

**Second Sunday of Advent****December 8-9, 2018****From Fr. Anthony Ligato****Where do you find your Joy?**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Where do you find your Joy? That is a question I have asked those who are discerning a Vocation to the priesthood, Diaconate or Religious Life and a question I continually ask them as they move through Formation. As the Vicar for Vocations a considerable amount of my time is spent on what we call Human Formation, includes family of origin issues, self-esteem issues, interpersonal relationships such as friendships and coworkers. We address issues of health and wellbeing, this is particularly important for their future ministry. It is important to understand what the stressful demands in a Priests, Deacon or Religious Sister or Brother life. To understand how to balance the demands and stress's of ministerial life, it is helpful to have insight and understanding of one's self. This insight begins early in the discernment process, with psychological evaluations, ongoing counseling and Spiritual Direction. These evaluative and counseling tools help to balance the demands and stresses of those in ministry and help foster a deepening of the growth experience of Human Formation. When I am asking those in discernment where they find their Joy, the reason behind that question is to understand if the discerner reflects the joy of the Gospel in their lives.

As a parish priest I fulfill the same role for my parishioners; helping people to encounter the divine, which is the source of joy, and not allow stress and anxiety to overwhelm them. Where do you find your joy? Is it by living out the joy of the Gospel? Interestingly, it is easier for people to identify stress in their lives than it is to identify the joyful moments. I have found over the years as a priest helping people first talk about stress; such as the stress that comes from the Christmas season, not just the shopping and the business of Christmas, but the struggles of depression and loneliness, can help people identify the joy in their lives. So back to my original question, where do you find your joy? Let me help you, is your joy found in material things or in relationships? Joy can be experienced not only in relationships with people, but also in our relationship with God. For material joy passes away when something we bought no longer gives us excitement and fulfillment. The joy we have from our relationships with other people, such as a husband or wife, children, grandchildren, siblings and friends must be rooted in the divine, because even in our relationships we are let down and disappointed from time to time.

The love that we have for others must be rooted in the divine love of God. We hear the expression of the divine love of God in the readings of the second Sunday of Advent. The prophet Baruch (5:1-9) goes so far to say, "Jerusalem, take off your robes of morning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever."

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The revelation of that joy is Jesus Christ. This is the source of all our joy which is eternal and never can be taken away. As Psalm 126 reminds us, "The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy." The Lord has done great things for us, but we need to remind ourselves where our joy truly comes from, not from material things and not even from relationships with others but from our relationship with God. If the Advent Season and Christmas Season are shaping up to not being one filled with joy, let's remember what God has done for us, "God has prepared the way of the Lord, God makes the paths straight and fills in the valleys and even makes the mountains low and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." (Luke 3:1-6) If we are having personal, health or financial difficulties and the stress and anxiety is robbing us of our joy, remember the Lord has made the winding road straight and provided help along the way. If the obstacles of your life seem more than you can overcome, remember God has made the mountains low and will get you past the obstacles. If you are depressed and lonely, remember you have received the salvation of God. Take some time during this Advent Season to reflect on, "Where you find your Joy." Share where your joy comes from with others and by doing so you prepare the way of the Lord; for joy you share comes from God!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Anthony

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Jesus Christ came into the world to reconcile all of creation with God, the Creator. What better time for our community to celebrate the precious gift of forgiveness and reconciliation, than the Sacred Season of Advent. The Sacrament of Penance will be celebrated on the following schedule for our local catholic community.

**Communal Reconciliation Services.****St. Michael the Archangel Parish**

December 11, 2018 11AM

Communal Confession and Private Confessions will be available

**St. Jude the Apostle Parish**

December 11, 2018 7PM

Communal Confession and Private Confessions will be available

**Sacred Heart Parish** December 18, 2018 7PM**CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPE**

Don't forget to use the Christmas Flower Envelope in your mailing packet. Additional envelopes may be found at the main entrance of the Church. They are provided to remember or honor your special loved ones this Christmas season. Donations collected are used to help offset decorating expenses for Christmas.

