

**The Holy Family OF Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 29-30, 2018
From Fr. Anthony Ligato
On the Sixth Day of Christmas....**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We are in the midst of celebrating Christmas, today is the sixth day of the octave of Christmas; there are eight days total from Christmas Day to the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God on New Year's Day. Christmas is not a one-day celebration but rather a celebration of the season which reaches to the Feast of the Epiphany on Jan. 6, that is the reason for the 12 days of Christmas. From Christmas Day December 25 to the traditional day of celebrating Epiphany on January 6, these days encompass the Christmas season. But between Christmas and Mary, the Mother of God which we celebrate on January 1, there is a Sunday and on the Sunday after Christmas we celebrate The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. On this day we are reminded of the importance of the Holy Family and their contribution to Salvation. Mary and Joseph raise the Son of God to adulthood and their love and concern helped him to be obedient to his Heavenly Father's will.

The Feast of the Holy Family reminds us of the importance of the family in the modern age and its role in raising children to adulthood so that they can be faithful, loving and caring as our Savior Jesus Christ. But the family today is under a great deal of stress, from divorce to children being raised without fathers; to a violent world that they are exposed to through video games, computers, T.V. and a culture that glorifies violence. The family needs some divine intervention. The intervention needs to start with us as adults; we need to realize that the choices and decisions we make affect the lives of our children. Recognizing first and foremost that our children need God in their lives. The wellbeing, and protection of our children should always be our priority. St. Joseph was called upon to protect the infant Jesus and the Blessed Mother and he did this by listening to the Angel of the Lord. The angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt; Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him." Joseph understood that his first responsibility was to the child Jesus and the Blessed Mother.

So often, we put our own needs and wants before others but as faithful believers in Jesus Christ we are reminded through the example of our Blessed Mother Mary and St. Joseph that we are to respond to God's call and by doing so we put God first and God's people; by doing so our Heavenly Father is able to look after our wellbeing and protection because we are taking responsibility for acting to make sure others are safe. We ask ourselves why doesn't God intervene to stop bad things from happening? Have we ever asked ourselves, did I cooperate with God and let the Lord work through my actions to change a situation? If we don't unite our will with God's perfect will, God will not be able to affect change because we don't let God work through us. Can we do the same?

Continued....

We need to encourage young people to recognize that they are called to transform the world by acts of kindness, mercy and generosity and to look to the selfless example of Mary and Joseph and emulate their lives. We need to pray that Mothers and Fathers whose marriages and lives are under a great deal of stress will look to our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph as examples of what true parenting consists of; selflessness, generosity, faith and above all, love. The Holy Family represents not only ideal for Christian living but also a reality that can exist in all our lives.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Anthony

**St. Jude the Apostle Church
Giving Thanks!**

Now is the season we give thanks to God for all He has done for us this past year and throughout our lives. It is also a good time to begin considering how we might give back some of our wealth or assets to Him through His Church with a special year-end gift of cash or appreciated assets such as shares of stock. Have you been doing some tax planning? Please keep St. Jude the Apostle Church in mind. You can designate such a gift in memory of a deceased loved one or in honor of one who is still living. Your gift to St. Jude the Apostle Church allows us together to support the mission of Christ in the world. You may make your contribution directly to the Parish by mail or in the offertory providing the names for any memorial gift.

Memorials

MEMORY/HONOR OF:

GIFT GIVEN BY:



Mary Mother of God

December 31, 2018

4PM

January 1, 2019

9AM

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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, Mary McMahan, Chuck Miorin, Debra Moulton, Anne McHugh, Morgan McEvilly, 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, and Sharon Wiliking.

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 Office 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.



PARISH OFFICE NEWS

The Parish Office will be Closed on December 31, 2018, January 1, 2019 and January 2, 2019

PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

Christmas goes by so fast and now it is time to think about those New Year Resolutions. Let us not forget to reflect on the past year, what our blessings were, rather than our disappointment's and take solace in knowing God has a plan for all of us. Happy New Year to you!



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

December 30, 2018

9:00AM NO SESSION
11:30AM NO SESSION

CHILDREN'S
Liturgy of the Word

January 6, 2019

9:00AM Sue DiFiore
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

December 30, 2018 No Class
January 6, 2019 Classes Resume at 10:30AM
January 13, 2019 Class at 10:30AM
January 20, 2019 No Class
January 27, 2019 No Class

TEAM PATHWAYS

December 30, 2018 No Class
January 6, 2019 7th & 8th Grade Class at 10:45AM
9th & 10th Grade Class at 10AM
January 13, 2019 7th & 8th Grade Class at 10:45AM
9th & 10th Grade Class at 10AM
January 20, 2019 No Class
January 27, 2019 No Class

DECEMBER 30, 2018

St. Jude The Apostle School



Happy New Year!



There is No Place Like Home for the Holidays

Happy New Year from the students, faculty and staff of St. Jude the Apostle School! May the new year be filled with health, happiness and new beginnings!

