

Ecumenical Christmas Food and "Thinking of You" (TOY) Baskets 2021 Schedule

There will be no homemade cookies included in baskets this year.

***Thursday, December 9th:** Thinking Of You Baskets will be assembled at St. Francis Church basement at 6:30pm. We welcome adults and youth in both Churches to get involved in this endeavor by helping put those baskets together as well as helping us deliver them.

****Friday, December 17th:** Pick up turkeys and hams at Peck's for food baskets at 9am. Assemble food baskets at 10am at St. Francis basement and deliver food baskets. If you would like to get involved in delivery, please let us know. (Contact Glenn at 701-2271)

You are more than welcome to become a part of any of these activities. We will have a box in each Church vestibule for any food supplies you can donate. You can also make a financial contribution at Church or by mail to help offset the cost of this project. Last year we delivered 66 "Thinking Of You" baskets letting people in our community know they have not been forgotten. Each basket included a beautiful poinsettia. We also delivered 31 food baskets which included far more than just food. We were able to donate hats, gloves, mittens, socks, etc. *If you know of someone who you think would appreciate one of these baskets, you can contact any committee member to see if they already are on the list or contact Glenn Spielmann at 845-701-2271.*



2022 Mass Intentions

The 2022 Mass Book is 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 stop by, email or call the parish office, 482-4640, to make a request.

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

There are still masses available for Dec. 2021.



Covid-19 Protocol

As you have probably already heard, Sullivan County is an area of substantial Covid-19 transmission. The CDC recommends that all in these areas, vaccinated or unvaccinated, should resume wearing masks indoors. **That being the case, we are asking and urging that all parishioners resume wearing masks at church until this current threat passes. We must act to protect the unvaccinated amongst us, especially our children.**

Thank you for your cooperation as we live through this together.

Join your fellow parishioners to pray favorite devotions after 8am Mass.

- ◆ Mondays, pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet,
- ◆ Tuesdays, pray the Miraculous Medal Novena and the St. Anthony Novena Prayer
- ◆ Wednesdays pray the Rosary
- ◆ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30am before daily mass.

Please pray for the following Military Personnel who are currently in active duty service:

SSgt Sean Graham, USAF

Lt Kyle Daugherty, USMC

Capt. Sean Muth, USN

SSgt Francis J Reddy, USAF

SrA William F Reddy, USAF

Parish families who have an active military member, please email the parish office and provide their name, rank and which branch of service.



At all masses on the weekend of December 11th & 12th, we will bring to our parish a tradition started by St. Pope John Paul II, **the Blessing of the Christ Child Figurine.** Every family is invited to bring to Mass the Baby Jesus figurine from their family's nativity scene for this very special blessing.

St. George ~ St. Francis

Roman Catholic in our Faith; Franciscan in our Tradition



Prepare the way
of the Lord,
make straight his paths:
all flesh shall see
the salvation of God.

Sunday, December 5, 2021

Year of St. Joseph

Second Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5: 1-9

Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11

Luke 3: 1-6

Serving the Catholic community in Jeffersonville and Youngsville, NY

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& Parish Office:**

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Sacraments

Baptism - Private preparation two weeks in advance.

Marriages - Couple should make initial contact with Pastor six months before marriage date.

Confessions - Thirty minutes before each weekend Mass and by appointment.

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

7:30 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

8:00 AM Mass - both in St. Kateri Chapel in Rectory

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM St. George Church

Sunday 7:30 AM & 11:00 AM St. George Church

Sunday 9:00 AM St. Francis Church



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, Elizabeth Gieger, Walter Madden, Thomas Boxberger, Mareni Egan, Julia Hemmer, Susie Soules, Carolyn McGuire, Rita Grainy, Joseph Wahl, Hope Erlwein, Henry & Anna Kubenik, Kati Parisella, Fred & Helen Verderber, June Slater, and for all those suffering with coronavirus.

