

# St. Jude the Apostle Parish



*Sunday, December 20, 2020 —Fourth Sunday of Advent*

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## PARISH STAFF

*Pastor*..... **Rev. James W. Kirkpatrick, Jr.**  
*Deacon*..... Daniel E. Brick  
*Music Director/Organist/Choirmaster*..... Michael Hauser  
*Folk Group*..... Peggy Barkley  
*Family Faith Formation /Confirmation coordinator*.... Lynda Mostowy

## RECTORY HOURS

*Monday - Thursday - 9:30 am - 3:00 pm. Fridays- 9:30 am - 1:00 pm*

## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

*Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 am- 2:00 pm*

## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Please fill out a registration form obtained at entrances to the church or contact the rectory during office hours.

## FUNERAL LUNCHEONS

The Bereavement committee is a group that provides a luncheon in the Parish Hall for a minimum of 25 people and not more than 100 people following the **funeral Mass** of a parishioner. Volunteers are always needed and will be placed on a rotating team.

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil** ..... 5:00 pm  
**Sunday** 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon, 7:00 pm  
**Tuesday and Thursday** ..... 6:45 am  
**Monday–Friday** ..... 9:00 am  
**Saturday** ..... 9:00 am  
**Holy Day Masses** ..... see inside

## FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION

9:30 am to 5:00 pm (Sept. - June)

No First Friday devotion during July & August

## NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesdays ..... at the 9:00 am. Mass.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Wednesdays 9:30 am–8:00 pm in Church**  
Divine Mercy Chaplet recited at 3:00 pm.

## CONFESSIONS

Saturdays ..... 4:00 pm–4:45 pm  
(or by appointment)

## MARRIAGE

Arrangements are to be made by calling the rectory 6 months in advance. **A date cannot be reserved until the couple meets with the pastor.** Couples are to attend a Pre-Cana Conference.

## BAPTISMS

Held at 1:00 pm on the last Sunday of the month. They can also be scheduled at weekend Masses. A required class for parents and godparents is held in church the Tuesday before the Baptism at 7:00 pm. Please call the rectory for registration. A godparent is to be a Confirmed Catholic and be able to obtain a letter of recommendation from his/her parish.

**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

“St. Jude the Apostle is a Roman Catholic community committed to knowing our Christian Faith. We are a welcoming community striving to live in the truth of the Gospel, with love in service to others. Led by the Holy Spirit and rooted in the Eucharist, we believe in the dignity of each person and that all life is sacred.”

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**  
**December 13, 2020—December 20, 2020**

*The sanctuary candle will be lit this week in memory of Patricia Bonar by son, Scott and family*

**Saturday, December 19, 2020—(Vigil)**  
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6b 16-17 Lk 1:5-25  
9:00 am—Pat Freeman by Jerry & Pam Casillo  
5:00 pm—Pat Anastasi by Ron & family



**Sunday, December 20, 2020—Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a,16 Ps 89:2-5, 27,29 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38  
8:00 am—Leo Campbell by family  
10:00 am—David McCallum (death remb) by Gwen McCallum  
12 noon—Luke Patrick Brown (ann of death) by Grandma, Judy  
7:00 pm—Kevin Luss, Sr by Lisa Kilger

**Mon, December 21, 2020—Late Advent weekday**  
Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1:39-45  
9:00 am - Henry & Lottie Belz by family

**Tuesday, December 22, 2020—Late Advent Weekday**  
1 Sm 1:24-28 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-7, 8abcd Lk 1:46-56  
6:45 am - John Maglio II by John Maglio I  
9:00 am—Anna Ziatts (ann. of death) by George & Pauline Ziatts

**Wednesday, December 23, 2020—Late Advent weekday**  
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4bc-5ab, 8-10, 14 Lk 1:57-66  
9:00 am—For the sick and homebound and those who take care of them by Gerard and Ann Cote

**Thursday, December 24, 2020—Christmas Eve**  
Is 9:1-6 Ps 96:1-3, 11-13 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14  
6:45 am—Joanne Wawrzynek by husband, Walter  
4:00 pm—Fran Prescott by family  
12 midnight—Charles, Barbara & Marjorie Volk by Janet Volk

**Friday, December 25, 2020—Christmas Day**  
Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14  
8:00 am—Mom and Dad Raziano by daughter Nancy  
10:00 am - Dolores Powers by members of the Adult choir  
12 noon - Samuel & Catherine & Anna Marie Ferraro by Nancy, Mary and Lucy

