

*J*esus did this as the beginning of  
his signs in Cana in Galilee and  
so revealed his glory, and his  
disciples began to believe in him.

John 2:11 (NAB)

*Parish Information*

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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 24, 2010  
 Don Viens: 508-852-5658

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

*Financial Information*

**December 26/27 2009 & mail from 12/20/09**

4:00 PM: \$1457.92	Christmas (to date)
84 envelopes	\$12,942.75
7:30 AM: \$218.00	410 envelopes and cash
55 envelopes	
9:00 AM: \$444.00	Flowers (to date)
53 envelopes	\$2,025
11:00 AM: \$393.00	153 envelopes
63 envelopes	Repair Fund
Mail: \$3082.00	\$145.00
220 envelopes	12 envelopes
Weekly Total:	Catholic Free Press
\$8723.92	5 subscriptions to date
393 envelopes and cash	

Our Weekly Financial Goal is \$7,750

*This week we achieved 112.6% of our goal. Sincere thanks for your continued financial support.*



*Mass Intention*

**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

**Monday, January 18:**  
 8:00 AM Memorial for Edward Manahan by a friend

**Tuesday, January 19:**  
 8:00 AM Memorial for John O'Malley by the Lauring family

**Wednesday, January 20:** *St. Fabian, St. Sebastian*  
 8:00 AM 4th Anniversary for Joseph Chilleri by wife & family

**Thursday, January 21:** *St. Agnes*  
 8:00 AM 23rd Anniversary for Frank Pizan by family

**Friday, January 22:** *St. Vincent*  
 8:00 AM In thanksgiving for Fr. Charlie

**Saturday, January 23:** *Vigil*  
 4:00 PM Memorial for John Welch and Mr. & Mrs. George Silk by family

**Sunday, January 24:** *3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 7:30 AM Memorial for Aureore & Earl Avery by family  
 9:00 AM Memorial for Edward Manahan by the Lauring family  
 11:00 AM For the Community of St. George

*We Commend to your Prayers*

Brone Pridotkas our parishioner, grandmother of our parishioners Joseph & Margaret Pridotkas and Vincent & Debra Domantas & families

*May the Angels lead her into Paradise*

*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.*

*Year End Information*

Please note that any checks received after January 5, no matter what the date on the check, have been credited to 2010. All information for 2009 giving was due to the envelope company on that date to assure your timely receipt of tax information..

*Parish Calendar*

Saturday, January 16:  
 8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, January 17:  
 8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall  
 9:00 AM Children's Liturgy Conf. Rm  
 9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Hall

Monday January 18:  
*Martin Luther King's Birthday observed*

Tuesday, January 19:  
 4:00 PM Gr. 3/4 Religious Ed Center  
 6:30 PM Weight Loss Group Center  
 7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Center  
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal Church

Wednesday, January 20:  
 4:00 PM Gr. 5/6 Religious Ed Center  
 7:00 PM Bible Study Center  
 7:00 PM Widow/Widowers Center

Thursday, January 21:  
 5:00 PM Dinner for Christian Unity Hall  
 6:30 PM Family Prayer Church

Friday, January 22:  
 Saturday, January 23:  
 8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, January 24:  
 8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall  
 9:00 AM Children's Liturgy Conf. Rm  
 9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Hall  
 6:00 PM Gr. 9/10 Religious Ed Center  
 7:00 PM Confirmation Evening of Reflection Church/Hall

*This Week..*

Pray that all mothers will experience Christ's compassionate love for them.

*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

**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. Patterns and traditional yarn are available.

We hope you will call today for more information.



*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

Many thanks to our Marriage Preparation Ministers: Bill and Kate White, Chris and Maryan Ryan, Jim and Beth Moughan and Scott and Sharon Krug.

When you share your Sacrament of Matrimony with engaged couples, the light of Christ's love shines brightly. Your love for one another is an example that teaches and inspires. You pass on our faith to other generations as you so generously serve in Christ's name. John and I are honored to serve with you.

Annie Doyle

We are grateful to Harry Dapper, Arlene Frustaci, Ellie Landgren, Len Waice, Michelle Miller, Irene Jones, Ron Bullard, Mary Neilan, Peg Grisson, Judy Pickett, Kathy Warnken, Marguerite Nguyen, Pat Hennessey and Lisa Post for their outreach ministry to our homebound and hospitalized parishioners.

