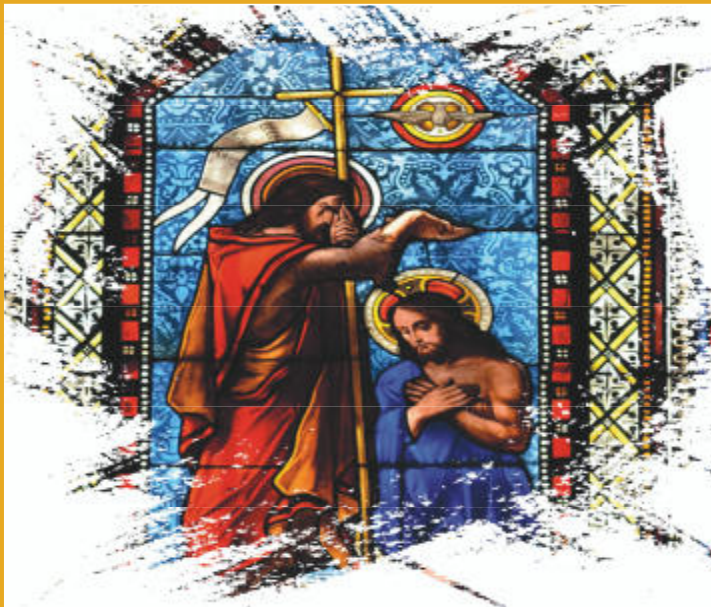


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JANUARY 9, 2022



HEAVEN WAS OPENED AND THE HOLY SPIRIT
DESCENDED UPON HIM. - LK 3:21

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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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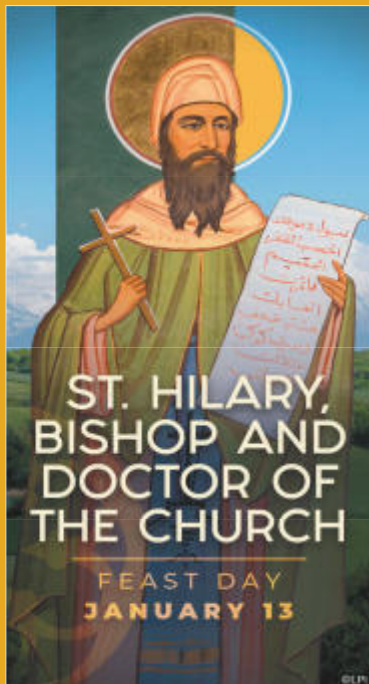
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Thank you for your very generous response to the 2021 Parish Grand Annual Collection. With your faithful support we have reached our goal! This is particularly important during these difficult times. God bless you!



Saint of the Week

Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 - c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II,

who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was named Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.

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 *****

We have received reports that parishioners at the following Masses have tested positive for Covid:

Sunday	December 19th	8:00am
Sunday	December 19th	10:30am
Friday	December 24th	3:00pm
Friday	December 24th	5:00pm
Saturday	December 25th	10:30am
Sunday	December 26th	8:00am
Sunday	December 26th	10:30am

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

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.

SUNDAY’S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. (Is40:5)

PSALM

O bless the Lord, my soul. (Ps 104)

SECOND READING:

He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Ti 3:5)

GOSPEL:

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. (Lk 3:22)



SATURDAY, January 8th

4:00pm Gloria Guigli (4th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, January 9th

10:30am People of Our Parish

SATURDAY, January 15th

4:00pm Irene O’Malley



**We have recently welcomed
Shannon Theresa Nichols
into our Parish community.**

For information or to register your child for Baptism please call Sr. Ann Marie at the rectory.



VIGIL CANDLES

Vigil candles have recently been lit for:

**William J. Smalley
Donald J. & Mary K. Kenney**

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of January 09, 2022

- 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
- Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
- Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Observances for the week of January 09, 2022

- Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
- Monday:
- Tuesday:
- Wednesday:
- Thursday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Friday:
- Saturday:
- Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

BULLETIN CHANGES & DEADLINES

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



The **St. Vincent de Paul Society** of St. George Parish wishes to gratefully acknowledge your generosity to our Christmas Giving Tree. We **Thank You** for your help in allowing us to carry out our mission of helping those in need in our area. Your generosity of gift cards and cash totaled \$5,500. You will be remembered in the prayers of our Conference and by those we serve. Again **“Thank You” for helping us to help others.**

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From offertory and mail (12-26-21)

Offertory: 1,752.00
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Clergy Trust: \$2,316.00

From offertory and mail (1-2-22)

Offertory: 1,448.00
 Monthly: 2,045.00
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Thank you for your support of St. George Parish



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/>.

Bring the Holy Spirit into your marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences.



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.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As we give to the less fortunate, we also can hear these same words.

As you help those who are suffering, know in your heart the truth of the words "you are my beloved with whom I am well pleased."

We are here to help those in need. Call the rectory office at 508-877-5130 and a St. Vincent de Paul member will return your call.

Puzzle

Circle the picture that is the same as the first one. Then color in all the pictures.



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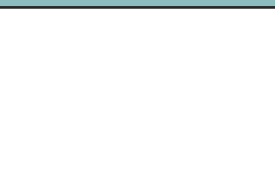
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