

SAINT GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

74 School Street, Framingham, MA 01701

St. George Catholic Parish is dedicated to creating a caring, compassionate community where believers can pursue God's Kingdom in Faith and Grace.

DECEMBER 26, 2021



SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am and 10:30am

DAILY MASSES:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 9:00AM

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE AS ANNOUNCED

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 3:15 PM
(Enter by Chapel entrance - door B.)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Celebrated the first Sunday of the Month. Please call the Rectory one month in advance to schedule catechesis for the celebration of the Sacrament.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Couples should contact a Priest or Pastoral Associate at least six months before the proposed wedding date. Marriage Preparation is required in the Archdiocese of Boston.

CARE OF THE SICK AND ELDERLY:

Please notify us if a family member or friend would like to receive Communion at home, or would like a visit in the hospital.

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(All bulletin items are due Monday by 12:00pm)



Although we are continuing to cope with Covid may that not rob us of the joy of celebrating our Savior's birth and the peace the Lord wants us to have.

On behalf of the parish staff, I would like to extend our best wishes for a blessed and happy Christmas. May our celebration of the birth of the Prince of Peace deepen the experience of His love and peace in your heart.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Friday, **December 24th** - Christmas Eve

3:00pm

5:00pm

Saturday, **December 25th** - Christmas Day

10:30am

(No 4pm Mass - Vigil for Feast of the Holy Family is not permitted)

Sunday, **December 26th** - Feast of the Holy Family

8:00am

10:30am

New Years Mass Schedule

Saturday, **January 1st** - Mary the Mother of God
(this in NOT a holy day of obligation this year)

9:00am

Saturday, **January 1st** - Epiphany

4:00pm

Sunday, **January 2nd** - Epiphany

8:00am

10:30am

Archdiocese has indicated that we will need to keep windows open for ventilation during Mass.

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help and usher during this difficult time. With your faithful assistance things have gone very smoothly.

I would also like to express a word of gratitude to those who have been so faithful in supporting St. George Parish during this critical time. As you might imagine, the offertory collection, which we depend upon to meet our expenses, has dropped dramatically this year. As you know parishes depend upon the support of their parishioners. I am mindful of these difficult economic times but I would ask you to be generous in supporting your parish as your circumstances permit.

COVID-19 Protocol Updates

In response to the ongoing challenges of Covid 19 Cardinal Sean is mandating:

All attendees (age 5 and older) at MASS and other parish activities, including weddings and funerals, must wear face masks.

All parishes must continue to provide a designated area in which social distancing is respected for those who want to use it.

In compliance, the Safe Distance Seating area is located to the right of the main aisle.

At this time:

We are permitted to use misalettes.

Congregational singing may continue.

Sanitizing is not required between Masses.

If a parishioner is feeling ill they should remain at home.

We thank you for your cooperation and ask your patience as we continue to find our way through the pandemic experience.

Any changes will be announced at Mass.

If an attendee tests positive for COVID we will post it on the parish website and in forthcoming bulletins and announce it at Mass. Information posted will not include the person who tested positive.

If you have tested positive for COVID and attended Mass at St. George please contact the rectory at 508-877-5130.

***** NOTICE *****

Be advised that we received a report that a parishioner who attended Mass on Sunday, December 5th at 10:30am tested positive for Covid19 on Wednesday, December 8th AND a parishioner who attended Mass on Saturday, December 11th at 4pm tested positive on Tuesday, December 14th.

If you attended either of these Masses you should monitor your own health and consider contacting your physician for guidance.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

"I Prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." (1Sm 1:27-28)

Psalm:

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. (Ps 84)

Second Reading:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. (1 Jn 3:1)

Gospel:

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. (Lk 2:46)

IN MEMORIAM

VIGIL CANDLES

Vigil candles have recently been lit for:

Carl & Rose DiStefano
George & Anna Gibbons
Donald J. & Mary K. Kenney

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Daily Mass: Live at 9:30am, rebroadcasted at 7pm & 11:30pm
 Sunday Mass: Airs throughout the day at 10am, 4pm & 11:30pm

To print out **SUNDAY READINGS** go to www.usccb.org and click on calendar date.

Sunday Mass readings and prayers are also available using apps on your smart phone or tablet.

EWTN is available through TV, Radio, Internet and Mobile Devices. Go to ewtn.com for more information and a schedule of programs.

MASST INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, December 26th

10:30am People of Our Parish

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Observances for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: The Holy Family

Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Tuesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

Thursday:

Friday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

Saturday: New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace

Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

BULLETIN CHANGES & DEADLINES

Please note that all bulletin notices are to be submitted by **Monday, noontime**, to the following email only: bulletin@churchofstgeorge.org



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GRAND ANNUAL (2021)

213 of our 1,620 families have pledged \$95,962.22
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

We are very grateful for the generosity shown by so many to our "Grand Annual Collection."

