

Saint George Church On-the-Green

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Parish offices located in the Fr. Sullivan Center

Summer Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday 9:00AM to 1:00 PM

Closed Friday, Saturdays and Sundays

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM.

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00, 11:30 AM

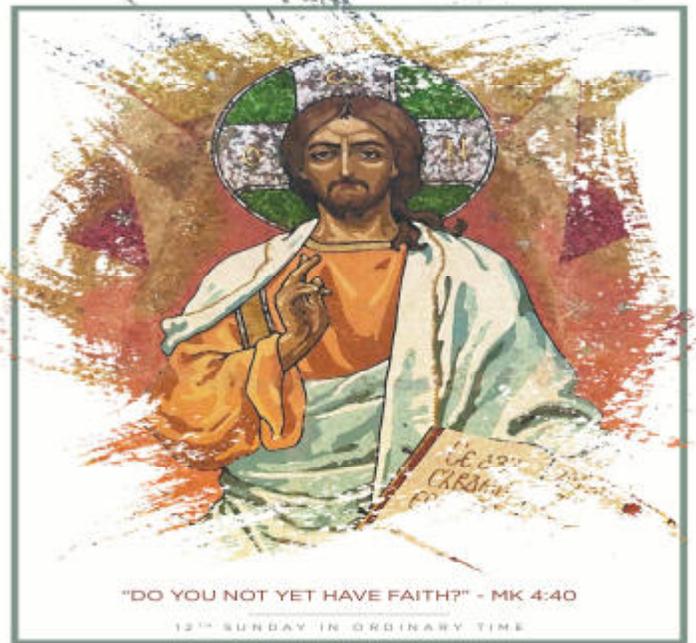
Daily Mass:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - 8:30 AM

Confessions: Saturday 3:15 - 4:00 PM

Monday 5:45 - 6:45 PM

June 20th, 2021 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



All are invited as we gather to
wish

Fr. Stephen & Fr. Dennis the
very best at a Farewell Reception
in the Church Hall & Adjoining
Grounds

Saturday, June 26 after the 4:30
Mass

Sunday, June 27 after the 8:00,
10:00 and 11:30 AM Masses

Pre-Baptism Preparation

Contact Sr. Kathleen 203-453-2788 x201.

Bulletin Notices for the Church bulletin should be submitted by the Monday afternoons for inclusion in that Sunday's bulletin. Notices should be dropped off or sent to the Parish Office in the Fr. Sullivan Center; or email communications@stgeorgeguilford.org

Forward with Faith Campaign: Please email your ideas or suggestions to

ForwardWithFaith@stgeorgeguilford.org

Homebound/Hospitalized

If you or someone you know is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, or hospitalized and would like a visit, please call the Parish Office.

Prayer Line To request prayers or to receive the list via email, please contact Dede Collins at 203-453-2306 or gorotheacollins@yahoo.com

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Saint George Mission Statement

As unique disciples of Jesus, we seek to know, to teach and to reflect Christ by welcoming and serving others through our Catholic faith.



Masses are still being celebrated and livestreamed on our website.

SATURDAY, 06/19/2021 – St. Romuald
4:30 PM **Maureen Cyr Caruso** Mom & Dad

SUNDAY, 06/20/2021 – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM **Regina Moleski**
10:00 AM **Freda Kelleher** Carol
11:30 AM **Parishioners of St. George**

MONDAY, 06/21/2021 – St. Aloysius Gonzaga
8:30 AM **Benvenuti Family** Family
5:45 PM Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions

TUESDAY, 06/22/2021 – St. Paulinus of Nola, St. John Fisher & St. Thomas More
8:30 AM **Joseph Talty** Sheila & Armand

WEDNESDAY, 06/23/2021
8:30 AM **Tony Consiglio** Family

THURSDAY, 06/24/2021 – The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
8:30 AM **Carol DeMateo** Family

FRIDAY, 06/25/2021
8:30 AM **William P. Dilgard, Jr.** Garino Family

SATURDAY, 06/26/2021 – St. Romuald
4:30 PM **Parishioners of St. George**

SUNDAY, 06/27/2021 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM **Richard Roche**
10:00 AM **Mary Lou Dillon** Family
11:30 AM **Donald Palumbo, Sr.** Family

The Daily Rosary is recited immediately after the 8:30 AM Mass.
The Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited every Tuesday immediately after the 8:30 AM Mass.
Our Lady of Fatima Rosary is recited in the Church every Wednesday at 7:15 PM.
Padre Pio Prayer Group meets in the Ruiz Center First Saturday of the month after the 8:30 AM Mass.
Eucharistic Adoration Mondays from 5:45 to 6:45 PM (Confession also available)
The Rosary for Healing & Protection is recited in the Church on the 4th Sunday of every month at 6:00 PM.



Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/
2Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41
Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/
Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/
Mt 7:15-20
Thursday: Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/
Lk 1:57-66, 80
Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/
Mt 8:1-4
Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Mt 8:5-17
Next Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

VIRTUS UPDATES NEEDED



The Office of Safe Environment has directed that any parishioner who submitted a background check **before January 1, 2011** needs to submit a new background check in order to continue volunteering in the parish. Background checks are done every ten years.

Based on information received from Hartford, letters have already been sent out to those individuals who have been identified. Please give this your immediate attention. If the forms are not returned, you will be removed from the volunteer list for all ministries you participate in.

If you think you are due for an updated Background Check and have not received a letter, please contact Francine Wainer at 203-453-2788 x215 or fwainer@stgeorgeguilford.org to inquire.



May Parish Support
Offertory – \$67,045
(includes \$22,047 in on-line giving)
Matthew 25 – \$9,677
(includes \$3,137 in on-line giving)

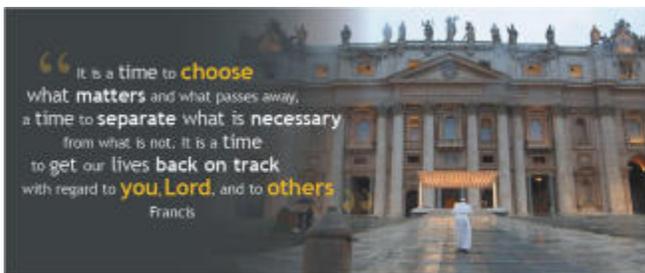
Upcoming Second Collections
June 26-27 Peter's Pence

From the Pastor's Desk...

What Makes a Parish Great

Since the announcement of my transition from St. George Parish to St. Mary Parish in Simsbury, so many of you have commented on how much you've appreciated my being your pastor and priest these past six years and how will miss my being here. I am grateful for all your support. As priests we certainly have the privilege of entering into the lives of our parishioners, not just through our ministry at Sunday Mass, but also in some of the most privileged and sacred moments of our parishioners' lives: when a child is born and baptized, at first communions, confirmations and graduations, in preparing and celebrating a wedding, when challenges arise due to an illness, injury or death, in the graced moment of a confession, and so much more. At such special moments and in the general ministry of the parish, I understand how we as parish priests make a significant impact for good or ill, so I can appreciate how unsettling my move from Guilford to Simsbury is for many. Perhaps a few observations can help. First, without denying that a priest and pastor plays a major role in setting a tone for a parish, our first focus must always be on the Lord Jesus, who is our reason for being. No matter who the priest is at any given time as pastor, Jesus is the constant, the one who promised to be with us always. He is present in the Mass and in the Sacraments. It is Christ whom we seek when we come to St. George. Second, even though we get comfortable with the style and personality of a given priest, it is critical to give an incoming pastor time to get to know him. No two of us priests is exactly alike and each of us brings our unique talents and gifts to ministry. Things will not be the same for sure, nor should they. Take the time to get to know Fr. Dillon and his particular gifts. Give him the opportunity to get to know you and your needs. Finally remember that you are the Church and so much of a parish's culture and personality is created by the parishioners themselves. You are exceptionally generous and active members of this parish. There is so much talent and goodness in all of you. While parish leadership can certainly influence the tenor of a parish, at the heart of every parish is its members. As a pastor I often get credit for things I have not been responsible for. I always try to acknowledge that so much happens here because of the great and dedicated parishioners of St. George. It takes all of us to be a welcoming parish. It takes all of us to be an active parish. It takes all of us to carry out the corporal and spiritual works of mercy here at St. George. I am just so grateful to have been pastor of such a vibrant and caring community, as I am sure Fr. Dillon will be as well.

Peter's Pence Collection Next Weekend June 26 & June 27



Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which is a way to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis with the funds to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.peterspence.va/en.html



Bereavement Ministry

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. (Matthew 5:4)

The bereavement ministry is beginning anew and is offering support for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one and desire to journey through their grief experience with others who are walking the same difficult journey.