Daily Mass Intentions

Saturday December 4

4:00 PM - Steve Dowling
By JP & Cheryl Graham

Sunday December 5

7:30 AM - For the people of
St. George - St. Francis Parish

9:00 AM - John O'Toole
By Joan O'Toole & family

11:00 AM - Anaya Basurto
By Tim & Nora Manzolillo

Monday December 6

8:00 AM - available

Tuesday December 7

8:00 AM - available

Wednesday December 8

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

8:00 AM - available (St. George)

7:00 PM - available (St. Francis)

Thursday December 9

8:00 AM - Brendan Poley

By his parents

Friday December 10

8:00 AM - available

Saturday December 11

4:00 PM - Anna LeRoy

By Anthony Lupardo

Sunday December 12

7:30 AM - For the people of
St. George - St. Francis Parish

9:00 AM - available

11:00 AM - the Coleman family
By Tim & Nora Manzolillo

Gospel Connection from [Loyola Press](#)

This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation.

The three Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke—attest to the importance of the baptism of John in preparing for Jesus. Only the Gospel of Luke, however, extends the connection between these two men to their birth. The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel contain the Infancy Narrative, which tells about the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. These stories set the stage for the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in chapter 3.

The evangelist Luke is the author of the Gospel that bears his name, and he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles as a continuation of the story of Jesus and the Church. In these two works, Luke's sense of time and history emerges. He identifies three epochs of salvation history: the time before Christ, the time of Christ, and the time of the Church and the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel reading, as elsewhere, John the Baptist is presented as the figure who bridges the time before Christ and prepares the way for Christ's own ministry.

In today's Gospel we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.

OFFERTORY REPORT

November 28, 2021

First Collection

St. George - \$1,305.

St. Francis - \$448.

Second Collection for Religious Education

St. George - \$252.

St. Francis - \$100.

Next Week's Readings

December 5, 2021

2nd Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3: 14-18

Philippians 4: 4-7

Luke 3: 10-18

CHURCH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

December 5 - 2nd Sunday of Advent, 2nd collection for Christmas flowers

December 8 - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation, Mass at 8am, St. George, and 7pm at St. Francis

December 12 - 3rd Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, 2nd collection for ArchNY Retirement fund for Religious.

December 11 & 12 - Bambinelli Sunday, blessing of baby Jesus figurines at all Masses, bring the baby Jesus figurine from your Nativity Set at home for this very special blessing!

Offertory Envelopes for 2022

The 2022 offertory envelopes are being prepared. If you are not currently using envelopes and would like a set for the new year, please call or email the parish office to be added to the list. If you currently use envelopes, they will automatically be prepared for you. Envelopes will be ready for distribution by the third week of December for use on January 1st.



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our parish website, stgeorgestfrancis.org, for more information and to sign up.

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.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, December 8th

It's important to understand what the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception is and what it is not. Some people think the term refers to Christ's conception in Mary's womb without the intervention of a human father; but that is the Virgin Birth. Others think the Immaculate Conception means Mary was conceived "by the power of the Holy Spirit," in the way Jesus was, but that, too, is incorrect.

The Immaculate Conception means that Mary, whose conception was brought about the normal way, was conceived without original sin or its stain - that's what "immaculate" means: without stain. This doctrine was formally proclaimed December 8, 1854, by Pope Pius IX in his papal bull *Ineffabilis Deus*. There he proclaimed that the Immaculate Conception is a dogma of the Catholic Church maintaining that from the moment when she was conceived the Blessed Virgin Mary was kept free of original sin and was filled with the sanctifying grace normally conferred during baptism.

GIFT SHOPS

St. George - Danielle Corcillo, 7:30 AM Mass

Mon - Wed, see office staff

St. Francis - Mary Nosek, 9:00 AM Mass

St. George ~ St. Francis Parish
is now on Facebook

Look for Saint George & Saint Francis
[@stgeorgestfrancis](https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgestfrancis)

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.