

St. Jude the Apostle Parish

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A PRAYER FOR THE Third Sunday of Advent

Joy-filled Giver of Life,
let the anticipation of your birth
fill us with overflowing joy.
May our excitement and anticipation
be a sign to the world
that you are always near.
Amen.



Sanctuary Votive Light:

All deceased Parishioners of St. Jude the Apostle Parish

Saturday, December 16th, 2023-4:00pm

David & Dorothea Castle, *Family*
Maria & Gaetano Tedesco, *Son & Daughter In-law*
John Perkinson, *Wife Francis*
Marirose Ciccarelli, *Paul & Idazelenke*

Sunday, December 17th, 2023-10:00am

Kathleen Russom, *Milos Family*
Marilyn Meyer, *Willson Sisters*
Robert Pasinella, *Family*
Harold Cannon, *Anne & David Cannon*
Joseph Frost, *Al & Patti Mugrace*
Leland Palitsch, *Knights of Columbus*

Wednesday, December 20th, 2023 8AM

Ned & Pat Harley, *Family*

Friday, December 22nd, 2023-8AM

For the Parishioners of St. Jude the Apostle Parish,
Reverend Patrick Rice

Saturday, December 23rd, 2023-4:00pm

Tony Carnevale, *Family*
Dorothy Fabian, *Aldo and Carmella*
Warren Hug, *Josie Hug, Mom*

Sunday, December 24th, 2023-10:00am

Merry Christmas to St. Jude Church and School,
Staff of St. Jude the Apostle Church and School



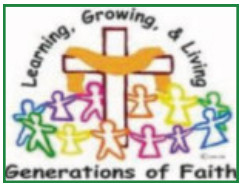
St. Jude the Apostle School Students & Staff Celebrate St. Nicholas Day!



St. Nicholas Day
at St. Jude the Apostle School

St. Nicholas paid a visit to all our students on his feast day on 12/6. With great excitement and anticipation, the boys and girls placed their shoes outside their classrooms in hopes that St. Nicholas would reward their excellent behavior with small treats and snacks. To their great pleasure, sleigh bells were heard throughout our hallways and when we checked our shoes, they were all filled with candy and snacks!





OUR FAITH FORMATION

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December Sessions: 12/17 (9th&10th) Family Liturgy 10am Mass. All sessions taking place in the school gymnasium.

January Sessions: 1/7, 1/21, & 1/28.

Changes to class times begin in December. 7 & 8 meet at 8:30-9:15, 9 & 10 grades meet at 9:15-10.

Teen Pathways is a Youth Ministry program grades 7-10th for St. Jude the Apostle Parish. Teens wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation must be involved in the program for a minimum of 2 years in Grades 9th & 10th

Any questions- please contact Paul Moore, St. Jude Youth Minister Grades 7-10.
moorep285@gmail.com

We've been on our way to a great year!

Merry Christmas, from our Youth Ministry program and wishes of a Happy New Year.

Teen Pathways



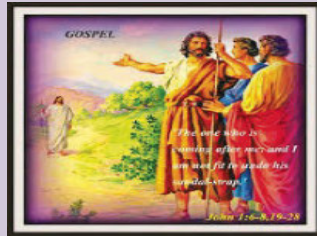


GOSPEL REFLECTION

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Today the Church celebrates Gaudete Sunday, Rejoicing Sunday. We rejoice because we hear the voice of John the Baptist, in the desert, announcing the coming of the Savior. Hopefully you have noticed that the readings for the first two weeks of Advent have been focused on the second coming of Jesus and preparing for our earthly death. The third and fourth weeks focus on God coming into the world to dwell among us.

Today we can reflect on a tough question, The priests and the Levites ask John the the Christ, the anointed one. John Jesus, one who announcing that Jesus is Jesus' sandal strap. John recognizes his tion, "Who do you say that I am?"



"What does my relationship with Jesus look like?" Baptist, "Who are you?" He quickly admits he is not scribes himself as one that preparing the way for Je- coming. He also says that he is not worthy to untie relationship to Jesus. John can answer Jesus' ques-

This is a question we imagine Jesus asking us. Can you answer, "Who do you say that I am?" Reflecting on this question is part of our preparation for the Advent season, preparing for the coming of Jesus. We are invited to know Jesus and be in relationship with him. In Matthew's Gospel Jesus is speaking about true disciples. Some disciples ask him, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name? Did we not drive out demons in your name? Did we not do mighty deeds in your name?" Then I will declare to them solemnly, 'I never *knew* you. Depart from me, you evildoers.'" Here the disciples are telling Jesus all things they did in this life, which is part of our faith, but Jesus tells them they did not take time to get to know him.

