



ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 3, 2021

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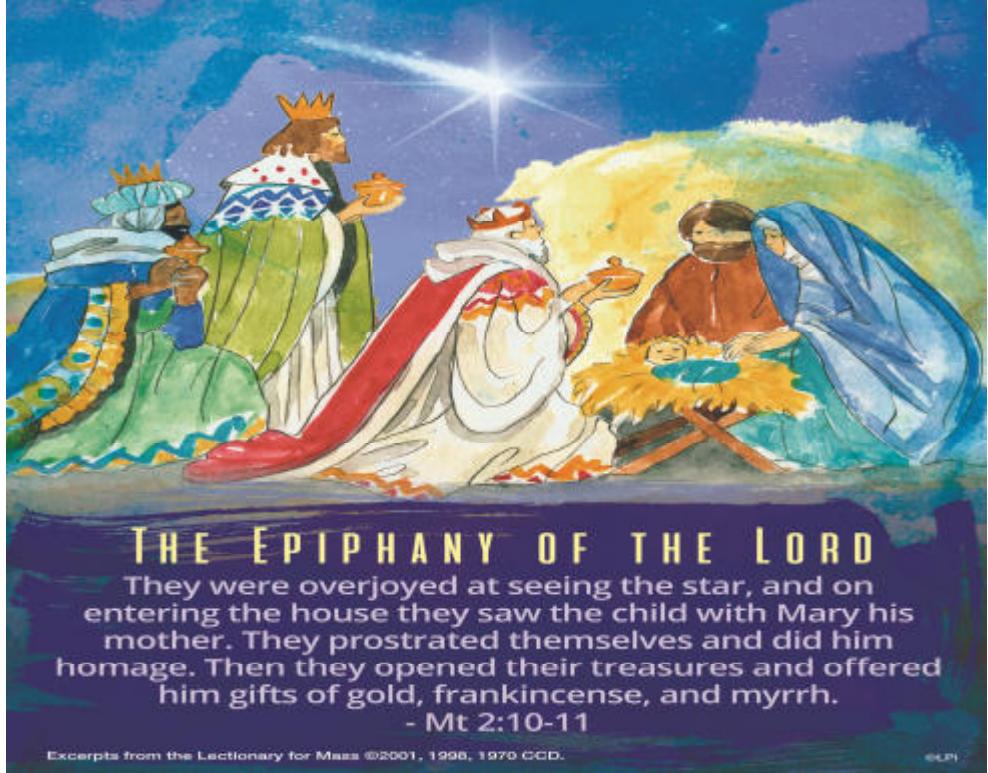
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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of St. Jude The Apostle Parish, are committed to living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and following the teaching of the Catholic Church. As the People of God, we recognize the universal call to holiness, rooted in Baptism and nourished by the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. We act in charity and justice as a visible sign of our mission to be a house of welcome and a place of service to all.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

- Mt 2:10-11

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1996, 1970 CCD.

The Sacraments of Our Church

Eucharist: Saturday at 4 (Church) and Sunday at 7 (PLC), 8:30 and 10:30 AM (Church).
Daily Mass is Monday through Saturday at 8 AM.

Baptism (of Infants): Contact our Parish office for information about the Baptism Class and to schedule a Baptism.

Reconciliation: Friday, January 8th - 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Christian Formation Building
Saturday 8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. in the Christian Formation Building or longer as needed
Reconciliation is also available by appointment at any time

Confirmation: Is a 2-year preparation process. Call Christian Formation Office for details.

Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): The journey of formation in the faith meets. Call the Christian Formation Office for information.

Marriage: At least one individual should be a parishioner who practices our faith. Please contact one of our Priests or Deacons to begin preparation which takes approximately 1 year.

Anointing of the Sick: Parishioners facing surgery or struggling with serious illness may request the sacrament by calling our Parish Office at 644-7300 .

