



ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024

THE HOLY FAMILY



He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

Sanctuary Votive Light

For all the families of St. Jude

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

Rosane Farcher, *Husband*
Dennis Carl, *St. Jude Choir*
Paula Karius, *Judi Faziola*
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*

Wednesday January 1, 2025 –Mass 10:00AM

Solemnity of the Mary, Mother of God

For the Parishioners of St. Jude living and deceased

Saturday, January 4, 2025-Mass 4:00PM

Jerrie Richards, *Her loving husband*
Dennis Carl, *St. Jude Knights of Columbus*
Paula Karius, *Corinne & Joe Fassler*
Harold Jacobs, Jr., *Sister, Mary*
Paula Karius, *Kathie Vumbacco & Mary Maselli*

Sunday, January 5, 2025-Mass 10:00AM

Joseph Frost, *Mom, Dad, Matthew & Taye*
Assunta Petruzzelli, *Ada & Paul Zelinke*





St. Jude the Apostle School Super Bowl Raffle



Our Super Bowl Raffle will run from February 1st through the end of February this year. We raffle off \$100 each day in February, and the Super Bowl Sunday (Feb 9th, 2025) drawing wins \$1,000. Tickets cost \$10 each. Winning tickets are re-entered into the drawing, so one ticket can win multiple times. With so many chances to win, these tickets are easy to sell. All ticket sales are due by February 1st.

If you would like to purchase a ticket(s), please fill out the form below and return it with payment in an envelope labeled "Super Bowl Raffle" in the collection basket at Mass prior to February 1st. Thank you!

Name: _____
 Address: _____

 Email: _____
 Phone: _____
 Student Seller (if any): _____

Number of Tickets: _____

May God bless you for your abundant generosity!

Make out checks to St. Jude the Apostle School.

Place form and cash/check in an envelope labeled Super Bowl Raffle and place in any collection basket at Mass.

You do not need your ticket stub in order to obtain your winnings. However, you are welcome to pick up your ticket stubs at the school.

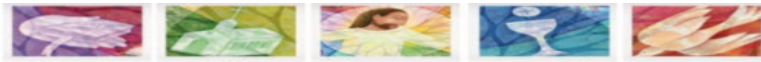
I will pick up my ticket stubs at the school

Today, our student leaders (5th graders) traveled around North Greenbush with Mrs. Hoffay to deliver Christmas trays of homemade treats (made by them and staff members) to our community helpers and supporting businesses:
 Supervisor Joe Bott at Town Hall,
 M&T Bank,
 North Greenbush Police & Dispatchers,
 North Greenbush Highway Dept.,
 Our veteran friends at the American Legion,
 The Wynantskill Post Office,
 The Wynantskill Fire Department,
 The North Greenbush Ambulance Crews,
 & LaSalle Institute.
 Thank you all for the support you give St. Jude the Apostle School all year and we wish you a very Merry Christmas! ❤️❤️



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

There will be NO CLASSES this weekend. Classes resume on Sunday, January 5, 2025.



Thank you to our wonderful children who participated in the pageant at St. Jude's Christmas Vigil mass and the singing before the 2:00 pm mass at St. Michael's! The kids did a wonderful job bringing peace and joy to our parishes.

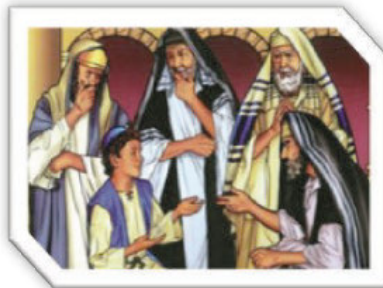
We pray for a Happy and Healthy New Year for all!



When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. [Luke 2:39-40](#)

Today we honor family life in general by pausing to ponder the particular and beautiful hidden life within the home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In many ways, their daily life together would have been very similar to other families at that time. But in other ways, their life together is entirely unique and provides us with a perfect model for all families.

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family life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph was spread of the birth of Jesus, the presentation in the finding of Jesus in the Temple at age twelve. But together, we know very little.

The line from today's Gospel quoted pondering. First, we see that this of the Lord..." Though this is in ref-should also be understood to apply to like our individual lives, must be or-

above does, however, give us some insight worth family "fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law erence to Jesus being presented in the Temple, it all aspects of their life together. Family life, just dered by the laws of our Lord.

The primary law of the Lord regarding family life is that it must share in the very unity and "communion of love" found in the life of the Most Holy Trinity. Each person of the Holy Trinity has perfect respect for the other, gives selflessly to each other without reserve, and receives each person in their totality. It is their love that makes them one and enables them to act together in perfect harmony as a communion of divine Persons. Though Saint Joseph was not immaculate in his nature, the perfection of love did live in his divine Son and in his immaculate wife. This overwhelming gift of their perfect love would have daily drawn him into the perfection of their lives.

Ponder your own closest relationships today. If you are blessed with a close family, ponder them. If not, ponder the persons put into your life who you are called to love with familial love. Who are you to be there for in good times and in bad? Who are you to sacrifice your life for without reserve? Who are you to offer respect, compassion, time, energy, mercy, generosity and every other virtue? And how well do you fulfill this duty of love?

Reflect, today, upon the fact that God wants you to share in a communion of life, not only with the Most Holy Trinity but also with those around you, especially your family. Try to ponder the hidden life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph and seek to make their family relationship the model for how you love others. May their perfect communion of love be a model for us all.

Lord, draw me into the life, love and communion that You lived with Your Immaculate Mother and Saint Joseph. I offer You myself, my family and all those to whom I am called to love with a special love. May I imitate Your family love and life in all my relationships. Help me to know how to change and grow so that I may more fully share in Your family life. 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.

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.

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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Special Persons Day at St. Jude the Apostle School

One day each year, our students invite 1 special guest to join them at school for mass, fun and excitement. Our Student Sponsors are invited to join us as well to meet their students and join in the fun. Thank you to everyone who made this day so special for our students!



Parish Nurse

The New Year is here! Time to reflect on the past year and focus on our goals for 2025! Many decide to change behaviors-such as increasing exercise, eating healthier, etc. It is good for us to evaluate what works and what could be improved. May you all have a healthier and happier 2025!

Knights of Columbus

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

Our next Living with Loss
Grief Group will be meeting
on Thursday, January 16,
2025 at 3 pm in our Parish
Center.



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



BAPTISM
Please call the Parish Office



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 Office for information.

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



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



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