

† 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 12th 2024

# St. Jude the Apostle Parish

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## 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth.” - Jn 17:15-17

**Sanctuary Votive Light:**  
**For All Deceased Parishioners of St. Jude**

**Saturday, May 11, 2024 - Mass at 4PM**  
Irene Mozjesik, *Nicole & Don Heckelman*  
Rosane Farcher, *Husband*  
Jerrie Richards, *Husband*  
David & Dorthea Castle, *Children*  
Carol Lawless, *Irene & James Pagano*  
Tom Wessels, *Carmella & Aldo Tedesco*

**Sunday, May 12th, 2024 - Mass at 10AM**  
**Ascension of the Lord**

**Wednesday, May 15th, 2024– Mass at 8:00AM**  
Lorraine Stone, *Vickie Vielkind*

**Friday, May 17th, 2024– Mass at 8:00AM**  
**For All Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Jude  
the Apostle Catholic Community**

**Saturday, May 18th, 2024- Mass at 4PM**  
Don Meyer, *Jack & Maureen Rogers*  
Rosane Farcher, *Husband*  
Linda Susman, *Judy Baker, Barbara Boniface  
& Anna Hart*  
Carol Coonradt, *Bill & Carol Dedrick*  
Lou Besson, *Burton Family*  
Elizabeth & Harry Burton, *Burton Family*

**Sunday, May 19th, 2024- Mass at 10AM**  
Carol Coonradt, *Maureen Hannigan & Sons*  
Robert J. Allen, *Maureen Hannigan & Sons*

## Race for Education 2024!

On May 23rd, 2024 St. Jude the Apostle School will be having our annual Race for Education to raise funds in order to continue to provide a quality Catholic education and affordable tuition. We hope you will consider making a donation. This is one of our most profitable and exciting fundraisers for the students! This year's school goal is \$20,000 and the children are hoping to meet that goal in order to dunk Mrs. Hoffay in a dunking booth!!!! If you find it in your heart to make a donation, please visit the link below or fill out the form below and drop it back in the collections basket anytime before May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The students and staff thank you for your continued support of our amazing school!



<https://factsmgtadmin.com/give/appeal/ftFxXtVY9>

## RACE FOR EDUCATION

Thursday, May 23, 2024



St. Jude the Apostle School

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On Thursday, May 23, 2024, St. Jude the Apostle School will be having its annual *Race for Education* to raise funds in order to continue to provide a quality education and affordable tuition. I hope you will be able to sponsor me. I will be walking/running around a designated area for a period of time. All donations are greatly appreciated. Please fill in the form below if you can help. Thank you.

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Other \_\_\_\_\_

(Please make your check payable to: St. Jude the Apostle School and seal the ends of this form.)

Please note that your cancelled check will be the record of your donation to St. Jude the Apostle School. Thank you.

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Please call the Parish Office or email  
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**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.



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.



# GOSPEL REFLECTION

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This Sunday we are nearing the end of the Easter season. We have just celebrated Ascension Thursday where Jesus was taken up to the Father, and now we look forward to celebrating Pentecost next week where Jesus empowers His disciples to begin their mission. So, this Sunday's readings are all about preparing for that mission and waiting for the Holy Spirit to come.

Today's Gospel recalls the priestly prayer that Jesus prayed for his disciples in the upper room just before He gave himself to suffer for our sake. He knew that he was sending them on a dangerous mission, into a world where they too would be rejected and suffer for the sake of the Gospel. So, he prayed for their unity, for strengthening and protection from God to carry out their mission.

Listen again to the final words Jesus prayed for them, "As you sent me into the world, so I send them into the world and I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be concentrated in the truth"

Jesus consecrates himself to become Eucharist for us, yet we might ask, what did He mean when he asked the Father to "consecrate them in the truth"?

If we look up the meaning of the word 'consecrate', it means, to be set apart and to be made sacred for the service of the God, or to devote oneself entirely to the service of God.

