

St. Jude the Apostle Parish

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A PRAYER FOR THE First Sunday of Advent

God of light and life,
give us hope as we wait
for your coming again.
When we are tempted
to be grateful to have found you
while others are lost,
send us out into the darkness
in search of those
who need you most.
Amen.



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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Sanctuary Votive Light:

For All Living and Deceased Parishioners of
St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Community

Saturday, December 2nd, 2023-4:00pm

Tom Murphy, Aldo & Carmella Tedesco
Luann Abbott, John & Hollis McEvilly
Marirose Ciccarelli, Maria & Mario Tedesco

Sunday, December 3rd, 2023-10:00am

John Hardie, David & Anne Cannon
Ken McKeon, Wife
William A. Anslow, Nancy Spain

Wednesday, December 6th, 2023 8AM

Grace Forino, Pat Palmer
Joe & Eileen Palmer, TJ & Jan Jackson

Friday, December 8th, 2023-8AM

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, December 9th, 2023-4:00pm

James McDade, Mary McDade
Jerrie Richards, Husband
Mary Finelli, Family
Marirose Ciccarelli, Maria & Martino Tedesco

Sunday, December 10th, 2023-10:00am

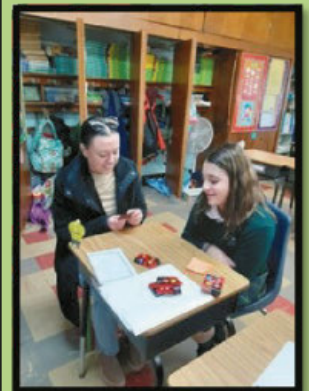
Joseph & Pauline Ienco, Anne & David Ienco
Richard Bender, Mary Ann & Phil Beals
Jack Miorin, Family

ST. JUDE the APOSTLE SCHOOL

Special Persons Day 2023 was a HUGE Success!!!



What better way to kick off the holiday season than a day to celebrate all the special people in the lives of our students? Every student in pre-k through grade 5 (all 197 students) invited a special person to school on Tuesday, November 21st to spend some special time at St. Jude the Apostle School. They attended mass (grades K-5), completed activities in the classrooms, enjoyed snacks of donuts & juice (donated by Stewarts), took photos at our photo booth (thank you Mrs. Bergdoll for creating that for us!) and completed a school scavenger hunt to visit all the support staff in our building. Lots of smiling faces and FUN was had by all!!!



Thank you to our Student Sponsors that attended and were able to meet their special student and enjoy the festivities.

Linda Clemenzi
Joseph & Eva Fitzgerald
Craig & Maria Woher
Dan O'Connell
Rosanne Fitzgerald
Bill Cronin
Leo Carroll
Judy Reardon

Our Student Sponsors are at the TOP of our special people list!!



FAITH FORMATION AND TEAM PATHWAYS



Thank you to 5th and 6th Grade Catechist Kasey Hannigan and her students for participating in our Family Liturgy on Sunday, November 19, 2023.

Before Mass the students made a special snack mix for all of the residents at St. Jude Apartments. Kasey and the entire class went and delivered them, and the residents were so grateful, and always love seeing the students.



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GOSPEL REFLECTION, ADORATION and MINISTRIES

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we begin the Advent season, a season of watching and waiting. The theme of watching and waiting is found throughout the bible from Genesis to Revelation. The first reading from Isaiah reminds us, “No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him” and in the gospel Jesus tells us, “Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming...” How are we to understand this idea of watching and waiting?

For us as Christians, Advent is a season in which watching and waiting has a dual meaning. Of course, we are watching and waiting alongside Mary and Joseph for the birth of Jesus, which is the focus of the 3rd and 4th weeks of Advent. However, the 1st and 2nd weeks of Advent call us to be watching and waiting for the second coming of the Lord. For both meanings, watching and waiting is not a passive event, rather it calls us to actively prepare ourselves.

We do not know the day or time our earthly body will die and we do not know the day or time when Jesus will return, but we must be prepared for both. We may find it odd that our earthly death is a theme for Advent. The reality is, is that death is a theme for every season. We profess that Jesus “will come again to judge the living and dead.” This is precisely why we must be prepared. Advent is a season in which this reminder is highlighted for us.

