



Prayer for Our Nation

God our Father, Giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to Your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among Your people. Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind Your people that

true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing Your will. Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Religious Education for the children of our parish has resumed following the *Safe and Sound: Guidelines and Procedures for Holding On-Site Parish Religious Education and Youth Ministry Programs* set forth by the Archdiocese of New York. Classes are held Sunday mornings at both St. George and St. Francis churches. Interested families should contact the Parish Office for more information.

Please pray for the following Military Personnel who are currently in active duty service:

SrA Sean Graham, USAF
Lt Kyle Daugherty, USMC
SSgt Francis J Reddy, USAF
SrA William F Reddy, USAF
Capt Sean Muth, USN
SrA Patrick Graham, USAF Reserves
Parish families who have an active military member, please email the parish office and provide their name, rank and which branch of service.



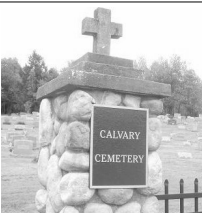
2021 Mass Book Now Open

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 2021 Mass Book is now opened so you may come in and request a Mass for your special date. Or you may email or call the parish office, 482-4640, to make a request.

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



Visit our [parish website](#) for more information.



The second collection on November 1st is the **annual collection for the maintenance of Calvary Cemetery**, our parish cemetery located on State Route 52 between Youngsville and Jeffersonville. Maintenance costs include insurance, lawn mowing, and tree trimming if funds are available. Annual costs are approximately \$5200 per year, with investment income only bringing in approximately \$135 per month. *Please be generous.*

St. George ~ St. Francis

Roman Catholic in our Faith; Franciscan in our Tradition



*"You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart, with all your soul,
and with all your mind.
This is the greatest and the first commandment.
The second is like it:
You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."*

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

Sunday October 25, 2020

*Thirtieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Exodus 22: 20-26
1 Thessalonians 1: 5c-10
Matthew 22: 34-40

Serving the Catholic community in Jeffersonville and Youngsville, NY

**St. George Church, Rectory,
& Parish Office:**

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St. Francis Church

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Youth Group Coordinator:

Deacon Larry Knack
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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.



Aldona Harder, Regina Wagner, Carmen Crawford, Christina Hubert, Isabell Sander, Sr. Dolores, Joe Nosek, John O'Toole, Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke, Terence Connolly, John Tardibuono, Yvonne Schmidt, Gerri Keane, Sam Cuda, Lilli Black, Maureen Whipple, Elizabeth Gieger, Deacon Larry Knack, Walter Madden, Thomas Boxberger, for all those suffering with coronavirus, and for the deceased, Elizabeth Kubenik and William Buddenhagen.

Daily Mass Intentions

- Saturday October 24th**
4:00 PM - the Johnson family
- Sunday October 25th**
7:30 - Frank Oliveira
9:00 - Margaret Banuat
By the Nosek family
11:00 - Frank Cappiello
By Greg & Roseann Brewer
- Monday October 26th**
8:00 AM - Eileen Lounsbury
- Tuesday October 27th**
8:00 AM - Salvatore Mannino
By Carlo DiMaggio
- Wednesday October 28th**
8:00 AM - For the People of St. George - St. Francis Parish
- Thursday October 29th**
8:00 AM - Giovanni DiMaggio
By Carlo DiMaggio
- Friday October 30th**
8:00 AM - Anna Spenser (living)
By Fred & Helen Verderber
- Saturday October 31st**
4:00 PM - Nancy McGuire
By Carolyn McGuire
- Sunday November 1st**
7:30 - Anne Mages
9:00 - Donald Trump
11:00 - William Buddenhagen
By Greg & Roseann Brewer

The Pharisees continue their harassment of Jesus in today's Gospel by asking him which commandment is the greatest. What follows is the most famous verses of the New Testament: *'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul ... And ... You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'* We probably can't hear this enough. Love is the greatest commandment and this is a radical statement. Because this love is agape love, i.e. a love of those we don't even know or even like! It is a love that binds all of humanity.

We cannot separate love of God and neighbor; they are like two sides of a coin; they only work together. If we do not treat others with compassion, then how can we say we love God? Jesus often spoke about approaching the altar whilst holding a grudge against someone (Mt 5:24) and continuously challenged those who were hypocrites. Those critical of social justice movements in the church often say we should not be involved in doing 'social work'. But this is exactly what we must do because this is how we love God, by loving our neighbor who is suffering, who is oppressed, who is in pain. We can love God and love people, there does not have to be a dichotomy.

There is a beautiful practice in India of using the mystical phrase 'Namaste' in greetings, which means: 'the Divine in me greets the Divine in you'. Usually this is accompanied by a deep bow towards the person. How wonderful it would be to really see God present in each other and, more importantly, in those that society would rather cast aside. In this way we are being true to the greatest commandment.

'May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.'
St Therese of Lisieux

OFFERTORY REPORT

October 18, 2020

1st Collection

St. George - \$1133.
St. Francis - \$345.

2nd Collection for World Mission Sunday

St. George - \$553.
St. Francis - \$122.

Next Week's Readings

November 1, 2020

Solemnity of All Saints

Revelations 7: 2-4, 9-14

1 John 3: 1-3

Matthew 5: 1-12a

CHURCH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

October 25 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (*Religious Education*)

November 1 - Solemnity of All Saints (*annual collection for maintenance of our parish cemetery*)

November 2 - All Souls Day, *envelopes available now for your special Mass intentions*

November 4 - 5 PM, Sacrament of Confirmation, rescheduled from June 14, 2020. *Please pray for our confirmandi.* We will welcome Bishop Gerardo J. Colacicco to St. George Church.

† REST IN PEACE †

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **William G. Buddenhagen.**
May his soul rest in peace.

The 2020 Mass Book is still open!

We have resumed our regular Mass schedule, Please call the parish office or drop a note in the offering basket on Sunday. Mass offerings are \$10., \$15 if you would like a card.

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 stewardship of your donations seriously. If you have knowledge of or reason to suspect misconduct, 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 church's name. Contributions to be made to a Parish by check should **NOT** be made payable to the Pastor, Administrator, or any Parish employee.



While some people have connected Halloween, celebrated on October 31st, to earlier pagan celebrations of the new year, Halloween actually has significant Catholic roots. The name itself comes from All Hallows Eve – that is, the Vigil of All Saints' Day, when Catholics remember those who have gone before us to enter our heavenly home. Immediately afterwards, on November 2, the Church commemorates all the faithful departed still detained in Purgatory, and prays in suffrage for them.

For more information, search [The Catholic Roots of Halloween](#) on vaticannews.va and watch the video [Saints and All Hallows Eve](#) at loyolapress.com

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)

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.