

Saint George Church
"A Community of Ministries"



Pentecost Sunday
May 23, 2010

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

Financial Information

May 1/2 2010

4:00 PM: \$2166.25
 109 envelopes
 7:30 AM: \$1516.00
 59 envelopes
 9:00 AM: \$1054.75
 47 envelopes
 11:00 AM: \$1019.50
 43 envelopes
 Mail: \$745.00
 19 envelopes

Weekly Total:
 \$7122.23
 287 envelopes and cash
 Repair Fund
 \$35.00
 2 envelopes
 Air Conditioning
 \$446.00
 42 envelopes

First Communion
 \$620.73
 Checks and cash



Our Weekly Financial Goal is \$7,750

*This week we achieved 91.9% of our goal.
 Our shortfall is \$627.77.*



Mass Intention

Saturday, May 8:

Saturday, May 22: Vigil of Pentecost
 4:00 PM Memorial for Peter Pappas by Cathy & Bob Richardson
 Memorial for Elizabeth H. Lazaro by Mr. & Mrs. Desauteles
Sunday, May 23: Pentecost Sunday
 7:30 AM For the Community of St. George
 9:00 AM Memorial for Annette Paige by the Toloczko family
 11:00 AM Memorial for Ruth Feeley & the deceased members of the Sezo family by Kathleen & Vin DiBenedetto
 Memorial for Lori Pulisciano by her son
 12:30 PM Baptism
Monday, May 24:
 8:00 AM For our high school & college graduates
Tuesday, May 25: St. Bede
 8:00 AM For the sick of our parish
Wednesday, May 26: St. Philip
 8:00 AM For the health of Tina Shackett
Thursday, May 27: St. Augustine
 8:00 AM Memorial for William Monahan by the Lauring family
Friday, May 28:
 8:00 AM Memorial for Gus Mazzon by the Frew family
Saturday, May 29: Vigil
 4:00 PM Memorial for Joseph Lazaro by Mr. & Mrs. Desautels
 27th Memorial for Albert Marzilli by his wife & family
Sunday, May 30: The Most Holy Trinity
 7:30 AM For the Community of St. George
 9:00 AM 12th Anniversary for Gunnar Berglund by family
 Deceased members of the Pike family by the Toloczko family
 11:00 AM Memorial for Kenneth Johnson by the Paulin family
 Memorial for Mooshek Oviaan by his children

Lectors Needed

Like to read to your children or grandchildren? Are you a natural story-teller? Lectors proclaim the Word at our weekend liturgies. We need men and women to join this ministry for the 4:00 PM, 7:30 AM and 11:00 AM Masses. Lectors are assigned no more than once a month at the time they request. To arrange for training (at a mutually agreeable time) please call Anne Good at 508-869-9982.

Parish Calendar

Saturday, May 22:
 8:00 PM AA Hall
 Sunday, May 23:
 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 24:
 Tuesday, May 25:
 6:30 PM Weight Loss Group Center
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal Church
 Wednesday, May 26:
 7:00 PM Bible Study Center
 7:00 PM Widow/Widowers Center
 Thursday, May 27:
 6:30 PM Family Prayer Church
 Friday, May 28:
 Saturday, May 29:
 8:00 PM AA Hall
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Scripture for the week of May 23 2010

23	Sun	Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or 14:15-16,23b-26
24	Mon	1 Pt 1:3-9/Mk 10:17-27
25	Tue	1 Pt 1:10-16/Mk 10:28-31
26	Wed	1 Pt 1:18-25/Mk 10:32-45
27	Thu	1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/Mk 10:46-52
28	Fri	1 Pt 4:7-13/Mk 11:11-26
29	Sat	Jude 17:20b-25/Mk 11:27-33
30	Sun	Prv 8:22-31/Rom 5:1-5/ Jn 16:12-15

Thank you

To the parishioners who work "behind-the-scenes" in our Finance Ministry. They count our parish collections each week. Four teams work on a rotating basis and we are most grateful for their faithful service.

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.



