



St. George ~ St. Francis Parish Christmas Luncheon
Sunday, December 22 immediately following the 11AM Mass, St. George church hall, Jeffersonville. All are welcome! Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share. Sign up sheets are located at the exits after mass, or call the parish office at 482-4640.



Holiday Mass Schedule



St. George -Jeffersonville

Christmas Eve
 4:00 PM Family Mass
 10:00 PM "Midnight Mass"
 Dec 25, Christmas Mass 11:00 AM
 Jan 1, New Year's Day Mass 11:00 AM

St. Francis -Youngsville

Christmas Eve Mass 7:00 PM
 New Year's Day Mass 9:00 AM

Prepare Your Heart for Christmas!



Reconciliation Monday

December 16th, 4-8 PM

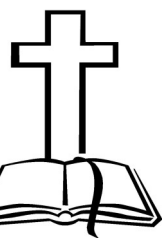
Visit any Catholic parish in the Archdiocese of New York where priests will be available to hear confessions.

St. George Church, Jeffersonville 4-8pm

Celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe



Saturday Dec. 14, 6:30PM at St. Peter's Church in Monticello. Rosary, Mass with Mariachi band (Spanish), hot chocolate and sweet bread served afterward.



Have you thought about becoming more active in your parish? Are you a lector who wants to learn more about the Scriptures? Give back this holiday season and sign-up for a new online training program! Through an instructional video and short

quizzes, deepen your connection to this ministry and earn your certification in as little as two hours. Sign up at <https://nyliturgy.teachable.com/>

Christmas Food Baskets



Members of our parish together with their friends from the United Reformed Church in Youngsville will be assembling Christmas food baskets to be distributed to those in need in our community. Non perishable food items, especially items to be served at Christmas dinner, are needed. Food baskets will be assembled on **Thursday, December 19th at 10am** at St. Francis Church with delivery to area families to follow. **All are welcome and encouraged to participate in this activity.** You can also make a financial contribution through the Church offering to help with expenses.

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. Kateri Chapel, St. George
Saturday Vigil	4:00 PM	St. George
Sunday	7:30 AM & 11:00 AM	St. George
Sunday	9:00 AM	St. Francis

Serving the Catholic community in Jeffersonville and Youngsville, NY

Rectory: 97 Schoolhouse Hill Rd.
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Website: stgeorgestfrancis.org

Pastor: Fr. Ignatius Vu

***Secretary:** Roseann Brewer

Office Hours: Mon—Wed 9:00am - 2:00pm
Deacon Lawrence Knack 845-887-4985

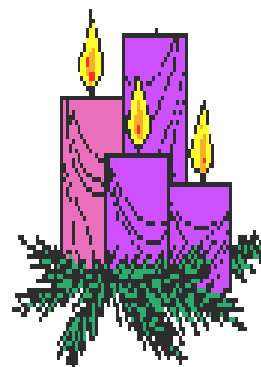
Religious Education Coordinator:

Sue Peters 482-4996

Email: speters312@gmail.com

Youth Group Coordinator:

Deacon Larry Knack



3rd Sunday of Advent

*Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10
 Psalm 146: 6-10
 James 5: 7-10
 Matthew 11: 2-11*

Sunday December 15, 2019



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 Roseann 482-4640.



Laura D'Ercole, Aldona Harder, Raymond, Patrick Madden, Keith Cousineau, Harriet Podbielski, Regina Wagner, Shannon Hayden, Imma Deluca, Carmen Crawford, Terry Calkin, Christina Hubert, Isabell Sander, Sr. Dolores, Elie Devlin, Bob Parks, Don Ammorusso, Joe Nosek, Frank Ruggiero, **John O'Toole, Steve Clifford, Owen Poley, Jacqui, Charlie Pribyl, Christopher Zappola, Mike Masciola, Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke**

Mass Intentions

Saturday - December 14th
4:00PM - Elizabeth Carlucci

Sunday - December 15th
7:30AM - Intentions of Nosek family

9:00AM - Frank Moloney
by Ed & Laurene McKenna

11:00AM - Intentions of the Nebzydoski family

Monday - December 16th
8:00AM - Intentions of Keeler family

Tuesday - December 17th
8:00AM - Intentions of Joan Graham

Wednesday - December 18th
8:00AM - for the people

Thursday - December 19th
8:00AM - Intentions of the Buddenhagen family

Friday - December 20th
8:00AM - Intentions of Paszek family

Saturday - December 21st
4:00PM - Donald Hauschild, Roy & Jennie Williams, and Betty Martin
by Barbara Hauschild & family

