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

JANUARY 2, 2022



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)



Thank you all for your kind greetings, cards and thoughtfulness to the Rectory staff during this Christmas season.

Thank you to the dedicated parishioners who did such outstanding work this year in decorating the Church so beautifully for Christmas.

Thank you to Peter DeVito for his hard work in preparing the Church and the grounds so beautifully for Christmas.

Thank you to Ms Dolliver, Ms Stramowski and the religious education families for their continued generosity in providing gifts for the needy children.

Thank you to members of the Music Ministry for enhancing our celebration of the birth of Christ.

Thank you to all our St. George parishioners for becoming signs of hope to so many people during the Christmas season. Your generous financial contributions for the needy as well as your extraordinary participation in the "Giving Tree" brought joy to so many this year. We are grateful to Steve Welch and the St. Vincent de Paul Society for all their work in coordinating the "Giving Tree" and their efforts in making this project so successful.

Thank you to the Longden family for decorating the front of the Church with Christmas lights.

New Years Mass Schedule

Saturday, **January 1st** - Mary the Mother of God
(this is 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.

***** NOTICE *****

Be advised that we received a report that a parishioner who attended Mass on Saturday, December 11th at 4pm tested positive for COVID on Tuesday, December 14th AND a parishioner who attended Mass on Sunday, December 19th tested positive on Monday December 20th.

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

*****NOTICE*****

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 misalettees.

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.

IN MEMORIAM

VIGIL CANDLES

Vigil candles have recently been lit for:

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

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

PSALM:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

SECOND READING:

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

GOSPEL:

“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” (Mt 2:2)

WAYS TO WATCH THE CATHOLICTV NETWORK

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CATHOLIC TV DAILY & SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

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, January 2nd

10:30am People of Our Parish

SATURDAY, January 8th

4:00pm Gloria Guigli (4th Anniversary)

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

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

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Observances for the week of January 02, 2022

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

Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Wednesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop

Thursday: St. André Bessette, Religious

Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Saturday:

Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

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BULLETIN CHANGES & DEADLINES

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

Your Sacrificial Offering

From offertory and mail
(12-19-21)

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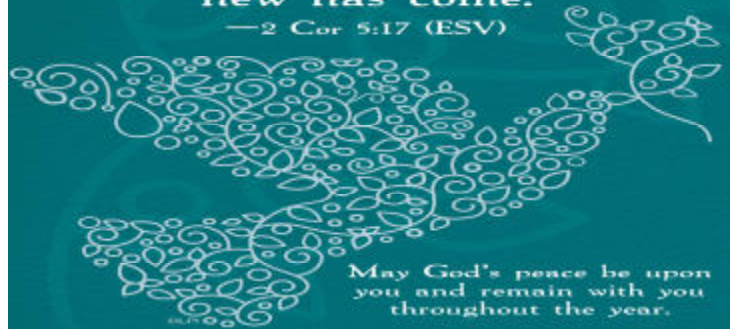
Christmas Collection



On behalf of our priests in good standing, thank you for your support of the Clergy Trust Christmas collection. If you missed the collection, you can still make a gift. Envelopes are available at the main entrance of the church. **Thank you!**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

—2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)



May God's peace be upon you and remain with you throughout the year.

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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.

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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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.



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/>.

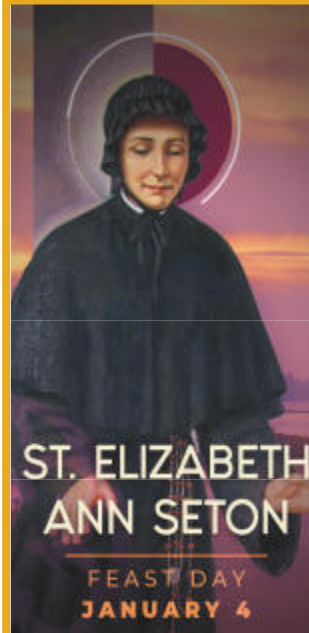
Give yourselves the best Christmas present ever - take time for your marriage. Strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.



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.



Saint of the Week

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 - January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

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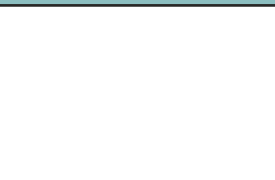
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