

St. Jude the Apostle Parish

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**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES WITH THE DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES:
8AM AND 6:30PM
ST. JUDE APARTMENTS– DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES AT 3:00PM**

Sanctuary Votive Light:

May this Lent be a time through which His mercy is poured
in abundance into our souls.

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 & Taye
Frank Giuliano, Maureen Hamman
Ronald Benson, Wife

Wednesday, February 14th, 2024

For a prayerful Lenten Season

Friday, February 16th, 2024 - 8AM

Joe & Eileen Smith, TJ & Jan Jackson

Saturday, February 17th, 2024-4:00pm

Walter & Margaret Grace, Maryann Grace
Frank Giuliano, St. Jude Knights of Columbus
Jerrie Richards, Husband
John Hardie, Ann Cannon
Rosane Farcher, Husband

Sunday, February 18th, 2024-10:00am

Harriet Spain, Daughter, Nancy
Frank Giuliano, John & Nancy Donohue
John Perkinson, Wife, Fran
Vincent Corina, Sr., Reynolds Family
Antonio Iannacito, Luca DiFione



ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

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St. Jude the Apostle School is at the TOP of the Albany Diocese!



St. Jude the Apostle School is at the TOP of the list of Diocesan schools in regards to positive enrollment trends!!! According to the Statistical Report published by the Albany Diocese annually, St. Jude the Apostle School is growing in enrollment at a rate unmatched anywhere else!! Through the hard work and dedication of a team of committed individuals, St. Jude the Apostle School's enrollment has grown 54.9% (in grades PK-5) since the close of the 2020-2021 school year. No other area or Diocesan school can even come close to making those claims!! In grades K-5 alone, we have increased enrollment by 18.2% within the same time frame when most area schools are suffering losses in enrollment. **Once again, St. Jude the Apostle School is THE PLACE TO BE for a preschool and elementary education!** Next year's enrollment is no different. Even before we welcomed new families to our annual Open House on January 28th, our kindergarten class was full and on a waiting list for 2024/2025. Our preschool classes have VERY limited availability and we are retaining and growing in all upper grade levels. A HUGE thanks to all our faculty & staff for their hard work and dedication to Catholic education, to our School Board members who tirelessly work to improve and expand our school, and to all of you for supporting our school in SO many ways!



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



CONGRATULATIONS TO FAITH FORMATIONS 2ND GRADE CLASS FOR MAKING THEIR FIRST RECONCILIATION ON JANUARY 20, 2024

LUCAS ARTAVIA	LUCAS HILTON
VINCENT BADER	CHARLIE HORTON
GIANNA BRADLEY	KAELYN HOYT
MAX DEGNAN	KALI KRIKORIAN
DEREK FARCHER	MICHAELA MARSHAL
JADE FARCHER	JULIANNA NOTARO
JOSSLYN FORD	MARIANNA PASTORE
ROBERT FORTIN	COHEN PREMO
MADELINE HATTER	PRESLEY REO



Faith Formation

Fifth and sixth grade Faith Formation classes making Valentine's Day cards for the St. Jude apartments residents. They will be delivering a basket of goodies and their cards to the residence.





GOSPEL REFLECTION

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." Mark 1:40-41

In the Old Testament, Leviticus 14, God gave Moses a purification rite to be used for those who were cured of leprosy. This detailed rite that spanned several days was used to reintegrate a healed leper back into society. After Jesus healed the leper in today's Gospel passage, He ordered him to "go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." Thus, Jesus not only healed the man but instructed him that he was ready to be restored to the community.

At that time, leprosy was a horrible disease, not only for its physical effects, but also because the leper was not permitted to be a part of the society. This was because leprosy was quite contagious. By keeping those infected separate, the disease did not spread as easily to others.

As we ponder this healing, try to imagine not only the pain caused by the leper's disease, but especially the pain caused by his isolation. Obviously, there were no phones at that time, no video chatting, and no means of communication from a distance. Therefore, isolation would have meant a complete loss of the person's relationship with his family and friends, as well as his former livelihood, home and all that was a part of his life.

On a spiritual level, the various illnesses that Jesus cured are, in part, to be seen as symbols of sin. In the case of leprosy, we should see this illness as a symbol of the effects of mortal sin. And mortal sin, unless it is cured by God's forgiveness, has the effect of completely isolating a person from the life of grace. One becomes cut off from a relationship with God, as well as every other relationship that is centered in Christ. When one commits mortal sin and remains in that sin, that person is not capable of true love, since all grace is gone from their life. Therefore, their relationships become self-centered, demanding and unholy.



For those who have fallen into mortal sin, this leper is a symbol of the way out. First, he came to Jesus and knelt down before Him. He humbled himself before our Lord, acknowledging that Jesus was the answer to his ailment. He then begged Jesus for help. But the way he begged Jesus is also revealing; he did not demand a healing but instead simply professed his faith in the fact that Jesus could heal him. And then he knelt there in trust and hope. This leper teaches us the perfect way to approach our Lord when we struggle with serious sin.