We prepare ourselves by praying for the strength to live according God’ will for us; by reconciling ourselves to others and to God the Father; and by living a life of humility that reminds us that we are called to serve others for the glory of God.

During this Advent season may we be active in our watching and waiting, so that when we leave this earth or Jesus returns we may be found worthy to live eternal life in the presence of our loving God who came into this world as one of us for our salvation.

May the peace of Christ be with all of you.
Deacon Nick

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

An Invitation to Journey in Faith

RCIA is a faith journey for adults desiring to become full members of the Catholic Church. Through a gradual process of prayer, faith sharing, study, and rituals, the RCIA process prepares people for full initiation within the Catholic Church to receive the sacraments of baptism, reconciliation, Eucharist, and confirmation.

All are welcome to attend session, however the journey is specifically structured for: Adults never baptized who might desire to become Catholic. Adults baptized in another Christian Church who might desire to become Catholic.

Adults baptized Catholic who have not received the sacraments of Eucharist or confirmation.

If you are thinking about joining RCIA or have any questions, please contact

Deacon Nick Ascoti at nascoti@gmail.com

Thank you for your Sacrificial Giving to
St. Jude the Apostle Parish.

Weekly Offertory 11/26/2023

\$2,685.00 (Offertory)
\$ 435.00 (E-Giving)

\$3,120.00 TOTAL

To cover our expenses for the week,
We need \$4,808.00
We are UNDER budget (\$1,688.00)

STEWARDSHIP

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

\$ 85,013.70 (Offertory)
\$ 16,449.75 (E-Giving)

\$101,463.45 TOTAL

Time, Talent & Treasure



To cover our YTD we need
\$105,776.00
We are UNDER budget (\$4,312.55)

MINISTRIES

Living with Loss

The next sessions will be held on
December 14 at 3 pm.

We will resume after the Holidays



Rosary Altar Society

Our December meeting and Christmas Party will be held on **Sunday December 3 2023 at 8:15** Annual donations needed for St Joseph House Hats, Mittens and Scarfs for both men and women. Thank you



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Holidays are usually a happy time for most families this time of year, unless you have lost a loved one. Holidays can be tough. Grief can gnaw at us like a bad toothache-you simply do not feel like celebrating, especially if it is the first holiday without your loved one. It is ok NOT to celebrate-family members need to realize you are just not ready this year. Please join our Living with Loss Group on Thursday, December 14 at 3 pm in the parish office if you feel you need some help.