How would you answer the question "What does my relationship with Jesus look like?" A more challenging question to ask is "What would Jesus say your relationship with him looks like?" Our deeds and works in this life are important, however they take on meaning and importance in and through Jesus whom we know.

St. Paul provides the way in which we come to know Jesus, prayer. When engage in a prayerful dialog with God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit we come to know their voice and their presence. Our prayer this Sunday can be what St. Paul prays for:

*May the God of peace make you perfectly holy
and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body,
be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
The one who calls you is faithful,
and he will also accomplish it.*

Come to know our Lord Jesus Christ who invites us into relationship.
May the peace of Christ be with you this Advent.

Deacon Nick

THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

It is called the "Shepard's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for JOY. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.



Let's Keep Christ in Christmas

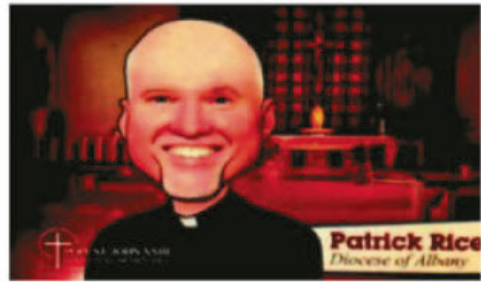
Let's keep the Christ in Christmas,
May Christ reign in our hearts;
It's all about the Son of God,
This Gift, God did impart.
When lowly shepherds heard the news,
They went to see the One –
The promised One of glory,
God's precious Son.
The Wise Men, too, saw the star and knew
A King was born that day.
They went to pay Him homage,
That Babe upon the hay,
Let's sing a song of Christmas
Full of joy and cheer.
The hope the earth has longed for
Has come in Christ, most dear.

Mary Ann Jameson



FR. PAT'S CORNOR

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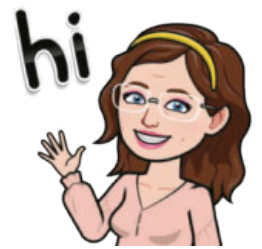
Notes from Fr. Pat

I want to introduce to you St. Jude's newest assistant. Her name is Theresa Reid. Many of you probable remember her, as she was a parishioner of St. Jude the Apostle Church for many years.

Theresa will be working in the Office 1.5 days a week - all day Tuesday and Thursday morning. Please join me in welcoming her.

Hello St. Jude Parishioners! Permit me to introduce myself. As Fr. Pat said, my name is Theresa Reid and I will be helping out 1.5 days a week in the Parish Office. I am one of nine children, born in Massachusetts, but grew up on a farm in New Hampshire. I have a degree in Theology, as well as a BS with a dual major in Education and Psychology, and a minor in Special Education. I am certified to teach Computer Science and American Sign Language. I taught Computer Science at Maria College as an Adjunct Instructor. I have enjoyed a forty year sterling career in education additionally serving as a Department Chair at St. Pius X School in Loudonville and The LaSalle Institute in Troy.

I am humbled to say that I am a member of the Third Order Carmelite Community and professed my perpetual promises in 2006 . I now serve the Carmelite Order as the Director of Formation. Please stop by the Office for a cup of coffee or tea and introduce yourself! I look forward to meeting you!



In closing, I apologize for the error made in the December 3rd bulletin with the Christmas Letter. As always I look to you for your help and guidance as we work together to publish the many amazing events of St. Jude Parish and School.



The Hustle and Bustle season is here! How can you enjoy this blessed season even more? Self-care-(I just got back from a quick 5 days in the sun and warmth)-It was well worth it! But if you can't physically get away, take a break. Go to a quiet place-no electronics, no phone or TV and *just be*. Soft music, close your eyes and breathe slowly through your nose and slowly out your mouth. Repeat this five times, concentrating only on your breathing. Feel your muscles begin to relax-it REALLY works! Try it!



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