

DECEMBER 22, 2019
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
ST. JUDE CHURCH

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ST. JUDE - PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We the parish family of St. Jude, as members of the Body of Christ proclaim the Good News of Jesus in our worship, words and deeds. Out of love for God and neighbor, we dedicate our time, talents and treasures to the service of our faith community and to those who are in need.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY DECEMBER 21

5:00 PM Vigil Frank McCrone r/o Family

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Dec. 22

8:15 AM For the Intentions of Joe and Marianne McGrath
r/o Pat Tompkins

10:30 AM Ann Rung r/o M.& M. Tудay

5:00 PM Parishioners of St. Jude

MONDAY DECEMBER 23

9:00 AM Frank McCrone r/o Family

TUESDAY DECEMBER 24

4:00 PM For Father Ron and his Intentions

4:05 PM For the Celebrant and his Intentions

9:00 PM For Bishop James F. Checchio and his Intentions

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25

9:00 AM For the Parishioners of St. Jude

11:00 AM For the Holy Father and his Intentions

THURSDAY DECEMBER 26

9:00 AM John Glenn r/o Jim Petrucci

FRIDAY DECEMBER 27

9:00 AM Mario & Helle DiRienzo r/o Mark & Margie Kelly

SATURDAY DECEMBER 28

5:00 PM Vigil Jame Gilmore r/o Family

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH,

Dec. 29

8:15 AM AM Parishioners of St. Jude

10:30 Brandon Merring r/o the Westover Family 5:00 PM

Mary Lou Fitzpatrick r/o Martin & Janet Carducci

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INVEST IN ST. JUDE PARISH

Estimated Sunday offerings needed for Operating Expenses For Year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

Needed through December 15:	\$153,775
Actual July 1 to December 15:	\$129,757
Over/Under through December 15:	(\$24,018)
Average weekly collection needed:	\$6,151
Average weekly collection given	\$5,190

Sunday, DECEMBER 15, 2019 \$5,172.00

(\$890.00 through Online Giving) Last Year \$6,353.00



Our secure Online giving option is accessible through our church website:
stjudech.org

From the Pastor:

May you have a very blessed and Merry Christmas!

This Sunday's gospel has the following passage:

"All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." " (Mat.1:23 and Is 7:14)

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior let us keep in mind that the Christ comes to bring God to us in the flesh. It is through this incarnation that He desires to dwell also within our own flesh that is in the center of our being - our hearts and souls and minds. Let us be open to this indwelling of God. Let us take in his Word and presence especially at Christmas Mass. In the Eucharist we truly have **"Emmanuel, which means God with us."**

Reflection: *"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." (Matthew 1:24)*

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.



The burning of the Sanctuary Lamp
this week is in memory of

Francis P. Lavigne

at the request of wife, Linda

THIS WEEK AT ST. JUDE

Monday, Dec. 30 times for Reconciliation:

9:45 to 10:15 AM Confessions
12 Noon to 12:30 PM Confessions
4:30 to 5 PM Confessions
7:30 to 8:00 PM Confessions

Tuesday - no morning mass

Parish Office closed Christmas Week

Christmas Schedule:

Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve

4:00 PM vigil mass,

4:05 PM vigil mass, McNulty Hall,

8:30 carols Church

9:00 PM Mass during the Night

Wed., December 25, Christmas Day:

9:00 AM Mass & 11:00 AM Mass

Saturday: 4:00 to 4:30 PM Confessions

Feast Day of the Holy Family on Sunday December 29

Saturday 5:00 PM vigil mass with Blessing of families
Sunday 8:15 AM, 10:30 AM & 5:00 PM Masses with the
blessing of Families

Upcoming events

**New Year's Day - Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
Holy Day of obligation - Mass Schedule**

Tuesday, December 31: 5:00 PM vigil mass

Wednesday, January 1, 2020: Masses - 9 AM & 11 AM

January 10, Gift Card Trick Tray, doors open 6:30 PM

DAILY MASS READINGS December 22 thru 29

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Monday: *Saint John of Kanty, Priest*

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

Tuesday: VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Mass during the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Wednesday: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Mass at Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

