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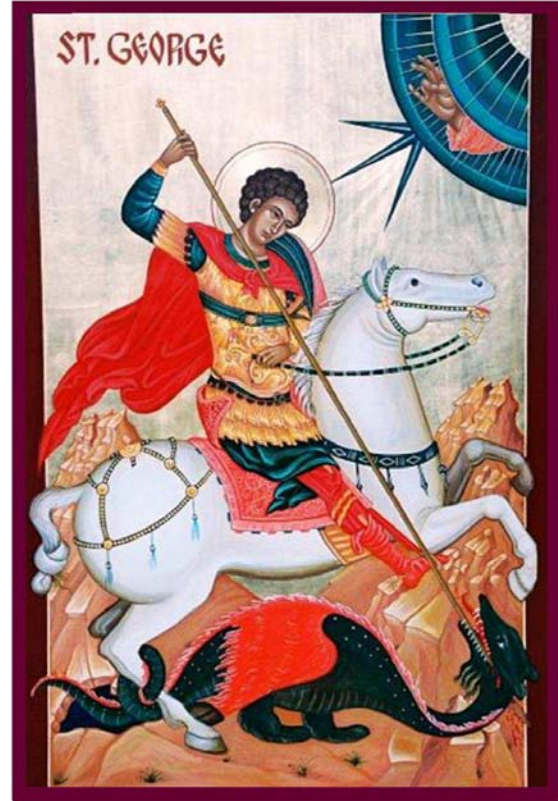
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Under the protection of Saint George in Christ Jesus

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: Carrie Rocha
Coordinator : 508-853-8222
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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 3:15 to 3:45 PM and by appointment

Parish Mission Statement

We, the parish community of St George, celebrate the presence of Christ in our lives.

Central to our identity and together with the universal Catholic Church, we are nourished and sustained through the Mystery of the Holy Eucharist. We are inspired by the proclamation of the word and guided by the Holy Spirit.

As Catholic Christians, 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.

A Community of Ministries, September 8, 2013

Saint George Church - Worcester & Holden

September 8, 2013: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 7: Vigil
 4:00 PM Birthday Remembrance for John MacDonald by his wife Regina

Sunday, September 8: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM For the Grandparents of our parish
 9:00 AM For the Grandparents of our parish
 11:00 AM For the Grandparents of our parish

Monday, September 9: St. Peter Claver
 8:00 AM Thanksgiving to God for the Golden Jubilee of Sr. Yvette Bellerose by Fr. Ron

Tuesday, September 10:
 8:00 AM For the parishioners of our parish

Wednesday, September 11:
 8:00 AM For those who lost their lives on 9/11

Thursday, September 12: The Most Holy Name of Mary
 8:00 AM In memory of Bob Giroux

Friday, September 13: St. John Chrysostom
 8:00 AM In memory of Gerry Duclos

Saturday, September 14: Vigil
 4:00 PM 6th Anniversary for Edward Peacott by family

Sunday, September 15: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM For the Community of St. George
 9:00 AM Memorial for Ralph & Eleanor Porzio by their children
 11:00 AM Memorial for Ambrose & Helen Pike by Bob & Fran Pike

Parish Calendar

Saturday, September 7:
 8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, September 8:
 8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall
 9:00 AM Children's Liturgy Hall
 9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Conf Rm
 10:00 AM Men's Club Meeting Hall

Monday, September 9:
 6:00 PM Yoga Hall
 7:00 PM Pieta Hall

Tuesday, September 10:
 10:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Hall
 6:30 PM Weight Loss Group Center

Wednesday, September 11:
 6:30 PM Daughters of Isabella Hall
 7:00 PM Widow/Widowers Center

Thursday, September 12:
 6:15 PM Boy Scouts Hall
 6:30 PM Family Prayer Church

Friday, September 13:
 Saturday, September 14:
 8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, September 15:
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 9:00 AM Children's Liturgy Hall
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Coffee Shop Captain

September 15, 2013
Bob Chakarian: 508-852-7222

Please join us in the Hall after Mass on Sunday for coffee, donuts and fellowship!

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.

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.



Readings for the Week of September 8, 2013

8 Sun Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

9 Mon Col 1:24-2:3/Lk 6:6-11

10 Tue Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19

11 Wed Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26

12 Thu Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38

13 Fri 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42

14 Sat Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

15 Sun Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

This Week..

