

St. Jude the Apostle Parish



Sunday, September 17, 2023 Twenty-fourth 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 Mostoway

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 Vigil4:30pm

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-fourth 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 16, 2023—September 24, 2023*

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

Monday, September 18, 2023 –Weekday

1 Tm 2:1-8 Ps 28:2, 7-9 Lk 7:1-10

8:30 am—Jerry Cote by Steve & Eleanor Ash

Tuesday, September 19, 2023—St. Januarius, bishop/martyr

1 Tm 3:1-13 Ps 101:1-3, 5-6 Lk 7:11-17

8:30 am—Eleanor Birke by Bereavement committee

Wednesday, September 20, 2023— St. Andrew Kim & companions

1 Tim 3:14-16 Ps 111:1-6 Lk 7:31-35

8:30am—Paul Mann by Joan Beiter

Thursday, September 21, 2023—St. Matthew, apostle/evangelist

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 19:2-5 Mt 9:9-13

8:30 am—Donald Goodman by Jeff Peresie

Friday, September 22, 2023—Weekday

1 Tm 6:2c-12 Ps 49:6-10, 17-20 Lk 8:1-3

8:30 am - Phillip Garcia by family

Saturday, September 23, 2023—(vigil)

1 Tm 6:13-16 Ps 100:1-5 Lk 8:4-15

8:30 am—Irene Wiech (ann of death) by Bob & Jeannie Wiech

4:30 pm—Ron & Pat Anastasi by children

Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023—Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:6-9 Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 Phil 1:20c-24, 27a Mt 20:1-16a

7:30 am—Robert & Barbara Meister (wedd ann.) by family

9:30 am—Thomas Pennock by Kelley family.

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!



BASKET RAFFLE

Basket raffle on September 24th. Tickets available on September 23rd after the 4:30 pm Mass and on Sunday, September 24th following the 7:30 am Mass—2 pm. Drawing is at 2:00 pm. Baskets can be dropped off during regular business hours in the hall, Saturday evening or Sunday mornings. We need lottery tickets, and gift cards. You can drop them in the collection basket. *Thank you!*

NEW SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Jude

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

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

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

St. Christopher

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

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

Our Lady of Czestochowa

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

Sunday Morning: 9:00 am

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—

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

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



From Fr. Mike's Desk



Thank you everyone for all of your openness to all the changes so far. I know there have been a lot of changes, and yes there are more coming. These are the toughest times with all of the adjustments. We will continue to do the best we can to communicate everything with you, inevitably something will be missed, I ask for your patience and beg for your forgiveness. One of the things that is also happening is observations. As things settle, we are observing everything that has taken place and evaluating where we need to adjust before we get too far down the road with the changes.

I was struck on September 7, that the gospel for that day is so fitting to what we are called to today as the People of God as part of the Road to Renewal. It was the Gospel of Luke and it was the account of Jesus preaching from the boat of Simon and Andrew, along with James and John. After Jesus had preached he told them to cast their nets over for a catch. Simon insisted that it was useless, after all he was the expert on fishing, but Simon reluctantly went along and did it anyways. From it, their nets were in danger of tearing open because of the amount of fish that were caught; and that sealed the deal for Simon, Andrew, James and John. They left everything in that moment and followed Jesus.

Imagine what would have happened or not happened had they refused to do what Jesus was asking? They would have missed out on so much; their lives would have never been filled with the blessings they received from that moment forward. It seems like every time in the gospel the disciples, specifically the apostles, were reluctant to listen, when they did, they were blessed abundantly.

We as the People of God, as disciples of the 21st century have to trust in what the Holy Spirit is calling us to do as Church, here in our Family of Parishes, here in the Diocese of Buffalo, and the Church universal. There have been blessings that have come from the changes made, I see it at least in daily Mass participation, new volunteers stepping forward, visitation of other churches, ministries from parishes beginning to work together and much more. Not everything has been perfect, the Church never has been, but if we don't take that step of faith like Simon, and refuse to be open to what our God is calling us, we could miss out on many blessings and graces.

Please know of my prayers for you and your families daily. I vow to each week, on my day off, when I say Mass in private, to offer it for you. The priests of our family became priests to celebrate the sacraments and lead those searching for God, to Him; our deacons as well. We might be like Simon and think we know better, but we have to trust when God asks us to cast the net into the uncharted territory of the renewal process, as we do not know the blessings that can come from it; I am convinced that they will be so much, our churches will be tearing at the seams with vibrancy.

In Good Faith

Fr. Michael

GO BILLS!

SPAM Emails From time to time, it seems like emails are sent out to be a priest from the Family. **Please know that NO PRIEST will EVER email you asking for money or confidential favors.** PAY CLOSE attention to the email address which it is being sent from, but no priest should ever ask you for money for personal assistance or assistance for someone else. We have assistance programs in place through the parishes to help those in need.

Eucharistic Ministers Visiting the Homebound—If you are a Eucharistic Minister visiting the homebound, please place your pyx on the credence table/side table near the altar before Mass. Following communion the priest will come forward and distribute the pyxes to the ministers and offer you a blessing as you go forth. Please do not bring your pyx through the communion line and ask for hosts to be placed in your pyx, it is not the proper procedure of the church.

NEW Bulletin Beginning Sunday October 1, we will have ONE Family bulletin. If you would like something submitted for the bulletin, please make sure to submit it by end of business the Monday prior to the Sunday. Everything can be emailed to bulletin@rcct.faith. For verbal inquiries with the bulletin please contact Arlene at the St. Amelia Rectory (716) 836-0011.