During the Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

Thursday: SAINT STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

Friday: SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday: THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

St. Jude

Fellowship Café

After 8:15 AM and 10:30 AM Masses

Merry Christmas

The Cafe will be closed until January 12th

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember the following who are sick or suffering or need special prayer and have requested that we pray for them: Bette Ann Kolodziej, Mary Chechelo, Todd Quinn, Gladys & Ed Hillyerd, Bob Kolodziej; Karen Reddick, Julie Repasky, Donna & Bill O'Reilly, Maryanne Lang, Joan & Andy Straut, John, Timothy Card, Dr. Gary Arvary, Robert Evosevich, Sam Roberts, Fr. Ron Jandernoa, Theresa Pflugh, Stefan Grande, Blanca Sussman, James Proulx, Jean Donohue, Cathy Brandt, Joseph Carr, JoAnn Kaleda, Robert C. Wolff, Erin Misaka, Donnelle Bellott, Donald Bellott, Fern Klindt, Christine Bauer, Linda Wilson, Margie Ford, Tracy Sak, Melissa Martinez, Robert Zayas, Gisela Budai, Anthony Favor, Jim Handy on the Korean border and all our brave military and their families serving around the world, Robert C. Wolff, Johanne DeFilippo, Rachel Mullins, Robert Loro, Ivan Brown, Addison Durante, Kevin Van Dyne, Albin Fritschy, Nina Calavan, Ron Quinn, Marianna Emanuelson, Pasquale Caputo, John & Pat Karolchyk, Phyllis Sperry, Ann Barritta, Eleanor Morave, Steve Kolb.

We begin a new prayer list every January 1 and July 1.

If you would like someone to be on the Prayer List or remove someone, please contact the Parish Office by phone, 908-362-6444 or by e-mail stjudech@ptd.net.

WOMEN'S LIFE LIVING IN FAITH EVERYDAY

*Have you ever felt a need to connect with other Catholic women, but weren't sure how to do it? The women meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, at 7:00PM. Our purpose is to provide an opportunity **to encourage one another** as we reflect on God's word, and discuss how it impacts our daily lives as we struggle to be faithful to Jesus in our turbulent, changing culture. We are inviting women of all ages, married, single, older and younger.*

Celia Bouffidis

Mary Ho

Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Group

We meet the second and fourth Tuesday of the month in the chapel following the 9:00 AM Mass. Everyone is welcome to join us for an hour of prayer and thanksgiving to Our Blessed Mother for all she has done for us and continues to do.

Office of Faith Formation and Discipleship for Families

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Formal study of our faith combined with regular Mass attendance, reception of the sacraments as well as active participation in parish life are considered part of the curriculum and are encouraged accordingly.

Please Call 908-362-1431 with any questions

2nd Annual GIFT CARD TRICKY TRAY

January 10, 2020, Doors Open at 6:30 pm

Preregistration encouraged. Only 195 seats available.

Registration forms are in the vestibule of the church and the Thrift Shop and Rectory Office

or are on our tricky tray Facebook page - St. Jude's Church Gift Card Tricky Tray

If you are interested in helping, the tricky tray team is looking for donations of gift cards or cash so we can purchase gift cards. All donations can be dropped off at the St. Jude church office or in the collection basket during mass.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



Why not treat yourselves to a Marriage Encounter Weekend?

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held January 24 -26. Please register by January 10, as space is limited. Phone **1-732-904-9636** for registration and information. Visit us at:

www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org for more information.



Christmas "Gift Project"

Thank you to all who participated in our annual Christmas Gift Project.

Many people were blessed by your generosity.



Clothing and Shoes Donation Bins

Please consider supporting our poverty relief services by donating gently used clothing, shoes, household items and small appliances to Catholic Charities-Diocese of Metuchen. Clearly marked donation boxes are located in many parishes of the Diocese including St. Jude Parish, Blairstown, NJ, **located near the Giving Tree building**. If you have an item that is too big to fit in a donation box, call 877-343-3651 to arrange for a free pick up at your home.

