

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE



Read just one chapter each day of advent, and by Christmas Eve you will have read Jesus' full story and know just who we are celebrating!

BIBLE READING CHALLENGE THIS DECEMBER!

Did you know that the Book of Luke in the New Testament contains 24 chapters?

You are challenged, but more importantly ENCOURAGED, to read through the book of Luke during the season of advent, reading one chapter a day from December first until Christmas Eve. You will read the entire story of Jesus and complete it just in time for his birth.

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. **Reminder, if Sullivan West Elementary School closes due to COVID-19 exposure, Religious Education classes will be canceled for the duration of their closure.**

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.

Members of our parish, together with their friends and neighbors from the United Reform Church, are preparing baskets to be distributed this Christmas season. Your help assembling baskets, and/or financial support is gratefully appreciated. Checks should be clearly labeled **'thinking of you/Christmas baskets.'**

Thursday, December 10th, 6:30PM: Thinking Of You Baskets will be assembled, St. Francis Church

Sunday, December 13th, 11:30AM: Deliver food donations from URC to St. Francis. Donations of canned/boxed food items that will add to a Christmas Dinner will be appreciated and may be dropped off at this time. Please, no homemade cookies this year, and don't forget your mask!. Call Glenn Spielmann at 845-701-2271

St. George ~ St. Francis

Roman Catholic in our Faith;
Franciscan in our Tradition



*"Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when
the time will come."*

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

Sunday November 29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13: 33-37

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

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

97 Schoolhouse Hill Rd.
PO Box 672 Jeffersonville, NY 12748

St. Francis Church

4020 State Route 52, Youngsville, NY

Pastor: Fr. Ignatius Vu

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Religious Education Coordinators:

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Youth Group Coordinator:

Deacon Larry Knack

845-887-4985



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, Carlolyn McGuire, and for all those suffering with coronavirus.

Daily Mass Intentions

Saturday November 28th

4:00 PM - Ernest C. Palcic
By Stephen Spears

Sunday November 29th

7:30 - for the People of
St. George - St. Francis Parish

9:00 - Elizabeth Kubenik
By Michele Buddenhagen

11:00 - for the deceased members
of St. George - St. Francis Parish

Monday November 30th

8:00 AM - Anna and Ina Xu
By Son Nhung

Tuesday December 1st

8:00 AM - Vu family

Wednesday December 2nd

8:00 AM - For the People of
St. George - St. Francis Parish

Thursday December 3rd

8:00 AM - Anna and Ina Xu
By Son Nhung

Friday December 4th

8:00 AM - Anna and Ina Xu
By Mrs. Luc

Saturday December 5th

4:00 PM - William Buddenhagen
By Edward & Marilyn Chellis

Sunday December 6th

7:30 - the children of
St. George - St. Francis Parish

9:00 - the children of
St. George - St. Francis Parish

11:00 - Frank, Eila, & Patrick
Moloney by Bill Moloney

It can be very hard to live with uncertainty. Back at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, a counsellor was interviewed on radio about how people were coping with the 'lockdown'. People were anxious and fearful, she said. Many were experiencing loneliness, as their normal routines and social life came to an abrupt halt.

Another thing that people really struggled with was the inability to make decisions. They felt trapped and stuck, unable to plan ahead. They couldn't make plans to visit family or go on holidays. They didn't know if their jobs were secure, or if their children would return to school. When things are up in the air, it is hard to find your feet and feel grounded. Many of us are still struggling with these feelings.

Today we enter a new church year, and our first Advent season since the pandemic hit. Many of us are feeling more subdued than normal as we begin our preparations for Christmas. It will be very different from the usual family and social occasion, and we are saddened and worried by this.

In today's gospel, Jesus urges his disciples to 'stay awake'. We might feel we have no choice at the moment – the feeling of not knowing what is coming is very familiar. We are on our guard, on edge, waiting for the latest news. Yet already, there are initiatives springing up to support those who are vulnerable or in need this Christmas. In our own families, we are plotting ways to ensure no one is alone or isolated. We are 'awake' to the strange circumstances, and we are finding ways to cope. We pray today for the strength to guide us through the coming weeks, and for the peace and joy of Christ to lift our hearts and carry us onwards. [The Deep End](#)

OFFERTORY REPORT

November 22, 2020

1st Collection

St. George - \$1,685.
St. Francis - \$718.

2nd Collection for Catholic Charities

St. George - \$825.
St. Francis - \$146.

Next Week's Readings

December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11
2 Peter 3: 8-14
Mark 1: 1-8

CHURCH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

November 29 - 1st Sunday of Advent (2nd collection for the Religious Education program of our parish)

December 6 - 2nd Sunday of Advent (2nd collection for Christmas flowers)

December 8 - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, patronal feast day in the United States, a holy day of obligation.

December 10 - 6:30PM: Thinking Of You Baskets will be assembled, St. Francis Church

December 13 - 3rd Sunday of Advent (2nd collection Retirement Fund For Religious). All families are invited to bring to mass the Christ Child figurine from the family nativity scene for a special blessing.

Gaudete Sunday - December 13, 2020

At all masses on the weekend of December 13th, we will bring to our parish a tradition started by St. Pope John Paul II, **the Blessing of the Christ Child Figurine**. Every family is invited to bring to mass the Baby Jesus figurine from their family's nativity scene for this very special blessing.

LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE SEARCH

World Marriage Day, February 14, 2021

The search begins for the Longest Married Couple in the Archdiocese of New York! To enter: Couples must be sacramentally married for a minimum of 65 years and reside in the Archdiocese of New York..

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.

The lights of the candles on the **Advent Wreath** break through the darkness, reminding us of the Light of Christ that we anticipate during this holy season. The Advent Wreath is very symbolic. The evergreens used for the wreath itself are a reminder of continuous life. The shaping of them into a circle reinforces that meaning.

The four candles used, three purple and one pink, mark the Sundays of Advent before Christmas. The purple candles are reminders that this should be a time of prayer and sacrifice to prepare us for the second coming of Christ. On the third Sunday, the pink candle is lit to announce Gaudete Sunday, a Sunday of rejoicing for Christ is coming near. With the lighting of that candle, the light has won out over the darkness (three candles lit vs. the one that remains unlit).

A fifth white candle in the center representing Christ can also be used. It is lit on Christmas Eve as a remembrance of Christ coming into the world. Sometimes, all the other candles of the wreath are removed and replaced with white candles on Christmas.

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.