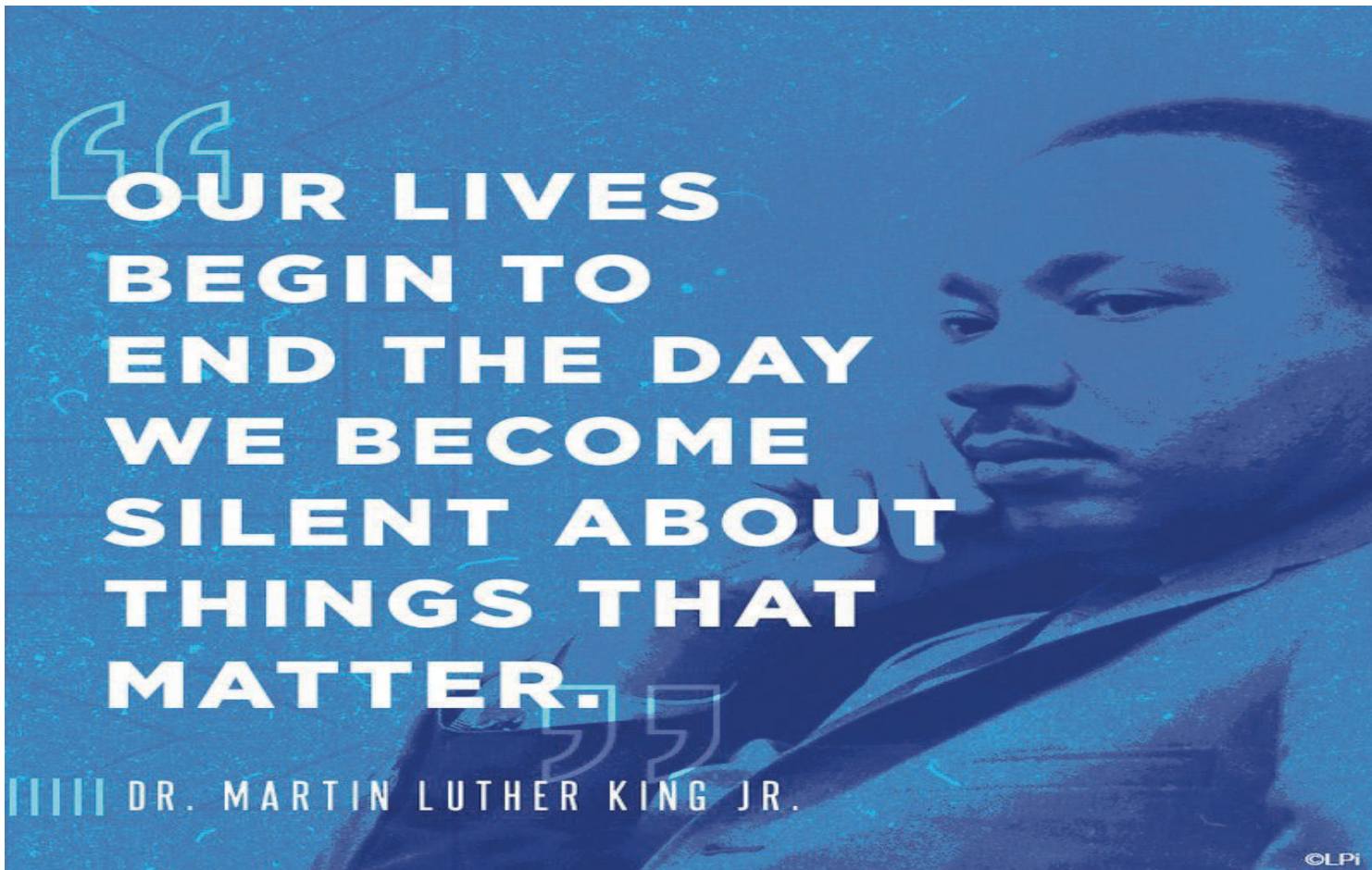


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St. Jude the Apostle Church Office will be closed on Monday,  
January 15, 2024 to observe Martin Luther Kind Jr. Day

Sanctuary Votive Light:

Ken Burton,  
*Family*

Saturday, January 13th, 2024-4:00pm

Jerrie Richards, *Husband*  
Frank Giuliano, *St. Jude Knights of Columbus*

Sunday, January 14th, 2024-10:00am

William Rozell, Jr. *Dominic & Sue DiFiore*  
Frank Giuliano, *Mary Rose Ryan*  
Frank Giuliano, *Flanigan Family*  
John Perkinson, *Wife, Fran*

