

# St. Jude the Apostle Parish

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## 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.  
- Mk 9:7-8

**STARTING AT THE MARCH 2-3RD MASS, THE PRECIOUS BLOOD WILL BE OFFERED FOR PARISHIONERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE UNDER BOTH SPECIES. ALSO, WE WILL HAVE THE GIFTS BROUGHT TO THE ALTAR BY PARISHIONERS.**

**Sanctuary Votive Light:**

**Bob Geiger,**

*Mary Ellen Hunt & Pat Schaeffer*

**Saturday, February 24th, 2024-4:00pm**

**Dave & Dorthea Castle, Children**

**Rosanne Farcher, Husband**

**George Geiger, Mary Ellen Hunt & Pat Schaeffer**

**Joanne Gary, Filomena Valente**

**William H. Tymeson, Jr., Family**

**Sunday, February 25th, 2024-10:00am**

**Frank Giuliano, Joe & Marie Kruczynicki**

**Vincent Corina, Sr., St. Jude the Apostle School**

**Carol Farrell, Milos Family**

**Harriet Spain, Daughter, Nancy**

**Wednesday, February 28th, 2024**

**Charles Dessinger, Sue & Mike Langevin**

**Friday, March 1st, 2024 - 8AM**

**For the safety of all students on vacation,**

*St. Jude the Apostle School*

**Saturday, March 2nd, 2024-4:00pm**

**Rosanne Farcher, Husband**

**Carol Farrell, T.C. McIntype**

**Sunday, March 3rd, 2024-10:00am**

**Joseph Frost, Mom, Dad, Matthew & Taya**

**Tom & Andrea Sutherland, Family**

**Joan Prock 1st Anniversary, Her sister, Beth**

**Ronald Benson, Wife**

**John T. Perkinson, Family**



## ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

### LUCK OF THE IRISH RAFFLE

*Our Luck of the Irish Raffle will run from January 1<sup>st</sup> through the end of March this year. We raffle off \$100 each day in March, and the St. Patrick's Day 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. But we NEED YOUR HELP!*

With your help, we can make this the  
**BEST LUCK OF THE IRISH RAFFLE EVER!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 Luck of the Irish 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

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](mailto:moorep285@gmail.com)

It's been a great year! Teen Pathways

## Confirmation Candidates 2024

Parker	Dianna	10th Grade
Short	Sophia	10th Grade
Miller	Hailey	10th Grade
Denio	Alessandra	10th Grade
Denio	Andrew	10th Grade
Backaus	Cadence	10th Grade
Burch	Zachary	10th Grade
Wojton	Charles	10th Grade
Murray	Jackson	10th Grade
LaBarge	Sophia	10th Grade
Aiossa	Emily	10th Grade
Harriman	Abigail	10th Grade
Decker	Anthony	10th Grade
Albarelli III	John	10th Grade
Mancino	Natalia	10th Grade
McDade	Madelynn	10th Grade
Bradley	Connor	10th Grade
Hein	Amelia	10th Grade
Zakarka	Susan	10th Grade
Bott	Cheyenne	10th Grade
Borowsky	Rowan	10th Grade
Mazzariello	Joseph	10th Grade
Kaczala	Emma	10th Grade



Family Liturgy with grades K - 4





Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. **Mark 9:2-3**

Just six days prior to this glorious event of the Transfiguration, Jesus spoke for the first time to His disciples about His pending crucifixion and death. He taught them that “the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days” (**Mark 8:31**). Recall that Peter had a difficult time accepting this teaching. Jesus went on to rebuke Peter for his refusal to accept this prophetic teaching and further explained that “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me” (**Mark 8:34**). These disciples then had six days to ponder this prophecy of our Lord before witnessing the Transfiguration.

In your life, is there something that God is trying to say to you that you have difficulty accepting? If so, it will most likely be related to God’s call to you to take up your cross and follow Him. The Cross of Christ comes in many forms throughout life. It might be experienced when we allow the passion of anger to die so that pure mercy can be offered to one who has hurt us. Or it might be that God is calling you to step out in faith to embrace some endeavor that requires courage and trust. Or it might be that God is calling you to accept some hardship in life that is difficult to accept, such as the loss of a loved one, an illness, the loss of a job or any other difficulty that you struggle to accept with love and trust. Bitterness, resentment, anger, fear and the like are often the most difficult crosses we are called to embrace and let die.

If this resonates with you, then this story of the Transfiguration is for you. After giving these disciples six days to ponder the difficult news of His coming Cross, Jesus gives them hope and inspiration through this sacred encounter.

