



The *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops* has much information on its website that may be interesting and useful for our parishioners. Included is a **blessing of your home for the Feast of the Epiphany**. Visit usccb.org and go to the Prayer and Worship section, Liturgical Year, Christmastime, for more information.

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.

Taking Care of Someone special, YOU!

For: Divorced, widowed, and separated men and women of all faiths

What: *Beginning Experience Weekend* of hope and healing; A weekend designed for those who wish to let go of the painful past and create a more peace-filled future; presented by people who have "been there" and offer their support

Where: St. Lawrence Retreat Center, Beacon, NY

When: February 21-23, 2020

Call: Rosemary 914-645-7223 or Janice 845-490-7466

Email: www.beginningexperienceHV@gmail.com

Catholic 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.

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 you 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.



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

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Deacon Lawrence Knack 845-887-4985

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Youth Group Coordinator:
Deacon Larry Knack



Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

*Isaiah 60: 1-6
Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2: 1-12*

Sunday January 5, 2020



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**, and the deceased, Frank Ruggiero and Elizabeth Ann Bisig.

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, January 6th
8:00AM - Vincent E McDonnell (living)

Tuesday, January 7th
8:00AM - Vincent E McDonnell (living)

Wednesday, January 8th
8:00 AM - for the people

Thursday, January 9th
8:00AM - Eileen Lounsbury

Friday, January 10th
8:00AM - Helen Wolyniec

Saturday, January 11th
4:00PM - Firefighter Mark Lupardo
By the Lupardo family

Sunday, January 12th
7:30AM - Vincent E McDonnell (living)

9:00AM - Leonard Soules
By Susie Soules

11:00AM - Frank Ruggiero
By John Deluca

The Wise Men

The Wise Men are known as astrologers or philosophers from the East. They were certainly 'seekers', looking to the skies for signs and guidance; their hearts and minds set on finding God. These Wise Men embarked on an amazing journey, determined.

For Herod, the thought of a new King who might threaten his reign forces him to call together all those considered to have authority on religious matters. He must find out who this King is. Herod is concerned with his power structures; the possibility of a new King is too much. In contrast to this, the Wise Men are humbled before these leaders and genuinely seek to learn from them. They are open. We are told that the sight of the star 'filled them with delight'.

This story has much to say to us today as we 'seek' out new insights or fresh manifestations of God.

As the Wise Men go *'into the house the saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage'*. This scene describes a moment of great joy, of grace and is in total contrast to the scene of Herod frantically calling the religious leaders together. God is found in the simple spaces.

The Wise Men represent all peoples, all cultures, a clear message that God is for all regardless of nationality, culture and even faith. Today let us recall our own journeys to moments of epiphany, moments that led to a new grace in our life, a new stage of spiritual growth. What *'star'* had brought us there? What gifts did we leave there? What gifts did we receive?
~ Jane Mellett

OFFERTORY REPORT Christmas

St. George - \$4950.
St. Francis - \$1772.

December 29, 2019 1st Collection

St. George - \$2365.
St. Francis - \$727.

2nd Collection for Fuel

St. George - \$279.
St. Francis - \$164.

Scripture Next Weekend

January 12, 2020
Feast of the
Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7
Psalm 29: 1-2, 3-4, 9-10
Acts 10: 34-38
Matthew 3: 13-17

CHURCH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

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
Jan 19 - 2nd collection for **Insurance**
Jan 26 - 2nd collection for **Fuel Oil**

† REST IN PEACE †

Please pray for the repose of
the soul of
Frank Ruggiero.
May his soul rest in peace!

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 victimsassistance@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](https://www.facebook.com/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.