**Saturday, December 26, 2020—St. Stephen, the first martyr**  
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4, 6-8b,16bc, 17 Mt 10:17-22  
9:00 am - Gary Butt by Jerry & Pam Casillo  
5:00 pm - Walter & Helen Slomba by children and grandchildren

**Sunday, December 27, 2020—Feast of the Holy Family**  
Gen 15:1-6; 21:1-3 Ps 105:1-6, 8-9 Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40  
8:00 am - Thomas Houston by Joanne Houston & sons  
10:00 am—Al DiMatteo by Rose and family  
12 noon - Teresa Palumbo by family  
7:00 pm—Daniel Marinaccio by co-workers of Carmella Marinaccio



**MESSAGE FROM FR JIM**

Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate the last week of Advent we look forward to Christmas later this week. It is a celebration that I am looking forward to. I wish you all a blessed Christmas. I know we are a bit confined as to how we celebrate it. We won't be able to spend it with extended family. We miss out on office Christmas parties. The atmosphere of the season is drastically different.

However, this could help us to reconnect with the meaning of Christmas. Instead of the craziness and stress we usually experience with planning. We could use it to connect with family via phone calls, skype or other means. We have a great opportunity to connect with Christ and the Holy Family. Pray on and explore what Mary and Joseph went through on the day Jesus was born.

Also, as we look to the new year we let's commit to putting this year behind us. All the hatred, anger and anxiety that has existed needs to be pushed aside. Hopefully 2021 will be better than 2020. We have to contribute to that as well.

Christ's Peace,

Fr Jim Kirkpatrick



**RCIA**

Have you ever thought about becoming Catholic or are you an adult who needs to be confirmed? Classes will be starting soon to discuss the Catholic faith and the Sacraments and to help you decide if you are ready. Please contact Fr. Jim at the office 694-0540.



**EVANGELIZATION PRAYER**

*O Holy Mother of God, Mother of the Church, and our Mother Mary, hear our prayer to strengthen and grow the one true Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, especially our St. Jude the Apostle Parish. Help us to persevere in Faith, Hope and Love, so that all who have left the Church will return to the fullness of the Faith. We humbly ask for your prayers this week for all parishioners to fully experience in their heart the great Love of God given to us on Christmas, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen*

## VOCATIONS

December 20, 2020

### A Vocation View

“The angel Gabriel from Heaven came...”  
When God’s plan was made clear to Mary, she had some questions but ultimately answered with a confident YES.



If you have any questions about how God is calling you to serve His Church, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org)

### The Traveling Madonna, ADVENT



**Unwrap the true meaning of Christmas:** This Christmas we need to unwrap the Savior, Jesus Christ, whose presence as the Infant of Bethlehem is God’s Word to us. God’s promise has been kept. “Fear not,” the shepherds are reminded. “Fear not,” God is with you. Let us hear this Good, this Very Good News. Let it encourage our faith in God. Let it resonate in our homes and families, among our friends and coworkers. May it be preached from our pulpits. **The Savior is born and He and ONLY HE can take away fears and free us from sin.** No one else can; nothing else can do that for you.

For some, Christmas evokes memories, especially of loved ones who have died. Consider Mary in the years after Jesus’ death. She understands your pain, Each year after His death on the Cross she surely remembered the day of His birth, that first Christmas. Talk to Mary about whomever you miss this Christmas. She understands what is going on in your hears.

**May you unwrap the TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS who is Jesus Christ, the Savior and Lord. With wishes and prayers for a blessed Christmas and New Year**

Bishop Dennis J. Sullivan

**If you and your family would like to honor Our Lady of Fatima or would like her intercession with Jesus, call Ann 692- 4396 to arrange a time. For Mary to come and visit your home.**

## CHURCH DOORS

As a health precaution, and in following diocesan directives, the front doors of the Church (along Niagara Falls Blvd.) are kept locked. This is to avoid having people come in close contact with each other as they walk in different directions. Please enter Church from the side doors or the Parish hall. You may leave church through the front doors. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Our Faith Community’s Gift to God

Week ending December 13, 2020

### Receipts:

Regular weekly	\$ 9,663.00
All Saints	25.00
Immaculate Conception	976.00
Christmas	130.00
Solemnity of Mary	53.00
Christmas Flowers	503.00
Heat	65.00
Snow removal	10.00
Miscellaneous	64.00
“We Share” Electronic giving-wkly	<u>1,225.00</u>

Total weekly receipts \$ 12,714.00

### Special collections:

Catholic University	\$ 5.00
Campaign for Human Development	32.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society	85.00
Religious Retirement Fund	966.00

For more information about our “We Share” Contributions program, visit the parish website at [www.stjudetheapostle.org](http://www.stjudetheapostle.org). Click the “Parish Support” icon and follow the “We Share” link to make secure online donations using credit/debit cards or direct withdrawals from your bank account.

