

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

November 17, 2019: Thirty Third 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

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*See that you
not be deceived,
for many will come
in my name, saying,
'I am he,' and
'The time has come.'
Do not follow them!*

LUKE 21:8

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, November 17, 2019

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Mass Intentions



Saturday, November 16: Vigil
4:00 PM Memorial for Kevin and Richard Slein req. by family

Sunday, November 17: Thirty third Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM In memory of Edward Groden req. by family
9:00 AM Memorial for Helen Pizan req. by family
11:00 AM Memorial for Jack DeCillis

Monday, November 18:
8:00 AM In Memory of John & Josephine Dolan

Tuesday, November 19:
8:00 AM In Memory of Cathy McCaffrey

Wednesday, November 20:
6:30 PM In memory of Robert E. Cauty req. by Ann Walsh

Thursday, November 21:
8:00 AM In Memory of Carol Tubridy

Friday, November 22: Saint Cecelia
8:00 AM In Memory of John and Gladys Reardon

Saturday, November 23:
4:00 PM Memorial for Joseph & Maria Biscardi req. by daughter, grandson and son in law

Sunday, November 24:
7:30 AM Memorial for Gerald R. Duclos req. by family
9:00 AM Memorial for Robert E. Cauty req. by Pike family
11:00 AM In Memory of Wesley Cordwell, Victor and Statia Jakatavich req. by Andrea Cordwell

Bulletin Item Due Dates

December 01, 2019 Monday, November 18
December 08, 2019 Monday, November 25

Please submit items by 10:00 AM on the due date.
email to our parish Secretary at :
office@saintgeorgesparish.org

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.

Coffee Shop Captain for November 24
Don Viens 508-852-5658

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!

Parish Calendar



Saturday, November 16:
8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, November 17:
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 & Mtg. Church/Ctr.
6:00 PM Religious Ed., Gr. 6-9 Center

Monday, November 18:
4:15 PM Religious Ed., Gr. 1-5 Center
5:15 PM Finance Comm. Mtg. Rectory
5:45 PM Yoga Hall
7:00 PM Bible Study Church Hall

Tuesday, November 19:

Wednesday, November 20:
7:00 PM Faith Sharing Group Conf. Room

Thursday, November 21:
6:30 PM Family Prayer Church

Friday, November 22:

Saturday, November 23:
After Masses: Daughters of St. Paul Book Sale!
Church Hall & Conf. Room

8:00 PM AA Hall

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A message from Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, Bishop of Worcester:

There will be a second collection on November 23 & 24 for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) in efforts of CCHD to break the cycle of poverty. Please Support CCHD and participate in the Third World Day of the Poor called for by our Holy Father, Pope Francis. For more information about CCHD and the scope of poverty in America, please visit www.povertyusa.org.

Total Weekly Ordinary Collection Weekend of November 10, 2019:

Ordinary weekly: \$ 6,103.35
On line giving: \$ 2,890.00
\$ 8,993.35



Your generosity helps us to continue to be a vibrant parish community worshipping our Lord and reaching out to our neighbors in need.

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Letter from Bishop McManus

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) was launched in 1969 by the bishops of the United States as a Catholic antipoverty initiative. For more than 45 years, CCHD has addressed poverty by attacking its root causes and funding community projects that promote independence as a means of finding a permanent end to poverty. It might surprise you to know that 46.7 million Americans, including one in five children, live below the poverty line. Many of these Americans are considered “working poor”—they work but do not make enough money to cover essentials like housing, health care, child care, and food. That’s why the CCHD theme is “Working on the Margins.”

This collection is the primary source of funding for CCHD’s anti-poverty grants and education programs. *Seventy-five percent of the collection stays here in our diocese.* On October 21st, I once again had the privilege of meeting with our parish and community groups who received 29 local grants from this campaign. It is always inspiring 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.