## Second Sunday of Advent

### PRAYERS

We will pray for those who are ill, hospitalized, recuperating and all those who are in need of prayers. If you know someone who could use prayers, please call the Parish Office and leave their name for inclusion in the bulletin. Please make sure you have their permission to do so. This week we pray for the following people:

*Jacqueline Ackner, Anne Antdomi, Raymond Bagley, Carol Bennete, Colleen Bornhorst, Ann Burke, Bryce Chapman, Bob & Rose Davignon, Michelle Darcy, Chester DeBell Sr., Tina Demczar, Edward Doin, Edward Dworakowski, Theresa Dworakowski, Joseph Esposito, Thomas Esposito, Ralph Esposito, Donna Flinton, Brenda Flynn, Dick Galvin, Dave Grinko, Pat Harley, Tony Huneau, Mary Ellen Gibson, Lynn Gorman, Margaret Hoban, Debbie Hopkins, Monique Inyard, Dorothy Jones, Mary Keeley, Edward Kehn Jr., Tayla Kreiger, Anthony Mainello, Craig Maloney, David Manning, Jimmy Margo, Charlie Martinec, Chuck Miorin, Debra Moulton, Anne McHugh, Morgan McEvelly, Stella Muzicka, Christine Pangburn, Dawn Perlmin, Mary Phibbs, Jack Reid, Bonnie Ritrovoto, Laney Robillard, David & Roni Ruppert, Christopher Russell, Jason Russell, Kirstin Shoemaker, Kenny Schroeder, Kaleb Schwartz, Derrick Senior, Margaret Shields, Mary Signorelli, Courtney Sims, Anne Stevens, John Sullivan, Shirley Talbot, Joseph Tenzyk, Leona Toniatti, Anthony Valenti, Ashley Valenti, Madeline Valenti, J. Van Amburgh, Holly Wait, Sharon Wiliking, and Phyllis Ziobroski.*

### ACTIVE, RESERVE AND NATIONAL GUARD PRAYER LIST

We would like to pray for all our military personnel in our Parish and we would like to include their names in the bulletin each week. We request that you assist us by submitting the names to the Parish Office so that these service members can be included in our prayers. **SFC. Michael Baker, Matthew S. Cannon, SRA Jordan Correll USAF, SRA Colton Correll USAF, Third Class Petty Officer Christopher Fox, USMC—CPL W (Mac) Harkin, AB Mary B. McDade, 1st Lieutenant Joe McMillen, First Sergeant Aime Moore, LCpl. Matthew T. Nero US Marines, Airman 1st Class Michael D. Jennings, Master Sergeant Richard Palasz, Specialist Joshua Abbott.**

### DID YOU KNOW?

We bring Communion to those in our parish community who are homebound and cannot attend Mass. If you know of someone who is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive communion and a visit, please call the Parish Office at 283-1162.

### SANCTUARY VOTIVE CANDLE

St. Jude the Apostle Church provides the opportunity for a sanctuary votive candle intention. This intention is the same cost as a mass intention. The sanctuary candle is in memory of a particular person. It will appear weekly at the top of the daily mass intention in the bulletin. If you would like to have a sanctuary votive light please call the Parish Office.

### ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY COLLECTION

The Annual Collection for young adults at Vanderheyden Hall has begun and will run until Sunday, December 9, 2018. Gifts needed include toiletries, gift cards, hobbies, books, all size t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, gloves, and board games. Please bring all gifts **unwrapped** and place in the bags by the Giving Tree labeled Vanderheyden. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

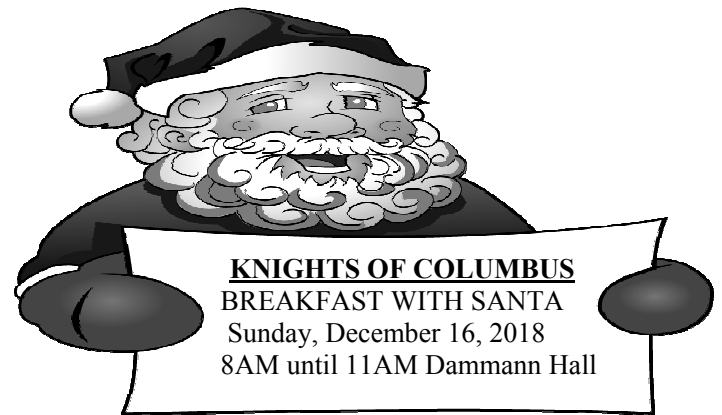
### ADVENT SPIRITUAL MATERIALS

We have made available again this year the Advent Reflections booklet. This booklet is for you to take home and use as part of our own Spiritual enrichment during our Four Weeks of Advent Retreat.

