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.
Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

September 2, 2018: Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 1: Vigil
4:00 PM Special Intention

Sunday, September 2: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Special Intention
9:00 AM Memorial for Helen Dapper by family
11:00 AM In memory of Maurice Ryan

Monday, September 3: St. Gregory The Great
8:00 AM Memorial for Robert Gedraitis

Tuesday, September 4:
8:00 AM Memorial for Helen F. Trainor

Wednesday, September 5: St. Teresa of Calcutta
6:30 PM For those who serve our country & their families

Thursday, September 6:
8:00 AM Memorial for Richard W. Brosnihan by Ann Walsh

Friday, September 7:
8:00 AM For the souls in purgatory

Saturday, September 8:
4:00 PM For the Community of St. George

Sunday, September 9: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Months’ Mind for Richard W. Brosnihan by family
9:00 AM Special Intention
11:00 AM Memorial for Richard H. O’Shea by Dr. Steven Branch & Cathleen Archambeau

Parish Calendar

Saturday, September 1:
8:00 PM AA

Sunday, September 2:
8:00 AM Coffee Shop
9:00 AM Children’s Liturgy
9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy

Monday, September 3:

Tuesday, September 4:

Wednesday, September 5:
7:00 PM Faith Sharing Group

Thursday, September 6:

Friday, September 7:
10:00 AM Faith Sharing Group

Saturday, September 8:
8:00 PM AA

Sunday, September 9:
8:00 AM Coffee Shop
9:00 AM Children’s Liturgy
9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy
10:00 AM Men’s Club

Scripture for the week of September 2, 2018

1 SUN Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
2 Mon 1 Cor 2:1-5/Lk 4:16-30
3 Tue 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37
4 Wed 1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44
5 Thu 1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11
6 Fri 1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39
7 Sat Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
8 SUN Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Senior Fraud Hotline

RSVP’s Senior Fraud HelpLine is a toll-free resource for seniors and their families to call when they are concerned that they are being targeted by scammers. If they are in doubt, they should check it out by calling 1-800-297-9760. Confidential. Knowledgeable. Local. Supportive.

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 September 10 at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room.
Please join us.

Bulletin Deadlines

Weekend of Due to parish
September 16 Wednesday, Sept. 5
September 23 Wednesday, Sept. 12
September 30 Wednesday, Sept. 19

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.

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Hours

Open 4:30 AM to 8:00 PM Daily
Weekend of August 19, 2018

Total Weekly Ordinary: $7,621.02

This Week...
Pray for all who suffer from chronic illness or disease and for those who care for them, that through the healing power of Christ’s body and blood they will be given strength and hope for recovery.

“Fatal Flaws” to be shown in Worcester
‘Fatal Flaws’ is a film on legalizing physician-assisted death and euthanasia. All are welcome to come and watch this new documentary movie on the dangers of physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia worldwide. The film will be shown in the parish hall of Christ the King Church, 1052 Pleasant Street, Worcester, on Tuesday, Sept. 18, at 7 pm. It will be followed by a discussion. The evening will conclude by 9 pm. There is no cost. You can register for the evening at www.witnessforlife.com or by calling 508-754-5361. Also, you can watch the film’s 3-minute YouTube ‘trailer’ at the same website.

Novena to St. Joseph in Worcester
The 7th Annual Novena to St. Joseph will take place at Christ the King Parish in Worcester on Monday evenings this fall beginning on Sept. 10. We pray for the seriously ill, for improvements in palliative care, and to oppose attempts to end human life through physician-assisted suicide or euthanasia. The Novena will be celebrated for nine consecutive Mondays from 7:15 pm to 8:00 pm. This year’s homilists are Bishop Robert J. McManus (Sept. 10); Msgr. Thomas Sullivan (Sept. 17); Rev. Daniel Becker (Sept. 24); Deacon Michael Chase (Oct. 1); Rev. John Gavin, SJ (Oct. 8); Rev. Frederick Fraini (Oct. 15); Rev. Jonathan Slavinskas (Oct. 22); Rev. Dennis O’Brien (Oct. 29); and Msgr. Thomas Sullivan (Nov. 5). All are welcome to participate in this annual Novena. The names of seriously or terminally ill persons can be submitted by calling 508-754-5361 or emailing tsullivan5@mac.com.

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

From Your Pastor
In these times when there just seems to be so much divisiveness in our country, our world and sometimes even in our Church, we need to hear the words of our late Holy Father, St. John Paul II, taken from his encyclical, Dives in Misericordia (Rich in Mercy), where he says the following:

"Society can become ‘ever more human’ only when we introduce into all human relationships which form its moral aspect the moment of forgiveness, which is so much of the essence of the Gospel. Forgiveness demonstrates the presence in the world of the love which is more powerful than sin. Forgiveness is also the fundamental condition for reconciliation, not only in the relationship of God with man, but also in relationships between people. A world from which forgiveness was eliminated would be nothing but a world of cold and unfeeling justice, in the name of which each person would claim his or her own rights vis-a-vis others; the various kinds of selfishness latent in man would transform life and human society into a system of oppression of the weak by the strong, or into an arena of permanent strife between one group and another. For this reason, the Church must consider it one of her principal duties...to proclaim and to introduce into life the mystery of mercy.