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

- Tuesday:* June 1, 2010 10:00 AM - 12 Noon & 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Parish Center
- Tuesday:* June 8, 2010 10:00 AM - 12 Noon & 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Parish Center
- Tuesday:* June 15, 2010 10:00 AM - 12: Noon & 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Parish Center

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

**Please note: Parents must register their children in person.*

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.

Worcester Relay for Life

The Relay for Life is the annual fundraising event for the American Cancer Society and an annual celebration for survivors and their loved ones. The Worcester Relay for Life will be held on **June 18 & 19** at Burncoat High School track. If you have any questions or to reserve a spot, contact the American Cancer Society at 800-227-2345.

Please Pray for Priests

Dear Lord,
We pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry. We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, "Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5). May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse. May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross. May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls.

Amen.

Saint John Vianney, pray for us.

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. *Note: You must submit an application to be considered for a scholarship.*

Parish Organizations/Scholarships

If you plan on donating 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.*

"Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Fr. Peter Joyce of St. Mary's - Southbridge"

Date: September 20 - 30, 2010
Where: Jerusalem-Bethlehem-Nazaraeth-Galilee
Cost: \$3,990 Air Fare and All Included
To sign up Contact: Anthony Nachev, PhD or Erin McCarthy :
Phone: 508-340-9370 or Toll Free 877-994-8259
FAX: 508-854-8003
Email: Anthony@Proximotravel.com
Website: www.Proximotravel.com

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



Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

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

1. Thanks for keeping my husband's job.
2. Thanks for keeping my granddaughter in remission of cancer.

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

Summer Food Pantry Needs

We continue to join area churches to supply food donations for the hungry. Food is distributed at the food pantry held at the Unitarian Church on Shore Drive every third Saturday of the month. During the summer months our needs increase as many usual donors are away on vacation. Special needs include rice, dry beans, toilet paper, laundry detergent and sunscreen for babies. If you are interested in helping out with food set up or distribution call Annie Doyle.

Ministers of Hospitality

A heartfelt *THANK YOU* to our ministers who faithfully greet those who come to worship with us. Your kindness and welcoming spirit helps to open many hearts to the messages of comfort and peace in our time together.

We *WELCOME* others to help in this essential ministry of outreach. If you come to Mass and find that there is no a minister at any one of our church entrances we hope that you will take up the post. Your smile and greeting will be most appreciated.

Help Boy Scouts go to Summer Camp

Donations of empty cans and bottles can help our scouts attend camp this summer. Simply leave your bags of redeemable items (no plastic water bottles please), behind the fence, in the area between the shed and lower garage, located in the parking lot.

Contemplative Music Before Mass

Life can often be hectic and busy. Quiet music will be played 15minutes before each Mass to invite you to rest in the peaceful presence of God.



Family Ministry

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

Family Connection

Today is Pentecost Sunday, the day we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit. This day is often called the "Birthday of the Church" because it was on Pentecost that the apostles started preaching about Jesus. Celebrate with young children by having a birthday party! Bake a cake and decorate it with candles. As you light each candle, tell how a "tongue of fire" fell upon each disciple. As you blow the candles out, tell how the disciples heard a great wind. You can also hear the wind by hanging windchimes outside your door. *Come Holy Spirit, bring a new birth to the countless families that make up the foundation of the Church. Heal and renew marriages, parent-child relationships, and all the human intimacy that constitutes family life. Help family members feel God's love for them through their love for one another.*

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"If you listen real carefully when the breeze blows, you can hear God whispering."

from *The Joyful Noiseletter*
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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.

This Week...

Pray for all who work to advance respect for human life, that they remain humble instruments in God's hands and always bear witness to the Lord's love and mercy.

Consider Joining Our Community of Ministries

call or e-mail the Parish Office today to check out the many possibilities.

Open House

St. Peter Central Catholic Elementary School, 865 Main Street, Worcester will host an Open House on Wednesday, June 2, 2010 from 5:30-7:30 PM. St. Peter's has openings in Grades Pre-K - 7. Please visit us on June 2, or call 508-791-6496 for information or visit our website www.stpetercc.com.