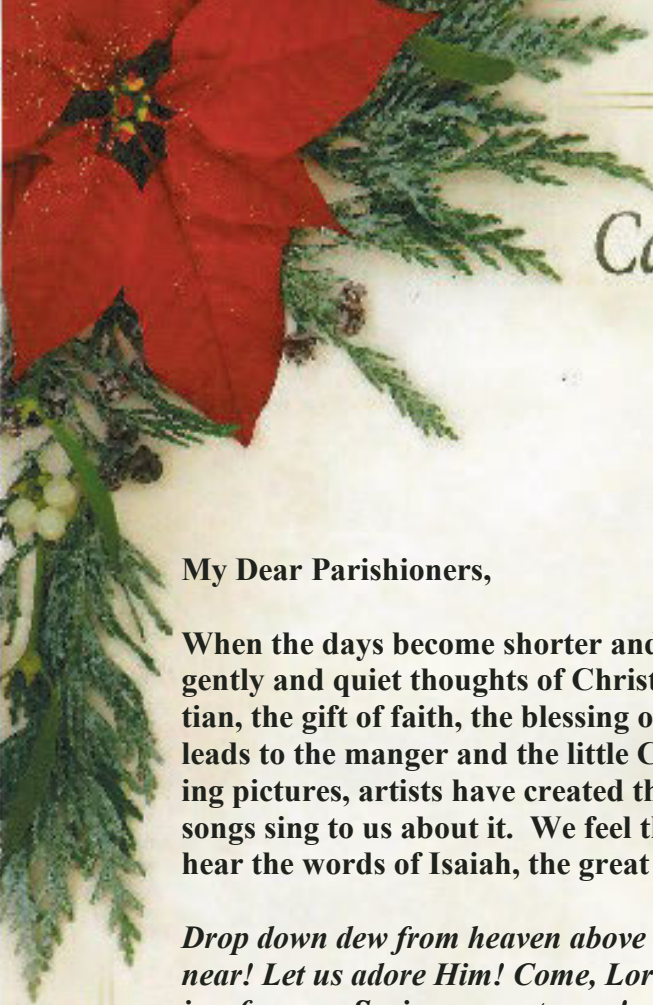


RESPECT LIFE

The Respect Life committee would like to express sincere thanks and gratitude for your generosity donating to the baby bottle drive to benefit Glory House.

Your donations totaled \$1,036 and will help support pregnant women to choose life in our own town. Thank you so much and God Bless You!





Call his name

JESUS.

MATTHEW 1:21

My Dear Parishioners,

When the days become shorter and shorter and the first snow begins to fall, then gently and quiet thoughts of Christmas warmly dwell in every heart. For the Christian, the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the peace of His love is the star that leads to the manger and the little Child who brings peace to all. In countless endearing pictures, artists have created the scene for our eyes and our hearts; ancient songs sing to us about it. We feel the longing in the beautiful Advent hymns and we hear the words of Isaiah, the great prophet of the Incarnation:

Drop down dew from heaven above and let the clouds rain the Just One! The Lord is near! Let us adore Him! Come, Lord and do not delay! Jerusalem, rejoice with great joy, for your Savior comes to you!

The great challenge for us is to pray through all the noise of the season and be reminded of the beauty of the One who is Christmas. For it is Christmas every time you let God love others through you and, yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand. For the magic of Christmas is not in the presents but in His presence shining through you. God grant you the light of Christmas which is faith; the warmth of Christmas which is love and the ALL of Christmas which is Christ.

Lastly, please know that the staff and I treasure the gift of you and the dedication, sacrifices, and hard work you have shown to make this parish a beacon of Christ's love. We are here for you and do not hesitate to reach out to any of us, should you have any questions or just want to share how you are doing. Wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed year to come.

Merry Christmas from, Reverend Patrick Rice, Reverend James Mackey, Deacon Bob, Deacon Nick, Theresa, Kathy, Peggy, Maureen, Joe, Barry, JoAnn and Steve.

REGULAR WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

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| December 23, 2023 @ 4:00PM | - St. Michael the Archangel Church |
| December 23, 2023 @ 4:00PM | - St. Jude the Apostle Church |
| December 24, 2023 @ 8:30AM | - St. Michael the Archangel Church |
| December 24, 2023 @ 10:00AM | - St. Jude Apostle Church |
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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

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| December 24, 2023 @ 4:00PM | - St. Michael the Archangel Church |
| December 24, 2023 @ 4:00PM | - St. Jude the Apostle Church |
| December 25, 2023 @ 8:30AM | - St. Michael the Archangel Church |
| December 25, 2023 @ 10:00AM | - St. Jude the Apostle Church |
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REGULAR WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

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| December 30, 2023 @ 4:00PM | - St. Michael. The Archangel Church |
| December 30, 2023 @ 4:00PM | - St. Jude the Apostle Church |
| December 31, 2023 @ 8:30AM | - St. Michael the Archangel Church |
| December 31, 2023 @ 10:00AM | - St. Jude the Apostle Church |
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NEW YEAR SCHEDULE - SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD:

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| December 31, 2023 @ 4:00PM | - St. Michael the Archangel Church |
| December 31, 2023 @ 4:00PM | - St. Jude the Apostle Church |
| January 1, 2024 @ 8:30AM | - St. Michael the Archangel Church |
| January 1, 2024 @ 10:00AM | - St. Jude the Apostle Church |

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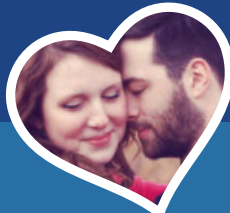
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