

## Ecumenical Group Christmas Food and "Thinking of You" (TOY) Baskets 2022 Schedule

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

**\*Friday, December 9th:** *Please note date change!* 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 16th:** 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 845-701-2271)

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 71 "Thinking Of You" baskets letting people in our community know they have not been forgotten. Each basket included a beautiful poinsettia. We also delivered 38 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.*



**The 2023 Mass Book is now open. Limited dates are still available for December 2022.**

Masses may be offered 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.*



At all masses on the weekend of December 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 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.



**WE SHARE**  
**Online Giving Program**

We now have Online Giving available for parishioners who would like to make donations to our weekly offerings through automatic draft, debit or credit cards via WeShare. Just click [this link](#) or the link on our parish website, [stgeorgestfrancis.org](http://stgeorgestfrancis.org)

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

PFC Andrew Scamihorn, USMC  
Pvt Connor McKenna, USA  
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.*

**This week on FORMED...** For all the mothers in our parish, try Catholic Mom's Summit, a collection of talks in which women encourage and support one another in the vocation of Catholic motherhood. Of interest this week, [Family Advent Traditions: Is it possible to practice our Catholic faith with our families outside of Sunday Mass?](#) Discover a way to celebrate the liturgical season of Advent with your family with these seven traditions. Visit [formed.org](http://formed.org) to access our parish account, choose sign up as a parishioner, search by zip code 12748, choose St. George, then submit your name and email.

# St. George ~ St. Francis

Roman Catholic in our Faith;  
Franciscan in our Tradition

Sunday, December 4, 2022

*Second Sunday of Advent*

Isaiah 11: 1-10  
Romans 15: 4-9  
Matthew 3: 1-12



"Repent, for  
the kingdom  
of heaven is  
at hand!"

### 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

Register online on our parish website, with the form available at church entrance, or by calling the parish 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

**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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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, Gerri Keane, Sam Cuda, Lilli Black, Elizabeth Gieger, Walter Madden, Thomas Boxberger, Maren Egan, Joseph Wahl, Hope Erlwein, Henry & Anna Kubenik, Fred & Helen Verderber, Bill Whalen, Ethan Andrews, Jim Graham, Sophia, Edward Wahl, Carmen Crawford, Pat Dunne, Michael LaJoie, Rosemary Kowalski, and for all those suffering with coronavirus.

### Daily Mass Intentions

#### Saturday December 3

4:00 PM - Mel Hansen  
By Danielle Corcillo

#### Sunday December 4

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

9:00 AM - Joseph Nosek  
By Bill & Geri Orr

11:00 AM - Eric Cajeha  
By Steve Spears

#### Monday December 5

8:00 AM - Arlene Smarsh (living)  
By Danielle

#### Tuesday December 6

8:00 AM - Douglas Mullally  
By Sullivan Brothers A.O.H.

#### Wednesday December 7

8:00 AM - Karen Simonetti  
By Sullivan Brothers A.O.H.

#### Thursday December 8

8:00 AM - For the people of  
St. George-St. Francis Parish

7 PM - Thomas Brennan  
By the McKenna family

#### Friday December 9

8:00 AM - Antonio DiMaggio  
By Carlo DiMaggio

#### Saturday December 10

4:00 PM - Karen Simonetti  
By JP & Cheryl Graham

#### Sunday December 11

7:30 AM - Thomas Brennan  
By Carla Krott

9:00 AM - Paul Schwatz  
By Billy Smith

11:00 AM - Sharma Zotter  
By Lisa Covart-Sauer & Tim Covart  
and families

### Sunday Connection by [Loyola Press](#)

John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets of Israel, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. In fact, the description of John found in this reading is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah (2 Kings 1:8). In this reading, John directs a particularly pointed call to repentance to the Pharisees and Sadducees, parties within the Jewish community of the first century.

John marks the conversion of those who seek him out with a baptism of repentance. Other groups in this period are thought to have practiced ritual washings for similar purposes, and John's baptism may have been related to the practices of the Essenes, a Jewish sect of the first century. John's baptism can be understood as an anticipation of Christian baptism. In this passage, John himself alludes to the difference between his baptism and the one yet to come: "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance . . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matthew 3:11).

In this reading, John makes very clear that his relationship to the Messiah yet to come (Jesus) is one of service and subservience: ". . . the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals" (Matthew 3:11). In the context of Matthew's Gospel, today's passage is followed by Jesus' baptism by John, an event that is attested to in all four of the Gospels and appears to have been the start of Jesus' public ministry.

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 in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming.

### OFFERTORY REPORT

November 27, 2022

#### 1st Collection

St. George - \$1,825.

St. Francis - \$390.

#### 2nd Collection for fuel oil

St. George - \$392.

St. Francis - \$315.

### Next Week's Readings

December 11, 2022

*Third Sunday of Advent*

*Gaudete Sunday*

Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10

James 5: 7-10

Matthew 11: 2-11

### CHURCH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

December 4 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for **Christmas flowers**

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

December 11 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for ArchNY Retirement Fund for Religious

December 18 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for **Christmas flowers**

December 19 - **Reconciliation Monday**, 2-4 at St. Francis, Youngsville, and 6-8 at St. George, Jeffersonville. Confessions will also be heard at every parish throughout the ArchNY.



### 1<sup>st</sup> Way Life Center

#### Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Baby bottles are available at both churches. Bring one home and fill with your spare change during the four weeks of Advent. **Return all bottles to church on Christmas** for donation to the 1st Way Life Center.

No matter how busy you are, there is always time to pray!

**Pause+Pray**



[www.franciscanmedia.org/pausepray](http://www.franciscanmedia.org/pausepray)



### Help Wanted

Help is needed shoveling the front steps at St. George Church after each snowfall, as well as clearing the snow and ice from all entrances. If you are able to help, please call the parish office. Thank You!

### 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.

### 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>.



*In preparation for the upcoming joys of the Christmas season, spend some time during Advent in silent prayer, waiting before the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome.*

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Chapel in the rectory at St. George Church is open every weekday morning at 7:30am for Eucharistic Adoration. Mass follows at 8am.

### GIFT SHOPS

**St. George** - Danielle Corcillo, 4 PM 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.