

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden
February 3, 2019: Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

40 Brattle Street Worcester, MA 01606
Parish Office: 508-853-0183
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

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, February 3, 2019

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 2: *Vigil*
 4:00 PM Memorial for John W. Callan
 by family

Sunday, February 3: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Memorial for Maria Henkins by a friend
 9:00 AM Special Intention
 11:00 AM 40th anniversary Mass for Josephine
 Listaite by her family

Monday, February 4:
 8:00 AM Memorial for Rev. Jeddie Brooks

Tuesday, February 5: *Saint Agatha*
 8:00 AM For the Community of St. George

Wednesday, February 6: *St. Paul Miki & Companions*
 6:30 PM Memorial for John Tyrcha by
 Ann Marie Mruczek

Thursday, February 7:
 8:00 AM Memorial for Tom DiReda
 by Carleen Ford

Friday, February 8: *St. J. Emiliani & St. J. Bakhita*
 8:00 AM In memory of Leona Galoni

Saturday, February 9: *Vigil*
 4:00 PM In memory of Ann Zukowski

Sunday, February 10: *5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 7:30 AM In memory of Mary Morin
 9:00 AM Memorial for Carole Parker by her
 nephew
 11:00 AM 25th memorial for Nora Hayes by
 Brian Hayes

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.

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.



Coffee Shop Captain

For February 10, 2019
 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.

Parish Calendar

Saturday, February 2: Catholic Worker Bake Sale
 8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, February 3: Catholic Worker Bake Sale
 8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall
 9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St. George Rm
 9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Conf Rm

Monday, February 4:
 4:15 PM Rel Ed grades 1-5 Center
 5:45 PM Yoga Hall

Tuesday, February 5:
 4:15 PM Rel Ed grades 1-5 Center

Wednesday, February 6:
 7:00 PM Faith Sharing Grp Conf Rm

Thursday, February 7:
 6:30 PM Family Prayer Church

Friday, February 8:
 10:00 AM Faith Sharing Grp 2nd Fl Ctr

Saturday, February 9:
 8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, February 10:
 8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall
 9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St. George Rm
 9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Conf Rm
 9:00 AM RCIA Hall
 9:00 AM Confirmation Mass & mtg Church/Ctr
 4:00 PM Rel Ed gr 6-9 Hall/ Center

Scripture for the week of February 3, 2019

3	SUN	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/ Lk 4:21-30	
4	Mon	Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20	
5	Tue	Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43	
6	Wed	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6	
7	Thur	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13	
8	Fri	Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29	
9	Sat	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34	
10	SUN	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11	

Daily Scripture Readings, Audios and videos
 at United States Catholic Conference of Bishops
 Web site: <http://usccb.org/>

Bulletin Item Due Dates

<u>Weekend of</u> February 17, 2019 February 24, 2019 March 3, 2019 March 10, 2019	<u>Due to parish</u> Wednesday, February 6 Wednesday, February 13 Wednesday, February 20 Wednesday, February 27
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Please submit items by 3:00 PM on the due date.
 Email to annie@saintgeorgesparish.org

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Weekend of January 20, 2019



Total Weekly Ordinary:
\$5,243.86

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

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for February

For the elimination of Human Trafficking.
For a generous welcome of the victims of human
trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

Take action: learn more about local efforts at :
<https://liftworchester.org>

LIFT is a survivor-led organization comprised of
individuals who have overcome commercial sexual
exploitation as well as professionals who are
sensitive to the needs of this under-served
and marginalized population.

This Weekend's Stewardship Thought

Today's reading reminds us that "Love is patient,
love is kind.." (1 Corinthians 13:4) The patient and
kind sharing of our time, talents and treasures
helps to bring this scripture passage to life.

Weekly Prayer Intention



May we continue to share our love and
kindness with others this week
as we practice the Works of Mercy
in our daily lives.

Special Request for Prayers

Please continue your prayers for a young child with
a very serious illness. Please include her and her
family in your daily prayers. May the prayers of our
community help to give them peace and comfort.

