† 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 21, 2024

# St. Jude the Apostle Parish

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I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep and mine know me.

JOHN 10:14

<u>Sanctuary Votive Light:</u>
For all of our deceased Parishioners at St. Jude the Apostle
Church

Saturday, April 20th, 2024- Mass 4:00pm

Jerrie Richards, Husband
Michael Kehn, Family
Carol & Bob Webb, Family
Harold Cannon, Anne & David Cannon
Rosane Farcher, Husband
Alice & Joe Hunt, Mary Ellen Hunt
Tom Wessels, Maria & Martino Tedesco

Sunday, April 21st, 2024-Mass 10:00 am John T. Perkinson, Wife Philomena Moscatello, Ada Rubino Edward Carey Ill, Phyllis Devery Saturday, April 27th, 2024— Mass 4:00pm Harry Hannigan, Son Rosane Frarcher, Family Harold Jacobs, Sister Mary

Rose Walther, Mike & Regina Helinski Jennifer Schroeder, Samantha Schroeder Alice & Joe Hunt, Mary Ellen Hunt Tom Wessles, Maria & Martino Tedesco

Sunday, April 28th, 2024-Mass 10:00 am John T. Perkinson, Wife Philomena Moscatello, Ada Rubino Joseph Jabour, Tom & Michelle Hendry

### Sacraments Available PARISH OFFICE (518) 283-1162



BAPTISM

Please call the Parish Office or email Deacon Warren @ warrensafford@gmail.com



ANNOINTING OF THE SICK Upon request and is administered at special celebrations during the year.



PASTORAL CARE
Please call the Parish Officefor visitation
and Communion for the homebound.



RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION Saturday 3:00-3:30pm. Individual Confessions: arranged by calling the Parish Office.



MARRIAGE Couples please call the Office six months in advance and prior to making reception plans.



Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a Roman Catholic? Never been Baptized, Baptized in another faith tradition or maybe Baptized Catholic but never received First Holy Communion or Confirmation? Please call the Parish Officefor information.

# ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE SCHOOL & MORE

#### Race for Education 2024!

On May 23rd, 2024 St. Jude the Apostle School will be having our annual Race for Education to raise funds in order to continue to provide a quality Catholic education and affordable tuition. We hope you will consider making a donation. This is one of our most profitable and exciting fundraisers for the students! This year's school goal is \$20,000 and the children are hoping to meet that goal in order to dunk Mrs. Hoffay in a dunking booth!!!! If you find it in your heart to make a donation, please visit the link below or fill out the form below and drop it back in the collections basket anytime before May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The students and staff thank you for your continued support of our amazing school!



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### RACE FOR EDUCATION

**Thursday, May 23, 2024** 



42 Dana Avenue Wynantskill, NY 12198 (518) 283-0333

On <u>Thursday, May 23, 2024</u>, St. Jude the Apostle School will be having its annual *Race for Education* to <u>raise funds in order to continue to provide a quality education and affordable tuition</u>. I hope you will be able to sponsor me. I will be walking/running around a designated area for a period of time. All donations are greatly appreciated. Please fill in the form below if you can help. Thank you.

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Thank you for your Sacrificial Giving to St. Jude the Apostle Parish. Weekly Offertory 4/14/2024

> \$3,549.33(Offertory) \$ 120.00 (E-Giving)

\$3,669.33

We need \$4,808.00

We are Under budget \$1,138.67

TOTAL

**STEWARDSHIP** 



OUR YEAR-TO-DATE (7/1/23-6/30/24)is:

\$ 160,490.84 (Offertory) \$ 30,412.75 (E-Giving)

\$190,903.59 TOTAL

To cover our YTD we need \$201,936.00 We are UNDER budget (\$11,032.41)



### Events for the **Knights of Columbus:**

KOC Next Meeting Monday May 6

KOC Chicken BBQ Fri Aug 16

### Coats For Kids

Thank you to all who supported the recent Knights of Columbus Spaghetti dinner fundraiser for the Coats for Kids Project. Over \$400 was made toward our goal of \$3,000 so this was a huge success. We want to extend a special thanks to the Faith Formation teens who were such a great help serving and to the Rosary Altar Society who helped build not one but two tables of amazing desserts. Thank you to the Cookie Factory who donated the delicious bread. Thank you to Hannaford Supermarkets who donated some of the supplies. Both Hannaford and Cookie Factory have long supported St Judes so please remember them when shopping.