If you have not yet had an opportunity to return your gift card, please do so as soon as possible. Every gift is welcomed and sincerely appreciated.



Christmas Collection

The Christmas collection will benefit Clergy Trust so that they can continue caring for the health and well-being of our wonderful diocesan priests in good standing. By supporting this collection you are helping our active priests receive the support they need to continue their ministry, and our senior priests live in community with access to quality care. This collection is a primary source of funding for the Trust and your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping support our priests this Christmas.



St. George Prayer Line

Did you know... a number of parishioners offer prayers on a weekly basis as requested. To request prayers for yourself, someone in your immediate family, or a friend with a serious need, please email us stgeorgeprayerline@yahoo.com.



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WHY ONLINE GIVING THROUGH WESHARE?

Online giving is an alternative way of continuously supporting the parish aside from using envelopes. This program allows you to better commit to your parish donation in the same way you budget your other financial needs. It also allows the parish to better plan for its immediate needs through the offertory.

To set up your online giving account with WeShare please visit www.churchgiving.com. When you sign up for WeShare please call the rectory, and let us know to cancel your envelopes, at 508-877-5130.

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WINTER SAFETY REMINDER!



When the Framingham Public Schools are cancelled due to inclement weather, the daily Masses here are also cancelled.

Place to Turn

The need is great at the pantry, as we are assisting about 450 families each month.

We have been able to serve with the support of amazing community foundations, local businesses, religious and civic organizations, and the many generous individuals who donate. **THANK YOU** - I know many of you have been there for us.

We are reaching out to parishioners at St. George with a donation **wish list**. A Place To Turn accepts donations on Mondays from 9am - 1pm. At this time our food pantry needs **tomato products of any kind, graham crackers, juice of any kind and coffee**. We do accept any nonperishable food item, as long as it is not expired. At this time we need **size 6 diapers**.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and others are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, visit us at <https://wwmema.org/>.

Give yourselves the best Christmas present ever - take time for your marriage. Strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.



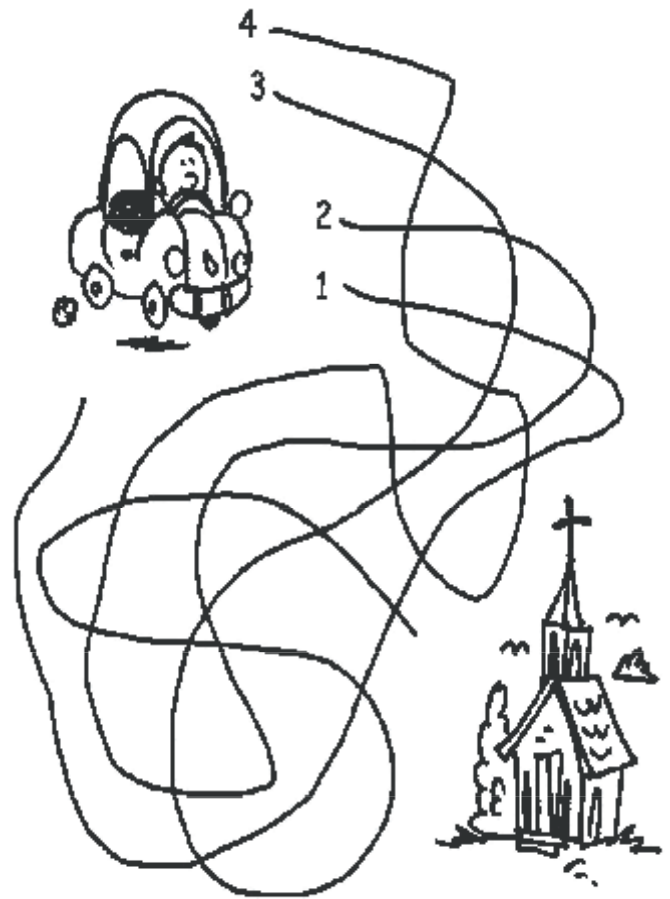
Framingham Lions Club

The Framingham Lions Club collects eyeglasses and hearing aids in the box that is located at the main entrance of the church.

The glasses provide the gift of sight to hundreds of people who cannot afford them. The hearing aids are distributed through the Lions Hearing Foundation.

Puzzle

Find the way that leads to church!



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and so we can celebrate that we all belong to the holy family of God which makes us brothers and sisters to each other.

At Christmas this year, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring joy and hope to our "brothers and sisters" who are less fortunate by providing them with food, gifts, and proving help with bills.

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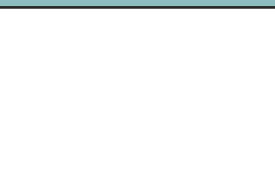
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