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IN THE
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AND ON
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PEACE TO
THOSE
ON WHOM
HIS FAVOR
RESTS.

LUKE 2:14



SAINT JUDE

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DECEMBER 25, 2022 | THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday | 9:00am-4:00pm

LITURGY SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday | 4:00pm
Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Wednesday | 8:00am

HOLY DAY MASSES

Vigil Mass | 7:00pm
Holy Day Mass | 8:00am

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Saturday | 3:00pm-3:30pm
Other | By Appointment

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Merry Christmas everyone! I think it's safe to say that things are finally feeling like we are getting back to normal. Although we are still in the midst of a covid-19 pandemic, we seem to be learning to live with it and hopefully we have gotten through the worst of it. Christmas is another opportunity for us to reflect upon the reason for the season. We celebrate the anniversary of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. We are once again reminded that Jesus dwelt among us as a man, flesh and blood like us. We are reminded that he caught viruses, such as colds, etc., just like us. He suffered as we suffer. We take consolation in the belief that because he suffered as we do, he understands our struggles and weaknesses. Emmanuel, God with us, walks with us through this journey of life. His journey with us began on a cold Christmas night in a little town named Bethlehem and from that moment on history was made. Let us never forget that the Christ is forever with us on this life's journey. Whether it be pandemics, illness, wars, climate change, mass shootings or whatever the world throws at us, Christ is with us. May the blessings of the Christ born on this Christmas Day be with you and your loved ones.

In God's Love and Peace,

Fr. Bob Gorski

SACRAMENT & MINISTRY INFORMATION

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome! Please introduce yourselves and register as members of our parish family. Forms are available in the parish office, on our website, and at church entrances.

BAPTISM

Parents planning to have a baby or child baptized are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class. Contact Sally Green for details.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to the intended wedding date to participate in the Marriage Preparation Program. The Church should be booked prior to booking a reception facility.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation program for K-8th graders, including preparation for the Sacraments of First Penance/Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist. We also offer RCIA adapted for youth (7 years and up) who want to become members of the Roman Catholic Church. Contact Trish for details.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Our youth are involved in activities and various service events for our parish and greater community. Contact Trish for more information.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process to welcome new people into the Roman Catholic Church. Please contact Diane Swinarski at 603-425-1795 or Mary Carrigan at 603-722-5586 for details.

HOMEBOUND & HOSPITALIZED

We welcome the opportunity to bring the Sacraments to those unable to join us due to illness or age. Contact Sally Green for details.

PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY

Strengthening our parish community by connecting to those in need. For details, contact Lisa Laurence at lisa.laurence@comcast.net or 603-548-5130.

FOOD PANTRY

If you are in need of assistance, please contact Kay or Dick Doyle at 603-434-1827.

Welcome

Mass is celebrated at 4PM on Saturday,
and at 8AM and 10AM on Sunday.

Confessions are on Saturdays at 3PM
or by appointment.

For those for whom age or health concerns
prevent you from coming to Mass in person,
we continue to post Sunday 10AM Mass on
our Facebook page, on YouTube (StJudeNH),
and on our website.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING

For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon
his shoulder dominion rests. (Is 9:5)

PSALM

Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.
(Ps 96)

SECOND READING

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving
all. (Ti 2:11)

GOSPEL

"Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you
good news of great joy that will be for all the
people. For today in the city of David a savior
has been born for you who is Christ and
Lord." (Lk 2:10-11)

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Monday, December 26th,
morning Mass will not be celebrated
and the parish offices will be closed.

Baptism

Sophia Ann DiRosario was welcomed into the
Roman Catholic Church and our Parish Family
on December 18th through the waters of
Baptism.

Let us strive, by our word and example, to create
an environment for Sophia to come to know the
love of God and the meaning of "being church".

ST. JUDE FOOD PANTRY

St. Jude's Food Pantry serves the needs of all
residents of Londonderry without regard to
religious affiliation. We are completely
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Londonderry community. We meet with
families individually, by appointment.

If you are in need of assistance from the Food
Pantry, call Kay or Dick at 603-434-1827.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

As we age, time seems to pass more quickly. Years seemingly fly by as one holiday flows into the next, January quickly becomes December and life maintains its hectic pace. What do we accomplish in all of that busyness? Perhaps technology is responsible for some of the frenzy, keeping us isolated in our social media worlds, communicating through texts rather than in person, and always connected to world events. We're over stimulated in many ways by information, noise, opinions, and ideologies. Yet, we still find the time to decorate our homes, purchase gifts, and plan Christmas gatherings. We know, however, that the true meaning of Christmas is not found in twinkling lights, beautifully adorned trees, perfectly set tables or exchanged gifts. We are being called to something deeper and more authentic.

