St. George Catholic Church

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.

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

A Community of Ministries, July 14, 2019
Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

July 14, 2019: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please Join Us!
Join us downstairs in the Church Hall after Sunday Mass for Coffee, Donuts and to enjoy being part of the parish community.

Coffee Shop Captain for July 21
Dave Allen 508-853-2862

All men and women are invited to join one of the St. George Coffee Shop Teams to serve once every 9 weeks. Please contact Jim Sanford at 508-852-0293 for more information. All are welcome!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 13: Vigil
4:00 PM Memorial Mass for James Malley and Aaron Mastrorio by family

Sunday, July 14: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM 17th Ann. Suzanne Niccolls, req. by her brother
9:00 AM For the Community of St. George
11:00 AM Memorial for Paul LaFayette by family

Monday, July 15: Saint Bonaventure
8:00 AM For the deceased members of the Shaw Family req. by the family

Tuesday, July 16: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
8:00 AM For the deceased members of the Wong Family

Wednesday, July 17:
6:30 PM For the deceased members of the LaFayette Family req. by family

Thursday, July 18: Saint Camillus de Lellis
8:00 AM For deceased members of the Chu family

Friday, July 19:
8:00 AM Memorial Mass for Lily Ho and Hung Tak Sing by family

Saturday, July 20: Vigil
4:00 PM Memorial for Jack DeCillis req. by family

Sunday, July 21: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM 17th Ann.—Memorial Mass for Judith A. Ritchie, req. by family
9:00 AM Memorial Mass for Diane Harle by Barbara Kane
11:00 AM For the Community of St. George

Parish Calendar

Saturday, July 13:
8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, July 14:
8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall
9:00 AM Children’s Liturgy St. George Rm
9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Conf Rm

Monday, July 15:
5:45 PM Yoga Hall
7:00 PM Pieta Conf. Room

Tuesday, July 16:
8:00 AM Children’s Liturgy St. George Rm
9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Conf Rm

Wednesday, July 17:
6:30 PM Family Prayer Church

Thursday, July 18:
8:00 PM AA Hall

Friday, July 19:
8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall

Saturday, July 20:
8:00 PM AA Hall

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Daily Scripture Readings

Daily Scripture Readings are available at the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops
Web site: http://usccb.org/

Scripture for the week of July 14, 2019

14 SUN Dt 30:10-14/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37
15 Mon Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34—11:1
16 Tue Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24
17 Wed Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27
18 Thu Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30
19 Fri Ex 11:10—12:14/Mt 12:1-8
20 Sat Ex 12:37-42/Mt 12:14-21
21 SUN Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42
Diocesan Victim Service Coordinator Note
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.

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel
Open 4:30 AM to 8:00 PM Daily
Please consider visiting the Chapel
All are welcome!
Note: The chapel is closed during the Bible Camp July 29th—August 2nd.
These hours are posted on the door.

This Weekend’s Stewardship Thought
“Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise,” (Luke 10:37) This was Jesus’ command at the end of the Good Samaritan story. Did you know that the Samaritans and Jews despised each other. The moral of the story is to love our neighbor. That means loving someone you may not know or someone that looks different that you or someone that you don’t like. All without expecting anything in return.

Consider Joining Our Community of Ministries
Call or e-mail the Parish Office today to check out the many possibilities. We have something for everyone!

From Your Pastor

From the Pastor’s Desk:

This weekend we welcome back Peter Bui, the seminarian who was with us last summer, as he begins a three-week assignment here at St. George’s from now until Sunday, August 4th. Julio Bonilla, our seminarian, who has just completed an 8-week summer Assignment here, will still be here most weekends as he continues his English language studies at Worcester State University during the week.

Fr. Niccolls

Total Weekly Ordinary Collection

Weekend of June 30, 2019
Ordinary Weekly: $5,267.67
Online Giving: $807.00

Monthly totals for June:
Fuel $165.00
Air Conditioning $785.00
Repair $549.00
Total: $1,499.00

Your generosity helps us to continue to be a vibrant parish community worshipping our Risen Lord and reaching out to our neighbors in need.

Thank you for your support!

Keep Children Safe
Our church building is always open to the public.
Please accompany your children at all times, especially if they need to go downstairs to the restroom during Mass.
The mayor of a small town gave a speech about making the city better, one citizen at a time, block by block. A few men in our neighborhood took it seriously and began to clean up litter, tidy up a vacant lot and start a neighborhood watch program. Their motto was, “If you want a better neighborhood, be a better neighbor!” Their efforts were contagious and the neighborhood not only looked better, but it became a better place to live. The Parable of the Good Samaritan is about loving others as God loves.

