

1st Way Center in Monticello Baby Bottle Fundraising

We are having the baby bottle fundraising. Baby bottles will be available at both churches and hopefully they can be filled with spare change to help support the 1st Way Center. Just take a bottle with you and collect spare change. When filled please return filled bottles back to the church by Christmas. **Thank you for your generosity.**



Position for Hire

St. George's Church is in need of someone to shovel snow this winter. This includes shoveling the sidewalk in front of the grotto, the steps leading from the lower parking lot up to the church and the walkway around the church. If interested please send your proposal to: saintgeorge-saintfran@hvc.rr.com or call Parish office Mon - Thurs 9am - 2pm.



Cleaning/Maintenance Person Wanted

St. Francis Church is looking for a cleaning/maintenance person. The job includes mowing, snow shoveling, cleaning and maintenance of both buildings. Please contact Parish office Mon - Thurs 9am - 2pm.

He who is without sin: Jesus saw a crowd chasing down a woman to stone her and approached them. "What's going on here, anyway?" he asked.

"This woman was found committing adultery, and the law says we should stone her!" one of the crowd responded.

"Wait," yelled Jesus. "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone."

Suddenly, a stone was thrown from out of the sky, and knocked the woman on the side of her head. "Aw, c'mon, Dad..." Jesus cried, "I'm trying to make a point here!"

St. George - St. Francis Parish is pleased to introduce a confidential service available for a minimal fee to our parishioners. The program is the **Parish Counseling Network (PCN)**. Parishioners are entitled to 6 sessions with a Professional Clinician who can help with a variety of individual and interpersonal issues. Please contact your parish priest or parish administrative staff for more information to access services.

2018 WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2018 weekly offering envelopes are in. They are labeled with parishioner's name and are in the back of the church for your convenience. **(Please only take the box labeled with your name)**. If you do not find a box with your name or would like a box of envelopes please contact the parish office. **Thank You!**

Casting Call for the St. George - St. Francis Passion Play

The Lamb a Passion Play will be staged again in the Sullivan West High School Auditorium on March 23, 24, 25, 2018. "The Lamb will be starting rehearsals in early January, but Director Bill Moloney needs to put the cast list together now. If you want to be a part of this very special event, then there is a part for you.

Unfortunately, this Biblical retelling doesn't call for many female roles. We NEED men! However, there is always help needed backstage or in various production areas for our supportive ladies of the community. Rehearsals will be in the Pope John Hall of St. George's Church Jeffersonville.

If interested please call Bill at 845-887-3150 leave message with contact information or email:

trooper1@hvc.rr.com. Please join us in being a part of this beautiful production!

St. George ~ St. Francis

*A Parish Community;
Catholic in our Faith, Christian in our
witness, Franciscan in our Tradition*

Sacraments

Baptism - Fourth Sunday - Private preparation two weeks in advance.
Marriages - Initial contact with Pastor six months before marriage date.
Confessions - Thirty minutes before weekend Masses.

Pastoral Visitations

If you, or someone known to you is in an area Nursing Home, Hospital, or would just appreciate a home visit from the Pastor or a Pastoral Visitor, please notify the office.

Parish Registration

If you are moving into or out of the parish, please notify the office.

Mass Schedule: Weekdays	8:00 AM	St. George
Saturday Vigil	4:00 PM	St. George
Sunday	7:30 AM & 11:00 AM	St. George
Sunday	9:00 AM	St. Francis



Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-2
Ephesians 3:2-3a
Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday January 7, 2018

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Office Hours: Mon - Thurs 9:00am - 2:00pm
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CYO Coordinator: Cathy Hart 482-4186
St. Peter's Regional School: 292-7270
Mrs. Lisa Layman, Principal



Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

Requests for prayers will be published for four weeks, unless the requests are renewed from time to time. Please phone Maria at 482-4640.



PJ Calkin, Patricia Schmidt, Gail Carroll, Dina Tyler, Marge Daley, Derik Van Loon, , Imma DeLuca, Loretta Pettinger, Nina DeLuca, Antonietta DiPalma, Margaret Lutz, Tracey Moloney, Fran Scafidi, Linda Brunetti, Susan Dzurcia, Diane Terwilliger, Pete M., Mike Schwartz, Dottie Roycroft, Bea Erlwein, **John O'Toole, Steve Clifford, Owen Poley, Brian Clifford, Jacqui, Nicolas Mootz, Charlie Pribyl, Christopher Zappola, Mike Masciola, Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke.**

Mass Intentions

Saturday - January 6, 2018
4:00PM - Joseph C. Kugler
 by St. George - St. Francis Parish

