## Saint George Church On-the-Green

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**Religious Education Office:** 203-453-3496 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 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month 5:45 - 6:45 PM

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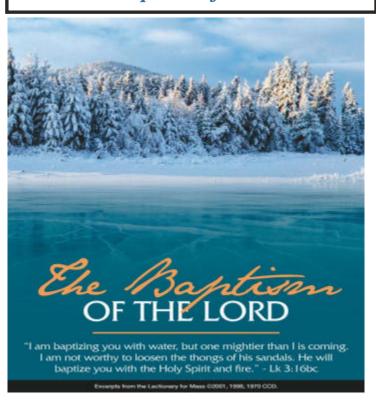
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### Saint George Mission Statement

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

## January 9, 2022 The Baptism of the Lord



## **Pre-Baptism Preparation**

Contact Sr. Kathleen 203-453-2788 x201.

<u>Bulletin Notices</u> 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

<u>Forward with Faith Campaign</u> 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



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**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

MONDAY, 01/10/2022

8:30 AM **Susan Duggan** Duggan Family

5:45 PM Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions

TUESDAY, 01/11/2022

8:30 AM Frank J. Cervo from Brooklyn, NY Magda Fiszer

WEDNESDAY, 01/12/2022

8:30 AM Mitchell Liro Donna & Gary Boivin & Family

THURSDAY, 01/13/2022 - St. Hilary

8:30 AM No Mass

FRIDAY, 01/14/2022

8:30 AM **Suzanne Mattson** Walter & Gerry Pieper

**SATURDAY, 01/15/2022** 

4:30 PM Nora Roche Daughters

SUNDAY, 01/16/2022 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Carol DeMatteo Bill DeMatteo & Family

10:00 AM **Robert Thomas Correll** The Correll Family

11:30 AM Mary Beth Christie Family

Eucharistic Adoration

As a reminder, Eucharistic Adoration will be held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month from 5:45PM - 6:45PM (confession also available)

Our next Monday adorations in January will be: Jan 10th & Jan 24th

### **Mass Intention Book 2022**

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

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 40:1-5, 9-11/ Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/ Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

*Monday:* 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/

Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11/

Mk 1:40-45

*Friday:* 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/

Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19;

10:1a/Mk 2:13-17

**Next Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11



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Upcoming Second Collections

Jan 22/23 Archdiocesan Catholic
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### From the Pastor's Desk...

Dear Parishioners.

Another New Year has begun. Unfortunately, it isn't beginning well in regard to Covid positivity rates. This horrible virus is going to continue to challenge us to be diligent, patient, and careful in how we go about our daily lives. The same applies to our coming to Mass each week. As I mentioned last weekend, I strongly encourage every one of us to wear a mask while in church and our other parish buildings. I know, I know, we're all tired of it, but with the positivity rate being so high, I think that we can all endure this inconvenience for the short amount of time that we are in church. I am very appreciative of everyone's cooperation with this request.

If you have visited another parish, you may have noticed that they may have put Holy Water in the fonts, have the gifts of bread and wine brought up during mass, and have youth altar servers. Recently, the priests received a memo from Archbishop Blair regarding these items. In his memo, Archbishop said that having Holy Water in the fonts and the bringing up of the gifts of bread and wine is now left to the pastor's discretion. As much as I would like to bring these practices back, I don't think that now is the right time to bring them back. Once Covid positivity rates get down below 10 percent, I think that we can all feel more comfortable in re-introducing these practices. Regarding our youth Altar Servers, we were instructed that only fully vaccinated individuals are allowed to serve at this time. We are reaching out to our Altar Servers to find out who would like to begin serving again.

I would like to say how much I enjoyed my first Christmas in Guilford and at St. George Parish. I say "Guilford" as well as "St. George" because, as you all know, the area around the Green plays such an important part in the experience of Christmas here in Guilford. Every evening, I've enjoyed looking at the buildings surrounding the Green, and on the other streets near the Green, displaying the white candles in their windows; it really is quite a beautiful sight. I was so pleased with our celebration of Christmas; the church decorations and the music were so wonderful and uplifting. I'm very grateful to our decorating/flower committee and musicians for the outstanding effort that they made to make our celebration so beautiful and meaningful.



We would like to extend our heartfelt thank you to Justine Lovelace, our afternoon Administrative Assistant, who recently left her position at St. George. We will miss Justine's bright and bubbly personality and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

Please join us in welcoming Sarah Celotto, long-time parishioner, catechist and Saturday lector to our St. George Parish Staff. Sarah will be filling the afternoon Administrative Assistant vacancy and will work with our Religious Education Directors, Diane Birdsall and Claire Nicholls. Welcome to our Parish staff!

### 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 <a href="https://www.stgeorgeguilford.org">www.stgeorgeguilford.org</a> 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!



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

### 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.

### 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:

Abraham's Tent

- 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 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 22, 2022, from 10 am to 12:00 pm, in St. Margaret's 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 <a href="mailto:brolarlus300@gmail.com">brolarlus300@gmail.com</a>



## **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 assignated dates or scheduled for convenient pick up

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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 <a href="https://www.troop471guilford.org">www.troop471guilford.org</a>. 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.

### **ESCA News**

As we enter into this new year of 2022 we reflect over the past year and are so grateful for so many blessings at East Shoreline Catholic Academy, despite the many challenges of COVID 19. The collage of photos is just a small representation of ESCA's mission in preparing individual students to be our future leaders rooted in faith, service, and academic excellence!





## **Bereavement Ministry**

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

The next meeting of the Bereavement Ministry will be on Thursday, January 13 at 6pm in the St. Francis Room in the parish hall.

Whether the loss occurred recently or some time in the past...all are welcome. This is a ministry of hope, healing and support. For more information, call or text Elaine Carter at 917-873-5138 or email carter615@icloud.com



## 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



## 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 <a href="https://www.michaelmcgivneycenter.org">www.michaelmcgivneycenter.org</a> before your visit.

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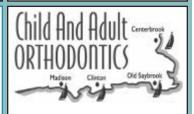
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