† 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 21, 2024

St. Jude the Apostle Parish

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BY HIS WOUND WE ARE HEALED.

Sanctuary Votive Light: Ken Burton, Family

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 Mary & George Herrington, Diane Clement

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

Antonio Iannacito, Angela Dunning Ken Burton, Family Frank Giuliano, Hayes Family Carole Miorin Nichols, Family Bill Petterson, Bill & Elaine Cronin Wednesday, January 24th, 2024 8AM Robert & Joan Jackson, *TJ & Jan Jackson*

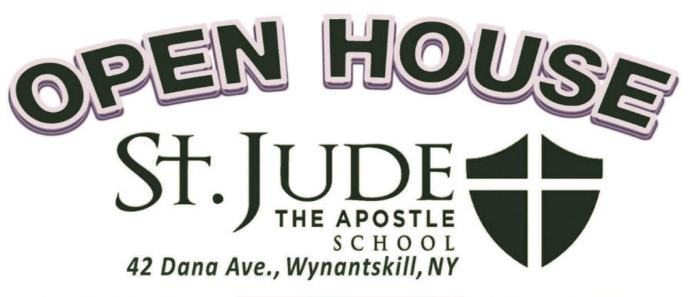
Friday, January 26th, 2024 - 8AM Robert & Anne Passono, *TJ & Jan Jackson*

Saturday, January 27th, 2024-4:00pm Donald Heckelman, Don & Nicole Heckelman Albert Mozjesik, Don & Nicole Heckelman Frank Giuliano, Bill & Carol Dedrick

Sunday, January 28th, 2024-10:00am Frank Giuliano, *Reynolds Family* Joan Prock 80th Birthday, *Sister, Betty*



<u> 37. JUDE THE APOSTLE SCHOOL</u>





GOD'S TEACHINGS

Small Class SizeDedicated & Caring FacultySupportive & InclusiveIndividualized Instruction

St. Jude The Apostle School, Your Child **Deserves** The Best

Sunday, Jan. 28 ~ 10am-1pm

Log on & Schedule Your Tour Today

https://go.stjudetheapostleschool.org/open-house



Congratulations Brenda Vermilya!!!!

UDE THE APOSTLE

he St. Jude the Apostle School Community is excited to share that our school nurse, Mrs. Brenda Vermilya, has been selected by the Albany Diocesan School Board as the recipient of the St. Thomas Aquinas Distinguished School Staff Award for 2024!!!! This award is presented every year during Catholic Schools Week to honor a school staff member who goes above and beyond the call of duty in his/her role. This dedication is demonstrated in daily activities which support the school's mission and community. Nominations were submitted by Mrs. Hoffay, Fr. Pat and two school families that work very closely with Brenda daily to monitor their child's diabetes. Brenda Vermilya is an extremely dedicated and humble professional that ALWAYS goes above and beyond her contracted nursing duties to ensure that every child, family member and staff member are cared for, healthy and safe. We are thankful and blessed to have her as part of our school family! Congratulations Nurse Brenda!







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January Sessions: 1/21 February: 2/4, 2/11 - Winter break NO CLASS

Changes to class times begin in December. 7 & 8 meet at 8:30-9:15, 9 & 10 grades meet at 9:15-10.

Teen Pathways is a Youth Ministry program grades 7-10th for St. Jude the Apostle Parish. Teens wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation must be involved in the program for a minimum of 2 years in Grades 9th & 10th

Any questions- please contact Paul Moore, St. Jude Youth Minister Grades 7-10. <u>moorep285@gmail.com</u>



We've been on our way to a great year! Teen Pathways

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/



Respect Life

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 13th through January 28th Thank you for your generosity!



Those FAMOUS Girl Scout cookies are coming back! The Girl Scouts will have a booth available at St. Jude on February 16-18!



GOSPEL REFLECTION PAGE 5

In this week's scripture readings, we have a message to remember about Jesus calling of his disciples. In the eyes of God, every person has immense worth, no matter how sinful or lost we might think. God wills that all will come to repent and be saved and although He may use us, we are not the ones who make that happen. It happens only through His grace.

That is the lesson of our first prophesy to the Ninevites so evil ways an avoid destruconly as enemies who were so deserve mercy from God. So, from God's calling by boardthe opposite direction.

Consequently, he wound up and everyone with him and the others. Finally, he called and God rescued him in a swallowed up in the belly of to the mission that God had



reading. God called Jonah to that they might turn from their tion. However, Jonah saw them evil that he thought they did not Jonah decided to try to run away ing a ship and traveling off in

bringing a tempest upon himself he was thrown overboard by all out to God as he was perishing, very unpleasant way. Jonah was a fish, only to be returned back waiting for him.

So, this time, begrudgingly he went to the city of Nineveh andas he reluctantly prophesied to the people. The huge city of evildoers was moved to repentance after only one day of prophecy. God's plan to save even the most sinful of people would not be foiled by Jonah's lack of compassion. Jonah ironically was the only one who did not come to a change of heart that day, he remained with the same attitude of defiance that he had from the beginning. In the end, it was he who could not see the depth of mercy that God wills to offer everyone.