### CHRISTIAN SERVICE Christmas Giving Tree



The St. Jude the Apostle Parish Giving Tree has ornaments which contain specific requests from our Parish families and the local community. Please take an ornament, purchase the item, and bring the **WRAPPED** gift with its **ornament tag** back, and place it under the Giving Tree no later than **Sunday, December 9th**. Thank You.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**  
Sunday, December 16, 2018  
8AM until 11AM Dammann Hall



### FAIR TRADE

Next weekend, December 15th & 16th, representatives from Team Pthways will be at the entrance of the Church and at the Knights of Columbus Breakfast selling Fair trade products: chocolate bars, hot cocoa, tea, coffee, almonds, and more. Perfect for Christmas stockings and gift baskets. Fair Trade recognizes the dignity of the work performed by small-scale farmers, and ensures they are fairly compensated. Thank you for your continued support!

**December 9, 2018**

# St. Jude School



First Grade is getting ready for this Advent and Christmas season by thinking about needs vs. wants. They had the opportunity to think about others needs before themselves in a Christmas ornament writing activity. The students came up with one Christmas wish they had for there people that would make a positive difference in the world.

**Some of the 1st grade wishes are:**

- ❄ My wish for Christmas is for everyone to have a friend.
- ❄ My wish for Christmas is for all puppies to have a home.
- ❄ My wish for Christmas is for my friends to have a Merry Christmas.
- ❄ My wish for Christmas is for everyone to have a family.
- ❄ My wish for Christmas is for my family to have a good Christmas.
- ❄ My wish for Christmas is for everyone to be happy.



### DOORS OF HOPE

This is our local food pantry that aids our community members. The needs of those who are struggling never diminish. Please give generously to help our community pantry provide food and personal care items to those in need. Suggested items needed are: *pancake mix, syrup, cereal pasta, canned meat meals, shampoo, bar soap and feminine products.*

**13 bags were received and brought to Doors of Hope last week. Thank you for your generosity.**

### JUNIOR CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00PM MASS

Any students in grades 3-6 who would like to sing for the Christmas Pageant please join us! There will be two rehearsals: Tuesday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM. Both rehearsals will be in the Church. Any questions, please contact Nick Ascoti at [naamusic@nycap.rr.com](mailto:naamusic@nycap.rr.com)

### ADVENT EVENING OF PRAYER & REFLECTION

An Advent Evening of Prayer and Reflection on December 17, 2018 at 7:30PM at the Hubbard Interfaith Sanctuary at the College of Saint Rose Campus, 959 Madison Avenue. This evening of reflection will make use of music, story, poetry and scripture to deepen our awareness of the season of Advent and the mystery of the INCARNATION. This program is free of charge, for more information please contact Joan Hogan at 518-454-5296. Parking is available in Lima lot-entrance next to 919 Madison Avenue.



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

December 9, 2018

9:00AM Jen Foust  
11:30AM Varsha Joseph

December 16, 2018

9:00AM Varsha Joseph  
11:30AM Carmella Moore

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held during the 9:00 a.m. & 11:30a.m. Mass. Children's Liturgy of the Word is for 3-8 years old.

### K-6 FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

<b>December 9</b>	<b>Class at 10:30AM</b>
<b>December 16</b>	<b>Class at 10:30AM</b>
<b>December 23</b>	<b>No Class</b>
<b>December 30</b>	<b>No Class</b>

**\*Classes Resume on January 6, 2019**

Christmas Pageant sign up sheets have been distributed to all the children in Faith Formation and at St. Jude the Apostle School. If your child is interested in participating, please contact Patti Mugrace at the Parish Center at 518-283-1162.

### TEAM PATHWAYS

<b>December 9**</b>	7th & 8th Grade Class at 10:45AM 9th & 10th Grade Class at 10AM
<b>December 16</b>	7th & 8th Grade Class at 10:45AM 9th & 10th Grade Class at 10AM

**\*\*giving tree pick up at the Christmas tree at the front of Church after 9AM Mass UNTIL December 9th.**

<b>December 23</b>	<b>No Class</b>
<b>December 30</b>	<b>No Class</b>

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### ADVENT SECOND COLLECTION

During the four weeks of Advent Season our Second Collection will be for the St. Jude the Apostle Church Christian Service Ministry and will be used to support the needs of local families during the Christmastime season. We thank you for your generosity in support of this weekly collection during Advent!

### PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

Christmas is often the favorite holiday of the year for so many people. However, sometimes for those who have recently lost a loved one or for those who lost a loved one during the Advent Season years ago struggle during this holiday. On December 20 at 7PM, Our Lady of Victory Church will be hosting a Blue Christmas Ceremony at their Parish. Special prayers and music will be shared that night. It is a wonderful program and I personally found it very helpful two years ago. This night is open to all who would like to attend.

