



*Prepare Your Heart  
for Christmas!*

**Reconciliation Monday**  
December 21<sup>st</sup>, 4-8 PM

Visit any Catholic parish in the Archdiocese of New York where priests will be available to hear confessions.

**St. George Church, Jeffersonville 4-8pm**

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.’**  
**Sunday, December 13th, 11:30AM:** 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!. **Friday, December 18th:** Assemble food baskets at 10am at St. Francis basement and deliver food baskets. If you would like to get involved in delivery, please let us know. (Contact Glenn at 701-2271)

# St. George ~ St. Francis

Roman Catholic in our Faith;  
Franciscan in our Tradition



*“I am a voice of one that  
cries in the desert:  
‘prepare a way  
for the Lord.  
Make his paths straight!’”*

**Sunday December 13, 2020**

*Third Sunday of Advent*

Isaiah 61: 1-2a, 10-11  
1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24  
John 1: 6-8, 19-28

**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  
**Secretary:** Mrs. Roseann Brewer  
**Office Hours:** Mon - Wed, 9:00am - 2:00pm  
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**Website:** [stgeorgestfrancis.org](http://stgeorgestfrancis.org)

**Religious Education Coordinators:**  
JP Graham 482-3872  
Cathy Hart 482-4186

**Youth Group Coordinator:**  
Deacon Larry Knack  
845-887-4985

**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



### 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, 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, Carolyn McGuire, and for all those suffering with coronavirus.

### Daily Mass Intentions

**Saturday December 12**  
**4:00 PM** - William Buddenhagen  
 By the Graham family

**Sunday December 13**  
**7:30** - Anna and Ina Xu  
 By Mr. & Mrs Dien and Ms. Don

**9:00** - Fritz Baker  
**11:00** - Anna and Ina Xu  
 By Son Nhung

**Monday December 14**  
**8:00 AM** - Elizabeth Carlucci  
 By Ann McKinney

**Tuesday December 15**  
**8:00 AM** - Nguyen family

**Wednesday December 16**  
**8:00 AM**-John Kubenik  
 By Henry & Anna Kubenik

**Thursday December 17**  
**8:00 AM** - Anna and Ina Xu  
 By Mrs. Luc

**Friday December 18**  
**8:00 AM** - Anna & Ina Xu  
 By Mr. & Mrs. Tuong

**Saturday December 19**  
**4:00 PM** - Donald Hauschild, Jennie & Roy Williams, and Betty Martin  
 By Barbara Hauschild

**Sunday December 20**  
**7:30** - Anna and Ina Xu  
 By Mr. & Mrs. Dien & Ms. Don

**9:00** - John Galligan  
 By JP & Cheryl Graham

**11:00** - Frank, Eila, & Patrick Moloney  
 By Bill Moloney

**A bearer of light** Last week we were introduced to John the Baptist as part of our Advent journey. We hear his story again but this time from the fourth Gospel. Light and darkness is a key theme of the fourth Gospel and in its opening verses proclaims that this light has always shone in the dark; the darkness cannot overpower it. The evangelist goes on to tell us that John the Baptist's mission is that he has been sent by God to 'speak for the light'. John is a light bearer, he is not the light, but he points to the light. He is a witness to the light of God in our world, a light that cannot be put out.

We celebrate this light today on Gaudete Sunday, Gaudete which means 'rejoice'. We light the pink candle and we celebrate with joy. As our world continues to battle this pandemic, there is much fear about. People might not feel like celebrating or being joyful. But nature shows us that Spring always follows Winter. Like John, we are called to be light-bearers. To carry Christ's love and light to those we meet in our daily lives. Our world needs light-bearers, especially in these Winter months. It might be a good opportunity to ask today 'Who have been the light bearers for me in these past months?' And also, 'To whom can I carry light to this week?' In this way we observe Christ's ongoing incarnation in the world today.

*'Lord there is much darkness in society and in our church. We thank you that someone always comes on the scene, sent by you as a witness to speak for the light ... teachers, community leaders, grandparents, children, a friend ... they bear witness to the rest of us that somewhere in the dark a light shines that darkness cannot overcome.'* Michel de Verteuil [from Intercom, The Deep End](#)

#### OFFERTORY REPORT

November 29, 2020

#### First Collection

St. George - \$1,408.  
St. Francis - \$399.

#### 2nd Collection for Religious Education

St. George - \$341.  
St. Francis - \$116.

#### OFFERTORY REPORT

December 6, 2020

#### First Collection

St. George - \$1,596.  
St. Francis - \$399.

#### 2nd Collection for Christmas Flowers

St. George - \$486.  
St. Francis - \$178.

### CHURCH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

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.  
December 18 - 10am at St. Francis basement, assemble food baskets at and deliver food baskets. Contact Glenn at 701-2271 for more information  
December 19 - Parish Christmas Dinner following 4PM Mass, reservations required  
December 20 - 4th Sunday of Advent (2nd collection for Christmas flowers)  
December 21 - **Reconciliation Monday**, confessions St. George 4-8 PM

### † REST IN PEACE †

Please pray for the repose of the souls of  
John O'Toole  
Frieda Hocesvar  
Eric Szefflinski  
*Eternal rest grant unto them*

Today's second collection is for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Across the United States, hundreds of religious communities lack financial resources sufficient to meet the retirement and health-care needs of aging members. Your gift provides vital support for assisted-living and home-health services, nursing care, and more. Visit [RetiredReligious.org](http://RetiredReligious.org) for more info.

### 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 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.



### St. George ~ St. Francis

### Parish Christmas Dinner

immediately following the  
4pm Mass on Saturday Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>,  
*featuring a short, one-man  
presentation of Scrooge,  
by parishioner Bill Moloney.*

Seating is limited. You must call the parish office **no later than Wednesday, December 16th** to make your reservation.  
No one without reservation permitted.

*Public health guidelines relating to indoor dining will be strictly adhered to (face coverings, social distancing, and 50% capacity)*



### 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.