**St. Jude The Apostle
Church**

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From Our Pastor's Desk

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My Fellow Saints-in-the-Making,

A Happy, Healthy and Holy New Year. With the turn of the calendar page, we look to new beginnings and fresh starts, all the while keeping some of the best lessons learned in 2020, namely that perseverance through trials and challenges is all the easier through togetherness and faith. So very grateful to God that we are united in faith in our Parish of St. Jude the Apostle.

While the majority of the world celebrates a new year on January 1, the faithful in the Catholic Church celebrate a more sacred solemnity: The Maternity of Mary, Mother of God, a holy day of obligation. Her greatest title is Mother of God in the Western Church, which is similar to the preferred title in the Eastern Church, including amongst our Orthodox sisters and brothers: Theotokos, Greek for “God-bearer.”

As Christ’s Incarnation begins with the simple “Be it done to me...” of Mary, so the new year begins with the celebration of that confident and trusting “Yes” to God and the literally ever-lasting effects Mary’s consent to God’s Plan have on the Church and the world.

To commemorate this “Be it done to me,” to encourage us to respond to God’s Will as willingly as Mary does, and to entrust our Parish to the intercession of Our Lady during this Year of St. Joseph, her Most Chaste Spouse, I am welcoming the Patroness of our Diocese, Our Lady of Wilmington, to reside in our buildings around the campus with various-sized prints of the original artwork commissioned for the sesquicentennial celebration of the Diocese of Wilmington in 2018.

The artwork was painted by local artist, Neil Carlin, of Kenneth Square, PA, who was commissioned to paint the Holy Family for the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia during Pope Francis’ visit in 2015. The depiction of Our Lady is unique, because it features many elements distinct to our Diocese, including her mantle in the shape of both the State of Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland, both parts that comprise our Diocese; she is crowned with 12 stars, a reference to Revelation 12:1 as well as the number of counties in the Diocese; the columns and ceiling of the Mother Church of the Diocese, the Cathedral of St. Peter in Wilmington; and the state tree, flower, and insect of the states that form our Diocese, Delaware and Maryland, and which symbolize in many ways Jesus Christ’s Passion-Death-and Resurrection; and Our Lady is communicating through American Sign Language encouraging us to do what she does, “Live Jesus!”

I invite you to take a closer look at the prints when they are hung and to grow in devotion to Our Lady of Wilmington. She will bring you closer to both St. Joseph especially during this Year dedicated to him and to her Son, Jesus Christ.

I ask Our Lady of Wilmington to wrap her loving mantle around you, St. Joseph to protect you beneath his manly cloak, and our Savior and Lord, visited by the three Magi, which we celebrate liturgically this weekend.

God love you! I do.
In Christ,
Fr. Lewis

Bulletin Articles due by 3PM on Friday (2 weeks prior to publication)
Submitted bulletin content is subject to approval.

Moving In? Moving Out? Please contact us to register, or inform us of your departure.

Visit us also on Facebook

St Jude The Apostle Catholic Church



We have a new parish app!!



Or, you can search Google Play Store or Apple App Store for the

Weconnect Parish App

After getting the app, open and it will guide you to set your parish.

Please delete the old app as it is no longer functional.

PRAYER LINE

- Week I**—Dennis Heagy
Week II—Jim Stewart, Michael S. Harris, Lisa Ledda, Susan Short, Michael Pfarr, Dan Sczweck & Catherine Markel
Week III—Jeanne Leisner, Shirley Young & Barbara Ann Smith
Week IV—Nicholas Tamburro & Antoinette Nash
Week V—Mary Assalone, Buzz Gildea & Joan Bundy
Week VI—Susan Frie, Tom McDonough & Mary Ellen Fleming

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servant (N...) for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, he (she) may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

If you or a relative are ill or in need of prayers and would like to be added to the list, please contact Carol in the office at either cturoczy@stjudelewes.org or 644-7300. The list will be on a 6 week rotation. Also only request from immediate family members will be accepted in order to protect individual's privacy.