With a grant from CCHD, the Parish Peace Project in Chicago aims to address the continuing violence in Latino neighborhoods and the large number of struggling Latino youth and young adults. This project, a collaboration between 15 parishes and the Office of Young Adult Ministry at the Archdiocese of Chicago, works with those caught up in the criminal justice system, brings support services to schools, as well as providing mental and medical health services to the undocumented. By connecting pastoral ministry, restorative justice work, and community organizing, the Parish Peace Project prepares young at-risk Latino men and women to build safer and stronger neighborhoods in Chicago.

Please help the efforts of CCHD to break the cycle of poverty. We are “working on the margins” in Central Massachusetts and across America. **Support CCHD Collection on November 23 & 24 and participate in the Third World Day of the Poor** called for by our Holy Father, Pope Francis. For more information about CCHD and the scope of poverty in America, please visit www.povertyusa.org.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester



From Your Pastor

On Monday evening, November 18th, we will hold the second session of our Bible Study, entitled Sip, Snack and Scripture. This Bible Study will take place in the church hall from 7:00 – 8:30 P.M. On that night we will focus on the following chapters from the Prophet Isaiah – 11:1-12:6; 40: 1-8; & 55: 1-13. All are welcome to attend.

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 this year, we will offer two Masses for Thanksgiving, one on Wednesday, November 27th, at 6:30 P.M. and the other on Thursday, November 28th, at 8:00 A.M. We will also have the special blessing of food during both of these liturgies, so I encourage you to bring something to church that you are going to serve at your Thanksgiving meal for this blessing.

[Winter] Weekday Storm Schedule

Soon, we will be entering the winter season, and we all will be confronting travel with snow, sleet and freezing rain. So that you will know what will be done about weekday morning Mass when we have such weather, please note that whenever there is a “Cancellation” or “Delay in Opening” announcement for the Worcester schools and/or Wachusetts school district, the 8:00 AM Weekday Mass is automatically cancelled. Please save this announcement for future reference.

Fr. Niccolls

This Weekend's Stewardship Thought

Today's readings paint a somewhat frightening picture of the end of time. But the Gospel ends with the assurance to faithful stewards that those who pre-server will be saved.

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Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

Sarah Kelly, Administrator - 508-852-1784
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Kevin.brown@saintgeorgesparish.org

Religious Education Happenings

The students have been doing a great job in their Religious Education Classes. Parents are receiving a wonderful resource called "Take Home". This is information from the weekly lesson books. It reviews what students are learning in class and gives a heads up for what will be discussed the following week. This can help families to support at home what is being learned in Religious Education class.

Monthly Children's Rosary

Once a month the children will be invited to join together immediately after the 9AM Mass to pray the rosary. Children are reminded of the time at Children's Liturgy of the Word. The students have been learning the individual prayers in class. We will gradually learn to pray the whole rosary together. There is still plenty of time to enjoy donuts and playing together in the church



Religious Education Students Greet Parishioners the Second Sunday of Each Month



An email has been sent to our Religious Education families inviting students of all ages to join in the effort to welcome parishioners to Mass on the second Sunday of each month. The link to Signup Genius is available in that email. We look forward to seeing our young people join in this inter-generational effort. Many Thanks!

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.



thank you

Altar Ministries

We are thankful to the Altar Servers and Ministers of Holy Communion from Team B who will serve at our Masses next weekend.

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.

Scripture for the week of November 17, 2019

17 SUN Mal 3:19-20a/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19
18 Mon 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Lk 18:35-43
19 Tue 2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10
20 Wed 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28
21 Thu 1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44
22 Fri 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48
23 Sat 1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40
24 SUN 2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

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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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 will 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.



St. George Hospitality Ministry

Many thanks to our long serving and experienced greeters who have joined in the effort to welcome and "show the way" for our newer greeters.

