

Saint George Church On-the-Green

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Parish offices located in the Fr. Sullivan Center

Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday 9:00AM to 4:00 PM

Friday 9:00AM - 1:00 PM

Closed Saturdays and Sundays

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM.

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

Daily Mass:

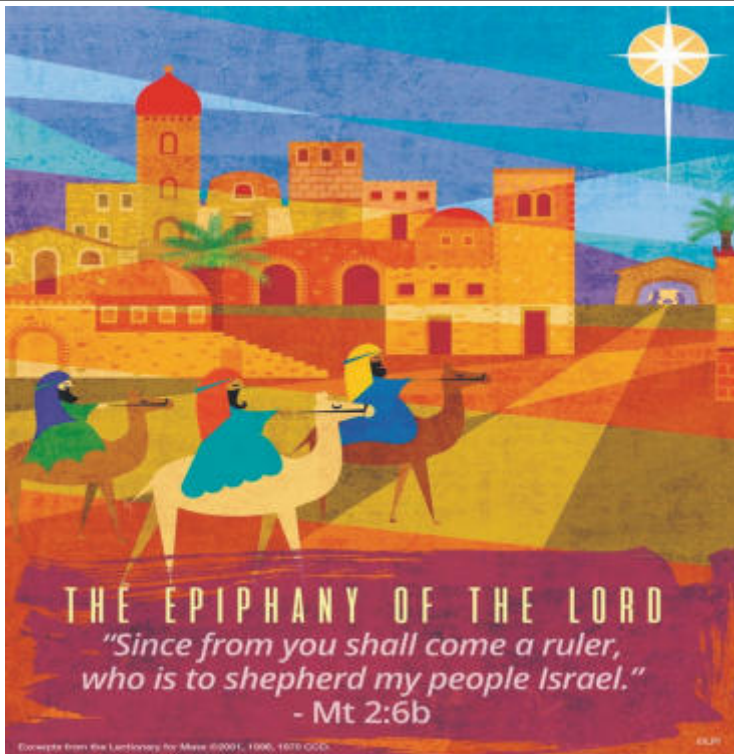
Weekdays at 8:30 AM (except Thursday)

First Saturday of each month at 8:30 AM

Confessions: Saturday 3:15 - 4:00 PM

Monday 5:45 - 6:45 PM

January 2, 2022 The Epiphany of the Lord



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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 dorotheacollins@yahoo.com

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.



Cheryl Panzo, Principal

Sr. Annette D'Antonio, MPF, Assistant Principal

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Masses are still being celebrated and livestreamed on our website.

SATURDAY, 01/01/2022- Solemnity of Mary

8:30 AM **Lynn Staba**

Ken & Peg Wilson

4:30 PM **Lynn Staba**

Chris Wilson &
Ed Marklinsky

SUNDAY, 01/02/2022 - Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM **Joseph & Apolonia Milewski**

10:00 AM **Donna McKenna**

Family

11:30 AM **Parishioners of St. George**

MONDAY, 01/03/2022

8:30 AM **Susan McGrath**

Duggan Family

5:45 PM *NO Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions*

TUESDAY, 01/04/2022 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:30 AM **Mary Ardis**

Millie Parisi

WEDNESDAY, 01/05/2022 - St. John Neumann

8:30 AM **Meredith White**

Family

THURSDAY, 01/06/2022 - St. Andre Bessette

8:30 AM **No Mass**

FRIDAY, 01/07/2022 - St. Raymond of Penyafort

8:30 AM **Wilhelmina De Jongh**

Anna & Mark Bergander

SATURDAY, 01/08/2022

4:30 PM **Parishioners of St. George**

SUNDAY, 01/09/2022 - Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM **Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus**

10:00 AM **Joseph Sordi**

His wife, Florence

11:30 AM **Frances Bujalski**

Daughter

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.

Readings *Week*

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/
Lk 2:16-21 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts
10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
or, in Year C, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/
Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**The Parish Offices
will be closed:
Monday, January 3, 2022**

*There will be NO Eucharistic Adoration at
5:45 pm on Monday, January 3*

*May you and your family have a
Holy and Happy New Year!*



November Parish Support

Offertory – \$60,711
(includes \$21,345 in on-line giving)

Matthew 25 – \$11,274
(includes \$3,014 in on-line giving)

Upcoming Second Collections

Jan 1/2 Matthew 25
**Jan 22/23 Archdiocesan Catholic
High Schools**

From the Pastor's Desk...

Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year! Every new year, many of you may say to yourself the following: I wonder where the time has gone. For me, it seems like yesterday that we were all anxious about Y2K; would our computers work on January 1, 2000, would we be able to get cash from the ATM, or would planes be able to fly because radar systems wouldn't adjust to the new millennium. Now, twenty-two years later, our computers are working fine, hardly anyone uses cash, and air traffic is going fine. Today, we have a whole new set of concerns: what will the next variant of Covid be like or is our personal data safe from hackers; to name just a couple. This is the way that it has always been throughout history. Despite all of this, New Year's always seems to bring with it a sense of optimism and excitement.

None of us knows what the year ahead will place before us: 2020 gave us a real lesson in that. One thing that has been consistent throughout salvation history is the message that was proclaimed in the Scriptures in the days leading up to Christmas, the message that was proclaimed at Christmas and the message that we hear throughout the year: "God is with us". With this reality in mind, in our hearts and in our prayer, we can face any challenge and breathe easier when life seems to be overwhelming to us.

New Year's is a time when many of us make resolutions for the year ahead. In addition to the resolutions to be more attentive to our prayer life, to be kinder to others, to watch our language and to take better care of our health (for example), I encourage each of us to resolve to remind ourselves each day that God is with us. You may wish to do this at the start of the day, as you leave the house, or as you drive (probably especially then), at those moments take a breath and remind yourself that God is with us. I truly believe that the more that we do this, the less stressful life can become. I'm not saying that you will be stress free, but the anxieties of life can be eased by remembering and acknowledging that God is with us.

Now, we begin a New Year. What awaits us? We can only guess, usually what we guess now is not what we recall at the end of the year. The one thing that we can be certain about is that God is with us.

May God's blessings be with you for a wonderful New Year.

Trustee Update

I wish to thank Margot Burkle for her extensive years of service as a Trustee of St. George Parish. Margot has completed the maximum number of terms of service as outlined in Archdiocesan Policy.

Her tireless efforts of making everyone feel welcome when they walk through the doors of the church, together with her years of attending various monthly ministry meetings, clearly demonstrate her love of the parish and the community. Her numerous visions to inspire parishioners to seek a more personal encounter with Christ with such endeavors as the development of the St. George Healing Garden, the creation of the Night of Remembrance Prayer Service; and the establishment of the Bereavement Group Ministry, to name a few, indicate her devotion to the parish and the building up of God's Kingdom here on earth. We wish her well as she steps down from the Trustee position.

Congratulations to Thomas Duffy who has graciously accepted an invitation to serve as our new Trustee. Thom is currently employed by the Knights of Columbus and previously served as the Chief Financial Officer for the Archdiocese of Washington. He also currently serves as Deputy Grand Knight of the Parish Knights of Columbus Council and a member of the Finance Council at St. George. Thom's appointment takes effect on January 1, 2022.

Reminder!

If you did not receive the parish Christmas card from Father Dillon, it might mean you are not officially registered in the parish. Please go online to www.stgeorgeguilford.org to register.

Also, if you move or change your phone number/email, please remember to log in on our website and update your information. Thank you!

Mass Intention Book 2022

The 2022 Mass book is now full. We will advise you after the start of the new year when we will open up the book for 2023.



Prayer Shawl Ministry is ready to meet again - all welcome!

Anyone interested in knitting or crocheting prayer shawls, please join us! We will be meeting on **Wednesday, Jan. 5 from 1-3 in the Nancy Lattanzi Room**. While most of our handiwork is done at home, we gather to work and chat, to make prayer shawls for those in need of physical or spiritual comfort. These shawls are blessed by Father and then they're available to be given to those in need; they can be as simple or ornate as you would like. If you have questions or need information please reach out to Dede or Bonnie -- we'd love to have you join us!

Dede Collins: 203-453-2306

Bonnie McManamy: 203-915-9196



Christmas Recycling Program

St. George's own Boy Scout Troop 471 is pleased to offer its Christmas Tree Recycling Program again this year. Trees may be dropped off to the Scouts on designated dates or scheduled for convenient pick-up.

On **Saturdays, January 8 and January 15** Boy Scouts will accept trees **from 9am to 2pm** at three locations:

- Dudley Farm
- H2O Farm (Pinchbecks)
- Bishop's Orchards (Lower Lot)

The suggested donation is \$10.00

Pick-up service for Christmas trees is available through January 20. To schedule a tree pickup, please call 860-840-7279 or go to www.troop471.guilford.org. Suggested donation is \$20.