Wednesday, January 17th, 2024 8AM

Joe & Eileen Smith, *TJ & Jan Jackson*

Friday, January 19th, 2024 - 8AM

For all those living in poverty, *Parish Nurses*

Saturday, January 20th, 2024-4:00pm

Chester Szalasny, *John & Hollis McEvilly*  
Frank Giuliano, *Dennis & Jean Nagengast*  
Dave & Dorthea Castle, *Castle Children*  
Tony Carnivale, *Family*  
Kenneth McKeon 88th birthday, *Wife*

Sunday, January 21st, 2024-10:00am

Antonio Iannacito, *Angela Dunning*  
Ken Burton, *Family*  
Frank Giuliano, *Hayes Family*  
Carole Miorin Nichols, *Family*



# ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

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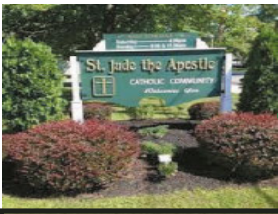
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# ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

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## Christmas Concerts at St. Jude the Apostle School

At St. Jude the Apostle School we know that it is important to focus on the true meaning of Christmas. Therefore, our focus remains on Advent until we just can't keep the excitement of Christmas down within our students for just one more minute.

This year's Christmas concert (all 3 of them!) were a HUGE success!!! Our UPK and Pre-K students enjoyed entertaining their family and loved ones with traditional and modern Christmas carols that included: *Deck the Halls*, *Joy to the World* & *Peppermint Stick*. We needed to have two concerts for our 3 and 4 year old friends, because our enrollment has grown so much that we could not have fit them all on the stage at one time!!! Wow!



(UPK Christmas Concert)



SJS Pre-K Christmas Concert

Our K-5 students treated their family and loved ones to a concert entitled, "Christmas Around the World". This magnificent concert included songs from Germany, Ireland, Nigeria, Poland, France, Italy, Japan, and the Huron Native American culture, as well as some traditional carols sung right here in the United States. The children sang in the native language of each performed carol and shared Christmas traditions from each country with the audience. This concert culminated with a performance from our school choir that consists of students in grades 2-5. The audience was in awe of their beautiful voices, as well as their professional choir robes.





# 2024 SUPER BOWL SQUARES

Are you ready for some FOOTBALL squares?!?!  
2024 Super Bowl Football Squares are available for purchase online and after Masses.  
\$25.00 donation square - Payouts (if all squares are sold)

- 1st quarter \$250.00
- Half time \$500.00
- 3rd quarter \$250.00
- Final Score \$1,000.00



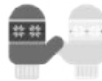
Super Bowl currently scheduled for 2/11/2024. Please text or call Jessica with any questions 518.229.3079.  
<https://stjudeswyn.square.site/>



Please Join the Respect Life Committee to collect the following needed items for homeless men, women, and children in our community:



- Warm Winter Gloves and Mittens
- Hand and Toe Warmers
- Chapstick



Items will be distributed by Sidewalk Warriors Troy

Please put donated items in the box in Church from **January 13<sup>th</sup> through January 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Thank you for your generosity!

The Respect Life committee would like to express sincere thanks and gratitude for your generosity donating to the baby bottle drive to benefit Glory House.

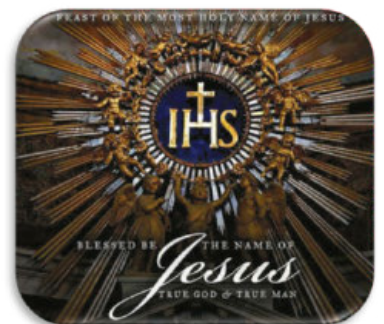
Your donations totaled \$1,036 and will help support pregnant women to choose life in our own town. Thank you so much and God Bless You!



## Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

### Devotion of the Month

The month of January is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. After the Blessed Virgin Mary conceived by the Holy Spirit, the angel Gabriel appeared to St. Joseph and told him that the Child's name should be called Jesus, meaning "God Saves." According to Jewish law, on the 8th day after his birth a male child was to be circumcised, receive his name, and become a full member of God's covenant people. According to the old Roman liturgical calendar, the Feast of the Circumcision of Jesus was celebrated on January 1st, eight days after Christmas, the same day that He was given His sacred name. Currently we celebrate the Solemnity of the Mother of God on January 1st and honor the Holy Name of Jesus on January 3rd. For Catholics, Jesus' sacred name is the object of a special devotion symbolized by the monogram "IHS," (sometimes called a Christogram), which is the first three letters of the Greek spelling of His name.





# GOSPEL REFLECTION

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today's readings call us to reflect on two very challenging questions regarding our spiritual growth and well-being. Do we hear God's call and how do we respond to God's call? These are challenging questions because it may not be something we think about every day, although we should. Perhaps we think this type of reflection is only for the ordained or those in religious life. No, if you are baptized into Christ then these questions are for you.