Whether the loss occurred recently or some time in the past...all are welcome. This is a ministry of hope, healing and support. Based on the needs of those who respond, we will determine the day of the week and the time (day or evening) that we will meet.

For more information, please call or text Elaine Carter at 917-873-5138 or email at carter615@icloud.com

Summer Office Hours

*Monday through
Thursday
9:00am - 1:00pm
Closed Fridays*

Saint of the Week - St. John the Baptist

In the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, the Church's liturgical calendar of saints' feast days was pared down to allow for more focus on the Sunday celebrations and the liturgical seasons. Many of the canonized saints do not have even one celebration on the calendar, while some share a common feast day with one or two others. Yet there are a few of the Holy Ones who have more than one celebration. Jesus, of course, is the prime example of this where we celebrate his birth (Christmas), his death (Good Friday), his resurrection (Easter Sunday), and other feasts such as Christ the King, Corpus Christi, Sacred Heart and the like. Mary too is honored multiple times in the liturgical calendar including her birth (Sept 8), her death – really her assumption into heaven (August 15), as Mother of God (January 1), and many others like her crowning as Queen of Heaven (August 22), and as Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7). The only other to be honored more than once, on his birth and death, is John the Baptist. This week, the Church celebrates John's birth on June 24th. The Church's calendar sets this date from the account of the Annunciation in Luke's Gospel when the Archangel Gabriel reveals to Mary that her cousin Elizabeth has already been with child for six months. Since tradition has placed Jesus' birth on December 25th and Jesus' conception (which occurs at the Annunciation) therefore on March 25th, if Elizabeth is already with child for six months at that time, John's birth would be approximately three months later.

All that we know of John the Baptist is recorded in the early pages of the Gospels. As already mentioned, his rather miraculous conception, birth and naming by Elizabeth and Zechariah all occurs in the first chapter of Luke's Gospel. In all four Gospels John is portrayed as offering a baptism of repentance at the Jordan river to all the people, telling them to prepare for the coming of the one who is mightier than he, (cf. Mt. 3, Mk. 1, Lk. 3, Jn. 1). It is in this context that Jesus comes to the Jordan to be baptized by John, who in Matthew's account further highlights Jesus' superiority saying, "I need to be baptized by you," (Mt. 3:14). In John's Gospel, twice the Baptist is quoted as saying of Jesus, "he who comes after me, ranks before me because he was before me," referring to Jesus' pre-existence with the Father from all time (cf. Jn 1:15, 30). In John's Gospel also, John the Baptist points out Jesus to two of his own disciples, saying, "Behold the Lamb of God!" (Jn. 1:36). Those disciples then follow Jesus. The gospels also record that John was imprisoned by Herod because John had challenged Herod's illicit marriage to Herodias, his brother's wife. It is Herodias' hatred of John that leads to his beheading as recorded in the rather detailed and gruesome accounts in Mt. 14 and Mk. 6 (John's other feast day, celebrated liturgically on August 29th). John the Baptist is the forerunner of the Messiah, the one who tells the world of Jesus' coming and points him out when he arrives. He constantly deflects any glory or importance that is given to him, rejects any suggestion that he is the Messiah, and instead consistently points out the superiority of his cousin, Jesus. At one point when some of John's disciples out of jealousy question those who have gone over to follow Jesus, John simply says, "He must increase, but I must decrease," (Jn.3:30). Those words of the Baptist are fitting advice for all of us, for in our Christian journey, Jesus must increase in us, while our selfish egos must decrease.



A father is a man who loves without cost to his children and tries to raise them to be fully human creatures with the abilities to make a difference in our world. Some fathers are successful, some are not. However, almost all

try their best. This Father's Day, let your dad know that you appreciate all his efforts.

Strength - Your strength in helping me to tell right from wrong was a great gift.

Honor - You taught me that to honor myself was a way to honor the God who made me.

Faith - Thanks Dad for having faith in me, when I was not sure I had faith in myself.

Love - You loved me when I did not love myself. For that I am grateful.

**Day Retreat for Teens (Onsite):
Together We Rise: June 26, 2021 from
9:30am to 6:00pm
303 Tunxis Road, West Hartford, CT
Led by the Holy Family Youth
Ministry Team**



During these months of isolation and separation, we have felt a *longing* to gather together as a community. Many of us are struggling with loneliness and mourning a sense of normalcy in our lives. Join us as we come together to process this experience on our journey of reconnection. *Together We Rise* - as a community of Christ's followers.

