

St. Jude the Apostle Parish

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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.” - Mk 9:37

St. Jude the Apostle

- On Saturdays for the month of September, Reverend James Donlon
- On Sundays for the month of September Reverend Timothy Ennis, O’Carm

St. Michael the Archangel

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Sanctuary Votive Light

For the Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Jude the Apostle Church

Saturday, September 21st, 2024-4:00PM

Nancy Hannigan, Husband
Fran & George Geiger,
Mary Ellen Hart & Pat Schaeffer
Rosana Farcher, Husband

Sunday, September 22nd, 2024-10:00AM

Carol Maple, Family
John Perkinson, Wife
Tina Demczar, Ann & Bob Kowalczyk
James R. Romano, Michael & Kris Hoffey

Wednesday September 25th, 2024

Jody Rogers Alcots, Jack & Maureen Rogers

Friday September 27th, 2024

For Vocations,
Parishioners of St. Jude the Apostle

Saturday, September 28th, 2024-4:00PM

Colleen Williams, McCarthy Family
Philomena Moscatiello, Family
Rosana Farcher, Husband

Sunday, September 29th, 2024-10:00AM

John Perkinson, Wife
Tina Demczar, Ellen Dunn
Don LaPointe, Wife

St Jude the Apostle School

Student Sponsorship Registration Form

Sponsor by 10/31/2024

ST. JUDE
THE APOSTLE
SCHOOL
Wynantskill, NY

I would like to sponsor a St Jude the Apostle student for the upcoming 2024/2025 School year, and help that student receive a catholic education.

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Name on Credit Card _____

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Exp. Date: _____

_____ I wish to pay by check and will make check payable to "St Jude the Apostle School" _____ \$500 in full _____ \$50 per month for 10 months

(If you wish to pay by check, please send your check to:
St Jude the Apostle School, Attn: Student Sponsorship,
42 Dana Ave Wynantskill, NY 12198)

Sponsoring annual by credit card or check or allowing us to set up recurring monthly payments by credit card is a great help to us as we don't have a monthly billing reminder system. You may also visit <https://factsmgtadmin.com/give/appeal/bM8fQPuve> to sign up online.

Name: _____

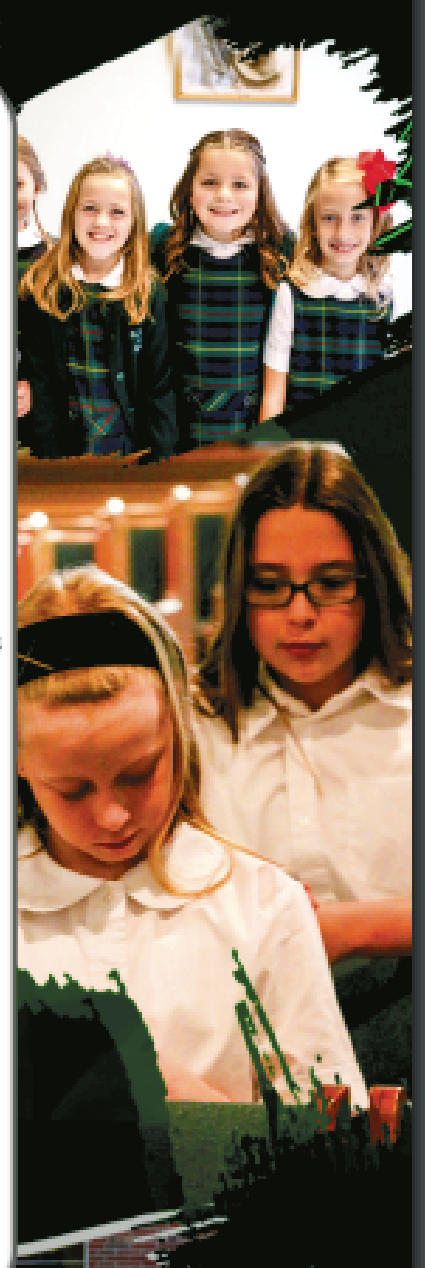
Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Grade level student you prefer (we offer grades pre-k - 5):

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Diehl at the School Office mdiehl@stjudetheapostleschool.org or **518-283-0333**.