LET US PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED PRIESTS

*Rev. Anthony F. DiMichele
 Most Rev. John J. Monaghan
 V. Rev. John F. O'Brien
 Rev. James A. Murphy*

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.
 And let the perpetual light shine upon them.
 And may the souls of all the faithful departed,
 through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
 Amen.*

LET US PRAY FOR OUR LIVING

*Rev. Charles C. Dillingham
 Rev. Joseph J. Drobinski
 Rev. Stanislao Esposito
 Rev. Idongesit A. Etim
 Vy. Rev. Glenn M. Evers
 Rev. Edward J. Fahey
 Rev. Arthur B. Fiore
 Rev. Thomas A. Flowers*

Eternal God, please bless our priests, who represent you on this earth. Make them more greatly aware of the grace that you pour out through them when they minister the sacraments, and help them to fall more deeply in love with you after each and every Mass that they celebrate. Please strengthen our priests, who shepherd your flock, when they are in doubt of their faith, that they may be examples of your Truth and guide us always on the path to you. We ask these things of you our Eternal Priest. Amen.



Weekly Masses Now Live Streamed in Real Time!

Our weekly Saturday-Sunday Masses are now being LIVE-streamed in real time on our YouTube Channel!

Using a state-of-the-art digital studio platform plus four to six digital cameras mounted around the church, parishioners can now view the Mass from the comfort of their home as it is taking place. For those that cannot view it live, the system automatically records and retains the recorded version so parishioners can view it at a later time.

Currently, the only LIVE Mass offered is the 4 p.m. Saturday, however it is anticipated that we will be adding further weekend services in the very near future. (To locate our YouTube channel search "**St. Jude The Apostle Church, Lewes DE**" and Subscribe. Tune-in to the channel 5-minutes in advance of the service for the LIVE broadcast.)

Moving to this "new" system is an adjustment for those coordinating its broadcast and there will be a "learning curve" as we better each new airing. Various improvements to the broadcasts will be made over time. It is hoped that we will be able to add things like the Spiritual Communion prayer in the future as we become more proficient with the system. Be patient with us as we grow.

These tremendous upgrades have been made possible as a result of YOUR generous donations over the year to the church. Thank you for your steadfast support!



Liturgy

Masses the week of January 3 to 10

Sunday, Epiphany of the Lord

7:00 AM Al Derickson
8:30 AM Robert O'Connell
10:30 AM Teresa Szostek

Fr. Lewis - Deacon Al
Fr. Jones - Deacon Joe
Fr. Jones - Deacon Barry



MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK January 3 to 9

Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in Honor of all our Diocesan Priest.

Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will burn this in Loving Memory of Norman Gene Hudson. Requested by his wife Judith & Family.

Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for all people who are sick that they recover quickly.

Altar Candle in the Chapel will burn this week wishing all our Parishioners a safe, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Altar Candle in the Chapel will burn this week in Loving Memory of Norman Gene Hudson. Requested by his wife Judith & Family.

Monday, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:00 AM Richard Sepe

Fr. Jones - Deacon Barry

Tuesday, St. John Neumann

8:00 AM Lawrence O'Brien

Fr. Jones - Deacon Bill

Wednesday, St. Andre Bessette

8:00 AM Mary McNaulty

Fr. Giamello - Deacon Joe

Thursday, St. Raymond of Penyafort

8:00 AM Kimberly Maiellano

Fr. Giamello - Deacon Bill

Friday

8:00 AM Lois Balletto

Fr. Jones - Deacon Howard

Saturday

8:00 AM Jess Quintero
4:00 PM Larry Kovatch

Fr. Jones - Deacon Al
Fr. Jones - Deacon Bill

Sunday, Baptism of The Lord

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish
8:30 AM Mary Agnes Lewis
10:30 AM Richard J. Marshall

Fr. Jones - Deacon Marty
Fr. Lewis - Deacon Howard
Fr. Lewis - Deacon Al

Eucharistic Adoration is now open. Assigned are encouraged to attend their scheduled hours, subject to their own discretion.