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 Mer-
cy Chaplet is prayed during this
time. This is a wonderful oppor-
tunity to learn to pray the Ro-
sary.



From Your Pastor

Prophecy is the focus in our readings where the
Prophet Jeremiah in the first reading and Jesus in the
Gospel are sent to bring a particular message from
God to his people. Prophecy is perhaps one of the
most difficult gifts to receive because good prophets
are not always well received either in their native plac-
es, as Jesus discovered, or in places that receive diffi-
cult or challenging messages from God. Although
such prophets do not receive accolades from the peo-
ple to whom they are sent, they do receive the assur-
ance from God that he is with them to give them the
strength and courage they need in their mission. Our
challenge as Christians can be similar to challenges
that Jeremiah and Jesus faced. In our mission as
Christians we are called to bring our gifts to the
Church, to our families and to our workplaces with the
gift of love, of pastoral concern for the benefit of
others.

The Blessing of Throats will take place after all
Masses this weekend, February 2-3.

Catholic Free Press: February is Catholic Free
Press month. We hope that many of you will either
begin or renew a subscription to our diocesan news-
paper. Won't you help us by subscribing today? You
can use the envelope in your church envelope packet
and place the remittance into the collection basket.

Fr. Nicolls



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.

A Wandering Heart At Mass

"If your heart wanders or is distracted,
bring it back to the point quite gently and
replace it tenderly in its Master's presence.
And even if you did nothing in the whole of
your hour but bring your heart back and
place it again in our Lord's presence, though it went
away every time you brought it back, your hour
would be very well employed."



St. Francis de Sales

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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

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.

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

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.

Marriage Enrichment Weekends

Renew your Sacrament of Marriage. Consider attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Mar 8-10, 2019 in Duxbury, MA and Apr 13-14, 2019 in Brewster, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.



In the world of technology, work to protect yourself with these best practice tips:

- Do not open or reply to suspicious emails, especially those requesting donations, a favor, or other assistance.
- Do not click on any links or attachments.
- Do not send money, gift cards or anything of value.
- If the person sending the suspicious email may be someone you know, call that person to inquire about the message.

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.

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.

"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

Save the Date - Men's Conference - April 6, 2019

19th Annual Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference at Assumption College for Men (Of all ages, including teens & college students) will take place Saturday, April 6. Visit www.firstmensconf.org for information.

Young Adult Theology on Tap

Join us for the next Theology on Tap on Tuesday, February 5 at Compass Tavern in Worcester! Doors open for food and drinks at 6:30. Our speaker will be Derek Mobilio and his topic will be "Making the Act of Faith: The Interplay of the Intellect, Will, and Grace". The speaker will begin around 7pm. Open to all young adults ages 18-39. Compass Tavern is located at 90 Harding St. in Worcester.

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Second Collection

THIS weekend, a special collection will be taken up at all Masses for the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

St George Parish

Community Wide Safe Environment Training Session

Thursday, March 7, 2019 7pm in the Parish Hall

All members of the Parish community are invited to a training on our responsibility to maintain a safe environment on or parish ground, or wherever we are as a community. By completing this training you will fulfill your obligation as a volunteer or community member.

All parish volunteers must complete a CORI form every 5 years. They must sign off on Ministerial Misconduct Guidelines, and complete this Safe Environment Training.

At the completion of the training we will discuss the process for moving a report forward to the Diocese.

Your participation as parish volunteer, in any capacity, or an interested community member is encouraged.

Thank you for your help! We hope to see you there.

Safe Environment Coordinators:

Liz Woods 508-853-2499 lwoods@qcc.mass.edu

Patty Walsh 508-854-1332

walshpa2001@yahoo.com

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

The monthly Men's Club meeting will be held **NEXT** Sunday, February 10th, 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!!!

Pieta

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 February 11th, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall Conference Room. Please join us.

Free Donut Chips



The Men's Club will be offering "Free Donut Chips" to all participants at the "Children's Liturgy" during the 9:00 AM Mass **NEXT** 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.

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.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 508-853-0183 or stgeooffice@gmail.com.

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.