Sunday - January 7th
7:30AM - Marianne Kubenik
9:00AM - Jim McKenna
 by Sullivan Brothers Ancient Order of Hibernians
11:00AM - Miroslaw Szefflinski
 by Szefflinski Family

Monday - January 8th
8:00AM - Clara & Bill

Tuesday - January 9th
8:00AM - John Munvihill
 by Ed & Laurene McKenna

Wednesday - January 10th
8:00AM - For the People

Thursday - January 11th
8:00AM - Peg & Tom O'Toole

Friday - January 12th
8:00AM - Mary & Vic Raggi

Saturday - January 13th
4:00PM - Beatrice Castiglia
 by St. George - St. Francis Parish

Sunday - January 14th
7:30AM - Peg & Tom O'Toole
9:00AM - Dolores Golden
 by JP & Cheryl Graham Family
11:00AM - Nicola D'Abbraccio
 by St. George - St. Francis Parish

The Presentation in the Temple

by Triona Doherty

A searching God
 He came in search of John.
 He came in search of baptism.
 He came in search of blessing.
 He came in search of the Spirit.
 He came in search of God's favor.
 He came in search of God's love.

The first active step that Jesus takes as he begins his ministry is to search. He journeys from Nazareth to the River Jordan to find John, in order to be baptized. While John feels he is 'not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals', Jesus still seeks him out. He needs this moment of baptism and blessing to begin his ministry. This is his moment of divine calling and endorsement from the Father: 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favor rests on you.' We know what it is like to search. We yearn for meaning, for love, and our hearts are always searching for God. Today's first reading from Isaiah speaks of this great thirst: 'Oh come to the water all you who are thirsty'; 'Seek the Lord while he is still to be found'. We must seek constantly to bring ourselves into the presence of God, who will give us his blessing and strength for the road ahead.

'You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless, until they can find rest in you.' St Augustine

OFFERTORY REPORT

Weekend of Dec 31, 2017

1st Collection
 @St. George - \$1,118.
 @St. Francis - \$511.

2nd Collection
 @St. George - \$302.
 @St. Francis - \$119.

New Year's Day
 St George \$258 St Francis \$106
Thank you to all who gave!

Scripture Next Weekend

January 14, 2018

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 3:3b-10
Psalm 40:2, 4
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a
John 1:41, 17b

CHURCH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Jan 14th - 2nd Collection - Communications & Catholic University

Sullivan County Cluster Website is <https://sullivanclusterparishes.org>
 St. George - St. Francis website: stgeorgestfrancis.org
 Don't forget to register to formed.org (Parishioners, enter code: NJQRFV)

2018 Mass Book Now Open

The 2018 Mass Book is now opened so you may come in and request a mass on your special dates. You may also call in a request. We are limited on weekend masses but do have many weekday masses available.



Baptisms 2016

Jenni Hewlett
 George Kuebler
 Kasia Szefflinski
 Gioan Matino
 LilaMae Kautz
 Gianni Huggler
 Nicholas Razukas
 Matthew Rutledge
 Parker Tyler
 Lucy Semenetz

Baptisms 2017

Giuliana Gallo
 Jacob Schwartz
 Annabelle Rutledge
 Izabella Mapes
 Aliza Kautz
 Roland Wegman

WALL CALENDARS

The 2018 Wall Calendars are available at the back of the Church. The Calendars are courtesy of St. George ~ St. Francis Parish.

Come Join Us!

Choir

St. George - Anne DevlinRaum 482-3844
 St. Francis - Linda Hauschild 428-4800

Altar Rosary Society

St. George -

St. Francis Ladies Guild

Mary Nosek 482-4292

Face book Page Novenas

Search for: **Novenas Daily** to join in Devotions & Prayers

St. George & St. Francis Face book

Search for: Stories & Activities

WEEKDAY MASS

St. Kateri Tekakwitha's Chapel in St. George's Rectory
 Arrive at 8:00am and leave by 8:30am **Monday - Friday**

Holy Hour

1st Saturday of each month in St. George, 3:00pm

Religious Education Classes

St. George 9:30 - 11:00am, **St. Francis** 10:00 - 11:30am

GIFT SHOPS

St. George - Danielle Corcillo 845-866-0367 or Mon - Thurs see office staff.

St. Francis - before & after 9:00 AM Mass
 Mary Nosek (482-4292) Susan Busing (701-0907)

It is better to say one Our Father fervently and devoutly than a thousand with no devotion and full of distraction. - **St. Edmund**

Use of Parish Spaces: Anyone having an event involving the use of St. George ~ St. Francis Parish must contact the Parish Office at least one month in advance.