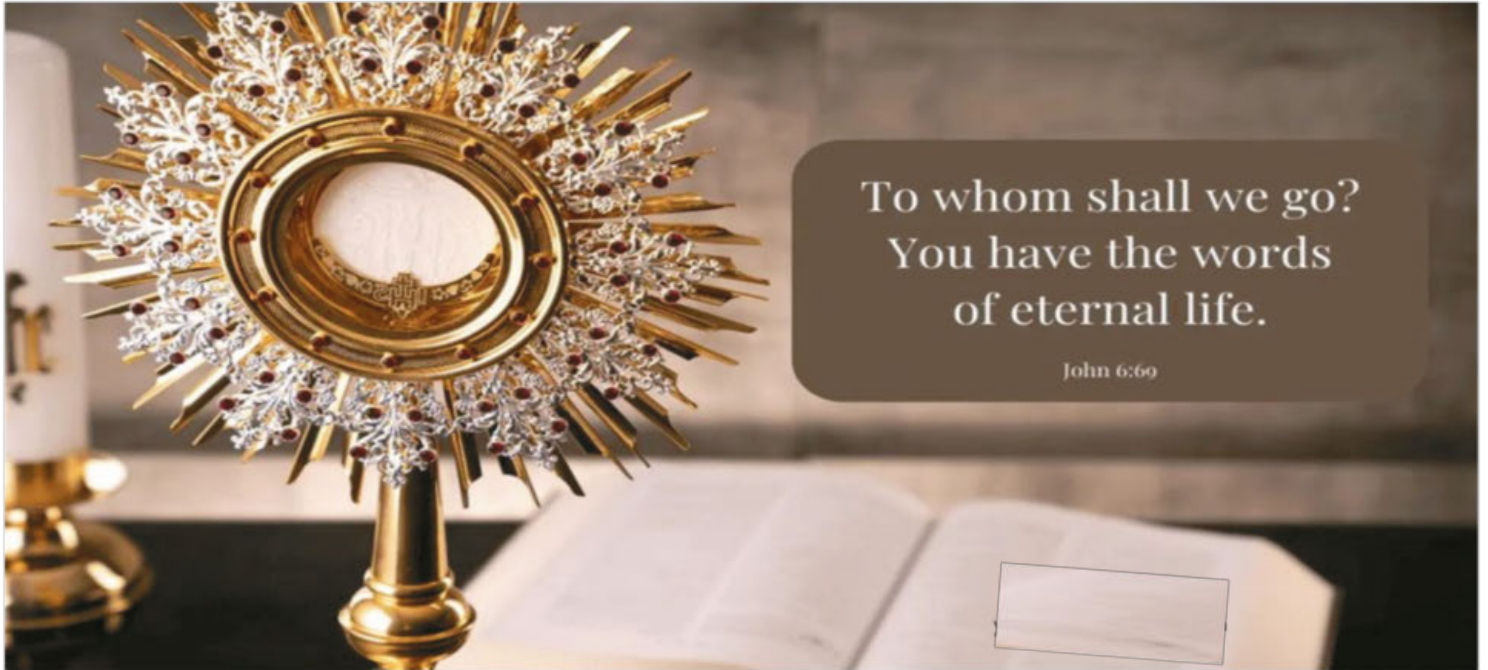


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To whom shall we go?
You have the words
of eternal life.

John 6:69

St. Jude the Apostle		St. Michael the Archangel	
Saturday, August 31, 2024 Mass 4:00PM Fr. Joseph Cebula	Sunday, September 1, 2024 Mass 10:00AM Fr. Patrick Rice	Saturday, August 31, 2024 Mass 4:00PM Fr. Patrick Rice	Sunday, September 1, 2024 Mass 8:30AM Fr. Patrick Rice
Saturday, September 7, 2024 Mass 4:00PM Fr. Patrick Rice	Sunday, September 8, 2024 Mass 10:00AM Fr. Patrick Rice	Saturday, September 7, 2024 Mass 4:00PM Fr. James Donlon	Sunday, September 8, 2024 Mass 8:30AM Fr. Patrick Rice

Sanctuary Votive Light

For All Living and Deceased Parishioners of
St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Community

Saturday, August 24, 2024 - 4:00PM

Fran & George Geiger, *Mary Ellen Hunt*
Rosane Farcher, *Husband*

Sunday, August 25, 2024 - 10:00AM

John Perkinson, *Wife*
Jennifer Schroeder, *Samantha Schroeder*
Virginia & Patrick Merola, *Children*
Nicholas John Castle, *Family*

Wednesday August 28, 2024

For All Living and Deceased Parishioners of St.
Jude the Apostle Catholic Community

Friday August 30, 2024

For All Living and Deceased Parishioners of
St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Community

Saturday, August 31, 2024-4:00PM

Walter & Margaret Grace, *Maryann Grace*
Jerri Richards, *Husband*
Rosane Farcher, *Husband*
William H. Tymeson Jr. *Family*

Sunday, September 1, 2024-10:00AM

Ronnie Benson, *Wife*
John Perkinson, *Wife*

ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

St. Jude the Apostle School Has a New Pre-K Playground!

Last winter our school & parish community raised all of the funds needed to purchase a brand new pre-k playground for our 3 and 4 year old students through the A Knight Out Event! Installation is now complete and the playground will be open for the students to explore and play on at our Back to School Tailgate Party on August 29th.