Group size is limited to 40 people. Social distancing and masks are required. Most of the day's programming will be held outdoors. We will celebrate a family mass at 5 pm, on the beautiful grounds of Holy Family Retreat Center.

Offering: \$75

CLASS OF 2021 GRADUATION MASS

PLEASE JOIN US AT
ST. GEORGE AS WE
CELEBRATE THIS
YEAR'S GRADUATES

*Sunday, June 20
10 AM Mass*

An outdoor reception will follow
All graduates & families are invited

RSVP by June 14 with number of attendees
Claire Nicholls - claire@stgeorgeguilford.org
or
Diana Harris - ddartharris@gmail.com



Bible Camp Registration!

Rocky Railway/ Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through

Children entering Gr. 1 - Gr. 4 in Sept. 2021
are welcome
Children will wear a mask, and we will keep
social-distance procedures.

*The dates are
Monday through Thursday, July 12-15
from 9:00-Noon.*

Space is limited to 40 children

We will have **in-person registration only**.
Please call the parish office (203-453-2788
X201) or email Sr. Kathleen at
srkathleen@stgeorgeguilford.org
to set up a time to meet at your convenience.

You will receive the guidelines, and we will
have the opportunity to speak with each other
before you register your child(ren).

The suggested donation is:
\$20 per child;
\$30 for 2; \$40 for 3

Checks can be made out to St. George Church



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*As always, thank you for your continued
generosity!*



Archdiocesan Synod Mass

Save the Date: Friday, August 13 at Oakdale Theater

The Closing Mass of the 2020 Archdiocesan Synod will be held on **Friday, August 13 at 6:30 PM** at the Oakdale Theater in Wallingford. At this Mass, Archbishop Blair will provide his synod document, based on the many months of listening sessions and the Synod Meeting of Delegates which took place in October 2019. The theme of the Synod is *Grow + Go: Grow as a Disciple and Go Make Disciples*.

August 13 is also the first celebration of the feast day of Blessed Michael J. McGivney, a priest of the Archdiocese of Hartford and founder of the Knights of Columbus.

Every parish is asked to send a delegation of 30 parishioners inclusive of the delegates we sent to the Synod Meeting, so we have 27 spots available! These spots are available on a first come, first serve basis. If you are interested in attending, **please call the office to reserve your spot**. If there is sufficient interest, we can coordinate transportation to and from the Oakdale. The Synod began in October 2019 and convened delegates from all 132 parishes. Our delegates from St. George are Noreen Wollben, Cara Correll and Francine Wainer.



Care Packages For Our Troops Serving Overseas

The St. George Knights of Columbus Council 3928 is teaming up with APK Charities and the St. Margaret's Knights of Columbus Council 5780 in sending care packages to the Special Forces Third Group currently deployed in Somalia. These supplies are not available to our troops during their deployment and are most welcomed and helpful during their tour of duty. APK Charities has made this effort several times in the past and the effort was well received.

Capt. Andrew Pedersen-Keel, known as "PK", was the son of St. George parishioners Helen and Bob Keiser. Andrew lost his life while serving as a Special Forces Officer with the Third Group during their deployment in Afghanistan in 2013. If interested in learning more about Andrew and his life, you can go to www.APKCharities.org.

For those who would like to participate in this effort, the St. George Knights of Columbus Council 3928 will be collecting the items included below **during the month of June. Collection boxes, clearly marked for Care Package participation, will be set up at all the doors of our church after all Masses.** All that is asked is that you provide only those items that are on the list. These items have been approved to be shipped.

All items collected will be shipped to the Special Forces Third Group in July.

Financial donations will also be accepted and much appreciated. Please make out your checks to APK Charities. You can put in the collection boxes, in the black lockbox or bring to the Church office.

The St. George Knights of Columbus Council 3928 and APK Charities thanks you for your participation.

