



Christmas Cookie Bake Sale

December 16th



The St. Francis Ladies Guild will be holding their Annual Christmas Cookie Bake Sale at St. Francis after 9:00 am Mass. Please bring donations of baked goods to be sold before 9:00 am Mass. If you don't bake, now is your chance to buy home baked cookies & treats.

Food Baskets & "Thinking of You" (Toy) Baskets

December 13th - Deadline for cookies for "Thinking of You Baskets". Cookies & Food for baskets can be left at the United Reformed Church Aid Room or St. Francis Church basement. Thinking of You Baskets will be assembled at St. Francis Church Basement, 6:30pm. If you are baking cookies, make an extra batch for the baskets. We welcome the youth of both churches to get involved in this endeavor by baking cookies and helping us put those baskets together as well as helping us delivering them. **(Delivery is December 13th)**

December 16th - food donations to St. Francis 11:30am. Anything for a Christmas dinner would be appreciated

December 18th - Shopping for the food baskets to supplement what was collected in donations. Contact Carla Dworetzky 845-482-4588.

December 20th - Pick-up turkeys & hams at Pecks for food baskets at 9am. Assemble food baskets at St Francis starting 10am. If you would like to get involved in delivery let us know. Contact Glen 701-2271.

Donations of non-perishable food items are needed. All food items and home made cookies can be left at the United Reformed Church Aid room or St. Francis Church basement on Sundays or Mon - Thurs please bring to St. George's Church.

You are more than welcome to become a part of any of these activities. We will have a box in the church vestibules for any food supplies you would like to donate. You can also make a financial contribution through the church offering to help with expenses. Last year we delivered 51 "Thinking of You" Baskets letting people in our community know they have not been forgotten. Each basket included a beautiful poinsettia. We also delivered 41 food baskets which included far more than just food. We were able to donate hats, gloves, mittens, socks, ect. If you know of someone who you think would qualify for one of these baskets, you can contact any committee member to see if they already are on the list or contact Glenn Spielmann at 845-701-2271.

Thank you. **While we appreciate all donations, please ensure that items do not have expired dates.**

Holiday Mass Schedule



St. George

Jeffersonville

Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 PM

A Family Mass

"Midnight Mass" 10:00 PM

Dec 25, Christmas Mass 10:00 AM

New Year's Day Mass 11:00AM



St. Francis

Youngsville

Christmas Eve Mass 7:00 PM

New Year's Day Mass 9:00 AM

Casting Call for Men & Women for the St. George - St. Francis Passion Play

If you want to be a part of this very special event, then there is a part for you! **WOMEN** who would be comfortable playing a man's role are wholeheartedly encouraged to join us. **WE NEED YOU!**

Rehearsals will be weekday evenings and last 90 minutes. The majority of roles will meet only a couple times a week until the last few weeks before show time. We will meet in the Pope John Hall of St. George's Church. Some rehearsals may be at St. Francis Church. We try to be very flexible when it comes to scheduling!! Please contact Bill Moloney if interested at 845-467-1970 or email: poppop3479@gmail.com.

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

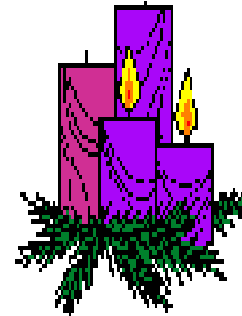
If you, or someone known to you is in an area Nursing Home, Hospital, or would just appreciate a home visit from the Pastor or a Pastoral Visitor, please notify the office.

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



Second Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5:1-9
Psalm 126:1-2
Philippians 1:4-6
Luke 3:4, 6

Sunday December 9, 2018

Jeffersonville & Youngsville

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Pastor: Fr. Ignatius Vu ***Secretary:** Maria Lavinski

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.



