

St. Jude the Apostle Parish



Sunday, September 24, 2023 Twenty-fifth 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 Mostow

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 10:45 am on Sundays or 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-fifth 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 24, 2023-October 1, 2023*

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.

Monday, September 25, 2023 –Weekday

Ezr 1:1-6 Ps 126:1-6 Lk 8:16-18

8:30 am—Richard Wiech by Steve & Joan Holesko

Tues., September 26, 2023-Sts. Cosmos and Damian, martyrs

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 Ps 122:1-5 Lk 8:19-21

8:30 am— Angelo Cieri by family

Wed., September 27, 2023—St. Vincent dePaul, priest/memorial

Ezr 9:5-9 (Ps) Tb 13:2, 3-4, 7-8 Lk 9:1-6

8:30am—Larry & Elaine Sanford by Steve & Eleanor Ash

Thurs, Sept.28, 2023-St. Wenceslaus, martyr

Hg 1:1-8 Ps 149:1-6, 9 Lk 9:7-9

8:30 am-Irene Williams by Steve & Eleanor Ash

Fri, Sept. 29, 2023—St. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a (Ps) Jer 41:10-13 Lk 9:43b-45

8:30 am -Rose DeMarie by Fr. Jim and staff

Saturday, September 30, 2023-(vigil)

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a (Ps) Jer 31:10-13 Lk 9:43b-45

8:30 am—Judy Malone by Mark & Andrea Duguay
4:30 pm—Scott Lorch by Terry Reaser

Sunday, October 1, 2023– Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 18:25-28 Ps 25:4-9 Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5 Mt 21:28-32

7:30 am—Nancy McIntyre by family
9:30 am—Edward Lorenc by Adult Choir

BASKET RAFFLE

September 24th

Tickets available Saturday, following the 4:30 pm Mass & Sunday, September 24th following the 7:30 am Mass—2 pm. Drawing is at 2:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Stop by and see the beautiful baskets and take a chance!

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



October? How did that happen? Things really are moving fast, but things are beginning to take shape in the Family Office with the goal by the end of October all five parishes will be functioning out of the Family Office.

I am grateful to everyone on our pillar teams and the work they are doing. The recommendations and decisions are not easy to come by, but they are necessary for our progress moving forward.

I know there continues to be hesitancy and frustration with this process of becoming a Family of Parishes, but the alternative is much more stark. The diocese does not want to see parishes close, we shouldn't want to see it, and I do not believe anyone does. The purpose behind the Family of Parishes is for the parish communities to work together, support one another and form stronger communities of faith that foster environments for growth. What are we doing to help grow our communities? Are we inviting anyone back to Mass? Are we stepping forward with new ideas or assisting those who have done a lot of the work over the years and are getting tired? What are we doing? If we always rely on the same people to do the work, to organize events, to volunteer when help is needed, what will happen when they no longer can do it?

When a new restaurant opens, we don't go if it gets bad reviews, we stay clear of it. If we speak angrily and negatively about the changes because we don't want to change, that does not foster an inviting environment. I have seen great things since I've been here and since the new Mass schedule in place. Our Tuesday evening confessions, Mass and adoration schedule at St. Francis has been great with participants and engagement of people, from all five of our parishes and even outside our Family as well. There are new people participating in Eucharistic Adoration at St. Jude's and OLC with the new schedule. We are visiting one another's communities for the first time and seeing how beautiful our Church is, and I'm not talking about the buildings.

The approach might not be perfect, but the alternative is much more difficult to navigate. Please see my "Ask the Pastor" for more on this topic.

Thank you again for all of your support as we continue to move forward and thank you for being part of this Family.

In Good Faith,

Fr. Michael

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.

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.

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 secondary blessing of animals on **Saturday October 7th at 9 am at St. Amelia's**.

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 9:00 am the Monday prior to the Sunday. Everything can be emailed to bulletin@rcct.faiht. 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'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.