Recommended Items List:

Beef Jerky	Ramen Noodles	Canned Tuna
ONE bars	Trail Mix	Almonds
Oatmeal Packets	Granola Bars	Individual Snack Packs
Hot Sauce	Hand Sanitizer (travel size)	Unscented Baby Wipes
Books	Hard Candy	Lollipops, Starburst, Twizzlers
Iced Tea Mix	Gatorade Powder Packets	Flavored water packets
French Presses	Dunkin Donuts Coffee	Dry Soup Mix
Caffeine Gum	Grinds Coffee Pouches	Copenhagen (Long-Cut, Snuff, Pouches)
Magazines (Outdoor, Cars, Motorcycle, Puzzle)		



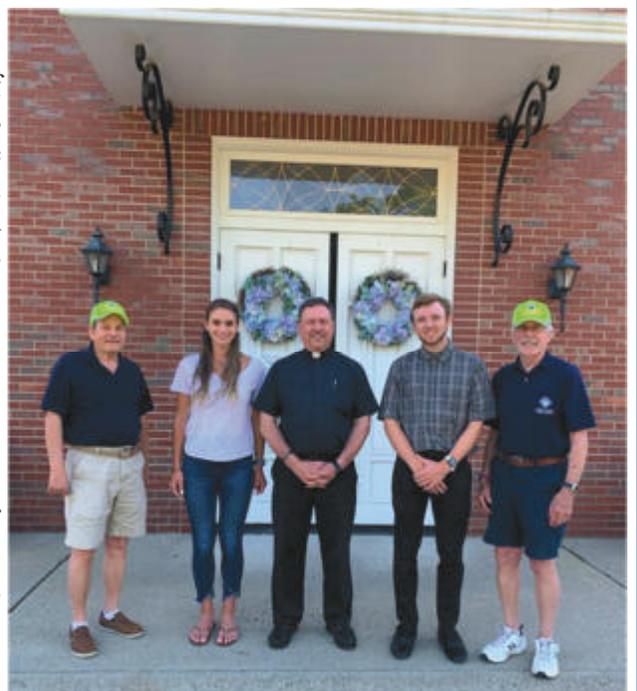
Knights of Columbus Announce Scholarship Winners

For the second consecutive year, the St. George Knights of Columbus, Council #3928, has awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to deserving high school seniors. The awards were based on the students' academic achievements as well as their wonderful charity acts of service to the parishioners of St George Church and the shoreline community. These teens represent the Knights mission of Faith in Action.

Winners are **Rachael Amatrudo**, who is going to Dean College, and **Caleb Harris**, who is going to Western in Danbury

In the photo below from left to right:

Grand Knight elect, Joe Nelly, Rachael Amatrudo, Father Stephen Sledesky, Pastor of St. George's Church, Caleb Harris, and Knight and scholarship committee member, Mike MacDonald.





White Elephant Notice

The White Elephant Booth opening is rapidly approaching. Please begin to save items for our sale which will be during the Knights of Columbus **St. George Carnival August 10 to August 14.**

We will let you know the dates to drop off items and where to bring them in future bulletins.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING IN ANY ITEMS UNTIL THEN – WE HAVE NO PLACE TO STORE THEM.

We are seeking volunteers for our booth. No experience necessary. Men, women, teenagers are all welcome to join our group. It is a chance to meet people, work with wonderful members of our Church, and help support our parish.

Please contact Joan Elder with any questions.
203 245 1122



In Open Wide Our Hearts, the US Catholic Bishops teach: “Overcoming racism is a demand of justice, but because Christian love transcends justice, the end of racism will mean that our community will bear fruit beyond simply the fair treatment of all.” Watch the Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry’s webinar on the letter:
<https://youtu.be/RVAgwUWKV9g>



Assistance for Those Seeking Jobs *Zoom Meetings*

The Guilford Job Network, a volunteer non-denominational group that supports job-seekers via expert guest speakers and job search counseling, generally meets twice monthly via live web-cast meetings using Zoom.

All job-seekers are welcome, but first time attendees must email Russ Allen at RussAllen2@aol.com to request a meeting invitation via email which includes a meeting link and password to join any meeting.

The meetings during the summer months will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Upcoming meeting dates are July 14 & August 11 from 7-9 PM.

For more information, please contact Russ at 203-457-0121 or RussAllen2@aol.com

Saint George Church Carnival **Aug. 10th-14th**
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Entertainment

Tue. DJ Dave Gallo 6-9pm

Wed. DJ Dennis Nardella 6-9pm

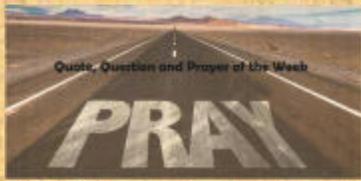
Thurs. Singer Michael Nigretti
7-9pm

Fri. John Brown and the
BackPorch Pickers 6-9pm

Sat. DJ Dave Gallo 6-9pm

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Quote: Learn how to pray in the streets or in the country. Know how to meditate not only when you have a book in your hand but when you are waiting for a bus or train.

