

St. Jude the Apostle Parish

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THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

September 8th

St. Jude the Apostle

St. Michael the Archangel

Saturday, September 14, 2024 Mass 4:00PM Fr. Joseph Cebula	Sunday, September 15, 2024 Mass 10:00AM Fr. Joseph Cebula	Saturday, September 14, 2024 Mass 5:30PM* Fr. Patrick Rice <i>*this time change is only for 9/14</i>	Sunday, September 15, 2024 Mass 8:30AM Fr. Joseph Cebula
Saturday, September 21, 2024 Mass 4:00PM Fr. Patrick Rice	Sunday, September 22, 2024 Mass 10:00AM Fr. Patrick Rice	Saturday, September 21, 2024 Mass 4:00PM Fr. James Donlon	Sunday, September 22, 2024 Mass 8:30AM Fr. Patrick Rice

Sanctuary Votive Light

For Our Priests, Deacons, Brothers, Religions and Lay Orders

St. Jude the Apostle Parishioners

Saturday, September 7th, 2024-4:00PM

Irene Mozesik, Nicole & Don Heckelman

Dave & Dorthea Castle, Children

Rosane Farcher, Husband

William Tymeson, Wife

Sunday, September 8th, 2024-10:00AM

John Perkinson, Wife

Joseph Frost, Mom, Dad, Matthew & Taye

John Ryan, St. Jude Knights of Columbus

Wednesday September 11th, 2024

For Vocations,

Parishioners of St. Jude the Apostle

Friday September 13th, 2024

For the Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Jude,

Fr. Patrick Rice

Saturday, September 14th, 2024-4:00PM

Margaret Whitmore, Family

Jerri Richards, Husband

Rosane Farcher, Husband

Sunday, September 15th, 2024-10:00AM

John Perkinson, Wife

**Albany NY Chapter of Magnificat
(a Ministry to Catholic Women)
is hosting a Women's Day of Reflection
on Sat., Sept. 14, from 10am-2:30pm
at the Sisters of the Resurrection
Provincial House, 35 Boltwood Ave., Castleton.**

Check-in at 9:30am in the Chapel.

The Day will include Mass, Adoration,
Rosary, Confession, Divine Mercy Chaplet,
Praise & Worship, lunch

(bring a bag lunch & beverages),

and talks by Fr. Daniel McHale
and Fr. Thomas Fallati.

The theme is: "Surrender to the Divine Will."

Cost: Free-will Donation –

RSVP by Fri., Sept. 6. Seating is limited!

To register: email: albanyMagnificat@gmail.com,

include your name, phone # and parish.

Questions, call Kathleen: 518-930-8380 or

visit: www.magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/ny-albany;
or www.facebook.com/albanyMagnificat.

KLOVE Artist Jordan St. Cyr

will perform at:

St. Matthew's Church,

25 Mountainview Street, Voorheesville,

on September 24th.

Doors open at 5:30pm, with a meet & greet at 6pm.

The concert begins at 7pm.

This will be an evening of praise, worship & fellowship.

All-inclusive tickets are \$25.00,

which includes a meet and greet

with complimentary refreshments and concert!

Please go to the ticket link:

<http://www.itickets.com/events/478868.html>

**The Alzheimer's Association
of Northeastern New York**

**will host a FREE comprehensive
caregiver conference on
Wed., Sept. 18, from 9:45am to 3pm
at the Terrace Waters Edge, 12 Freemans Bridge Rd.**

Participants will have the opportunity to explore important subjects like being aware of dementia and Alzheimer's disease, talking clearly, reacting to behaviors associated with dementia, working with your physician, and choosing a care environment. Engage in workshops, panel discussions, and informative sessions designed to equip caregivers with valuable knowledge and support. Don't miss this opportunity to connect, learn, and empower yourself as a caregiver. Lunch will be provided.

RSVP by Sept. 12 at: bit.ly/SchenectadyCaregiverConferenceor
or call: 518-675-7201.

**The 2024 Schenectady Walk to End Alzheimer's
will be held on Sat., Oct. 5th at Mohawk Harbor.**

For more information and to register, call: 518-675-7193
or visit <https://rb.gy/hy5cbo>

**The Alzheimer's Association
24/7 Helpline: 1-800-272-3900**

is a free service offering support for people living with dementia, caregivers, families and the public.

Connect with a live person who can provide information, local resources, crisis assistance and emotional support.

Called to Serve Family Sunday
Prayer ♥ Service ♥ Fellowship
Join us for an afternoon dedicated to kindness!
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Kindness Matters
Save the Date
November 3, 2024
2:00PM
Our Lady Queen of Peace
Rotterdam, NY
Registration is required and
opens September 9th at
worksofmercyschdy.org
Contact
worksofmercyschdy@live.com
or at 518-347-0871
Works of Mercy Initiative

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He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!"—And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. Mark 7:33–35

One interesting point in this story is that the people who brought this deaf and mute man to Jesus begged Him to "lay his hand on him" so as to heal him. But what did Jesus do? Instead, He took the man away from the crowd, put His divine finger into the man's ears, touched the man's tongue with His own sacred saliva and the man was cured. At first, the act of putting your finger into someone else's ear and touching their tongue with your own saliva may seem repulsive. Normally it would be. To understand these two actions, we must understand the symbolism.

