



Let them *praise* the name of the *Lord*

for his name *alone* is exalted;

his splendor is *above*

the earth and the heavens

Psalms 148:13

Parish Information

40 Brattle Street, Worcester, MA 01606
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Eucharist Schedule: Vigil (Saturday): 4:00 PM Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM
 Monday through Friday at 8:00 AM.

Baptism: Once a month at 12:30 PM. Call Ruth Viens, Baptism Coordinator at 508-852-5658 to make arrangements.

Penance: Saturday - 3:15 to 3:45 PM or by appointment.

Marriage: Arrangements, including date and time, must be made one year in advance with a priest. One of the couple must have been a registered member of the Parish for at least six months.

Anointing of the Sick and Communion Calls: Members of the family should notify the Rectory whenever a parishioner becomes confined at home, in a nursing home, a hospice or in the hospital.

Registration: New parishioners are always welcome! Please call Annie Doyle at the Rectory to register.

Coffee Shop: Sunday after every Mass in the Church Hall.

Pastoral Staff: Rev. Ronald Falco, Pastor; Rev. Michael Lavallee, Associate; Norbert Archibald, Deacon

Safe Environment Coordinator: Margaret Moynahan

Church Office: Joan Koppenal, Secretary **Parish Outreach:** Ann R. Doyle, Coordinator

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, closed Fridays and holidays

Religious Education: 508-852-1784 - **Elementary:** Margaret Moynahan, Coordinator

Junior High:

Senior High: Christopher O'Neill, Coordinator

Confirmation: Susan Pacek, Coordinator

CYC Youth Group:

Music Ministry: Michael Lizotte, Director 508-854-0459

Bulletin Editor: Joan Koppenal, 508-853-0183

Newsletter Editor: Ruth Viens, 508-852-5658

Parish Mission Statement

We, the parish community of Saint 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 to respond to what Jesus asks of us in our time by sharing our gifts and participating in parish activities.

Eucharist and Prayers for the Sick

Members of the family or friends are requested to either call the Rectory or add the name to the Prayer Basket, which is located in the Mary Chapel.

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.

Coffee Shop Captain

January 17, 2010
 Chris Ryan: 508-854-1342

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 C who will serve at our Masses next weekend. Thank you for sharing your time & talents with our Community of Ministries.

Financial Information

December 19/20 2009 (storm)

4:00 PM: \$2658.72

147 envelopes

7:30 AM: \$218.00

10 envelopes

9:00 AM: \$444.00

15 envelopes

11:00 AM: \$393.00

16 envelopes

Mail: \$60.00

3 envelopes

Weekly Total:

\$3713.72

191 envelopes and cash

"Non-weekly" envelopes were counted with the envelopes from the weekend of December 26/27 and will be reported next week.

Our winter expenses are the highest of the year - please consider "making up" your donation for weekends missed due to weather or illness.

It would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Our Weekly Financial Goal is \$7,750

This week we achieved 47.9% of our goal. Our shortfall was \$4036.28.



Mass Intention

Saturday, January 9: *Vigil*
 4:00 PM For the Community of St. George

Sunday, January 10: *Baptism of the Lord*
 7:30 AM 5th Anniversary for Charles Pena by the Morley family
 9:00 AM Memorial for Clare Menezes by the Ajbani family
 15th Anniversary for Arthur Cronin by family
 11:00 AM Memorial for Robert O'Neill by the Gale family
 12:30 PM Baptisms

Monday, January 11:
 8:00 AM Memorial for Mr. Asselin by Donna Saucier

Tuesday, January 12:
 8:00 AM Memorial for Beatrice Marsh by priests and people of St. George

Wednesday, January 13: *Saint Hillary*
 8:00 AM Special Intention by a friend

Thursday, January 14:
 8:00 AM Memorial for Santo M. Falco by his wife Nancy, Fr. Ron, & family

Friday, January 15:
 8:00 AM For the Barber Family & April

Saturday, January 16: *Vigil*
 4:00 PM Memorial for Clara Pescosolido Berard & Adelchi Pescosolido by family

Sunday, January 17: *2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 7:30 AM Memorial for Brian Burgess by the Pacek family
 9:00 AM Memorial for Michael Barber
 11:00 AM For the Community of St. George

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.

