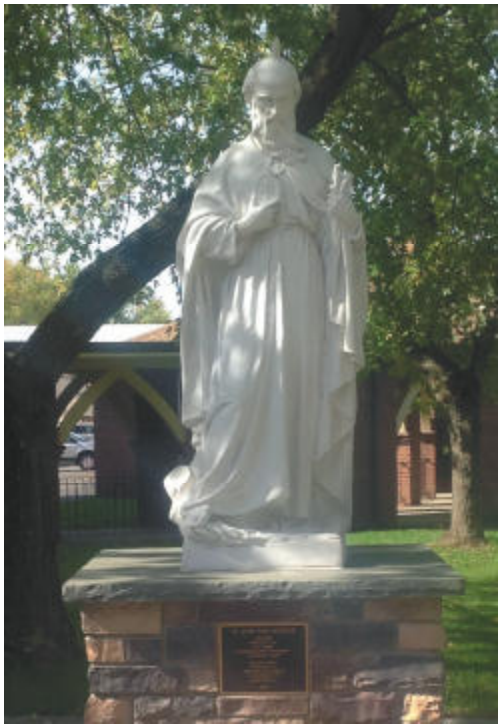

**Eucharistic Celebrations**

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| **Saturday Vigil** | **4:00 PM** |
| **Sunday** | **9:00 AM & 11:30 AM** |
| **Wed & Fri** | **8:00 AM** |

**Friday Holy Hour 5:30PM-6:30PM**

**Parish Office**

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**St. Jude the Apostle School**

Pre-K to Grade 6 (518) 283-0333
FAX (518) 283-0475
Mrs. Kris Hoffay, Principal
khoffay@stjudetheapostleschool.org

Mrs. Mary Diehl, Secretary mdiehl@sjsalbany.org
Website: http://www.sjsalbany.org

**To download the Parish App: go to either Google Play Store or Apple Store**

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**Recitation of the Most Holy Rosary-**
Rosary for Vocations is Wednesday mornings at 7:30am. The Rosary for Respect for Life will continue on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm.

**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – RCIA**
Are you interested in becoming a Roman Catholic? Someone who has never been Baptized, Baptized in another faith tradition or maybe Baptized Catholic but never received First Communion or Confirmation If you are interested, or know someone who may be interested, please call the Parish Office at 283-1162.

**Baptism**
Please call the Parish Office to arrange for a meeting with a member of our Pastoral Team (283-1162).

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)**
Saturday from 3:00 – 3:30PM in the Church. Individual Confessions may be arranged by calling the Parish Office.

**Communion to the Homebound**
Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements

**Marriage**
Couples wishing an appointment for marriage preparation should call the Parish Office six months in advance and prior to making reception plans.

**Anointing of the Sick.**
The Sacrament is administered upon request and at special celebrations during the year..

***New Parishioner Information***

**Name**_____

**Address:**_____

**Phone:**_____

**St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Community**

43 Brookside Avenue
Wynantskill, NY 12198

**Gospel Reflection**
**First Sunday of Advent**
***Deacon Nicholas Ascioti***

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
The scripture from the past two Sundays has been leading into the message of the 1st week of Advent. As Christians, we are called to prepare for the second coming of the Lord and the end of our earthly life. Being prepared for our death is something we should be prepared for every day, for we "do not know the day or hour," when we will leave this life. The Advent Season heightens our awareness for being prepared, but we should be aware of this every day.

The society in which we live is not effective in talking about death and grief, this is due to a lack of trust in God and for many people a complete disregard for God in their lives. The Advent Season draws us into reflection about facing and welcoming our earthly death.
During baptism the following prayer is prayed as the newly baptized receives the Light of Christ: "Parents and Godparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly, so that your child, enlightened by Christ, may always walk as a child of the light and, persevering in the faith, may run to meet the Lord when He comes with all the Saints in the heavenly court."

This prayer reminds us that we are adopted sons and daughters of God and at the time of our death we are to *run to meet the Lord.* Our journey of life leads to God, and we should live a life ordered to God, that is what Advent reminds us of.

The Advent Season does not exist to put us into the secular "Christmassy Mood." Rather the scripture this Advent Season, prepares us to celebrate the Incarnation of God on Christmas Day. We receive the Light of Christ at Baptism because of the birth of Jesus. It is God coming into the world to live among us as the Light of the world. We celebrate that Light by living as children of the Light, so that we may be prepared to meet the Lord no matter what the day or hour.