~Thomas Merton

Question: During what everyday task that I'm faced with each day, can I pray while doing?

Prayer: God of mercy and love, as I go through my busy day, completing task after task and checking off my to-do list, help me to remember to turn my thoughts to you. Nudge my heart so I can turn mundane tasks into prayer moments and daily activities into opportunities to hear your Holy Spirit whispers. Amen.



Wanted: Heart Transplant

God promises: "I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh." (Ezekiel 36:26)

How many times have we desired to know God more intimately, only to find our hearts remain sluggish and hard to move? Not as often as God has wanted (perpetually) to draw us closer through Word and Sacrament! Pray today: THIS TIME CHANGE OUR HEARTS!

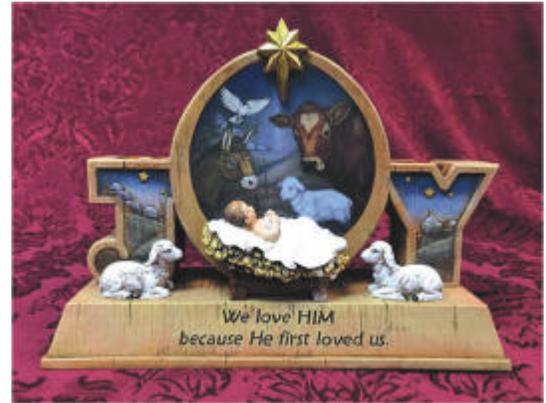
We invite you to watch the video on youtube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tBDG_2gSOIQ and pray with Rory Cooney's beautiful song, "Change our Hearts".



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On **June 26** we are holding a Toy Collection off-site at three locations.

Bring toys to one of these drop-off locations **between 10 am and 2 pm** and we will take them to the hospital:

- **Guilford:** Saint George's Church, 33 Whitfield Street
- **Orange:** Puerto Valleria, 377 Boston Post Road
- **Hamden:** Hamden Middle School, 2623 Dixwell Avenue

What toys are needed? **EVERYTHING!**

(But nothing larger than 17".)

Helpers also needed! Call 203-688-5717 to schedule.

For More Information: <https://www.givetoynhh.org/toy-closet/>

See you on June 26!



Questions? Call 203-688-5717.





Archdiocese of Hartford
Office of Safe Environment
467 Bloomfield Ave.
Bloomfield, CT 06002



HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OF SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

If you have knowledge or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult (an adult with an intellectual disability) has been sexually abused, in any manner, by personnel of the Archdiocese of Hartford, you are urged to report this information to:

Kathleen D. Nowosadko
Victim Assistance Coordinator
860-541-6475
kathleen.nowosadko@aohct.org

In addition, you will be asked to follow up in writing with a detailed description of the facts involved in the incident. Specifics of this written report can be found in the Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Hartford Relating to Allegations of Sexual Misconduct Involving Minors and Vulnerable Adults. This document is also available online at www.archdioceseofhartford.org. The Archdiocese of Hartford will report any and all incidents to the proper civil authorities.

Mandated reporters in the State of Connecticut are required by law to report any incident of sexual abuse involving a minor or vulnerable adult. We encourage any Non-Mandated persons to report such incidents to the proper authorities as well. We support your right to do so.

Incidents involving sexual abuse of minors (persons under the age of 18) should be reported to:
State Department of Children and Families Care-line
1-800-842-2288

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 18 – 59 should be reported to the:
Connecticut Department of Developmental Services – AID Division
for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities
1-844-878-8923

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 60 and over should be reported to:
Department of Social Services for the Elderly
1-888-385-4225

Once a written report of an incident of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult has been received, an investigation will be undertaken by, or on behalf of, the Archdiocese of Hartford.



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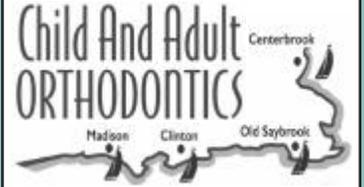
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