



"Under the protection of St. George in Christ Jesus"

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.

**Second Collection February 6th & 7th
 For Fuel Collection**

This weekend there will be a second collection for fuel. To date, for this fiscal year, we have spent \$6,797.99 to heat our buildings. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Coffee Shop Captain

February 14, 2010
 Joe Toomey: 508-791-2843

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
January 16/17 2010

4:00 PM: \$1890.50	Haiti (to date)
117 envelopes	\$5915.86
7:30 AM: \$1008.00	checks and cash
57 envelopes	Repair Fund
9:00 AM: \$1461.10	\$144.00
67 envelopes	15 envelopes
11:00 AM: \$1309.35	Fuel (to date)
90 envelopes	\$1699.00
Mail: \$702.00	103 envelopes
36 envelopes	
Weekly Total:	
\$6370.85	
367envelopes and cash	



Our Weekly Financial Goal is \$7,750

*This week we achieved 82.2% of our goal .
 Our shortfall this week is \$1378.15.*



Mass Intention

Saturday, February 6: *Vigil*
 4:00 PM Memorial for Edward Manahan by Ed & Barbara Vaitkunas

Sunday, February 7: *5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 7:30 AM For the Community of St. George
 9:00 AM Memorial for Mary Johnson by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Sanford
Grade 2 Mass
 11:00 AM Memorial for Manuel M. Silvia by family
 Memorial for Josephine Listaite by family

Monday, February 8: *St. Jerome, St. Bakhita*
 8:00 AM Memorial for Edward Manahan by Elaine Moberg

Tuesday, February 9:
 8:00 AM For the good health of Sandy Johns

Wednesday, February 10: *St. Scholastica*
 8:00 AM 5th Anniversary for Julia Pollock req by her daughter

Thursday, February 11: *Our Lady of Lourdes*
 8:00 AM For the good health of Gail McAuliffe

Friday, February 12:
 8:00 AM Memorial for William P. Woods Jr.

Saturday, February 13: *Vigil*
 4:00 PM Memorial for Edward Manahan by Joan & Gloria

Sunday, February 14: *6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 7:30 AM For the Community of St. George
 9:00 AM Memorial for Leona Galgani
 11:00 AM Memorial for Eleanor & Ralph Porzio by Family
 12:30 PM Baptism

Scripture for the week of February 7, 2010

7	Sun	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11
8	Mon	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56
9	Tue	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13
10	Wed	1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23
11	Thu	1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30
12	Fri	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37
13	Sat	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10
14	Sun	Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/ Lk 6:17, 20-26

We Commend to your Prayers

Leona Galgani, our parishioner, mother of our parishioner Diane Hughes
Jeanita Kirouac, our parishioner, mother of our parishioners Steven & Michelle
Suzanne Crawley, sister & brother-in-law of our parishioners Rachel & John Bradley
 May the Angels lead them into Paradise

Parish Calendar

Girl Scout Cookies on sale this weekend after all Masses

Saturday, February 6:
 8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, February 7:
 8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall
 9:00 AM Children's Liturgy Conf. Rm
 9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Hall

Monday, February 8:
 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, February 9:
 10:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Hall
 2:00 PM Liturgy Meeting Rectory
 4:00 PM Gr. 3/4 Religious Ed Center
 6:30 PM Weight Loss Group Center
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal Church
 7:00 PM Pastoral Council Conf. Rm

Wednesday, February 10:
 10:00 AM Women's Guild Conf. Rm
 4:00 PM Gr. 5/6 Religious Ed Center
 6:30 PM Daughters of Isabella Hall
 6:30 PM Junior Youth Group Rm. 203
 7:00 PM Bible Study Center
 7:00 PM Widow/Widowers Center
 7:00 PM Baptism Prep Class Conf. Rm
 7:00 PM Catholics Going Green Rm. 205

Thursday, February 11:
 6:30 PM Family Prayer Church

Friday, February 12:
Lincoln's Birthday

Saturday, February 13:
 8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, February 14:
 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
 10:15 AM Home Schooling Center

Happy Valentine's Day!

Ash Wednesday Schedule - February 17, 2010

Masses will be celebrated on Ash Wednesday at 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM and 7:00 PM. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses, we ask that after receiving ashes you return to your seats and remain until the end of Mass.

There will also a Liturgy of the Word at 4:15 PM on Wednesday. This service starts with an Opening Prayer, includes the distribution of ashes and concludes with a closing prayer. Please return to your seats after receiving ashes and join us for the closing prayer.