Thank you to all of the parent and family volunteers that constructed the playground. Without them, a new playground would not have been possible this year! Also thank you to:

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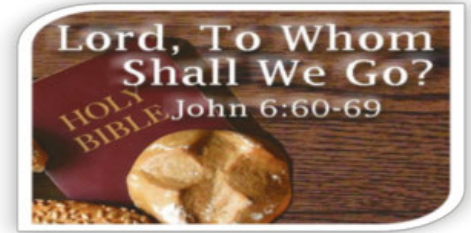
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Jesus then said to the Twelve, “Do you also want to leave?” Simon Peter answered him, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.” John 6:67–69



These words of Saint Peter present us with the conviction we must have when fidelity to the will of God becomes difficult. God is demanding. He wants everything from us. We will only obtain Heaven once we surrender everything over to the will of the Father and believe all that He has revealed. If we fail to do so before we die, we will need to be purified in Purgatory. There is no way around this. God is a demanding God to the greatest extent possible.

The truth is that this is all good. It is good that God demands complete submission to His perfect will and teaching because these are exactly what is best for us. From time to time, because of our weak and fallen human nature, we can perceive God’s will as too demanding and His teaching as too difficult. Do I really have to forgive everyone completely? Do I really have to lay my life down without reserve? Do I really have to keep the Commandments to perfection? Do I really have to be perfect as the Father in Heaven is perfect? Yes. But as we try to do so, we will experience many temptations to give up, thinking that God’s will is too hard.

Today’s Gospel comes at the end of the beautiful Bread of Life Discourse in which our Lord taught clearly, “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.” At the beginning of today’s Gospel, upon listening to Jesus’ new teaching, many of His disciples murmured among themselves saying, “This saying is hard; who can accept it?” This teaching of Jesus is “hard” in the sense that it requires a profound faith to understand completely. But just because something is hard to accept does not mean that we should not accept it.

Peter’s statement quoted above gives us the words we should say whenever we find God’s will or His teaching difficult to accept. When that happens, we must hear Jesus ask the same question He asked the Twelve: “Do you also want to leave?” Jesus will not try to manipulate us. He will not back down when He sees we are struggling. He will not lessen the requirement of being His faithful follower. Instead, He will give us the freedom to either believe or leave. And when we feel like leaving, we should always remember Peter’s words, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.”

Peter’s statement says all we need to know in the face of any interior conflict of faith. Sure, we could leave our Lord and do our own thing. But where would we go? To embrace the passing pleasures of the world? To what end? If we believe and are convinced that Jesus is the Holy One of God, then no matter how hard, no matter how demanding, no matter how difficult, we must embrace fidelity to God in all things. That act of fidelity, especially when we struggle with some interior conflict, is the key to unlocking the transforming power of God in our lives.

Reflect, today, upon any ways that you have felt God’s will or any of His revealed truths to be difficult and demanding. When you face such an interior challenge, what do you do? If your response is to turn from God and become lax in fidelity to Him, then reflect upon Peter’s words to Jesus. Make those words your prayer, and let that prayer strengthen your conviction to become an unwavering and faithful follower of God.

My demanding Lord, in Your great love and mercy You require everything of me. You ask me to give You my life in total surrender and service of Your perfect will. When I am weak, give me strength. When I doubt, give me faith. Help me, Lord, to always deepen my resolve and to follow You with complete fidelity. Jesus, I trust in You.

Rosary Altar Society



Our September Meeting will be held on
Sunday September 8, 2024 in the Parish Center. Time is set for 8:45 am
All Ladies are welcome!! Lets have a great year.
New Members are always Welcome!!

2024-2025 Executive Board
Co-Presidents: Johanna Flanigan & Mary Jacobs

Recording Secretary : Susan Zimmerman

Recording Secretary : Mary Anne Grago

Treasurer : Diane Clement

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Thank you to all who supported our **"Sleep In Heavenly Peace"** bed project last week. Through fundraising and your generous donations, we raised \$7,500 and were able to build 30 beds. Thank you also to parishioners, families, neighbors and friends who came out to help!

We also welcomed the support provided by the North Greenbush Kiwanis and Thrive Youth Ministry from Our Savior's Church in Colonie, along with **St Jude the Apostle Church** Over the past three years, we have raised \$21,750 to build 87 beds for children who do not have one. Thank you for embracing this ministry to make the world a better place-one bed at a time!



Thank you for your Sacrificial Giving to St. Jude the Apostle Parish.

Weekly Offertory :

\$ 2,506.00 (Offertory)

\$ 100.00 (E-Giving)

\$ 2,606.00 TOTAL

STEWARDSHIP



OUR YEAR-TO-DATE (7/1/24-6/30/24) is:

\$ 21,580.20 (Offertory)

\$ 4,043.75 (E-Giving)

\$ 25,623.95 TOTAL

To cover our expenses for the week,
We need \$4,808.00
We are UNDER (\$2,202.00)

Weekly offertory : the week of 8/15/24 — along with 8/18/24 which includes the offertory for Feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother

To cover our YTD we need \$33,656.00
We are UNDER budget (\$ 8,032.05)



Living with Loss

Our next Living with Loss Support Group will be meeting on Wednesday, September 19 at 3 pm at the Parish Office. Anyone struggling with loss is invited to attend.

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:

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Communion for the Homebound We need your help!

We are continuing to receive requests for communion to be brought to our parishioners at home and we need your help! Visitation to the homebound and bringing them the Eucharist is a very rewarding ministry. Please notify the Parish Office if you can help. Visitation does NOT have to occur on the week-ends. Training is available if needed.

Reconciliation

Please note, there will not be any Reconciliation on Saturdays at St. Jude 's Church during the month of August because Father Pat is saying the 4PM Saturday Mass at St. Michael's Church.



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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