Fr. Niccolls

Coffee Shop Captain

September 9, 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.

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Welcome to a Brand New Year of Learning

I hope that all the families of our parish have been able to have a relaxing and fun summer break. It has been wonderful for me to be able to spend more time with my family and friends at a more relaxed pace these last couple of months. It's hard for me to believe that the lazy days of summer will soon come to an end. I'm sad to see that summer will be over soon, but I am excited to get to see our religious education students again each week.

To all of our returning families, I have missed your smiling faces and can't wait for you to be back in regular weekly classes. To all of the new families, welcome! It is my hope that you feel at home at St George Parish, and I cannot wait to get to know you.

You can find all registration information on the parish website www.saintgeorgesparish.org. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to email me at sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org.

God Bless!
Sarah Kelly :-)

Registration Information 2018-2019

We have now reached the August 1st deadline for religious education registration. The fee paid after August 1, is $100.00 per student – not to exceed $175.000 per family. Fees may be paid by check (payable to St. George Church) or cash. There is an additional $35.00 fee for each student entering Grade Two or Confirmation. Registration fee payment must be made at time of Registration. Once the Registration Fee is received, your child will be assigned to a class.

Forms are available to be downloaded from the parish website www.saintgeorgesparish.org. Hard copies can be found outside the religious education office in the Parish Center.

Registration forms and fees can be mailed to the rectory outside the religious education office in the Parish Center. Registration forms and fees can be left in the mail slot in the religious education office door.

New Program for Ages 3-5

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

We are very excited to be introducing a new program for children ages 3-5 in the fall. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an wonderful program for the youngest of our parishioners. This program will take place on Mondays 10-11AM please contact Sarah Kelly at: sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org for more information.
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

On a trip to New York City, our group ended up sitting at an outdoor café, watching people walk by. One person made the observation that every person walking by us had a story to tell, a place to go and things to do. It reminded me of a movie that examined the many ways in which the lives of strangers are intertwined and overlap. We are closer than we imagine. The woman walking by is the granddaughter of your great aunt’s best friend. The man at the corner store is the cousin of the priest who married your parents. The young boy on the bike who almost knocked you over goes to your parish, but only when he visits his grandfather, who ushers at the 7:00 Mass on Sunday morning. We are connected in so many ways.

Faith makes those types of connections. We share the same beliefs, receive the same sacraments and struggle with the same sins, yet we live miles apart. We’ve prayed together, hoped together, and worshipped together. To be a Catholic is to be part of the universal Church, the Body of Christ. In Him we are more than just connected by coincidence. We are the children of God, united as one.

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Eucharistic Minister Volunteer Openings
UMass Memorial Medical Center, Memorial Campus, 119 Belmont Street, Worcester, has volunteer openings for Eucharistic Ministers to administer Communion to Catholic patients during their Hospital stay. Volunteer commitment is one day a week for 2 to 3 hours.

Please contact Tatjana Abovich, Coordinator, Volunteer Services - 508-334-6308.

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.

Scheduling of Parish Calendar Events
The new parish calendar becomes effective September 1st. Even if your group’s schedule has not changed we need your information so that the calendar is as accurate as possible. You will be notified if your request for meeting space is unavailable.

Please email schedules to Joan Koppenal at stgeooffice@gmail.com or mail to the Parish Office.

St. Thomas More Law School Scholarship
Each year the St. Thomas More Society of our Diocese awards a scholarship of not less than $3000 to a law student attending an accredited law school. Applicants or parents must be registered and active members of a parish in the Diocese of Worcester. Applicants may be in any year of law school studies. Applications may be obtained by visiting the diocesan website, www.worcesterdiocese.org/st-thomas-more-society, by mailing requests to: St. Thomas More Society, Chancery Office, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609 or by calling Sara Smillie at 508-929-4345. Applications are due on or before September 21, 2018. Should anyone wish to contribute to the scholarship fund, donations will be greatly appreciated and you can make contact at the above address or phone number.

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.