Christmas reminds us to look for God along the way of our lives and not get distracted by the illusions around us. Our world's complexity can leave us feeling displaced, desperate, alone, neglected, and unimportant. Joseph and Mary felt that way too. In the midst of all that captures and intrigues us in our self-created virtual worlds, is this longing for the anchor of faith to keep us grounded and make sense of it all. Only faith can give us the perspective to see what truly matters in life. We discover our divinely blessed humanity. The uncertain and challenging journey to Bethlehem gives way to the tender moments of birth and its embrace. Christmas softens us and slows us down a bit. It shows us Jesus as the light who enlightens everyone. It shows us the truth.

The faith that comes from Christmas calms our fears and allows us to go into the nighttime of our lives courageously. We are never lost or alone. We need to stop and savor more of life's moments before they slip away in time. God is with us, loving us, and leading us where we need to be. God is born again and again in every soul willing to give birth to His presence. God connects us and provides us with a place where we feel safe and welcome: home. Merry Christmas! ©LPI

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- 12/25: *Vigil*: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 *Night*: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/
Lk 2:1-14 *Day*: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3])/Heb 1:1-6/
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
- 12/26: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
- 12/27: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- 12/28: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18
- 12/29: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
- 12/30: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
- 12/31: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

SAINT MONICA PRAYER GROUP

Like so many Catholics today - even perhaps you - Monica wrestled daily with the pain of having a loved one fall away from the Faith. Like us, she often feared her prayers and tears were of little worth, empty, futile. Not so!!! After nearly two decades, her son, Augustine, returned to the Faith, in a big way. Revered today as *Saint* Augustine, he joined in holiness his mother, Monica - now *Saint* Monica.

Please join us for our next Saint Monica Prayer Group meeting on **Friday, January 20th**. We will begin with a potluck dinner and fellowship in the Parish Hall at 5:30PM, followed by discussion and intercessory prayer at 6:30PM.

For information, contact Diane at dswinarski@stjudenh.com or 603-425-1795.

THIRSTING FOR GOD?

Do you know someone not baptized? ... or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition, who is thirsting to know what it means to become Catholic? Do you know someone already Catholic but who has not yet received Confirmation and/or Communion who feels they are being called to do so now? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a place to ask questions and seek understanding.

For more information, please contact

Mary Carrigan - 603-722-5586,

Diane Swinarski - 603-425-1795 / dswinarski@stjudenh.com, or

Fr. Bob Gorski - 603-768-1936 / rgorski@stjudenh.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 24 December The Nativity of the Lord (Vigil Mass)
 4:00p ✠ Irene St. Laurent and Donna Lessard
 by Coral and George Lemire

8:00p ✠ Nick Green, John O’Keeffe and Eugene Moskal
 by Kathleen McKenney and Family

Sunday 25 December The Nativity of the Lord
 8:00a ◇ Our Parish Family
 10:00a ✠ Hank Maffei by his Family
 ◇ For the Intentions of Louise Purcell by her Family

Monday 26 December
 NO MORNING EUCHARIST

Tuesday 27 December Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
 8:00a ✠ Mario, Filomena and Helen Pisano by Cheryl and Ray

Wednesday 28 December The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
 8:00a ✠ John Carbone by Pat Carbone

Thursday 29 December
 NO MORNING EUCHARIST

Friday 30 December
 NO MORNING EUCHARIST

Saturday 31 December
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Vigil Mass)
 4:00p ✠ Marilyn Stocks by Joyce Velliquette
 ✠ Irene Lord-Stewart by Cheryl and Ray

Sunday 01 January Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
 8:00a ✠ Trudy Pherson by Dorrie Finch and Roland Simard
 10:00a ◇ Our Parish Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN NEED

