

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

**November 25, 2018: Feast of Christ the King**

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**Office Hours:**  
Monday till Thursday 9:00AM to 3:00PM  
Closed on Fridays

**Parish Staff:**

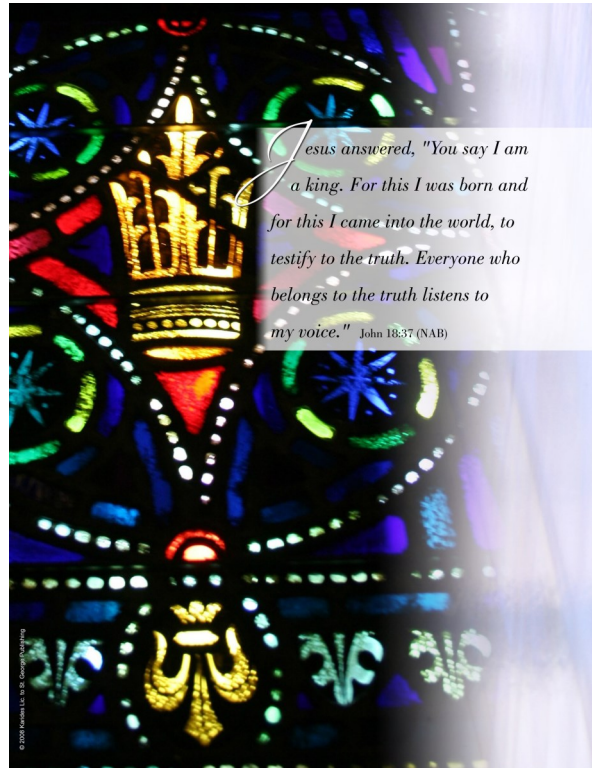
*It is our privilege to serve you.*

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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 25, 2018***

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### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, November 24:** Vigil

4:00 PM Memorial for Natalie Laurie by Bob and Marie Morris

**Sunday, November 25:** *Christ the King*

7:30 AM Memorial for Lawrence LaFayette by family

9:00 AM Memorial for Benjamin and Rita Lobo by family

11:00 AM Memorial for Anial Alva by family

**Monday, November 26:**

8:00 AM Memorial for Michael Laythe by family

**Tuesday, November 27:**

8:00 AM Memorial for Lawrence LaFayette by family

**Wednesday, November 28:**

6:30 PM Memorial for Lawrence LaFayette by family

**Thursday, November 29:**

8:00 AM Memorial for Lawrence LaFayette by family

**Friday, November 30:** St. Andrew, Apostle

8:00 AM Birthday remembrance for Clare Menezes by the Ajbani family

**Saturday, December 1:** Vigil

4:00 PM 2nd Anniversary for Carmella Gill by her family

**Sunday, December 2:** *First Sunday of Advent*

7:30 AM Special Intention

9:00 AM Memorial for James Purcell by his wife Joyce Purcell

11:00 AM Memorial for Brian Moore by family

### Everyone is Invited!

Join us downstairs in the Church Hall after Sunday Mass for coffee, a donut, or for just a quick visit to enjoy a bit of our community life.



### 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.

### This Week...

Please pray for all who are home alone during this holiday season, that God may send a friend or neighbor to give them peace and joy.

### Parish Calendar

**Saturday, November 24:**

8:00 PM AA

Hall

**Sunday, November 25:**

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 RCIA

Hall

**Monday, November 26:**

4:15 PM Rel Ed Gr. 1-5

Center

7:00 PM Spiritual Growth Meeting

Center

**Tuesday, November 27:**

10:30 AM Prayer Shawl

Hall

4:15 PM Rel Ed Gr. 1-5

Center

6:30 PM Girl Scouts

Conf Rm

**Wednesday, November 28:**

7:00 PM Faith Sharing Group

Conf Rm

7:15 PM Faith Sharing Group

2nd fl Center

**Thursday, November 29:**

6:30 PM Family Prayer

Church

**Friday, November 30:**

10:00 AM Faith Sharing Group

2nd fl Center

**Saturday, December 1:** Christmas Food Drive

9:30 AM Breakfast with St. Nicholas

Hall

8:00 PM AA

Hall

**Sunday, December 2:** Christmas Food Drive

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 and Mtg

Hall/ Ctr

6:00 PM Rel Ed Gr 6-9

Hall / Ctr

### Scripture for the week of November 25, 2018

25	Sun	Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37
26	Mon	Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4
27	Tue	Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11
28	Wed	Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19
29	Thu	Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Lk 21:20-28
30	Fri	Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
1	Sat	Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36
2	Sun	Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/ Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



### Bulletin Deadlines

#### Weekend of

#### Due to parish

December 9

Wednesday, Nov. 28

December 16

Wednesday, Dec. 5

December 23

Wednesday, Dec. 12

December 30

Wednesday, Dec. 12

Items must be submitted by 3:00 PM on the due date.

