

Calvary Cemetery Winter Cleanup

Be advised that all holiday flowers and other decorations will be removed in anticipation of the Easter season decorating. An additional cleanup will take place at the end of May in anticipation of the summer mowing season. If your family has grave decorations that you wish to save, please remove them before March 29th. Refer to the Calvary Cemetery Rules and Regulations, posted in the church vestibules and on the parish website, for more information.

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an **Act of Spiritual Communion**, which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there And unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.



BECAUSE VIBRANT
CHURCHES MATTER

As we are all forced to make unprecedented adjustments to address the coronavirus crisis, we kindly ask you to continue to support our parish. Churches remains open for private prayer but can only do so with your support. We are in the process of setting up *WESHARE*, an electronic giving system, *WESHARE* allows you to continue to make your donations to our parish. Please check our parish website frequently for updates. The *WESHARE* link will be on our homepage when we are ready. Also, if you come to the church to pray, you can place your donation in the offertory basket located inside. We are deeply grateful for your continued support of our parish in this time of crisis.

All parishioners are encouraged to watch Mass livestreamed from St. Patrick's Cathedral.

<https://www.saintpatrickscathedral.org/live>

Monday through Saturday at 7am and Sunday at 10:15am to watch Mass live.



Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.

We fly to you today as your beloved children.

We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.

Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.

Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

St. George ~ St. Francis

Roman Catholic in our Faith;
Franciscan in our Tradition



"Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

Sacraments

Baptism - Fourth Sunday - Private preparation two weeks in advance.

Marriages - Initial contact with Pastor six months before marriage date.

Confessions - Thirty minutes before each weekend Mass.

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

Sunday March 22, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Psalm 23: 1-6

Ephesians 5: 8-14

John 9: 1-41

Serving the Catholic community in Jeffersonville and Youngsville, NY

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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.



Adina Hatch, 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, Joe Nosek, John O'Toole, Steve Clifford, Owen Poley, Jacqui, Charlie Pribyl, Christopher Zappola, Mike Masciola, Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke, Terence Connolly, John Tardibuono, Yvonne Schmidt, Gerri Keane, Sam Cuda, and Lilli Black.

Mass Intentions

In light of the continued concern surrounding the coronavirus, and the advice of medical experts, all Masses in the Archdiocese of New York will be canceled. Churches will, however, remain open for private prayer.

St. George and St. Francis will be open for private prayer during regular Sunday Mass hours.

Please respect all guidelines posted on our doors relating to the transmission of the Covid-19 coronavirus

"Rejoice, Jerusalem! Be glad for her, you who love her; rejoice with her, you who mourned for her, and you will find contentment at her consoling breasts." This Sunday is known as *Laetare* Sunday and is a Sunday of joy. Lent is half over, and Easter is enticingly near.

The Church's liturgy, on this the fourth Sunday of Lent, invites us to retrace one of the fundamental dynamics of our baptismal re-birth through the Gospel account of the healing of the 'man born blind'. It is the passage from the darkness of sin and error to the Light of God, who is the Risen Christ.

This Sunday was formerly called "Laetare Sunday" since its mood and theme was one of hope and rejoicing that Easter was near. In the reformed calendar this Sunday is not different from the other Sundays of Lent even though the entrance antiphon for the day still begins with the Latin word "laetare" and the vestments worn by the celebrant are rose-colored, not violet. The day is important because it is the day of the second scrutiny in preparation for the baptism of adults at the Easter Vigil. *From CatholicCulture.org*

OFFERTORY REPORT

March 15, 2020
St. George - \$1121.
St. Francis - \$386.

*No masses this weekend.
Thank you to all who generously left their weekly donations.
A collection basket will be in place each Sunday.*

Scripture Next Weekend

March 29, 2020
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37: 12-14
Psalm 130: 1-8
Romans 8: 8-11
John 11: 1-45

CHURCH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

All scheduled parish activities have been canceled until further notice.

We are looking to redesign the front cover of our parish bulletin.

If you are able to work with MS Publisher and would like to come up with a design, perhaps incorporating drawings of our churches, please call or email the parish office for more information.



The 2020 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal is now underway. Thank you to all who have made donations.

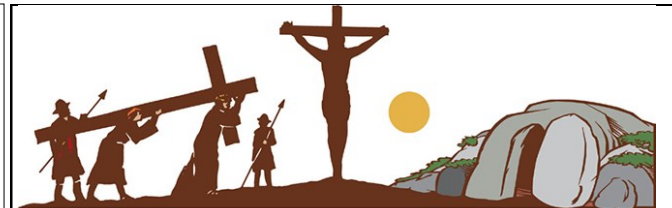
CHILD PROTECTION *Required Announcement*

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.



STATIONS of the CROSS

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EWTN, the Global Catholic Television Network, offers several versions of the Way of the Cross both online at their website ewtn.com and on their YouTube channel, by using the YouTube app or website. Search for EWTN to be sure you use the correct site.

[Way of the Cross for Kids](#) and [Stations of the Cross from the Holy Land](#) are set to beautiful music and can be used by all ages.

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)

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.