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*Let us open  
our hearts...*  
OUR GOOD GOD  
WILL OPEN HIS!

Saint George Church Worcester, MA  
A Community of Ministries

*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*

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*

May 9, 2010  
 Dave Allen: 508-853-2862

*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*

April 10/11 2010

4:00 PM: \$1719.00  
 110 envelopes

7:30 AM: \$1487.00  
 57 envelopes

9:00 AM: \$922.00  
 46 envelopes

11:00 AM: \$1171.70  
 55 envelopes

Mail: \$1223.00  
 38 envelopes

Weekly Total:  
 \$6522.70

343 envelopes and cash

Repair Fund  
 \$478.00

32 envelopes

Air Conditioning  
 \$10.00

1 envelope

Easter Flowers (to date)  
 \$1728.00

Easter Offering (to date)  
 \$6352.20



Our Weekly Financial Goal is \$7,750

*This week we achieved 84.2% of our goal.  
 Our shortfall this week was 1,227.30.*



*Mass Intention*

**Saturday, May 1:**

4:00 PM Memorial for Edward Manahan by the Lohman family  
 Memorial for Mary Coe by the Women's Guild

**Sunday, May 2: Fifth Sunday of Easter**

7:30 AM Memorial for Sally Thompson by a friend  
 9:00 AM Memorial for Flora & Ron Wentzel by family  
 Memorial for Henry Milewski by his wife  
 11:00 AM Memorial for Katelyn Maloney by the the Paulin family  
 30th Anniversary Mass for Anthony Godek by his wife, children, & grandchildren  
 1:00 PM First Communion

**Monday, May 3: St. Philip & St. James**

8:00 AM For a special intention by the priests and staff of St. George

**Tuesday, May 4:**

8:00 AM For the intention of Gail McAuliffe

**Wednesday, May 5:**

8:00 AM Memorial for Cleo Lohnes by family

**Thursday, May 6:**

8:00 AM 2nd Anniversary for Mary Howard by her husband Wayne & family

**Friday, May 7:**

8:00 AM Memorial for Hoyt Woods

**Saturday, May 8:**

4:00 PM Memorial for Brone & Aleksandras Pridotkas by family  
 Memorial for Joe Picard by the priests & staff at St. George

**Sunday, May 9: Sixth Sunday of Easter**

7:30 AM For the Mothers of our parish  
 9:00 AM For the Mothers of our parish  
 11:00 AM For the Mothers of our parish

*We Commend to your Prayers*

Muriel Bolduc, our parishioner  
 mother of our parishioner JoAnne Agnesian

Ho Thi Kimlien, mother of Tuan Chiapulis

May the Angels lead them into Paradise

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*Parish Calendar*

Saturday, May 1:

8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, May 2:

8:00 AM Coffee Shop Hall  
 9:00 AM Children's Liturgy Conf. Rm  
 9:00 AM Toddler Liturgy Hall  
 5:00 PM Youth Group Meeting Hall

Monday, May 3:

Tuesday, May 4:

9:00 AM Liturgy Meeting Rectory  
 6:30 PM Weight Loss Group Center  
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal Church

Wednesday, May 5:

7:00 PM Bible Study Center  
 7:00 PM Widow/Widowers Center

Thursday, May 6:

6:30 PM Family Prayer Church  
 7:00 PM Women's Guild Conf. Rm

Friday, May 7:

Saturday, May 8:

9:00 AM Faith Into Action Conf. Rm  
 8:00 PM AA Hall

Sunday, May 9:

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  
 5:00 PM Youth Group Meeting Hall

*Scripture for the week of May 2, 2010*

2	Sun	Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
3	Mon	1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
4	Tue	Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
5	Wed	Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
6	Thu	Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
7	Fri	Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
8	Sat	Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
9	Sun	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

*Men's Club Meeting*

The monthly Men's Club meeting will be held next Sunday, May 9th 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!!!

*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 Monday May 10 at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room.

Please join us.



### 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. First and second choices will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

#### REGISTRATION 2010-2011

*Sunday:* May 16, 2010 after all Masses  
Conference Room in the Church Hall

*Tuesday:* May 18, 2010 8:00 AM to 12 Noon  
Parish Center

*Wednesday:* May 19, 2010 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM  
Parish Center

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

#### 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.

#### Cookbooks for Sale

Hot off the press!!! The Daughters of Isabella are selling a cookbook. In it, you will find some delicious recipes. This could be a great gift for someone or for yourself. We are taking advance orders. Call Dawne Birtz at 508-752-1034 or Ruth Sarafinas at 508-829-6037. On May 16, a representative will be in the Parish Hall after all the Masses with books. The price is \$10.00. Looking forward to seeing you.