Tracy Larssen, Diane Terwilliger, Mike Schwartz, Dottie Roycroft, Debbie Bose, Audra Hubert, Laura D'Ercole, Frank Moloney, Sr. Dolores, Sheila Coleman, Aldona Harder, Raymond, Patrick Madden, Keith Cousineau, Harriet Podbielski, Regina Wagner, Diane Levine, Shannon Hayden, Nina Deluca, Imma Deluca, Carmen Crawford, PJ Calkin, **John O'Toole, Steve Clifford, Owen Poley, Jacqui, Charlie Pribyl, Christopher Zappola, Mike Masciola, Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke.**

Mass Intentions

Saturday - December 8th
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00AM - For the People
4:00PM - Stanley Stefanski

Sunday - December 9th
7:30AM - Intentions of Natalie Paszek

9:00AM - Brendan Poley by Mom & Dad
11:00AM - Mr. Spillane by St. George - St. Francis Parish

Monday - December 10th
8:00AM - Palka & Buddenhagen Family

Tuesday - December 11th
8:00AM - Marcelina Roa

Wednesday - December 12th
8:00AM - For the People

Thursday - December 13th
8:00AM - Eila & Paddy

Friday - December 14th
8:00AM - Ann Moloney

Saturday - December 15th
4:00PM - Lori Gempler by Jim & Barbara Hahl

Sunday - December 16th
7:30AM - Stanley Stefanski by Joan Graham
9:00AM - Sgt. Jeffrey T. Edelson by Anthony Lupardo
11:00AM - John Kubenik by Anna & Henry Kubenik

Make His Paths Straight

by Triona Doherty

Preparing for the arrival of someone important takes care and attention. Think of a family preparing to welcome a loved one home from abroad, perhaps a son or daughter who lives in Australia or someone who has been off traveling the world. They get their bedroom ready, buy their favorite foods, perhaps put up banners or even organize a 'welcome home' party. It is all done with great excitement and love, and is a way of easing the path home for the traveler. Or imagine new parents preparing for the arrival of a baby. There are practical considerations such as buying nappies and clothing and getting a cot ready, and of course the nerves and excitement as they prepare to welcome the new arrival.

On a larger scale, when an important dignitary visits a venue or a country there is also a flurry of activity in preparation. We saw it in the painstaking arrangements made for the visit of Pope Francis to Ireland earlier this year. Such high profile visits often involve a literal preparation of the way – organizing a welcome reception, planning the best route from the airport, clearing the streets of traffic, as well as much chatter and anticipation.

Today's Gospel brings these two types of welcome to mind. During Advent, we prepare for the coming of Jesus by our actions, when we are generous with our time, patient with our families, and help those in need. And we do all these things with excitement and love, so that Christ will find the warmest of welcomes and a clear route into our hearts.

OFFERTORY REPORT

Weekend of Dec 2, 2018

1st Collection
@St. George - \$1,252.
@St. Francis - \$472.

2nd Collection
Christmas Flowers
@St. George - \$393.
@St. Francis - \$218.

Thank you to all who gave!

Scripture Next Weekend

December 16, 2018

Third Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Isaiah 12:2-3
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:10-18

CHURCH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Dec 8th - Immaculate Conception Mass 8:00am @St. George

Dec 9th - 2nd Collection for Retired Religion

Dec 16th - Christmas Cookie Bake Sale @St. Francis

Dec 17th - Reconciliation Monday @St. George 4pm - 8pm

Food Baskets & Thinking of You Baskets - Donations of non-perishable food items & home made cookies

1st Way Center - Baby Bottle Fundraising

Casting Call: Men & Women for the Passion Play

RENEW & REBUILD CAMPAIGN

We have raised more than \$120,000.
Now we expect small gifts of \$50. & \$100.
Payable to Renew & Rebuild

Advent Reconciliation Monday Monday, December 17th

We will celebrate our Advent Reconciliation Monday on December 17th.
The time for confessions will be from 4pm - 8pm @St. George.

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.**

WALL CALENDARS

The 2019 Wall Calendars are available at the of the Church. Calendars are courtesy of St. George ~ St. Francis Parish.

Christmas Dinner

A Christmas Dinner will be held **Saturday, December 22nd**, after 4pm mass in John XXIII Hall. All are invited to attend. Bring a dish to share.
Food - Friendship - Fun and Faith.
Volunteers and donations of food items would be greatly appreciated to help with the dinner. Call Maria 482-4640 Mon - Thurs 9am - 2pm if you will be coming and if you can prepare a dish.

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

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St. George & St. Francis Face book

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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)

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)

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.