran  
**Sunday, November 4:** *31st Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
7:30 AM Memorial for Jack Hanlon by family  
9:00 AM Memorial for Eleanor and Ralph Porzio by family  
11:00 AM In memory of Mary Mooney  
**Monday, November 5:**  
8:00 AM In memory of Raymond & Justina Shackett  
**Tuesday, November 6:**  
8:00 AM In memory of Clara and Gunner Berglund  
**Wednesday, November 7:**  
6:30 PM Memorial for Paul Tetrault Requested by Wednesday Night Faith Sharing Group  
**Thursday, November 8:**  
8:00 AM In Memory of Eugene and Bob Giroux  
**Friday, November 9:** *Dedication of Lateran Basilica*  
8:00 AM For the Community of St. George  
**Saturday, November 10:** *Vigil*  
4:00 PM Memorial for Adelina LoStracco requested by family  
**Sunday, November 11:** *32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
7:30 AM Memorial for Kevin Quinn Requested by the Duclos Family  
9:00 AM Memorial for Jeanette Boylan by family  
11:00 AM Special Intention

### *This Weekend's Stewardship Thought*

Today's Gospel reading brings us to the very essence of a stewardship way of life, as Jesus responds to a question posed to Him by one of the scribes: "Which is the first of all the commandments?" His answer is a beautiful and concise description of a Christian steward's life: "The first [commandment] is this... You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

### 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.

### Second Collection

*This weekend, a special collection will be taken up at all Masses for Hurricane Florence Relief.*

### Parish Calendar

*Donations for Thanksgiving Turkeys begins this W/E*

**Saturday, November 3:**  
8:00 PM AA Hall  
**Sunday, November 4:**  
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  
9:00 AM RCIA Hal  
3:00 PM Baptism Prep Confr Rm  
6:00 PM Grade 6-9 Hall/Center  
**Monday, November 5:**  
4:15 PM Rel. Ed Gr. 1-5 Center  
5:45 PM Yoga Center  
**Tuesday, November 6:**  
4:15 PM Rel. Ed Gr. 1-5 Center  
**Wednesday, November 7:**  
5:30 PM Liturgy Committee Meeting Rectory  
**Thursday, November 8:**  
6:00 PM Diocesan Leadership Group Hall  
6:30 PM Family Prayer Church  
**Friday, November 9:**  
10:00 AM Faith Sharing Group Center  
**Saturday, November 10:** Thanksgiving Food Drive W/E  
8:00 PM AA  
**Sunday, November 11:**  
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 Meeting Confr Rm

### *Scripture for the week of November 4, 2018*

4	SUN	Dt 6:2-6/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34
5	Mon	Phil 2:1-4/Lk 14:12-14
6	Tue	Phil 2:5-11/Lk 14:15-24
7	Wed	Phil 2:12-18/Lk 14:25-33
8	Thu	Phil 3:3-8a/Lk 15:1-10
9	Fri	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
10	Sat	Phil 4:10-19/Lk 16:9-15
11	SUN	1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44



### Bulletin Deadlines

<u>Weekend of</u>	<u>Due to parish</u>
November 18	Wednesday, Nov. 7
November 25 (due early)	Wednesday, Nov. 7
December 2	Wednesday, Nov. 21
December 9	Wednesday, Nov. 28

Items must be submitted by 3:00 PM on the due date.  
Email items to [stgeooffice@gmail.com](mailto:stgeooffice@gmail.com), or fax to the rectory.

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### **Weekend of October 21, 2018**

Total Weekly Ordinary: \$7750.00

### **Weekend of October 28, 2018**

Total Weekly Ordinary: 5523.25

Your generosity helps us to continue to be a caring & vibrant community !



*From Your Pastor*

### **Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for November**

During the month of November let us pray:  
In the Service of Peace, that the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

### **St. George Family Fun Fall Festival Saturday, November 17 from 10am -12pm**



Join us in the Parish Hall for games, snacks, face painting, cake walk and much more. Come meet Trax, the Worcester Railers Hockey Team mascot, who will be stopping by to join the fun! The Pastoral Council is hosting this FREE event for all families in the parish.

### *This Week...*

Please pray that women in crisis pregnancies will find the health care and support they need.



### **Pastoral Council Elections This weekend Nov 3 & 4, 2018**

The Pastoral Council election for TWO open seats is this weekend. 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.

