

# St. Jude the Apostle Parish



***Sunday, September 10, 2023    Twenty-third Sunday In Ordinary Time***

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## **FAMILY PARISH STAFF**

***Pastor of the families.....Rev. Michael LaMarca***  
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***Weekend Associate..... Msgr. Fran Weldgen***  
***Deacons..... Deacon Brick & Deacon Steiner***  
***Music Director/Organist/Choirmaster..... Michael Hauser***  
***Family Faith Formation /Confirmation coordinator.... Lynda Mostowy***

## **RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday-Thursday 9:30—4:30 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**

We are not offering funeral luncheons until further notice.

## **RCIA**

Not confirmed? Not baptized? Want to know more about the Catholic Faith? Now forming—RCIA classes—Contact Joan 716-830-3195.

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday Vigil .....4:30pm**

**Sunday ..... 7:30 am and 9:30 am**

**Monday—Saturday ..... 8:30 am**

**Holy Day Masses..... see inside**

## **FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION**

**At Our Lady of Czestochowa 8 am—12 noon**

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Wednesday.....12 noon—6 pm**

**Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (before Mass)**

**Confession—Saturdays 3:30 PM—4:15 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.

***The Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time***

**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.”

***MASSSES FOR THE WEEK***  
***September 9, 2023—September 17, 2023***

*Two baskets of flowers are on the altar in memory of  
Stephen Holesko by Mom, Dad and Patrick*

**Saturday, September 9, 2023 (vigil)**

Col 1:21-23 Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8 Lk 6:1-5

8:30 am—Jerry Heckman by family

4:30 pm—Jack Seedorf by family

**Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023—Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary time**

Ez 33:7-9 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Rom 13:8-10 Mt 18:15-20

7:30 am—Kenneth Giroux by wife, Brenda

9:30 am—Eleanor Birke by Harry & Barbara Myszk

**Monday, September 11, 2023 –Weekday**

Col 1:24-2:3 Ps 62:6-7 Lk 6:6-11

8:30 am—Stephen Holesko (birth) by Mom, Dad & Patrick

**Tuesday, September 12, 2023—Weekday**

Col 2:6-15 Ps 145:1-2, 8-11 Lk 6:12-19

8:30 am—Thomas Pennock by Mark & Andrea Duguay

**Wednesday, September 13, 2023—Weekday**

Col 3:1-11 Ps 145:-3, 10-13 Lk 6:20-26

8:30am—Anthony Smeragliuolo (wed ann) by wife

**Thursday, September 14, 2023—Weekday**

Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 79:1b-2, 34-38 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17

8:30 am—In honor of Jerry & Pam Casillo's 50th Wedd. Anniversary  
by family

**Friday, September 15, 2023—Our Lady of Sorrows**

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11 Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

8:30 am - Sally Wozniak by daughter

**Saturday, September 16, 2023 (vigil)**

1 Tm 1:15-17 Ps 113:1-7 Lk 6:43-49

8:30 am—Ted Barone by Jerry & Pam Casillo

4:30 pm—Leo Campbell by family

**Sunday, September 17, 2023 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ord. Time**

Sir 27:30-28:7 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35

7:30 am—Carol & Don Lundberg by Ordian family

9:30 am—Winnie Peresie by family

*The Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help will recited before the 8:30  
am Mass on Wednesdays.*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

The Mass Intention book for 2024 is here. If you wish to have any Masses said, you need to stop by the rectory Monday-Thursday from 10:00 am and 2:00 pm.

You may have 5 weekday Masses and two Saturday or Sunday Masses. Thank you for your cooperation.

**NEW SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

*Begins the weekend of September 2/3, 2023*

**St. Jude**

**Saturday vigil:** 4:30 pm—(confessions 3:30 pm—4:15 pm)

**Sunday Morning:** 7:30 am & 9:30 am

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**Masses at our family parishes**

**St. Amelia**

**Saturday vigil**—4:00 pm (confessions 3:00 pm—4:45 pm)

**Sunday Morning:** 8:00 am and 10:00 am

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**St. Christopher**

**Saturday vigil**—4:00 pm (confessions 3:00 pm—4:45 pm)

**Sunday Morning:** 8:30 am & 10:30 am

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**Our Lady of Czestochowa**

**Saturday vigil**— 5:00 PM (confessions 4:00 pm—4:45 pm)

**Sunday Morning:** 9:00 am

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**St. Francis (No Saturday vigil)**

**Sunday Morning—St. Francis** 9:30 am & 11:30 am

**Tuesday** (confessions 5:30 pm—6:15 pm)

**DAILY MASS SCHEDULE—beginning September 1**

**St. Jude Monday—Saturday—8:30 am—**  
**Rosary recited before Mass**

**St. Amelia Monday—Saturday—8:00 am**

**OLC—Monday-Friday 8:00 am**

**St. Christopher-Monday—Friday—7:00 am**

**St. Francis—Monday/Wed/Friday 8:30 am**  
**Tuesday/Thursday 6:30 pm**

Confessions available at the following times beginning Sept. 1

**Saturday 3:00 pm—3:45 pm—St. Christopher**  
**St. Amelia**

**Saturday—3:30 pm—4:15 pm—St. Jude**

**Saturday—4:00 pm—4:45 pm—OLC**

**Tuesday— 5:30 pm—6:15 pm—St. Francis**

## From Fr. Mike's Desk



### New Bulletin:

Beginning the weekend of September 30/October 1, our Family will have one bulletin for the parishes. This will help keep communications consistent for all the parishes and we can all be informed and invited about and to events happening at one another's parishes.