UPON SUBMITTING YOUR SPONSORSHIP REGISTRATION,

we will pair you with a student from our school. If you prefer a student of a particular age please indicate in the space above. Your sponsorship goes directly to St Jude the Apostle School and is symbolized by the student you are sponsoring. Sometimes students leave our school because (1) they move away (2) chooses to transfer to another school (3) graduates and moves on.

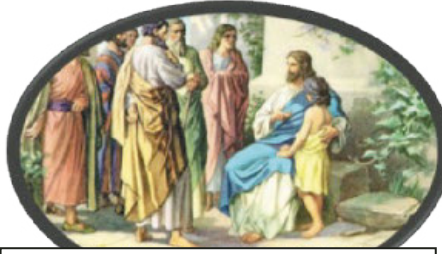




GOSPEL REFLECTION

They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, He began to ask them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Mark 9:33–34

One of the desires that we all have is to be great. This desire is manifested in competition in business and politics, in school, artistic endeavors, and hobbies and talents so as to excel. The problem is now disordered to a certain degree. The desire we have for greatness can become an obsession when we fail, a source of jealousy that leads us to pursue empty and fleeting



WHO IS THE GREATEST?

for greatness. This is a good and natural desire. It becomes problematic in sports and games. It drives us to do better in life, such as in school, working hard to perfect various skills and talents. The problem is that every good and natural desire we have to a certain degree because of original sin. As a result, it can become an obsession, a cause of discouragement when others appear to do better, and can lead to empty goals in life.

Even within the life of faith, we can be affected by both the natural desire for greatness and the fallenness of that desire. The natural desire for greatness, when mingled with faith, will lead us to the desire to be a saint and to do great things for the Kingdom of God. But as a fallen natural quality, we can also fall into the trap of seeing ourselves in competition with others within the Church, and we can become jealous of those who appear to be holy and who are recognized for their good work for Christ.

Just prior to the passage quoted above in which the disciples were discovered to have been arguing among themselves about who was the greatest, Jesus predicted to them, for the second time, that He would suffer and die. Recall that after the first prediction of His passion, Jesus took Peter, James and John up a high mountain and was transfigured before them. Perhaps some of the other disciples became jealous of this apparent special treatment. Then, after Jesus predicted His passion to them for the second time, they might have wondered if some of them would likewise share in a similar experience as the Transfiguration.

Regardless of what motivated the disciples to argue among themselves about who was the greatest, the fact remains that they did so. This was not the result of a holy and purified desire. It was the result of a good desire for greatness that became distorted and turned into an unholy competition based on jealousy and selfishness.

In Heaven, we will all know who is the greatest. Interestingly, the Scriptures, the official Church teachings, and many of the saints reveal to us that there will be levels of glory in Heaven. This is why Jesus said elsewhere, “Store up treasure in Heaven” (Matthew 6:20). In Heaven, each of us will be perfectly happy. But each of us will also share in God’s glory in varying degrees, based upon the merit of our charity on earth. The classic example of this is that if every soul is like a glass of water in Heaven, then every glass will be full. But some glasses will be larger than others and will be able to contain more water (glory). For this reason, we must remember that the natural desire for greatness is good, but it must be properly ordered by grace. That desire must not become as it was among the disciples who saw each other as competitors. Instead, it must be directed to the deepest desire for holiness and charity. In Heaven, we will all be in awe of those holy souls who are filled with the greatest depths of glory forever. Most likely, they will be widely unknown on earth, but loved and admired in Heaven for the greatness of their holiness.