Unlike Jonah, the disciples in today's Gospel respond immediately and without reservation to the calling of Jesus. It was that wholehearted response which gradually opened their eyes to be able to see the reign of God breaking in through Jesus. Their willingness to leave everything behind and embrace God's will shows us the key to following Jesus. We receive the blessing that comes with having our eyes opened to recognize our Lord. Jonah never experienced that kind of peace because he never set aside his will and embraced God's. Blessed are we who remember that all it took was a handful of ordinary people who opened their hearts to be used by Jesus to establish His church in the world. That is God's plan to reach out and call every person to 'repent' and to trust in His mercy. That is the purpose of everyone's calling, to become 'fishers of men' and to share God's mission to save all people. So, as we respond to the call of Jesus, let it be with a new resolve to turn each day from our own will so that His will may be done through us.

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JANUARY 26TH



A VISIT WITH ST. PAUL!

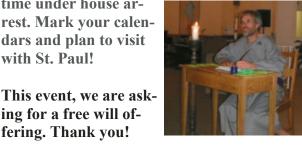
St. Jude the Apostle School is hosting "A Visit with St. Paul" on Monday, January 29, 2024, at 6:30 PM

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!

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fering. Thank you!





January is National Glaucoma Month. Glaucoma causes gradual damage to the optic nerve which if goes untreated, can cause blindness. There are many types of glaucoma, the most common type causes increasing pressure in the eye with eventual damage to the optic nerve. The good news is there are many treatment options such as eye drops or laser treatment. Many times, symptoms such as hypertension are ignored. Glaucoma is diagnosed by a professional eye exam and as in many medical conditions, early diagnosis is key for successful treatment.

ASK FR. PAT... What is the History of Adoration?

The lay practice of adoration formally began in Avignon, France on September 11,

1226. To celebrate and give thanks for the victory over the Albigensians, King Louis VII of France asked the Bishop of Avignon to have the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the Chapel of the Holy Cross. The throng of adorers was so great that the bishop decided to have the adoration continue day and night. During the Middle Ages, many more of the faithful began to adore the Blessed Sacrament apart from the Mass. At first, the custom was to worship the host reserved in the tabernacle. Eventually, some came to practice the devotion with the tabernacle doors open. Later still, solemn exposition of the host, in a monstrance, became the norm.

The practice spread through Europe and culminated in the establishment of the Feast of Corpus Christi-Latin for "the Body of Christ"-in 1264. The feast itself, now celebrated each June, helped spread the devotion.

It was not until after the Council of Trent, however, that perpetual adoration began to develop on a worldwide scale. During the Protestant Reformation, church lootings were common, as were desecrations of the Blessed Sacrament. Faithful Catholics made reparation to God by keeping a loving vigil before Him, around the clock. Perpetual adoration became a symbol of constancy in a volatile age.

Throughout Europe and eventually America, new religious orders arose centered on uninterrupted Eucharistic adoration. In 1907, the Catholic Encyclopedia could state that such orders were too numerous to list. In the years following the Second Vatican Council, the devotion began to wane, only to rise again in popularity with the encouragement of Pope John Paul II. At 128 years and counting, the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration have the oldest Adoration program in the United States.



DOORS OF HOPE

This is our local food pantry that aids our community members. The needs of those wo 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.

Pancake mix, syrup, cereal, canned pasta, meat meals, shampoo, bar soap, and feminine products.



XNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & MORE

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HELP SUPPORT LOCAL CHARITIES

St. Jude the Apostle Knights of Columbus teamed up with 6 Center Redemption located at 461 Main Avenue in Wynantskill to accept bottle and can donations that have a NYS deposit.

This is to support local charities and those in need.

Bring your clean, NYS deposit bottles & cans to 6 Center Redemption in Wynantskill.

> Say they are to support the St. Jude Knights of Columbus.

> > They do the rest, that's it!

Thank you for your support!



THANK YOU

We want to thank Tim Hoffay of Hoffay's Tree Farm in Poestenkill for his donation of our Beautiful Christmas Trees this year and last year. Thank – you Tim. Please consider showing your support by patronizing his business for your next Christmas Tree.



SMALL LENTEN GROUPS

Lent is soon approaching and if you are interested in starting a small group. We would suggest 6 to 8 maximum group sizes to get together and discuss Lenten scripture. You can meet at someone's home or possibly schedule a meeting room at the parish center when the office is open. There will be a sign - up sheet on the bulletin board in the back of the church if anyone is interested in starting a small group. The contact person to get information on the Lenten scripture readings will be Eva Fitzgerald (518) 326-3003 this is a landline phone with an answering machine not a cell phone so it will not accept texts, her email is: evafitz58@gmail.com

EASTER MEMORIAL CROSSES

The Forms for the Easter Crosses are at each of the entrances of the church. If you have done a cross in the past please indicate this on the bottom of the form stating "PREVIOUS CROSS". If you have multiple crosses for your family please indicate this on one of the sheets at the bottom of the sheet. We will try and keep your loved ones together on the lawn. Please use the dashes provided to fill in your family's name we can accept up to 24 characters. The last weekend will be February 24th and 25th to turn in the sheets. No exceptions will be made for late sheets.

GIVING TREE

You may have noticed the Christmas Cards on the giving tree this year. Each represented a gift to purchase and wrap for a child from the St. Jude's School. It was a **HUGE SUCCESS**. We had parishioners telling us how much they enjoyed buying and wrapping the gifts. We asked the parishioners to take part and bring the gifts forward during the offertory and place them on the floor of the altar. Everyone who took part really enjoyed participating. Thank – you for all those that helped make this a happen, we look forward to continuing this next Christmas.







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