

St. Jude the Apostle Parish

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Sanctuary Votive Light:

For Catholic School Educators, Catholic School parents, and students

Saturday, February 3rd, 2024-4:00pm

Peg Dessinger, *Mary Ann Grace*
Katherine Cusack, *Mom & Dad*
Rosane Farcher, *Husband*
Peg Dessinger, *Mary Ellen Hunt*

Sunday, February 4th, 2024-10:00am

Nicholas John Castle, *Family*
Joseph Frost, *Mom, Dad, Matthew & Taya*
Frank Giuliano, *Brian & Mary Ellen Bailey*
Peg Dessinger, *Sue & Mike Langevin*

Wednesday, February 7th, 2024 8AM

Philomena Moscatello, *Philomena Prezio*
Robert & Joan Jackson, *TJ & Jan Jackson*

Friday, February 9th, 2024 - 8AM

John Noble, *Annette Buckley*
Robert & Anna Passano, *TJ & Jan Jackson*

Saturday, February 10th, 2024-4:00pm

Colleen Bornhorst, *Father*
Mr. & Mrs. George Rogers, *Jack & Maureen Rogers*
Thomas Pisanello, *Anne Cannon*
Kathleen Cusack, *Mom & Dad*
Rosane Farcher, *Husband*

Sunday, February 11th, 2024-10:00am

Shelly Tracey, *Family*
Tracey Shepard, *Norma Keating*
Joseph Frost, *Mom, Dad, Matthew & Taya*
Frank Giuliano, *Maureen Hamman*
Ronald Benson, *Wife*



ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

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Catholic Schools Week 2024!



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. Catholic Schools Week 2024 was January 29 – February 2 and the theme was “Catholic Schools: Unity in Faith and Community.” Schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation during this week.

St. Jude the Apostle School was excited to celebrate Catholic Schools Week! We celebrated our students, faculty, community & vocations throughout the week with many fun and educational activities.

CELEBRATE THE COMMUNITY! | *Monday, January 29*

Students participated in a food collection contest to benefit the Hope 7 Food Pantry in Troy. Each class was assigned a specific item to collect and the class with the most donations for the week won a dress down day of their choice. Students in grades K-5 attended mass with Fr. Pat at 9:00am where the students served as lectors and altar servers.

CELEBRATE STUDENTS! | *Tuesday, January 30*

To celebrate our students, we had a pajama day (a student favorite!) and filled our school gym with inflatable play equipment: bounce houses & obstacle courses. Each class had 30 minutes to bounce, play and have loads of fun!!

CELEBRATE THE NATION | *Wednesday, January 31*

Students & staff wore red, white or blue to show our patriotisms and pride in our country.

CELEBRATE VOCATIONS | *Thursday, February 1*

All students in grades K-5 prepared cards and letters for the seminarians, and active & retired religious Sisters & Nuns of the Albany Diocese to show our appreciation for their commitment to God, their faith and the Church.

CELEBRATE FACULTY & STAFF | *Friday, February 2*

Our PCA provided a catered luncheon for the school faculty & staff.



FAITH FORMATION & MORE

February Sessions: 2/4, 2/11 - Winter break **NO CLASS**

March Sessions: 3/3, 3/10, 3/24

- **Teen Pathways Living Stations-** Friday March 15, @7pm St Jude Church
- **Class times-** All classes meet at **8:30am in Church**. Practice begins 2/4 for Stations of the Cross preparations.
- Confirmation date is set for **May 6, 2024 @St Michael the Archangel Church, Troy** at 6:30pm. See Candidates names below!
- 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

It's been a great year!

Teen Pathways



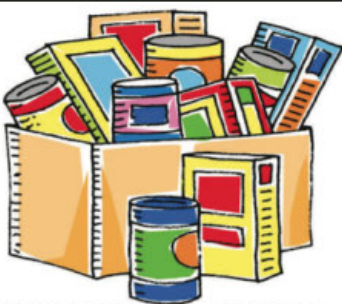
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Super Bowl currently scheduled for 2/11/2024. Please text or call Jessica with any questions
518.229.3079.

