



*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**



**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. 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.*

**Blessing the family Christmas Tree**

**Leader:** Loving God, we stand before you once again. We stand here ready to celebrate the birth of your son, Jesus.

(Have everyone extend a hand in a gesture of blessing. Sprinkle water or holy water on the tree while praying the following prayer.)

**Leader:** Bless this tree, this sign of life and freshness and perseverance in our midst. It stands as a reminder that you are born anew in us each day. Bless our family and friends as we celebrate this joyous season. Keep us safe in our travels, kind in our conversations, and gracious in our giving and receiving. We ask you this in confidence, because we know you love us.

**All:** Amen.

*(Join in singing a favorite Christmas carol, such as "O Christmas Tree" or "Joy to the World.")*

**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.*



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



Special thanks to all those who supported the **St. Francis Church Calendar Fundraiser** in November and congratulations to all the winners! We rely on your continued support to keep our parish running and our churches properly maintained and looking their best. The generosity of our parishioners is most certainly appreciated!

# St. George ~ St. Francis

Roman Catholic in our Faith;  
Franciscan in our Tradition



*"May it be done to  
me according to  
your word."*

**Sunday December 20, 2020**

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a  
Romans 16:25-27  
Luke 1:26-38

**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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JP Graham 482-3872

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**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 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 and Ms. Don  
9:00 - John Galligan  
By JP & Cheryl Graham  
11:00 - Frank, Eila, & Patrick Moloney  
By Bill Moloney

#### Monday December 21

8:00 AM - Thu Nhu family

#### Tuesday December 22

8:00 AM - Angelo DiMaggio  
By Carlo DiMaggio

#### Wednesday December 23

8:00 AM - Maris Rosaria DiMaggio  
By Carlo DiMaggio

#### Thursday December 24

4:00PM - 7:00PM - 10:00PM  
All Masses offered for the people of  
St. George - St. Francis Parish

#### Friday December 25

11:00 AM - For the people of  
St. George - St. Francis Parish

#### Saturday December 26

4:00 PM - William Buddenhagen  
By JP & Cheryl Graham & family

#### Sunday December 27

7:30 - Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Palcic  
By Steve Spears  
9:00 - Frank Moloney  
By Ed & Laurene McKenna  
11:00 - Steven Butterfield  
By Catherine Steffens

### Keep awake

The situation into which Jesus was born was one of huge stigma with dangerous consequences. God's physical birth into this world was condemned socially; Jesus was marginalized from the moment of his conception. Imagine God choosing to be involved so intimately in this world and in such a 'shocking' way. Even the town of Galilee is problematic for this news as Galileans were considered by the religious leaders of the time to be 'second-class Jews'. It is here Jesus comes. God surprises. God stands with the marginalized. God is present in the most hidden places at times.

On the first Sunday of Advent we were invited to 'Keep Awake'. As we approach the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, what have you noticed this advent? What has your waiting been like? How have you prepared? Where have you seen God present this Advent? Where have you seen God being born around you? In the most unexpected places? In the most marginalized? Is your heart more open to receive a new birth of God again?

*'Quiet me within, clothe my body in peacefulness, that your Word once again may take flesh – this time, within me – as once it did in holy Mary; long Advent days ago.'*

Edward Hays, Prayers for a Planetary Pilgrim  
[from Intercom, The Deep End](#)

### OFFERTORY REPORT

December 13, 2020

#### First Collection

St. George - \$2,727.  
St. Francis - \$337.

#### 2nd Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious

St. George - \$500.  
St. Francis - \$100.

#### December 8, Holy Day

St. George - \$145. St. Francis - \$34

### Scripture Next Weekend

December 27, 2020  
*Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph*

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Psalms 128: 1-5

Colossians 3: 12-21

Luke 2: 22 - 40

### CHURCH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

December 20 - 4th Sunday of Advent, 2nd collection for *Christmas flowers*

December 21 - **Reconciliation Monday**, confessions St. George 4-8 PM

December 24 - Christmas Eve

December 25 - Christmas Day

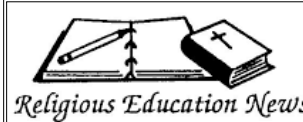
December 27 - The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph, 2nd collection for *insurance*

January 3 - Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, 2nd collection for *fuel*

### † REST IN PEACE †

Please pray for the repose of the souls of  
John O'Toole  
Frieda Hocevar  
Eric Szefflinski

*Eternal rest grant unto them*



Religious Education News

Important reminder, if the Sullivan West Elementary School closes due to COVID-19, Religious Education classes in our parish will be canceled for the duration of the Sullivan West closure.

### 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.



### Holiday Mass Schedule

#### St. George -Jeffersonville

December 24, Christmas Eve  
4:00 PM Vigil Mass  
10:00 PM "Midnight Mass"

Dec 25, Christmas Mass 11:00 AM  
Jan 1, New Year's Day  
*Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God*  
Mass 11:00 AM

#### St. Francis -Youngsville

Christmas Eve Mass 7:00 PM  
New Year's Day Mass 9:00 AM

**Dec 26 & 27 Feast of the Holy Family  
Regular Weekend Schedule at both churches**

### 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.