The tree recycling program is the Troop's primary fundraiser in addition to being a community service tradition spanning three decades. All funds raised benefit the Troop in various capacities. All trees are chipped and the wood chips are used for a good cause, most recently in the Guilford Dog Park.

Matthew 25 Collection



The monthly Matthew 25 Collection is taken up on the first weekend of each month for the charitable works of the parish. This year your generosity allowed us to allocate funds from the Matthew 25 Collection for a variety of local, regional, national and international charities: Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Guilford; Branford Community Dining Room; St. Martin de Porres Academy, Columbus House and Amistad Catholic Worker House in New Haven; our own St. George Food Pantry, Holiday Sharing, Transitional Housing, HomeFront, and Haiti ministries.

Your generosity has helped literally thousands of people throughout the year. Thank you for caring for Christ by feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless and welcoming the stranger in need.

Our next collection will be taken up THIS weekend, January 1 & 2.



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 will be on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. Upcoming meeting dates are January 12 and January 26 from 7-9 PM.**

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

Abraham's Tent 2022



As mentioned in a previous bulletin notice, Abraham's Tent 2022 will be hosted by St. George the week of Jan. 3 – Jan. 10, 2022 but due to the continuance of the pandemic, we will not have guests staying with us on site.

We will be supporting Abraham's Tent and Columbus House by asking for donations, if your means allow, of both physical items and financial resources.

Suggested items are as follows:

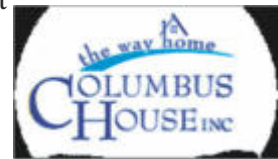
- All clothing items must be NEW, not used in any way.
- Store bought winter hats, gloves and scarves. (No handmade items please.)
- White socks
- Prepackaged treats
- Personal care supplies - **NO** mouthwash of any kind
- Hand warmers
- Chapstick
- Gift cards of \$10.00 to Dunkin Donuts, MacDonald's, Burger King, Panera Bread, Five Guys, Dollar Store, Subway, Jersey Mike's
- Financial donations for Bus Passes. Cost of a pass is \$20.00
- Financial donations towards Welcome Kits
- Notes of encouragement
- Art supplies
- Puzzles

We will set up a drop box in the Fr. Sullivan Center for all items and any envelopes. You may also drop envelopes with your gift cards or financial donations in the collection boxes during Mass or in the black lockbox located outside the Fr. Sullivan Center doors. Please be sure to clearly mark any envelopes as Abraham's Tent 2022 so as not to confuse them with our weekly Church collections.

We will be collecting all donations beginning Tuesday, Dec. 28 running through Sunday, January 23, 2022.

COVID-19 has definitely affected our ability to host our friends from Columbus House, but it has not affected our ability to share our friendship and kindness with them.

Thank you,
St. George Abraham's Tent Team



The Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center, formerly the Knights of Columbus Museum, resumes its tradition of showcasing Christmas in art and culture with its 2021 exhibition, *The Nativity Story: Art of the Crèche*. The show opens November 6, 2021 and continues through February 6, 2022. It is something you and your families may enjoy.

The 2021 Christmas exhibition is derived fully from the Center's extensive collection and shares many examples of how Jesus' birth has been depicted in art across the globe as well as the popularity and significance of this annual Christian observance worldwide.

The Center continues its custom of free admission and onsite parking. Beginning November 6, it will be open to the public Wednesdays through Sundays. In the interest of public health, precautions are in place, including the use of timed-entry tickets. Please call 203-865-0400 or check the McGivney Center website at www.michaelmcgivneycenter.org before your visit.



Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Winners

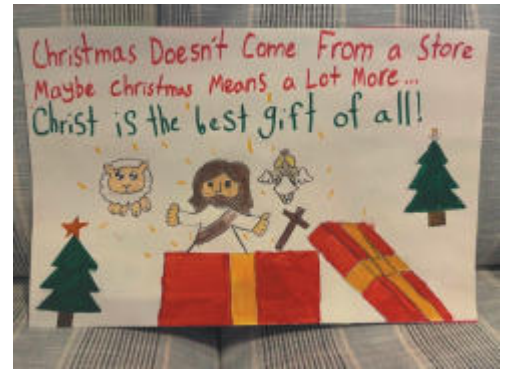


The Knights of Columbus would like to extend their congratulations to the poster winners from this year's contest. The winners this year are:

Scarlett Ropiak (5-7 Age Category)
Anne Jones (8-10 Age Category)
Dylan Perry (11-14 Age Category)

Thank you to all of those who entered the contest. The posters were all amazing and it was a difficult task to choose a winner. In our hearts, you are all winners!