Email items to stgeooffice@gmail.com, or fax to the rectory.

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Weekend of  
November 11, 2018



Total Weekly Ordinary: \$7,648.60

Thank You for your  
support!



### 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.

### *This Weekend's Stewardship Thought*

Today's second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests in the service of God. How am I using my gifts to serve God and others?

### "Just One Thing"

Our lives can be filled with so much! Yet God is present and speaks to us always, especially at Mass. We hear it sometimes, but at times the clutter of life can cause us to miss it or forget.

When you join us for Mass - listen and pray for JUST ONE THING. Ask God to help you hear JUST ONE THING: one word or idea, one challenge or invitation. Jot it down - Pencils and "Mass Notes" paper are at each church entrance.

Hold this ONE THING in your mind and heart during the next week. Pray and trust. God's love for you will grow this "ONE THING" within you into what it is meant to be.

Mass  
Notes

### Attention Parents of Young Children

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



*From Your Pastor*

On Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 A.M. Sagar Gundiga (our seminarian from the summer of 2017) will be ordained to the Diaconate at St. Paul's Cathedral. He will be assisting and preaching at his First Mass of Thanksgiving as a Deacon here at St. George's on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, at the 11:00 A.M. Mass. A reception will follow in the church hall. This information is being given to you now so that you can mark your calendars. Since no one from his family in his native India will be able to attend his Diaconate Ordination and Mass of Thanksgiving, I hope that many of you - his parish family - will plan on attending these two joyous celebrations.

Next Sunday we will celebrate the beginning of the Season of Advent which is also the beginning of our Church's liturgical year. This year we will be in the C cycle of the liturgical year when we will hear the Gospel of Luke proclaimed through most of the year. Advent is a Latin word which means *coming* or *arrival*. Advent is a season when we celebrate three arrivals of Christ: his lowly birth of the past, his mysterious coming to the Christian community in the present and his promised return as our judge at the end of time. Advent was originally celebrated as a type of "Lent" during the forty days before the feast of Christmas. Gradually Advent developed its own distinctive character, retaining a slight penitential dimension from Lent but emphasizing more of our joy-filled hope at the coming of the Lord.

This year, we will offer a prayer initiative on our parish website where each day parishioners will offer a two or three minute Advent prayer, scripture reading and reflection. Its purpose is to help us, in the spirit of the Advent season, to prepare well for the birth of Jesus. Pray with us this Advent!

Once again, we will also make available a special Advent/Christmas flyer which will be found at the entrances of the church. This flyer will bring us through the four Sundays of Advent as well as what else will be offered during this season. It will also contain the Mass schedule for Christmas and the other major feasts and solemnities that are celebrated in the Christmas season. Please be sure to take a copy of this flyer with you.

Saturday, December 8th, is the Immaculate Conception and a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be on Friday at 6:30 P.M. and Saturday at 8:00 A.M.

*Fr. Nicolls*

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### Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

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#### Grade Level News of the Week

This week we are taking a look at Fourth Grade. Our 4th graders have been learning about the Ten Commandments. They have learned that the first 3 commandments have to do with how we show our love for God, and the rest of the commandments have to do with how we show our love for others. Recently they have begun learning about the Beatitudes and how the actions of the Beatitudes are a part of obeying God's laws contained in the Ten Commandments.

#### 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.

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)

#### Diocesan Basketball League



Greg Post had been the manager of the St. George basketball team a few years back but no one has stepped in to create a new team since then. There is no need for a St. George coach. The kids will be placed on any team that needs players.

The upcoming Diocesan Basketball League is quickly approaching! There will be an informational coaches meeting on Wednesday, November 28 at 6:00 pm at St. Bernard's Church at Our Lady of Providence Parish, 236 Lincoln St. in Worcester in their parish hall. The meeting will be to discuss the upcoming season which begins on January 5th. If you plan on attending or have any questions please email Sal Ciuffetti, athletic director at: [agtechsales@verizon.net](mailto:agtechsales@verizon.net).

