

## **Saint George Church On-the-Green**

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### **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

## **January 16, 2022 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**



### **Parish Staff**

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### **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](mailto:communications@stgeorgeguilford.org)

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

[ForwardWithFaith@stgeorgeguilford.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.*



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Masses are still being celebrated and livestreamed on our website.

**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

**MONDAY, 01/17/2022 - St. Anthony**

8:30 AM **Joseph Graziano** The Graziano Family

5:45 PM *NO Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions*

**TUESDAY, 01/18/2022**

8:30 AM **Lynn Staba** Wendy & Stephen Pollard

**WEDNESDAY, 01/19/2022**

8:30 AM **Pauline Vincent** The Graziano Family

**THURSDAY, 01/20/2022 - Sts. Fabian & Sebastian**

8:30 AM **No Mass**

**FRIDAY, 01/21/2022 - St. Agnes**

8:30 AM **Jean Denison** Theresa Bisson

**SATURDAY, 01/22/2022 - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn**

4:30 PM **Eleanor Milano** Janet & Jim Considine

**SUNDAY, 01/23/2022 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM **Maryellen, Karen & Minnie Talty** Sheila & Armand

10:00 AM **Parishioners of St. George**

11:30 AM **Ann & John Mazza** Viv & Chet Piorkowski

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

**Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23/ Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13/ Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40 -51/Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/ Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21

**Next Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/



The Parish Office will be closed **Monday, January 17** in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday.

*As a reminder: The next Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions will be this Monday, January 24.*



**December Parish Support**  
**Offertory – \$91,463**  
*(includes year-end and one time donations)*

**Christmas – \$34,142**

**Matthew 25 – \$12,044**

**Retired Religious - \$5,621**

**Upcoming Second Collections**  
**Jan 22/23 Archdiocesan Catholic High Schools**

## ***From the Pastor's Desk...***

Dear Parishioners,

I'm sure that you noticed last week that I was the only one processing in at Mass. This was done in response to a memo that Archbishop Blair recently sent to the priests of the Archdiocese with new Covid protocols that he would like us to follow at this time. Archbishop has asked that we "refrain from unnecessary circulation in church, from processions, and from greeting or gathering people before or after Mass". It is not mentioned in the memo, but I'm sure this request is just while we are inside the church itself.

Archbishop Blair has also directed that anyone who is unvaccinated "should not be present in the sacristy, sanctuary, or distributing Holy Communion". All Lectors and Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion have been contacted regarding this. Those who are distributing Holy Communion are still required to sanitize our hands before distributing Holy Communion and after distributing Holy Communion to those who receive on the tongue.

Last weekend, you noticed, as well, that we did not have a choir at Mass. Prior to this memo I met with our Music Director, Emily Phillips, and we had agreed that given the high positivity rate in Connecticut, it would be best if we suspend having the choir until we feel comfortable bringing the choir back. The memo that I received from Archbishop Blair encourages this as well and asks that the Cantor remain masked while singing; this is why the Cantor was masked this past weekend. We will continue in this regard, as with the choir, until the Covid situation improves.

I'm very pleased with the numbers of people who have decided to wear a mask while in church. As I've said before, and most likely will say again, I, along with most of us, don't care to wear a mask and greatly look forward to when this is no longer recommended. Until that time comes, let's do our best to keep ourselves and others as safe as we possibly can.

I hope that after last week's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord that if you didn't know the date or your Baptism that you became curious to know that date so that you could celebrate it in the future. I did have one person who came up to me after Mass last weekend with the answer to the name of the famous person who died on the day that I was Baptized. That person was: Marilyn Monroe.



### **Archdiocese of Hartford Center for Catholic Education and Formation Catholic High School Collection 2022**

The Catholic High School Collection, occurring in all parishes of the Archdiocese next weekend, supports the outstanding education offered at our Catholic secondary schools by providing funds for tuition assistance, technology enhancements, curricular improvements, and marketing, all of which are so critical during this ongoing pandemic. Please consider investing in the exceptional academics, solid faith formation, and spirit of service at our high schools by making a gift to this year's Catholic High School Collection on **January 22/23**.