The image of a finger is used a number of times in the Scriptures to refer to God's power. In the Book of Exodus after said that this was clearly done "by the finger of God" (Exodus 8:19). On the mountain when Moses received the Ten Commandments we know that it was also God's finger that wrote them (Exodus 31:18). In the book of Daniel, a finger appeared on a wall (Daniel 5:5). In the New Testament, Jesus healed this man's hearing with His power of God and an action of the Holy Spirit. Thus, by using His sacred finger to vealing that He fully exercised the power of God Holy Spirit and the Father.



The image of saliva is also interesting. Perhaps you have noticed that when an animal has a wound it often licks that wound. This is a natural instinct but also one that makes sense. Saliva has a certain medicinal power of healing. It contains antibacterial agents. Therefore, since normal saliva can help heal a wound, Jesus's saliva is able to heal in a supernatural way. Recall, also, that Jesus healed a blind man by spitting on the ground and then smearing the mud on his eyes (John 9:6).

Did Jesus need to use His finger and His saliva to heal this man? Certainly not. He could have done it with a mere thought. But He chose to use His body as an instrument of His healing power. Doing so reveals to us that Jesus' humanity became the source of unity between God and man. Even His finger and His saliva unite us to God. Everything about the Son of God in His human form dispensed grace, healing and mercy. Even that which may, at first, seem most repulsive.

Though there is much we can take from this passage, one thing that should not be missed is that if Jesus chose to use His finger and even his saliva to dispense His power, so, also, He desires to continue using the members of His Body to distribute His grace. By Baptism, you are a member of Christ's Body, the Church. You are His hands and feet, His eyes and voice, His heart and finger, and even His saliva. That last thought is very humbling. But if Jesus can use His saliva for healing, He can use you. If we can humbly understand that, then we will be better disposed to become an instrument of His divine mercy to those who need it. God is able to use us NOT because we are worthy of being used. Rather, He can use us because He has chosen to do so, even in our most humble state.

Reflect, today, upon the image of Jesus healing this deaf and mute man. If you ever feel as though God cannot use you, call to mind the way in which our Lord worked this miracle. If God can use His finger and His saliva, He certainly can use you, no matter how unworthy or sinful you may be. This miracle shows us that God can use all things for His glory for the simple reason that He is God. Humble yourself and offer yourself to God to use you as He wills. Doing so will give God the opportunity to manifest His almighty power through you.

My healing Lord, when You took on human form, You united divinity with humanity. Through Your sacred humanity, You poured forth Your grace and mercy and continue to do so today. Please use me, dear Lord, as an instrument of Your grace. May I always humbly see myself as Your unworthy instrument, whom You choose to use despite my unworthiness. Jesus, I trust in You.



Diocesan Women's Conference

Where: St. Edward the Confessor in Clifton Park

When: Saturday, October 19, 2024

Time: Check-in at 8:00 AM; Event runs from 9 AM to 3:30 PM

**Speakers: Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger and Laura Phelps
(National Catholic Speaker, Author, Walking with Purpose Content Creation Manager, and Podcaster)**

Conference includes: Three Presentations, Adoration, Reconciliation, Rosary, Mass, lunch, and beverages.

Register: www.rcda.org/UnleashingLove

LIVING WITH LOSS

Our Living with Loss Group will resume sessions on Thursday, September 19 at 3 pm at the Parish Center. Anyone who is navigating thru their grief journey is invited to attend. No RSVP is necessary.

**Join Albany NPM for:
 "Singing the Liturgy, Renewing the Call"
 a conference for everyone involved
 in the sung liturgy at their parish!**

Have you heard about national conventions, but wished they were held locally? This opportunity will be held **September 26-28 at St. Edward's Church in Clifton Park**. All Choir Members, ministry folks, and parishioners are welcome!

Join Fr. Ricky Manalo, national speaker, and composer for three keynote sessions, 12 breakout sessions with local and national guests, two music reading sessions from OCP and GIA Publications, a special Taize Prayer and a 30th Anniversary Concert! An event **NOT TO BE MISSED!**

For more & to register, please visit: www.albanynpm.com.

We are seeking donations of baby flannel material to make receiving blankets to support Glory House - an important Ministry that supports and sustains pregnant women ages 18-25. If you have baby flannel to donate, please drop it off at the St. Michael's Parish Office or contact Phyllis Mescia at 518-244-3412 or pmescia@nycap.rr.com. Thank you!



Attention parents of school age children- the first day of school will be here before you know it. Now is a great time to check with your child's pediatrician to see if they are in need of vaccinations before starting back to school. Sending in documentation to the school nurse ahead of time saves everyone a lot of time and effort!

School Bus Traffic will be beginning shortly! **PLEASE** remember to STOP when those bus red lights are flashing. PAY attention EVERY time you see a bus approaching- especially watch the kids who may Not be paying attention. Too often we hear about or actually see cars passing a bus who is loading or discharging kids. STAY ALERT!



**52nd ANNUAL
 DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE**

with Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger

will be held

Sunday, September 29th

3 PM Liturgy with Reception

at

Christ Our Light Catholic Church

1 Maria Drive, Loudonville, New York



Questions can be directed to:

518-453-6660

MarriageJubilee@rcda.org

Sponsored by the Office for Discipleship Formation

**September
 Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows**

O most Holy Mother, Queen of Sorrows, who followed your beloved Son through all the Way of the Cross, and whose heart was pierced with a fresh sword of grief at all the stations of that most sorrowful journey, obtain for us, we beseech you, O most loving Mother, a perpetual remembrance of our Blessed Savior's Cross

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.



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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