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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

Items for the homeless needed

Gently Used adult **sleeping bags** and
New underwear for adult men and women
(Affordable small packets at Dollar General in West Boylston)
would be greatly appreciated.

Sleeping in the Car

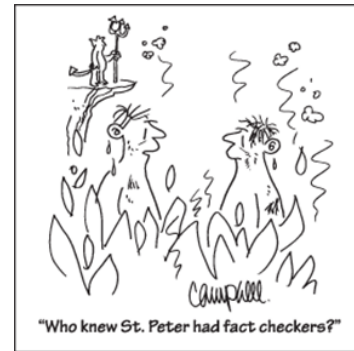
Leaving the Mustard Seed, it was late evening and very dark. The silhouette of a person could be seen by the light of a street lamp; someone hunched over on the sidewalk picking something up. Walking closer, it was obvious that a young girl had dropped her plate of food. "Oh no," she groaned, - the salad - the best part!" Bowing down to help her, her greeting was kind and her words heartbreaking. "I've lost everything, I had a job, a home, and even a tenant! Now I am sleeping in my car!" We went back into the building together. We found her a blanket and some food: bread and some peanut butter. She was grateful for all of it. Sadly, there was no more salad left.

We thank our St. George parishioners who so faithfully donate food and gently used items for homeless guests. Your kindness makes a difference for many neighbors in need.



THE FAMILY CONNECTION

You must try to bring the presence of God to your families. I think that just being together and loving one another brings peace and joy and strengthens the bond between family members in the home. That is the way to overcome all the evil that is in the world.
Mother Teresa



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 semi-monthly meetings or at home. Gatherings are in the church hall at 10:30 AM on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Come join us!



CATHOLIC WORKER

Bake Sale this weekend, Feb. 2/3

Members of Saints Francis & Therese Catholic Worker will be here this weekend February 2 and 3, 2019 with our homemade baked goods. The sale of our wholesome bread and muffins, made with organic ingredients, is the main source of income which supports our ministries. We shelter homeless men and women, and we work for justice and peace. There is no set price for the bread as we prefer to depend on your generosity to carry on the works of mercy.

Welcome to the Sacrament of Baptism

where, by the grace of God,
we *share the in heart of Jesus*
with parents, godparents and the faith community.

For registration and more information
please contact:

Susan Pacek at 508-856-9960 or
Email: st.geobaptism@gmail.com



The next Baptism Preparation Session
will be held at St. George's on
Sunday, February 17th from 3-6pm.

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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.

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 February 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

Women's Day of Spirituality

Saturday, March 23, 2019

GOD'S HEALING GRACE
IN TIMES OF TRANSITION

Presented By: Sr. Kathryn Hermes F.S.P and
author of Reclaim Regret

Registration will be after all Sunday Masses on
February 3, 10 & 24
or can be mailed to the Rectory.

Cost is \$20 per person and due at the time of
registration

If you have any questions please call/text An-
drea Svagdys-Gumbrell at 508-330-0267



Spiritual Growth Ministry

Ministry Contact: JoAnn Nally
508-527-6973

"Do not look forward to what might happen tomorrow. The same everlasting Father who cares for you today, will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either he will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations." (St. Francis de Sales)

REMINDER

YOUNG WOMEN'S EVENING OF SHARING:
FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP

This Thursday: JANUARY 31, 2019
6:00-9:00PM

If you would like to attend but have not registered,
please speak with Sarah Kelly or
call JoAnn Nally 508-527-6973
no later than Tuesday, January 29, 2019

LENTEN FAITH SHARING GROUPS

Lent will be here before we know it!
It's not too early to be thinking about
doing something special for Lent.



How about joining a Faith Sharing Group?

Faith Sharing Groups are held on:
Wednesday 7:15PM or FRIDAY 10:00

We read, pray and discuss the upcoming Sunday Gospel. You do not have to share.....Good listeners are welcome.

There will be a registration table in the church hall Where participants will answer your questions the weekends of February 17th and 24th or speak with Fr. Niccolls, Fr. Charles or Joann Nally .

