

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

November 12, 2017: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parish Office: 508-853-0183
www.saintgeorgesparish.org

Office Hours:
Monday & Wednesday 9:00AM to 5:00PM
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00AM to 4:00PM

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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

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, November 12, 2017

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 11: Vigil

4:00 PM Birthday Anniversary for Maria Biscardi & Margaret Horan by family

Sunday, November 12: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Memorial for Eileen Ann Woods
9:00 AM Memorial for Brian Moore by family
11:00 AM 10th Anniversary for Jeanette Boylan by family

Installation after 11:00 AM Mass - Daughters of Isabella

Monday, November 13: St. Francis Xavier

8:00 AM For the Community of St. George

Tuesday, November 14:

8:00 AM For the souls in purgatory

Wednesday, November 15: St. Albert the Great

8:00 AM Memorial for Vanessa Casserly by family

Thursday, November 16: St. Margaret of Scotland

8:00 AM Birthday Remembrance for Margaret Horan by family

Friday, November 17: St. Elizabeth of Hungary

8:00 AM Memorial for Geraldine Bak by the Spiritual Growth Ministry & Faith Sharing Groups

Saturday, November 18: Vigil

4:00 PM 3rd Anniversary for Natalie Laurie by Bob & Marie Morris

Sunday, November 19: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Memorial for Edward Groden by family
9:00 AM Memorial for Mary & Richard Twoomey by family
11:00 AM Memorial for Lori, Erin & Katy Maloney by the Paulin family
12:30 PM Sacrament of Baptism

Parish Calendar

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Saturday, November 11:

8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, November 12:

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
10:00 AM Men's Club Meeting Confr Rm

Monday, November 13:

4:15 PM Religious Ed. Gr. 1-6 Center
5:45 PM Yoga Hall
7:00 PM Pieta Confr Rm

Tuesday, November 14:

10:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Hall
4:15 PM Religious Ed. Gr. 1-6 Center
6:00 PM Girl Scouts Confr Rm

Wednesday, November 15:

7:00 PM Faith Sharing Group Confr Rm

Thursday, November 16:

6:30 PM Family Prayer Church

Friday, November 17:

10:00 AM Faith Sharing Group Center
11:00 AM Grandparent Prayer Group Confr Rm

Saturday, November 18:

10:00 AM Family Fun Festival Hall
8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, November 19:

8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall
9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St. George Rm
9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Confr Rm
6:00 AM Religious Ed. Gr. 1-6 Hall/Center

Giving Tree Tags Available

Bulletin Deadlines

Weekend of

December 3
December 10
December 17

Due to parish

Wednesday, Nov. 15
Wednesday, Nov. 22
Wednesday, Nov. 29

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 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.

Scripture for the week of November 12, 2017

12 SUN Wis 6:12-16/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13
13 Mon Wis 1:1-7/Lk 17:1-6
14 Tue Wis 2:23—3:9/Lk 17:7-10
15 Wed Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19
16 Thu Wis 7:22b—8:1/Lk 17:20-25
17 Fri Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37
18 Sat Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8
19 SUN Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21



Second Collection

Next weekend, there will be a collection for the Campaign for Human Development taken up at all Masses. Please see Bishop McManus' letter on page 5 for information about this important collection.

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Weekend of November 5, 2017

Total Weekly Ordinary: \$8,696.75

Monthly Totals for October

Repairs: \$974.00

Air Conditioning Fund: \$160.00

Fuel: 472.00

Thank you for your support!



Coffee Shop Captain

November 19, 2017

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.

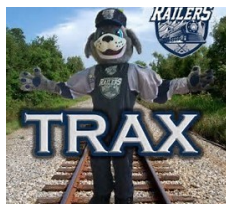
Note: Team Listings and Schedule of Teams can be found on our parish website.

This Week...

Pray for victims of violence and for those who minister to them, grant swift healing to those in pain and grant them all the grace and love to persevere.

St. George Family Fun Fall Festival

Come to the Family Fun Fall Festival next 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!

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.