"Come, let us walk in the Light of the Word."



Religious Education

Peg Moynahan
508-852-1784

Pastoral Reflections

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

Home Schooling Gathering

The monthly Religious Education Home Schooling Meeting will be held on February 14, 2010. This month it will be after the 9:00 AM Mass at approximately 10:15 to 11:00 AM in the Parish Center on the second floor. Cookie and candy donations are happily being accepted for Dismas House.



Parish Outreach

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

Confirmation Service Experience Fair

Our Confirmation Candidates will display descriptions of their recent service experiences in the alcove of the Church Hall after all Masses on the weekend of Feb. 27/28. Parishioners are encouraged to come down to the hall after Mass to learn about their introduction to service in the community. Your presence will be a sign of your support for the great work that they have been doing to assist the homeless, hungry and those in need. We welcome and look forward to sharing in the lessons they have learned.

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.

My Friends in the Lord Jesus,

At the word of Jesus everything changes. The Apostles in the gospel passage today experience the change in their lives that comes about only and uniquely through the transforming grace of the word of Jesus. Jesus said to St. Peter "put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch...When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were breaking..." This miracle at the word of Jesus was the beginning of a life of obedience to Jesus, the Word made Flesh. The response of St. Peter was that of humility, "When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said 'Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.' Jesus assured St. Peter that He was greater than Peter's inadequacies and at the word of Jesus Peter's life would be transformed into a "fisher of men and women." St. Peter trusted in Jesus, left everything, and followed him.

The three scripture readings today have the central theme of been called by God to be God's witness in the world and to humbly accept this call. We, like St. Paul, in our second reading today from his first letter to the Corinthians have received and are entrusted with the proclamation of salvation, "For I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures." Having been called to proclaim and to live in accordance with this truth that St. Paul, like St. Peter in the gospel, recognizes his past and in humility accepted his call by Christ says, "But by God's grace I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective..."

As Lent approaches, February 17, we recognize in humility who we are before the majesty and purity of God, and prepare throughout that season to proclaim anew the death and resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. Called as we are by Christ Jesus to bear witness to his transforming word in our lives, we trust in His grace and do the work of the Gospel.

Fr. Ron

Men's Club Meeting

The monthly Men's Club meeting will be held next Sunday, February 14 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!!!



Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

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

1. For my niece getting better results on her lung cancer.
2. Happy meeting & support from a friend.

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.

**Catholic Relief Services Collection
The Weekend of March 14**

In the envelope packets you recently received there is an envelope for Catholic Relief Services. This is the ANNUAL collection for this organization and is not an additional collection specifically for Haiti. The funds from this collection are sent to CRS to use as needed to support their works throughout the world. Thank you for your continued support.

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.

Bulletin Deadlines

<u>Weekend of</u>	<u>Due to the parish</u>
February 20/21	Wednesday Feb.10
February 27/28	Wednesday Feb. 17
March 6/7	Wednesday Feb. 24

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).

Legion of Mary

A lay Catholic organization invites men and women to join them. For detailed information please call Peggy Testarmata at 508-835-4857.

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

Family Ministry

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

Family Connection

Healthy...and holy! What are the signs of your family's desire for physical health around your house? Look for that vitamin bottle, exercise videos, water purifiers, exercise equipment. Now take a tour of your home to see how Catholic it is. Are there signs of your faith surrounding you? Are there crucifixes, pictures of favorite saints, Bibles, rosaries or other signs of spiritual health in your environment? Do you surround your family with reminders of your faith? If there are no carriers of faith, choose some as a family. Be a healthy, holy family.



Please Consider Using OnLine Giving

Online Giving To date, 33 families have signed up for OnLine Giving. Never forget your envelopes again and save time - you can make your donations for 3 or 4 months in less than 15 minutes. To check it out just go to our webpage and click on the OnLine Giving icon. You can call Anne Good at the rectory office or at home (508-869-9982) or email her at agood@saintgeo.com if you have any questions.

If you are currently using OnLine Giving and no longer want to receive envelopes just call the Rectory Office and we will take care of it.



This Week...

Pray for those coping with mental illness that they will have care and counseling and be treated by all with the respect due every human being.

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

SAVE THE DATE

Catholics Going Green
February 23 – April 12



Catholics Going Green establishes a lifestyle of awareness surrounding care for creation and social justice.

Join us as we explore the connection between our faith and the environment while fostering a care for creation, a connectedness to our neighbors locally and globally, and an understanding of environmental justice in our community.