Sunday - December 22nd
7:30AM - Pritchard family

9:00AM - Maria Hien & all forgotten souls

11:00AM - Flora Turnbull
By Georgeanne & Tom Mall

Christmas is all around

The sights and sounds and smells of the season are all around us. Is there a particular sound that reminds you of Advent or Christmas – perhaps a carol you've always loved, or the sound of jingle bells? For many, the smell of mince pies or mulled wine are real signs of Christmas. Our towns and cities are filled with wonderful sights too: festive lights and decorations, trees decked out with tinsel and baubles, while our churches display Nativity scenes. Another common sight in the run-up to Christmas are the charity collectors we meet on the streets, singing carols or shaking buckets, urging us to give generously to a good cause. It is a feast for the senses, with these experiences often evoking warm Christmas memories and putting us in good humor.

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday – *Gaudete* means 'rejoice'. In our churches, the rose-colored candle is lit on the Advent wreath to symbolize joy. Today's readings bring out this sense of joyful anticipation of the Lord's coming. The people of Jesus' time would have been familiar with Isaiah's talk of 'everlasting joy and gladness'. And Jesus tells us: 'Happy is the man who does not lose faith in me'. It is this personal encounter with Jesus that we celebrate at Christmas, God becoming man, the Good News announced by John the Baptist in today's Gospel. We have reason to be happy – let's make this Gaudete Sunday a real celebration. ~Triona Doherty

OFFERTORY REPORT Weekend of Dec. 8th

1st Collection
@St. George - \$1401.
@St. Francis - \$643.

2nd Collection for Flowers
@St. George - \$527.
@St. Francis - \$286.

Scripture Next Weekend

December 22, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7: 10-14
Psalms 24: 1-6
Romans 1: 1-7
Matthew 1: 18-24

CHURCH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Dec 15– Third Sunday of Advent, 2nd collection for **Retirement Fund for Religious**

Dec 16 - Reconciliation Monday 4-8pm, every Catholic parish in the Archdiocese of NY

Dec 22 - Fourth Sunday of Advent, 2nd collection for **Christmas flowers**

Dec 22 - Parish Christmas Party immediately following the 11AM mass in Pope John XXIII Hall. All are welcome. Please bring a dish to share!

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve - Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Dec 25 - Christmas Day - Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

2020 Mass Book Now Open

A Church tradition invites people to offer a Mass for a deceased loved one, a special intention for healing, in thanksgiving for a special blessing, or an occasion such as a wedding anniversary or birthday. The 2020 Mass Book is now opened so you may come in and request a Mass on your special date. Or you may call the parish office to make a request.

Come and **pray the Rosary** for an end to abortion. The Right to Life group of Sullivan county gathers outside of Planned Parenthood each 2nd and 4th Friday of the month to pray for the unborn. Gather at St. Peter's Church in Monticello following the 12:15 Mass, then proceed to Planned Parenthood.

CHILD PROTECTION *Required Announcement*

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Eileen Mulcahy at 646-794-2949. Mrs. Mulcahy may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

Financial Wrongdoing Hotline

The Archdiocese of New York takes the stewardship of your donations and its resources seriously. If you have knowledge of financial misconduct or suspect that it might be occurring, please report your concerns via a toll free hotline, at 877-820-0541, or on the internet, at <http://www.reportlineweb.com/ADNY>.

Reminder: Donations to the Parish Made by Check: Please remember that all contributions made to the parish by check should be made payable to the Parish in the Parish's name. Contributions to be made to a Parish by check should **NOT** be made payable to the Pastor, Administrator, or any Parish employee.

Come Join Us!

Weekday Mass
8 a.m. Monday - Friday
St. Kateri Tekakwitha Chapel in St. George's Rectory

Holy Hour
1st Saturday of each month at St. George, 3:00pm

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

Choir
St. George - Anne Devlin Raum 482-3844
St. Francis - Linda Hauschild 482-4640

Altar Rosary Society
St. George

St. Francis Ladies Guild
Mary Nosek 482-4292

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

St. George ~ St. Francis Parish is now on Facebook
Look for *Saint George & Saint Francis*
@stgeorgestfrancis

GIFT SHOPS

St. George - Danielle Corcillo, Saturday Mass
Mon - Wed, see office staff

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

BIBLE STUDY

Every Saturday 10:30am
St. Peter's Church, Monticello, NY
For more information 845-796-0228

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.