Some things to watch for in the new year at SJS:

Open House - January 27th 1pm-3pm

Winter Carnival - February 9th

Luck of the Irish Raffle - March (tickets on sale now)

Race for Education - May 14th



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: *tuna fish, mayo, chunky soups, crackers, toothpaste, dish soap, and feminine products.*

THANK YOU

Just a reminder we have had a generous parishioner donate Matthew Kelly's new book *The Biggest lie in the history of Christianity*, please feel free to take as many copies as you would like.

Oh, there's no place like home for the holidays
'Cause no matter how far away you roam
When you pine for the sunshine of a friendly gaze
For the holidays you can't beat home sweet home!
I met a man who lives in Tennessee, and he was head-
in' for Pennsylvania and some homemade pumpkin pie
From Pennsylvania folks are travellin'
Down to Dixie's sunny shore from Atlantic to Pacific
Gee the traffic is terrific! Oh, there's no place like
home for the holidays 'Cause no matter how far away
you roam if you wanna to be happy in a million ways
For the holidays you can't beat home sweet home! Oh,
there's no place like home for the holidays When you
pine for the sunshine of a friendly day I met a man
who lives in Tennessee and he was headin' for Penn-
sylvania and some homemade pumpkin pie From
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to be happy in a million ways for the holidays you
can't beat home sweet home! For the holidays you
can't beat home sweet home!

The Holy Family of Jesus Mary & Joseph

Announced Masses

Saturday, December 29

4:00PM Marion Kalbus, *Peg Dessinger*
 Anna Passonno, *TJ & Jan Jackson*
 Joe Elligott, *Mary Ann Grace*
 Nancy Hannigan, *Mary Ann Grace*

Sunday, December 30

9:00AM Anthony "Stretch" Valente,
Jennie & Family
 MaryAnn Catman, *Mary McDade*
 Wally Foskett,
Dcn Warren & Stephanie Safford
 Ann Marie McNall,
John & Hollis McEvilly

11:30AM Raymond Lyons, *Burton Family*

Monday, December 31

4:00PM Deceased Parishioners of St. Jude

Tuesday, January 1

10:00AM Deceased Parishioners of St. Jude

Wednesday, January 2

8:00AM NO MASS

Thursday, January 3

Deceased Parishioners of St. Jude

Friday, January 4

8:00AM Deceased Parishioners of St. Jude

Saturday, January 5

4:00PM Patrick J. Elligott, *Bob & Doris Moak*
 Nancy Hannigan, *Bill & Carol Dedrick*
 George H. Burns, *Wife Ruth & Family*
 Karen Layman, *TJ & Jan Jackson*

Sunday, January 6

9:00AM Ann Lindeman,
Steve & Maryhelen Culver
 Stephen Finelli, *Roger & Darcy Cyr*
 Mary Marzola,
Joe & Marie Kruczlnicki

11:30AM Joseph Frost,
Mom, Dad, Matthew & Taye
 Lawrence Kerwin, *Anne & Family*
 Daniela Attura, *Michael & Kris Hoffay*



SANCTUARY VOTIVE LIGHT

December 30, 2018 through January 5, 2019

Stephen Finelli, by His Mother and Brother

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Mary Mother of God

December 31, 2018 & January 1, 2019

4PM

9AM

Lectors	1. I. Bennett	M. Ascioti
	2. C. Tenzyk	N. Ascioti
Ministers	H. A. Devine	Dcn. Warren
	1. T. Devine	J. Kruczlnicki
	2. J. Flanigan	M. Kruczlnicki
	3. M. Hunt	M. Marano
	4. L. Owens	J. Milanese
Servers	1. M. Pafundi	E. Hansen
	2. S. Short	N. Ascioti
	3. J. Ziobrowski	I. Joseph

Readings for the week of December 30, 2018

Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10
 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96: 1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/
 Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/
 Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/
 Jn 1:19-28

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/
 Jn 1:29-34

Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2a]/
 Jn 1:43-51

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Weekend of January 5th & 6th, 2019

4PM

9AM

11AM

Lectors	1. M. Collins	J. Miller	Family Mass
	2. J. Flanigan	M. Sullivan	L. Burzesi
Ministers	H. J. Rogers	Dcn. Warren	Jessica D.
	1. C. Tenzyk	D. Clement	M.H. Donnelly
	2. B. Dedrick	R. Palasz	S. Moore
	3. K. Caruso	H. Skiba	
	4. P. Caruso	B. Zemanick	
		C. M. Ryan	
Servers	1. A. Short	M. McDade	A. Burzesi
	2. A. McNeil	E. Parker	M. Frost
	3. M. Fresyssinier	D. Parker	N. Frost

Stewardship

Due to early transmission of the Bulletins for 4th Sunday of Advent, New Year's the Stewardship amounts will be in the January 5th & 6th, 2019 Bulletin.