From Your Pastor

Before too long we will be celebrating our American feast of Thanksgiving a fall holiday which is a festive celebration and a time to recall our responsibilities as Christian stewards as well. Although it is a national holiday, this feast echoes the basic orientation of our Christian faith. It is naturally expressed in our central ritual of worship, the Eucharist, which comes from the Greek word for Thanksgiving. Every time that we celebrate the Eucharist we should remind ourselves that everything we have and all we are comes from God. As we celebrate this festive holiday, we will begin with a Mass for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 23rd, at 8:00 A.M. We will also have the special blessing of food during the Liturgy, so I encourage you to bring something to church that you are going to serve at your Thanksgiving meal for this blessing.

Fr. Niccolls

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 13 at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room.

Please join us.

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.



In the spiritual life, the faster, we run, the less tired we feel; actually, peace, the prelude to eternal happiness, will come to us, will render us happy and strong, provided that, living in this fashion, we mortify ourselves, and allow Jesus to live in us.

....St. Padre Pio

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Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

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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

Many Thanks To Grades 6 to 9

We are grateful to the students in Grades 6-9 who collected 84 boxes of cereal for the hungry! Just this morning the St. Joan of Arc parish food pantry called our parish in need of food. They said that their usual 60 families in need has swelled to 100 families and many elderly. We are happy to be able to share part of this supply of cereal with them.

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, November 12th. Rosaries will be provided for those who do not have one. Children will be taught how to pray and lead the group in this wonderful devotion. Children's Rosary is planning to meet once a month following the 9 a.m. mass on the 2nd Sunday of the month. If you have any further questions, please see Jim Kelly and/or Sarah Kelly.



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



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

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.

Men's Club Meeting

The monthly Men's Club meeting will be held *this* Sunday, November 12, 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!!!

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.

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A Letter from Bishop McManus

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In the United States, more than 46 million people are living in poverty. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is our anti-poverty program to help them find hope and a way to a more secure life. Your support of this collection reaches those living on the margins and gives them a *hand up*, not a *hand out*.

For example, around Charleston, South Carolina, many children live in poverty, creating undue stress and uncertainty in their lives. Compounding these problems, deteriorating school systems struggle to provide quality education and appropriate discipline, and there is a high rate of school-based arrests. By engaging congregations and communities all over the city, the Charleston Area Justice Ministry is working to improve the education system and keep kids in school and out of the juvenile justice system. With your support of the CCHD Collection, the Charleston Area Justice Ministry is able to provide community engagement to reduce youth arrests and violence.

This collection is the primary source of funding for CCHD's anti-poverty grants and education programs. *Twenty-five percent of the collection stays here in our diocese.* On October 30, I once again had the privilege of meeting with our parish and community groups who receive the local grants from this campaign. It is always inspiring to me to see how these small seeds grow into fruitful programs to support the dignity of people who find themselves most often on the margin in our cities and towns.

Please help the efforts of CCHD to break the cycle of poverty. Fight poverty in Central Massachusetts and in America. **Support CCHD on November 18 & 19 and participate in the inaugural World Day of the Poor called for by our Holy Father, Pope Francis.** For more information about the CCHD and the scope of poverty in America, please visit www.povertyusa.org.

Thank you for joining us to work on the margins.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

Giving Tree Ministry 2017

The purpose of this ministry is to provide a Christmas gift for those who would not have one otherwise.



We are most grateful to Anne Laurant who coordinates and communicates with the agencies that we serve through our Christmas Giving Tree effort.

If you are interested in helping with sorting and gift delivery on Sunday, Dec. 10 please contact Andy and Cheryl Labrecque at alabrecque2016@outlook.com or 508-856-0515.

Giving Tree Ornament Tags

The Giving Tree will be at the side of the Sanctuary the weekend of November 18 & 19 and decorated with ornaments that are labeled with the Christmas hopes of a needy person or family. There are many specific and special requests this year. It is *especially important that you fill this need* so that the wish is granted.

To participate in this parish ministry, remove an ornament and take it home with you. We ask that you and your family pray for the child or person and purchase the gift requested .

Please - As we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace - No toy guns or violent toys. Also, no battery operated items - these are too expensive for the poor to replace. Please, no cash and no food.

Gift cards are very welcome. A "Caring Card" is a great gift and it can be purchased in our church hall after Mass. To be sure the card is not lost in all the wrapping paper, please hand it directly to Annie Doyle, or drop it in the collection basket with a note stating who it is for. You may also want to drop it off at the Parish Office.