The chapel will now be *unlocked* from 7 am to 7 pm so that adorers will not need to use the lock code to gain entry during that time frame. The chapel will continue to be locked and accessible only by lock code from 7 pm to 7 am.

If you are an assigned or regular adorer and did not receive a set of the Reopening Guidelines, you will find a copy in the chapel on the back table. Please read and follow them carefully.

Scripture Readings

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11



In one day the Eucharist will make you produce more for the glory of God than a whole lifetime without it.

- St. Peter Julian Eymard

We are blessed as a parish community with the Real Presence of Jesus Christ exposed in our Eucharistic Chapel from 4 AM Monday through 12 N Saturday, and from 11 AM to 9 PM on Sunday.

Remarkably, and thankfully, here at St. Jude's adorers can be with Our Eucharistic Lord any time, day or night, whether for a few minutes or for an hour or more. Jesus continues to call persons to adore Him on a regular basis and be graced - helped, healed, renewed, and saved - by Him.

Please listen: He is calling.

With increased interest in earlier Sunday morning adoration, we seek someone to be assigned to the Sunday 10 am hour so that we might start scheduled adoration an hour earlier. Also, we continue to place a priority on hours with only one adorer.

We are currently in need of adorers for
Tuesday, 9 p.m.
Friday 5, 6, & 7 p.m.

Please call Al Hanley - 302-703-2419 - if you are interested in signing up.



If you ever feel like you are alone? Give Relevant Radio a try! You will hear real Catholics, living real lives, addressing real problems. Through these personal forums of conversation, direction, humor and prayer, Relevant Radio is creating a community of hope. Hope is being rekindled, lives are being saved, and souls are drawing closer to Christ and His Church. The Truth will set you free! You can listen to Relevant Radio on 640 AM, online at relevantradio.com, or on the free mobile app.

PRAY for OUR SEMINARIAN

**Kevin Lilly**

Senior
College Seminary of the
Immaculate Conception,
Seton Hall University

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Lord Jesus, I ask your special blessing on this young man preparing for the priesthood for our diocese. I pray that he will grow in faith, hope, and charity. May his heart overflow with your compassion, understanding, and generosity, and may his desire to serve you, inspire others to answer your call. Lord Jesus, give our seminarian the grace to follow you more perfectly. When he is lonely or discouraged, fill him with your peace. Let him be lifted up by the fact he is never alone in Your Presence and surrounded with our prayers.

Amen

Please pray for members of the military who are serving both here and abroad:



Capt. Ryan J. Bickley, M. D. USA (Grandson of Claire & Richard Thomas)
Daniel J. Blake CPO/USN (Son of Jim & Christina Blake)
Lance Corporal Michael Caravaello (Caravaello Family)
Lt. Col. Joseph Davis, USAF (Nephew of Jean and Jim Stewart)
HN Joseph D'Amico, Jr., USN (Grandson of Regina and Antonio D'Amico, Sr.)
E6 1st Class Petty Officer Michael A. Foti, USN, (Son of Jonnel Foti)
Master Sgt. David Frost, USAF (Grandson of Bob and Mary Lou Frost)
2nd Lieutenant Jeffrey Frost, USAF (Grandson of Bob and Mary Lou Frost)
Spec E4 Brendan Hartford, USCG, (Grandson of Jean & Jim Stewart)
Airman 1st Class Christopher Hartford, USAF, (Grandson of Jean & Jim Stewart)
Maj. Garrett Jacob, USA (Son of Marie and Edwin Jacob)
Capt. Meridith Jacob, USA (Daughter-in-law of Marie and Edwin Jacob)
Capt. Laura Marshall, USAF (Daughter of David & Marie Marshall)
Pvt. Timothy Liam McLaughlin, USA, (Grandson of Joseph & Christina Paul)
Sgt. Tyler Stewart, U. S. Army, (Grandson of Jean & Jim Stewart)
Sgt. Abby Young, USMC (Granddaughter of Bill and Vicki Nitsch)

Almighty and eternal God, protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
(United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)
 St. Jude, pray for peace.