## Second Sunday of Advent

# Announced Masses

### Saturday, December 8

**9AM** Deceased Parishioners of St. Jude  
**4:00PM** Janet Schroeder, *Sister*  
 Kyran Devery, *Dan O'Connell*  
 Robert Passonno, *TJ & Jan Jackson*  
 Nancy Hannigan, *Flanigan Family*

### Sunday, December 9

**9:00AM** Nancy Hannigan, *Phyllis Devery*  
 Cheryl Kresky, *Nancy Spain*  
 Robert McLaughlin, *Lou & Deb Desso*  
**11:30AM** Deceased Parishioners of St. Jude

### Monday, December 10

**8:00AM** Curtis Hayner  
**2:00PM** Deceased Residents of St. Jude Apts

### Tuesday, December 11

**8:00AM** Thomas J. Higgins, *Sister Mary*

### Wednesday, December 12

**8:00AM** Carol Webb, *Family*

### Thursday, December 13

James A. McDade, *Family*

### Friday, December 14

**8:00AM** Leo & Dorothy Plumadore,  
*Winnie & Aline*

### Saturday, December 15

**4:00PM** Josephine & Pauline Ienco,  
*David & Anne Cannon*  
 Janet Schroeder, *Sister*  
 Gaetano Tedesco, *Family*  
 Anna Passonno, *TJ & Jan Jackson*

### Sunday, December 16

**9:00AM** Patrick (Joe) Elligott,  
*Andy Maloney & Susan Roz*  
 Nancy Hannigan,  
*John & Hollis McEville*  
 Stephen Finelli, *Mom & Brother*  
 Francis Geise, *Tom & Betty Zemanick*  
**11:30AM** Dennis Walters Sr., *Family*  
 Louise Bowen, *Al & Patti Mugrace*

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

*Weekend of December 15 & 16, 2018*

	<u>4PM</u>	<u>9AM</u>	<u>11AM</u>
<b>Lectors</b>	1. C. Tenzyk	M. Ascioti	Family Mass
	2. I. Bennett	N. Ascioti	S. Flagg
<b>Ministers</b>	H. B. Dedrick	Dcn. Warren	Jessica D.
	1. L. Owens	J. Milanese	MH. Donnelly
	2. A. Devine	J. Miller	S. Moore
	3. T. Devine	R. Palasz	
	4. J. Flanigan	P. Schaeffer	
	C.	P. Bink	
<b>Servers</b>	1. M. Pafundi	E. Parker	R. Donnelly
	2. S. Short	N. Ascioti	N. Premo
	3. J. Ziobroski	M. Bender	J. Roberts

Readings for the week of December 9, 2018

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/  
 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6  
 Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14  
 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26  
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13  
 [Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14  
 Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/  
 Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38  
 or Lk 1:39-47  
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11,  
 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15  
 Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Jn 8:12]/  
 Mt 11:16-19  
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16,  
 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
 Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/  
 Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

### Stewardship

Offertory support of our Parish Community week of  
 December 2, 2018 \$7,762.00  
 Total accumulated offertory for the current year to date beginning July 1, 2017 is \$128,182.00  
 Total Offertory budget for the current year beginning July 1, 2017 \$324,450.00  
 Offertory support of our Parish Community for the same week in 2016-2017 was \$6,916.00  
 Total accumulated offertory for the same period year to date in 2016-2017 \$133,069.00  
 2nd Collection Christian Service \$ 553.00

**December 9, 2018 Team #4 John Waterbury**  
**December 16, 2018 Team #5 Cherie Aanonsen**  
**December 23, 2018 Team #6 Tanya Halse**  
**December 30, 2018 Team #7 Rose Galipeau**  
**January 6, 2019 Team #1 Mary Ellen Hunt**  
**January 13, 2019 Team #2 Peter McMillen**  
**January 20, 2019 Team #3 Bob Myron**  
**January 27, 2019 Team #4 John Waterbury**

### Mass Schedule for our Local Catholic Community

**Sacred Heart** Sat. 4P M, Sun. 8:30AM & 10:30AM  
 Weekday Mon.-Fri. 9AM  
**St. Jude** Sat. 4PM, Sun. 9AM & 11:30AM  
 Weekday Mon.-Fri. 8AM  
**St. Michael** Sat. 5:15, Sun. 7:30AM & 10:15AM  
 Weekday Mon-Thru. 12:10PM  
**Van Rensselaer Manor** Tuesdays at 1:45PM