

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden
January 21, 2018: Third Sunday in Ordinary

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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

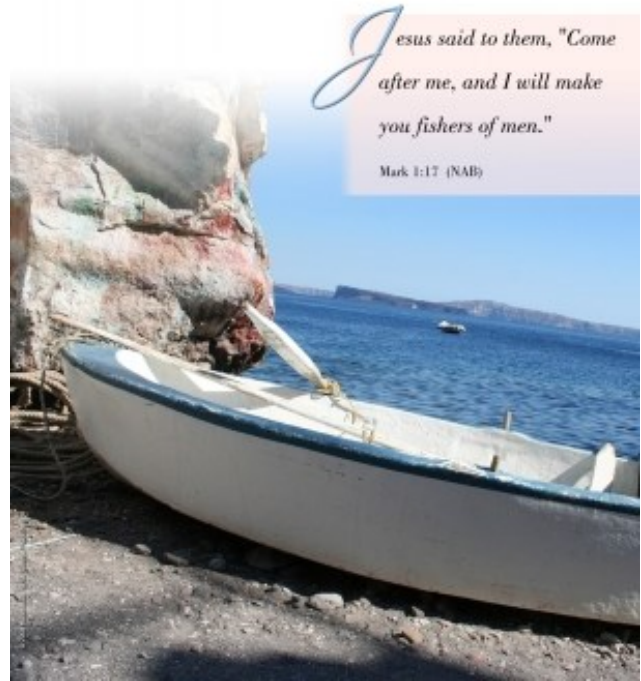
Parish Staff:

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, January 21, 2018

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 20: Vigil
 4:00 PM For those who serve our country & their families

Sunday, January 21: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM In memory of Lillian Pringle Zachowski
 9:00 AM In memory of Matt Ryan
 11:00 AM Memorial for Frank Pizan by family

Monday, January 22: St. Vincent
 8:00 AM In memory of Catherine & John Buzzell

Tuesday, January 23: St. Marianne Cope
 8:00 AM In memory of Charles Remington

Wednesday, January 24: St. Francis de Sales
 8:00 AM Memorial for Karyn MacGillivray by her husband

Thursday, January 25: Conversion of St. Paul
 8:00 AM Memorial for Jean Corio by family

Friday, January 26: Sts. Timothy/Titus
 8:00 AM For the Community of St. George

Saturday, January 27: Vigil
 10:00 AM First Reconciliation Ceremony
 4:00 PM Memorial for Daniel & Shirley Clifford by family
Installation of Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Sunday, January 28: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM 1st Anniversay for John Patinskas by Ruth Sarafinas
 9:00 AM For the intentions of our parishioners
 11:00 AM In memory of Mary Mooney
 12:30 PM Sacrament of Baptism
 6:00 PM Memorial for Conor Finn by the Krug family

Bulletin Deadlines

<u>Weekend of</u>	<u>Due to parish</u>
February 4	Wednesday, Jan. 24
February 11	Wednesday, Jan. 31
February 18	Wednesday, Feb. 7

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 B 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.

Parish Calendar

Saturday, January 20:
 8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, January 21:
 8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall
 9:00 AM Children's Liturgy St. George Rm
 9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Confr Rm

Monday, January 22:
 4:15 PM Religious Ed. Gr. 1-6 Center

Tuesday, January 23:
 10:30 AM Prayer Shawl Meeting Hall
 4:15 PM Religious Ed. Gr. 1-6 Center
 6:00 PM Girl Scouts Confr Rm

Wednesday, January 24:
 7:00 PM Faith Sharing Group Confr Rm

Thursday, January 25:
 6:00 PM Young Women's Evening of Spirituality Hall/Confr Rm
 6:30 PM Family Prayer Church

Friday, January 26:
 10:00 AM Faith Sharing Group Center

Saturday, January 27:
 5:15 PM Spiritual Growth Ministry Confr Rm
 8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, January 28:
 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
 6:00 PM Religious Ed. Gr. 6-9 Hall/

Scripture for the week of January 21, 2018

21	SUN	Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
22	Mon	2 Sm 5:1-7,10/Mk 3:22-30
23	Tue	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35
24	Wed	2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20
25	Thu	Acts 22:3-16/Mk 16:15-18
26	Fri	2 Tm 1:1-8/Mk 4:26-34
27	Sat	2 Sm 12:1-7a,10-17/Mk 4:35-41
28	SUN	Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28



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.