## FAITH FORMATION

**JOIN US!** Live Zoom Rosary is offered every Monday from 7:30 pm—8:00 pm. You can pray an interactive rosary with us. Please see your emailed invitation to get more information on the link and passcode.

**May all the families and children have a very blessed, holy and beautiful Christmas!**

Santa vs Old St Nick!  
Santa Claus is round and plump;  
St. Nicholas is tall and thin.

Santa Claus wears a stocking cap;  
St. Nicholas wears a bishop’s hat.

Santa Claus comes December 25th;  
St. Nicholas comes December 6th/19th.

Santa Claus is often seen in stores;  
St. Nicholas is often seen in churches.

Santa Claus flies through the air—from the North Pole;  
St. Nicholas walked the earth, caring for those in need.

Santa Claus, for some, replaces Jesus at Christmas;  
St. Nicholas, for all, points to Jesus at Christmas.

Santa Claus isn’t bad;  
St. Nicholas is just better!

—C. Myers & J. Rosenthal

## ***EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS***

Saturday, December 19	5:00 pm	B. Franusiak J. Seymour, S. Cuccia
Sunday, December 20	8:00 am	MJ Wolanyk, P. Mancuso, J. Maldonado
	10:00 am	J. Peresie, R. Sarullo
	12 noon	N. Colvin, D. Durnin S. Maziarz
	7:00 pm	S. Ruska, J. Casillo, T. Sack
Thursday, December 24 <b>Christmas Eve</b>	4:00 pm	Needed
	Midnight	C. Shilen, J. Renda
Friday, December 25 <b>Christmas Day</b>	8:00 am	K. Lucin, E. Frank T. Hanavan
	10:00 am	J. Casillo, F. & M. Barry
	12 noon	Needed
Saturday, December 26	5:00 pm	E. & G. Moran, J. Holesko
Sunday, December 27	8:00 am	P. Mancuso, D. MacDonald J. Casillo
	10:00 am	J. Wiech, J. Renda, R. Dunning
	12 noon	P. Ziatts, B. Giroux, N. Colvin
	7:00 pm	B. Franusiak, B. & C. Yager



## ***LECTORS***

Saturday, December 19	5:00 pm	G. Smeragliuolo
Sunday, December 20	8:00 am	C. Yager
	10:00 am	J. Wiech
	12 noon	C. Desiderio
	7:00 pm	needed
Saturday, December 26	5:00 pm	T. Sack
Sunday, December 27	8:00 am	M. Martin
	10:00 am	L. & G. Pupo
	12 noon	M. A. Demler
	7:00 pm	J. Peresie

**PRO-LIFE**

The Birth of Our Lord,  
Jesus Christ



Merry Christmas  
May we welcome and love  
every child—born and unborn—as much as  
we welcome and love the Christ Child born  
on Christmas Day.

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nancy**

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abortion reconciliation**

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or [www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org)

**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS  
LITURGIES**

*Confessions every Wednesday during Advent 7– 9 pm in  
Parish Hall.*

**Thursday, December 24th—Masses 4:00 pm and  
Christmas Eve Midnight Mass**

**Friday, December 25th— Masses 8, 10 and 12n  
Christmas No 7 pm Mass**



**Thursday, December 31st— Mass 7:00 pm  
Vigil of Solemnity of Mary**

**Friday, January 1, 2021— Masses 9:00 am &  
Solemnity of Mary 11:00 am**



**AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Our Lady of Czestochowa**—invites you to join them in sharing  
some Christmas joy with those in the neighborhood. We will be  
Christmas Caroling on Tuesday, December 22nd at 6:00 pm—7:30  
pm. Social Distancing and Masks are required. We will provide  
song booklets. **You need to bring your flashlight.** We will meet  
in the front of Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, 64 Center St., NT.  
If you have any questions call Sr. Jacinta at 814-505-2290, or email  
her at [olcparishspirituallife@gmail.com](mailto:olcparishspirituallife@gmail.com) Registration NOT required.

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