

*Saint George Church*  
*A Community of Ministries*  
*Easter Sunday: the Resurrection of Our Lord*  
*April 4, 2010*



*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*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*

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.



*Coffee Shop Captain*

April 4, 2010: Easter Sunday

**No Coffee Shop**

April 11, 2010: Kevin Cusack - 508-829-6886

**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*

**March 13/14 2010**

4:00 PM: \$1759.70	Repair Fund
104 envelopes	\$195.00
7:30 AM: \$842.00	14 envelopes
75 envelopes	Air Conditioning Fund
9:00 AM: \$1112.00	\$200.00
37 envelopes	1 envelope
11:00 AM: \$1456.72	American Bishop's
67 envelopes	Overseas Appeal
Mail: \$1772.00	\$1444.46
44 envelopes	Envelopes and cash
Weekly Total:	
\$6942.42	
331 envelopes and cash	



Our Weekly Financial Goal is \$7,750

*This week we achieved 89.6% of our goal .  
 Our shortfall is \$807.58.*



*Mass Intention*

**Saturday, April 3:**  
 7:30 PM Easter Vigil

**Sunday, April 4: Resurrection of Our Lord**  
 7:30 AM For the Community of St. George  
 9:00 AM For the Community of St. George  
 11:00 AM For the Community of St. George

**Monday, April 5:**  
 8:00 AM 1st Anniversary for George J. White by his wife Eileen

**Tuesday, April 6:**  
 8:00 AM 2nd Anniversary for Mary Howard by her Husband Wayne & family

**Wednesday, April 7:**  
 8:00 AM Memorial for Rose Riccardi by family

**Thursday, April 8:**  
 8:00 AM Memorial for Lisa Lauring Kennedy by the Paulin family

**Friday, April 9:**  
 8:00 AM Memorial fo William Pollock by his daughter

**Saturday, April 10:**  
 4:00 AM Memorial for Joseph Carlo by family  
 19th Anniversary for Herbert Fairbanks by family

**Sunday, April 11:**  
 7:30 AM Memorial for Owen O'Malley by the O'Toole family  
 9:00 AM Memorial for Edward Manahan by Michael & Mary Fox  
 11:00 AM 39th Anniversary for Alberico LoStracco by family  
 Memorial for Dr. David Cavan by Cathy & Bob Richardson  
 12:30 PM Baptism

*Men's Club Meeting*

The monthly Men's Club meeting will be held *next* Sunday, April 11 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!!!

**Second Collection This Weekend**

The second collection *this* weekend is the annual Easter collection for the benefit of our parish. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

*We Commend to your Prayers*

Edward Hudson Sr., our former parishioner, and husband of our parishioner, Rose Marie

*May the Angels lead him into Paradise*

*Parish Calendar*

*Happy Easter!*

Saturday, April 3:  
 Sunday, April 4:  
     9:00 AM Children's Liturgy      Conf. Rm  
     9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy      Hall

Monday, April 5:  
     4:00 PM Religious Ed. Gr.1/2      Center  
     6:30 PM Religious Ed. Gr.7/8      Center  
     7:00 PM Quiet Evening of Prayer      Church  
     7:00 PM Confirmation Rehearsal      Hall/Church

Tuesday, April 6:  
     4:00 PM Religious Ed. Gr. 3/4      Center  
     6:30 PM Weight Loss Group      Center  
     7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal      Rectory  
     7:00 PM Catholics Going Green      Hall

Wednesday, April 7:  
     4:00 PM Religious Ed. Gr. 5/6      Center  
     7:00 PM Bible Study  
     7:00 PM Widow/Widowers      Center  
     7:00 PM Baptism Prep Class      Conf. Rm

Thursday, April 8:  
     1:00 PM Women's Guild      Conf. Rm  
     6:30 PM Family Prayer      Church

Friday, April 9:  
 Saturday, April 10:  
     8:00 PM AA      Hall

Sunday, April 11:  
     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 School Meeting      Center  
     5:00 PM Youth Group Meeting      Hall

*Scripture for the week of April 4, 2010*

4	Sun	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12
5	Mon	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
6	Tue	Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
7	Wed	Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
8	Thu	Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
9	Fri	Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
10	Sat	Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15
11	Sun	Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

*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 April 19th at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room.

