



## Christmas Cookie Bake Sale

December 16th



The St. Francis Ladies Guild will be holding their Annual Christmas Cookie Bake Sale at St. Francis after 9:00 am Mass. Please bring donations of baked goods to be sold before 9:00 am Mass. If you don't bake, now is your chance to buy home baked cookies & treats.

### Food Baskets & "Thinking of You" (Toy) Baskets

**December 16th** - Deliver URC food donations to St. Francis at 11:30am. Anything that will add to a Christmas dinner would be appreciated

**December 18th** - Shopping for the food baskets to supplement what was collected in donations. Contact Carla Dworetsky 845-482-4588.

**December 20th** - Pick-up turkeys & hams at Pecks for food baskets at 9am. Assemble food baskets at St Francis starting 10am. If you would like to get involved in delivery let us know. Contact Glen 701-2271.

**Donations** of non-perishable food items are needed. All food items and home made cookies can be left at the United Reformed Church Aid room or St. Francis Church basement on Sundays or Mon - Thurs please bring to St. George's Church.

**You are more than welcome to become a part of any of these activities.** We will have a box in the church vestibules for any food supplies you would like to donate. You can also make a financial contribution through the church offering to help with expenses. Last year we delivered 51 "Thinking of You" Baskets letting people in our community know they have not been forgotten. Each basket included a beautiful poinsettia. We also delivered 41 food baskets which included far more than just food. We were able to donate hats, gloves, mittens, socks, ect. If you know of someone who you think would qualify for 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. Thank you. **While we appreciate all donations, please ensure that items do not have expired dates.**

### Holiday Mass Schedule



#### St. George

Jeffersonville

Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 PM  
A Family Mass

"Midnight Mass" 10:00 PM

Dec 25, Christmas Mass 10:00 AM  
New Year's Day Mass 11:00AM



#### St. Francis

Youngsville

Christmas Eve Mass 7:00 PM  
New Year's Day Mass 9:00 AM

### Casting Call for Men & Women for the St. George - St. Francis Passion Play

If you want to be a part of this very special event, then there is a part for you! **WOMEN** who would be comfortable playing a man's role are wholeheartedly encouraged to join us. **WE NEED YOU!**

Rehearsals will be weekday evenings and last 90 minutes. The majority of roles will meet only a couple times a week until the last few weeks before show time. We will meet in the Pope John Hall of St. George's Church. Some rehearsals may be at St. Francis Church. We try to be very flexible when it comes to scheduling!! Please contact Bill Moloney if interested at 845-467-1970 or email: poppop3479@gmail.com.

# St. George ~ St. Francis

*A Parish Community;*

*Catholic in our Faith, Christian in our  
witness, Franciscan in our Tradition*

### Sacraments

**Baptism** - Fourth Sunday - Private preparation two weeks in advance.  
**Marriages** - Initial contact with Pastor six months before marriage date.  
**Confessions** - Thirty minutes before weekend Masses.

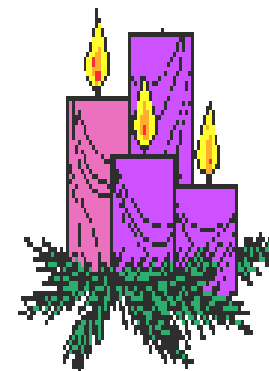
### Pastoral Visitations

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.

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| <b>Mass Schedule:</b> Weekdays | 8:00 AM            | St. George  |
| Saturday Vigil                 | 4:00 PM            | St. George  |
| Sunday                         | 7:30 AM & 11:00 AM | St. George  |
| Sunday                         | 9:00 AM            | St. Francis |



### Third Sunday of Advent

*Zephaniah 3:14-18a  
Isaiah 12:2-3  
Philippians 4:4-7  
Luke 3:10-18*

**Sunday December 16, 2018**

### Jeffersonville & Youngsville

**Rectory:** 97 Schoolhouse Hill Rd.

PO Box 672 Jeffersonville, NY 12748

**Tel:** 845- 482-4640 - **Fax:** 845-482-3276

**Email:** saintgeorgesaintfran@hvc.rr.com

**Pastor:** Fr. Ignatius Vu \***Secretary:** Maria Lavinski

**Office Hours:** Mon - Thurs 9:00am - 2:00pm

**Deacon** Lawrence Knack 845-887-4985

**Religious Education Coordinator:**

Sue Peters 482-4996

**Email:** speters312@gmail.com

**CYO Coordinator:** Cathy Hart 482-4186

St. Peter's Regional School: 292-7270

Mrs. Lisa Layman, Principal



### 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 Maria at 482-4640.*



Diane Terwilliger, Mike Schwartz, Dottie Roycroft, Debbie Bose, Audra Hubert, Laura D'Ercole, Frank Moloney, Sr. Dolores, Sheila Coleman, Aldona Harder, Raymond, Patrick Madden, Keith Cousineau, Harriet Podbielski, Regina Wagner, Diane Levine, Shannon Hayden, Nina Deluca, Imma Deluca, Carmen Crawford, PJ Calkin, Terry Calkin, **John O'Toole, Steve Clifford, Owen Poley, Jacqui, Charlie Pribyl, Christopher Zappola, Mike Masciola, Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke.**

### **Mass Intentions**

**Saturday - December 15th**  
**4:00PM** - Lori Gempler  
by Jim & Barbara Hahl

**Sunday - December 16th**  
**7:30AM** - Stanley Stefanski  
by Joan Graham  
**9:00AM** - Sgt. Jeffry T. Edelson  
by Anthony Lupardo  
**11:00AM** - John Kubenik  
by Anna & Henry Kubenik

