

**The Parish of St. George ~ St. Francis  
Fr. Roland Antony Raj, MMI, Pastor**

The pastor, staff, and parishioners of St. George-St. Francis Parish, serving the Catholic communities of Jeffersonville and Youngsville, New York, welcome you and your visiting families and friends to enjoy, celebrate, and worship with us during the Christmas season!



**2022 Mass Intentions**

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.*

**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.*



**The Christmas Season Explained**

Christmas is one of the most important days of the Church year, second only to Easter itself. It is the feast of the incarnation, the feast of God becoming flesh (the Latin "in carne" means "enfleshment"). It is a uniquely Christian teaching, the Divine choosing to become one of us. Because of this belief, God is not only Transcendent, but also wholly Immanent, Emmanuel (God-with-us). While remaining Transcendent (meaning we must rise above our present condition to reach Him), He is at the same time Immanent (meaning He is with us as we rise toward Him). Every Eucharist is like Christmas where the bread and wine are transformed into His flesh, His Body and Blood, and, in a sense, He is born anew on the altar.

The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts, and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him...including the fact that he was born to die for us. *From USCCB.org, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops*

**Archdiocesan directives regarding new Covid-19 Protocols**

- Beginning December 13<sup>th</sup>, all parishioners are asked to wear a mask whenever in church or the parish office
- All are asked to avoid physical contact during the sign of peace
- The precious blood will not be offered and all communicants are asked to receive in the hand
- Refrain from blessings of children and adults (no physical contact) during communion procession
- Holy water fonts continue to remain empty

**Join your fellow parishioners in the St. Kateri Chapel (rectory) 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.

# St. George ~ St. Francis

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

Sunday, December 26, 2021



And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

*The Feast of the Holy Family of  
Jesus, Mary & Joseph  
Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14  
Colossians 3: 12-21  
Luke 2: 41-52*

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

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

97 Schoolhouse Hill Rd.  
PO Box 672 Jeffersonville, NY 12748

**St. Francis Church**

4020 State Route 52, Youngsville, NY

**Parish Admin.:** Fr. Roland Antony Raj, MMI

**Secretary:** Mrs. Roseann Brewer

**Office Hours:** Mon - Wed, 9:00am - 2:00pm

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**Religious Education Coordinators:**

JP Graham 482-3872

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**Youth Group Coordinator:**

Deacon Larry Knack

845-887-4985

**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 25

11:00 AM - Mr. & Mrs. James Francis Dunne by Pat Dunne

#### Sunday December 26

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

9:00 AM - Gerow Mangan  
By Michelina Mangan

11:00 AM - McGuire & Day families by Carolyn McGuire

#### Monday December 27

8:00 AM - available

#### Tuesday December 28

8:00 AM - Sr. Helen Chasse  
By Carolyn McGuire

#### Wednesday December 29

8:00 AM - available

#### Thursday December 30

8:00 AM - available

#### Friday December 31

8 AM - Frank Ruggiero  
By Marie Ruggiero

#### Saturday January 1

4:00 PM - Dan Millis  
By Tony & Michele Lupardo

#### Sunday January 2

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

9:00 AM - Patrick Forgione  
By Pat Dunne

11:00 AM - available

On Sunday, December 26, 2021 we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. This feast is part of the Christmas season, and we should place today's Gospel in the context of what Luke's Gospel tells us about the birth of Jesus. Luke has been answering the question "Who is Jesus?" through his stories of the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. Today's Gospel reading continues this theme. It has no parallel in the other Gospels and is the conclusion of Luke's Infancy Narrative.

Mary, Joseph, and Jesus are presented in this Gospel as a faithful Jewish family. They are participating in the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, an event shared each year with family and friends. When Jesus is found, Luke describes him as seated in the Temple in the midst of the Jewish teachers. Although he is young, Jesus seems not to need teaching about his Jewish tradition. In his dialogue with these learned teachers, Jesus astounds them with his insight and understanding. Jesus is a child of Israel. His Father is God.

The dialogue between Mary and Jesus contains many references to family relationships. In fact, in this Gospel reading Mary and Joseph are never identified by name. Instead they are referred to by their relationship to Jesus. Ultimately, this emphasizes Luke's point about the identity of Jesus. When Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple, they question Jesus and express their anxiety. Jesus replies in words that many have thought to be disrespectful. Jesus says that he was never lost; he was at home. Jesus is God's Son, and he is in his Father's house. Luke will continue to suggest that faith in Jesus establishes new family relationships as he describes Jesus' public ministry.

In Luke's Gospel, Mary's importance is even greater than her role as Jesus' mother. Mary is the first disciple and will be present with Jesus' disciples after his Resurrection at Pentecost. From [Loyola Press](http://www.Loyola Press)

### OFFERTORY REPORT

#### December 19, 2021

#### First Collection

St. George - \$1,234.

St. Francis - \$525.

#### Second Collection for Christmas Flowers

St. George - \$426.

St. Francis - \$260.

### Next Week's Readings

January 2, 2022

*Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord*

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6

Matthew 2: 1-12

### CHURCH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

December 26 - Feast of the Holy Family, 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for the insurance needs of our parish

January 2 - Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for fuel oil

January 9 - Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is a combined collection for both the Catholic Communications Campaign and for The Catholic University of America.

January 16 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for the Religious Education Program of our parish

Please consider serving our parish as a lector or extraordinary minister of holy communion. Free online training is available through the ArchNY at <https://archny.org/ministries-and-offices/liturgy/online-ministry-training/>. Speak to Fr. Roland after any Mass, and call the parish office to advise that you will start the course. Each can be completed in as little as two hours.



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our parish website, [stgeorgestfrancis.org](http://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](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.



As we celebrate Christmas and view the beautifully decorated trees in our churches and homes we are reminded of the German roots of our parish and look to the window depicting St.

Boniface in St. George Church. St. Boniface, known as the Apostle to the Germans, was consecrated a bishop by Pope Gregory and spent his life evangelizing what is now modern Germany. One legend tells that Boniface approached a group of pagans gathered at Thunder Oak to sacrifice a child. Boniface interrupted them and chopped down the oak tree. He then pointed to a small fir tree and said,

*"This little tree, a young child of the forest, shall be your holy tree tonight. It is the wood of peace... It is the sign of an endless life, for its leaves are ever green. See how it points upward to heaven. Let this be called the tree of the Christ-child; gather about it, not in the wild wood, but in your own homes; there it will shelter no deeds of blood, but loving gifts and rites of kindness."*

### 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

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.