Pray for those who are nearing the end of their lives, that they may be surrounded by the love of family and compassion of care-givers.

Men's Club Meeting

The monthly Men's Club meeting will be held, *this* Sunday September 8, 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!!!

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Family Ministry

Ruth Viens, Coordinator - 508-852-5658
Email : ruthviens@charter.net

Family Connection

Grandparents Day Prayer: Loving God, you have given us the wondrous gift of grandmothers and grandfathers. Your gracious love is reflected in their love and care for us. We thank you, Lord, for the surprises grandmas bring, and for the mending they do. We thank you, Lord, for the toys that grandpas fix and the stories they read to us. We thank you Lord, for the ways that our grandparents spoil us, for the celebrations they never forget, and for all the snuggles they give. We thank you for giving us grandparents to share their wisdom, to listen to us, to be there loving us. We remember in a special way those grandparents who have died and thank you Lord for the blessing they were in our lives. We thank you, Lord. Amen.

Grandparent Group resumes Friday September 20 in the Conference Room from 11 am to 12 Noon and continues the third Friday of each month. All grandparents are invited to join us as we pray for the safety and well-being of our grandchildren as well as all those grandchildren in our parish. Includes prayers to Saint Ann and Saint Joachim, grandparents of Jesus and the Rosary. The prayers are available for anyone who cannot come to the church and would like to pray from home. For more information contact Ruth Viens, 508-852-5658, ruthviens@charter.net.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

New members are invited to join this important ministry of outreach to the sick and suffering. You might want to knit or crochet – here at our bimonthly meetings or at home. Please call Annie Doyle at the Rectory for more information 508-853-0183.

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 9 at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room.

Please join us.

Daughters Of Isabella

The first meeting of the new season will be held on Wednesday, September 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Hall. Plans will be discussed regarding the Annual Harvest Dinner which will be held on October 18. All attendees are reminded to bring supplies to be donated to school children.

**St. George Gala III :
Celebrating Our Community
2013 Honorees**

Mary Gale



Mary Gale has been a parishioner at St. George for nearly 30 years. During that time she has taught Religious Education, including first communion and first penance, been an advisor to the CYC, was on the Scholarship Fund Golf Committee, and worked on the Bishop's Fund and the Catholics Going Green Committee. Mary is a Eucharistic Minister, Lector and Altar Server, and much of her work has involved the spiritual life of the parish. She has served on the Liturgy Committee since 1996, and has served as Chairperson for the past ten years. In addition, she was on the Spiritual Life Committee from 2001 to 2013, and Chair for five years. The Life in the Spirit Committee was a major interest, to which she devoted more than ten years, with more than half that time as Chair. She has also coordinated the Advent Evening of Prayer and Reflection. Mary Gale is a woman of faith and service, and St. George Church is grateful for her considerable contributions. Please join us as we honor her at the St. George Gala.

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2013
WACHUSETT COUNTRY CLUB**

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.

Bulletin Deadlines

Sept 21/22	Wednesday, Sept 11
Sept 28/29	Wednesday, Sept 18
October 6	Wednesday, Sept 25

Items must be submitted by 5:00 PM on the due date. Items can be e-mailed to office@saintgeo.com, mailed or faxed to the Rectory.

If you have any questions please call Joan Koppenal at the Rectory (508-853-0183).

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Religious Education

508-853-0183

Is God Calling You To Share Your Faith?

- We welcome parishioners to join our team of teachers and teaching assistants in our Religious Education ministry this year.
- Consider joining us for an experience that will enrich your life as well as theirs. There are opportunities in Grades 1 to 8. Check out the sign up sheets located at on the bulletin board at the parking lot door.

Religious Education begins September 23, 2013

To Register:

Grades 1 – 5

- Please see Annie Doyle at the Parish Office Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Sunday Mornings after the 9 AM Mass. Please call 508-853-0183 Ext. #12 for more information.

- We look forward to receiving all registrations before the first day of class. No registrations will be accepted at the Religious Education Center once classes begin:

For Grades 6, 7 and 8

- Please Call Rev. Eric Asante at 508-853-0183 Ext. #24 or email at kwaeric@msn.com

For Grades 9 and 10

- registration will take place before the first class begins at 6:00 PM on Sunday, September 29.
- For more information please call Kevin Cusack at 508-853-0183 Ext. #26

This Weekend's Stewardship Thought

Jesus tells the crowd that only those who renounce all of their possessions can be His disciples. Is He truly asking us to give up *everything*? Perhaps instead He is trying to help us see that everything we think we own is really a gift from God. Good stewards know that and strive to use those gifts accountably.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration



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

1. A blessed retreat experience.
2. My daughters engagement.

Parish Outreach

Annie Doyle - 508-853-0183 x12
Office hours Mon-Tue-Wed 9-5
adoyle@saintgeo.com



Dear Friends, Welcome Home from all your summer activities! It's great seeing all of you again!