Here's a sampling of some of the posters we received:



Bless Your Door on Epiphany



The Gospel tells us that the Magi found Christ “on entering the house.” The door to your home is a holy threshold. You can bless those who come in and go out by inscribing above the door in chalk the first two numbers of the year+C+M+B+the last two numbers of the year. Tradition tells us that the letters stand for the names of the magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Adolph Adam points out that it may also mean “*Christus mansionem benedicat*” or “May Christ bless this dwelling.” It’s appropriate to bless your door in January—*janua* means “door” and the first month is the door to the new year.

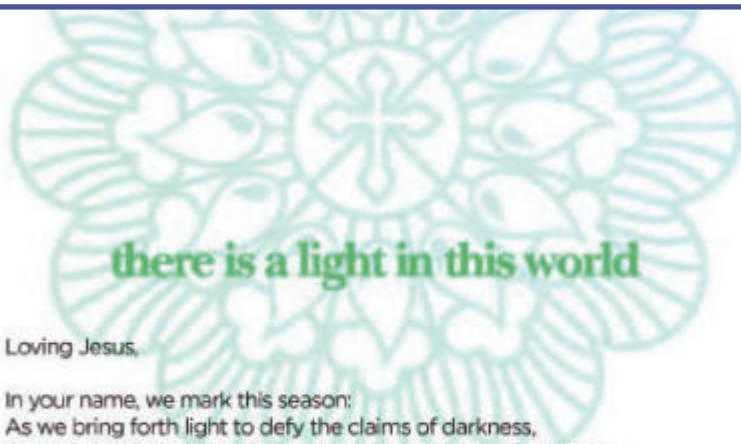
Due to the coronavirus pandemic, we will not be providing chalk that has been blessed to you this year. Chalk purchased from the store or even chalk left over from previous blessing years will be sufficient.

Suggested Blessing for the Home on Epiphany

- * The members of the household gather at the main door to the home.
- * Read the story of the Magi from Matthew’s Gospel Chapter 2, verses 1-12.
- * Inscribe 20+C+M+B+22 above the door with chalk.
- * Pray the following blessing prayer:

*God of Bethlehem and Cana, God of Jordan’s leaping waters,
in baptism you bring us into your family.
You wed us and embrace us as your beloved.
May we fill this place with kindness to one another,
with hospitality to guest, and with abundant care for every stranger.
By the gentle light of a star, guide home all who seek you
on paths of faith, hope and love.
Then we will join the angels in proclaiming your praise:
Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now and for ever. Amen.*

- * Conclude with a song such as “We Three Kings” or “O Come All Ye Faithful.”



there is a light in this world

Loving Jesus,

In your name, we mark this season:
As we bring forth light to defy the claims of darkness,
As we bring forth joy and song to defy the claims of sadness,
As we bring forth a spirit of generosity to defy the claims of want,
As we bring forth peace to defy the claims of war.

That in the darkest, saddest, most wanting, warring corner of the world,
All may look to Bethlehem
Where, in the humblest of circumstances,
In a time of repression
From the person of a poor refugee woman
In the fiith of a manger
In the form of a most vulnerable child
You came among us to say, "No, there is a light in this world."

Let us be this light to others.
Let us be the fruit of the branch of Jesse's tree.
Let us be the bearers of the indescribable gift that is your grace.
And so defy all false claims on your people and their dignity.

And so, may you be born anew, into every season
Into every age
Into every land and every human heart.

Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Amen



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To sign-up for Online Giving:

1. Visit our website at www.stgeorgeguilford.org
2. Click on Donate-Online Giving
3. Click on the Online Giving icon to set up a new account

If you would like more information or would like help in setting up your account, please call Patricia at the Parish Office (203-453-2788, ext. 202).

If you are a regular on-line giver and are still receiving envelopes in the mail, please let us know in order to discontinue the envelopes!