Women of Faith: Morning of Prayer
“A Habit of Noticing and Nurturing” with Liz Walz, ASP will take place on Saturday, Sept. 15, 9:30 am – 1 pm at St. Anne’s Convent, 720 Boston Post Road East, Marlborough. In this gentle session we will learn a Prayer of Hospitality to Your Self and practice Noticing and Nurturing your own God-moment-awareness. You will come away with a deeper connection to the movement of Holy Mystery in this Lectio of your life. The presenter, Liz Walz, ASP is an Associate of the Sisters of Providence of Holyoke. The gathering will begin with “coffee and” followed by a brief presentation, prayer, personal reflection, and discussion. A registration fee of $10.00 is paid at the door. Pre-registration is required by Sept. 7. Visit www.WomenOfFaithSSA.org, or e-mail info@womenoffaithssa.org, or phone Ann Williams at 508-929-4345.
Many thanks:

- To our 19 Confirmation Candidates who each attended an “Introduction to Service” this summer. We hope that you will choose to serve again as confirmed members of our parish community
- To all who have so faithfully remembered to feed and clothe the poor this summer
- To Stan, who made a wonderful meal for the homeless at St. Francis and Therese Catholic Worker
- To everyone who has been donating socks, underwear and tee shirts for the homeless
- To Andy and our Mary Shrine gardeners who have so faithfully cared for the parish grounds all summer
- To all who served at IHN, the Mustard Seed, VBS, and the Reception following the Anointing of the Sick this summer

All Are Welcome – Call Today

If you, or someone you know, are interested in finding out more about being baptized into the Catholic faith, please call the Parish Office today. Perhaps you would like to learn more about receiving Holy Communion or Confirmation? Couples married by a Justice of the Peace may want to receive the Sacrament of Marriage. Preparation sessions for this strengthening Sacrament are also available and far simpler than you would imagine.

Fall Retreat for Women

Save The Date!

On Saturday, October 20, A Retreat for Women with Jaymie Stuart Wolfe will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at St. Mary Church Hall, Shrewsbury. Sponsored by the Commission for Women of the Diocese of Worcester. For more information, please contact Pamela Ashmankas at 508-798-0612.

The Family Connection

Lord, this is a time of new beginnings: a new month, a new season, a new school year. Thank you for all the opportunities that come with new beginnings. Help us to use every opportunity to love you and serve you. Bless each one of us as we begin our new beginnings. Bless our family as we share faith at home. Bless our commitment to live as a family of faith. Amen.

Join St. George’s “Food Donation Team”

For information on bargains and/or to join the team, just email Dave at DavewithFDT@gmail.com

Special needs for August are:
Boxes of cereal, cans of tuna, and (flip top) cans of soup

Holy Father’s Prayer

Intentions for September

During the month of September, the Pope asks that young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.
Announcing ‘Catholicism’ in Worcester

Christ the King Parish will offer this highly acclaimed new evangelization program on Thursday evenings this fall. All are welcome. The program was produced by Bishop Robert Barron. There will be large-screen, high quality DVD presentations and discussion groups. There will also be a half-day retreat on Saturday, Oct. 13. The program begins on Thursday, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m. (with dinner). Each Thursday begins with dinner (free will offerings accepted). The program concludes by 9 p.m. each evening. The schedule is: Sept. 13 (“Amazed and Afraid: The Revelation of God Become Man”); Sept. 20 (“Happy Are We: The Teachings of Jesus”); Sept. 27 (“Our Tainted Nature’s Solitary Boast: Mary, the Mother of God”); Oct. 4 (“The Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure”); Oct. 11 (“A Body Both Suffering and Glorious: The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church”); Saturday, Oct. 13, Retreat, 9:15 am-1:30 pm, at Assumption College (“Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven: The Mystery of the Liturgy and the Eucharist” and “A Vast Company of Witnesses: The Communion of Saints”); Oct. 18 (“The Fire of His Love: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit”); Oct. 25 (“World Without End: The Last Things”); Nov. 1, Feast of All Saints, Mass at 6 pm and ‘Celebration Dinner’ at 7 pm. To register call Msgr. Sullivan at 508-754-5361 or email him at tsullivan5@mac.com

Help to prevent family homelessness
Every weekend in our Church Hall

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 children with families in crisis.

Thanks to Sue & Dave Genereux who are in the Church Hall after every Mass. Contact them at 508-829-5776 or email WaysideATQ@aol.com for more information.

“May The Peace Of God Surround You”

Do not be dismayed by the brokenness in the world. All things break and all things can be mended. Not with time, as they say, but with intention. Love intentionally…unconditionally…extravently The broken world waits in darkness for the light that is you.

(L. R. Knost)

Worcester Catholic Women’s Conference
Saturday, November 10, 2018
Assumption College, Worcester, MA

More Details and Online Registration @ Worcester Catholic Women’s Diocese of Worcester

Ticket Prices With Lunch
Students (ages 16-22) $25.00
Early Bird (before 10/30) $45.00
After Oct. 13th - $60.00

FAITH SHARING GROUPS
New Fall Faith Sharing Groups
Begin The Week of September 9th

Books will be available in late August
If you should have any questions, please call JoAnn Nally (508-527-6973)

Men’s Club Meeting
The monthly Men’s Club meeting will be held next Sunday, September 9 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!!!.

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.
Evangelization Focus

“The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew.”

~Pope Francis