



St. Jude the Apostle Parish



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Merry Christmas and a blessed and peaceful New Year to you and your family!

Sanctuary Votive Light

Saturday, December 21st, 2024-Mass 4:00PM

Harold Cannon, *Anne & David Cannon*
Jerri Richards, *Husband*
David & Dorthea Castle, *Castle Children*
Tony Carnivale, *Family*
Rosane Farcher, *Husband*

Sunday, December 22nd, 2024-Mass 10:00AM

John Ryan, *St. Jude Knights of Columbus*
Irene B. Wiltsie, *Julie Mullen*
Mary LuBinski, *Eileen Barton*
Dennis Carl, *Eileen Barton*

Tuesday, December 24th, 2024 - Mass 4:00PM

Christmas Eve

For all Parishioners of S. Jude the Apostle Church,
living and deceased

Wednesday December 25th, 2024 –Mass 10:00AM

Merry Christmas

For all Parishioners of S. Jude the Apostle Church,
living and deceased

Saturday, December 28th, 2024-Mass 4:00PM

Rosane Farcher, *Husband*
Dennis Carl, *St. Jude Choir*
Paula Karius, *Judi Faziolo*
Francic Prezio, *Anne Cannon*
Dr. Joseph Prezio, *Anne Cannon*

Sunday, December 29th, 2024-Mass 10:00AM

Olive Panichi, *Family*
Dominic Panichi, *Family*
Barbara Panichi, *Family*
John Joseph Maloney, *Family*
Mary Shruan, *Family*

Christmas Blessings

Dear St. Jude the Apostle Parishioners;

When the days become shorter and shorter and the first snow begins to fall, then gently and quietly thoughts of Christmas warmly dwell in every heart. Even those of other faiths, prepare for the season and make plans to bring its joy to family and friends. For weeks and weeks in advance, the warmth of love flows over all the world.

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 Adventhymns 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 we treasure the gift of you and the dedication, sacrifices, and hard work you have shown to make our church a beacon of Christ's love. We are here for you always. Do not ever hesitate to reach out to 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 and a Blessed and Peaceful New Year to you.
From Father Timothy Ennis, O.Carm, Fr. James Donlon, Kelly Hession, and the Staff and Volunteers of St. Jude the Apostle Church



JOINT BULLETIN COMING SOON

Starting January 2025, we will be sharing a combined bulletin with St. Jude the Apostle Church and St. Michael the Archangel Church. This is a way to collaborate and share important information about upcoming events, community outreach, and worship services between the two congregations, all within one bulletin. This will promote unity and awareness of each other's activities while still maintaining the distinct identity of each church. We believe this will be a positive step towards greater unity and collaboration.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation children will be singing before the 2:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass at St. Michael's. We will also be participating in the pageant at the 4:00 pm mass at St. Jude's!

Thank you to our parishioners and families for the amazing donations of candy and gloves for our snowmen for the Boys/Girls Club. Over 100 snowmen were delivered to the club so that they could be put in the children's stockings. Our older children did a great job preparing them for children in need.

We wish everyone a most Blessed and Merry Christmas!



Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? Luke 1:42-43

Elizabeth expressed a beautiful humility in made a long journey to be with Elizabeth Blessed Mother greeted Elizabeth, Elizabeth her womb. Elizabeth acknowledges this ceptionally blessed to have Mary, the



There are many things worth pondering in cus upon the humble wonder and awe ex-me, that the mother of my Lord should Mary's visit. But it appears that her reac-gift of wonder and awe. She clearly knew Mother of God and her Lord Himself were

this statement. The Blessed Virgin Mary had just in her final months of pregnancy. As soon as our beth's child, Saint John the Baptist, leaped for joy in and then humbly expresses the fact that she is ex-mother of her Lord, come to visit her.

this visitation of our Blessed Mother. But try to fo-pressed by Elizabeth. "And how does this happen to come to me?" Elizabeth was clearly grateful for tion went even beyond gratitude. She was given the she was incredibly blessed by the fact that both the now in her presence in her home.

This gift of wonder and awe that Elizabeth experienced is one of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. It's a gift that enters a humble heart, enabling it to first see its unworthiness of a special grace given. But then this humble soul receives the special grace and responds with an overwhelming amazement. Thus, not only is gratitude present, but there is also this holy amazement that results in praise of God.

In our own lives, there are so many incredible graces we have received from God. But too often we fail to see them for what they are. We fail to see the incredible graces God has given us and, thus, fail to experience the amazement that should result from God's gifts.

As you look at your own life, what graces has God given to you? Do you see them? Are you grateful for them? And, if so, are you able to go even beyond gratitude so as to experience a holy wonder and awe of God's goodness and blessings in your life? Though it might be difficult to arrive at this level of amazement, it is a true gift that we must all strive to obtain and experience every day of our lives.

Reflect, today, upon this holy gift of the Holy Spirit that Elizabeth experienced. Place yourself at the scene. Try to see the experience within her heart. Try to feel how she felt. Try to sense the praise that resulted. And try to open yourself more fully to receive this same gift of the Holy Spirit in your life. The Lord comes to you constantly by grace, especially every time you receive Him in Holy Communion. For that reason, we must all strive to live a holy wonder and awe every day of our lives.

My most glorious Lord, You grace me beyond imagination. Too often, I fail to experience the gratitude and the wonder and awe that should result. Please help me to first see the countless blessings of Your grace and presence in my life. And as I see them, please fill me with the Holy Spirit so that I, too, may continually sing Your worthy praises. Jesus, I trust in You.