We Commend to your Prayers

Michael Barber, nephew of our secretary
 Joan Koppenal

Beatrice Marsh, our former parishioner, mother & mother-in-law of Barbara & Albert Pirani, grandmother of Gary Pirani & Gayle Akillian

May the Angels lead them into Paradise



Parish Calendar

Catholic Worker Bread Sale
 After all Masses

Saturday, January 9:
 8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, January 10:
 8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall
 9:00 AM Children's Liturgy Conf. Rm
 9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Hall
 10:00 AM Men's Club Conf. Rm
 6:00 PM Gr. 9/10 Religious Ed Center
 7:00 PM Confirmation Hall

Monday January 11:
 4:00 PM Gr. 1/2 Religious Ed Center
 6:30 PM Gr. 7/8 Religious Ed Center
 7:00 PM Pieta Conf. Rm

Tuesday, January 12:
 10:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Hall
 4:00 PM Gr. 3/4 Religious Ed Center
 6:30 PM Weight Loss Group Center
 7:00 PM Pastoral Council Conf. Rm
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal Church

Wednesday, January 13:
 4:00 PM Gr. 5/6 Religious Ed Center
 7:00 PM Bible Study Center
 7:00 PM Widow/Widowers Center

Thursday, January 14:
 6:30 PM Family Prayer Church

Friday, January 15:
 11:00 AM Grandparents Group Conf. Rm

Saturday, January 16:
 8:00 PM AA Hall

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 9:00 AM Children's Liturgy Conf. Rm
 9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Hall

This Week...

Pray that we live out our baptismal call to be witnesses to the truth of the Gospel and God's love for human life.

Scripture for the week of January 10, 2010

10	Sun	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/ Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
11	Mon	1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20
12	Tue	1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28
13	Wed	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
14	Thu	1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
15	Fri	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
16	Sat	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/ Mk 2:13-17
17	Sun	Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11



Religious Education

Peg Moynahan
508-852-1784

Religious Education Program

Grades 1 & 2 Monday 4-5 PM
Grades 3 & 4 Tuesday 4-5 PM
Grades 5 & 6 Wednesday 4-5 PM
Grades 7 & 8 Monday 6:30-7:30 PM
Grades 9 & 10 Sunday 6-7 PM



Parish Outreach

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

Start the New Year off by making a difference in the world:

- Resolve to bring non-perishable food items for the hungry each week
- Make up your mind to buy Homeless Prevention Cards after Mass
- Decide to knit a Prayer Shawl this year
- Promise yourself that you will come to Mass 10 minutes early to greet and welcome others (the need is especially great at the 11AM Mass).

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 January 11 at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room.

Please join us.

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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.

Pastoral Reflections

My Friends in the Lord Jesus,

We proclaim Jesus "Light of the world." This has been our continuous theme throughout the season of Christmas. Today, the last day of the Christmas season, we celebrate the adult Jesus. We encounter the Lord at the very beginning of his adult ministry. He is at the Jordan River and has been baptized by John the Baptist and the gospel of Luke tells us "heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" This proclamation is likened to what we celebrated last weekend. It is an epiphany, a revealing of the true identity of Jesus, born at Bethlehem, revealed as the Son of God, Light of the world.

The prophet Isaiah, in our first reading today, furthers our understanding of Jesus Christ as Light of the nations when he says, "Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant whom I uphold...I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness." As Christ's light shines it illumines the hearts and minds of his followers as to ways of justice and peace. It brightens the ways for upholding the dignity of every person, acting justly toward others and fostering peace, forgiveness, and reconciliation.

As our celebration of Christmas draws to a close our proclamation of Christ as light, hope and salvation continues everyday. As we joined with angels, shepherds, and Magi hailing the Savior's birth, we like Mary and Joseph, have heard the word of God, ponder it in our hearts, and act upon it. "This is my beloved Son," the voice of the heavenly Father said, "listen to him."

Fr. Ron

Office for Healing and Prevention

As a reminder, our parish follows the guidelines of the national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the policies of the Diocese of Worcester in screening those who work with children in our care and in helping victims of abuse and find healing. If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a Church employee or volunteer in the past, please contact Frances Nugent, Victim Services Coordinator for our diocese at 508-929-4363 (direct line & confidential voicemail). If you are concerned about a current case of abuse, please contact the local civil authorities immediately.



Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

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

1. My son's Catholic wedding by the grace of God & community assistance.
2. The Lord changed my life.

The Chapel of the Perpetual Eucharist Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament needs additional adorers. Call Deacon Archie at 508-847-3710 or 508-853-8169. to sign up or if you have any questions.



