

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

January 13, 2019: The Baptism of the Lord

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

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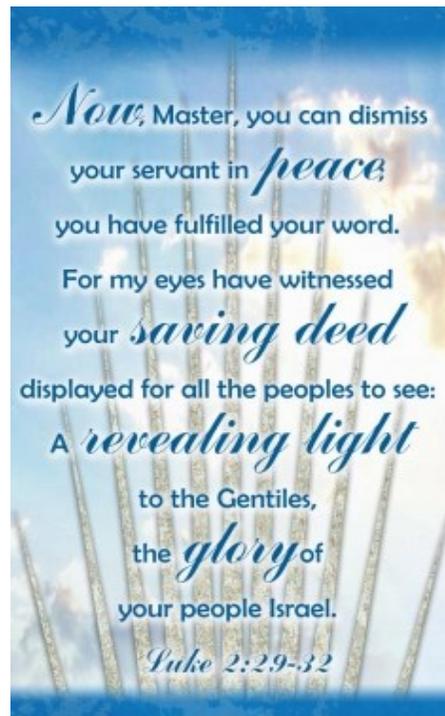
It is our privilege to serve you.

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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, 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, January 13, 2019

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 12:
4:00 PM 4th Anniversary for
 Florence Montville by family

Sunday, January 13: The Baptism of the Lord

7:30 AM Special Intention
 9:00 AM For our Newly Baptized Parishioners
 11:00 AM Mass for Oliva Garceau

Monday, January 14:
 8:00 AM Memorial for Dr. and Ann Carr

Tuesday, January 15:
 8:00 AM For the Community of St. George

Wednesday, January 16:
 6:30 PM In memory of Carol Tubridy

Thursday, January 17: St. Anthony, Abbot
 8:00 AM In memory of Denis and Terry Reen

Friday, January 18:
 8:00 AM In memory of Charles O'Neill

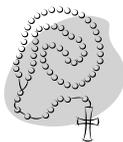
Saturday, January 19:
 4:00 PM 1st Anniversary for Kathleen Carlo by
 family

Sunday, January 20: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Special Intention
 9:00 AM Memorial for Dennis Ferrante by a friend
 11:00 AM Memorial for Lori, Erin & Katy Maloney
 by the Paulin Family

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.

Family Prayer Night



Every Thursday at 6:30 PM at St. George's Church, there is a gathering of people who pray for all families. We invite you to join us.

The Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed during this time. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn to pray the Rosary.



We Commend to your Prayer

Gloria Shaughnessy
 May the Angels lead her into Paradise

Why not dedicate the first hour of your families' work week to God?

Parish Calendar

Saturday, January 12:

2:30 PM 1st Reconciliation Retreat Hall
 8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, January 13:

8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall
 9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St. George Rm
 9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Conf Rm
 10:00 AM Men's Club Meeting Conf Rm
 3:00 PM Baptism Prep Conf Rm

Monday, January 14:

4:15 PM Rel Ed grades 1-5 Center
 5:45 PM Yoga Hall
 7:00 PM Spiritual Growth Mtg Center
 7:00 PM Pieta Conf Rm

Tuesday, January 15:

4:15 PM Rel. Ed. Gr 1-5 Center
 7:00 PM Rel Ed Board Rectory

Wednesday, January 16:

5:30 PM Liturgy Committee Center
 7:00 PM Faith Sharing Group Conf Rm
 7:15 PM Faith Sharing Group 2nd fl Ctr

Thursday, January 17:

6:30 PM Family Prayer Church

Friday, January 18:

10:00 AM Faith Sharing Grp 2nd Fl Ctr
 11:00 AM Grandparent Prayer Grp Conf Rm

Saturday, January 19:

8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, January 20:

8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall
 9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St. George Rm

Scripture for the week of January 13, 2019

13 SUN Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
 14 Mon Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20
 15 Tue Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28
 16 Wed Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39
 17 Thu Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45
 18 Fri Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12
 19 Sat Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17
 20 SUN Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11



Bulletin Deadlines

Weekend of

January 27, 2019
 February 3, 2019
 February 10, 2019

Due to parish

Wednesday, January 16
 Wednesday, January 23
 Wednesday, January 30

Items must be submitted by 3:00 PM on the due date.
 Email items to stgeooffice@gmail.com.

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**Weekend of
December 30, 2018**

Total Weekly
Ordinary: \$661.44

Thank you for your support! Your generosity helps us to continue to be a caring and vibrant community!

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

That young people, especially in Latin America, may follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

This Weekend's Stewardship Thought

May we who are Baptized in Christ continue to follow His example and use our time and resources in service of God and neighbor.

