



On Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup> our churches will be open for private prayer during regular Mass hours.  
*Please respect all social distancing guidelines in place.  
 The health and safety of parish is depending on you.*  
 Blessed palms will be available to take home at the entrance to both St. George and St. Francis.

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.*



**We still need your support.**

Due to the ongoing health emergency, the Archdiocese of New York has directed us to cancel all Masses in our parish. And although we support this decision to help keep our Parishioners, Clergy and Staff as healthy as possible, your support is still needed. To support our church today we urge you to **enroll in the We Share** collection system. It safe, simple and convenient and it gives you the option to contribute using a debit or credit card or your checking or savings account.

**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.



Please pray, recite or sing, the **Chaplet of the Divine Mercy** in your home. The moment to pray is now!

*For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, Have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

Visit our [parish website](#) for more information and a beautiful video of this powerful prayer set to music.

# St. George ~ St. Francis

Roman Catholic in our Faith;  
 Franciscan in our Tradition



*"Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?"*

**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 29, 2020**

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

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

**Serving the Catholic community in Jeffersonville and Youngsville, NY**

**St. George Church & Rectory:**

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**St. Francis Church**

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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.

#### Daily Mass Intentions

Mass intentions will be offered by Fr. Vu in private.

**Saturday March 28th**  
Beverly & Lawrence Lajoie  
By LaJoie family

**Sunday March 29th**  
Margaret Fox  
By Greg & Roseann Brewer

**Monday March 30th**  
Vincent E McDonnell (living)

**Tuesday March 31st**  
Vincent E McDonnell (living)

**Wednesday April 1st**  
Josheph Paszek  
By Elizabeth Jackowski

**Thursday April 2nd**  
Vincent E McDonnell (living)

**Friday April 3rd**  
Vincent E McDonnell (living)

**Saturday April 4th**  
For the people of the parish

**Sunday April 5th**  
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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

#### Come Forth Lazarus

In today's Gospel Jesus is surrounded by a culture of death. The disciples are afraid to go back to Bethany, the Jews want to stone Jesus to death, Mary and Martha are distraught over the death of their brother Lazarus, and Lazarus himself lies bound in the darkness of the tomb. It appears as if there is no hope. Jesus weeps for his friend and for those around him.

Yet, surrounded by a culture of death and despair, Jesus gives compassion and new life to those in turmoil. It is easy to say that nothing can be done when we are faced with difficult situations in our own lives. Yet Jesus says 'Lazarus, come forth' and to the people he says 'Unbind him, let him go.' It is a message for all of us to come away from a culture of death; to help unbind one another and to allow ourselves to emerge from the tomb. We are called to take away the stone. Today's Gospel is a story of liberation. Jesus gives a new insight into the power of faith over death. It is an active faith, one that urges us on to work for change and new life.

*'What did you do while the planet was plundered? What did you do as the earth was unravelling? Surely you did something as the seasons started failing? Surely you did something as the mammals, reptiles and birds were all dying? Did you fill the streets with protest when democracy was stolen? What did you do once you knew?'*

#### OFFERTORY REPORT

**March 22, 2020**  
St. George - \$1,280.  
St. Francis - \$20.

No masses this weekend.  
Thank you to all who generously left their weekly donations in the offertory basket during private prayer hours at each church.

#### Scripture Next Weekend

April 5, 2020  
Palm Sunday  
  
Isaiah 50: 4-7  
Psalm 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24  
Philippians 2: 6-11  
Matthew 26: 14 - 27: 66

# 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 continuing. Thank you to all who have made donations.**

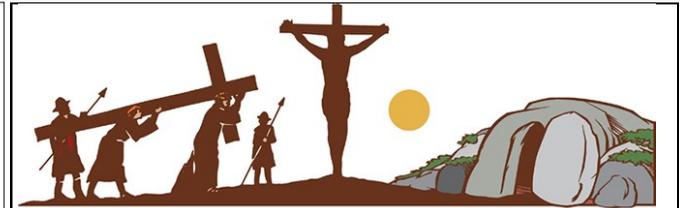
#### CHILD PROTECTION \*Required Announcement\*

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](mailto:victimassistance@archny.org). Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, [www.archny.org](http://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

EWTN, the Global Catholic Television Network, offers several versions of the Way of the Cross both online at their website [ewtn.com](http://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.