Please wrap your Giving Tree Gift loosely in a GIFT BAG and reattach the tag. Kindly return it to the church no later than December 10th at the 11:00 AM Mass.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for November

During the month of November, Pope Francis has asked that Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogues, peace and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

A Community of Ministries



PARISH OUTREACH

Annie Doyle - 508-853-0183
Ext. 11

Office hours Mon-Tue-Wed 9-5
annie@saintgeorgesparish.org

Mustard Seed Meal

Our next meal is this Friday, November 17. Needs are posted at all church exits. There are several needs remaining this week.

Service Opportunities

Socks Needed— Homeless adults need socks. Please consider organizing a collection in your neighborhood.

"Loaves and Fishes" Food Pantry— 90 Holden St. can use help to stock groceries. Contact Betsy at Betsy.wood226@gmail.com for details. Their largest distribution of the year is November 18.

Holiday Outreach

November 4 to 12— Donations for Turkeys, containers at all church exits.

November 11/12 — **Thanksgiving Food Drive here This Weekend (see below)**

November 18/19 - Giving Tree Gift Tags available

November 25/26 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.

Thanksgiving Food Drive This Weekend Find "Two for the Price of one Sales"!

Our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive will take place this weekend November 11 and 12. The collection will be before each Mass. Food can be left at the outer railing around the 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. St. Joan of Arc called recently saying the shelves of their food pantry are bare and asked for help.

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Thanks be to God for your families. In your family, the service you perform and the work you accomplish are your love for God put into practice. Try to find room for God in your families. If you are capable of bringing prayer back into your homes, you will be equally capable of overcoming all of the hardships that afflict the world. *Mother Teresa.*



Grandparent Prayer Group

Next meeting is Friday, November 17 at 11:00 to 11:45 am in the Conference Room. We invite all grandparents to join us as we pray for the safety and well-being of our grandchildren. Includes prayers to Saint Ann and Saint Joachim, the grandparents of Jesus and the Rosary. Not required to attend each month. Contact Ruth Viens, 508-852-5658, ruthviens@charter.net.

December Newsletter Deadline

Monday, November 27 is the deadline for the December parish newsletter. It was begun in 1994 as a quarterly publication and with the help of approximately 10 dedicated helpers was prepared for mailing to all registered parishioners. Over the years it became a bimonthly newsletter again mailed to all registered parishioners. With the advent of more computer use and to save the parish mailing costs, the newsletter developed into a monthly email version with the newsletter also being posted on the parish website. Hard copies were also printed out and placed in the church hall for any without internet access. The parish newsletter will no longer be published following this upcoming December issue. Ongoing parish information continues to be available through the weekly parish bulletin, the parish website (www.saintgeorgesparish.org) and parish Facebook page. More information contact Ruth Viens, 508-852-5658, ruthviens@charter.net

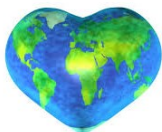
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*Our Parish Vision: To **welcome** all, build **connections** to Christ and one another, and **live our faith** as true disciples of Jesus.*

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.



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. Many Thanks!



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!



Spiritual Growth Ministry

Advent Faith Sharing Groups

You are invited to celebrate the holy season of Advent by participating in a Faith Sharing Group. This will give you the opportunity to better prepare for the coming of our Savior at Christmas. In the Faith Sharing Groups, we read, discuss and pray with the upcoming Sunday Gospel.

There will be a Group on:

WEDNESDAY: 7:15-8:30 PM
December 6th, 13th, and 20th or
FRIDAY: 10:00- 11:15 AM
December 8th, 15th and 22nd

Sign-ups will take place in the Church Hall on Sunday: Nov. 18th and 26th. For more details, please speak with Fr. Nicolls, Fr. Charles, JoAnn Nally (508-527-6973) or Joyce Purcell.

Save The Date

TUESDAY, December 19, 2017 7:00- 8:00 PM
in the Church Hall
Advent Evening Of Prayer And Reflection
There will also be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Young At Heart Women's Evening Of Gathering And Reflection

THURSDAY: JANUARY 25, 2018 6:00- 9:00 PM
in the Church Hall
Speaker: Jamie Stuart Wolfe
Topic: Work-Life Balance

For more information: please speak with Sarah Kelly at the Religious Education Office OR talk with Andrea Berger, Kate Connor ... Register on the Parish website or after the 9:00 AM Mass on

SUNDAY: November 26th or
December 3RD, 10TH, or 17th

