

St. Jude the Apostle Parish

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Lord, as Advent begins, help me to put my eyes on You. Help me to open my ears to Your voice. And help me to open my heart to Your glorious presence. May I be attentive to You in every way You desire to come to me.

Sanctuary Votive Light

**For all the Parishioners of St. Jude the Apostle Church
living or deceased**

Saturday, November 30th, 2024-Mass 4:00PM

**Harold Cannon, *Anne & David Cannon*
Rosane Farcher, *Husband*
Dennis J. Carl, *Rose & Andy Galipeau*
Paula Karius, *Christine Patrick***

Sunday, December 1st, 2024-Mass 10:00AM

**Vincent Flanigan (8th Anniversary), *Family*
Ronnie Benson, *Wife*
Charles Murnighan, *Maeden Family*
Deceased Rosarians, *Rosary Altar Society***

Wednesday December 4th, 2024 –Mass 8:00AM

**For all Priests, Deacons and Religious of
the Albany Diocese**

Saturday, December 7th, 2024-Mass 4:00PM

**Mary Finelli
John Hardie, *Ann & David Cannon*
Kenneth McKeon (9th Anniversary), *Family*
Grace Forino, *Pat Palmer*
Rosane Farcher, *Husband***

Sunday, December 8th, 2024-Mass 10:00AM

**Joseph Frost, *Mom, Dad, Matthew & Tye*
Mary Finelli, *Family*
Kenneth McKeon (9th Anniversary), *Wife***



Faith Formation

We hope that you enjoyed our apple pies as much as we enjoyed making them!! We baked for two weekends and made over 75 pies. All proceeds will benefit our bed building project in August 2025! Thank you to Samascott Orchards and to the Boys/Girls Club for helping us with apple donations!

We are finishing up our Christmas pillows to send to patients at the Troy Center for Rehabilitation. We will send around 50 pillows to decorate the rooms at the Center. A special thank you to Sharon Close, Phyllis Mescia, MaryAnn Gibson and The Crafty Ladies for their help and support!

We are busy making our Snowmen gift for the children at the Boys'/Girls' Club. Thank you to the Faith Formation families and parishioners for their donations of gloves and boxed candy!



CRAFT FAIR

Many, many thanks to all who helped make the Craft Fair a success this year-whether you helped set up, take down, work the concession stand, sell tickets, make baked goods-all jobs were much appreciated. And the BEST News was that we sold ALL 250 Super Raffle tickets-thank you for your support to St. Jude the Apostle. Next year's Craft Fair will be November 8-Mark your calendars!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.” Luke 21:34–36

“That day.” These two words are spoken twice in the passage above. To which day is our Lord referring? Clearly, He is referring primarily to the day of our final judgment and is warning us to make sure we are prepared for it in case it were to come at an unexpected moment. So how do we prepare?

Animals have the natural gift of reproduce, how to gather food and God has implanted this knowledge they know what to do and what to



We, as humans, also have basic only sufficient to help us accomplish. Therefore, if we are to gain an even properly prepare ourselves spiritually, then we need more.

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The way we most properly prepare is through a special grace by which God reveals Himself and His will to our human reason. When that happens, we will know the best way to be fully prepared for “that day” the moment it comes. Perhaps one of the best ways to describe this ability is by describing it as a “supernatural instinct.” When our natural instincts become open to grace, and when the information on which we base our daily decisions in life comes to us by an ongoing and personal revelation from God through the infused gift of faith, then we will find that we simply know what to do and what to avoid. By analogy, just as a bird knows to fly south for the winter or a salmon knows to return to its place of birth to lay its eggs, so we will “know” within our spirit how to best serve the will of God and, thus, be most fully prepared for His imminent return. “Supernatural instinct” is nothing other than us allowing the grace of God to enter our lives so as to take control of everything we do and to lead us into the fulfillment of the perfect and glorious will of God. When that happens, we can be certain that we are perpetually prepared for all that comes and will never be caught by surprise like a trap.

Reflect, today, upon whether you are daily led by the knowledge of God’s will alive within you as a supernatural instinct. If this language seems foreign to you, then perhaps it is a time to ponder the question “Why?” Why aren’t you led by God’s grace through an ongoing gift of supernatural knowledge of His will? And if this language does resonate within you, then spend time pondering this gift and being grateful for the way that God has truly taken over your day-to-day life.

My revealing Lord, I pray that I will always know Your will and be led only by Your gentle but unmistakable promptings of grace. Please lead me, dear Lord, so that I will be perpetually prepared for Your glorious and final coming the moment it arrives. Jesus, I trust in You.



THE ADVENT WREATH

COME, *Lord Jesus!*



HOPE

Week 1

Candle Name: Prophet's Candle
Candle Symbolizes: Hope
Reminds Us: Jesus is coming

Verse: Romans 15:12-13

Prayer: O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.

Week 4

Candle Name: Angel's Candle
Candle Symbolizes: Peace
Reminds us: The message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

Verse: John 3:16-17

Prayer: O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.

PEACE



FAITH

Week 2

Candle Name: Bethlehem Candle
Candle Symbolizes: Faith
Reminds Us: Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem

Verse: Luke 3:4-6

Prayer: O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.

Week 3

Candle Name: Shepherd's Candle
Candle Symbolizes: Joy
Reminds Us: The Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus

Verse: Luke 2:7-15

Prayer: O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.

JOY

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ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

If you would like to volunteer to light the Advent wreath before any of our weekend masses during Advent, please contact Don & Nicole Heckelman. This is a great way to get your family involved in mass, and it's a nice way to celebrate a wedding, anniversary, milestone, or any other special family occasion.



LIVING WITH LOSS

Living with Loss Group will be meeting Thursday, December 12 at 3 pm at the Parish Center.



ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Our December Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 1st, 2024 at 8:45AM in the Parish Center. Annual donations for St Joseph's House in Troy are needed of hats, mittens, scarf for both men and women. Thank you for your generosity!



Tip Number 4 for stress relief-Cut out the toxic people in your life. People who are negative all the time simply drags you down with them. Tip Number 5-don't be afraid to find professional help to learn stress relief techniques. Life can be hard-see out those trained to help.

Knights of Columbus Advent Message, Meeting, Membership & Bottle Drive

Next Meeting is Monday Dec 2 at 6pm in the parish office.

St Judes Knights of Columbus wishes everyone a blessed Advent. Please remember to Keep Christ in Christmas and find the love, peace, and beauty of the season.

St Judes Knights are raffling off a 50" ROKU TV. Just \$10 per ticket and only 100 tickets will be sold. Drawing will be held 1 week before Super Bowl Sunday. Text or call Joe at 286-1132 for a ticket or see any one of the Knights after mass.

Calling all men! Together we can make a difference. St Judes Knights of Columbus welcomes new members. It is now easier than ever with a new online registration at KofC.org/JoinUs. Just enter your info, use the promo code 'Blessed McGiveney', enter 12637 and 'St Jude the Apostle' as the Council #/Name, and 3627452 as the referring member #. Be sure to watch for and respond to the confirmation email.

Please consider donating your empty bottles to the KOC. It's easy, saves time, and directly supports our Coats for Kids program. All you have to do is bring your empty bottles to the Wynantskill 6 Cent Redemption Center on the corner of Main Ave and Sharpe Rd and say that they are for the St Jude the Apostle Knights of Columbus men's club. They will sort and count the bottles. Last year we received over \$1,000 from the bottles. Thank you for your support!



Sacraments Available PARISH OFFICE (518) 283-1162



BAPTISM
Please call the Parish Office



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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