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.

#### Gentle Yoga

Mondays 5:45 PM – 6:45 PM in Church Hall

**Gentle Yoga** focuses on a relaxed pace and gentler approach to yoga postures. Classes will also include breathing and guided relaxation. Gentle yoga helps with flexibility, strength and well-being while relaxing your mind, increasing your energy, and reducing stress. For beginners and experienced students who want a slower paced, less strenuous class.

For more info: [suestevens57@charter.net](mailto:suestevens57@charter.net) or 508-852-4887. Cost: Donation (Proceeds go to the Pieta Support Group for Bereaved Parents).

#### Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Hours

Open 4:30 AM to 8:00 PM Daily  
All are welcome!



The chapel is closed during the hours when students are in the building as of September 16th and continuing until the end of April. Please consider visiting the Chapel, especially during the upcoming Season of Advent.



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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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### **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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### *Coffee Shop Captain*

November 25, 2018  
Dave Walsh  
508-854-1332



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.

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### **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 December are:

Cans of Tuna Fish (flip top if possible)  
100% Juice Boxes and Granola Bars



### **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).

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*The most basic and powerful way  
to connect to another person is to  
listen. Just listen. Perhaps the  
most important thing we ever  
give each other is our  
attention...A loving silence often  
has far more power to heal and  
to connect than the most  
well-intentioned words.*

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### **Help Save The Parish Money**

Thank you for your generous weekly contributions which help keep our parish vibrant and growing. Please be aware the envelope company charges the parish an additional .25 cents per donation if your contribution is not enclosed in the Offering Envelope. Using your envelopes saves the parish a considerable amount at the end of the year. Thank you for helping us in this effort. An additional thank you to all our "Online Givers".



## *A Community of Ministries*



**Love. Grow. Serve.**

### **PARISH OUTREACH**

Annie Doyle - 508-853-0183  
Ext. 11

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

### **Holiday Outreach 2018**

Giving Tree Tags are available on the tree in the church. More details are on page 7 of this bulletin.



This year the Giving Tree gifts will be donated to Aids Project Worcester, Winter Hill Rest Home, Blaire House, Crescent Manor Rest Home, St. Mary's Health Care, Sisters of Mercy, The Bridge (Now called Open Sky), St Francis Nursing Home, Miranda House, Diocesan Seminarians, and the Mustard Seed Catholic Worker.

More than 500 gifts have been requested! Thanks to your generosity we hope to fill the needs of so many who would not otherwise have a Christmas gift. Because of your kindness, Christ is born again in many hearts.

December 1/2 - Christmas Food Drive

December 8/9 - Giving Tree Gift Returns before the 11 AM Mass

### **Dollar Store Gloves and Non-bulky Blankets Needed**

The guests at the Mustard Seed have been asking for blankets and gloves. Several said there was no heat where they were staying. Thanks to a generous donation we were able to give out 25 pairs of gloves last week. The gloves and blankets were all gone as of Friday night.

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

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.

### **THE FAMILY CONNECTION**

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent! This week make an Advent wreath for your family. It symbolizes the many years that the Hebrew people waited in darkness for the coming of the Messiah and illustrates our waiting during the Advent season to celebrate Jesus' birth. Each week we light one more candle - the coming of Christ is closer!



ADVENT PRAYER CUBES are back again this year and can be found on the Welcome Table in the church hall beginning next Sunday. Flat 4 inch white card stock box, with coloring for the children along with a prayer on each side for each Sunday of Advent. Can be colored with color pencils, crayons or markers. The box is then easily assembled. Put a jingle bell of your choice inside the box and top with a sticky Christmas bow. Compliments of the parish Family Ministry. More information contact ruthviens@charter.net.

### **Help prevent family homelessness !**

Use "Hope for Housing Cards"  
to buy your weekly groceries  
or prescriptions at CVS.



**They make great holiday gifts as well!**

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.



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

### **Giving Tree Ministry 2018**

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.



### **Giving Tree Ornament Tags**

The Giving Tree at the side of the Sanctuary will be 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** and reattach the tag. Kindly return it to the church no later than December 9th at the 11:00 AM Mass.



### *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 colorful container located just inside the church hall. 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!

### **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

### **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.

Gatherings are in the church hall at 10:30 AM on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

The warm scarves made by this ministry are very much appreciated by the homeless!