North Tonawanda, NY

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.

You Asked...the Pastor Answered



You Asked: Can you promise that none of the churches are going to close?

Fr. Mike: I cannot. We are already seeing parishes in the diocese who are closing because of their inability or resistance to wanting to participate in the Road to Renewal. It's not a punishment from the bishop, but the result of communities that are not able to be independently viable anymore. It costs a lot more to run a church today than 10, 20, 30 years ago. Attendance has dropped. People have walked away from the faith for many reasons, some at the fault of the church and some because they don't see the importance of being part of a church community. It is my intention to do everything I can as pastor to foster environments in our communities that promote growth and vibrancy, but I need your help, it takes all of us. I cannot stress enough, there are no plans right now for any closures, I believe we can come out stronger as a Family, do you?

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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. & M Barry, S. Ruska, C. Yager, J. Casillo
Saturday, September 30	4:30 pm	T. Sack, S. Cuccia, A. Murdock, J. Makey M. Lubniewski
Sunday, October 1	7:30 am	M. Garcia, P. Mancuso K. DeRosiers
	9:30 am	K. Kocsis, F. Giancola J. Kasperek, H. Tate J. Peresie

LECTORS



Saturday, September 23	4:30 pm	K. Lord
Sunday, September 24	7:30 am	J. Zilliox
	9:30 am	J. Kasperek
Saturday, September 30	4:30 pm	T. Shilen/D. Arth
Sunday, October 1	7:30 am	J. Murphy
	9:30 am	J. Peresie

ALTAR SERVERS



Saturday, September 23	4:30 pm—A. Ganz
Sunday, September 24	7:30 am—S. & J. Haley 9:30 am—L. M. & A. Jarka
Saturday, September 30	4:30 pm—A. Ganz
Sunday, October 1	7:30 am—J. Haley 9:30 am—M. Dzielski

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.

Rehearsal is October 16, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall with each candidate and their sponsor.

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY'S GIFT TO GOD

Receipts	Week ending	09/16/2023— 09/17/2023
Regular		\$ 6,604.05
Assumption		5.00
Faith Formation (registration fees)		1,425.00
Candles		164.00
Donations		121.00
"We Share" Electronic Giving		
Regular weekly		<u>795.00</u>
Total Weekly Receipts		\$ 9,114.05
Catholic University		\$ 25.00
Seminary Formation		5.00
Catholic Education		611.00

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.

MINISTRIES

If your ministry is having a meeting or a special event that you would like to advertise in the bulletin, it must be **submitted by 9:00 am on the Monday before the Sunday bulletin**. The bulletin will be handled out of St. Amelia parish. You can email Arlene your article at bulletin@rcct.faith. We will be having one bulletin for our parish family beginning September 30/October 1.

St. Jude's Counting Ministry

The St. Jude Counting Ministry is looking for new counters. The Counting Ministry counts the mass collections, prepares the necessary paperwork, and makes the bank deposits on Sunday mornings.

Each team has 3 or 4 members and counts every 6-8 weeks (depending on the number of active teams). Typically it takes approximately 3 hours to count the week's collections. If you are interested please contact Fr. Mike. (or Nicole Tomsen at (716) 957-0483.)

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Catholic Academy of Niagara Falls—will be having a "Flapjack" fundraiser on October 8, 2023 at the Apple Bees Grill & Bar, 1608 Military Road, Niagara Falls. Breakfast included 3 pancakes, 2 slices of bacon and unlimited beverages. This is a pre-sale event. All orders are due by Friday, October 6th at noon. Contact the school at 716-283-1455. The cost is \$10.00

Wise Wednesdays—is a fun event for young adults 18-39. at St. Amelia Parish in the Outreach center 200 St. Amelia Dr. back entrance. Snacks, Bible study on the Wisdom books, and afterward we play retro games. Join us, friends and games welcome. You can email us youngadults@stamelia.com

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