Hear from community guest speakers from the Indian Lake Watershed Association, the Mass Audubon Society, GroSolar, the Regional Environmental Council and others.

Each session will include scripture readings, presentations and discussions on a diversity of environmental topics, spiritual reflection and sharing of ideas and solutions as we strive to become better stewards of God's creation.

Join us for one, some or all of the sessions: February 23; March 3, 16, 23; April 6 and 13. Each will run from 7:00-8:30 pm. Refreshments provided.

It will be a journey well worth taking!

For more information, contact:
Annie Doyle in the Parish Office
(508-853-0183; adoyle@saintgeo.com)
or Eileen Charbonneau
(508.853.1739; etcharb@yahoo.com)

St. George Recycles

Please help us recycle paper, cardboard, cans and plastic by using the new recycle bins in the Parish Hall Kitchen and in the Parish Center Resource Room.

10th Annual Men's Conference

Bishop McManus is sponsoring the 10th Annual Worcester Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference on March 20th at the DCU Center in Worcester.

This year's speakers include: Jesse Romero, Matthew Kelly, Mosignor Stuart Swetland, Father Mitch Pacwa, SJ and Dale Ahlquist. Bishop McManus will celebrate the Conference Mass.

An informational brochure is available here in the Church, your parish contact is Deacon Archie at 508-853-0183. For tickets or more information visit our website www.firstmensconf.org. Bishop McManus requests that men from all Worcester Diocese Parishes support this event and he looks forward to seeing you at the Conference.

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.

Please Consider Helping Our Parish

Subscribe to the Catholic Free Press

Our parish is assessed 319 copies of the Catholic Free Press; a total of \$7,337.00. *The parish is responsible for this assessment no matter how many or how few subscriptions our parishioners sign up for.* The funds for this assessment come from the weekly offering.

Please consider renewing or subscribing to the Free Press. Each subscription is only \$23.00 and the paper will be delivered weekly to your home.

As always, thank you for your support of our parish. It is greatly appreciated.

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 *next* Sunday. The children will be given the tickets while at the Liturgy to be redeemed after Mass. Best Wishes to our young Catholics.



Parking Reminders

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 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 vehicles to safely pass through.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

Retrouville...a Lifeline

Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouville (pronounced re-tro-vy) weekend. If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, we believe Retrouville can help you. The next New England Retrouville marriage renewal weekends will be held April 16-18, 2010 and September 24-26, 2010. To register for the weekend or for more information, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

This Weekend's Stewardship Thought

In today's readings, both Isaiah and Peter hear the call of God and feel themselves unworthy. But, reassured by the Lord, both answer and follow. Do I hear the Lord asking, "Whom shall I send?" Am I prepared to answer, "Hear I am. Send me!"?

Girl Scout Cookies On Sale

Girl Scout Junior Troop 30014 from Worcester will be selling cookies after all masses the weekend of February 6 & 7. So, save up your appetites for some yummy cookies and support a great organization! Additionally, Troop 30014 will be sending cookies to the U.S. Troops in Afghanistan so consider donating a box or two.

St. George's Book Discussion Group

The next book discussion group will meet on Monday, February 22, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. We will start with a supper of soups and breads. The book to be discussed is *Hope Against Darkness: The Transforming Vision of Saint Francis in an Age of Anxiety* by Richard Rohr with John Feister. All are welcome. For more information please contact Eileen Charbonneau at 508-853-1739 or etcharb@yahoo.com.

Junior Youth Group

The Junior Youth Group will be meeting on Wednesday, Feb 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Center, Rm. 203. Valentines, visits to homeless shelters for the "Happy Birthday Wishes" program, St. Patrick's Day parade and new events will be discussed and planned. March meeting will be Thursday March 4th. Plan now. New members welcome at every meeting.

Happy New Year and many Thanks...

All the guests at the Mustard Seed have received what they needed-new coats, sleeping bags, warm clothing, food and new toys and clothes for the children. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your tremendous generosity. May God bless all of you!

Crescent Manor Rest Home

We wish to thank all of those who shopped, delivered and paid for such practical gifts for the residents of Crescent Manor. On behalf of everyone, we are so grateful and would like to express our thanks.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

The monthly meeting will be Wednesday, February 10, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish hall. This is the first meeting of the New Year, and we hope that all members will be able to attend. We will be discussing our plans for the remainder of our season.

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 February 8th at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room.

Please join us.