For many years you have faithfully served others bringing Christ in Holy Communion as well as sharing love and kindness.

**Thomas More College Winter Open House**

On President's Day, Monday, February 15, 2010, Thomas More College is hosting its annual Winter Open House. All high school seniors, juniors, and their families are encouraged to attend classes, have lunch, converse with students, and meet with professors. Located in scenic Merrimack, NH, Thomas More College provides a Great Books education that is firmly rooted in the Catholic tradition. All students learn Iconography in our unique Way of Beauty program and spend a full semester on our Rome campus at no extra cost. Tuition is low and scholarships are available. For additional information, and to register call (800) 880-8308 or you may email us at admissions@ThomasMoreCollege.edu. Overnight Guests are welcome.

*Pastoral Reflections*

My Friends in the Lord Jesus,

Christ's Light is Mercy and Peace. This has been a continuous theme of our parish since the beginning of Advent. We celebrated Christ as light of the world throughout the Christmas season which concluded last weekend. However, the glow of Christmas continues to shine. We experience this in today's gospel passage from the Gospel according to John with the miracle of Jesus changing water into wine at the wedding feast of Cana. The gospel says, "Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him." It is this revealing of Christ's glory as God with us that prepares us for the union of heaven and earth, of God and humanity, through the cross and resurrection of Jesus, which we experience as light, mercy and peace.

In our second reading today from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, St. Paul encourages us to acknowledge and exercise our spiritual gifts that Holy Spirit gives us, letting Christ's light shine through us. "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." We all have received from the Holy Spirit certain spiritual gifts. However, no matter which gifts we have received from God, they are intended for the good of others, for building up the Body of Christ. Our parish confirmation candidates inspire us as they grow in a deeper understanding of Christian service as they use their gifts for the good of others.

The gift which binds all other gifts together is the gift given to everyone. It is the gift of love. This gift is the bond of perfection for all gifts and the one gift which unites us because it is what God is. God is love. We are most like God when we use our particular gifts of the Spirit out of love, in acts of loving kindness.

Fr. Ron

*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.



*Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration*

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

1. For bringing son home safely from Afghanistan & the evil of war.
2. For love, guidance and protection.

**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**

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 company. A statement for your donations prior to using Online Giving will be mailed by D.P. Murphy before the end of January.

**12 Step Mass**

On the Second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM beginning on January 14, 2010, St. Richard of Chichester Church, 4 Bridge Street, Sterling, will hold a 12-Step Mass. The focus is to see the Closeness of the 12-Step Spirituality and the Gospel. Each month will focus on one step (January is Step 1). Members of all 12-step fellowships are welcome.

*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.

**Respect Life Mass**

All are invited to attend this Mass on Thursday, January 21 at 7:30 PM at the Cathedral. We will unite in prayer with those at the National Prayer Vigil for Life in Washington, D.C. Those attending the March on January 22 will receive a special blessing.

*Bulletin Deadlines*

<u>Weekend of</u>	<u>Due to the parish</u>
January 30/31	Wednesday Jan. 20
February 6/7	Wednesday Jan. 27
February 13/14	Wednesday Feb. 3

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).

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

*Family Ministry*


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

**Family Connection**

Lord, help us to show respect for all life. Help us to have compassion for the elderly, for unborn children and their mothers, for persons with disabilities, and for all those who are unable to protect themselves. Remind us that all human beings are sacred to You and that You love each of us. Give us the courage and the strength to protect those who cannot protect themselves and to support leaders who also value and respect all life. Ever hopeful that our nation will be more caring towards those who cannot speak for themselves, let our light shine now to illuminate the darkness of ignorance and prejudice so that in the future we will be known as a nation which respects all life. Amen.



**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](http://www.saintgeo.com) and click the Online Giving icon. If you have any questions or concerns e-mail [office@saintgeo.com](mailto:office@saintgeo.com) or call Anne at 508-869-9982. It takes less than 15 minutes to sign up!

*This Weekend's Stewardship Thought*

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Corinthians (and us) that all of our gifts are from God and that they are given, not for ourselves alone, but for the common good. But the generosity of God knows no limits-the miracle at Cana reminds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He can change our gifts of water into wine!

**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.

**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.

**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.

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| 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

**Saint Columba Annual Spaghetti Supper**

January 23, 2010 at 4:45 PM. All proceeds to be donated to Dismas House of Worcester. Cost is \$7.00 per adult and \$4.00 per child.