There are no limits or restrictions. It’s just one person—one neighbor—helping another, without regard for nationality, language or religion. We are all members of the same human family, all created by the same loving God. We cannot claim to be people of love if we fail to practice what we claim.

How do we become the Good Samaritan? Try random acts of kindness. Be more patient in traffic—even leaving the church! Give someone a helping hand. Buy someone’s lunch—anonymously. Send a thank you note. Forgive a debt—or a grudge. Call someone who needs a friend. Pray a little more. Make a good confession. Practice Lent in July. If you want a better Church, or if you want a deeper faith, work to be a better believer!

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Volunteer Opportunity

Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) New England, a year-long volunteer opportunity for women and men 50 years of age and better, is recruiting volunteers for the upcoming (September to June) year.

Volunteers give two full days/week of service and commit to a monthly spiritual reflection program in the Jesuit tradition. IVC works with nonprofits in the Boston/Worcester/Providence areas that address problems of homelessness, education, immigration and more. Get info and application by contacting regional director Dave Hinchen at: newengland@ivcusa.org, or check out the IVC New England website @ www.ivcusa.org/new-england

Partners In Charity

As of June 9th, our parish family has raised $94,154.00 from 263 donors toward our parish goal of $100,000. Thank you for your generosity.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to make a gift, we encourage you to do so today. Pledge envelopes are available in each pew and at the church exits.

Help keep our Church cool

Please help us keep our church cool by closing any window or door that you notice is open. This will help to assure that the air conditioner is working at full efficiency.

School Supplies needed at Catholic Charities and Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry

Backpacks
Notebooks & 3-Ring Binders, 1-3 Subject
Calculators (Especially Scientific!)
Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
Colored Markers
Copy/Print Paper
Crayons
Glue Sticks
Highlighters
Pencil Sharpeners
Pencils & Pens
Pocket Folders

These items can be left in our church Outreach Collection area up to August 5. Thank you!

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.
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St. George Parish Outreach
Annie Doyle
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St. George Confirmation Candidates
join in Service at the Interfaith Hospitality Network Family Shelter!

Confirmation Candidates joined in the work at IHN during our Parish Service week. They painted, gardened, played basketball with the children and made cookies to share with the families.

Many thanks to all of our parishioners who helped to bring God's love, kindness and care into to the lives of the families who are working through many struggles in life to provide a home for their children.

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)

Our next parish Mustard Seed Meal is scheduled for July 19th. Please choose a ticket to help fill a need. Needs are described on the tickets that can be found at each exit of our church.

Mustard Seed Renovations
The Mustard Seed building has been scrubbed, painted, and redecorated. Thanks to our Confirmation Candidates for assistance with the renovations that help to provide a more welcoming environment for hundreds of guests and volunteers.
Our Parish Vision: To **welcome** all, build **connections** to Christ and one another, and **live our faith** as true disciples of Jesus.

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 July and August are:
Canned chicken, cereal, soft, healthy granola bars. All non-perishable food items are always welcome and can be left in the Outreach area at the foot of the stairs inside the church entrance near the parking lot.

INH Family Shelter - Service Week Begins
June 23 till June 30, 2019 5:30 PM till 6 AM
Needs are posted at the church exits. Call Annie Doyle if you are interested in volunteering or donating your time, expertise or supplies.

**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 of humility and unity, that we hope to continue to grow “as one” in Christ.

You Can Help to Prevent Homelessness after Mass today

We invite you to use “Hope for Housing cards” to buy your weekly groceries or prescriptions at CVS. Celebrate a graduation with a treat from Dunkin Donuts or Panera Bread.

You receive the full face value of the a card in the amount you choose. The stores- CVS, Dunkin Donuts, Panera Bread, 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 Mass

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

**FAITH SHARING GROUPS**
How about coming to a Faith Sharing Group this summer?

FRIDAY 10: 00- 11:15 AM, 2nd Floor- Parish Center

This is a great opportunity to meet other members of our Parish Community, to learn more about the upcoming Sunday Gospel, to share ideas and learn more about our faith. ALL ARE WELCOME! If you have questions/need more information, please talk with one of our Priests, or call Joyce Purcell @ 508-852-3304 or JoAnn Nally @ 508- 527-6973.