Join us for Coffee!

Join us downstairs in the Church Hall after Sunday Mass for coffee, a donut, and time to enjoy one another's company. Everyone is always invited.



"My book," wrote Anthony of the Desert, "is the nature of created things, and anytime I wish to read the words of God, the book is before me."

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



From Your Pastor

Today's feast of the Baptism of the Lord will conclude our celebration of the Christmas season. Today's Gospel recalls a significant moment in Jesus' public ministry. Because he is God made human, he did not need to submit to a ritual cleansing such as the baptism that his cousin, John the Baptist, performed. Unlike John's other baptisms, this baptism was a manifestation of Christ's "acceptance and inauguration of his mission as God's Suffering Servant." Today we should not just reflect upon Christ's baptism but our own as well. Let us recall, with great awe and wonder as we reflect upon Jesus' baptism, that we are baptized in the same cleansing water in the presence of the Trinity which is a real presence in our lives, the rejoicing in heaven in becoming God's sons and daughters and the strength of the grace that still abides with us. Most importantly, we are reminded of the great responsibility that in our baptism God claimed each one of us as his own, thereby giving each of us the grace to overcome evil in the world. As we celebrate the Eucharist today, let us remember that we are transformed by our partaking of Christ's body and blood to go forth and fulfill that baptismal mission.

Year 2019 Calendars are available for anyone who wants one.

Fr. Niccolls

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".

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Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

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

No Classes week of MLK Jr.

There will be no classes on Monday, January 21st or Tuesday, January 22nd in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather, class cancellations will be posted on the parish website and an email will be sent to families. If EITHER of the Worcester Public Schools or the Wachusett School District cancels school, then religious education classes are also cancelled that day.

Upcoming Events for Grade Two

1st Reconciliation Retreat
Saturday, January 12, 2019, 2:30-4 P.M.
(1st Communion dates are chosen at this retreat)

1st Reconciliation Ceremony
Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 10:00 A.M.
More information will be coming home with families when classes resume.

Religious Education Giving Tree

Thank you so much for your generous donations to our Giving Tree. It was FILLED with warm socks, hats and mittens. Your gifts will be given to St. John's/Ascension Campus After-School Program

Grades 6-9 : The class dates for this second semester are: January 27, 2019, February 10 & 24, March 10 & 24 and April 7 & 28.

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.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

The monthly Men's Club meeting will be held **THIS** Sunday, January 13, 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!!!

Wondering about becoming Catholic?

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 or annie@saintgeorgesparish.org with any questions.

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Hours

Open 4:30 AM to 8:00 PM Daily

Please consider visiting the Chapel
All are welcome!



Note: The chapel is closed during the hours when students are in the building as of September 16th and continuing until the end of April. Times are posted on the door.

Eucharistic Adoration Prayer

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Year-End Donation Information

Many thanks for your wonderful and continuing generosity to our parish. Please be advised that all contributions, made via Weekly Offering Envelopes, received by December 31, 2018, have been sent to the parish envelope company to be credited to calendar year 2018. End of year statements will be mailed from the envelope company by January 31, 2019.

All gifts received the weekend of Jan. 1 forward will be credited to calendar year 2019.

If you contribute to the parish via "On line Giving" a statement of your contributions may be printed off on line.

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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.

Diocesan Daily Mass on TV

Daily Mass is LIVE each weekday morning on Charter TV3 (Ch193), delay Broadcast on Shrewsbury TV28 at 4:30 pm and Clinton Cable TV8 at 4:30 pm.

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.



Coffee Shop Captain

January 13, 2019
Mark Viens
774-262-0309

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.

All is invited for coffee and donuts

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.

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 or 508-852-4887. Cost: Donation (Proceeds go to the Pieta Support Group for Bereaved Parents).

“Ordinary Time” Begins January 14, 2019

The Christmas Season ends on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which is Sunday January 13, 2019.

“Ordinary Time” begins Monday, January 14, 2019.

Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word ordinalis, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word ordo, from which we get the English word order.



Dear Friends,

We thank you for your generous donation of your time, food, gifts and clothing to the Mustard Seed at Christmas. Your contribution helps to make it possible for us to stay open to continue to give hospitality to all who seek to be comforted by our small effort. We are grateful for you, we remember you in prayer and we depend on your prayer for us. Our hearts are joined in this way, a sure sign of God's presence in all that we encounter.

In Prayer,

The Mustard Seed Catholic Worker Community

Marriage Enrichment Weekends

Consider attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend to enrich your Sacrament of Marriage.