### Pastoral Reflections

My Friends in the Lord Jesus,

"I give you a new commandment says the Lord: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." As we continue to celebrate the joy of Easter, we hear in the scripture about the growth of the Church in the time of the Apostles and first disciples. In our day, these many centuries later, we proclaim the same truth about Jesus Christ and that truth is the source of the Church's growth throughout the world. The command of Jesus remains the same as well: love one another as I love you.

The Lord Jesus has set the standard for our loving: he himself is the standard. Jesus has modeled this standard for us by his life, it is sacrificial loving. This kind of sacrificial loving, the Lord's way of loving, is focused on the other person. It can be demonstrated in ways such as: the giving of one's self in Christian service for another, opening one's heart to forgiveness and reconciliation, acts of compassionate support, generosity, taking care of caring another person. In short, it is being like Christ. "It was not you who chose me," the Lord said, "but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain... This is my commandment: love one another as I love you."

Fr. Ron

#### Flower Sale Sponsors Needed

Again this spring the St. George Faith into Action Committee is organizing an opportunity to help one family presently living in a homeless shelter move into an apartment of their own. This family has lived in a homeless shelter for nearly six months in the hope of moving into an apartment this summer in time for their children to start the next school year in a neighborhood school. As noted in prior parish bulletins, we have no flowers to offer you this year to make this goal a reality, yet still believe that with the support of past sponsors and supporter of the flower sale we can again fulfill this dream for one family. In place of purchasing flowers we will provide an opportunity for all of us to extend "bouquets of hope" to a family in need and to do this by participating in the 25th Anniversary WALK for the Homeless in May. Three ways we may all take part in the WALK will be outlined in a insert in next week's parish bulletin. You don't necessarily have to walk to participate ... you just need to be a part of the St. George's Faith into Action Flower Sale Team. Thank you for the help and hope you've offered in the past and your ongoing concern and support.



*Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration*

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

1. Sean's job.
2. Joanne, Miler & Sam's return to health.

**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.



*Parish Outreach*

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

Technology Meeting

A gathering of resource persons who can help us explore the use of technology in our parish will take place on Thursday May 6 at 7 PM in the Parish Center. We are looking forward to meeting with several parishioners who have expressed an interest, and any others who would be willing to share their knowledge and expertise concerning the use and acquisition of computers, smart boards, power point projectors for educational purposes. Please call Annie Doyle at 508-853-0183 if you have any questions.

Outreach for Confirmation Candidates

Will you be a Junior in High School this September 2010? Are you considering becoming a candidate to the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2011? If so, you might want to consider doing your Confirmation Service experience this spring or summer. Call Annie Doyle (508-853-0183 Ex. 12) to discuss matching your interests with the needs in the community.

Anointing of the Sick

Many thanks to all who helped to make the Anointing of the Sick on the Feast of St. George such a wonderful experience for so many. To all who set up, served, cleaned up and took part in the ceremony – a heartfelt thank you! It was also an honor to speak to so many of our older parishioners on the phone – to hear of your love for our parish and your longing to be with us. Those of you who were unable to attend in person were there in spirit and we prayed for you all. The Sacrament will also be brought to several of our sick and homebound parishioners over these next few weeks. If you or someone you know would like to receive this Sacrament at home, please call Annie Doyle at the parish office.

*Family Ministry*

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

**Family Connection**

Next Sunday is Mother's Day. Here are some ideas to celebrate mom - breakfast in bed; make a list of all your favorite things about mom, play cards and eat M&M's together, remember a deceased mom with prayer, tell a favorite story about mom.

Mass for Expectant Mothers - Sunday, May 16 at the 9:00 am Mass. Awaiting the birth of a child, including those waiting for a child through adoption, is both a time of joyful anticipation and great anxiety. To rejoice with you and help you through this time, we invite you to come and receive a special blessing of support, comfort and reassurance at our annual Mass for Expectant Families. Families who wish to participate please contact Stacy Trasancos, 508-925-5195 or email stacytrasancos@msn.com by Monday, May 10.



**Baccalaureate Mass**

June 6, 2010 at 11:00 AM

High School Seniors and families, please save this date. Scholarship forms are available in the Sacristy. Forms are due on May 30 (no exceptions!) and can be mailed or dropped off at the Rectory or put in the Offertory basket.

*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.