What's Happening in the Family

St. Jude Basket Raffle Sunday September 24, 2023 at St. Jude Parish - Tickets available September 23 after 4:30pm Mass and Sunday, September 24th following the 7:30 am Mass—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.

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

755 Erie Ave.

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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.

Vaccine Clinic St. Jude the Apostle in the parish hall , Sept 30th from 9-noon Vaccines offered: Flu for ages 3 and up COVID for ages 12 and up. Please bring insurance card and ID. **No appointment needed.** Clinic given by Rite Aid Pharmacy.

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: What is going to happen with the Christmas Mass schedule?



Fr. Mike: Christmas! The stores don't even have the decorations out yet...actually they do! The Christmas Mass schedule is being discussed and we will hopefully have that by early October so that we can promote any changes to it. Christmas is unique because of the increase attendance so that is something we need to take into account.

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. All mail for OLC, St. Amelia and St. Christopher should be sent to 2660 Niagara Falls Blvd. Tonawanda, NY 14150

Feast Day of St. Francis St. Francis' Feast Day is Wednesday October 4. As we celebrate this patron in our Family of Parishes, join us for a Blessing of Animals at St. Francis on Wednesday October 4 at 6:30 pm. The blessing will take place on the front steps of the church on Adam St in the city of Tonawanda. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll move it inside. There will be a

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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
Saturday, September 23	4:30 pm	K. Adowski, J. Holesko J. Arnold, S. Cuccia R. O'Sullivan
Sunday, September 24	7:30 am	D. Scibilia, M. Garcia M. Lubniewski
	9:30 am	J. Renda, F. Barry, S. Ruska, C. Yager, J. Casillo

LECTORS



Saturday, September 16	4:30 pm	T. Sack
Sunday, September 17	7:30 am	M. Truty
	9:30 am	MA Demler
Saturday, September 23	4:30 pm	K. Lord
Sunday, September 24	7:30 am	J. Zilliox
	9:30 am	J. Kasperek

ALTAR SERVERS



Saturday, September 16	4:30 pm—B. Guiseppetti
Sunday, September 17	7:30 am— 9:30 am—M. Dzielski
Saturday, September 23	4:30 pm—A. Ganz
Sunday, September 24	7:30 am—S. & J. Haley 9:30 am—L. M. & A. Jarka

FAITH FORMATION

Classes for elementary and middle school have begun. Please contact the Faith Formation office at 716-694-4540 to register your child.

Home School packets will be available in October for Grades 1-9. You will be e-mailed regarding pickup.

High School begins October 4th and 5th. We meet three times a month from 6:45 pm—8:00 pm.

October 23, 2023 at 7:00 pm is Confirmation and it will take place at St. Jude the Apostle Parish with Bishop Michael Fisher presiding.

Mission Collection

Next Sunday our parish community here at St. Jude's will have our annual missionary collection. The Franciscan Sisters of St. Bernadette will be sharing their message on their Mission for Orphans Educational Fund.

The Congregation: The Late Bishop Alfred Lanctot -W. F (White Fathers) known today, as Missionaries of Africa from Canada, founded the Congregation of Franciscan Sisters of St. Bernadette in 1958 in Tanzania, East Africa. The Congregation works in the steps of the founder which is to preach the Good News to all people mostly in Tanzania and in the USA by teaching and doing different activities. Currently, the congregation has 231 professed members.

The Spirit and Charisma: We live the Franciscan spirit by loving and accepting all God's people as gifts. We are close to all people and participate according to the sign of time by rendering pastoral and social services, especially, in taking care of the orphans, the sick in hospitals, HIV/AIDS victims, refugees, women groups, children formation, youth, caring for disabled, lepers, widows, widowers and teaching in schools.

Mission Appeal: At present, The Franciscan Sisters of St. Bernadette has one greatest challenge which we are facing. That is getting enough money to take our orphans to schools. It costs a Tanzanian family \$300 to pay for the education of an elementary school, one child per year, and \$700 for a high school student. We are working with these serious issues so that we may help improve the lives of these orphans. We have come to realize throughout the years that most of the orphans we send back at home, to their relatives, they never make it to school, and some become street children. This makes us very sad because without education they lack self empowerment skills, which they need in order to take care of their own lives in the future. Since we know that "education is a key of life," we have therefore, decided to establish education fund to help us get most of them in school. We believe that this important education fund will help us to give them an education and reduce street children. We are relying on your support to accomplish this mission. We thank you in advance for your anticipated generosity which will be very highly appreciated. We assured you of our humble prayers.

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY'S GIFT TO GOD

Receipts Week ending 9/02/23/23— 9/03/23 9/9/23– 9/10/23

Regular weekly	\$ 9,327.03	\$ 8,149.31
Assumption	30.00	5.00
All Saints		7.00
Fuel Collection	100.00	
School supplies	80.00	
Candles	185.00	
Donation	100.00	
Faith Formation	995.00	
"We Share" Electronic Giving		
Regular weekly	<u>1,230.00</u>	<u>1,130.00</u>
Total Weekly receipts	\$12,047.03	\$ 9,291.31

Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund	\$75.00	
Catholic University	15.00	1.00
Seminary Formation	17.00	10.00
Catholic Education	23.00	16.00
Respect Life		5.00

For more information about "We Share" Contribution Program, visit the Parish Website at www.stjudetheapostleparish.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 account.

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