The following weekend collections will be taking place in 2022:

- Jan. 22/23 – Catholic High Schools
- Mar. 2 – Ash Wednesday
- Mar. 26/27 – Catholic Relief Services
- Apr. 15 – Good Friday Holy Land Collection
- May 8 – Mother's Day
- May 28/29 – Catholic Communications Campaign
- June 19 – Father's Day
- June 25/26 – Peter's Pence
- July TBA – Missions Offering
- Sept. 24/25 – Catholic Elementary Schools (HOPES)
- Oct. 22/23 – World Mission Sunday
- Nov. 5/6 – Archdiocese for Military Services
- Nov. 19/20 – Campaign for Human Development
- Dec. 10/11 – Retirement Fund for the Religious



***Pasta Sauce, Cereal,
Boxed Milk, Peanut Butter,
Jelly, Rice - 1 lb. bags***

The Food Pantry extends its deepest gratitude for your constant generosity to our families.

“The ABCs of Annulment”

Saturday, January 22, 2022

10 am to 12:00 pm

St. Margaret Church Hall

Sponsored by the Metropolitan Tribunal, Bloomfield



Father Philip Schulze, Pastor of Saint Margaret Parish, 24 Academy Street, Madison, Connecticut, in collaboration with Father George Mukuka, the Judicial Vicar of the Metropolitan Tribunal in Bloomfield, Connecticut, will host “The ABCs of Annulment” on Saturday of January 22nd, 2022, from 10 am to 12:00 pm, in the Church Hall at the address above. Updates of the process initiated by Pope Francis as well as those made in the Archdiocese of Hartford will be presented by Br. Larry Lussier CSC, and Jim Tottenham.

Follow-up Annulment Workshops to help participants write their applications will be held at the same address on Saturday January 29th, and February 12th and 19th, from 10 am to 12:00 pm. Br. Larry, Jim Tottenham, and other members of the Annulment Team, will be present for the Workshops.

The “ABCs of Annulment” event is open to all at no cost. Participants will receive a folder with the required printed materials. No registration is required. For further information call Br. Larry @ 475-221-8464 or email him at brolarlus300@gmail.com



MERCY BY THE SEA 2021 RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTER

Personal Reflection Time - Jan. 21-23

At the beginning of the new year, we invite you to take time to rest and renew your spirit on the beautiful Connecticut shoreline here at Mercy by the Sea. Check in on Friday at 4 p.m., enjoy dinner at 5 p.m. and check out on Sunday at 10 a.m. This two-night private retreat includes a single room with en-suite bath and all meals. <https://tinyurl.com/2f7zasts> to learn more and to register.



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“Becoming a priest or a man or woman religious is not primarily our own decision...Rather it is the response to a call and to a call of love.” - Pope Francis

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father,
we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son’s Kingdom as priests, deacons and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Little Miracles Update

Please be advised that Little Miracles and St. George will NOT be accepting any donations until Spring 2022.

In addition, Little Miracles needs to find a new home which they can occupy for little or no money because the current space they occupy was sold and is in need of major repairs. They are in need of a storage space of approximately 1,000 square feet. It can be a warehouse space or any building. They can pay for utilities if necessary. The location does not have to be Guilford or Madison. If you know of a vacant space anywhere from New Haven to Old Saybrook where Little Miracles can house their donations of cribs, car seats, baby items and clothing, please contact Valerie LeShane at 203-314-5677.

LEAVE A LEGACY OF FAITH

*Remember St. George Parish
in your will or when
making a gift in honor or in
memory of a loved one.*

Teaching Students about Social Service

We begin early teaching our students about service. Pictured are PreK4 students (group photo), a second grade student and kindergartener with their toiletries bag contributions for Abraham's Tent. Also pictured are St. George Parishioners Francine Wainer and Tony Sicignano picking up ESCA's Abraham's Tent collection donation from Miss Acabbo, Prek4 Teacher and Mrs. Phillips, Paraprofessional.

As part of our tri-parish support, our school took up a collection of toiletries in conjunction with St. George Church. St. George Church has participated over the last 7 years with the Abraham's Tent Program through Columbus House. ESCA had recently collected bottles of \$2,000 in coins and paper money in conjunction with St. John Bosco's St. Giana Baby Bottle Collection

East Shoreline Catholic Academy is a dynamic Pre-K-8 STREAM school, preparing individual students to be our future leaders rooted in faith, service, and academic excellence.

East Shoreline Catholic Academy wishes all a very happy, healthy and safe Christmas and New Year!



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