Second Collection

Next weekend, the collection for the Catholic Home Mission will be taken up at all Masses. Please see Bishop McManus' letter on page 6 for information about this important collection.

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**Thank You From
Crescent Manor Rest Home**

Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate 2018, we want to celebrate YOU and the wonderful people who make Christmas so special for our residents here at CMRH. Your generosity embodied the true meaning of Christmas.

We would like to extend a special thank you to Ann Lauring for all her hard work in coordinating another successful gift giving Christmas.

As you know some of our residents are limited to no family contact which makes your gift giving so invaluable. The best gift of all for our residents is knowing someone cares and took the time to remember them. We are truly grateful!

We thank you for your continued support at CMRH and wishing you the very best in 2018.

With sincere gratitude,

The Christmas team
Michelle, Karen, Brenda

Thank You From The Mustard Seed

Dear Parishioners,

With 2018 well begun, our community would like to thank you for your ongoing support through your very generous donation to the Mustard Seed of Christmas gifts, reindeer bags and all your help at the family Christmas Party. We are warmed by your kind act of remembering those whom we serve.

Blessings and peace,
The Mustard Seed Catholic Worker Community

This Week..

Pray for all those responsible for the medical care of their elderly relatives, that they may be guided in all their medical decisions by the voice of the Eternal Shepherd.

We Commend to your Prayers

Bernard Skamarycz
Marion Flynn



May the Angels lead them into Paradise



From Your Pastor

This weekend's readings, the first reading and the gospel particularly, tell us how people responded to God's promptings either through changing their ways of behavior through the words of a prophet like Jonah or to decide on a way of life to follow like Jesus' first disciples did at his invitation to them to do so. Like them, we, too, can have such nudges when it comes to moving from a bad place in life or to make spiritual decisions to fight off temptations and not become complacent about life. God does not just nudge us away from harm but also toward good, such as marriage, single life or a religious vocation. In any of these situations, it is our decision as to whether or not we allow ourselves to be so moved. We need to pay close attention in listening to God's voice and sometimes experiencing his gentle nudge. We long to be happy, and God wants us to be happy too! We will be happy by following our Lord's invitation to come and follow him. God knows our abilities and how each of us, through them, fits into his grand design for his creation. Our true happiness is not just for ourselves but for a better world as well. This is a path in life that ultimately leads to our eternal life with God. Let us be attentive to the ways that God reaches out to us and be quick and joyful in responding to his promptings.

Year 2018 Calendars are available for anyone who wants one.

Fr. Nicolls

Coffee Shop Captain



January 28, 2018
John Lewczyk: 508-856-9567

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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Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

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Religious Education

Welcome Back!

We are finally back to regular Monday and Tuesday classes this week after our Christmas break and week off due to MLK Day. Be sure to check the parish webpage for the class meeting dates for the rest of the year.

Christmas Carols & Giving Tree

Thank you all so much for the donations of socks for our giving tree this year. Mrs Annie Doyle took the donations to distribute at the Mustard Seed. It was also wonderful to take part in singing Christmas Carols with the religious education students that meet on Monday and Tuesdays. The children did an excellent job leading us in song with the help of our music director, Mr. Bill White.

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

Looking for ways to participate in outreach? Hungry for an idea of how to do more service work? Visit the parish website. Click on [Community](#), and then [Ongoing Outreach Opportunities](#).

Weekend of January 14, 2018

Total Weekly Ordinary: \$6,830.00

Thank you for your support!

Year-End Donation Information

We have been informed that end of year statements will be mailed from the envelope company by January 31, 2018.