The ballot can be found in the pews. Please vote for TWO candidates only and return your completed ballot into the collection basket. Ballots will be accepted until 12 noon on this Sunday Nov 4. Thank you.

Please contact Andrea Berger with any question email:  
[andreab264@gmail.com](mailto:andreab264@gmail.com) or phone 508-829-8230.

**CONGRATULATIONS to Sarah Kelly who has been advanced and certified by the Diocese of Worcester as a Coordinator of Religious Education. Sarah has been administrator of our Religious Education Program since 2015.**

All Souls' Book of Remembrance has been placed in the church sanctuary and will remain there for most of this month of November.

Next week we will observe Veteran's Day in tribute to those men and women who fought in the various wars here and around the world so that we could enjoy the blessings of freedom from tyranny and oppression. May we offer our thanks to them for what they have accomplished by taking the time to remember them in prayer.

*Fr. Niccolls*

### **FRENCH MEAT PIE SALE**

The Daughters of Isabella are pleased to announce that they will be holding their annual fund raiser - French Meat Pie Sale - on Sunday, November 18, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. through Noon. The cost is \$13.00. Because of the popularity of these meat pies, they are now taking advance prepaid orders. Please call Terry at 508 757-6209 or Ruth at 508 829-6037 with your order. The deadline for pre-paid orders is Sunday, November 11. These meat pies are to be picked up on the 18th. There will be some extra meat pies available while the supply lasts. However, they usually sell out.

### **Trees of Hope Festival To Benefit Early Cancer Detection**

Trees for Hope Festival will be held at St Gabriel's Parish in Upton on December 1 and 2. Trees are donated by individuals, families and groups in honor of loved ones, interests and themes. This year's festival will benefit the "15-40 Connection", dedicated to early cancer detection and education. On Dec. 1 and 2, all are invited to the hall on the lower level of the church to view the creations and enter for a chance to take one of these trees home for the holidays. Hours will be from 9am-7pm on Dec 1 and 9am-1pm on Dec.2. For more information email [TreesforHope151@gmail.com](mailto:TreesforHope151@gmail.com) or visit TreesforHope151 on Facebook.

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### Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

Sarah Kelly, Administrator - 508-852-1784

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Amazing! 112 boxes of cereal donated by our students in Grades 6 –9 !

Many thanks! Families in need will be so happy to receive your generous donation!



### 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: Confirmation class will take place in the Parish Center immediately following the 9:00 AM Mass until 11:30 am on Sunday, November 4, December 2 & 9. 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](mailto:confirmation@saintgeorgesparish.org) if you have

### Pietà

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 November 12 at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room. Please join us.

### Welcome - 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](mailto:annie@saintgeorgesparish.org).

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.



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 essential and always greatly appreciated.

If you would like assistance contact Kathy Hessel at [MKHessel@aol.com](mailto:MKHessel@aol.com)

### Men's Club Meeting

The monthly Men's Club meeting will be held *next* Sunday, November 11, in the Conference Room after the 9:00 AM Mass. Men's Club members and parish staff are welcome to attend. The coffee is on us!!!

### 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 *NEXT* Sunday. The children will be given the chips while at the Liturgy to be redeemed after any Sunday Mass. Best Wishes to our young Catholics.

Join Us! Pick up a **Ministry Booklet** on the Resource Table at the back of the Church Hall today. Choose a ministry that you might be interested in and call the Ministry Leader to find out more.



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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.

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**Winter Coat Drive**

Thanks to everyone who donated winter coats for those in need. Many thanks to Nancy Forhan and her team for collecting and delivering the coats to Sr. Pat at the Clothing Center at St.

John Parish - Ascension Campus. The Clothing Center is located at 44 Vernon St. in Worcester and is open Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 AM till 12:00 noon. Additional clothing donations are accepted there. The Mustard Seed also happily received several Fall and winter jackets from the collection.



**Join St. George's "Food Donation Team"**

For information on bargains and/or to join the team, just email Dave at [DavewithFDT@gmail.com](mailto:DavewithFDT@gmail.com)

Special needs for November are:

Boxes of Turkey Stuffing, cans of turkey gravy and canned vegetables

*Coffee Shop Captain*

November 4, 2018  
John Lewczyk 508-856-9567

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.