The next weekend is Jan 18-20, 2019 in South Kingstown, RI. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwwmema.org/>.

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A Community of Ministries



**PARISH
OUTREACH**

Annie Doyle
508-853-0183

Office hours Mon -Tue -Wed 9-3PM annie@saintgeorgesparish.org

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Consider Joining Us This Year

We invite you to join us this year as we serve the homeless, hungry and struggling in our city through our service at the Mustard Seed, the Interfaith Hospitality Network Shelter, and local food pantries. We also support "Urban Missionaries" and Central Mass Housing Alliance through "Hope for Housing" grocery card sales after every Mass.

Mustard Seed Meal Friday, January 18, 2019

We will feed about 200 guests at the Mustard Seed.

Needs are posted at each exit of the church.

Please choose a ticket to help fill a need.



We will be preparing 400 hot dogs to serve with cole slaw, fruit and a cookie.



Homelessness in Massachusetts

Massachusetts is the 6th most expensive state to live in, according to the 2017 Out of Reach Report of the National Low Income Housing Coalition.

The Gap between Housing Costs and Income:

- The Fair Market Rent for a moderate two-bedroom apartment in Worcester and its surrounding communities is \$1,060.
- Over 50% of renters in the Worcester area are unable to afford this level of rent in addition to utilities.
- In order to afford this cost, one must earn an hourly wage of \$20.38, assuming a 40-hour work week, 52 weeks per year.
- The mean renter wage in Worcester, is only \$13.03/hour.
- Families with children continue to account for the largest percentage of homeless persons in Worcester County at 61%. This includes 561 children under the age of 18.
- The number of homeless *individuals* increased to 581 in the most recent census. This count does not include those who are living in unstable situations or couch surfing without a place to call their own.

Home is holy ground!! Jesus said that love of God and neighbor is what following him is all about. My everyday relationships are where that love of God is supposed to show its face. And the first "neighbors" I am supposed to love are the ones I am related to and/or share a roof with on a daily basis. God calls us to be with these specific people. Together we are called to be Church. This is where we rub elbows with the Paschal Mystery, where we die and rise with Christ in comforting a frustrated and beloved spouse; in dealing with three children under the age of six; in surviving two teenagers who view home only as a refueling station and laundromat; in caring for an elderly parent or an ailing next door neighbor. Home is holy ground!!



Pietà

Pieta 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 January 14, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall Conference Room. Please join us.

Free Donut Chips at Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Men's Club will be offering "Free Donut Chips" to all participants at the "Children's Liturgy" during the 9:00 AM Mass *THIS* Sunday. The children will be given the chips while at the Liturgy of the Word to be redeemed after any Sunday Mass. Best Wishes to our young Catholics.



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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.*

You Can Help to prevent family homelessness !



Use "Hope for Housing Cards" to buy your weekly groceries Prescriptions at CVS or a treat at Panera or Dunkin Donuts.

Join us this New Year! 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.

St. George's "Food Donation Team"

For information on bargains and/or to join the team, just email Dave at DavewithFDT@gmail.com
Special food needs for January are:

Flip Top Cans of **Tuna Fish** - Cans of **Soup** and **Peanut Butter**

Laundry Detergent is always appreciated as well!

Thank You! Food is shared with our local "Loaves & Fishes" food pantry and the Mustard Seed Pantry

**A special invitation to Families with Toddlers & Young Children
Join us at 9AM Mass on Sunday Mornings**

The community of St. George warmly welcomes children

- 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.



Spiritual Growth Ministry
Ministry Contact: JoAnn Nally
508-527-6973

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Good and gracious God:
As we begin the New Year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires.
Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what You want us to do.
Help us to put aside anxiety about the past and the future so that we might live in peace with You, one day at a time. Amen

YOUNG WOMEN'S EVENING of SHARING FELLOWSHIP and FAITH

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2019
6:00- 9:00PM in the CHURCH HALL**



SPEAKER: Megan Fox- Kelly

TOPIC: Yes! God is in the Mess!

FAITH SHARING GROUPS

We will use the new "Spring Insight" Reflection Book which began with the week of Dec. 31, 2018.

You can purchase the "Spring Insight" book from your Facilitator. The cost is \$12.00.

If you are interested in becoming part of the Wednesday PM or Friday AM group, please speak with JoAnn Nally @ 508-527-6973.



Parish e-news

Want to hear about updates and notifications from St. George Parish? Simply visit **www.saintgeorgesparish.org** and click on the link on the homepage to easily add your email address.