*Alleluia...Alleluia...Alleluia! He is Risen!*



### Religious Education

Peg Moynahan  
508-852-1784

#### Inviting Teachers to join us next year as

**Catechists or assistant teachers** for our new class schedule for the Religious Education school year starting in September 2010. This revision of the class scheduling was recommended by parents in the 2008 Parish Survey and proposed by the Religious Education Advisory Committee. Please call Peg at the Religious Education office if you can volunteer.

Religious Education for Grades 1-5 will be offered on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM. All grades will be offered each day.

- This offers a family with multiple children the opportunity to attend Religious education class all on the same day.
- It also offers single child families the option of choosing the day of the week they want to attend.
- There is also the possibility that a parent might be more available to teach or assist in a class if all his or her children were attending on the same day.

Religious Education for Grades 6, 7 and 8 will be offered every Monday night from 6:30PM to 7:30PM.

Spring Registration Dates for students will be announced soon. First and second choices will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. Watch the bulletin for more information. .

#### Home Schooling Gathering

The monthly Religious Education Home Schooling Meeting will be held on April 11, 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.

#### Religious & Spiritual Lives of American 18-23 Year Olds

Dr. Christian Smith of the University of Notre Dame will offer a special lecture on research that has been done on the subject of the religious and spiritual lives of American 18-23 year olds. It is not likely that any American's research on this vitally important subject surpasses that of Dr. Smith. The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will be given in the Rehm Library (in Smith Hall) at the College of the Holy Cross this Wednesday, April 7th, at 7:30 PM. We hope you will attend. For further information please visit: [http://www.holycross.edu/crec/calendar/lecture\\_series/deitchman\\_lecture](http://www.holycross.edu/crec/calendar/lecture_series/deitchman_lecture).

### Pastoral Reflections

My Friends in the Lord Jesus,

Happy and Blessed Easter! The resurrection of Jesus Christ far exceeds all of our hopes. This past week we did not reflect on the account of the passion and death of Jesus in such a way that anticipated a happy ending to a sad story we already know. We prepared our selves, through reflection on the death of Jesus, to join in the triumphant chorus of the whole Church: Jesus is risen!

Today we begin a fifty day celebration of the joy of Easter. During the Easter Season we will reflect on the experience of the first disciples of the risen Christ. We will listen to how their experience of the risen Christ transformed them into fearless proclaimers of the truth of the resurrection. Easter Sunday, and the fifty days of the Easter Season celebration, concluding with the feast of Pentecost, we, like those first disciples, exclaim the same truth, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! Christ Jesus is our hope and salvation.

May God bless you, your loved ones, and all the homes of our parish, with Easter joy.

Fr. Ron

#### Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors

Please return your information sheets as soon as possible they can be dropped in the basket or mailed/ left at the Rectory. To date, we have received sheets from about half of you. We need them back even if you decide not to continue in these ministries. If you have misplaced your sheet or have any questions, please contact Anne Good at 508-869-9982 (home).

#### *This Week...*

Pray for all who have been received into the Church this Easter, may their lives bear witness to the greater value of every human life.

#### *This Weekend's Stewardship Thought*

In the second reading today, St. Paul reminds the Colossians that they have been raised with Christ, exhorting them to "think about the things above rather than things of earth." We, too, have been raised with Christ. Let us rejoice and be glad!





*Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration*

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

1. For one month of sobriety.
2. For having only bruises and scrapes received after a terrible car accident.

**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.



*Parish Outreach*

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

Dear friends,

It has been my privilege to “walk in the light of the Lord” with you these past weeks of Lent and to witness the many ways you have brought the light of Christ into the world. Your donations of food for the hungry have been generous, items to settle refugees filled the collection area, and our Prayer Shawl Ministers brought comfort and support to many. Many thanks to those of you who baked for our Diocesan Priest’s Meeting – the tables were full of wonderful desserts and were enjoyed by everyone! The Woman’s Day of Spiritually was an enriching experience thanks to the cooperative efforts of so many good women of our church. Our Lenten Mission, Bible Study and reflection, Lectio, Book discussion and Catholic’s Going Green sessions have been wonderful opportunities to grow in faith.

This Easter season may the light you have brought into the world return to you in abundance. May you see God’s loves in the kindness of others and feel God’s presence surrounding you. May the joy you have given to others return to you as a deep sense of peace and happiness.

Annie Doyle

**Hospice Volunteers Needed**

Holy Trinity Hospice at Washburn House, 1183 Main Street in Worcester is seeking compassionate women and men from all walks of life who are ready to make a commitment and a positive difference to individuals and families coping with a terminal illness. A comprehensive training program will begin in May. You will receive ongoing support and education and a schedule that fits your needs. For more information call David Day at 508-791-8200 or email davidday@holyltrinityhospice.org

*Family Ministry*

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

**Family Connection**

*He saw and believed”* (Jn 20:8b). John saw the empty tomb. Many ideas must have crossed his mind. Like the rest of us, John was a busy person. He had obligations as a fisherman. He was busy but he gave Jesus the chance to enter his life. The power of the resurrection could only touch his life because he was ready to accept the Risen Lord. Our modern century presses us for time. The day’s demands hurry us along the road of life. Work often swallows our time for relaxation. Where does that leave the Lord? Do we give him a chance to come into our lives? Or does our busy schedule shut God out too? The resurrection cannot make an impact on our lives if we don’t leave ourselves open to it. The empty tomb which allowed John to see and believe, beckons us as well. Easter challenges us to find time and space for God so that we too can see and believe. When we allow the Risen Lord into our lives, he will transform them!



“What could I say? They are her most Easterly shoes.”

*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.

**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 y for information.

*Bulletin Deadlines*

<u>Weekend of</u>	<u>Due to the parish</u>
April 17/18	Wednesday April 7
April 24/25	Wednesday April 14
May 1/2	Wednesday April 21

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).

**St. Vincent de Paul**

There has been a decrease in recent donations to St. Vincent de Paul, making outreach very difficult. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Please consider this when you are doing your spring cleaning. Thank you.

**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.

**Worcester Head Start**

The Worcester Head Start Program is currently accepting applications for children born in 2006 & 2007 part day (No Fee) and full day placements for September 2010. To see if you qualify please call 508-799-3608 or 508-799-3254 or apply at 770 Main Street. Federal income guidelines apply. Limited transportation for those who are eligible. Children with special needs receive special consideration.

*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.*

**CATHOLICS GOING GREEN**

The next Catholics Going Green Session is on Tuesday, April 6, 2010. We will explore ways we can share God's bounty and our technology with developing countries. Professor Alice Laffey of the College of the Holy Cross will be the guest presenter. Join us 7:00 - 8:30 PM in the church hall.



*A Letter from Our Bishop*

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On the first Easter Sunday, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome, hurried to a newly-carved tomb to anoint the body of the Lord. In their concern before such a difficult task, they said to one another, "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" (Mark 16:3)

When they arrived, they found that the stone had already been moved, and they were greeted with the words, "You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised." (Mark 16: 4-6) Jesus had indeed been raised from the dead! Through Him the tomb had become the fertile ground of life's victory over death, and our lives were changed forever by His resurrection.

