



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH
December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021

A daily prayer to St Joseph... and a challenge, [By Vatican News](#)

In his letter, Pope Francis notes how, “Every day, for over forty years”, following Morning Prayer he has “recited a prayer to Saint Joseph taken from a nineteenth-century French prayer book of the Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary.” This prayer, he says, expresses devotion and trust, and even poses a certain challenge to Saint Joseph, on account of its closing words: “My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power.” At the conclusion of his Letter, he adds another prayer to St Joseph, which he encourages all of us to pray together: *Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.*



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.*

What are the rules for fasting in Lent? During the Season of Lent, the Church urges all the Faithful to reflect a spirit of fasting and abstinence. *Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days for both fasting and abstinence. Other Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence*

ABSTINENCE prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day.

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.



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



“This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God Is at hand.

Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

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

St. George ~ St. Francis

Roman Catholic in our Faith; Franciscan in our Tradition

Sunday, February 21, 2021
Year of St. Joseph

1st Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9: 8-15
1 Peter 3: 18-22
Mark 1: 12-15

Serving the Catholic community in Jeffersonville and Youngsville, NY

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& Parish Office:**

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St. Francis Church

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Visit <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent/best-lent-ever.html>

Beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing through all forty days of Lent, you will receive a daily email with a short video to help you re-connect with yourself and your God.



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 20

4:00 PM - Peter Marshall
By Gail Marshall

Sunday February 21

7:30 - David Nebzydowski
By Joe & KerryJo Nebzydowski

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

11:00 - Michael Erlwein
By Gregory & Roseann Brewer

Monday February 22

8:00 AM - Gerow Mangan
By Gail Marshall

Tuesday February 23

8:00 AM - Joachim

Wednesday February 24

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

Thursday February 25

8:00 AM - Michael Menderis
By Gail Marshall

Friday February 26

8:00 AM - Ngoc Minh

Saturday February 27

4:00 PM - Lawrence & Beverly La-Joie
By the LaJoie & Peters families

Sunday February 28

7:30 - Geri Bensink
By Joe & KerryJo Nebzydowski

9:00 - John O'Toole
By William & Gerri Orr

11:00 - Anna Wrobel
By Natalie Paszek

Wilderness, [from Intercom, The Deep End](#)

On this first Sunday of Lent, we are invited to embrace the wilderness. The past year has given us experience of wilderness as our world battled a pandemic. Many people were afraid, isolated, alone, and uncertain of what the future would bring. Humanity was adrift in what seemed like a desert moment. However, wilderness can bring opportunity. It can be a time for deep reflection, where we take stock of what is most important to us, a chance to let go of things that are really not important and focus on where we are being called to be. During this past year, what opportunity did this wilderness offer you?

Lent is also a time where people give up something, focus on weight loss or getting fit, take on a course, try to better themselves in some way. And these can be good things, but Lent is so much more than that. It is a retreat time, a time to make room for something deeper. It is a spring-cleaning sort of time, an opportunity to ask, 'what needs clearing out in my life so that I can make more room for God?' 'What changes am I being called to embrace?' Without change we cannot grow, and things fast become stale in our lives. God is always urging us on because God knows just what possibilities there are for each of us. Lent offers us the opportunity to make space for something new, to let go of that which is keeping us from living life to the full.

The Gospel today is short, Jesus is sent into the wilderness, into the desert, and we too are invited into a desert time. Deserts are interesting places which can allow us to reflect, give ourselves space. It is true that we might encounter our demons there, but we should not be afraid because as the Gospel tells us clearly today, this is a Spirit-led desert. God is with us. Let us try to embrace this wilderness. How we make use of this time determines what will be.

OFFERTORY REPORT February 14, 2020

First Collection
St. George - \$1,490.
St. Francis - \$263.

2nd Collection for Peter's Pence
St. George - \$684.
St. Francis - \$96.

Next Week's Readings February 28, 2021

Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 22: 1-2
Romans 8: 31b-34
Mark 9: 2-10

CHURCH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

February 21 - First Sunday of Lent, 2nd collection for insurance

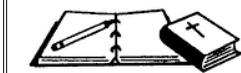
February 26 - Stations of the Cross, 7pm, St. Kateri Tekakwitha Chapel

February 28 - Second Sunday of Lent, 2nd collection for fuel

March 7 - Third Sunday of Lent, 2nd collection for Easter Flowers

March 14 - Fourth Sunday of Lent, 2nd collection for Catholic Relief Services

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

Attention parents of 2nd, 3rd, & 8th graders: Parents of children receiving a sacrament this year must attend a sacrament ZOOM session, Penance March 10, First Holy Communion March 24, Confirmation March 31. Watch your email & check with your child's catechist for more information.

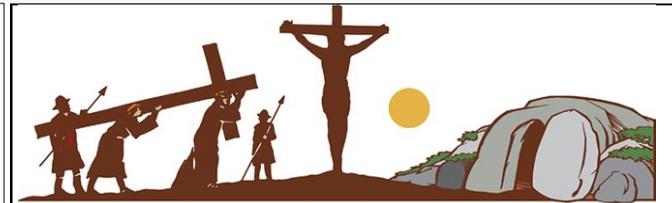
CHILD PROTECTION *Required Announcement*

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.



STATIONS of the CROSS

Friday evenings at 7 PM
St. Kateri Tekakwitha Chapel in the rectory
at St. George
Every Friday beginning February 19
through March 26
All are welcome!

For those who continue to be homebound at this time, EWTN offers several versions of the Way of the Cross both online at their website ewtn.com and on their YouTube channel, by using the YouTube app or website. Search for EWTN to be sure you use the correct site.

[Way of the Cross for Kids](#) and [Stations of the Cross from the Holy Land](#) are set to beautiful music and can be used by all ages.

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.