So, when Jesus said he consecrated himself for us, and then he was referring to his sacrifice for us; to be set apart as the Lamb of God who gave his life entirely for our sake.

Now, having said that, He gave His life so that we also will be concentrated in the truth. He meant that we too are to be set apart to love and serve of God and He sends us the Holy Spirit at our baptism for just that reason. In fact, the Gospel today is filled with this language, that the disciples are set apart and 'not of this world'.

So, for all of us who He chose to share in His mission on earth, Jesus' prayer is that we will be devoted to this mission and that God will unite us and protect us from every evil we encounter in carrying it out.



In the first reading today, we have a story from Acts which tells of how the disciples were gathered together in the upper room while waiting and preparing to embark on this mission. Part of that preparation was to call forward a new leader who would serve in the place of Judas as one of the twelve Apostles of the new Israel that they would establish.

We learn from this reading what was of greatest importance in selecting the new Apostle. There was no mention of education or intelligence or any inquiry into their leadership qualities, there was only a requirement for their commitment to have remained with Christ through His whole ministry on earth, both during His human life and after the resurrection because they were chosen as witnesses. Then, most importantly, they consulted God for the final decision.

That's what God asks of all of us, who are set apart for serving Him; that we commit ourselves to remain in Him, and that we prayerfully discern and 'say yes' to our vocation. We all have a purpose in God's kingdom and that purpose is as unique as we are. God had our vocation to love and serve Him in mind, when He created each one of us.

So, if we knowingly turn away from our calling to share in His mission, then neither can we expect to receive the protection and strengthening that Jesus prayed for. But, if we listen to God and 'say yes' to the calling that he gives us, then He will bless and multiply our efforts. We will share in the mission to open the eyes of others; and will, in turn, open the eyes of still others...

Though we will still have to suffer in this world, the Lord will guard and strengthen us to persevere and remain in Him, and we receive unimaginable blessings when, at the end of our journey, we come to share in His Glory.

God Bless

Deacon Warren

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

Weekly Offertory 5/5/2024

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| \$4,245.00        | (Offertory) |
| \$ 545.00         | (E-Giving)  |
| <u>\$4,790.00</u> | TOTAL       |

## STEWARDSHIP



Electronic Giving is available and is a convenient way to ensure your Offertory donation to St. Jude the Apostle Church. There is a quick and easy form to fill out, and the money will be taken out automatically from your bank account on the 16<sup>th</sup> of each month. If you are interested in Electronic Giving, please stop by the Parish Office.

To cover our expenses for the week,  
We need \$4,808.00  
We are UNDER budget (\$18.00)

OUR YEAR-TO-DATE (7/1/23-6/30/24)is:

|                        |
|------------------------|
| \$170,988.04           |
| (Offertory)            |
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| \$33,645.50 (E-Giving) |
| \$204,633.54 TOTAL     |

To cover our YTD we need  
\$216,360.00  
We are UNDER budget (\$11,726.46)



## Knights of Columbus

### Events for the

### Knights of Columbus:

KOC Chicken BBQ Friday, August 16

Save time and help the St Jude Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids project by bringing your returnable bottles to the 6 Cent Redemption on the corner of Main Ave and Sharpe Road in Wynantskill. Just drop them off and say they are for the St Jude the Apostle Knights of Columbus' and they will count and credit to the KOC.



Building upon last week's blurb, being outside and enjoying the warm sun is so invigorating but be careful out there. Because of the mild winter, it is expected that ticks will be very prevalent this year. Use repellent and don't hesitate to cover your skin with clothing if you are hiking in the woods.

## The Month of Our Lady

In addition to the myriad of feast days honoring Our Lady under her many titles and virtues, the entire month of May is especially given to her praise. In the words of Pope Paul VI, May is "a month which the piety of the faithful has long dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God ... For this is the month during which Christians, in their churches and their homes, offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God's merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother's throne."

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