

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

July 9, 2017: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parish Office: 508-853-0183
www.saintgeorgesparish.org

Office Hours:
Monday & Wednesday 9:00AM to 5:00PM
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00AM to 4:00PM

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It is our privilege to serve you.

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.*

For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.

Matthew 11:28,30

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:

*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, July 9, 2017

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 9: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 AM Memorial for Chuck Sarafinas by
Kriss Kibelkstis
9:00 AM Memorial for Nicholas Aliperti by
Lorraine Neilan
11:00 AM Memorial for Robert John Berry by
LeeAnn Peterson
12:30 PM Sacrament of Baptism

Monday, July 10:

- 8:00 AM Birthday Remembrance for Maureen
Migdelany by Sue & Bob Ovia

Tuesday, July 11: St. Benedict

- 8:00 AM Memorial for Ernest Ponce by the
Parker family

Wednesday, July 12:

- 8:00 AM 15th Anniversary for Suzanne Niccolls by
her brother

Thursday, July 13:

- 8:00 AM For the Community of St. George

Friday, July 14: St. Kateri Tekakwitha

- 8:00 AM In memory of Lillian Fairbanks

Saturday, July 15: Vigil

- 4:00 PM Memorial for Mary Durand by the
Carlson family

Sunday, July 16: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 AM Memorial for Judy Ritchie by family
9:00 AM Memorial for Michael Connolly by
Jim & Ann Lauring
11:00 AM Memorial for Robert John Berry by
Rod & Betty MacIsaac

Parish Calendar

Saturday, July 8:

- 8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, July 9:

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

Monday, July 10:

- 9:00 AM Bible Camp Hall/Center
5:45 PM Yoga Hall
7:00 PM Pieta Confr Rm

Tuesday, July 11:

- 9:00 AM Bible Camp Hall/Center
10:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Confr Rm

Wednesday, July 12:

- 9:00 AM Bible Camp Hall/Center
6:30 PM Daughters of Isabella Hall
7:00 PM Faith Sharing Group Confr Rm

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Bulletin Deadlines

Weekend of

July 23

July 30

August 6

Due to parish

Wednesday, July 12

Wednesday, July 19

Wednesday, July 26

Items must be submitted by 5:00 PM on the due date.
Email items to stgeooffice@gmail.com, or fax to the
Rectory.

Scripture for the week of July 9, 2017

- 9 SUN** Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
10 Mon Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26
11 Tue Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38
12 Wed Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Mt 10:1-7
13 Thu Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15
14 Fri Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23
15 Sat Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33
16 SUN Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or
13:1-9



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.

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.

Bereavement Support at Blessed Sacrament

Blessed Sacrament Bereavement Support group in
conjunction with our Shawl Ministry will meet **July 13
from 6:30- 8:00 pm**, Epiphany House, 551 Pleasant
Street, Worcester. The Bereavement Ministry will
serve families who have lost a loved one to death
through Blessed Sacrament Parish. Operation Rang-
er Rosary will resume in September. Please contact
Cecelia M Mason, at (508) 335-0898 or ceceliamason@yahoo.com.

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Volunteer Opportunities in Catholic Charities Worcester

Volunteers are needed at the Catholic Charities Emergency Stabilization Services Program, 10 Hammond St., Worcester to help with the following: Distribute food, once a week, in the food pantry; Assist with monthly food pick-ups at the Worcester County Food Bank in Shrewsbury; Assist in the Clothing Closet, once a week, with sorting donations; or Assist with the Diapers and Wipes Program to maintain inventory and client records. For more information, please contact Rose Gage, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, at rgage@ccworc.org or at 508-860-2211. Thank you for your interest!

PRAE Parish Renewal and Evangelization

"The Diocesan group PRAE (Parish Renewal And Evangelization) can give you tools to help you to evangelize in your everyday life. We'll address the adult who no longer goes to Church, the co-worker who challenges your religious beliefs, the widespread indifference to God, among other topics of concern. PRAE is offering a 2-part program-Everyday Evangelization-to help the average Catholic become more competent and comfortable in evangelization. The program will be held at Immaculate Conception Church, 353 Grove Street, Worcester in the Church Basement on the Wednesdays of July 12 and July 19 from 6:30-8:00 PM. There is no cost, and all are invited to attend."

Coffee Shop Captain



July 16, 2017
Dave Allen: 508-853-2862

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.

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.

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.



From Your Pastor

At the time of the ordinations to the diaconate and priesthood here in the Diocese of Worcester, Bishop McManus consecrated our diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of our Blessed Mother at Fatima. In keeping with the spirit of this consecration, we will begin offering a Mass to our Blessed Mother on the first Saturdays of the month, beginning on Saturday, August 5th, at 8:00 A.M. in the chapel of Eucharistic Adoration. All are welcome to attend.

Fr. Niccolls



Interfaith Hospitality Network Of Greater Worcester

On behalf of the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Worcester, I would like to thank

St. George's Parish for your continued support.