<https://stjudeswyn.square.site/>



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.

Peanut butter, syrup, cereal, canned pasta, meat meals, shampoo, bar soap, feminine products.



Those FAMOUS Girl Scout cookies are coming back! The Girl Scouts will have a booth available at St. Jude on February 16-18!





GOSPEL REFLECTION

There are times when we are burdened by some kind of illness or misery, and other times when no matter how hard we try to do well, circumstances keep knocking us down, and life seems to be a senseless drudgery. We can be tempted to ask, "If God is really with us? Why does he let us suffer?"

Today we see a similar situation with the story of Job in the first reading. Job was a man who was once living a very prosperous life when God allowed his faith to be tested. Soon, Job had lost everything he owned, and all his days had become a misery.

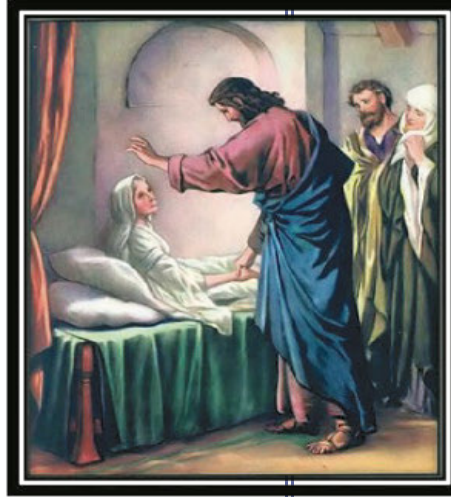
In the time of Job, health and prosperity were thought to be connected with strength of a person's relationship with God. So, all of Job's friends thought that he must have fallen into sin. But Job insisted on his innocence and he asked the same question that we sometimes ask. "Why me?"

The important thing to notice in this story is that Job did not abandon his faith in God even though the reason for his suffering remained a mystery to him. God eventually did restore Job to his former state of life, in fact he made him even more prosperous.

In our own times of suffering, we too should remember that as followers of Christ, we are a people of hope. We can trust that Jesus does indeed see our suffering and does care about each one of us.

In fact, it is the compassion of Jesus that we read about in today's gospel. The healing of Simon Peter's mother-in-law is one of the many times where Jesus showed His compassion for those who were suffering. He not only completely restored many people to health, but his healings went beyond physical, they were spiritual and social as well. The people were fully restored to rightful their place in society.

I am sure in his compassion, Jesus would have wanted to stay and heal everyone there, but his primary purpose was to bring about a greater form of healing, a healing of mankind's broken relationship with God through His passion.



His healings had a purpose that goes beyond the welfare of the one person. They demonstrate the reign of God breaking in to our earthly existence. So, when his disciples told him that there were more people seeking his healing, Jesus needed to move on to the next city where he could further spread his message of salvation.

Now, the reason God lets mankind continue to suffer is still somewhat a mystery because certainly, with one command, he could deliver everyone out of their suffering. But we have to remember, there is no greater love than giving our lives for the sake of others. That is exactly what Jesus did for us.

Pope John Paul II wrote: "In bringing about the redemption through suffering, Christ raised human suffering to the level of redemption. Thus, each man, in his sufferings, can also become a sharer in the redemptive suffering of Christ." Now, what does that mean? It means that Christ has given our suffering redemptive power when we bear it in union with His Passion and through our suffering we share in his redemptive act.

The next time we find ourselves in times of trouble and we begin to wonder "why us", may we have the grace to bear our crosses faithfully so we may have a share in the redemptive power of Christ's passion.

May God's blessings be with you all!

Deacon Warren

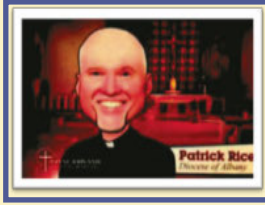




OUR CHURCH

**ADORATION DATES FOR
FEBRUARY & MARCH 2024**
5:30-6:30pm

February 16th
February 23rd
March 8th



ASK FR. PAT...