Patricia Abbitt, Alison, Amber, Andrew, Ann, Annie, John & Katie Ankiewicz, Ashley, Nick B, Shawn B, Sylvia Bailey, Elaine Barrett, Joanne B, Pam Beaudette, Sisi Beaver, Diane Biron, Jessica Blinn, Michelle & Virgilio Boeing, Julie Bradley, Caitlin, Ellen C, John Callamaro, Caleb, Chris, Raymond Cipoletti, Reed Clark, Sue Coker, Carole Connolly, Betty, Dot & Fred Cormier, Bill Cornelissen, Beverly Corrow, Dash, David, Susan Day, Deirdre, Dorothy, Kevin Dougherty, Dumigans, Helen Elder, Claire & Jim Errico, Stan F, Walter and Patricia Farrington, Kathy Forget, Cecile Fortin, Pauline & Bill Fortin, Kelly Gagnon, Ginnie, Nancy Gerardi, Kate Grandchamp, Christina Grover, Ken H, Sarah Habib, Pete Hastings, Heidi & Brad, Danielle Hoffman, Barbara & David Hope, Sandra Hughes, Sharon Hunzelman, Janice, Jessica, Elliott Johnston, Jon, Jordan, Kathleen, Emma Kazor, Kevin Keefe, Kelsey, Ken, Kevin, Richard Kibildis, Kimberly, Geoffrey King, Diana & Rita Lacourse, Avery Lafferty, Tina Lanctot, Kelley Langlois, Larry, Alice Lavoie, Coral Lemire, Barbara Leone, Yvette Lessard, Casey Lindsay, Bill Livingston, Fiona Losty, Crystal M, Jack Maas, John Macadam, Dot Maloney, Rich Maloney, Marissa, Mary Martin, Mary & Pat, Tommy Martinez, Matthew, Alice McClure, Donna McDonald, Richard McManus, Merrick McNeil, Beverly Messier, Dorothy Michali, Richard Michaud, Stephen Morse, Pierre Mosley, Dan Mullen, Muriel, Peg Nagle, Cheryl Naso, Darlene Newbury, Pierce Nimrichter, Shannon Nolan, Barbie O’Brien, Sheila O’Keeffe, Haley O’Riorden, Bill Pappas, Lucille Paradis, S. Perry, Tim Phillips, Gabriella & Michael Pietrangelo, Vanessa Plourde, Louise Purcell, Lisa R, Phillip Reed, Sarah Reinold, John & Amy Renfer, Richard, Robert, Scott Rolf, Jessica S, Martha Saunders, Dolores Schafer, Scott, Serine, Shawn, Gilda Simao, Anne Skopelites, Gary Sloper, Sr, Raymond Smith, Stacy, Therese St. Germain, Alexandra Stoddard, Tony Stoddard, Thomas, Tina, Mark T, Joyce Tuden, Carl Turner, Ron Valencourt, Susan Vlahos, Rosemarie Walker, Donald Westing, Adam Wheaton, Laurie Willey, Aubrey & Crystal Willis, Debra Wilson, Lori Woscyna, Jess Wyrsh & baby, Eric Younger, Vince Zahornasky, and Dina Zorawowicz.

If you would like your name added to the prayer list, please call Sally in the parish office (603-432-3333 x 802) or email Kathleen (kmckenney@stjudenh.com).

All names will remain in the bulletin through December. Please let us know if you would like the name to be listed longer.

SANCTUARY LAMP



For the week of December 24th through December 30th, the Sanctuary Lamp is dedicated in thanksgiving by a parishioner.

If you would like an opportunity to dedicate the Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a deceased loved one or for a special intention, please contact the parish office or email Sally at sgreen@stjudenh.com. A suggested stipend is \$25.00.

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

“He gave power to become children of God.” If you think you may be called to share the Father’s love as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (603) 663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org.



THE CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

Baptisms will be celebrated by Deacon Jay Cormier on the first Sunday of each month at 11:30AM. **Families may also choose to celebrate their child’s Baptism at any weekend Mass.** Please note, baptisms are not celebrated during Lent (unless there are extenuating circumstances).

A Baptism catechesis “prep” session for parents (required) takes place two weeks prior on Wednesday evening at 7:00PM. For the time being, these sessions, about 75 minutes, take place on Zoom.

Baptism Liturgy (Sunday at 11:30AM)	Parents’ Catechetical Session (Wednesday at 7:00PM, via ZOOM)
February 5	January 25
April 16 (note change in date)	March 29
May 7	April 26
June 4	May 24

Parents wishing to arrange for their child’s baptism should contact Sally Green in the parish office at 603-432-3333 for more information.