Though it lasted for only a short time, this manifestation of Jesus’ glory was all that these disciples needed to begin to accept Jesus’ prediction of His passion. On one hand, they feared what Jesus said was going to happen. But on the other hand, they saw His glory and majesty. By combining these two experiences, these disciples were given a new hope and strength to trust that whatever was to happen in the future, God was in control.

We also need the consoling revelation of our Lord’s glory to help us navigate the difficulties we will endure. *For* some, life is good, very good, and they walk with joy and ease with our Lord. But for

others, life has taken a difficult turn and confusion has set in. If life is good for you right now, then rejoice that you are currently sharing a taste of the glory of the Transfiguration. Give thanks to God and tell Him with Saint Peter, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here!” Give thanks to him for the joy and consolation you currently experience. But if life is difficult for you right now, ponder those six days during which the disciples struggled with the prediction of the Lord’s passion. Think about their confusion, doubts and fear. As you do, turn your eyes up the mountain. Know that the glory of God awaits you and that He wants to free you from all fear and anxiety. The mountain is climbed by a firm faith that is grounded in prayer. Make that journey with our Lord through prayer.

Reflect, today, upon this holy mountain to which you are called. Know that as you climb it with perseverance and determination, hope and joy will be given to you. Pray for the ability to trust in the God Who not only died a cruel death but also is radiant in glory for all eternity. Trust Him, turn to Him and commit to the journey ahead.

***My Transfigured Lord, You revealed Your glory to these disciples as a way of helping them accept Your Cross. Help me to also embrace Your Cross in my life and to see clearly the glory that results from its embrace. I trust in You, dear Lord; help me to trust You more. Jesus, I trust in You.***





## 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)

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

**March 8th**



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Friday, March 1, 2024 -  
Mary's Way of the  
Cross  
at 7:00PM**



## SMALL LENTEN GROUPS

Lent is here 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 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](mailto:evafitz58@gmail.com)



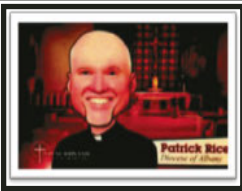
Keeping the theme of striving for a healthy heart, it is important to pay attention to the amount of salt we eat. The recommended amount of sodium per day is 2,300 milligrams. Salt is used as a preservative in so many foods. A can of chicken noodle soup contains a total of 2,450 milligrams of sodium and who can't eat a whole can for lunch? If you need to limit your sodium intake, eating fresh rather than already prepared foods is your best bet. Learn how to read food labels-you will be surprised what you learn.



### Rosary Altar Society

Our March meeting will be held on Sunday March 3th at 8:45AM in Parish Center. Ladies please come and join the Society. Once a member always a member hope to see you there!!!





**ASK FR. PAT...**

**What was the meaning and importance of the transfiguration?**

Undoubtedly, the purpose of the transfiguration of Christ into at least a part of His heavenly glory was so that the “inner circle” of His disciples could gain a greater understanding of who Jesus was. Christ underwent a dramatic change in appearance in order that the disciples could behold Him in His glory. The disciples, who had only known Him in His human body, now had a greater realization of the deity of Christ, though they could not fully comprehend it. That gave them the reassurance they needed after hearing the shocking news of His coming death.

The disciples never forgot what happened that day on the mountain and no doubt this was intended. John wrote in his gospel, “We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only” (John 1:14). Peter also wrote of it, “We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to Him from the Majestic Glory, saying, ‘This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.’ We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with Him on the sacred mountain” (2 Peter 1:16-18).



**FEED THE HUNGRY**

**DOORS OF HOPE**  
This is our local food pantry that aids our community members. The needs of those who are struggling. Please give generously to help our community pantry provide food and personal care items to those in need.

*Tuna fish, mayo, chunky soups, crackers, tooth paste, dish soap and feminine products.*

*Hope!  
THANK YOU!*

**S**t. Jude the Apostle School invites you to attend “A Knight Out” on the evening of Friday, March 8th in the school gym. A Knight out is in memory of parishioner **Joan Vooris**. There will be a fun night of auction items, cash bar, and delicious food from Terrys Kitchen.



**Sacraments Available** PARISH OFFICE (518) 283-1162



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



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



**RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION**  
Saturday 3:00–3:30pm. Individual Confessions:  
arranged by calling the Parish Office.



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



**MARRIAGE**  
Couples please call the Office six months in advance and prior to making reception plans.



**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.

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS: MON-FRI 8:30-2:30**

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**1** **Make the first day** of Lent a great one by attending Mass & receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday.