*We Commend to your Prayer*

David Pedjoe  
Lawrence La Fayette

*May the Angels lead them into Paradise*



**Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel**



St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the  
wickedness and snares of the Devil.  
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,  
and do thou,

O Prince of the heavenly hosts,  
by the power of God,  
thrust into hell Satan,  
and all the evil spirits,  
who prowl about the world  
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**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.

**Annual Mass to Honor  
and  
Remember our Children**

Monday,  
December 3, 2018 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 508-434-0731 or Sue Stevens at 508-852-4887, or email [pieta3@gmail.com](mailto:pieta3@gmail.com).

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*A Community of Ministries*



**Love. Grow. Serve.**

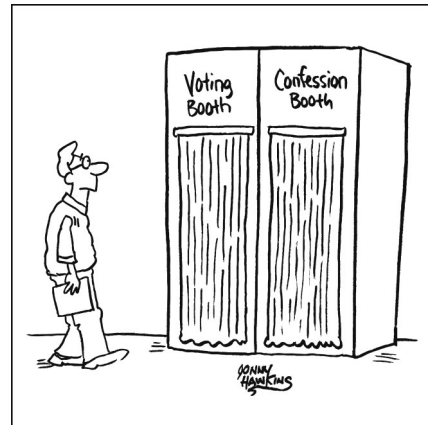
**PARISH OUTREACH**

Annie Doyle - 508-853-0183  
Ext. 11

Office hours Mon-Tue-Wed 9-5

**THE FAMILY CONNECTION**

Thanksgiving will soon be here. Why not make some homemade Thanksgiving cards for family, friends and people who are homebound or living in nursing homes. How about a card for the neighbors too! Shop for a nice basket to start preparing a Blessing Basket for your Thanksgiving table. At the conclusion of your Thanksgiving dinner, set this basket in the middle of the table. From then until Christmas, each day add to the basket supplies needed by local community service agencies. It might include warm socks for children, bars of soap for the homeless shelters. Call the agencies in your community to plan how to fill your family's Blessing Basket.



**Holiday Outreach 2018**



November 3 to 11 - Donations towards Turkeys 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 11/12 - Thanksgiving Food Drive  
Non-perishable food items are brought in and placed at the outer edge of the Communion rail.

November 16 - Mustard Seed Meal. Choose a ticket to fill a need. See the bulletin boards at each exit of the church on Nov. 10/11

November 17/18 - Giving Tree Tags to fill will be available on the tree in the church.



December 1/2 - Christmas Food Drive

December 8/9 - Giving Tree Gift Returns

**Parish Grounds Fall Clean-Up**



Autumn has arrived and the leaves are beginning to fall. Clean up of the parish grounds is planned on Saturday morning

November 17 from 8:30 AM to 11 AM. More hands will make the work go faster! To volunteer contact Andy Labrecque at 508-856-0515

**Socks for Adults Needed**

Please continue to be as generous as you always are. As soon as there are socks in our Parish Outreach Collection Area we take them right down to the Mustard Seed ! The guests are so grateful!



Thank you for your generosity in giving to the Catholic Charities of Worcester School Supply Drive this year. The program was a

great success! We were able to increase the number of children who received a backpack filled with school supplies to over 400 children in 183 families! We thank you for your continued support!



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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  
Adults- \$60.00



*Spiritual Growth Ministry*



**SOCK DROP**

Homeless people are in desperate need of warm socks during these cold winter months. Please "DROP SOCKS" off in the baskets located just inside the church hall the weekends of November 9/10 and Nov. 17/18. Your donation will go a long way in helping women, men and children who struggle to stay warm. Project sponsored by Friday Faith Sharing Group. Thank you for your generosity and may God Bless You!

**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.

**SAVE THE DATE**



3rd Annual:  
Young Women's Evening of Faith and Fellowship  
Thursday, January 31, 2019  
6:00 – 9:00 PM

**SAVE THE DATE**

*Women's Day of Spirituality*

Women's Day of Spirituality  
Saturday, March 23, 2019  
9:00 AM – 1:15 PM

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

**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. Please contact Sue for dates and times of the upcoming classes.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

New members are invited to join this important ministry of outreach to the sick and suffering. You might want to knit or crochet – here at our bimonthly meetings or at home. Please call Annie Doyle at the Rectory for more information 508-853-0183.

November 13 and 27 gatherings are in the church hall at 10:30 AM. All are welcome!