If you contribute to the parish via "Online Giving" a statement of your contributions may be printed off online. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Hessel at MKHessel@aol.com

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 the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



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

This Weekend's Stewardship Thought

There is a certain urgency in today's Gospel as Jesus calls His first disciples-Andrew and Simon, James and John. Each one follows Jesus *immediately*, unhesitatingly abandoning nets and boats and father and fellow-workers. To what is Jesus calling me-at this *moment*, in *these* circumstances? What will I need to abandon in order to follow Him?

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me." Let your spirits be augmented by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jan 19-21, 2018 in South Kingstown, RI and Mar 9-11, 2018 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at [800-710-9963](tel:800-710-9963) or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

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St. Peter Central Catholic Open House

St. Peter Central Catholic Elementary School, 865 Main Street, Worcester, MA will host an Open House on Saturday, January 28, 2018 from 1:00 PM till 3:00 PM. St. Peter's has openings in Grades Pre-K to 7. Please visit us on January 28, or contact 508-791-6496 for more information or visit our website www.stpetercentralcatholic.com.

St. Peter Marian Junior-Senior High Winter Open House

St. Peter Marian Junior-Senior High School
Thursday, January 25th, 6:00-8:00 PM
781 Grove Street, Worcester MA 01605
www.spmguardians.org

For additional information or to pre-register contact Julie Kreuz, Director of Admissions, 508-852-5555 ext 114 or kreuzj@spmguardians.org Junior-Senior High School .

SAT Preparation Course

James Kelly (Leominster H.S. Math Teacher & St. George Parishioner) and Michael Hughes (St. John's H.S. Theology Teacher) will be running an SAT Prep Course for high school students at St. George. The course will consist of 10 classes for 32 hours of class time and run from February 3rd - March 2nd. St. George parishioners will receive a \$100 discount and reduced rates are available for low income families. Contact James Kelly (978-660-8624) or visit www.KellyandHughesSAT.com for more information."

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.

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.

A Letter from Bishop McManus

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Many dioceses here in the United States face challenges due to priest shortages, lack of funds, remote geography, or impoverished parishes. The **Catholic Home Missions Appeal** supports these dioceses that struggle to make ends meet and to serve the many needs of their parishioners. Through last year's grants of \$9.66 million, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal supported evangelization, catechesis, ministry formation, and other areas of faith development and pastoral programs in needy dioceses. Forty-two percent of all dioceses in the United States are considered home missions. As a result of the generosity of parishioners like you, this appeal impacts the lives of nearly 9 million Catholics.

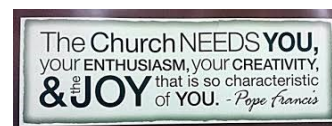
The Diocese of Pueblo's "wild west" terrain, very mountainous and lonely, has shaped the attitude of pastors and parishioners alike—they tend to be highly independent. This has served them well, since only 44 priests and 45 deacons are available to serve the needs of over 64,000 Catholics. The diocese is primarily rural, covering the entire southern half of the state of Colorado, and the priest shortage is felt very strongly there. But with your support of CHMA, the Diocese of Pueblo offers lay ministry training programs. This training will provide ministers to serve the most isolated parishes and offer spiritual support for Catholics in the diocese.

Thanks to your contributions, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal can continue to provide catechesis, lay leadership training, funding for seminarian education, and other essential pastoral outreach in home mission dioceses. I encourage you to be generous on the weekend of January 28 to help strengthen the Church at home. Your support will truly make a difference. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester



A Community of Ministries



Love. Grow. Serve.

PARISH OUTREACH

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THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Dear Friends,

A Happy and blessed New Year to all of you!

We thank you for your thoughtfulness and generous Christmas remembrance of us. We do keep you in our prayer as you continue to carry on your charitable work for others.

