

Year of St. Joseph  
12-8-20 to 12-8-21

A father “in the shadows,” centered on Mary and Jesus, [By Vatican News](#)

“Fathers are not born, but made,” says Pope Francis. “A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child.” Unfortunately, in today’s society, children “often seem orphans, lacking fathers” who are able to introduce them “to life and reality.” Children, the Pope says, need fathers who will not try to dominate them, but instead raise them to be “capable of deciding for themselves, enjoying freedom and exploring new possibilities.” This is the sense in which St Joseph is described as a “most chaste” father, which is the opposite of domineering possessiveness. Joseph “knew how to love with extraordinary freedom. He never made himself the center of things. He did not think of himself, but focused instead on the lives of Mary and Jesus.” Happiness for Joseph involved a true gift of self: “In him, we never see frustration, but only trust,” writes Pope Francis. “His patient silence was the prelude to concrete expressions of trust.” Joseph stands out, therefore, as an exemplary figure for our time, in a world that “needs fathers.”



**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.*

**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.*

**Lent begins on Ash Wednesday,  
February 17, 2021.**

During the Season of Lent, the Church urges all the Faithful to reflect a spirit of fasting and abstinence.

*Ash Wednesday is a day for both fasting and abstinence. Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence*

**FASTING** requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity.

**ABSTINENCE** prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day.



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

**Wednesday, February 17, 2021**

Ashes will be distributed:

8:00 AM @ St. George    3:30 PM @ St. George

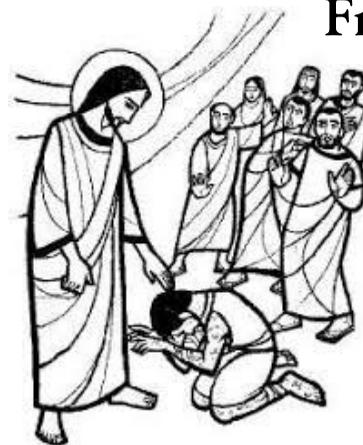
7:00 PM @ St. Francis

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# St. George ~ St. Francis

## Roman Catholic in our Faith; Franciscan in our Tradition



*I turn to you, Lord,  
In time of trouble,  
and you fill me with  
the joy of salvation.*

**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, February 14, 2021

*Year of St. Joseph*

*Sixth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*

Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46  
1 Corinthians 10: 31-11: 1  
Mark 1: 40-45

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

**St. George Church, Rectory,  
& Parish Office:**

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PO Box 672 Jeffersonville, NY 12748

**St. Francis Church**

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Deacon Larry Knack

845-887-4985



### 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, Christina Hubert, Isabell Sander, Sr. Dolores, Joe Nosek, Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke, 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 February 13

4:00 PM - JP & Cheryl Graham  
25th Wedding Anniversary 12.30.20  
By the Graham family

#### Sunday February 14

7:30 - Henry & Mary Nebzydoski  
By Jos & KerryJo Nebzydoski

9:00 - Dolores Zweck  
By Ed & Laurene McKenna

11:00 - Joseph Paszek  
By Natalie Paszek

#### Monday February 15

8:00 AM - Deceased members of the Nebzydoski family  
By Joe & KerryJo Nebzydoski

#### Tuesday February 16

8:00 AM- James & Rose DePasquale  
By Thomas & Linda Hauschild

#### Wednesday February 17

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

#### Thursday February 18

8:00 AM - Deceased members of the Stagle family  
By Joe & KerryJo Nebzydoski

#### Friday February 19

8:00 AM - Deceased members of the Palka family by Michele Buddenhagen

#### Saturday February 20

4:00 PM - Peter Marshall  
By Gail Marshall

#### Sunday February 21

7:30 - David Nebzydoski  
By Joe & KerryJo Nebzydoski

9:00 - John O'Toole  
By St. Francis Ladies Guild

11:00 - Michael Erlwein  
By Gregory & Roseann Brewer

### “Stretched Out His Hand...” from *Intercom, The Deep End*

Jesus, in today's Gospel, cures a leper by the healing touch of his hand. A leper was completely outcasted from society due to the huge stigma surrounding the disease, which was highly contagious but was also seen as a punishment from God in Jesus' time. Jesus is moved with pity for this man and reaches out to him. Jesus sends the man to the priests, as a testimony to them. Jesus' 'pity' also conveys anger at the leper's situation. It is the religious hierarchy of Jesus' time who have alienated this man. What they are incapable of doing (healing him), Jesus has done by 'stretching out his hand' in love.

A question for us from this Gospel today might be, who are those our society outcast? Who is alienated in our communities? What moves you with pity? Who is it that we need to reach out to at this time?

Jesus, in Mark's Gospel, is forever asking people to keep quiet and not tell anyone about what he does. Yet, after such a radical encounter with God which frees this man from all that keeps him trapped, of course he wants to shout from the roof tops. Why would Jesus want his miracles to be kept a secret? Jesus wants to be able to fulfil his mission without attracting the wrong kind of attention. Eventually those who are against him will use encounters like this one to compile evidence against him. For now, the less they know the better. We might think today of those who bravely speak out, even if it means they are punished in some way. May all of us have the courage, like the man who is healed in the Gospel today, to proclaim the truth, even if it costs us.

*'There is a need for paths of peace to heal open wounds. There is also a need for peacemakers, men and women prepared to work boldly and creatively to initiate processes of healing and renewed encounter.'* (Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, 225)

### OFFERTORY REPORT

February 7, 2020

#### First Collection

St. George - \$1,379.  
St. Francis - \$683.

#### 2nd Collection for Religious Ed.

St. George - \$189.  
St. Francis - \$235.

#### WeShare Jan 1-31

St. George - \$126.96  
St. Francis \$49.60

### Next Week's Readings

February 21, 2021

1st Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9: 8-15

1 Peter 3: 18-22

Mark 1: 12-15

### CHURCH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

February 14 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is the Peter's Pence for the Works of the Holy Father

February 17 - Ash Wednesday

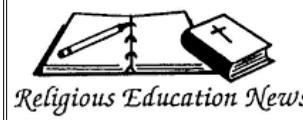
February 19 - Stations of the Cross, 7PM, St. Kateri Tekakwitha Chapel, St. George rectory

February 21 - First Sunday of Lent, 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for insurance

February 28 - Second Sunday of Lent, 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for fuel

March 7 - Third Sunday of Lent, 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for Easter Flowers

The 2021 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal has begun. Our parish goal is \$14,500. You may receive a letter in the mail with a pledge card that allows for a pledge paid over time, or a one time donation. Please use the next few weeks to prayerfully consider your donation. Commitment weekend is March 7 & 8.



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.



**Experience Lent like never before!** Copies of the "BEST LENT EVER JOURNAL" are available at the back of church. In addition you can go to [dynamiccatholic.com](http://dynamiccatholic.com) and access the Best Lent Ever 2021 for information to assist you with your journey. The books are free, as is the information on line.

### 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.