



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 13th - Deadline for cookies for "Thinking of You Baskets". Cookies & Food for baskets can be left at the United Reformed Church Aid Room or St. Francis Church basement. Thinking of You Baskets will be assembled at St. Francis Church Basement, 6:30pm. If you are baking cookies, make an extra batch for the baskets. We welcome the youth of both churches to get involved in this endeavor by baking cookies and helping us put those baskets together as well as helping us delivering them. **(Delivery is December 13th)**

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

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.

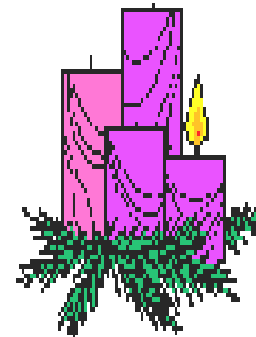
Pastoral Visitations

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.

Mass Schedule:	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



First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalms 25:4-5

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Luke 21:25-28

Sunday December 2, 2018

Jeffersonville & Youngsville

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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.



Tracy Larssen, 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, **John O'Toole, Steve Clifford, Owen Poley, Jacqui, Charlie Pribyl, Christopher Zappola, Mike Masciola, Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke.**

Mass Intentions

Saturday - December 1st
4:00PM - Lori Gempler
 by Lupardo Family

Sunday - December 2nd
7:30AM - Intentions of Sattler Family
9:00AM - Intentions of Graham Family
11:00AM - Carol Raynor
 by Greg & Roseann Brewer

Monday - December 3rd
8:00AM - Souls of Sandy's Family

Tuesday - December 4th
8:00AM - In Memory of Mary & Vic Raggi
 by O'Toole Family

Wednesday - December 5th
8:00AM - For the People

Thursday - December 6th
8:00AM - Souls of Michael's Family

Friday - December 7th
8:00AM - All Lost Souls of the Pearl Harbor Attack

Saturday - December 8th
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
4:00PM - For the People

Sunday - December 9th
7:30AM - Intentions of Natalie Paszek
9:00AM - Brendan Poley
 by Mom & Dad
11:00AM - Mr. Spillane
 by St. George - St. Francis Parish

Be Prepared ...

by Triona Doherty

Have you ever heard the story of the ant and the grasshopper? It tells the tale of a grasshopper who has spent the summer singing and so is not prepared when winter comes, whereas the ant has been working hard all summer and has stored up enough food for winter. Like many of Aesop's Fables, it has a stark moral lesson, in this case about the virtue of hard work and being prepared for the future.

Of course, Advent is about looking forward to Christmas and our celebration of the birth of Jesus. It is a special time of preparation to welcome him anew into our lives. But today's readings remind us that Advent is also about looking ahead to another time, the second and final coming of Jesus at the end of time. 'Advent' comes from the Latin word adventus, meaning 'coming'.

The problem, of course, is that we have no idea when this will happen. Unlike the ant and the grasshopper, we have no way of knowing when the seasons will change. We don't even know when the sun will set on our own individual lives. All we can do is to be prepared and to 'stay awake' - to live now in such a way that when we meet Jesus, we will be ready. This readiness is less a practical skill than a condition, or a way of life. Look at how St Paul describes it: he talks about increasing our love for one another, and continually making progress in living the life that God wants. That is how we store up treasures here on earth to make sure we are ready for the heavenly things to come.

WALL CALENDARS

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

OFFERTORY REPORT

Weekend of Nov 25, 2018

1st Collection
 @St. George - \$1,411.
 @St. Francis - \$460.

2nd Collection
Religious Education
 @St. George - \$256.
 @St. Francis - \$100.

Thank you to all who gave!

Scripture Next Weekend

December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5:1-9
Psalms 126:1-2
Philippians 1:4-6
Luke 3:4, 6

CHURCH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Dec 9th - 2nd Collection for Retired Religion
Dec 16th - Christmas Cookie Bake Sale @St. Francis
Dec 17th - Reconciliation Monday @St. George 4pm - 8pm

Food Baskets & Thinking of You Baskets - Donations of non-perishable food items & home made cookies
1st Way Center - Baby Bottle Fundraising
Casting Call: Men & Women for the Passion Play

RENEW & REBUILD CAMPAIGN

We have raised more than \$117,000.
 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.**

† REST IN PEACE †

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Stanley Stefanski
May his soul rest in peace!

Christmas Dinner

A Christmas Dinner will be held Saturday, Dec 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

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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
 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.