



Pope Francis proclaims "Year of St Joseph"

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris Corde* ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St Joseph," beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021.

The Holy Father wrote *Patris Corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation." [By Vatican News](#)



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/>



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

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.*



It is not too late to bless your home! Traditionally done on the Feast of the Epiphany, "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. Visit our parish [Facebook](#) or [website](#) for more information.

St. George ~ St. Francis

Roman Catholic in our Faith; Franciscan in our Tradition



"You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased."

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, January 10, 2021
Year of St. Joseph

*Feast of the
Baptism of the Lord
Isaiah 55: 1-11
1 John 5: 1-9
Mark 1: 7-11*

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

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& Parish Office:**

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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 9

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

Sunday January 10

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

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

11:00 - Eric Szefflinski By Cindy Szefflinski family

Monday January 11

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

Tuesday January 12

8:00 AM - Helen Kubenik Livoti (living) by Gary & Bea Erlwein

Wednesday January 13

8:00 AM - Leonard Soules By Susie Soules

Thursday January 14

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

Friday January 15

8:00 AM - Vernon & Richard Mungeer by Veronica Keeler

Saturday January 16

4:00 PM - Frank & Charlotte Dorst By their family

Sunday January 17

7:30 - Alisha, Amy, & Alois Sattler by the Sattler family

9:00 - John O'Toole By Joan Graham

11:00 - Eric Szefflinski By Cecylia Szefflinski & family

Come to the water [from Intercom, The Deep End](#)

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus, the moment when God reveals who Jesus is. Our readings are rich with water imagery. Water is a powerful symbol throughout the Scriptures, from the story of creation and the crossing of the Red Sea, to the wedding feast at Cana and Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well. It is a symbol of life and newness, an opportunity for God to reach out to us, be present with us and teach us something, as well as an opportunity for cleansing and a fresh start.

Our gospel today tells of Jesus being baptized by John in the river Jordan. This immersion in water marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry. By approaching John for baptism, along with all the others, Jesus is identifying with the people and allowing himself to be counted among sinners. It is a sign that he submitting to God's will. At this crucial moment, as soon as he emerges from the Jordan, Jesus sees the heavens open and the voice of God confirming him as 'Beloved Son'. It is a moment of divine approval, confirming Jesus' identity and launching him on his new mission.

The baptism of Jesus is a reminder of our own identity and mission. We are beloved daughters and sons of God, sisters and brothers of Jesus, members of God's family. In today's first reading we are invited: 'Come to the water all you who are thirsty'. We are called to the water, to that moment when we recognize who Jesus is, who we are, and our mission to live as children of God.

'In order to live a life of holiness, we must first receive new life from God — we must be born from above.' J. Vernon McGee

OFFERTORY REPORT

January 3, 2020
First Collection
St. George - \$1,335.
St. Francis - \$408.

2nd Collection for Fuel
St. George - \$350.
St. Francis - \$62.

January 1 - Holy Day
St. George - \$478.
St. Francis - \$70.

Next Week's Readings

January 17, 2021
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 3: 3b-10, 19
1 Corinthians 6: 13c-15a,
17-20
John 1: 35-42

CHURCH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

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

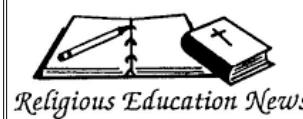
January 10 - The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (official end of Christmas season) 2nd collection for both the **Catholic Communications Campaign** and for **The Catholic University of America**

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

January 24 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, 2nd collection for insurance

Baby Bottle Fundraising

Thank you to all those whose supported the [First Way Life Center](#) by participating in the *Advent Baby Bottle Fundraiser*. Please return all baby bottles this week.



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 victimsassistance@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.

Today, on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we pray for all the newest members of our parish baptized this past year:



Emilia Sofia Andrea March
Owen Henry Goodall
Austin James Brandt
Nathan Russell Schwartz

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.