IHN serves and nurtures homeless families as they work to move themselves out of crisis, into stability and ultimately to self-sufficiency. Last year provided housing, meals and case management/referral services to 17 families, comprised of 29 adults and 43 children. IHN staff and volunteers are able to do this work thanks to the generosity of our donors. Your financial contribution makes it possible for us to continue offering a temporary home to families in crisis.

Everyone at IHN is deeply grateful for St. George's ongoing commitment to IHN. We are truly blessed to have your support. Thank you for all that you do in providing shelter and assistance to families who have no place to call home.

Joanne H. Alley
Director, IHN of Greater Worcester

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Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

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

Registration Religious Ed Gr. 1 - 6

Each family should have received a registration form in the last weeks of classes. Extra forms are available outside of the religious education office in the parish center, and in the church hall. Please drop off your family's registration in the parish center, outside the religious education office on the lower level by August 1st. Thank you!

Confirmation Service Experience

Confirmation Service experiences are a brief introduction to community service that the candidate may choose to repeat as a young adult member of our parish community. This year these experiences will mainly take place at the Interfaith Hospitality Network Shelter on June St, the Vacation Bible Camp here at St. George Parish, the Mustard Seed Soup kitchen on Piedmont Street and the Anointing of the Sick here at St. George. Please pray for us as we serve, your prayers help to give us courage.



Summer Plans?

As summer approaches, keep us in mind if your plans include weekends away from home. A great way to maintain your connection to the parish is through our online bulletin as well as using online giving; it's easy to use and allows you to continue your support of the parish year round. To sign up today, go to www.saintgeorgesparish.org For more information or assistance please contact Kathy Hessel at MKHessel@aol.com



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 July 10 at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room.

Please join us.



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A community work project took place on a hot and humid morning. College students helped younger students, keeping a watchful eye on them as they were picking up trash, painting playground furniture and hanging new signs. Halfway through the morning, everyone headed for the shade of a weeping willow tree and a drink of ice-cold spring water. It really was refreshing. The shade and the water revived us and we were ready to finish our work. Everyone had a good time and contributed to our success.

Jesus never said that life would be easier because we believe. He only promised that He would be with us always. In our work and struggle, He is always near, giving us purpose and hope as we join our work to His as a prayer and an offering to the Father. We never struggle in vain, for even our smallest efforts join us to heavenly powers.

Our work may be difficult and tiresome, but the Lord is always watching over us. He makes sure we have the strength and the rest we need to complete our mission. His love never fails. We are certain of success because, in everything we do, we are building the Kingdom of God.

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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.

Before Mass talk to God...

During Mass let God talk to you...

After Mass talk about God to everyone...



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A Music Note

With the 2016/2017 choir season officially coming to a close on Corpus Christi, I wanted to take a moment and send out a heartfelt thank you to all who participated in the music ministry this past year. Our parish is truly blessed to have such a large group of people who share their gifts and talents of music with the congregation. Music is alive and well at Saint George!

Thank you – John Bausch, Judy Berlane, Stan Berlane, Amy Bobkowski, Carol Bobkowski, Madeline, Bobkowski, Patrick Bobkowski, Paul Bobkowski, Dave Bourque, Clara Dewar, Mary Dupre, Andy Fornari, Ismenia Gardner, Rita Hayes, Kathy Hessel, Christopher Lobo, Tony Lobo, Arlene Marengo, Gabriela Ohl, Sue Ovian, Rebecca Paldino, Marina Pascucci, Judy Paulin, Lou Piscitani, Callie (Walsh) Pope, Marge Pratt, Linda Rogers, Karlie Sanford, Amanda Toole, Patrick Toole, Don Viens, Ruth Viens, Carol Wheeler, and Molly White.

A special thanks go out to a few other people who continually carry a very large share of the load and without whom, I'd be lost! First to our organist Mike Garceau who joined us last September and is excited to get behind our new organ soon. Second to Alex Roman who has been volunteering his time and talents at Saint George alongside me for the past 13 years. Thanks brother! And finally to Kevin Cusack who continues to go above and beyond through his tireless dedication to the parish whether at the keyboard at the 9:00 mass or by leading our youth group who have participated musically at many masses – most significantly on Christmas Eve at Saint Peter Marian. I also have to mention that Kevin has filled in at various other masses on the keyboard in a pinch without hesitation. You are gift to the parish!

I am inspired by all your talents and am most grateful to all of you. You all make my job tremendously rewarding – and so thank you!

Peace,

Bill White

This Week..

Pray for victims of violence and for those who minister to them, grant swift healing to those in pain and grant them all the grace and love to persevere.



Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism Preparation session is:
July 23 and July 30, 2017
Families attend both sessions
Godparents and children are always welcome

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.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for July

During the month of July Pope Francis has asked that our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and beauty of the Christian life.