## Congratulations

*To our children who will receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time this weekend. May Jesus always keep them and their families in His loving care.*

<i>Jamie Brenner</i>	<i>Charles Lenihan</i>
<i>Ashleigh Burke</i>	<i>Colleen McCarthy</i>
<i>Zakary Burr</i>	<i>Elizabeth Moran</i>
<i>Patrick Foley</i>	<i>Rebecca Paldino</i>
<i>Quinn Fuller</i>	<i>Camilla Puzio</i>
<i>Sophia Gardner</i>	<i>Katelyn Shea</i>
<i>Joseph Gow</i>	<i>Cassandra Sund</i>
<i>Emily Hayden</i>	<i>Matthew Szydlak</i>
<i>Ryan Keating</i>	<i>Cole Vecchione</i>
<i>Matthew Kruse</i>	<i>Hailey White</i>
<i>Matthew Lawrence</i>	<i>Renee White</i>

*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.*

### **Already Using your Bank's Bill Pay to Make your Contributions?**

If so, please consider converting to OnLine Giving. Your change will facilitate correct posting of your gift to your account and save the parish from having to manually enter your donations.

We hope that you all will consider trying OnLine Giving. If you need help setting it up - just contact Anne Good at 508-869-9982 or [agood@saintgeo.com](mailto:agood@saintgeo.com).



### **WALK for the Homeless In Worcester**

The 25th Annual WALK for the Homeless will be held on May 16 stepping off at 2 pm from Elm Park in Worcester. The beneficiaries of this year's 3.0 mile WALK are the Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance, the Donations Clearinghouse, the Interfaith Hospitality Network/Friendly House, and Hope for Housing. Massachusetts adopted the housing first approach to assist families in need this year. While this model saves money for the commonwealth and increases the chances for families and individuals to successfully move from shelter to self-sufficiency it does not eliminate the need for us to help our neighbors when they hit hard times. You can register to WALK, download a pledge form, and e-mail friends and family to sponsor you for the WALK at the CMHA website, [www.cmhaonline.org](http://www.cmhaonline.org). Call Amy Walsh at 508-791-7265 x31 with questions.

### *This Weekend's Stewardship Thought*

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives His disciples-and us - a new commandment: "Love one another." Good stewards who spend their time and talents in service to others are well on their way to fulfilling this commandment.

### *This Week...*

Pray for all the victims of violence and natural disasters that the Lord will give them comfort and aid through the Church's humanitarian efforts.

**Reflections on the Sunday Gospel**

Wednesday 7:00 PM-8:15 PM in the Parish Center. Join us for reading of the Gospel for the coming Sunday, group reflection, prayer, and sharing. Call Father Lavallee at 508-853-1083 x 16.

**St. Thomas More Scholarship for Law Students**

Applications for the St. Thomas More Law Scholarship are now available from:

*The St. Thomas More Society  
Chancery Office  
49 Elm Street  
Worcester, MA 01609*

Call Eileen at the Diocesan Tribunal (508-791-7171) for additional information. The scholarship is for law students who will be attending an accredited law school in the Fall or for a student presently in law school. The application must be returned by *June 30, 2010*. Applicants (or their parents) must be members of parishes within the Diocese of Worcester. The Scholarship is usually in the amount of \$3,000. Should anyone wish to contribute to this scholarship fund your donations will be 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.

***SAVE THE DATE***

Saturday, June 19  
9:00 AM. - 2:00 PM

***WOMEN'S GUILD TAG/CRAFT SALE***

Are you interested in helping out? Consider these possibilities:

- \*Bake a cake for the "cake walk".
- \*Contribute a craft to the Women's Guild table.
- \*Donate something to the Women's Guild "Tag Sale" table, or get a couple of friends together and have your own.
- \*Contribute an hour or two to sell tickets or just to help out.
- \*Donate a half hour to relieve people so they can take a brake.

To reserve a 6 foot table and two chairs

Tag sale: inside- \$20 outside- \$15.  
Craft table: inside- 25 outside- \$20

To make your reservation or for questions call:

*Brenda 508-853-4547  
Claudette 508-892-8952*

**Parish Organizations**

If you plan on presenting a Scholarship this year, please call Anne Good (ext. 11) at the Rectory and let her know the group and the amount of the scholarship(s). Please contact us by May 28 and be sure to leave a phone number so that we can get in touch if needed. *Thank You.*

**We Invite You to Join Us as Partners in Charity**

*Let us open our hearts . . .  
our good god will open his!*



"My secret is easy to learn. It can be summed up in these words: give everything away, keep nothing for yourself."

- St. John Vianney

Parish Goal:	\$104,000.00
Donated to Date:	\$ 525.00
Number of Gifts:	4
Amount to Goal:	\$103,475.00
% of our Goal:	0.5%

**In-pew collection is this weekend.**

Please prayerfully consider your gift. Remember that pledging a small amount each month for 10 months adds up to a larger amount very quickly. \$10.00 a month ends up being a gift of \$100. Credit cards are also accepted as a one-time gift or they can be used to make a pledge.

As always, thank you for your generosity and continued support of this Diocesan Appeal.