How wonderful it is to hear the *good news* of the Lord's resurrection again on this Easter Sunday! How much we need this assurance and encouragement! For too many still live in the dark grave of fear, rejection, loneliness, sin and poverty. Too many still ask, as we sometimes ask, "Will we ever see the light again?" As we pass through life, the haunting question of the women is still often asked, "Who will roll back the stone for us?"

Easter proclaims that God will roll back the stone! For Easter is a day of hope reborn, of courage renewed and of faith restored. The foundation of this enduring hope and renewed faith is our deep conviction that Jesus is truly risen from the dead, and that He now reigns as the Lord of life, who will unite all of us with God. "If Christ has not been raised," wrote St. Paul, "then empty is our preaching." (I Corinthians 15:14)

At Easter, it is good for each of us, worried as we might be about our personal problems, as well as those of our nation and our world, to recall these truths, and to savor the great *mystery* that restores our courage and rekindles our hope. Easter is the proof that the discouragement we face in the world will give way to the bright promise of the Lord's victory over sin and death.

Hear the Easter proclamation with joy in your hearts this year! Let the *good news* roll the large stones of your burdens away, and allow the bright light of Christ's glorious victory to shine. For that victory invites us to share in the Lord's risen and everlasting life.

With every prayerful best wish for a Happy and Blessed Easter, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus  
Bishop of Worcester

**WOMEN'S GUILD**

An afternoon meeting on April 8, 2010 in answer to requests from those members who choose not to drive at night. See you Thursday at 1:00 PM, refreshments will be served.



By Dr. Scott Hahn  
**Seeing and Believing**

Jesus is nowhere visible. Yet today's Gospel tells us that Peter and John "saw and believed."  
What did they see? Burial shrouds lying on the floor of an empty tomb. Maybe that convinced them that He hadn't been carted off by grave robbers, who usually stole the expensive burial linens and left the corpses behind.

But notice the repetition of the word "tomb" - seven times in nine verses. They saw the empty tomb and they believed what He had promised: that God would raise Him on the third day.

Chosen to be His "witnesses," today's First Reading tells us, the Apostles were "commissioned...to preach...and testify" to all that they had seen - from His anointing with the Holy Spirit at the Jordan to the empty tomb.

More than their own experience, they were instructed in the mysteries of the divine economy, God's saving plan - to know how "all the prophets bear witness" to Him (see Luke 24:27,44).

Now they could "understand the Scripture," could teach us what He had told them - that He was "the Stone which the builders rejected," that today's Psalm prophesies His Resurrection and exaltation (see Luke 20:17; Matthew 21:42; Acts 4:11).

We are the children of the apostolic witnesses. That is why we still gather early in the morning on the first day of every week to celebrate this feast of the empty tomb, give thanks for "Christ our life," as today's Epistle calls Him.

Baptized into His death and Resurrection, we live the heavenly life of the risen Christ, our lives "hidden with Christ in God." We are now His witnesses, too. But we testify to things we cannot see but only believe; we seek in earthly things what is above.

We live in memory of the Apostles' witness, like them eating and drinking with the risen Lord at the altar. And we wait in hope for what the Apostles told us would come - the day when we too "will appear with Him in glory."

A service of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology  
[www.SalvationHistory.com](http://www.SalvationHistory.com)

**Holy Water**



You are invited to take a newly blessed bottle of Holy Water home with you this weekend. The water was blessed Saturday night at our Easter Vigil. The bottles are near the doors of the Church.

*Without Easter*

*Without Easter,  
there would be no hope of heaven.  
Without the hope of heaven,  
there would be no repentance,  
no personal transformation,  
no attempt to follow biblical principles.*

*Without Easter,  
the world would be in chaos  
and darkness.  
Jesus' death and resurrection  
means we can be reborn,  
to live better, to do better,  
to shine light into the shadows.*

*Hallelujah!  
Happy, Happy Easter.*

*By Joanna Fuchs*

***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.

***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 Annie Doyle 508-853-0183 for more information.