

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

November 5, 2017: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

40 Brattle Street Worcester, MA 01606
Parish Office: 508-853-0183
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Office Hours:
Monday & Wednesday 9:00AM to 5:00PM
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00AM to 4:00PM

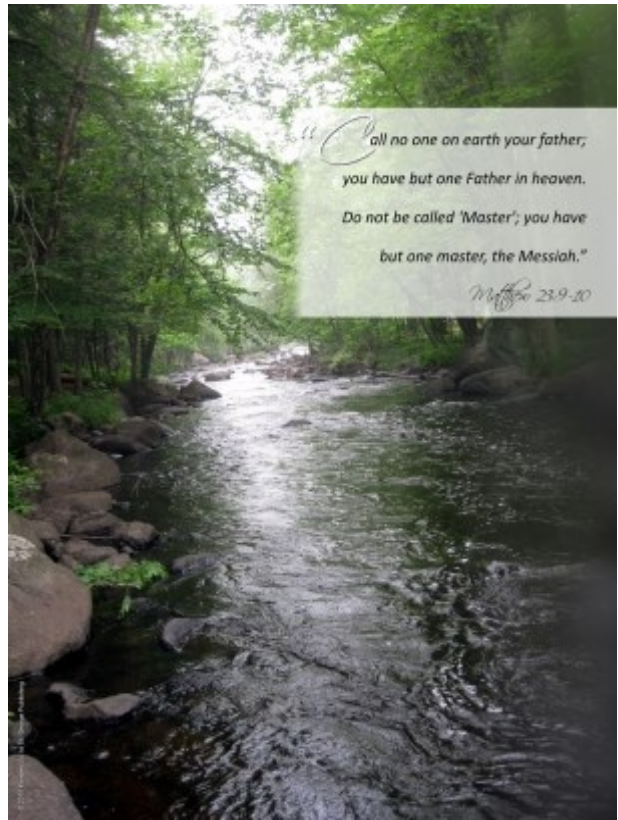
Parish Staff:

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 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 5, 2017

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 4: Vigil
 9:30 AM Bereavement Mass
 4:00 PM 19th Anniversary for Adelina LoStracco by family

Sunday, November 5: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM 2nd Anniversary for Jack Hanlon
 9:00 AM Memorial for Stanley & Monna Lobo by family
 11:00 AM Memorial for Frank Sisti by family

Monday, November 6:
 8:00 AM For the souls in purgatory

Tuesday, November 7:
 8:00 AM Memorial for Richard Wilson by the Parker family

Wednesday, November 8:
 8:00 AM For an end to abortion by the Family Prayer Group

Thursday, November 9: Lateran Basilica Dedication
 8:00 AM Memorial for Bobby Ovian by his family

Friday, November 10: St. Leo the Great
 8:00 AM Memorial for Geraldine Bak by JoAnn Nally

Saturday, November 11: Vigil
 10:00 AM Memorial Mass for Richard White
 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

Parish Calendar

Confirmation Retreat Assumption College
 Turkey Donations

Saturday, November 4:
 10:00 AM Reception after Bereavement Mass Hall
 8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, November 5:
 8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall
 9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St. George Rm
 9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Confr Rm
 6:00 PM Religious Ed. Gr. 6-9 Hall/Center

Monday, November 6:
 4:15 PM Religious Ed. Gr. 1-6 Center
 5:45 PM Yoga Hall

Tuesday, November 7:
 4:15 PM Religious Ed. Gr. 1-6 Center
 7:00 PM Religious Ed. Board Meeting Rectory

Wednesday, November 8:
 5:30 PM Liturgy Meeting Rectory
 6:30 PM Daughters of Isabella Hall
 7:00 PM Faith Sharing Group Confr Rm

Thursday, November 9:
 6:30 PM Family Prayer Church

Friday, November 10:
 10:00 AM Faith Sharing Group Center

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

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Bulletin Deadlines

<u>Weekend of</u>	<u>Due to parish</u>
November 19	Wednesday, Nov. 8
November 26	Thursday, Nov. 9
December 3	Wednesday, Nov. 15

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 C 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 5, 2017

- 5 **SUN** Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/ Mt 23:1-12
- 6 **Mon** Rom 11:29-36/Lk 14:12-14
- 7 **Tue** Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24
- 8 **Wed** Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33
- 9 **Thu** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
- 10 **Fri** Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8
- 11 **Sat** Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15
- 12 **SUN** Wis 6:12-16/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13



We Commend to your Prayers

Edward Jardus

May the Angels lead him into Paradise

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Weekend of October 29, 2017

Total Weekly Ordinary: \$5,915.93

Thank you for your support!



From Your Pastor

Reminder To All Men's Club Parishioners

The envelope for membership to the Men's Club is in this current envelope packet. Please use this envelope to pay the yearly dues of \$5.00. Thank you.

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.

Coffee Shop Captain



November 12, 2017
Robert Gray : 508-755-1268

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.

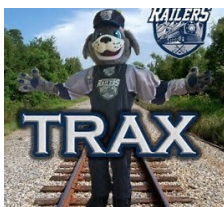
Note: Team Listings and Schedule of Teams can be found on our parish website.

This Weekend's Stewardship Thought

"The greatest among you will be the one who serves the rest," Jesus says in today's Gospel, prudently using and multiplying the gifts entrusted to them by God.

St. George Family Fun Fall Festival

Save the date for the Family Fun Fall Festival on 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!

I begin today by informing you that Cathy Richardson, who has been the rectory housekeeper for the past thirty years, retired on October 31st. I have hired Kathleen Lockney, who will work on part-time basis, to fill this position, beginning November 6th. I thank Cathy for her many years of service to our parish and wish her a happy retirement. At the same time, I look forward to working with Kate as she takes over the housekeeping responsibilities here at the rectory.