SCHEDULE OF CELEBRATIONS OF MASSES

NEW YEAR EVE SCHEDULE – SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD:

Tuesday, December 31, 2024 @ 4:00PM

-St. Michael the Archangel Church

Tuesday, December 31, 2024 @ 4:00PM

-St. Jude the Apostle Church

NEW YEAR DAY SCHEDULE – SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD:

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 @ 8:30AM

-St. Michael the Archangel Church

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 @ 9:00AM

-Sacred Heart Church

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 @ 10:00AM

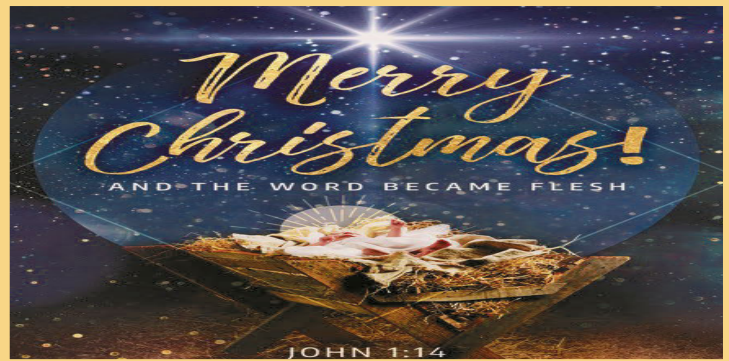
-St. Jude the Apostle Church



THANK YOU TO SHARP UPHOLSTERY

St. Jude's Parish would like to thank Everett of Sharp Upholstery, Troy, New York for the excellent job he did replacing the kneelers in church.

Donations from Re-Igniting Your Faith were used to complete this improvement.



Diocesan Appeal

Thank you to all those who have generously donated to the 2024- 2025 Diocesan Appeal.

The Diocesan Appeal provides the financial resources that are essential for the Church's ministries such as vocations to the priesthood and diaconate, administrative support in the areas of human resources and finance and provides financial assistance to the Catholic schools within the diocese. We have received such support during our time of transition when Father Rice went on medical leave.

You may have received information on the appeal in the mail last week. We will also have an in-pew solicitation in late January. This appeal will run until June 2025.

KINDNESS CHALLENGE

“Kindness Challenge” Help spread the word, encouraging all to share kindness. Read more at www.rcda.org/kind Don't forget to share your Kindness #RCDAkind



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Knights of Columbus Advent Message, Membership & Bottle Drive

St Judes Knights of Columbus wishes everyone a blessed Advent. Please remember to Keep Christ in Christmas and find the love, peace, and beauty of the season.

The Knights of Columbus' next meeting is Monday,
January 6, 2025

Calling all men! Together we can make a difference. St Judes Knights of Columbus welcomes new members. It is now easier than ever with a new online registration at KofC.org/JoinUs. Just enter your info, use the promo code 'Blessed McGiveney', enter 12637 and 'St Jude the Apostle' as the Council #/Name, and 3627452 as the referring member #. Be sure to watch for and respond to the confirmation email.


Please consider donating your empty bottles to the KOC. It's easy, saves time, and directly supports our Coats for Kids program. All you have to do is bring your empty bottles to the Wynantskill 6 Cent Redemption Center on the corner of Main Ave and Sharpe Rd and say that they are for the St Jude the Apostle Knights of Columbus men's club. They will sort and count the bottles. Last year we received over \$1,000 from the bottles. Thank you for your support!



Pope Francis Prayer Intention for December

For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.



**St. Jude the Apostle School
Students #1 in the Area!**





St. Jude the Apostle School students in grades 3-5 outperformed students at all local Diocesan & public schools on the 2024 NYS ELA & Math Assessments!

At St. Jude the Apostle School, students in grades 3-5 take the New York State assessments in English Language Arts, Math and Science; the same as all private and public school students in New York State. However, at St. Jude the Apostle School, our students are NOT made anxious or stressed about their performance on these assessments. At our school, they are just one more way of determining the quality of our instructional practices and student performance levels. This assists our administration and faculty in remediating and challenging students based upon their individual level of skills mastery. At St. Jude the Apostle School EVERY child is treated and educated as an individual with unique learning styles and needs. With this approach, our students are more than prepared for ANY assessment they are given and are able to perform at a proficiency rate that exceeds that of ALL local schools and districts.



This Christmas came so quickly this year. It is easy to forget why we celebrate each year-it is not about the gifts or the hustle-bustle; it is about taking time to remember the birth of our Savior. He came into this world to save us. Take time this Christmas to open your hearts and spend some time with Jesus. Merry Christmas!

Sacraments Available PARISH OFFICE (518) 283-1162 (SJ) or 518-283-6110 (SM)

 <p>BAPTISM Please call the Parish Office</p>	 <p>Upon request and is administered at special celebrations during the year.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ANNOINTING OF THE SICK</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Upon request and is administered at special celebrations during the year.</p>
 <p>RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION Saturday 3:00-3:30pm. Individual Confessions: arranged by calling the Parish Office.</p>	 <p>PASTORAL CARE Please call the Parish Office for visitation and Communion for the homebound.</p>	 <p>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 Office for information.</p>
 <p>MARRIAGE Couples please call the Office six months in advance and prior to making reception plans.</p>		



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