PARISH SUPPORT

WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 11, 2022

Offertory	\$5,559.00
Maintenance	\$ 498.00
Last Week’s Online Giving	<u>\$3,540.01</u>
Total	\$9,597.01

Contributions for the weekend of December 18th will be in the January 8th bulletin. Thank you for your support.



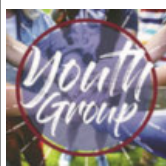
In light of the increased rate of respiratory infections, we'd like to remind parents that youth are welcome to wear masks if they would like to when Faith Formation classes resume in January.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES/YOUTH GROUP MEET JAN. 22ND



Enjoy the holidays and winter break! Please take some time to catch up on any sessions/chapters that you may be behind on.

Classes will resume on Sunday, January 22nd, from 9AM to 9:50AM, followed by the 10AM Mass with Children. Youth may attend Mass with their class or their parents. ALL youth return to the Classroom/Parish Hall after Mass for dismissal to their parents at 11:15AM. Youth attending Mass with their parents must be picked up from their class at 9:50AM.



YOUTH GROUP

Please keep our Youth Group in your prayers as they work on blankets for Project Linus.

Youth Group is comprised of youth from 4th grade and up who do not need sacramental preparation. Held at the same time as Faith Formation, the youth experience some social and spiritual time and participate in community service. Contact Trish at twoodward@stjudenh.com for information!

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

St. Jude's will serve a free *bagged lunch to-go* this weekend on Christmas Day from 1:30PM-2:30PM. A hot meal will be distributed from the large parking lot entrance, near the basketball hoop.

Free *bagged lunches to-go* are provided on the last Sunday of each month throughout the year. The dates for the next several meals are January 29th, February 26th, March 26th, and April 30th. **All in need of a meal are welcome!**

Anyone interested in volunteering with upcoming Free Community Meals should contact Denise at gosselind@comcast.net or Trish at twoodward@stjudenh.com.



Our knitting group, *Third Wednesday*, meets on the third Wednesday of every month from 1:00PM-2:30PM. If you're a knitter or someone who crochets, please feel free to join us. We've been working on hats and scarves that were donated to Liberty House and the 1269 Café, a local elementary school, and attendees who came to the free community meal. You're welcome to drop in one time or stop by to get some yarn or to donate a hat or scarf you've made.

Email Liz Ambrose at gardengirl100@yahoo.com if you have any questions or would like more information. We hope to see you in January!



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Catholic Men of St. Jude Parish:

If you are interested in helping support our Church and our Priests, and directly serving our Parish, consider joining our

Knights of Columbus Council #6949. The QR code will take you to information and an electronic sign-up.

If you have questions, or would like additional information, contact Grand Knight, Chip Lukitsch by phone (603-540-2240) or email (lukitschmc@comcast.net). God Bless.



ONLINE ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPTIONS

St. Jude Parish offers a variety of opportunities for adults to continue faith formation through bible studies, courses, and a monthly book group. Many of our classes offer hybrid options and take place in person as well as through Zoom. Please consider joining us!

Coming in January - Online Class via Zoom

**WHAT WE BELIEVE:
The Beauty of the Catholic Faith**

**Starts Monday, January 23rd
7:00PM-8:30PM**

Discover the Amazing Riches
of the Catholic Faith

Maybe you've been Catholic your entire life. Maybe you're just beginning to explore the Catholic Faith. Wherever you may be in your journey, you will be profoundly moved by the beauty and the richness of the Catholic Church.

Founded by Christ himself, the Catholic Church is where we encounter God in his Word, his sacraments, and his saints. The Church faithfully proclaims the fullness of faith, leaving no truth out. It proclaims the fullness of life, leaving no person out. It calls all to repent and to believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the source of all life and salvation.

For information, contact Diane at 425-1795 or email dswinarski@stjudenh.com.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Walking With Purpose Bible Studies for women meet on Monday mornings in Diane's office from 9:00AM-10:30AM. These bible studies combine personal study with small group discussion, linking our everyday challenges to the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church.

If you desire to grow in your faith – in a supportive community of Catholic Women – *Walking with Purpose* is for you! For more information, or to register, contact Diane at dswinarski@stjudenh.com or 603-425-1795.

BOOK CLUB

St. Jude Parish hosts a monthly Book Club online.

If you'd like to participate, please email Diane so she can send you the Zoom link to attend and let you know the next book once it's been selected (dswinarski@stjudenh.com).

BULLETIN DEADLINE - Please email information for the January 15th bulletin to kmckenney@stjudenh.com by January 5th.

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