### Leaving something behind to go forward

As many of you know, twelve years ago, I converted to Catholicism. That began with an academic study (at a SUNY college) of media (television, advertising, social media, etc.) and how it shapes culture. I jumped off that bandwagon and became Catholic. In hindsight, it's the best decision I've ever made. I left so much of my old life behind, but it was the only way forward.

The world (as seen through media) is stranger today than ever before. At the same time, we know there are challenges in the Church. The Road to Renewal can be bumpy. It will be bumpy. Along with those bumps, persecution of the Church is on the rise. (If you don't already, I suggest you read VaticanNews.va, every day. Look at the World, the Church, the Vatican and Pope Francis through the eyes of religious media. You will see where I'm coming from.)

### The question is: How do we respond?

I noticed about a year ago that people in some parishes began to pray the prayer to St. Michael after Mass. I was asked one day to lead the congregation in that prayer. I declined the offer; honestly, I was not comfortable with the request. But I didn't understand why.

I began to research the St. Michael prayer and how it was used in the Church. Back in 1884, the prayers came into use. Pope Leo XIII added the Leonine prayers to be recited after Mass. Perfect, he was the pope, and that is his prerogative. The Leonine prayers included the prayer to Saint Michael.

Fast forward to 1964 when the Vatican Council begins. This included a major revision of our Liturgy. As part of this reform, the Vatican removed the Leonine prayers effective on the First Sunday of Lent in 1965 through the instruction titled: "Inter Oecumenici." This too was within the power of the Council. (There were reasons for these changes, and they are better explained by experts in their field. Father Paul Turner has an excellent article available in our parishes titled "Evaluating the Prayer to Saint Michael.")

Thirty years later, according to an article in Simply Catholic, Pope John Paul II made this statement: Although the prayer is no longer recited at the end of Mass, I ask everyone not to forget it and to recite it to obtain help in the battle against the forces of darkness and against the spirit of the world.

So, on the one hand the prayer to Saint Michael is not forgotten, but should not be recited at the end of Mass.

And so: What do we do? We go forward. Together. For myself, I'm going to try hard to find time to read up on, follow, and promote the Eucharistic Revival that the United States Catholic Bishops are asking us to participate in. Their stated mission is to renew the church by enkindling in God's people a living relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. (USCCB.org/resources/welcome-national-eucharistic-revival.)

Yes, the program began over a year ago, and I'm behind the curve as it were. Have you seen it? Are you following it? Leading it?

I would love to hear from you either way, because we are all in this together. You can write me at [cjohnson@rcct.faith](mailto:cjohnson@rcct.faith).

PS: What is the victory that overcomes the world? Our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? (1 John 5:4)

-Fr. Charles

### What's Happening in the Family

**Saturday September 16- Family Fun Fest at St. Francis!** Food, entertainment and raffles! 12noon-9pm! The day serves as a great opportunity to gather for fellowship! Yellow Raffle ticket/sheets available at the entrances of all churches.

### St. Jude's- St Vincent de Paul MEAT RAFFLE Friday, September 29th, 2023

Doors open at 6:00 pm, spins begin at 7 pm

Held at Knights of Columbus

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Tickets are \$ 10/each, includes entry, beer, pop, coffee & tea Tickets are available at all Family Offices at St. Christopher's or call Paul Brown: 716/432-1294 \*All proceeds benefit the SVP "Bags of Gratitude" food distribution to those in need.

**St. Jude Basket Raffle** Sunday September 24, 2023 - Tickets available September 23 after 4:30pm Mass and Sunday, September 24th from 8:30 am—2:00 pm. Basket drawing at 2:00 pm For further information contact Cindy, 716- 471-2721, or St. Jude's Office, 716-694-0540.

**Eucharistic Adoration**—Mark your calendars to join us for Eucharistic Adoration EVERY Tuesday evening, following 6:30pm Mass, 7pm-8pm, at St. Francis in the chapel, and every Wednesday 12noon-6pm at St. Jude's with Evening Prayer beginning at 6pm. Spending time with our Lord in adoration can be a powerful experience, we hope you will make the time to join us.