### St Jude's Collection Reminder

Year to date, collections are under budget about \$10,000. With 3 months to go before year end, we need an additional \$800 per week to catch up. This is possible if every family could give a few more dollars each week. Inflation is hitting everyone hard and our parish too. Catching up will keep our office and programs open

> Save time and help the St Jude's Knight of Columbus Coats for Kids project by bringing your returnable bottles to the 6 Cent Redemption on the corner of Main Ave and Sharpe Ave in Wynantskill. Just drop them off and say they are for the 'St Jude the Apostle Knights of Columbus' and they will count and credit the KOC.



### CHURCH BOOKKEEPER OPENING

**Immediate opening** 

For a bookkeeper at St. Michael the Archangel Church. Need to fill the position immediately! If interested, please stop by the office, or call 518-283-6110 ext: 201. Also, you can Email:MKunkel8@aol.com or frpat.spspp@gmail.com

Thank you!



### MEGA RAFFLE

t. Michael's is holding our fourth annual Mega Raffle with twelve prizes including a grand prize of \$10,000. The sale of tickets began on April 6, 2024 with our drawing on May 19, 2024 after the 8:30 Mass. The tickets are \$100 each and are available after Mass or in the Church Office. Thank you for your support of this, our largest fundraiser of the year.





## GOSPEL REFLECTION

esus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep." John 10:11–13

Today, on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. It is a day when we reflect upon the tender image of Jesus as the Shepherd of us all. It is also a day set aside to pray for more shepherds within our Church who will shepherd God's flock with the Heart of Christ.

Our Gospel passage comes from John 10 which, in part, is a commentary on the previous chapter that includes the long and detailed story of the healing of the blind man. Recall that Jesus healed this man who was blind from birth. He did this healing "so that the works of God might be made visible through him." As a result of this man's healing, the Pharisees cast the blind man out of the synagogue, not believing that Jesus' healing was from God. After the man was cast out of the synagogue, Jesus spoke with him again and he professed his deep faith in Jesus, the true Shepherd. The healed blind man said, "I do believe, Lord." Then he worshiped Jesus. Thus, the greater healing of this man was that he became a member of God's flock, accepting Jesus as his true Shepherd.

Our Gospel today is Jesus' commentary upon the actions of the Pharisees in contrast to His own. The Pharisees, as religious leaders, were not shepherds. They were "thieves and robbers" who came to "steal and slaughter and destroy." Jesus, however, came so that those who listened to His voice "might have life and have it more abundantly."

The Gospel passage quoted above explains why the Pharisees were not true shepherds. It was because they "work for pay" and have "no concern for the sheep." Think about that statement as it applies to the Pharisees and their treatment of this man who was blind from birth. First of all, the "pay" that these Pharisees worked for was their own self importance—a fleeting and worldly reward. They saw themselves as the true teachers and interpreters of the Law and saw anyone who did not follow them as a threat. The Pharisees clearly perceived Jesus as such a threat to them. For that reason, they took their envy out on this humble and simple blind man. They were not shepherds to him. They did not encourage him, support him, point him to God or act in any way as an instrument of God's grace. Instead, they condemned this innocent and holy man out of their pride.

Though God shepherds us today through His sacred pastors, we are all called to participate in this shepherding of the Good Shepherd in our own unique way. We are called to lead those within our families, at work, at school, within our neighborhoods, social circles and in every other societal context. But too often we imitate these Pharisees by allowing our own selfishness and desire for self importance to interfere with our ability to put others first and love them with the Shepherd's heart.

Reflect, today, upon the calling you have received to lay down your life for others in imitation of the Good Shepherd. In order to imitate this love in the Heart of Christ, we must love without seeking love in return. Divine Shepherd, You came to lay down Your life for us all so that we might have life and have it to the fullest. Like the blind man You cured, I profess my belief in You and worship You. Help me to receive and imitate Your love so that I will lay my life down for others, leading them to You, their holy Shepherd. Jesus, my Good Shepherd, I trust in You.

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# FAITH FORMATION

## Confirmation Date May 6, 2024

To Be Held at :6:30 PM

St Michael the Archangel Church, Troy



**Aiossa Emily** 

Albarelli III John

**Anslow Colin** 

**Backaus Cadence** 

**Borowsky Rowan** 

**Bott Cheyenne** 

**Bradley Connor** 

**Burch Zachary** 

Casale Logan

**Decker Anthony** 

Denio Alexandra

Harriman Abigail

Kaczala Emma

LaBarge Sophia

Mancino Natalia

Mazzariello Joseph

McDade Madelynn

Miller Hailey

**Moore Charles** 

**Murray Jackson** 

Parker Dianna

Reo Alivia

Reo Ava

**Short Sophia** 

Wells Jacob

**Wojton Charles** 

Zakarka Susan





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