

The Parish of St. George ~ St. Francis

Fr. Ignatius Vu, Pastor

The pastor, staff, and parishioners of St. George ~ St. Francis Parish, serving the Catholic community in Jeffersonville and Youngsville, New York, welcome you and your visiting families and friends to enjoy, celebrate and worship with us during the Christmas season!

Holiday Mass Schedule

Sat Dec 26 & Sun Jan 27

Feast of the Holy Family

Regular weekend schedule at both churches

January 1, 2021 - New Years Day

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

A holy day of obligation

9AM St. Francis and 11AM St. George

January 3, 2021

Epiphany of the Lord - Regular Weekend Masses



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 call the parish office, 482-4640, to make a request.

*Customary donation, \$10 without card,
\$15 with a special Mass card.*

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

St. George ~ St. Francis

Roman Catholic in our Faith;
Franciscan in our Tradition



*The child grew
and became strong,
filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him.*

Sunday December 27, 2020

*Feast of the Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph*
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Colossians 3: 12-21
Luke 2: 22 - 40

**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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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



Have you thought about becoming more active in your parish? Are you a lector who wants to learn more about the Scriptures? Give back this holiday season and sign-up for a new online training program! Through an instructional video and short quizzes, deepen your connection to this ministry and earn your certification in as little as two hours.

Sign up at <https://nyliturgy.teachable.com/>

The Christmas Season Explained



Christmas is one of the most important days of the Church year, second only to Easter itself. It is the feast of the incarnation, the feast of God becoming flesh (the Latin "in carne" means "enfleshment"). It is a uniquely Christian teaching, the Divine choosing to become one of us. Because of this belief, God is not only Transcendent, but also wholly Immanent, Emmanuel (God-with-us). While remaining Transcendent (meaning we must rise above our present condition to reach Him), He is at the same time Immanent (meaning He is with us as we rise toward Him). Every Eucharist is like Christmas where the bread and wine are transformed into His flesh, His Body and Blood, and, in a sense, He is born anew on the altar.

The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts, and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him...including the fact that he was born to die for us. From USCCB.org, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops



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



CHURCH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

December 27 - The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph, 2nd collection for insurance
January 1 - New Year's Day is the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God, a holy day of obligation. Mass 9am St. Francis and 11am St. George
January 3 - Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, 2nd collection for fuel
January 10 - Please return Baby Bottles for 1st Way Life Center fundraiser
January 10 - The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, 2nd collection for both the *Catholic Communications Campaign* and for *The Catholic University of America*

Mass Intentions

Saturday - December 26
4:00PM - William Buddenhagen
By JP & Cheryl Graham
Sunday - December 27
7:30AM - Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Palcic
By Steve Spears
9:00AM - Frank Moloney
By Edward & Laurene McKenna
11:00AM - Steven Butterfield
By Catherine Steffens
Monday - December 28
8:00AM - Ngoc Minh
Tuesday - December 29
8:00 AM - Eric Szefflinski
By Boguslawa Janowska
Wednesday - December 30
9:00 AM - Eric Szefflinski
By Boguslawa Janowska
Thursday - December 31
8:00AM - Frank Ruggiero
By Marie Ruggiero
Friday - January 1
9AM (F) & 11AM (G)
For the People of
St. George - St. Francis Parish

Saturday - January 2
4:00PM - Frank Ruggiero
By Marie Ruggiero
Sunday - January 3
7:30AM - Michael Kubenik
By Henry & Anna Kubenik
9:00AM - John O'Toole
By Patricia McCoy
11:00AM - Miroslaw Szefflinski
By the Szefflinski family

The Presentation in the Temple

Simeon and Anna welcome Mary, Joseph and Jesus to the Temple. They have been waiting for this moment. What kind of Messiah were they expecting? Simeon welcomes this family who must have seemed 'ordinary' and poor. He can see that this child will be 'a light...for the glory of your people'. Already there is a note of reversal; of boundaries being stretched. Mary is told that this child 'is destined for the fall and the rising of many'. There will be challenging times ahead for this family. Simeon knows that many thoughts will be exposed for God's invitation and welcome has no boundaries and this radical hospitality might not sit well with everyone. Anna rejoices for all those who were looking for a change, for hope, she knows that this child will overturn systems of oppression and exclusion.

Luke is interested in how humanity responds to the Gospel. If Jesus' message is really good news, then this requires a shakeup; a shakeup which challenges comfortable assumptions about the way God works. God's abundant invitation to all may not sit comfortably with many. While Anna prays and fasts for a change of heart in the way Jerusalem operates, Simeon warns Mary that this will not be an easy road.

Many situations in our own world today need a shake-up, especially in our church. This can be uncomfortable as we have to let go of certain things and invite freshness. What situations in our own society and in our church require a shake-up; an uncomfortable but necessary change so that God's love and welcome can shine through? Jesus came to show us how to live. We must constantly look back at his example.

'We often make do with looking at the ground...I wonder if we still know how to look up at the sky? Do we know how to dream, to long for God, to expect the newness he brings, or do we let ourselves be swept along by life, like dry branches before the wind?' Pope Francis

OFFERTORY REPORT

Weekend of Dec. 20th

1st Collection

@St. George - \$1401.
@St. Francis - \$862.

2nd Collection for Christmas Flowers

@St. George - \$445.
@St. Francis - \$355.

Scripture Next Weekend

January 3, 2021
Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord

Isaiah 60: 1-6
Psalm 72: 1-13
Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2: 1-12

Baby Bottle Fundraising

Baby bottles are available at both churches on your way out. Please fill with spare change to help support the 1st Way Center. Just take a bottle with you and collect spare change. **When filled, please return the bottle back to the church by Jan 10th**, the feast of the baptism of our Lord, the traditional close of the Christmas season.

Thank you to all those who so generously donated to the "Thinking of You" and Christmas Food/Gift baskets. This special ministry is an annual joint effort between our St. Francis parishioners and the members of the United Reform Church in Youngsville.

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 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.

Come Join Us!

Weekday Mass

8 a.m. Monday - Friday
St. Kateri Tekakwitha Chapel
in the rectory at St. George

Sunday Mass

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

Holy Hour

1st Saturday of each month at St. George, 3:00pm

Religious Education Classes

St. George 9:30 - 11:00am,
St. Francis 10:00 - 11:30am

Choir

St. George - Anne DevlinRaum 482-3844
St. Francis - Linda Hauschild 482-4640

St. Francis Ladies Guild

Mary Nosek 482-4292

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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)



Your donations are needed and much appreciated!
Visit our [parish website](#) for more information.

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.