**Monday - December 17th**  
**8:00AM** - Special Intentions for Judy Hildebrand  
by Van Thi Thanh Nguyen

**Tuesday - December 18th**  
**8:00AM** - Eila & Paddy

**Wednesday - December 19th**  
**8:00AM** - For the People

**Thursday - December 20th**  
**8:00AM** - Ed & Winifred Hessinger  
by April Kissel

**Friday - December 21st**  
**8:00AM** - Mr. & Mrs. Moloney

**Saturday - December 22nd**  
**4:00PM** - Donald Hauschild, Roy & Jenny Williams & Betty Martin  
by Barbara Hauschild & Family

**Sunday - December 23rd**  
**7:30AM** - Intentions of Bonnie  
**9:00AM** - Sgt. Jeffry T. Edelson  
by Anthony Lupardo  
**11:00AM** - Stanley Stefanski  
by St. George - St. Francis Parish

### **A Reason for the Season**

by Triona Doherty

In his encyclical Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel), Pope Francis issues a warning that might resonate with us as we continue our Advent journey. Caught up in consumerism, he says, it is easy for us to forget what is truly important:

‘The great danger in today’s world, pervaded as it is by consumerism, is the desolation and anguish born of a complacent yet covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures, and a blunted conscience. Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God’s voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades.’

In the lead-up to Christmas we often get caught up in a flurry of ‘interests and concerns’. True, much of the joy of Christmas comes from giving to others, but there is so much focus on material goods and spending money that it can be difficult to remember the good news at the heart of the season. It is so easy to become distracted by the bright lights and advertising.

This Sunday is Gaudete Sunday – Gaudete means ‘Rejoice’. It’s the perfect time to recapture some of the ‘quiet joy’ that Pope Francis talks about. ‘The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus,’ he reminds us. It is this personal encounter with Jesus that we celebrate at Christmas, God becoming man, the Good News announced by John the Baptist in today’s Gospel. This is the reason for our joy – the reason for the season!

### **2019 WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES**

The 2019 weekly offering envelopes are in. They are labeled with parishioner’s name and are in the back of the church for your convenience. **(Please Only take the box labeled with Your Name).** If you do not find a box with your name or would like a box of envelopes please contact the parish office. **Thank You!**

### **OFFERTORY REPORT**

Weekend of Dec 9, 2018

**1st Collection**  
@St. George - \$1011.  
@St. Francis - \$603.

**2nd Collection**  
**Retired Religious**  
@St. George - \$269.  
@St. Francis - \$119.

*Thank you to all who gave!*

### **Scripture Next Weekend**

December 23, 2018

**Fourth Sunday  
of Advent**

*Micah 5:1-4a  
Psalm 80:2-3  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-45*

### **CHURCH ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

**Dec 16th** - Christmas Cookie Bake Sale @St. Francis

**Dec 17th** - Reconciliation Monday @St. George 4pm - 8pm

**Dec 22nd** - Christmas Dinner after 4pm Mass. Bring a dish to share.

**Jan 13th** - Parish Council Meeting 7:00pm @St. George

**Food Baskets** - Donations of non-perishable food items & home made cookies

**1st Way Center** - Baby Bottle Fundraising. Return bottles by Christmas.

**Casting Call:** Men & Women for the Passion Play

### **RENEW & REBUILD CAMPAIGN**

We have raised more than \$130,000.  
Now we expect small gifts of \$50. & \$100.  
**Payable to Renew & Rebuild**

### **Advent Reconciliation Monday Monday, December 17th**

We will celebrate our Advent Reconciliation Monday on December 17th.  
The time for confessions will be from 4pm - 8pm @St. George.

### **1st Way Center in Monticello Baby Bottle Fundraising**

We are having the baby bottle fundraising. Baby bottles will be available at both churches and hopefully they can be filled with spare change to help support the 1st Way Center. Just take a bottle with you and collect spare change. When filled please return filled bottles back to the church by Christmas. **Thank you for your generosity.**

### **WALL CALENDARS**

The 2019 Wall Calendars are available at the of the Church. Calendars are courtesy of St. George ~ St. Francis Parish.

### **Christmas Dinner**

A Christmas Dinner will be held **Saturday, December 22nd**, after 4pm mass in John XXIII Hall. All are invited to attend. Bring a dish to share.

**Food - Friendship - Fun and Faith.**

Volunteers and donations of food items would be greatly appreciated to help with the dinner. Call Maria 482-4640 Mon - Thurs 9am - 2pm if you will be coming and if you can prepare a dish.

### **Come Join Us!**

#### **Choir**

St. George - Anne DevlinRaum 482-3844  
St. Francis - Linda Hauschild 428-4800

#### **Altar Rosary Society**

St. George -

#### **St. Francis Ladies Guild**

Mary Nosek 482-4292

#### **Face book Page Novenas**

Search for: **Novenas Daily** to join in Devotions & Prayers

#### **St. George & St. Francis Face book**

Search for: Stories & Activities

#### **WEEKDAY MASS**

**St. Kateri Tekakwitha's Chapel** in St. George's Rectory  
Arrive at 8:00am and leave by 8:30am **Monday - Friday**

#### **Holy Hour**

1st Saturday of each month in St. George, 3:00pm

#### **Religious Education Classes**

**St. George** 9:30 - 11:00am, **St. Francis** 10:00 -11:30am

### ***GIFT SHOPS***

**St. George** - Danielle Corcillo 845-866-0367 or Mon - Thurs see office staff.

**St. Francis** - before & after 9:00 AM Mass  
Mary Nosek (482-4292) Susan Busing (701-0907)

Sullivan County Cluster Website is <https://sullivanclusterparishes.org>  
St. George - St. Francis website: [stgeorgestfrancis.org](http://stgeorgestfrancis.org)  
Don't forget to register to formed.org (Parishioners, enter code: NJQRFV )

**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.