Lovingly, Your Sisters of Mercy at Berry Road

Those of us who are Christians in this society have a special mission to stand up for the sacredness of life. The world in which our children are growing up is one which shows a contempt for life in many ways. The gross evils of abortion and euthanasia involve the actual killing of those who are deemed inconvenient. But other evils such as racism or contempt for the handicapped, the elderly or the foreigner also imply a depersonalization that violates human dignity. We need to discuss these issues with our children and steer them away from anti-life attitudes they may pick up. Above all, let's keep these concerns present in our family prayer. Children who learn to pray for others, even those who might be thought of as enemies, are not likely to learn to hate. And children who learn to love instead of hate will grow up with a strong sense of respect for life.

St. George Parish Serves New American Family

We have recently met a small family of new Americans. They are a mom, dad and 7 year old twins - a boy and a girl. Thanks to your generous support of our Outreach Ministry were able to give them warm clothing and blankets as well as shoes and boots. We called them before the last blizzard to let them know they might need extra food. They said they could use flour to bake bread and we were happy to bring it to them. Their heat supply failed during the storm and we were able to bring them temporary heaters. They are so grateful! Please keep them in your prayers - there are so many new things to adjust to!

You are invited to join the new St. George Parish "Food Donation Team"

Together we hope to increase our non-perishable food donations for the hungry

If you are open to receiving a weekly email with information from Dave Jarry on local sales of items that are needed in our local food pantries, then consider yourself part of the team!

For more detailed information, to share your own thoughts and/or to join the team, just email Dave at DavewithFDT@gmail.com

Special needs for January 2018 are for cans of tuna, chicken, and soup.

All non-perishable food items are also welcome!



The word of God does not belong to him who hears or speaks it, but to him who puts it into practice.

...St. Giles of Assisi

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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.*

Visitation House Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Faith In Action & Respect Life Committees:

Visitation House, on Vernon Hill in Worcester, is a Catholic home for homeless women with crisis pregnancies. These women are supported in a safe environment. During this time and after the birth of their child, trained staff work with the mothers teaching life skills and how to take better care of themselves and their baby. Mothers are assisted in finding housing, exploring education and pursuing job opportunities. Please support Visitation House by taking a baby bottle, keeping it for four weeks and filling it with your spare change. Baby bottles will be distributed at the end of each Mass on the weekend of **January 27-28th**. Baby bottles will be collected the weekend of **February 24-25th**. Wicker baskets, with the baby bottles, will be found near each entrance of the church. May God bless you for your generosity in supporting this life giving ministry. Thank you.



Spiritual Growth Ministry

Faith Sharing Groups

New Insight Reflection Books are now available. These new books will be used from January 13th through June. The cost is \$12.00. These new Insight books will also be used during Lent. If you have any questions, please speak with or call JoAnn @508-527-6973 or Joyce Purcell @ 508- 852-3304.

Reminder

Young At Heart Women's Evening Of Gathering And Reflection

Thursday : January 25, 2018 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Dinner Will Be Served @ 6:15PM

Please speak with Sarah Kelly, Kate Connor or Andrea Berger if you have questions or need to register.



Women's Day of Spirituality
Celebrating Our Giftedness

Speaker: Judith A. Talvacchia M.Div., BCC

** What are the personal gifts that are an important part of my life?*

**How did I express my gifts earlier in my life?*

**How am I being called to share my gifts with others today?*

**What do the women of the Gospel teach us about being open to God who calls forth our gifts at times and in ways that we never expected?*

St. George Church's Hall
9am - Registration & Coffee
10am - Program Begins
1pm - Day Concludes
Lunch Included

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered at the conclusion of the day
\$15 per person

Registration will take place after all masses in January

Last Day To Register February 15th

For more information or questions please call/text, Andrea Svagdys -Gumbrell at 508-330-0267

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.

Cursillo Weekends

Cursillo or "short course in Christianity" is an uplifting and educational experience. The weekend is facilitated by a team of laypeople and clergy who deliver organized talks and discussions. Our 2018 dates are: Men's - **February 22-25 & June 14-17**; Women's - **May 3-6 & October 25-28**. All weekends will be held at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. For additional information, please contact Sue Leighton at 508-278-3155 or sleighton1958@gmail.com.