Why Catholics bless throats on the feast of St. Blaise

Many Catholics have their throats blessed on the Feb. 3 feast of St. Blaise or during one of the weekend Masses near the feast. But how many know who St. Blaise was and why he is associated with protection against ailments of the throat?

Five facts about St. Blaise:

1. Before becoming a fourth-century bishop of Sebaste in Armenia, St. Blaise was a physician.
2. St. Blaise and other Christian leaders were persecuted by the Roman emperor Licinius and had to flee into the wilderness. According to legend, those who hunted St. Blaise down found him in a cave surrounded by animals, many of which were sick. St. Blaise cured the beasts of their illnesses.
3. St. Blaise saved the life of a boy who had a fishbone stuck in his throat by ordering the child to cough it up. That is how the tradition of St. Blaise throat blessings began.
4. St. Blaise was commanded by government officials to worship pagan idols. Because he refused, he was tortured and beheaded.
5. St. Blaise is the patron saint of animals and those with throat ailments.




National Heart Month is here! So much attention is given to Cardiovascular Issues in the United States because so many Americans face problems with cardiac disease, hypertension and stroke. Our genetic makeup does play into the formula, and we can't change our DNA, but there is plenty we can do to reduce our risks. The one single item we can do to take some control is to **KNOW YOUR NUMBERS!** Stayed tuned next week for more info.



Sacraments Available PARISH OFFICE (518) 283-1162

 **BAPTISM**
Please call the Parish Office or email
Deacon Warren @ warrensafford@gmail.com

 **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.



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



RCIA
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.



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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & MORE

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SMALL LENTEN GROUPS



Cans & Bottles

HELP SUPPORT LOCAL CHARITIES

St. Jude the Apostle Knights of Columbus teamed up with 6 Center Redemption located at 461 Main Avenue in Wynantskill to accept bottle and can donations that have a NYS deposit.

This is to support local charities and those in need.

Bring your clean, NYS deposit bottles & cans to 6 Center Redemption in Wynantskill.

Say they are to support the St. Jude Knights of Columbus.

They do the rest, that's it!

Thank you for your support!



Lent is soon approaching and if you are interested in starting a small group. We would suggest 6 to 8 maximum group sizes to get together and discuss Lenten scripture. You can meet at someone's home or possibly schedule a meeting room at the parish center when the office is open. There will be a sign - up sheet on the bulletin board in the back of the church if anyone is interested in starting a small group. The contact person to get information on the Lenten scripture readings will be Eva Fitzgerald (518) 326-3003 this is a landline phone with an answering machine not a cell phone so it will not accept texts, her email is: evafitz58@gmail.com

EASTER MEMORIAL CROSSES

The Forms for the Easter Crosses are at each of the entrances of the church. If you have done a cross in the past please indicate this on the bottom of the form stating "PREVIOUS CROSS". If you have multiple crosses for your family please indicate this on one of the sheets at the bottom of the sheet. We will try and keep your loved ones together on the lawn. Please use the dashes provided to fill in your family's name we can accept up to 24 characters. The last weekend will be February 24th and 25th to turn in the sheets. No exceptions will be made for late sheets. If there are any questions please call Don or Nicole Heckelman (518) 283-5234 (landline no texts)



Living with Loss Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father-Be with us today as we journey through our grief. The more we can learn and the more we can share with others will help us heal the holes in our hearts. We ask the Blessed Mother to be with us on this journey called life. May her gentle arms be wrapped around us as she knows how painful losing a loved one can be. We can do this with your guidance, Father. Stay close to us today and every day. Amen

Author of: Living with Loss
Johanna Flanigan

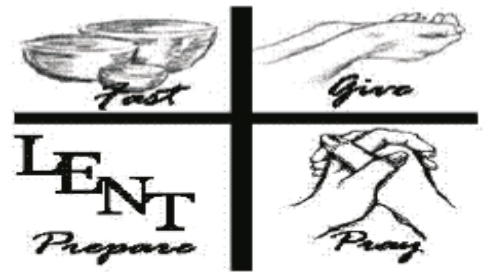
Rosary Altar Society

Our February meeting will be held at 8:45AM on Sunday, February 4th, 2024 in the Parish Center. All ladies are welcome. New members always welcome!