### **Congratulations....**

With great joy, we welcome the following who were recently baptized into the family of faith during the month of December:

***Julian Anthony Benitez  
Benjamin Vincent Sala  
Genevieve Alexander Smith***



### **Winter Coat Drive**

One of the service projects this year being coordinated by our Peer Ministers is the St. George 9th Annual Coat Drive to help those in the area who are in need of winter jackets. We are asking for new, gently used, clean, coats that will be distributed to residents along the shoreline. We also will accept mittens, gloves, hats and scarves!

Boxes will be placed by the entrance doors of the Church and outside of the Father Sullivan Center.

Our hope is that parishioners will drop off their donations and help to make this collection a success! ***The coat drive begins on the weekend of January 15/16 and runs through the weekend of February 5/6.***

Thank you in advance for any help you can give.



## HomeFront 2021



Now that we are into the New Year of 2022, I would like to give you a report as to the status of the St. George HomeFront 2021 project.

I want to start by offering a heartfelt thank you to three groups who came out to make this project a success.

First, I want to say Thank You to our St. George Appalachian Group. This group stepped up when their own plans for their annual work project down South was cancelled due to COVID. They took on the project of painting 7 interior rooms over a two-weekend period. This part of the project not only included the walls but also the ceilings and hallways. I would like to thank the leadership of this group for their enthusiasm and support to complete this phase of the project.

Second, I would like to thank the St. George community for those volunteers that came out to tackle the exterior portion of the project. This was an extensive and time-consuming project due to the weathered clapboard that needed scrapping, replacing, priming and final coat. Thank you to the 15 parishioners, families and friends who came out over a different two weekends to perform this job.

Finally, I would like to thank the group of active-duty Coast Guard personnel who joined in on this project. The owner's husband, who was deceased, was a retired Coast Guardsman. These male and female Coast Guard persons were a pleasant and most helpful addition to this project. They were very polite, a joy to speak with and a hardworking group of young people. They are fine examples of those who choose to serve and protect us and our country.

Words cannot express how grateful I am to those who came out to help. HomeFront is built on the premise of neighbors volunteering to help someone in their own community. It is this kind of effort that makes, not only HomeFront, but our St. George Parish and the Guilford Community, the positive organization/communities they are.

Again, I thank you all for your efforts and willingness to give of your time.

Thank you,  
Tony Sicignano  
St. George Parish/HomeFront



## Covid 19 Update

Due to the Covid positivity rates, we have cancelled any in person meetings in our buildings until the positivity rate gets to a more comfortable level. We are asking that those who can zoom, such as bible study and prayer groups, do so for the time being. We will continue to address this on a month to month basis.

Thank you for your understanding.



## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18-25

Our Father,

We seek you in so many ways and places in our life.

We seek you for guidance and for comfort.

But you have told us that when there is hunger,  
it is up to us to feed the hungry.

We ask you to help us see you in other Christians and humbly ask you  
for strength in the search for what we have in common.

Bless our efforts to look at all the ways we are united in faith, and grant  
us courage to change our hearts and minds to realize your will.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord and brother,  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

## Pope Francis urges us to take the vaccine



Pope Francis speaks to a reporter

*"I believe that morally everyone must take the vaccine,"*  
the pontiff said in an interview for Italy's TG5 news program.  
*"It is the moral choice because it is about your life but also the  
lives of others."*

"I do not understand why some say that this could be a  
dangerous vaccine," said Francis. "If the doctors are  
presenting this to you as a thing that will go well and doesn't  
have any special dangers, why not take it?"

## Galatians 5:13, 14

Serve one another, in works of love, since  
the whole of the Law is summarized in a  
single command: *Love your neighbor as  
yourself.*



## Abraham's Tent 2022 - Final Week

As a reminder, if you are participating in the Abraham's Tent/Columbus House Ministry this year, all donations should be provided **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, JANUARY 23.**

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

Drop boxes are at the entrances of the Church and 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.

