



*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has
anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.*

Luke 4:18 (NAB)

Parish Information

40 Brattle Street, Worcester, MA 01606
 phone: 508-853-0183 fax: 508-854-0864 email: office@ saintgeo.com Website: www.saintgeo.com

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 31, 2010

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. Thank you for sharing your time & talents with our Community of Ministries.

Financial Information

January 2/3 2010

4:00 PM: \$1995.35

90 envelopes

7:30 AM: \$569.00

30 envelopes

9:00 AM: \$876.00

30 envelopes

11:00 AM: \$696.41

31 envelopes

Mail: \$809.00

29 envelopes

Weekly Total:

\$4945.76

210 envelopes and cash

Mary, Mother of God
\$1221.73

93 envelopes and cash

Christmas (to date)
\$13,304.75

422 envelopes and cash

Catholic University
619.50

61 envelopes and cash

Repair Fund
\$40.00

4 envelopes

Our Weekly Financial Goal is \$7,750

*This week we achieved 63.8% of our goal .
Our shortfall is \$2804.24.*



Mass Intention

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 Aurore & Earl Avery by family
 9:00 AM Memorial for Edward Manahan by the Lauring family
 11:00 AM Month's Mind for Brone Pridotkos by family

Monday, January 25: The Conversion of St. Paul
 8:00 AM Memeorial for Yolander Boucher

Tuesday, January 26: St. Timothy
 8:00 AM For the earthquake victims of Haiti

Wednesday, January 27: St. Angela Merici
 8:00 AM Memorial for Brone Pridotkas by Ron & Rosa Chiras

Thursday, January 28: St. Thomas Aquinas
 8:00 AM Memorial for Mary Kelley by the Lauring family

Friday, January 29:
 8:00 AM For the health or Philomena Cournoyer

Saturday, January 30: Vigil
 4:00 PM 29th Anniversary for John Callan by his children

Sunday, January 31: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Month's Mind for James Underwood by Jim Sanford & family
 Birthday Rememberance for Anita Litchfield by family
 9:00 AM Memorial for Eleanor Porzio by Leona Galgani
 11:00 AM Memorial for Vincent Mullen by Cathy & Bob Richardson

Parish Calendar

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

Monday January 25:
 4:00 PM Gr. 1/2 Religious Ed Center
 6:30 PM Gr. 7/8 Religious Ed Center

Tuesday, January 26:
 10:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Hall
 4:00 PM Gr. 3/4 Religious Ed Center
 6:00 PM Crime Watch Meeting Hall
 6:30 PM Weight Loss Group Center
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal Church

Wednesday, January 27:
 4:00 PM Gr. 5/6 Religious Ed Center
 7:00 PM Bible Study Center
 7:00 PM Widow/Widowers Center

Thursday, January 28:
 6:30 PM Family Prayer Church
 7:00 PM Spiritual Life Committee Conf. Rm

Friday, January 29:
 Saturday, January 30:
 8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, January 31:
 8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall
 9:00 AM Children's Liturgy Conf. Rm
 9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Hall
 10:15 AM Toddler Sing-Along Conf. Rm
 6:00 PM Gr. 9/10 Religious Ed Center
 7:00 PM Confirmation Class Hall

*Blessing of the Throats
 after all Masses this weekend*

We Commend to your Prayers

Mary Johnson, our parishioner,
 mother & mother-in-law of our
 parishioners Donna & Stephen Warner

Emma Laplume, mother of
 our parishioner Rose Marie Hudson

May the Angels lead them into Paradise

Blessing of Throats

In honor of Saint Blaise, whose Feast Day we celebrate on February 3, throats will be blessed the weekend of January 30/31 at the end of each Mass. The blessing will also be available on the Feast Day.

Scripture for the week of January 24, 2010

24	Sun	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
25	Mon	Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18
26	Tue	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 3:31-35
27	Wed	2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20
28	Thu	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25
29	Fri	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/ Mk 4:26-34
30	Sat	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41
31	Sun	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31 - 13:13

Second Collection

Next weekend, the Annual Catholic Home Missions Appeal will be taken up at all Masses. Please see Bishop McManus' letter on page 7 for information about this important collection.



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 is the world's light. Christ alone is the world's salvation. This is what we have been proclaiming and celebrating during the Advent/Christmas season which concluded two weeks ago. Since the end of that season we still are proclaiming and celebrating Jesus as light of the world. However, we have begun the season of Ordinary Time which has as its focus the adult Christ. So we are welcomed today into the home town synagogue of Jesus in Nazareth. It is here that Jesus reveals his identity as the fulfillment of the law and the prophets, the world's light and salvation. "He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it is written: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings..."

We share in Christ's anointing for we have been baptized into him and anointed with Holy Chrism and the Spirit of God is upon us. St. Paul instructs us in our second reading today as to our identity in Christ, "for in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body...and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. Now the body of Christ is not a single part, but many. You are Christ's body, and individually parts of it." We are bearers of Christ's light and truth.

The light and truth of Christ bears witness in our lives as to what is just, to what is right, cultivating peace and promoting the dignity of each person. The Lord Jesus Christ has called us to bring these glad tidings to all people, setting them free in his truth and light, bringing them his salvation. And the power of the Holy Spirit is upon us to do just that.

Fr. Ron

Toddler Sing Along!