Attention Users of Online Giving

As soon as you have made your last donation for the year, you can access your statement for your tax returns on the website. The IRS will accept your printout in lieu of a statement from the envelope. A statement for your donations prior to using Online Giving will be mailed by D.P. Murphy before the end of January.

Weekly Gospel Reflections



Starting January 6 on Wednesdays from 7:00 PM to 8:15 PM in the Parish Center.

Please join us as we gather to read the Gospel of the upcoming Sunday, share faith and prayer. Fr. Michael Lavallee will lead these sessions.

Members of St. George and other Catholic parishes are welcome to attend. To register please call Fr. Lavallee at St. George 508-853-0183 x 16.

Why not make a resolution to dedicate the first hour of your families' work week to God?

Children's Liturgy

Children are invited to hear God's Word on Sundays at the 9:00 AM Mass. Pre-school and school age children are encouraged to join us. Call Alicia Barry 508-829-3361 for more information.

Bulletin Deadlines

<u>Weekend of</u>	<u>Due to the parish</u>
January 23/24	Wednesday Jan. 13
January 30/31	Wednesday Jan. 20
February 6/7	Wednesday Jan. 27

Please submit bulletin items by 5:00 PM on the due date. Items can be mailed or faxed to the Rectory or e-mailed to office@saintgeo.com. If you have any questions please call Joan Koppenal at the Rectory (508-853-0183).

Family Ministry


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

Family Connection

This weekend is the *Feast of the Baptism of the Lord*. Mark the dates of each family member's baptism on the calendar and plan to celebrate baptism days this year. Ideas for baptismal anniversaries: set up a special place in the home with the person's baptismal candle, certificate, mementos, and pictures (if available, show the video of the baptism); give godparents a call, or if they are in town, invite them for dinner; prepare a special meal and let the honored family member lead the prayer; share about the significance of the person's baptismal name; read the life of the person's patron saint. Everyone needs heroes/heroines, and good ones are hard to come by these days. What more suitable ones can we propose to children than those who have served God so faithfully? If the person has additionally been named after another family member, remember and share the qualities of that family member with each other



Have you signed up for Online Giving Yet?

If you have..Thank You! If not - why not consider it. Just go to  www.saintgeo.com and click the Online Giving icon. If you have any questions or concerns e-mail office@saintgeo.com or call Anne at 508-869-9982. It takes less than 15 minutes to sign up!

This Weekend's Stewardship Thought

Jesus, whom God called "my beloved Son," is also the "servant" of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.

Adoration Chapel

Doors to the Adoration Chapel are locked to visitors when young people are in the building. Visitors are invited to pray and adore the Blessed Sacrament in the Church Building.

Committed Adorers who have completed the necessary paperwork with Peg Moynahan will maintain Perpetual Adoration.

Chapel is closed to visitors:
 Sunday 5:30 PM till 9:00 PM
 Monday 3:30 PM till 7:30 PM
 Tuesday 3:30 PM till 5:30 PM
 Wednesday 3:30 PM till 5:30 PM

Please contact Deacon Norbert Archibald at 508-847-3710 if you have any questions.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Parking Reminders

Especially during the winter when we have snow and ice on the ground, it is critical that we keep access for emergency vehicles open at all times - both in our parking lot and on the street. Please observe the following :

- No parking in the fire lane: *the entire side of the driveway near the rectory is a fire lane so do not park there.* Handicap plates do not allow you to park in a fire lane.
- No parking in front of either of the garages.
- If you are parking in the front row of cars - please *do not block any part* of the driveway on the church side - the entire front of your car should be against the snow bank and/or grass.
- If you are parking on Rochelle Street please stay well away from the corner and park on the side of the road - leave enough room for an ambulance or fire engine to make the corner.
- In the parking lot, please leave enough room between and on the ends of the rows for a car or fire truck to safely pass through.
- Watch your step...we do our best to keep the lot plowed and sanded, but use caution when walking from your car to any of the buildings.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Catholic Worker Baked Goods

Members of Saints Francis & Therese Catholic Worker will be here this weekend with homemade baked goods. The sale of our wholesome bread and muffins, made with organic ingredients, is the main source of income which supports our ministries. We shelter homeless men and women, and we work for justice and peace. There is no set price for the bread as we prefer to depend on your generosity to carry on the works of mercy.

Save the Date

Catholics Going Green
 February 23 – April 13



Catholics Going Green establishes a lifestyle of awareness surrounding care for creation and social justice issues. As a parish this will be one focus for us during the season of Lent.