Reflect, today, upon this leper. Try to understand his isolation and loss. Try to understand his humility and faith. And seek to imitate the way that he comes to our Lord. Do not be afraid to humble yourself before God as you acknowledge the sins and other needs you have. Profess your faith in His almighty power and love, and place yourself into His hands of merciful love. He will not let you down.

Most merciful Lord, You desire all of Your children to be healed of the many sins that keep them from communion with You and with Your people. Please give me the faith and trust I need to always be able to humble myself before You so as to receive the restoration to Your grace I so desire. Jesus, I trust in You.



***Please note: St. Jude received a one time yearly Offertory donation of \$2,200.00**

Thank you for your Sacrificial Giving to St. Jude the Apostle Parish.			
\$ 7,910.00 *	(Offertory)	\$ 123,549.60	(Offertory)
\$ 530.00	(E-Giving)	\$ 23,692.25	(E-Giving)
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\$ 8,440.00	TOTAL	\$147,241.85	TOTAL
To cover our expenses for the week, We need \$4,808.00 We are OVER budget \$3,632.00		To cover our YTD we need \$153,856.00 We are UNDER budget \$ (6,614.15)	



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

February 16th
February 23rd
March 8th

Eucharistic Adoration

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH
@ 7:00PM WITH DEACON NICK



Cardiovascular disease remains the number one killer for both men and women in the United States. There are many things we can do to help reduce risks-the 2 most important are stop smoking and eat a healthy diet. Smoking includes vaping, chewing tobacco etc. Nicotine destroys our healthy tissue, impedes our circulation, and is very addictive, "The Butt Stops Here" is a popular local program that has helped so many. "You are what you eat" is so true-by decreasing the amounts and kinds of food we eat really can make a difference with our weight and reduces our chances for conditions such as diabetes. Next week we will talk about other measures to help prevent cardiovascular disease.



ASK FR. PAT...

What is Ash Wednesday?



The ashes for Ash Wednesday are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.

Ash Wednesday is a solemn reminder of human mortality and the need for reconciliation with God and marks the beginning of the penitential Lenten season. It is commonly observed with ashes and fasting.

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

Living with Loss
The next Living with Loss Support Group will meet Thursday, February 22 at 3 pm at the Parish Office. All those suffering from a loss are welcome to join us. Call Johanna Flanigan, Parish Nurse, for details.

Sacraments Available PARISH OFFICE (518) 283-1162

<p>BAPTISM Please call the Parish Office or email Deacon Warren @ warrensafford@gmail.com</p>	<p>ANNONTING OF THE SICK 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>MARRIAGE Couples please call the Office six months in advance and prior to making reception plans.</p>	<p>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.</p>



Project: Cameron's Story

We are pleased to be supporting Project: Cameron's Story, a 501 c(3) public, children's charity. PCS is a local organization that helps families with babies in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) bond with their little ones. Through the efforts of this foundation (with the help of people like you and I!) each family in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Albany Medical Center, St. Peter's Hospital, Stony Brook Hospital, Crouse Hospital (Syracuse), Golisano Children's Hospital, UHS Wilson Medical Center, Bellevue Women's Center, NY Presbyterian Stanley Morgan Hospital, NY Presbyterian Weil Cornell, John R. Oishei Children's Hospital, Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital, North Shore Hospital, Mount Sinai Kravis Children's Hospital, Mount Sinai West Children's Hospital, Flushing Medical Center, Vassar Medical Center, HCH at NYU Langone, Cohen Children's Medical Center as well as the Special Care Unit at Glens Falls Hospital receives, upon admission, a book to read to their baby. Often these babies are so fragile that their parents are unable to touch or hold them. Project: Cameron's Story was named for Cameron Quartiers - an inspirational little boy who proved that this type of bonding can have a tremendous effect on a family's ability to bond in the most difficult of circumstances. Read more about Cameron's story as well as the foundation's mission at www.projectcameronsstory.org.

Attached to this letter, you will find a Scholastic/Book Outlet Book Order Form. If you would like to donate a brand new book to this wonderful cause, simply fill out the order form. Payment is due at the time of ordering. You can pay by check (make checks payable to "Project: Cameron's Story"). Return the order form and money to the contact person listed below. Each book is given a label telling the family in the NICU who, specifically, donated the book. If you choose to donate a book(s), please tell us what you'd like the label to read. This label will be placed inside the book before delivery to the NICU.

If you'd like to donate a book online, please see our book Wish List on Amazon. You can donate a book and have it shipped automatically to our foundation.



Books should be of medium size and have lots of words in them to increase the amount of bonding time for families and their babies. Please, no overtly religious books or e-books.

Book orders are due back no later than 2/20

Thanks so much for your generosity!

*****ORDER FORM*****

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9J1	Board Book Classics Pack (Board Books)	6 Board Books/\$30.00		
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TOTALS				\$

If making a book donation, please check one of the payment methods below. Then follow the steps to complete your order.

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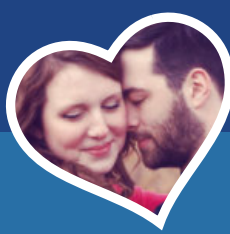
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