May the Peace of Christ be with all of you.

Dcn. Nick

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE *Blessed Virgin Mary***

**December 8, 2021**
8AM St. Jude the Apostle Church

12:10PM St. Michael the Archangel

**NEW LITURGICAL YEAR**

Today is not only the First Sunday of Advent: it is also the beginning of a new liturgical year. The new liturgical year means we change the cycle of readings. For Sunday Liturgies we will be using Cycle C and for weekday liturgies we will be using Cycle II.

**ADVENT CANDLE**

The first week of Advent is approaching. We would like to continue our custom of having families, couples, and individuals sign-up to join the procession and help light the Advent Wreath. We will need people to sign-up for the 4:00pm 9am and 11:30am in the Church. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Church. Thank you for your participation.

**COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE**

**St. Michael the Archangel Parish**
Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 11AM

**St. Jude the Apostle Parish**
Prayer Service
Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 7PM

**Sacred Heart Parish**
Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 7PM

**EVENING PRAYER ONLINE**

Parishioners from St. Michael's and St. Jude the Apostle Parish are meeting on
Facebook Live on the third Thursday of each month to recite Evening Prayer at 7PM. Evening Prayer is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, the universal, continuous prayer of the Church. Bring your day to a close by joining us in prayer All are Welcome! Prayer lasts about 20 minutes and please contact John Bullough (jbullough@gmail.com or 518-368 5418) if you have any questions.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPE**

Don't forget to use the Christmas Flower Envelope in your mailing packet. Additional envelopes may be found at the main entrance of the Church. They are provided to remember or honor your special loved ones this Christmas season. Donations collected are used to help offset decorating expenses for Christmas.

ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

In a new effort to keep our tuition rates at an accessible level, we are now seeking student sponsorships. Our Student Sponsorship Program is designed to pair a sponsor with one of our school students. Sponsors will receive a letter from their student, as well as school updates, and invitations to school events that are open to the community.

**What to expect with your sponsorship**

- **Student Messages -**You will receive periodic updates and messages from the student you will be paired with.

- **School Updates -**You will be added to our News and Notes mailing list so that you will be in the know of everything happening at SJS!

**School Events -**Be invited as special guest to attend school events open to the public.

**How your sponsorship helps**

- **Tuition Assistance -**Your sponsorship goes directly toward a students tuition. The cost to educate a student at St Jude the Apostle is approximately $7,000.00 per year. The typical family pays, on average- $5,000.00/student in tuition. The additional $2,000.00 in cost is typically made up through fund raising efforts conducted by the school and support from St Jude the Apostle Parish.

- **Bottom Line Impact -**Your sponsorship will have a direct impact on the Schools bottom line, and will help close the gap between what it cost to educate a student vs. what we receive in tuition income. This helps us to be a stronger more vibrant community and provide more to our students and families.

**A Brighter Future -**Your sponsorship will aid in our efforts of making our School accessible to as many families as possible. We desire to educate as many students as we can. We believe the education we provide to our young people will ensure a brighter future. St Jude the Apostle is dedicated to helping students grow in virtue and moral character all while strengthen their relationship with Christ. We provide the Education of Tomorrow, Rooted in Catholic Tradition where Nurturing and Educating the Whole Person is Our Goal.

**SEASON OF GIVING**

This Holiday Season, we thank everyone who has supported St. Jude the Apostle Church this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings or if you plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to check out our Electronic Giving option. As the pace of life speeds up, especially around the Holidays, you may find Electronic Giving a most welcome way to make contributions. Visit www.rcda.org/churches/stjude or contact the Parish Office at 283-1162 for more information.

LIVE STREAM

St. Jude the Apostle Parish along with St. Michael the Archangel Masses Live Streamed!
Live Streaming of Masses at St. Jude the Apostle and St. Michael the Archangel Churches via Facebook pages: Saturday 4:00PM Vigil Mass, and Sunday 9AM Mass Lived Streamed at St. Jude the Apostle Parish and Sunday 10:15AM Mass Live Streamed. Daily Masses will also be Live Streamed Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:00AM.

St. Michael the Archangel will live Stream on Monday -Thursday Live Streamed at 12:10 PM. We will alternate each week Masses at each Parish.

**ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT!**

A Holy Hour with Benediction is every Tuesday from 5:30-6:30PM at St. Michael the Archangel in the Church. Every Friday there will be a Holy Hour with Benediction 5:30PM -6:30PM at St. Jude the Apostle Church.
T=St. Michael / F=St. Jude
5:30-6:30pm
T 12/7
F 12/10

**2021 GIVING TREE**

The Giving Tree will be different from years past, we are asking for Gift Cards for those families who are in need this Christmas Season. We are in the process of starting to collect names of participants so if you know someone who needs help please feel free to contact Karla Jones or Patti Mugrace in the Parish Office at 518-283-1162. Any and all information remains strictly confidential.

St. JUDE THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

**News Channel 13 Top Teacher Nominees**

Two of our amazing faculty members have been nominated for the News Channel 13 Top Teacher Award! Our school families, along with Mrs. Hoffay, have nominated Mrs. Ingrid Bender (Kindergarten) and Miss Megan Jeffers (4th/5th Grade) for this award. Stacks of nominations were submitted for both of these teachers that included letters from current & past students, parents, and administration, and even a poem written to describe one of these wonderful educators. Ultimately the decision to recognize these amazing teachers publically is up to News Channel 13, but we know that each is more than deserving of this award and are always Top Teachers in our eyes. Thank you Mrs. Bender and Miss Jeffers for being two of the most dedicated, compassionate, kind and hard-working teachers our students will ever have the pleasure of spending their days with. We love and respect you both!

**40 Hours Devotion incorporating**
**National Night of Prayer for Life***

*The 40 Hours begins at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 7, 2021 and continues through midnight December 8, 2021*

Solemn Exposition takes place after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on 12/7 and concludes with Benediction at midnight on 12/8. We gather in prayer to adore our Lord and to implore Him to pour forth His abundant graces on us and on our country. Three special dimensions surround this devotion:

The protection from evil and temptation
Reparation for our sins and the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Deliverance from political, material and spiritual calamities
"And the Word WAS MADE flesh and dwelt amongst us"
John 1:14

As soon as the Holy Spirit overshadowed the virginal womb, God became one of us IMMEDIATELY. When a child is conceived in his mother's womb, he is a human person from the moment of conception.

***The included National Night of Prayer for Life is DECEMBER 8, 2021**
**8:00 P.M. – 12:00 A.M.**
**Special pro life prayer intentions will be prayed during these 4 hours**
**St. Joseph's Church**
**416 Third Street, Troy, New York NY**
**The need for adorers is URGENT!**

Many previous participants have moved. Please contact Margaret Purcell (518) 453-9302 or Mary Dooley (518) 463-7575. The Forty Hours Devotion and participation in the National Night of Prayer for Life is sponsored by the Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe, dedicated to defending the unborn through prayer and fasting, in association with St. Joseph's Church, Troy, New York

**Rosary Altar Society**

Our annual Christmas collection for Vanderheyden began on November 20th and ends on December 12th. ***Items requested are: Gift Cards for Walmart, Target, Movie Theatres and Grocery Stores. Also requested are Ginger Bread House Kits and puzzles for all ages***. Please place gift cards under the Giving Tree in the bag marked "Vanderheyden". The Ginger Bread Kits and puzzles can be placed near the bag. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

**SANCTUARY VOTIVE LIGHT**

**November 28th through December 4th**
***Tony Carnevale,*** *by Wife & Family*

St. Jude the Apostle Church provides the opportunity an opportunity for a Sanctuary Votive Candle Intentions. This intention is the same cost as a Mass Intention, $15.00. The Sanctuary Votive light is in memory of a particular person. The Votive Light will appear in the weekly bulletin each week. If you would like to have a Sanctuary Votive Light please contact the parish office

**What is RCIA? RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.**

Who should attend RCIA classes: If you have been attending church and have not been Baptized or have not received First Eucharist or Confirmation you may want to consider the journey of RCIA. Perhaps you know someone who has fallen away from the Church and has not fulfilled one or more of these sacraments. Then do your part as a Baptized Catholic and invite them to this Rite. Perhaps you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and Faith, then continue to check the bulletin for upcoming RCIA Classes. Each class will be announced, if you see an interesting topic please join us. To register for RCIA please email me, Dcn. Nick Ascioti, at nascioti@gmail.com or speak to me after Mass.