To be included in this list, please send the name, branch of service, and location of your family member to
office@stjudelewes.org

GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE DEEPER
UNDERSTANDING OF
SCRIPTURE

January 3, 2021
The Epiphany of the Lord

"Where is that thing?" mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. "I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!" Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, "Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear." The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was." The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvincing, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God's tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God's salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God's healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!

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PRAYER LINE

If anyone wishes to add themselves or a loved one to the Prayer Line please call the Parish Office or Joannie Gunther (302) 645-0679.

Christian Formation

First Reconciliation

First Holy Communion Families

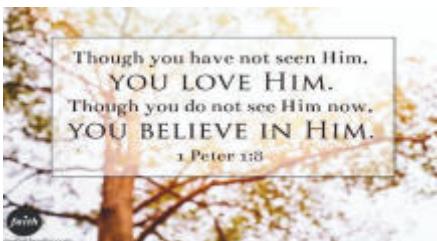
Parents please keep in mind the following important dates



First Reconciliation Practice is scheduled for Saturday, January 9th at 11:00am, in the Church.

Sunday, January 10th is the final First Reconciliation prep (virtual) class and is an important review.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated, Saturday, January 16, 2021 at 11: 00am in the Church. Please call the office if your child has been unable to attend any of the Sacramental Prep classes, you have not picked up the Prep books, or have not scheduled a Parent/Student/Pastor meeting. The Office is open daily Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Youth Ministry:

Teens of our Parish

The deadline to submit your essay is fast approaching! You should be using your free time from school to prepare this NOW!

DEADLINE: January 10, 2021

Knights of Columbus 3rd Annual Faith-in-Action Contest Grade 7 – Grade 10

November 2020 — January 2021

Grades 7 to 10 Essay Category:

- 1st - 2nd - 3rd Place Cash Prizes in Two Judged Groups
- Over \$100 in cash awards available
- 500–700 words typed

TOPIC / PROMPT: In an essay of 500-750 words, discuss how trusting in God during a difficult time has helped you or someone you know find the strength and hope to endure it. Consider especially those times when it was a challenge to understand why something was happening. Consider also sharing any lessons about faith and hope you or someone you know may have learned from this experience.

Please submit a digital / electronic version in MS-Word or PDF format to the Christian Formation Office (302-644-7413) either in-person or by email to Mr. M. J. McShane, Director of Religious Education:

michael.mcshane@stjudelewes.org

Welcoming Committee

During the weekend of January 16 and 17, members of the Committee will be distributing **information folders** to new parishioners registering with the parish during the month of November. A table will be setup outside the main entrance of each Mass and the folders will be available AFTER each of the Masses. As a special note -- if you have registered with the parish and have not received your copy of the New Parishioner materials, please see a member of the committee as well.

Going, Going, Gone on !

Last chance to purchase a dining card is **January, 15, 2021!** Not only does it make your shopping easy, but you support our local eateries, as well as **St. Jude's Adult Faith Formation program**. The card allows you to purchase one entrée and get up to \$15 off the second entrée. Come see the changed list of restaurants by purchasing a card or 2! **Some of the restaurants accept the dining cards for take out – call first.**

Christmas Gift: Local Discount Restaurant Cards

- Perfect Holiday Gift for the "Hard-to-Buy-For"
- 26 Locally Participating Restaurants
- Nearly \$400 in Discounts Available
- The ONLY Adult Faith Fund-Raiser All Year!
- Limited Time Available – Limited Quantities

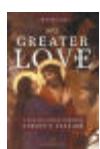
Cost: JUST \$20

Act FAST!