Sponsored by the Saint Columba Confirmation Class of 2010. Please join us!

**2010 Travel to Fatima, Lourdes**

The Catholic Free Press invites you to a Travel Show with Father Paul T. O'Connell, senior priest at St. Anne Parish in Shrewsbury. Father Paul will lead a Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes, including Barcelona, May 24 - June 1, 2010 for \$2,699.

The Travel Show will be held Sunday, Jan. 31, 2010 at 2 p.m. at St. Anne Church, 130 Boston Turnpike (Route 9), Shrewsbury.

For a detailed brochure from Collette Vacations call Liz at The CFP, 508-757-6387.

*A Letter from Our Bishop*

My dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

January 22, 2010 marks the 37th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision which, with its companion case *Doe v. Bolton*, legalized abortion throughout the nine months of pregnancy in every state in the nation. In accordance with the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, **January 22<sup>nd</sup> is to be a "day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life."** This particular law became mandatory in all dioceses of the United States in 2003.

With approximately fifty million lives lost to abortion since 1973, we need not look far to witness abortion's devastating effects. Countless women and men, mothers, fathers, grandparents, siblings, and friends have been wounded physically, emotionally, and spiritually by this tragedy. Let us take the opportunity of this upcoming Day of Prayer and Penance to re-commit ourselves to proclaiming the Gospel of Life, working to transform the culture of death into a culture of life, and sharing the message of the merciful and reconciling love of Christ with our suffering brothers and sisters and with a society desperately in need of the redeeming love of their Creator.

Just one year ago, Catholics in the Diocese of Worcester joined dioceses throughout the country in sending postcards in unprecedented numbers urging Congress to maintain widely-supported pro-life policies that prevent federal funding and promotion of abortion. In addition, we have continued to work diligently to safeguard the dignity of the human person in the areas of stem-cell research, conscience protections, and health care reform. In an age where new threats to human dignity, particularly in its most vulnerable stages, are emerging at an increasingly rapid pace, we must resolve to remain vigilant and prayerful in the face of these challenges and work to overcome them in the days ahead.

I encourage our diocesan parishes and institutions to observe reverently the **January 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of Penance and Prayer** within their communities. Let us unite our hearts and minds through prayer and good works with others throughout the country on that day, in promoting the inherent dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. May all of us respond generously to the challenge the late Pope John Paul II put forth in *Evangelium vitae*: "A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. May an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from the heart of every believer." Our active participation in the shared commitment to the sanctity of human life and the dignity of the human person, will, with God's grace, truly work toward the good of all humanity as we strive to live the Gospel of Life.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain  
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus  
Bishop of Worcester



By Dr. Scott Hahn  
**In the Wedding**

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle C)

Think of these first weeks after Christmas as a season of "epiphanies." The Liturgy is showing us Who Jesus is and what He has revealed about our relationship with God.

Last week and the week before, the imagery was royal and filial - Jesus is the newborn king of the Jews who makes us co-heirs of Israel's promise, beloved children of God. Last week in the Liturgy we went to a Baptism.

This week we're at a wedding. We're being shown another dimension of our relationship with God. If we're sons and daughters of God, it's because we've married into the family.

Have you ever wondered why the Bible begins and ends with a wedding - Adam and Eve's in the garden and the marriage supper of the Lamb (compare Genesis 2:23-24 and Revelation 19:9; 21:9; 22:17)?

Throughout the Bible, marriage is the symbol of the covenant relationship God desires with His chosen people. He is the Groom, humanity His beloved and sought-after bride. We see this reflected beautifully in today's First Reading.

When Israel breaks the covenant she is compared to an unfaithful spouse (see Jeremiah 2:20-36; 3:1-13). But God promises to take her back, to "espouse" her to Him forever in an everlasting covenant (see Hosea 2:18-22).

That's why in today's Gospel, Jesus performs His first public "sign" at a wedding feast. Jesus is the divine Bridegroom (see John 3:29), calling us to His royal wedding feast (see Matthew 22:1-14).

By His New Covenant, He will become "one flesh" with all humanity in the Church (see Ephesians 5:21-33). By our Baptism, each of us has been betrothed to Christ as a bride to a Husband (see 2 Corinthians 11:2).

The new wine that Jesus pours out at today's feast is the gift of the Holy Spirit given to His bride and body, as today's Epistle says. This is the "salvation" announced to the "families of nations" in today's Psalm.

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