**DOORS OF HOPE**

FEED THE HUNGRY

This is our local food pantry that aids our community members. The needs of those who are struggling never diminish. Please give generously to help our community pantry provide food and personal care items to those in need. Suggested items needed are:

***Pancake mix, syrup, cereal, canned pasta, canned meat meals, shampoo and bar soap canned spaghetti -O's, canned ravioli's feminine products are always in dire need.***

***8 bags* were received and brought to Doors of Hope last week. Thank you for your generosity.**

**PARISH NURSE PROGRAM**

So here we go again! Winter is coming, folks are staying inside and because they are vaccinated against COVID they are not wearing masks (or probably remember to wash their hands,) so guess what? Colds are becoming frequent and so are sore throats! Is it a breakthrough case of COVID or just a cold? Start washing your hands as frequently as last year, and when in doubt if you can't maintain 6 feet of distance between people, put on a mask if you want to be as safe as you can. Get PLENTY of rest and drink lots of fluids to stay hydrated. Stay away from others if you feel ill-that means take a day or 2 off from work and school. I knew I saved all those cloth masks from last year for a reason!

## Announced Masses

## Public & Live Stream Masses
## Live Stream St. Jude 4PM & 9AM

**Saturday, November 27**
**4PM** **Harold Cannon**, *Anne & David Cannon*
**Nick Gulli,** *Geissler Family*
**Luigi Ciccarelli,** *Ida Zelinke*
**Anne McHugh,** *Joan Millington*

**Sunday, November 28**
**9AM** **Tony Carnevale,** *Wife & Family*
**Johannah & Thomas P. Higgins,** *Family*
**John Signorelli,** *His Children*
**Janice Olmstead,** *Tom & Mary Phibbs*

**11:30** **Joseph Frost,** *Al & Patti Mugrace*
**Marcia Bonanni,** *Santino & Wendy Bonanni*
**Ned Mullen,** *Carmella & Aldo Tedesco*

**Monday, November 29**
**No Mass**

**Tuesday, November 30**
**No Mass**

**Wednesday, December 1**
**8AM** **Vincent Flanigan 5th *Anniversary,*** *Family*

**Thursday, December 2**
**8AM** **No Mass**

**Friday, December 3**
**8AM** **Mary Cox,** *Phyllis Raymond*
**Joseph Smith,** *Jan & TJ Jackson*
**Robert Layman**, *Jan & TJ Jackson*

**Saturday, December 4**
**4PM** **John Hardie**, *Family*
**David Manning,** *Wife*
**David Manning III,** *Mother*
**Mary Finelli,** *Joan Millington*

**Sunday, December 5**
**9AM** **Maria Tedesco**, *Son*
**Luigi Ciccarelli,** *Mario & Marie Tedesco*
**Nick Gulli,** *Riley McQuade*
**Kenneth McKeon,** *Family*

**11:30** **Joseph Frost,** *Mom, Dad, Matthew & Taye*
**Emma Valenti,** *Mary "Tiny" Valenti*
**Carol Maple,** *Family*
**Mary Marzola,** *Family*

### MASS INTENTIONS AND MASS CARDS

St. Jude the Apostle Church and St. Michael the Archangel Church continue to take Mass Intentions for the Sunday Masses and the Weekday Masses. If you would like to have a Mass Intention said or if you would like a Mass Card sent to someone with the intention for Mass, please phone or email the Parish Offices and we will schedule the Mass Intention. The offering for a Mass Intention is $15.00 you can simply mail your Intention to the Parish Office where you have requested the Intention.

All Mass Intentions will be included in the Bulletins as announced Masses and included in scheduled livestreamed Masses. We have been including all Mass Intentions in the live streamed Masses and announcing them in the Parish Bulletins, as we have rescheduled those Intentions which were originally scheduled for Masses that were canceled do to the Virus stay at home order prior to live streaming of Sunday and Daily Masses.

**Weekly Collection Report**
November 28, 2021 $

Due to the early transmission time of the Bulletin for this week, the Weekly Collection for 11/28 will be posted at a later date.

### SUNDAY COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS

Dear Parishioners,

During this unprecedented time as members of the Body of Christ more than ever we need to unite ourselves to Christ and one another through our support of the Mission and Ministry of Jesus Christ. For us to be able to carry out that mission we need your financial support.

We realize some of you are also facing layoff or reduced work hours, and may not be able to continue your financial support at the same level. We are sympathize wholly with your situation and pray for a return to work and financial stability."

You can make your Sunday contribution by going to the Parish Website and clicking on the Giving Button at the top of the page or you can use the Parish App and click on the Giving Button. The Parish Website and App are secure sites to make your donation. You can also mail in your Sunday contribution to the Parish Office or sign up for E-giving by going to the Website and printing out the E-giving form and mailing back to the Parish Office.

Your weekly contribution provides us with the financial support that is needed for the ministry of our Parish.

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