Dear Parishioners,

We are nearing the holy season of Lent. During this period of time in the Church Year, as we relive the awesome events of the Passion and Death of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, we are once again reminded in the daily readings about the importance of prayer, fasting, and "alms giving." How will you fit these Lenten elements into your busy schedule? We encourage you to take the steps necessary to make this Lent one that is life-changing for your faith life. Make a conscious choice to take on a positive activity this Lent...perhaps something you've never done before. That may be: practicing the Works of Mercy, daily Mass, a Random Act of Kindness each day, a predetermined one-half hour per day to either read and reflect on Scripture OR read and reflect with the Lenten booklet the parish has provided for you, commit to Stations of the Cross every week, clear your calendar to make room for the Lenten activities offered by our Local Catholic Community ...what can you come up with? Let us pray for each other that this Lent will touch our hearts and souls!



LENTEN SCHEDULE 2024

ASH WEDNESDAY - February 14, 2024

- St. Jude the Apostle – Masses with the distribution of ashes: 8AM & 6:30PM
- St. Michael the Archangel – Prayer Service with the distribution of ashes: 7:30AM
12:10PM Mass and distribution of ashes
- St. Jude Apartments- Distribution of ashes at 3:00PM



WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

- St. Jude the Apostle – Monday 9AM (when school is in session); Wednesday and Friday – 8AM
- St. Michael the Archangel – Monday, Tuesday & Thursday at 12:10PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: AT ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE

- Friday, February 16, 2024 Presented by Deacon Nick Ascoti at 7:00PM
- Friday, February 23, 2024 Presented by Deacon Nick Ascoti at 7:00PM
- Friday, March 1, 2024 -Mary's Way of the Cross - at 7:00PM
- Friday, March 8, 2024 Presented by Deacon Warren Safford at 7:00PM
- Friday, March 15, 2024 -The Way of the Cross with the Teens at 7:00PM
- Friday, March 22, 2024- Nurses Station of the Cross at 7:00PM



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: AT ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

- Tuesday at 11:30AM – followed by 12:10pm Mass

HOLY HOUR:

- St. Jude the Apostle – Friday, Feb. 16 & 23, March 8th at 5:30-6:30pm
- St. Michael the Archangel – Every Tuesday's 5:30-6:30pm

RECONCILIATION:

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Communal Reconciliation:

- St. Jude the Apostle – Thursday, March 21st, @ 6:30PM
- St. Michael the Archangel – Thursday, March 21st @ 11:00AM – NO MASS
- Sacred Heart Church – Tuesday, March 19th @ 6:30PM

PALM SUNDAY: MARCH 24, 2024

- St. Michael the Archangel- Saturday, March 23rd at 4pm and Sunday, March 24th at 8:00am
- St. Jude the Apostle - Saturday, March 23rd at 4pm and Sunday, March 24th at 10:30am

These Mass Times are correct!

TRIDUUM - March 28th - March 30th

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28th

- St. Jude the Apostle -5:30pm Mass followed by Adoration until 10pm

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29th

- St. Michael the Archangel - Stations of the Cross at 3:00pm
Passion of Our Lord at 7:00pm



HOLY SATURDAY, EASTER VIGIL, MARCH 30th

- St. Jude the Apostle - 8:00pm (Rehearsal at 7:15PM for all those involved in serving at the Vigil)

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

EASTER MORNING MASSES

- St. Michael the Archangel - 8:30AM
- St. Jude the Apostle - 10:00AM

Christ is Risen!

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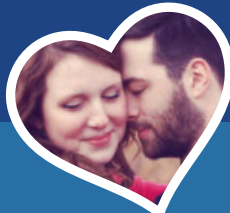
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