Joining our Greeting Ministry:

First Sunday of each month - Pastoral Council
Second Sunday of each month- Religious Education
Third Sunday of each month – TBA
Fourth Sunday of each month – Coffee Shop Teams
Fifth Sunday of each month - TBA

If you are interested in joining us or if you want more information, please contact:

Patti Walsh walshpa2001@yahoo.com or
508-854-1332

Annie Doyle annie@saintgeorgesparish.org or
508-853-0183

Giving Tree Ministry 2019

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 Lauring who coordinates and communicates with the agencies that we serve through our Christmas Giving Tree effort. If you are interested in helping with gift deliveries on Dec.8th please contact :

Andy Labrecque at 508– 873-2728



Giving Tree Tags Available This Weekend



The Giving Tree is set up at the side of the Sanctuary decorated with tags 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 and the person or child in need is not left without a gift on Christmas morning.

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 welcome. A "Hope for Housing Card" is a great gift and it can be purchased in our church hall after any Sunday 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 what it is. Please also feel free to drop this off at the Parish Office.

Please wrap your Giving Tree Gift loosely in a GIFT BAG or RECYCLABLE BAG and reattach the tag. Kindly return it to the church no later than December 8th at the 11:00 AM Mass.

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A Community of Ministries



**St. George
Parish Outreach**

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

Holiday Outreach 2019

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



December 7/8 -Giving Tree Gift returns and deliveries. Please call if you would like to take part in delivering gifts to the agencies.



December 14/15 - Christmas Food Drive

December 15th- Mustard Seed Family Christmas Party. Please call Annie Doyle if you would like to bake cookies or volunteer.



**You Helped Make Thanksgiving Possible
for our Neighbors!**

We are most grateful to everyone who donated towards our turkey and grocery collections for folks in need.



This year we will provide 30 turkeys and food for families at Our Lady of Providence Catholic Parish on Lincoln Street in Worcester. We also shared our food drive collection with our local "Loaves and Fishes" food pantry and 10 turkeys with holiday food was donated to the Mustard Seed.



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



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.*



**Youth Group Meeting
November 24th**

On Sunday evening
November 24, 2019 the
St. George Parish Youth Group
will meet in the
Church Hall from
5:30 PM until 7:00 PM.

All are invited.
Contact Kate Connor
for details:
krb_6973@yahoo.com



**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. You receive the full face value of the a card in the amount you choose. The stores donate up to 5% of that amount to "Hope for Housing" to assist children with families in crisis. See Dave and Sue Genereux who are in the Church Hall after every Mass. Contact them at 508-829-5776 or email WaysideATQ@aol.com for more information.

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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.*

Parish Pastoral Council Elections



We are thrilled to announce that the following parishioners have been selected to serve on the Pastoral Council for a three year team beginning January 2020.

Bonnie Moran
Stephen Gemme

Many thanks to all who took part in this process. Please continue to keep our Pastoral Council in your prayers.



Heartfelt thanks to the all our parishioners and friends who have been knitting scarves and hats for the homeless all summer long. They are now keeping hundreds of people warm!

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 November are:

Pasta, Cans of Soup and Cans of Tuna
(If possible, flip top cans are helpful)



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.

Toilet Paper and all types of soap can not be bought with food stamps so they are always appreciated.

Attention Parents of Young Children

The Church building is open to the public. We ask parents of young children to please accompany their children at all times. Thank you.



Spiritual Growth Ministry

Ministry Contact: JoAnn Nally
508-527-6973

CALLING ALL MEN!



Get Together with Fr. Nally
Saturday Mornings 8:00-9:00AM
Church Hall, during Advent
November 30th
December 7th, 14th and 21st
Talk about the: Upcoming Sunday Gospel,
Ask Questions, Share Ideas
All Men (Teens to Older Adults) Are Welcome!

ADVENT FAITH SHARING GROUPS

Would you like to try out a Faith Sharing Group? Advent is a good time to come and join with others as we prepare for Christmas.

Groups meet on Wednesday: 7:10- 8:15PM or Friday: 10:00-11:15 AM starting the week of December 2nd If you have any questions, please speak with one of the Priests, Joyce Purcell or JoAnn Nally.