The Lord God then took the man and settled him in the Garden of Eden, to cultivate and care for it. – Genesis 2:15

The six sessions will invite you to read, reflect, discuss, pray and take action to become better stewards of God's creation.

Join us for one, some or all of the sessions. Each will run from 7:00-8:30 pm. Refreshments provided.

- February 23: We Walk on Holy Ground
- March 3: We Honor the Dignity of the Human Person
- March 16: We Stand in Solidarity
- March 23: We Share the Goods of the Earth
- April 6: We Champion the Cause for Global Human Development
- April 13: We Answer the Call to Conversion of Life

For more information, contact Eileen Charbonneau at 508.853.1739

Toys for Tots Thank You

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Marines Detachment 911, we would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for helping us to make this a very successful year for our annual Toys for Tots Drive. You allowed us to make this a wonderful Christmas for a lot of needy children. God bless you all and God willing we will see you all next year.

Semper Fidelis
 The Marines

Consider Joining Our Community of Ministries call or e-mail the Parish Office today to check out the many possibilities.

Junior Youth Group News

Christmas Caroling was a great success at Colony Retirement homes. Both residents and youth had a great time in singing and conversation. It was a great night. Thanks to Mary Ellen Sinise for her lending us her wonderful voice and leadership!

Our first annual gift wrapping fund raiser went really well. Our the youth raised over \$100 for "Happy Birthday Wishes" program. This program to give birthday parties for children in homeless shelters. They will be traveling to a shelter in the next few months to celebrate.

Upcoming events: Ice skating, movie night, roller skating, swimming at the Y, visit to homeless shelter and/or meet with other youth groups in the diocese. Next meeting will be in early January. Check your email and/or the bulletin board in the church hall.

Let it Snow....

Daily Mass will not be cancelled due to weather. We ask that you consider the road and sidewalk conditions before leaving your homes. Your safety is our utmost concern. Remember that daily Mass is offered on Charter each morning at 9:00 AM.

Cancellation of afternoon and evening events will be decided on an individual basis.

Lectors Needed

Like to read to your children or grandchildren? Are you a natural story-teller? Lectors proclaim the Word at our weekend liturgies. We need men and women to join this ministry for the 4:00 PM and 11:00 AM Masses. Lectors are assigned no more than once a month at the time they request. To arrange for training (at a mutually agreeable time) please call Anne Good at 508-869-9982.

You're Invited to join our Community of Ministers...

We encourage you to become involved in our parish, to become a part of our growing, vibrant community.

A pressing need is for people to be Greeters and Lectors to minister at Weekend Masses.

If you are interested in becoming a Lector please call Anne Good at 508-869-9982.



By Dr. Scott Hahn
The Anointing

The Liturgy last week revealed the mystery of God's plan - that in Jesus all peoples, symbolized by the Magi, have been made "co-heirs" to the blessings promised Israel. This week, we're shown how we claim our inheritance.

Jesus doesn't submit to John's baptism as a sinner in need of purification. He humbles Himself to pass through Jordan's waters in order to lead a new "exodus" - opening up the promised land of heaven so that all peoples can hear the words pronounced over Jesus today, words once reserved only for Israel and its king: that each of us is a beloved son or daughter of God (see Genesis 22:2; Exodus 4:22; Psalm 2:7).

Jesus is the chosen servant Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading, anointed with the Spirit to make things right and just on earth. God puts His Spirit upon Jesus to make Him "a covenant of the people," the liberator of the captives, the light to the nations. Jesus, today's Second Reading tells us, is the One long expected in Israel, "anointed...with the Holy Spirit and power."

The word Messiah means "one anointed" with God's Spirit. King David was "the anointed of the God of Jacob" (see 2 Samuel 23:1-17; Psalm 18:51; 132:10,17). The prophets taught Israel to await a royal offshoot of David, upon whom the Spirit would rest (see Isaiah 11:1-2; Daniel 9:25).

That's why the crowds are so anxious at the start of today's Gospel. But it isn't John they're looking for. God confirms with His own voice what the Angel earlier told Mary - Jesus is the Son of the Most High, come to claim the throne of David forever (see Luke 1:32-33).

In the Baptism that He brings, the voice of God will hover over the waters as fiery flame, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has sanctified the waters, made them a passage-way to healing and freedom - a fountain of new birth and everlasting life.

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