Reflect, today, upon the desire within your own soul for greatness. Pray that this desire will not fall into selfishness or lead you to see others as competitors. Instead, pray that your desire for greatness will lead you to holiness so that you will be able to store up for yourself the most abundant treasures in Heaven and radiate that glory forever.

Most glorious Lord, You are Greatness Itself. You are our eternal glory. I thank You for the natural desire for greatness that has been instilled within my soul. Please purify that desire, and help me to direct it toward holiness so that I will be able to store up in Heaven the many treasures You wish to bestow. Jesus, I trust in You.

WELCOME

Welcome to Reverend Timothy Ennis, O’Carm and Mrs. Kelly Hession to the faith community of St. Jude the Apostle Church! We look forward to meeting you and getting to know you. You will be continuously in our prayers.

RESPECT LIFE ROSARY RECCITATION

Recitation of the Rosary, sponsored by the Respect Life Committee will return the last weekend of each month at 3:30 pm on Saturday, September 28 and at 9:30 am on Sept. 29.



Did you know American eat about 90 bananas a year, which is more than apples or oranges? Bananas are often referred to as a "superfood"-full of vitamins and minerals, especially potassium. Bananas are available to us year-round-fresh apples and oranges are often plentiful at certain times of the year. Storage can be difficult, but bananas do not ripen in cool, dark places-good to know-many if us do not like the taste of over ripe bananas. They pack easily for lunches and are ready to eat for those with tight schedules! Try one-and enjoy! They are good for you!



St. Jude the Apostle ~ Adult Choir

St. Jude's Adult Choir is looking for new members. Please consider joining us. We are a faith-filled group who provide music for our liturgical celebrations.

"Music ministry is more time consuming than most other liturgical ministries. Alternatively, music ministry often has a stronger sense of community than other ministries because we meet so regularly....."



Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad
You Did!

Music ministry provides beauty, joy, comfort, inspiration, and musical prayer for our communal liturgies and various parish celebrations. This is possible due to the generous sharing of time and talent of diverse and committed members. If you can carry a tune and want to learn, come and sing with us." If you would like more information, please see Debbie Moore in the choir loft.

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!



LET US KEEP REVEREND PATRICK RICE IN OUR PRAYERS

After prayerful consideration, Fr. Patrick Rice has decided to take a medical leave commencing on September 11th from the pastorate of St. Michael the Archangel and St. Jude the Apostle. Any outreach or communication regarding Fr. Pat should be directed to the Chancery Office at the Pastoral Center. Let us all keep Fr. Patrick Rice in our prayers in this time of transition.

ADDRESS: Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, New York 12203
c/o Reverend Donald Rutherford, Vicar for Clergy

FAITH FORMATION

We are two weeks away from the start of Faith Formation classes which will begin on Sunday, September 29th at St. Michael's Parish.

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY REGISTERED, PLEASE DO SO AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE!!

Grades K-6 will meet weekly from 9:30-10:30 am, and grades 7-10 will meet twice a month from 10:45-12:15. Registration forms are available in the Gathering Area. If you would like an electronic copy, please email ffstmichaels@gmail.com.

If you would like to join our Faith Formation team as a Substitute Catechist, please email JoAnn Taylor at ffstmichaels@gmail.com.



Faith 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 .



Diocesan Women's Conference

Where: St. Edward the Confessor in Clifton Park

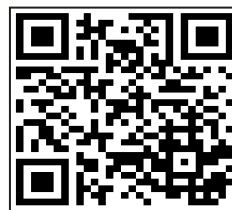
When: Saturday, October 19, 2024

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



FLU AND COVID VACCINES

Now is the time to think about getting your Flu and Covid Vaccines to be prepared for winter. Of course, the choice is yours, but those folks over 65, immunocompromised or who have a chronic illness may want to think about the importance on NOT getting the illness due to their individual health needs and getting the vaccines instead. As always, contact your care provider if you have specific questions. Both vaccines are now available at local pharmacies.

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