



This year we invite you to take part in an old tradition of “chalking the door” to celebrate the Epiphany, the day that marks the arrival of the magi, to the place where Jesus was born! This year the Epiphany will be celebrated on Sunday, January 3, but you may also wait until the traditional date of January 6. Following a year that saw families shaken by the coronavirus pandemic, the traditional home blessing will serve as a special symbol of hope and a visible reminder of faith.

“Chalking the door” is a sign and symbol of asking God’s blessing upon those who live, work, or visit throughout the coming year. In Exodus, the Israelites marked their doors with blood so that the Lord would pass over their homes; but in this service, we mark our doors with chalk as a sign that we have invited God’s presence and blessing into our homes.

In Deuteronomy 6:9 God tells the people of Israel: “These words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house... You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” Chalking the door is a tangible way to honor God in our lives. [Visit USCCB.org](http://VisitUSCCB.org) for more information



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.



Have you thought about becoming more active in your parish?
Would you like to learn about the theology and practicalities of serving as a Lector or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion?
Through instructional videos and short quizzes available online, deepen your connection to these ministries and earn your certification in as little as two hours.
Sign up at <https://nyliturgy.teachable.com/>

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.

Be sure to pick up your copy of the beautiful 2021 religious calendar and this week’s edition of Catholic New York, the official newspaper of the Archdiocese of New York, as you leave Mass this week. Additionally, if you participate in the donation envelope system, your envelopes are available for pickup at the back of each church, or you may arrange to pick them up at the parish office. Call for more information.

St. George ~ St. Francis

Roman Catholic in our Faith;
Franciscan in our Tradition



*We have seen his star
in the East,
and have come with gifts
to adore the Lord.*

Sunday, January 3, 2021

*Solemnity of the Epiphany
of the Lord
Isaiah 60: 1-6
Ephesians 3: 2-6
Matthew 2: 1-12*

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

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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



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 January 2

4:00 PM - Frank Ruggiero
By Marie Ruggiero

Sunday January 3

7:30 - Michael Kubenik
By Henry & Anna Kubenik

9:00 - John O'Toole
By Patricia McCoy

11:00 - Miroslaw Szefflinski
By Szefflinski family

Monday January 4

8:00 AM - Bessy Manning, the King family, and the Palcic family
By Steve Spears

Tuesday January 5

8:00 AM - Calogero Davi (living)
By Carlo & Maria DiMaggio

Wednesday January 6

8:00 AM - for the parishioners of St. George - St. Francis Parish

Thursday January 7

8 AM - Mr. & Mrs. Palcic
By Steve Spears

Friday January 8

8:00 AM - Veronica & Vincent Zvonik by Veronica Keeler

Saturday January 9

4:00 PM - Pauline & George Pritchard by their family

Sunday January 10

7:30 - Mary & Michael Kubenik
By Gary & Bea Erlwein

9:00 - John O'Toole
By Joe Anne Baker

11:00 - Eric Szefflinski
By Cindy Szefflinski & family

The God of surprises

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, but have you ever wondered what the word 'epiphany' actually means? The word comes from the Greek *epiphainen*, which means to 'shine upon' or 'make known'. So, we celebrate today the first occasion that Christ made himself known, in this surprising way, when the light of God shone into our world.

An epiphany is often described as an 'Aha' moment. I wonder if the wise men were taken aback at the ordinary scene they encountered when they arrived at the home of Mary and Joseph. After all, they were looking for a king. What they found was simply 'the child with his mother Mary'. What an unexpected way for God to be revealed. Yet the wise men had enough insight to recognize that they were in the presence of something very special. They had followed the light of the star, and found the light of the world. They were so awed that they knelt to praise Jesus, offering lavish treasures as well as their love and adoration. Imagine the light they carried with them after that encounter, as they made the journey home.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus makes himself known to people in the most unexpected of ways. Perhaps we have got used to encountering God only at set times or in set places – at church on a Sunday, or in the sacraments. The events of this past year have taught us to expect the unexpected, and the Church had to get very creative with its mission to carry the light of Christ into the world. Our God is the God of epiphanies. God tends to surprise us with light and presence, if we only follow the star.

'God is not afraid of new things! That is why he is continually surprising us, opening our hearts and guiding us in unexpected ways.'
Pope Francis [from Intercom. The Deep End](#)

OFFERTORY REPORT

December 27, 2020

First Collection

St. George - \$1,314.
St. Francis - \$333.

2nd Collection for Insurance

St. George - \$320.
St. Francis - \$53.

Christmas

St. George - \$4,655.
St. Francis - \$1,375.

Next Week's Readings

January 10, 2021

*Feast of the
Baptism of the Lord*

Isaiah 55: 1-11

1 John 5: 1-9

Mark 1: 7-11

CHURCH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

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

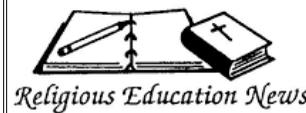
January 10 - Please return Baby Bottles for 1st Way Life Center fundraiser

January 10 - The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (official end of Christmas season) 2nd collection for both the **Catholic Communications Campaign** and for **The Catholic University of America**

January 17 - second Sunday in Ordinary Time, 2nd collection for the Religious Education program of our parish

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.



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

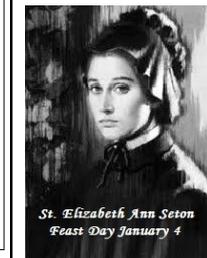
Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Eileen Mulcahy at 646-794-2949. Mrs. Mulcahy may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can 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.



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Feast Day January 4

Elizabeth Ann Bayley was born in New York City on August 28, 1774 to a prominent Episcopal family. In 1794, at the age of 19, Elizabeth married William Magee Seton, a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. William died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving Elizabeth a young widow. After discovering Catholicism in Italy, where her husband had died, Elizabeth returned to the United States and entered the Catholic Church in 1805 in New York.

After a number of difficult years, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph's, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, planting the seeds of Catholic education in the United States. Mother Seton, as she is often called, was canonized on Sunday, September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI. She was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "Saint." Her remains are entombed in Emmitsburg in the Basilica at the National Shrine that bears her name.

St. George ~ St. Francis Parish is now on

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Look for *Saint George & Saint Francis*

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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)

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.