Benefits
St. Jude The Apostle –
Adult Faith Formation Programs

Available in the Parish &
Christian Formation Offices:
8 a.m. – 12 noon & 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.



Headline: Lenten Adult Bible Study

Make room on your schedule for a Tuesday morning, five week class to begin mid-February, just in time for Lent. More details to follow, keep watch!



JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT EVENING ADULT FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM:
Deadline to register is January 8, 2021. The cost is \$25.00.

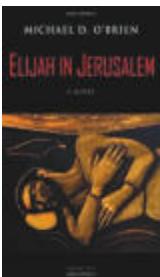
Mark Part II

From Little Rock Scripture Study
By Marie Noonan Sabin, PhD.

Thought to be the earliest of the four Gospels, the Gospel of Mark is a fast-moving, vivid account of the ministry, suffering, and death of Jesus. Enter into a rich encounter with this preacher, wonder-worker, and messiah, whose very life delivered an urgent message about repentance, transformation, and the reality of suffering in the life of a disciple. Part Two explores Mark 9:33-16:20, including Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and the events of his passion, death, and resurrection. Commentary, study and reflection questions, prayers, and access to online lectures are included.

This study consists of four (4) 90-minute sessions which includes commentary; study and reflection questions; prayer; and, access to video recorded lectures. This program will be offered on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:30 p.m. via a video-conferencing platform ONLY (GoTo Meeting): **January 20, 27, February 3, 10** with LeeAnn Augustine as the Facilitator.

To register, visit our web site (www.stjudelewes.org) and click on the link from our Home page, OR call the Religious Education office at 302-644-7413.



St. Jude the Apostle Book Club 2021

We are very happy to announce that our Adult Faith Formation Book Club discussion group is continuing in 2021. The next meeting is right around the corner - **Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 2 p.m.** and will be facilitated by Pam Becker. You can participate in one or all of the meetings, however please contact the office prior to the meeting date in order to be invited (as long as they continue to be virtual).

The book to be discussed is "*Elijah in Jerusalem*" by Michael O'Brien

The long-awaited sequel to the acclaimed, best-selling novel *Father Elijah: An Apocalypse*, is the continuing story of the Catholic priest called to confront a powerful politician who could be the Antichrist foretold in the Bible.

As we have done in the past, two copies of each book will be available in the St. Jude Parish Library located in the Christian Formation Center. If you need any additional information or have any questions, please call the office at 302-644-7413.



Tuesday Rosary Group Meeting Weekly via ZOOM

In 1897, Therese Martin, a 24-year-old Carmelite cloistered nun in Lisieux, France, passed away from tuberculosis. This obscure young woman would be canonized a saint only a few years later, in 1925, and has become one of the most well-known and beloved of saints. Her doctrine of "the little way of trust and love" was explained in her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, and led to her being proclaimed in 1997 one of only four women doctors of the church.

You are invited to learn more about her with the Therese Rosary group of St. Jude The Apostle Parish that meets via Zoom every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. to pray the rosary with meditations from her writings. Come any time your schedule allows to pray and join in conversation about the meaning of Therese's words for our lives. To receive a Zoom link invitation, please email Deacon Al Barros, al_barros@hotmail.com or call the Christian Formation Office, 302-644-7413

Finance Council



to our parishioners and visitors who contribute to St. Jude's, Your Gifts are deeply appreciated.



Drop Off Envelopes

If you are unable to attend Mass and don't feel comfortable mailing your envelopes to us please use the mail box that is located in the window left of the front door to the Parish Office.



Message from St. Jude Finance Council

We are pleased with the continued and increasing financial support our Parishioners are providing. Back in October, we were receiving about 81% of our budgeted dollars in the Offertory. Today, it has moved to the mid to high eighty percent level. We very much appreciate those who have continued to contribute. Thanks to each of you for your support and sacrifice. For without it, we would not have been able to continue our pastoral mission through the COVID pandemic.