For toddlers and preschoolers will meet **next Sunday, Jan. 31** from 10:15-10:45 AM in the Conference Room. For more information call Sharon Krug 508-853-1660.

Volunteer Cantors Needed



If you would like share your musical gift and be a cantor, please call Michael Lizotte at 978-563-1758 or see him in the choir loft after any weekend Mass. It would be helpful if you have a basic knowledge of reading music.



Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

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

1. Husband's tests have come back negative.
2. For financial security.

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 at 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.

This Week...

Pray for those suffering with terminal illness and their families, that in their time of trial they will know Christ's presence in a special way and be encouraged by His promise of eternal life.

Bulletin Deadlines

<u>Weekend of</u>	<u>Due to the parish</u>
February 6/7	Wednesday Jan. 27
February 13/14	Wednesday Feb. 3
February 20/21	Wednesday Feb.10

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

Prayer for the Easing of Financial Difficulties.

Dear Lord, I have been taught that money is not what is most important, yet money is often a problem in my life. These latest financial difficulties are particularly hard. Help me to use money wisely, to resist buying what I do not need and to stop comparing my possessions with those of others. Grant me what I need in this life, so that I may care for myself and those dear to me, with enough to share with those less fortunate. Amen.

LEARN TO MAKE CORD ROSARIES

There have been many recent requests for these knotted cord rosaries resulting in an urgent need for additional people who would like to learn how to make them and help supply rosaries for these requests. Contact Ruth Viens, 508-852-5658, ruthviens@charter.net if you are interested in a brief lesson after any of the Sunday morning Masses. Practice cord is also available. These rosaries are only a series of knots.....no wire, no beads, no tools. The knots are made by wrapping the cord around your fingers and are easy to learn with just a little practice.

PARISH EMAIL LIST AND WEBSITE

Keep in touch with what's happening at St.George's by adding your email address to the parish email list. Emails are generally sent once a month and email addresses are never rented or sold to third parties. To be added to the list send an email to ruthviens@charter.net. Visit our parish website www.saintgeo.com for additional parish information.



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



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.

Our Lady of the Angels

Our Lady of the Angels School in Worcester offers Preschool through Grade 8 students academic excellence with a strong faith foundation in a loving, caring environment. We will be holding our annual open house on Thursday, Feb. 4th from 10:00 AM to 12:00. Contact Doreen Albert at 508-752-5609 or dalbert@worcesterdiocese12.for more information.

Saint George's is the Cat's Meow!!!

A replica of the church has been created by the Cat's Meow Company. The "church" is available for sale for \$25.00 in the Rectory during regular hours. All proceeds will benefit the parish.

Please call the Rectory if you are interested stop by or call Joan at 508-853-0183

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.

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.

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.

Neighborhood Crime Watch

The next district one neighborhood crime watch meeting is scheduled for January 26th 6:00 p.m. at St. Georges Hall. All are invited to attend. At last month's meeting officer Jerry O'Connor discussed home alarm systems. Come, bring any questions or community concerns, it's not just about crime awareness. Hope to see you there!

Spiritual Life Committee

Spiritual Life Committee will meet Thursday, January 28th in the Conference Room at 7 PM. Everyone is welcome!

Youth Group

We will be going ice skating Jan. 31, 2:00 PM at the Auburn Skating Rink. Email Carol Manning at manning476@charter.net if you have any questions.

In February, we will be visiting a homeless shelter for a "Happy Birthday Wishes" program. More information will be available soon.

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.

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

The U.S. bishops' pastoral on stewardship reinforces today's reading from 1 Corinthians: "Because its individual members do collectively make up the Body of Christ, that body's health and well-being are the responsibility of the members-the personal responsibility of each one of us. We all are stewards of the Church."



A Letter from Our Bishop

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The proclamation of the Gospel is the first priority of the Catholic Church in the United States. Pope Benedict XVI repeatedly and boldly asserts that the Church must proclaim Christ to all people. Indeed, the very purpose of the Church is to evangelize.

Through the generosity of the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, Catholics living in more established dioceses across our nation have joined their hearts to those living in domestic mission areas who hunger for the Gospel.

The Archdiocese of Anchorage, for example, has 11,500 registered Catholic families living within a region as vast as 140,000 square miles, and only 30 active diocesan priests. Of the 29 counties in the geographically sprawling Diocese of Salt Lake City, only 16 have a resident pastor.

Year after year, this appeal helps dioceses that cannot provide basic pastoral services to their people without outside help. This assistance is essential to scattered and isolated churches in the Appalachian Mountains, on the Mexican border, in the Deep South, in the Rocky Mountain States, and on islands in the Caribbean and the Pacific. Your donations support a wide range of pastoral activities with special emphasis on evangelization, religious education, ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters and lay people, and support of poor parishes.

I encourage you to be generous to the 2010 Catholic Home Missions Appeal, a special collection to be taken at the Lord's Day Masses in all the parishes throughout our diocese next weekend, January 30th and 31st. Through our personal generosity in this important appeal, we will all share in the work of evangelization in the United States.

Grateful for your goodness and asking the Lord to bless you, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

Open House

St. Peter Central Catholic Elementary School, 865 Main Street, Worcester will host an Open House on Sunday, January 31 from 1:00-3:00 PM. St. Peter's has openings in Grades Pre-K to 7. Please visit us on January 31, or call 508-791-6496 for information or visit our website at www.stpetercc.com.