

St. Jude the Apostle Parish

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Invocation to Holy Family

*Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
most kind, bless us now
and in death's agony.*

*Protect us, keep us
in our life's journey.
Amen.*

Happy Feast of the Holy Family

*Please note, St. Jude the Apostle Church office is closed December 25th—January 1st, 2024
Happy New Year to all our families!*

Sanctuary Votive Light:
For World Peace

Wednesday, January 3rd, 2024 8AM
Tom Zemanick, Julie Zemanick

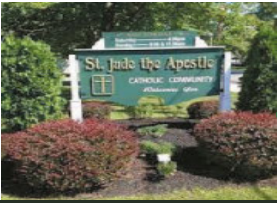
Friday, January 5th, 2024 - 8AM
For the Intentions of the children of the Parish,
Faith Formation and Teen Pathway

Saturday, December 30th, 2023-4:00pm
For the Intentions of the Parishioners for the 6th Day in the
Octave of Christmas, *The Finance Committee*

Saturday, January 6th, 2024-4:00pm
For the Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Jude,
Reverend Patrick Rice

Sunday, December 31st, 2023-10:00am
For the Intentions of the Parishioners for the Feast of the
Holy Family, *Knights of Columbus*

Sunday, January 7th, 2024-10:00am
Joseph Frost, Mom, Dad, Matthew and Taye
Antonio Iannacito, Dominic & Sue DiFiore
Antonio Iannacito, Nadine Fong
George H. Burns, Wife Ruth & Family
Frank Guilano, Clark & Hunt Family



ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

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OPEN HOUSE

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Sunday, Jan. 28 ~ 10am-1pm

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January Sessions: 1/7, 1/21, & 1/28. All sessions taking place in the school gymnasium.

Class times: 7 & 8 meet at 8:30-9:15, 9 & 10 grades meet at 9:15-10.

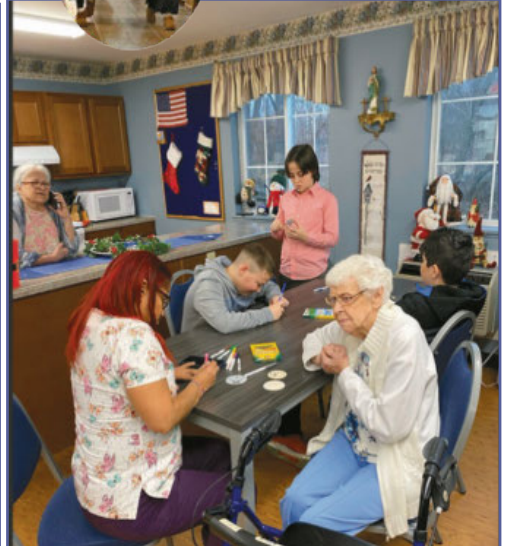
Teen Pathways is a Youth Ministry program grades 7-10th for St. Jude the Apostle Parish. Teens wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation must be involved in the program for a minimum of 2 years in Grades 9th & 10th

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



Grades 5th and 6th making ornaments with the residents at St. Jude Apartments on Sunday, December 17th. Thank you Kasey Hannigan for your wonderful job in organizing this! The residents were so happy, and loved spending time with the students!

The Rosarian Flower Delivery

The Rosarian's get ready to deliver flowers to the shut-ins on Saturday, December 16th. The shut-ins loved their flowers!





GOSPEL REFLECTION

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The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." Luke 1:26–28

What an amazing experience this would have been. This humble servant of God, a young girl, was visited by the archangel Gabriel and greeted with the salutation, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." Try to imagine her experience. She was humble beyond comprehension, filled with every heavenly virtue, loved God with all her heart and suddenly came face-to-face with this glorious and most magnificent archangel. And this heavenly visitor showered the deepest of praises upon this lowly servant of the Lord.

At first, in her humility, Mary simply pondered this greeting. She pondered it in her heart through prayer and faith. Then the archangel spoke further: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Though Mary inquired further about how this could be, she quickly gave her consent: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." And it was these words of this young woman that continuously echoed in her heart throughout her life.

Mother Mary was great for many reasons. She was the Immaculate Conception—the one singularly conceived without sin in the womb of her own mother. She was the one chosen by the Father to bring forth the Savior of the World as her only begotten Son. But her greatness is especially found in her ongoing submission to the will of God.

"May it be done to me according to your word." This is what she said over and over throughout her life. This is her perfect "fiat" to her God. All she knew was surrender and submission to all that God asked of her. And it is this, more than anything else, that made her the worthy Mother of God.



Though none of us were immaculately conceived within our mother's wombs and none of us have remained without sin throughout our lives, we must all strive to be inspired by this holy woman. We must all ponder her deep humility and her willing acceptance of God's will in her life. And we must all strive to imitate her fiat and her perfect virtue.

Imitation of our Blessed Mother is accomplished by first coming to know her, understand her and love who she is. Gazing upon her interior beauty and holiness presents us with the vision of the perfection to which we are all called. As we prayerfully gaze upon her heart and come to understand her virtues more clearly, we will be inspired to open our own hearts so as to imitate her by the grace of God. This prayerful exercise is one of the best and quickest ways to obtain the heights of holiness to which God has called us.

Reflect, today, upon this holy daughter of the Most High. She is not one we can "figure out." Instead, she is one whom we can come to know through prayer and through God's inspiration. Ponder her prayerfully. Be open to her inspiration. And allow the Holy Spirit to also overshadow you so that you will more closely be able to imitate her in her holy virtues.

My dearest Mother, you lived a life of perfect virtue and holiness. You continuously pondered the mysteries of God in your heart and always surrendered to the will of God with perfection. Please inspire me so that I may not only learn from you but also be able to share in the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit given to you. Mother Mary, pray for us. Jesus, I trust in You.

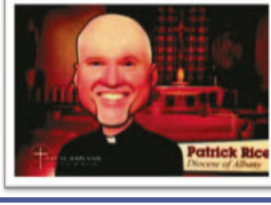


OUR CHURCH

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ADORATION DATES FOR
JANUARY 2024

ONLY ON JANUARY 12TH
AND 26TH



ASK FR. PAT...

What is the history behind the Feast of the Holy Family?

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is normally celebrated on the Sunday after Christmas. This feast developed at the beginning of the 19th century in Canada and then spread to the entire Church in 1920. At first, it was celebrated on the Sunday after Epiphany. It is a Feast that seeks to portray the Holy Family of Nazareth as the “true model of life” from which our families can draw inspiration and know where to find help and comfort.



Here Comes 2024! Let's all make a resolution to do all we can do to stay healthy this year! Whether you try to eat healthier, walk instead of drive, take time for yourself to relax, and of course pray more, we only get one life here on earth. Try to make it the best year yet! Happy New Year!



Save the Date!

St. Jude the Apostle School is hosting “A Visit with St. Paul”
on
Monday, January 29, 2024, at 6:30 PM in the school gym. Glenn Smith portrays St. Paul, who speaks with visitors during his time under house arrest. Mark your calendars and plan to visit with St. Paul!



FEED THE HUNGRY

DOORS OF HOPE

This is our local food pantry that aids our community members. The needs of those who are struggling, especially during this Christmas Season. Please give generously to help our community pantry provide food and personal care items to those in need. Suggested items needed are: *Peanut butter, jelly, rice, instant potatoes, ready to serve pudding, disposable razors, and disposable diapers.*

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