

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



Third Sunday of Lent

*Exodus 3:1-8a
Psalm 103:1-2
1 Corinthians 10:1-6
Luke 13:1-9*

Sunday March 24, 2019

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Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2019 are invited to attend the Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at Saint Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, June 2 at 2:00 PM. Pre-registration is required. Please contact your parish to register. **The closing date to register for the Mass is Monday, May 13, 2019 at 5:00 PM**

40 Days for Life: March 6 – April 14, 2019

With the passage of the Reproductive Health Act, so many are asking what can be done in response. **40 Days for Life** is a life-saving prayer campaign that will be held **March 6th - April 14th**. 40 Days for Life is a peaceful initiative consisting of 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and educational outreach with the goal of protecting mothers and their children from abortion. Over 15,256 children have been saved from abortion during 40 Days for Life campaigns.

To learn more, visit: www.40daysforlife.com

TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

WLNY channel 10/55 @7am &
 WRNN channel 48 @8am

Is someone you love unable to join us at Church during this holy time of Lent and Easter? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joy-filled hope in our Risen Savior. Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to tune in Catholic Mass on TV or watch online anytime on Sundays at www.HeartoftheNation.org. (For those who can get to church, the TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.)

St. Peters Church, Monticello NY

St. Peter's 10 Liberty Street, will be showing the film "Gosnell" on **Sunday, March 24th at 12:30pm and 2:30pm** (Spanish Subtitles) in our parish center. The film is rated PG-13. It is not a sermon, but presents the facts as they were taken from police film footage and court testimony. No graphic scenes and no violence, just the truth that led to the conviction for murder of the greatest serial killer. America has ever known. **Admission is free.**

Lenten Fast & Abstinence

During the Season of Lent, the Church urges all the Faithful to reflect a spirit in penance in their daily life through performing acts of fast and abstinence.

"FASTING" requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige until age 59. Those not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

"ABSTINENCE" prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their entire life. Those not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in this discipline to the extent that they are able.

ASH WEDNESDAY and **GOOD FRIDAY** are days of **fast and abstinence**.

FRIDAYS in Lent are days of **abstinence**.

Free

We have some old school desks with chairs attached at St. George for anyone to take. If interested please contact parish office.



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.



Audra Hubert, Laura D'Ercole, Sheila Coleman, Aldona Harder, Raymond, Patrick Madden, Keith Cousineau, Harriet Podbielski, Regina Wagner, Diane Levine, Shannon Hayden, Imma Deluca, Carmen Crawford, Terry Calkin, Christina Hubert, Sue Fahrenholz, Diane Terwilliger, Isabell Sander, Sr. Dolores, **John O'Toole, Steve Clifford, Owen Poley, Jacqui, Charlie Pribyl, Christopher Zappola, Mike Masciola, Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke.**

Mass Intentions

Saturday - March 23rd
4:00PM - Leo Hick
 by Helen & Fred Verderber

Sunday - March 24th
7:30AM - Peg & Tom O'Toole
 by O'Toole Family
9:00AM - Isabell Sander (Healing)
 by St. Francis Ladies Guild
11:00AM - Frank Moloney
 by Ed & Fran Justus

Monday - March 25th
8:00AM - Joe Joyce
 by Rose Joyce-Turner

Tuesday - March 26th
8:00AM - Chrostowski Family
 by Danuta Chrostowski

Wednesday - March 27th
8:00AM - For the People

Thursday - March 28th
8:00AM - Intention of Joan Graham

Friday - March 29th
8:00AM - Johnson Family
 by Paulene Johnson

Saturday - March 30th
4:00PM - Luisa DiDonno
 by Maria & Tina DiPalma

Sunday - March 31st
7:30AM - Intention of Patricia McCoy
9:00AM - Donald Boyd
 by Patti & Alexis Parisella
11:00AM - Carmen Crawford (Healing)
 by St. Francis Ladies Guild

'It May Bear Fruit Next Year'

by Jane Mellett

Today's Gospel brings a thorny question for Jesus, as the people ask why a number of Galileans were killed by the Romans as they made sacrifices to God. The basic question is why do bad things happen to certain people? Some Jewish leaders at the time viewed the Galileans as second-class Jews, and so they are raising more than a question about meaningless suffering here. They want to know if the Galileans suffered because they were not really 'Jewish enough.' Jesus responds with a sharp question about a recent tragedy involving those killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them. Were they worse offenders than others in Jerusalem? No. Jesus responds further by focusing on those who are still living. In the parable of the fig tree we hear that the tree is not producing any fruit and probably should be cut down. However, the owner of the vineyard agrees to one more year, during which it is given special attention.

Jesus' response to the difficult question on suffering is to focus on the living. We are still alive and therefore should be producing much fruit. Perhaps those who are questioning Jesus need, like the fig tree, much fertilizer, nourishment and growth so that they can focus on producing fruit for the world. The fig tree is blessed, and has received much grace in terms of time and care. The parable is a reminder to all of us of the nourishment and time we have been given; it is a call to examine the fruits that we produce in this world, in our communities, our families and in our church.

OFFERTORY REPORT

Weekend of March 17, 2019

1st Collection

@St. George - \$760.
@St. Francis - \$459.

2nd Collection Rel Ed

@St. George - \$182.
@St. Francis - \$155.

Thank you to all who gave!

Scripture Next Weekend

March 31, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
Psalms 34:2-3
2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-3

CHURCH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

March 24th - Parish Council Elections

Apr 10th - Parish Council Meeting 7:00pm @St. Francis

Apr 19th - 2nd Collection - Holy Land (Good Friday)

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Starting April 18, 2019

St. Francis Church

Good Friday Worship 3:00 PM

Easter Sunday 9:00 AM

St. George's Church

Holy Thursday Worship 7:00 PM

Good Friday Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday Vigil 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday 11:00 AM

Blessing of Food Baskets

Holy Saturday 11:00 AM @St. George

DISCOVERING CHRIST!

Curious about the meaning of your life? Seek answers at *Discovering Christ*, a 7-week experience that includes a great (free) dinner, an engaging Bible-inspired message, and discussion and conversation. Seven Sunday evenings, from **February 24 to April 14, 2019**, from 5:00-7:30p.m. at St. Peter's School Cafeteria (264 North Main Street, Liberty, NY). All are welcome! (Appropriate for adults and mature high school students.) Please pre-register. (Volunteers are also needed!) For information, visit us online at: discoverchristsullivanco.org or email discoverchristsullivan@gmail.com or call 845-663-1689.

Free

Community Soup & Sandwich Lunch
Noon - 2:00PM, **March 30th & April 20th** at
United Reformed Church
3990 St. Rt. 52, Youngsville

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

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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 custom URL Code: saintgeorgesaintfrancis.formed.org)

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.