I will say that this reflection takes time and sometimes requires us to journey with someone who has experience. We heard that in the first reading from Samuel. Samuel hears God speaking to him. I stress the words "hears" and "speaking" because this occurs in different ways. For most of us we don't hear literally the voice of God thundering from the heavens, it occurs in other ways. Perhaps through reading scripture or religious writings, prayer, a conversation with someone, or an event in our lives. Samuel experiences God calling him, and he does not know what to make of it, he thinks it's the priest Eli. This happens three times before he responds. It may take longer for some of us because we may not be opened to hear God's voice. Samuel responds to God because Eli helped him, he understood what was going on. Sometimes we need to journey with someone who can help us hear God speaking to us. Priests, deacons, religious brothers or sisters, may be sources of help. In the Albany Diocese we have people (ordained and lay) who have been certified as Spiritual Directors, they are wonderful resources to help in our spiritual journey. With Eli's help, Samuel is able to discern that God is calling him, Samuel is opened to God's call, and he responds.

In the gospel of John, we hear how a recognition of who Jesus is, is essential for ourselves being open to God's call. John the Baptist sees Jesus and recognizes him as the Lamb of God, then Andrew tells his brother Simon that they have seen the Messiah, the Christ. When Simon meets Jesus, Jesus gives him a new name "Cephas," Peter in English. Recognizing Jesus as fully human and fully divine opens us to respond to God as God calls us. Samuel, Eli, John the Baptist, Andrew, and Peter are examples of those who have answered God's call.

God is calling each of us to be the hands and feet of Jesus, here and now. This spiritual dimension of our being may be something we have not taken the time to foster. It does not need to be feared because it is our way to glorify God in our lives. There may be times when we have questions about our faith journey and how to go about it. If you ever desire to discover more of the spiritual dimension of yourself, please let me know. Our lives can be a continuous relationship of God's call and our response.

May the peace of Christ be with all of you.

Deacon Nick



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# OUR CHURCH

**ADORATION DATES FOR  
JANUARY 2024**

**JANUARY 12TH AND 26TH**



## A VISIT WITH ST. PAUL!

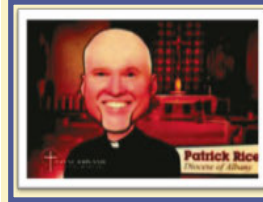
St. Jude the Apostle School is hosting "A Visit with St. Paul" on

***Monday, January 29, 2024, at 6:30 PM***

in the school gym. Glenn Smith portrays St. Paul, who speaks with visitors during his time under house arrest. Mark your calendars and plan to visit with St. Paul!



This event, we are asking for a free will offering. Thank you!



**ASK FR. PAT...**

**What is Ordinary Time?**

Christmas Time and Easter Time highlight the central mysteries of the Paschal Mystery, namely, the incarnation, death on the cross, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time, on the other hand, take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ.

Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

## 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.

Suggested items needed are: *Canned vegetables, pasta, pasta sauce, toilet paper, laundry soap, feminine products.*



According to Web MD, a very informative website, researchers have found that having houseplants can reduce dust and mold in the home. Leaves and other plant parts act as natural filters to catch allergens and other airborne particles. Plants like peace lilies and violets seen to be great dust-trappers! Who knew?

Our Living with Loss Support Group will be meeting Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 3 pm at the Parish Office.

## **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



# OUR CHURCH CONTINUED

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St. Jude the Apostle Church and St. Michael the Archangel Social Justice Ministry

PLEASE HELP  
OUR  
VETERANS

## Veterans Hygiene Items Collection for the Albany Stratton VA Medical Center

January 20, 2024 through February 4, 2024

Please leave all items in the bin the back of church.



"Never was so much owed, by so many to so few" Winston Churchill  
Most needed items. Thank you for your amazing generosity!

### Clothing: (must be NEW)

- Men's sneakers and boots, sizes 9-12; Coats sizes 3XL to 5XL
- Men's boxers, briefs, undershirts all sizes
- Men and Women's sweat pants and sweat shirts, size M to XXXL's
- Women's panties and sports bras, all sizes
- Men's and Women's winter gloves, socks, hats

### Toiletries:

- Travel size packages of Q-tips and tissues
- Denture adhesive and Denture Cleaner and Dental Floss
- Nail clippers
- Full size stick deodorant, men and women
- Bar soap, and All in One body wash
- Dish soap
- Hand lotion
- Hand sanitizer or wipes
- Feminine hygiene items
- Disposable razors (triple or quad)
- Shaving Cream

### Miscellaneous:

- Gift cards Walmart, Price Chopper, Target, Hannaford, Shoprite
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- Donation Checks Payable to Stratton VA Medical Center
- Voluntary Services in memo line

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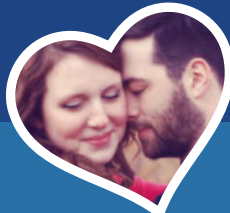
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