**2** **Join the Face of Prayer Campaign** by texting PRAY or a selfie to 55798 or visit [www.thefaceofprayer.com](http://www.thefaceofprayer.com)



**3** **Draw closer to Christ** and receive his mercy and grace by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



**4** **Fasting & abstinence?** On Ash Wednesday & Good Friday, Catholics fast (eating one full meal and two 1/2 meals) & abstain from meat and, refrain from eating meat on all Lenten Fridays. Check out [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) for more info.

**5** **Celebrate the solemnities** that occur during Lent! The Solemnity of St. Joseph takes place on March 19th and the Solemnity of the Annunciation takes place on March 25th.

**6** **Find an opportunity** to go to a weekday Mass. You can find local Mass times at [www.bridgeportdiocese.com](http://www.bridgeportdiocese.com)

**7** **Visit** [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org) to find Lenten resources from Catholic Relief Services



**8** **Donate to Catholic Charities' Loaves & Fishes collection.** Pick up an envelope at your local parish and make a sacrificial gift to support these vital programs that help those in need in Fairfield County.

**9** **Give up television for one day,** and spend time reading a spiritual book.

**10** **Spend time with our Lord** in Eucharistic Adoration.

# 40 ways to observe the 40 Days of Lent



**11** **Pray** for those preparing to enter the Church at Easter, especially those in your parish and throughout our Diocese.

**16** **Volunteer!** Visit [www.catholicservicecorp.org](http://www.catholicservicecorp.org) to find a service opportunity.



**17** **Choose one of the Gospels** and read a few chapters each day. The Gospel of Mark is a great place to start!

**12** **Make homemade pretzels,** which are a traditional Lenten food.

**13** **Find a Lenten playlist** on Spotify or Apple Music and listen in the car or while you work.

**18** **Give up coffee** or your favorite drink for a day.



**19** **Pray the sorrowful mysteries** of the rosary.



**14** **Attend the Stations of the Cross** or pray them at home.

**20** **Check out the Leadership Institute's Lenten Resources** at [www.formationreimagined.org](http://www.formationreimagined.org)

**21** **Prepare a simpler meal** than usual and talk with your family about the problem of world hunger and what you can do to alleviate it. Find meatless recipes at [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org)

**15** **Watch a Catholic movie!** Check out "The Letters," a bio-pic on St. Teresa of Calcutta, or "Full of Grace," a film about the Blessed Mother's last days on earth, both on Netflix.

**22** **Donate non-perishable food** to a food pantry like the Thomas Merton Center in Bridgeport, New Covenant Center in Stamford, or the Morning Glory Breakfast Program in Danbury.



**23** **Catch up** on Bishop Caggiano's weekly Face of Prayer videos and Father Sam's Faith Friday videos and learn more about the Catholic faith. You can find them on the Diocese of Bridgeport Youtube channel.

**24** **Reach out in love** to migrants and refugees by joining the Share the Journey campaign at [www.sharejourney.org](http://www.sharejourney.org).

**25** **Pray for your parish priests,** Bishop Caggiano, and Pope Francis.

**30** **Attend a Fish Fry** at your parish or another nearby parish.

**31** **Fast from a particular expenditure** like an afternoon coffee, buying more clothes than you need, or a habit of impulse buying online. Donate the money you saved to a charity, like Catholic Charities or Catholic Relief Services.

**37** **Do something kind** for someone each day, especially if it involves a small sacrifice or inconvenience.

**26** **Attend a parish mission, evening or day of reflection, or a retreat.** Find some options on the Diocesan website.



**32** **Write a letter of encouragement** or thanks to your parish priest, deacon, or religious sister.

**33** **Read the Sunday Mass readings** before you go to Mass. You can find them at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)



**38** **Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet!** Learn how to at [www.thedivinemercy.org](http://www.thedivinemercy.org)

**27** **Do a chore** around the house that someone else usually does and pray for that person while you do this act of service.

**28** **Attend as many of the Triduum services as you can** during Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.



**34** **Fast from noise** by turning off the radio or unplugging from your phone. Spend some time in silence and see how God speaks to you.

**35** **Find a Catholic podcast** and give it a try.

**39** **Donate gently used clothes** or other items to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Catholic Charities, Habitat for Humanity, or other organizations.



**29** **Share your faith with someone.** This could be as simple as a conversation about what Lent means to you, sparking a discussion on your personal faith, or inviting them to join you at Mass or in prayer.

**36** **Help the homeless** by donating food to a food pantry or soup kitchen, passing out gift cards to area restaurants when you see someone on the street and stop to chat for a moment.

**40** **Attend the Chrism Mass** at St. Augustine Cathedral on Wednesday, March 28 at 3pm. At this Mass, priests renew their priestly promises and the Bishop blesses the sacramental oils that are used throughout the year in parishes.

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