### You Asked...the Pastor Answered

You Asked: Will all the parishes be sharing equally in shared Family expenses?

**Fr. Mike:** There will be a meeting between Finance Committee representatives from all five parishes to discuss the percentages which each parish will pay for shared expenses. The expenses will not be shared equally across the board. We have to remember we are ONE Family, and so some of our larger more financially stable parishes will have a higher percentage than another, but this does not mean one parish becomes the primary focus over the other.

**New Family Office** St. Amelia, St. Christopher and Our Lady of Czestochowa now operate out of the Family Offices located at St. Christopher's, 2660 Niagara Falls Blvd. The office is located directly on the boulevard with parking spots located in front of the school building. The office door is to the left, we are working on better signage. If you need to schedule a Mass, in need of sacramental records or have general parish inquiries, please call the office at, 716-692-2660. The offices for St. Francis and St. Jude will transfer over, in the coming weeks, with specific dates and information published here in the bulletin.

### ***EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS***

Saturday, September 9	4:30 pm	A. Murdock, K. Adowski M. & F. Barry, J. Seymour
Sunday, September 10	7:30 am	K DesRosiers, T. Hanavan, P. Mancuso
	9:30 am	J. Peresie, H. Tate B. Brenchley, J. Casillo S. Ruska
Saturday, September 16	4:30 pm	B. & N. Garcia, B. Franusiak, C. Shilen J. Makey
Sunday, September 17	7:30 am	M. Truty, E. Frank, M. Garcia
	9:30 am	J. Becker, F. Giancola J. Kasperek, P. Ziatts H. Tate

### ***LECTORS***



Saturday, September 9	4:30 pm	G. Smeragliuolo
Sunday, September 10	7:30 am	M. Martin
	9:30 am	F. Giancola
Saturday, September 16	4:30 pm	T. Sack
Sunday, September 17	7:30 am	M. Truty
	9:30 am	MA Demler

### ***ALTAR SERVERS***



If you made your First Communion and would be interested in becoming an altar server (boy or girl), please contact 716-694-0540 for training. Thank you!

***BEREAVEMENT LUNCHEON GROUP***—There will be a Bereavement meeting on Wednesday, September 13th at 2:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Those who work the luncheon are asked to attend. We will be talking about plans for the future. Any questions or concerns call Carol at 716-694-5597.

### ***HELP NEEDED!***

Fr. Mike is looking for a few able-bodied men to renovate the priest's residence on Kingston. Help is needed with painting, and fixing a few things at the house. etc. If you can help in anyway, please call the rectory office 716-694-0540

### ***FAITH FORMATION***

Registration is open for the 2023-24 Family Faith school year. Classes begin on Sept. 13 and 14, 2023.– April 2024. Please register as soon as possible.



We have a great year planned for you!

All children beginning in 1st grade must take classes or lessons in order to make their sacrament. Keep them grounded in the TRUTH-BEAUTY-GOODNESS of God.

**Grades 1st—8th**—Wednesday or Thursday weekly from 6:00 pm—7:15 pm

**High School:** Wednesday or Thursday from 6:45 pm—8:15 pm three times a month.

**Homeschool**—Available for all grades except 10th

**CONFIRMATION:** Bishop Michael Fisher will celebrate Confirmation on Monday, October 23rd at 7:00 pm at St. Jude the Apostle Parish.

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT** for all 11th and 10th grade 2023-2024 students. Students must attend the retreat on Sept 15th from 4:30-9:00 pm. Also, any Catholic High School student who needs to be confirmed must enroll in the retreat. Call Faith Formation for more information.

### ***BASKET RAFFLE***

The Fundraising committee will be having a Basket Raffle on Sunday, September 24th in the Parish Hall. Tickets will be on sale Saturday, September 23rd after the 4:30 pm Mass, and on Sunday, September 24th from 8:30 am—2:00 pm. Basket drawing will be Sunday at 2:00 pm. Baskets, gift cards, & lottery tickets needed. For more information, contact Cindy at (716) 471-2271 or the rectory office 716-694-0540.



### ***OUR FAITH COMMUNITY'S GIFT TO GOD***

Receipts

**Week ending 9/02/23/23—9/03/23**

*The Bulletin had to be submitted early, due to Holiday.  
Information will be in next week's bulletin.*

For more information about the “We Share” Contribution Program, visit the Parish Website at [www.stjudetheapotleparish.org](http://www.stjudetheapotleparish.org). Click on 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.

### ***ROSARY GUILD***

The First meeting of the Rosary Guild will be held on Tuesday, September 19th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.



The theme for the first meeting is FALL FEST.

We welcome back our members and any new members who would like to join us!

### ***CHOIR MEMBERS***

Our Choir is starting a new season and is looking for new members. We especially need sopranos and basses. If you can help, come to rehearsal this Thursday at 7:00 pm in Church. The choir will be singing at the 9:30 am Mass every Sunday.





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