

The Parish of St. George ~ St. Francis

Fr. Ignatius Vu, Pastor

The pastor, staff, and parishioners of St. George ~ St. Francis Parish, serving the Catholic community in Jeffersonville and Youngsville, New York, welcome you and your visiting families and friends to enjoy, celebrate and worship with us during the Christmas season!

Holiday Mass Schedule

Sat Dec 28 & Sun Jan 29

Feast of the Holy Family

Regular weekend schedule at both churches

January 1, 2020 - New Years Day

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

A holy day of obligation

9AM St. Francis and 11AM St. George

Healing After Abortion: Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A “Day of Prayer and Healing” offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. Upcoming dates in the NYC area are: Jan 18th, Feb 8th, Feb 22nd (Spanish), March 21st, and more. For more dates, locations, and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at (866)-575-0075 (toll free) or reach us by email at hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org

Advent and Christmas programming for both adults and children continues to be available on **Formed.org**, a Catholic movie streaming service available on demand free to all parishioners. Stream content on your computer, tablet, or smart phone. Sign up with your email address. Visit **formed.org** for more information.



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/>

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, 482-4640, to make a request.

Customary donation, \$10 without card, \$15 with a special Mass card. Cards available for various occasions.





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**

CHURCH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Dec 29 - *Feast of the Holy Family*, 2nd collection for **Fuel Oil**
Jan 1 - *Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*, a holy day of obligation
Jan 5 - *Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord*, 2nd collection for **Catholic Communications Campaign and The Catholic University of America** (combined collection)
Jan 12 - *Feast of the Baptism of the Lord*, 2nd collection for the **Religious Education** program of our parish

Mass Intentions

Saturday - December 28th
4:00PM - the Johnson family

Sunday - December 29th
7:30AM - Mary Tegeler

9:00AM - Florence Boss

11:00AM - John, Dorothy, and Nancy McGuire
By Carolyn McGuire

Monday - December 30th
8:00AM - Theresa Polster

Tuesday - December 31st
8:00 AM - Helen Keegan

Wednesday - January 1st
9:00 AM - for the people
11:00 AM - for the people

Thursday - January 2nd
8:00AM - William Gilbert

Friday - January 3rd
8:00AM - Frank Oliveira

Saturday - January 4th
4:00PM - the Johnson family

Sunday - January 5th
7:30AM - Vincent E McDonnell (living)

9:00AM - Anne Mages

11:00AM - Miroslaw Szefflinski
By the Szefflinski family

Lead, Kindly Light *Triona Doherty*

The journey towards Christmas is one we make at the darkest time of the year. The days are short and the evenings filled with shadows. For this reason the symbolism of light at Christmas time is very powerful. Today, we celebrate the birth of our Savior – the light of the world, the ‘light that shines in the dark’. The candles we light in our homes and churches at Christmas time remind us also that we are called to shine the light of Christ in the world.

Earlier this year, Cardinal John Henry Newman was canonized. One of his most famous works was a poem called ‘The Pillar and the Cloud’, which is better known as the hymn ‘Lead, Kindly Light’. It contains some powerful imagery of light, including the lines ‘Lead, Kindly Light, amidst the encircling gloom, Lead Thou me on!/The night is dark, and I am far from home, Lead Thou me on!’

At the canonization Mass on 13 October, Pope Francis called on us all to be ‘kindly lights’ in the darkness. When we light our Christmas candle today, let’s consider where we can be the light of Christ. When we place a light in our window, as is the tradition on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, do we live out the welcome and hospitality it represents? Do we shine the light of love in our families, and the light of compassion and kindness to all those we meet? How do we offer the light of hope to those who are less fortunate than ourselves?

‘The Christian has a deep, silent, hidden peace which the world sees not ... The Christian is cheerful, easy, kind, gentle, courteous, candid, unassuming, has no pretense...’ (John Henry Newman)

OFFERTORY REPORT
Weekend of Dec. 22nd

1st Collection
@St. George - \$1136.
@St. Francis - \$525.

2nd Collection for Christmas Flowers
@St. George - \$487.
@St. Francis - \$130.

Scripture Next Weekend

January 5, 2020
Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord

Isaiah 60: 1-6
Psalm 72: 1-13
Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2: 1-12

Baby Bottle Fundraising

Baby bottles are available at both churches on your way out. Please fill with spare change to help support the 1st Way Center. Just take a bottle with you and collect spare change. When filled, please return the bottle back to the church by Jan 12, the feast of the baptism of our Lord, the traditional close of the Christmas season.

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 DevlinRaum 482-3844
St. Francis - Linda Hauschild 482-4640

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.