Parish Gardening: Stewardship in Action

Many thanks to Russ, Joan and Fran for all your hard work to make the front and back of the Parish Center look so lovely! What a wonderful way to share your skill and to welcome our Religious Education Families back to their ongoing faith formation. Many thanks to Joyce and Rachel for noticing the needs in the Mary Shrine garden and planning to use your creativity to make this sacred space more beautiful.

Local Food Pantry Needs

Non Perishable food items, Toilet paper and Paper towels are a special need this month. Bringing a donation for those in need is a great example to others and a way to teach your children and grandchildren to live their faith by loving others.

Thanks to our Ministers of Hospitality - Inviting others to join the team

Many thanks to Donna, Pete, John, Maureen, Dave Joanne, Pat, Kathy, Virginia and so many others who greet parishioners and visitors when they come to Mass. Your kindness and outreach help to make our parish a warm and welcoming community! Ministers of Hospitality are needed to join the teams, everyone is invited including our youngest parishioners.

Marriage Preparation Ministry

Our sincere appreciation to Sharon and Scott Krug who kindly ministered to couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage for more than 10 years. The generous sharing of their own Sacrament was an inspiration to many.

Post Funeral Reception: Bakers Needed

If you can bake for this Bereavement Ministry, please call Nancy Forhan 508-853-3703 to help us renew, update, and add to our list.

St. George Parish Baptism Preparation Team

We are blessed at St. George Parish by the development of a baptism preparation team. This ministry grew out of an awareness of the necessity of instructing parents and godparents on the importance of the Sacrament of Baptism for their child and themselves. This preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism will enhance relationships among parishioners, aid parents and godparents in deepening their Catholic faith, and assist in fostering a greater witness to it. This approach is welcoming, supportive, encouraging, and understanding of family life. I am thankful to God and grateful to the following parishioners who are the St. George Baptism Team.

Carrie and Matt Rocha (Carrie Rocha is St. George Baptism Team Coordinator)

Andrea and John Berger

Sarah and Jim Kelly

Kara and Rob Tirimacco

KC and Owen Murphy

Lucy and Dan Gale

Martha and Ray Dewar

Terry Gentile



Baptism preparation will take place over two one and a half hour sessions for all parents and godparents.

Session One: Goal: Relationship Building between family and the parish community.

Session Two: Goal: Developing an understanding of the Sacrament of Baptism and explaining the Rite of Baptism.

This experience for parents and godparents in preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism fosters relationships and is welcoming of parents and godparents. It enhances and impacts catechesis, evangelization, marriage preparation, faith formation and the RCIA, as we encounter parishioners in their particular life situations. It promotes faith in the “domestic church,” our homes.

Fr. Row

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Hymnals

With your help, we are hoping to begin our Liturgical Year this December with new missals and hymnals. The *Journeysongs* hymnal, which we have used since 2004, is now out of date due to the new Roman Missal revisions of last year. Even with repeated repairs and multiple layers of tape, many of these books are tattered and worn. We will need to purchase 275 new hymnals.

Our Music Ministries, in collaboration with our Liturgy Committee, has chosen a double volume *Heritage Missal* and *Choose Christ* Hymnal with a reusable cover. It will be possible to update these volumes yearly.

You can help by purchasing one or more hymnals. Your donation of \$20.00/hymnal covers the cost of a hymnal and cover for this year, as well as the Missal Update for 2014 - 2015.

A bookplate recording your donation will be placed in the hymnal. Hymnals can be donated with an intention such as in honor of a baptism, an anniversary or a memorial for a loved one. Many thanks for you continued support as we worship and praise God together as the Body of Christ.

To purchase hymnals, please complete the form below. Copies of this form are available at the church doors. Please either mail the form and your donation to the rectory or place it in the collection basket. Any questions, please call Anne Good at the rectory 508-863-0163, ext 11 or email her at agood@saintgeo.com.

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