Thank you,  
St. George Abraham's Tent Team





## 2022 National Prayer Vigil for Life

Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022 - Friday, Jan. 21, 2022

**Location:** Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

**City:** Washington, D.C.



The National Prayer Vigil for Life is an all-night pro-life prayer vigil held on the eve of the national March for Life each January. More than 20,000 pilgrims from across the United States pray through the night for an end to abortion and a greater respect for all human life. Prayer continues throughout the night with the national rosary for life, night prayer and holy hours for life. The following morning, the prayer vigil concludes with morning prayer, benediction and the closing Mass.

You are invited to attend virtually for the 2022 National Prayer Vigil for Life on January 20-January 21. The Opening Mass will begin at 5:30 PM on January 20th in the Great Upper Church. The Most Reverend William E. Lori, Archbishop of Baltimore, and Chairman, Committee on Pro-Life Activities will be the main celebrant and homilist. The Closing Mass will begin at 8:00 AM on January 21, the celebrant and homilist will be His Eminence Sean Cardinal O'Malley, OFM CAP., Archbishop of Boston. Both the Opening and Closing Mass will be livestreamed on [www.nationalshrine.org/mass](http://www.nationalshrine.org/mass).

### “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 [brolarlus300@gmail.com](mailto:brolarlus300@gmail.com)



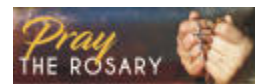
**MERCY BY THE SEA 2021  
RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTER**

**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.

### 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.



**Rosary for Healing & Protection  
Next Sunday, January 23**

**Recited in the Church at  
6:00 PM**



## 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.



## Book Club News

Our next book club meeting will be **January 19th at 7pm** via Zoom. We will be reading, Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer. All are welcome. If you would like to join us, please email [skathleen@stgeorgeguilford.org](mailto:skathleen@stgeorgeguilford.org) for the link to our meeting.

**SUBSCRIBE**



## On Line Bulletin— Why wait for the weekend?

Did you know you can sign up to receive notification of when the latest St. George Bulletin is released? Days prior to the printed version being distributed in church at the weekend masses?

Just go to the Bulletin Tab on the St. George Website and click on the Subscribe Button!

## Reminder

As a reminder, all Thursday Mass Intentions are now moved to Friday.

## Staying Connected

As well as our daily Mass (8:30AM) being live-streamed on our website, the Archdiocesan television Mass is broadcast seven days a week at 10:00 AM on WCCT-TV (WB20) and WCTX-TV (MyTV9). It can also be seen Saturday and Sunday at 5:00AM on WCCT-TV.



## 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](mailto: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 26, February 9 and February 23** from 7-9 PM.

For more information, please contact Russ at 203-457-0121 or [RussAllen2@aol.com](mailto:RussAllen2@aol.com)

Let us welcome the New Year with hearts filled with light, because ***“light shines in darkness; and the darkness cannot overcome it!”***

John 1:5

- May your every moment this coming year be filled with God’s light within, even during your most challenging times.
- May your radiant heart be a blessing to you and all those whose lives you touch.
- And may the deepest wishes of your spirit shine forth in this world in 2022.



***Pancake Syrup,  
Progresso Soup,  
Canned Fruit,  
Canned Tuna  
Canned Chicken***

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



## New Parishioners:

***We warmly welcome you, and invite you to register in our parish community.***

Please register online:

<https://stgeorgeguilford.org/register/>

Once registered, you will receive an email confirming your submission. If you have any question or require assistance, please call the parish office at

## American Red Cross Blood Drive



**St. George Church Hall**  
**Friday, February 4,**  
9:00 AM-2:00 PM

Please sign up through the Red Cross Website at:  
[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)



### 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](http://www.michaelmcgivneycenter.org) before your visit.



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Your comfort is only a prayer  
away.*



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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

## 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.*



## ESCA News

Save the date for East Shoreline Catholic Academy's Open House on Feb 6, Noon - 3pm. Due to COVID/Omicron, and for everyone's safety, we are scheduling visits to our Open House by appointment. Be sure to sign up early for your appointment -- contact Maria: [admissions@eastshorelinecatholicacademy.org](mailto:admissions@eastshorelinecatholicacademy.org).

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