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

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration



The Adorers of the Perpetual Adoration Chapel wish to thank Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for these favors:

1. Thank you Jesus for being by my side.
 2. Thank you Jesus for my job and my son's freedom
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This Weekend's Stewardship Thought

"Let all Your works give You thanks, Oh Lord, and let Your faithful ones bless You," says the psalmist. Stewardship is this "attitude of gratitude" for the many gifts God has given us.



I know God. He is a father, a mother, who in order to be happy must have his child upon His knee, resting on His heart.

... St. Therese of Lisieux

A Community of Ministries



Love. Grow. Serve.

PARISH OUTREACH

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annie@saintgeorgesparish.org

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Our Annual Parish Service Week at IHN Family Shelter on June St. took place June 25 till today July 2

This bulletin is being prepared before the week has begun. I am looking forward to being part of the team who will cook meals, bake desserts, donate items, assist with repairs, garden, spend time with the children and pray during this coming week!

We already know that the house will be filled with six families! We pray we are able to make it feel a bit like "home" to the 10 adults, 10 children and two babies who will share the space, meals and hopefully ...fun!

Happy July 4th to all! We have so much freedom to celebrate! Freedom to worship, believe, speak, gather, make free & responsible choices and so much more!

Thanks from Urban Missionaries !

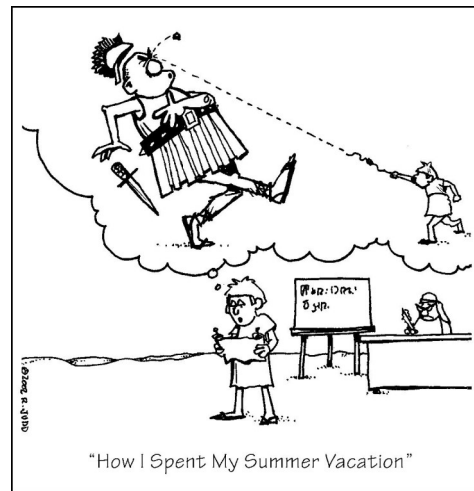


Many items were donated!
All were appreciated!

Food Pantry Needs Continue

Peanut Butter, tuna and boxes of cold cereal are a special need. This time of year, children's sunscreen is an important item as well. Many thanks to all who remember to feed the hungry every week!

One particular family event is guaranteed to give you the greatest opportunity to create memories and see God's provision all at the same time - the family car trip. This is not for the faint of heart but look what awaits you: you will learn patience as you answer the repeated plea for the "ETA" - estimated time of arrival, which is the contemporary version of "Are we there yet?". You will learn dependence upon God's provision as you find your way after being lost. You will learn to trust God for protection as you are changing the flat tire on the shoulder of the interstate. And perhaps most important of all, you will be learning these lessons together as a family. These are excellent opportunities to teach your children about God being in the middle of your circumstances. (from "God is in the Small Stuff for your Family" by Bruce & Stan)



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.

Why a "Community of Ministries"?

Here at St. George Parish we strive to work together as a "Community of Ministries" who collaborate and cooperate with one another. It is in this spirit humility and unity, that we hope to continue to grow "as one" in Christ.

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

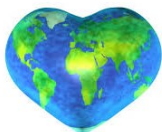
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*Our Parish Vision: To **welcome** all, build **connections** to Christ and one another, and **live our faith** as true disciples of Jesus.*

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! So far, \$264,000.00 has been raised!

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 WaysideATQ@aol.com for more information. They are happy to explain more about how "Hope for Housing Cards" help families on the brink of homelessness.



We invite you to consider joining us to promote a heightened awareness and support for Catholic Church teachings as related to social justice, non-violence, dignity of life and caring for creation issues within our parish and the world. Join us in action:

- Consider buying a "Hope for Housing Card" in the church hall after Mass. See Dave and Sue
- Support poor farmers worldwide by buying "Fair Trade" coffee in our Coffee Shop
- Read about Catholic Social Teaching by taking home a theme card from the table in the back of the church hall
- Contact us if you are interested in joining our ministry. Our next meeting is August 30.

Contact Joyce Purcell for details:
jap64us@gmail.com or 508-852-3304



Spiritual Growth Ministry

God Has Created Me To Do Some Definite Service

He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another.
I have a mission.
I may never know what it is in this life: but I shall be told in the next.
I am a link in a chain
a bond of connection between persons.
He has not created me for nothing.
I shall do good.
I shall do His work.
Therefore, I will trust Him.
Whatever wherever I am,
I have value.
If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him.
In sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him
He does nothing in vain.
He knows what He is about.
My friends may desert me.
I may be thrown among strangers.
I may feel bad,
my spirits may sink,
and I may not know the future.
Still, I will trust in Him.
(Adapted from Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman)

Teen Summer Faith Sharing Group

4 Meetings:

2 in Late July & 2 in Early August

Please speak with: Fr. Niccolls or Fr. Charles for more information