All Souls' Book of Remembrance has been placed in the church sanctuary and will remain there for most of this month of November.

Later this week we will observe Veteran's Day in tribute to those men and women who fought in the various wars here and around the world so that we could enjoy the blessings of freedom from tyranny and oppression. May we offer our thanks to them for what they have accomplished by taking the time to remember them in prayer.

Fr. Niccolls

Italian Night...Thank You!



The Men's Club would like to thank the 84 men and women who attended our Italian Night. The event raised \$1,400 dollars for the youth of our parish. We had far less of a turn out than we have had in the past. However, thanks to Dick Martino, Fran LaMalva and Jim Sanford, we were able to put on a truly spectacular event.

Joe Cote

*From the Parishioners of St. George's...
A special thank you to Joe & Pat Cote for such an enjoyable Community Building evening!*

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

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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

No Classes Halloween Week

There will be no classes on Monday, October 30 or Tuesday October, 31 for the students in the Monday and Tuesday classes. We will resume classes on Monday, November 6 and Tuesday, November 7.

Communication

A test email has been sent out to all religious education families. If you did not receive an email, please let Sarah sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org or Kevin kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org know so that your email can be correctly added to our distribution list.

Go to Parish Website for class dates.

Before Mass talk to God...

During Mass let God talk to you...

After Mass talk about God to everyone...



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

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 annie@saintgeorgesparish.org with any questions.

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 *next* 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!!!

This Week...

Pray for the elderly, the sick and the homebound, that the Lord might inspire others to support them and renew their spirits.



The sinner who is sorry for his sins, is closer to God than the man who boasts of his good works.

... St. Padre Pio

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Online giving is one method of making your financial contributions through an easy and secure electronic network. It eliminates the paper envelopes, thereby reducing the cost of printing, postage and processing. If you would like assistance to set up an account, contact Kathy Hessel at MKHessel@aol.com

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 vital to our continuity as a vibrant community at St. George Church.

Thank you for your continued support!

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.



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

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



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. Dates for upcoming classes are February 4 (snow date make up class March 4), and May 20, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM in the Conference Room.



The Mustard Seed Catholic Worker Community ...

PO Box 2592
Worcester, MA 01613
www.mustardseedcw.org

Striving to live and practice the Works of Mercy

The Mustard Seed soup kitchen is located at 93 Piedmont Street in Worcester MA and is open weekdays at 3:00 p.m.

Dinner is served at 5:45 p.m.

Volunteers, including parishioners of St. George Parish, and guests work together to provide the free meal to between 150 and 200 people.

A food pantry for families is available on Wednesdays from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. The parishioners of St. George Parish help to donate and stock the food pantry with non-perishable food items.

All are welcome to join together every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the "Upper Room" Chapel at the Mustard Seed. Holy Mass is celebrated or a simple prayer service is held.

Last Thursday evening a young woman stopped by the Mustard Seed in search of warm clothing and a pair of shoes. The ill fitting shoes she was wearing had left her feet sore and blistered. With clothing donated from our parish we were able to provide several layers of clean clothes for her. Later on we found shoes that were just her size. She was so happy to have the new shoes, as well as clean and dry socks!

I imagine that the homeless in Worcester walk many miles every day, searching for places to rest and eat. Breakfast and lunch at St. John's on Temple Street, shelter from the weather at the Library downtown, maybe over to the Salvation Army for a shower, supper at the Mustard Seed and up the hill to the shelter on Queen Street in the hope of a cot for the night. I hear that often there are not enough. Now the days are even colder! May our prayers and outreach somehow give them a bit of relief from their struggles.

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.

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A Community of Ministries



Love. Grow. Serve.

PARISH OUTREACH

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Ext.11

Office hours Mon-Tue-Wed 9-5
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THE FAMILY CONNECTION

During this month, we remember all who have died. Let us also remember their family and friends. They are often given support right after their loved one's death, but they may continue to feel sad and lonely for a long time. Think about the people whom you know who have lost a loved one during the past year. Send them a card or give them a call. Your friendship and love are a blessing to them!

Food Needed

Non-perishable food items needed . Many thanks to the donor of several items in bulk lately ... it was great to see so much pasta, sauce, rice and cereal! Thanks, as always, to Trudy - who always makes sure that no one ever goes hungry!

Mustard Seed Meal

Our next meal is Friday, November 17. Needs will be posted at all church exits for the next two weeks. The requests for Cole Slaw and fruit have been moving very slowly so we hope that having the requests out for two weeks instead of one week will be beneficial.

Service Opportunities

Fall Cleanup-November 11, 9AM till 12Noon on the church grounds. Contact Andy at 508-873-2728 to volunteer.

Socks Needed- As the weather gets cooler, homeless adults need socks. Organize a collection in your neighborhood.

Warm Scarves needed for the schools and shelters- Gather together with friends to make simple scarves from thick fleece.

Our Sunday Morning Coffee Shop is in need of adult men and women volunteers every Sunday morning , Call Jim at 508-852-0293.

"Loaves and Fishes" Food Pantry- 90 Holden St. can use help to stock groceries. Contact Betsy at Betsy.wood226@gmail.com for details & dates

Holiday Outreach

Please Save these Dates

- November 4 to 12- Donations for Turkeys
- November 11/12 - Thanksgiving Food Drive
- November 18 - 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.



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 next Sunday. The children will be given the tickets while at the Liturgy to be redeemed after Mass. Best Wishes to our young Catholics.

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 12 at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room.

Please join us.

**Welcome to all family & friends
who are worshipping here with us today.**

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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.



Food Drive Coming Soon

Our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive will take place November 11 and 12. Collection will be before each Mass. Food can be left at the outer railing around 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.

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. Niccolls, 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