As before, we ask you to prayerfully consider your Offertory contributions. For those of you at home who are not able to attend our Masses, we ask that you please continue your customary offerings in support of the many ministries and administration of our parish. For those who have suspended giving and are now able to contribute, we ask you to help us close the gap in our need to attain the amount of Offertory that will sustain us in meeting our parish expenses.

Contributions can be made by several methods. Attending Masses, you can use the collection baskets located at the back of the church. By mail, please send your church envelopes with your offering to our address at 152 Tulip Drive, Lewes DE 19958-1689. At the entrance to the Parish Office, there is a drop box in which you can deposit your offerings. Also, online giving is available through the WeShare system. Please click Online Giving on the St. Jude's website (www.stjudelewes.org) to access WeShare. If you have any questions regarding any form of giving, please call the Parish Office at 302-644-7300 or email office@stjudelewes.org.

We ask our Lord Jesus Christ to be present in each of your daily lives. We know that He is always with us to give us the grace and fortitude through these difficult times.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

January 3 - Epiphany of the Lord:

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.



Our SVDP society is still up and operating during this time. A strong plastic box has been placed between the Church and the Parish Life Center, by the white fence for the courtyard. You may place any donations of nonperishable food items in the box. Please do not place any food or boxes outside of the box. Our SVDP members will be checking the box and emptying it regularly.

If you wish to make a monetary donation during this time, please mail a check to
St. Vincent DePaul Society PO Box 94 Lewes, DE 19958.

Seamen's Center

Seamen's Center is a non-profit organization welcoming seafarers from around the world to Delaware. Their mission is to meet the needs of the seafarers who visit the Ports in the State of Delaware. Their goal is to make their time in port a rewarding one by providing personal, practical and spiritual assistance.

We at St. Jude the Apostle Parish have been asked to knit/crochet caps or scarves to help in this mission. Our Prayer Shawl ministry is contributing handmade items, but all are welcome to help to make items at home.

There is a box outside of the Parish Office, to the left of the front door, for your gifts. Once items have been collected, a member of the Ministry of Social Concerns Committee will deliver them to the Seamen's Center.

Thank you, as always, for your generous support for all of our Ministry of Social Concerns Committee projects.

Respect Life

THE LAW OF GOD

'No appeal to policy, procedure, majority will or pluralism ever excuses a public official from defending life to the greatest extent possible. As is true of leaders in all walks of life, no political leader can evade accountability for his or her exercise of power (*Evangelium Vitae*, 73-4). Those who justify their inaction on the grounds that abortion is the law of the land need to recognize that there is a higher law, the law of God. No human law can validly contradict the Commandment: 'Thou shalt not kill'.

(Source: US Bishops. *Living the Gospel of Life*, 1998, n.32)

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 **Give the gift of shelter this year**



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A Sheltering Heart, the "child" of 501(c)(3) Lighthouse for Broken Wings, was created to help the homeless. It's managed by Toni Short, R.N. -- recipient of this year's Governor's Outstanding Service Award and nominee for the Jackie Kennedy Onassis-founded Jefferson Award, which honors people who do extraordinary things with no expectation of reward -- whose career is dedicated to helping the homeless.

Last year, Toni managed Immanuel Shelter's Code Purple, serving 81 men, women and children during our six coldest months. This year, she has already raised \$30,000 of the estimated \$100,000 needed to house, feed and provide job training and medical help to our homeless neighbors.

Please help Toni give them the warm day and protected night they so need.

Send your tax-deductible donation to: Lighthouse for Broken Wings,
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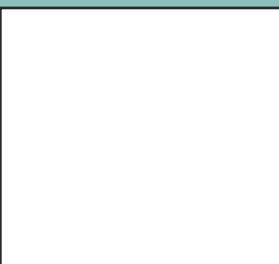


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