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.

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.

Summer's coming...

Take a few minutes and make your life and ours easier! If you have been thinking about trying OnLine Giving, now is the perfect time. *Make your life easier* by signing up before summer, then you won't have to even think about your parish support since the website has all possible donation funds listed until Labor Day. Decide what you want to donate to and when you want to donate and then don't give it a thought until Fall.



It makes our life easier since it helps stabilize the weekly income during the summer months when parishioners are often away.

Please consider trying OnLine Giving now. If you need help setting it up - just contact Anne Good at 508-869-9982 or agood@saintgeo.com.

This Weekend's Stewardship Thought

One miracle of Pentecost was that, despite their diversity, each listener heard God's word in his or her own language. The meaning for stewardship is that, by sharing the gifts poured out on us by the Holy Spirit, we will be empowered to meet the needs of our brothers and sisters, whatever they may be.



By Dr. Scott Hahn
A Mighty Wind

The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history.

The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate their birth as God's chosen people, in the covenant Law given to Moses at Sinai (see Leviticus 23:15-21; Deuteronomy 16:9-11).

In today's First Reading the mysteries prefigured in that feast are fulfilled in the pouring out of the Spirit on Mary and the Apostles (see Acts 1:14).

The Spirit seals the new law and new covenant brought by Jesus, written not on stone tablets but on the hearts of believers, as the prophets promised (see Jeremiah 31:31-34; 2 Corinthians 3:2-8; Romans 8:2).

The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which He made all things, as we sing in today's Psalm.

In the beginning, the Spirit came as a "mighty wind" sweeping over the face of the earth (see Genesis 1:2). And in the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as "a strong, driving wind" to renew the face of the earth.

As God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with His Spirit (see Genesis 2:7), in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles (see 1 Corinthians 15:45,47).

Like a river of living water, for all ages He will pour out His Spirit on His body, the Church, as we hear in today's Epistle (see also John 7:37-39).

We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a "new creation" in Baptism (see 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15).

Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist (see 1 Corinthians 10:4), we are the first fruits of a new humanity - fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit.

A service of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology
www.SalvationHistory.com



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.

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. Call 508-853-0183 for information.

Women’s Guild Flea Market Yard /Craft Sale

When: June 19th 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

To reserve a 6ft. table with 2 chairs contact: Brenda 508-853-4547 or Claudette 508-892-8952

Prices start at \$15 to \$25. Tables are available inside or outside. Free coffee plus pastry with a table reservation. Donate an item and take a chance getting your space cost refunded.

Parish Scholarships

We thought that everyone should know where the money for the Scholarships comes from each year. Scholarships range from \$100 - \$500 and are funded by parish organizations and individual parishioners. We are most appreciative to them for their generosity. The Cote family awards several scholarships every year. The Men’s Club, the Women’s Guild, St. Vincent de Paul (parish and diocese groups), and St. Thomas á Becket Fund also award scholarships. The St. Paul scholarship is donated by an anonymous parishioner and the parish donates the St. George Scholarship. This is the only scholarship that comes from parish funds.

Recipients are determined by the giver (or at their request, by the parish) after reviewing the applications. Since the awards are decided independently, a graduate may receive one or more scholarship, or not receive one at all.

The parish also presents honorariums to graduating Seniors who have served the parish as Altar Servers or Music Ministers through the 12th grade.

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:	\$ 62,336.00
Number of Gifts:	269
Amount to Goal:	\$ 41,664.00
% of our Goal:	59.9%

Thank you for your great response during the last three weeks. As you can see we have achieved almost 60% of our goal.

We are still in need of your participation in the *Annual Partners in Charity Appeal*. Please prayerfully consider making a pledged gift to this year’s appeal. A gift in any amount will be received with gratitude. For your convenience, pledge envelopes are available in the pews. Please return them to the parish office as soon as you are able. Again, thank you for your generosity and support.