

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.

JANUARY 16, 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 once again to all who prepared the Church so beautifully for the celebration of Christmas and the Christmas season. I would also like to express our appreciation to all who helped to take down and store the decorations last Sunday to prepare the Church for Ordinary Time.



ST. SEBASTIAN

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Feast Day, January 20th

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 -287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story had the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive.. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.

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:

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.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions are heard on Saturdays at 3:15pm. Please enter by the door for the chapel (lift entrance) - door B on the lower level. Stand in front of the clear plastic curtain. If someone is ahead of you, please wait outside the door.

SUNDAY’S READINGS

FIRST READING:

As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you. (Is 62:5)

PSALM:

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations. (Ps 96)

SECOND READING:

But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes. (1 Cor 12:11)

GOSPEL:

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. (Jn 2:11)



SATURDAY, January 15th

4:00pm Irene O’Malley

SUNDAY, January 16th

10:30am People of Our Parish

MONDAY, January 17th

9:00am Roger Reidy (9th Anniversary)

SATURDAY, January 22nd

4:00pm Sue McGrath
Kristin McGrath
Joseph McGrath



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.

IN MEMORIAM

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 16, 2022

- 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
- Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
- Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
- Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Observances for the week of January 16, 2022

- Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: Martin Luther King Day; St. Anthony, Abbot
- Tuesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Wednesday:
- Thursday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
- Friday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
- Saturday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Word of God Sunday

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Also available on Roku, Apple TV & Amazon Fire TV, Samsung Smart TV, iOS & Android apps

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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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

GRAND ANNUAL (2021)

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.



(1/23/2002) Second Collection



Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.



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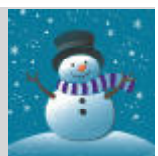
WHY ONLINE GIVING THROUGH WESHARE?

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.



WINTER SAFETY REMINDER!



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



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, at the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples and they began to believe in him. Everyday, God also gives us signs of his love and so we also can respond in faith and trust.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul becomes a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and to trust.

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.



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

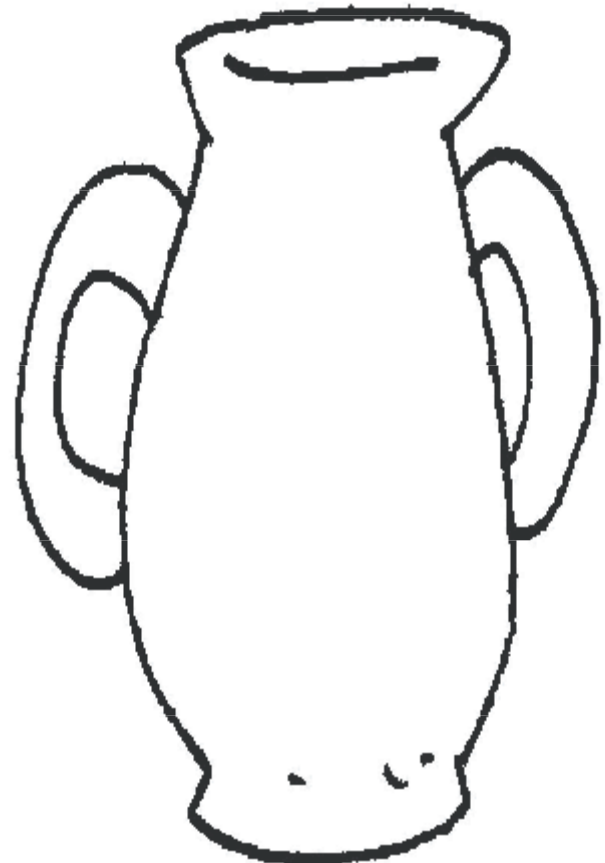
We have been able to serve with the support of amazing community foundations, local businesses, religious and civic organizations, and the many generous individuals who donate. **THANK YOU** - I know many of you have been there for us.

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/>.

Allow God to strengthen, renew, rekindle and even transform your marriage. Take time for your marriage by attending a 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.

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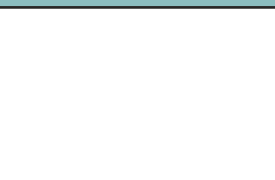
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