Join the Choir

Music Ministry at St. Jude Church

To join the choir or for more information about St. Jude parish choir, contact Bob VanDongen, Director of Music Ministry by texting him at 609-846-8888.

Question of the Week

Our need to change

Reading I: Isaiah 11:1-10 (the rule of Emmanuel)

Reading II: Romans 15:4-9 (prayer of encouragement)

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12 (John the Baptist)

Key Passage: This is the one [John the Baptist] of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." (Matthew 3:3)

Adult: What do you need to change so that others can learn from watching you that Christ walks among us?

Child: What could you do so that others will see in you what it means to follow Jesus?

Remediation Expense Summary

Expenses paid out for the Remediation are as follows:

Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2018:	\$27,472.00
Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2019:	\$53,363.38
<u>Current fiscal year as of Dec. 10, 2019:</u>	<u>\$ 3,590.00</u>
Total as of December 10, 2019:	\$82,630.38

Funds raised for these expenses

Total raised Fiscal year ending 6/30/2019: \$54,719.16

Offerings current fiscal year to Dec. 10, 2019: \$1,000.00

Total funds raised \$55,719.16

Difference between expenses and funds raised: \$26,911.22

Thank you to all who have contributed including recent offerings of \$1,000.

How can you help?

More donations are welcome to help cover this expense.

Just place offerings in envelope marked remediation expense and place in Sunday offering. Thank you to all who contributed.

Roof Expense summary.

Total Expense:	\$23,755.00
<u>Offerings as of December 10:</u>	<u>\$20,087.55</u>
Difference:	\$3,667.45

How can you help?

More donations are welcome to help cover this expense. Just place offerings in envelope marked remediation expense and place in Sunday offering. Thank you to all who contributed.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, November 2020.

In the Footsteps of Jesus, November 2-11, 2020. Please join us on a 10-day trip to the Holy Land with the parish of St. Teresa, Staten Island. We will be traveling with Peter's Way Tours, an outstanding Catholic pilgrimage company. For more information, check out their website at www.petersway.com. Please feel free to email me if you are interested, or for any questions that you may have. I have some brochures. Peter and I are going, and it would be great to travel with other members of our St. Jude family. Celia Bouffidis, O.F.S.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions will be heard on Monday, Dec. 23
at the following times.

Monday 9:45 to 10:15 AM Confessions

Monday 12 Noon to 12:30 PM Confessions

Monday 4:30 to 5 PM Confessions

Monday 7:30 to 8:00 PM Confessions

Saturday confession are from 4:00 to 4:30 PM



Save paper. Save time. And make your offertory gifts work harder than ever for our ministries by participating in our Online Giving program. When you give online, your gift will be transferred conveniently and securely from your bank account [or credit card] directly to the church.

1. Visit your church website at www.stjudech.org
2. Click on the **Online Giving** link



DECEMBER FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST

Paper towels, toilet paper, tissues
Pasta sauces (any kind) Mac and cheese
Instant potatoes Pasta side dishes
Canned soups and broths Cereals
Laundry and dish detergent
Canned fruits Condiments
Canned Tuna and chicken
Shampoo/conditioner Deodorant
Body wash/bar soap Toothbrushes/shavers
Coffee/ tea/ hot chocolate Snack crackers and cookies

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

A heartfelt thank you for your generosity this Thanksgiving! We appreciate all of the turkeys donated as well as all of the fixings to accompany a hearty dinner! Together with the other local food pantries we were able to serve over 90 families with a delicious meal. We would also like to thank Acme, Race's Farm, Shoprite, The Foodshed Alliance, and Panera Bread for their generous donations and discounts as well. Our community is truly blessed!

*God Bless You All This Advent Season
The Food Pantry Ministry Volunteers*

In 2020 we celebrate the 75th Anniversary
of St. Jude Parish 1945 to 2020

SAVE THE DATE

The year 2020 will mark the 75th Anniversary of our parish. We need your ideas and energy to make this a year of celebration and thanksgiving. If you would like to be a part of the planning, please join the ministry leadership for our meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 7:30 pm, in McNulty Hall. All parishioners are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Make an Enduring Gift to Our Parish

Express your commitment to the principles of Christian Charity and Stewardship by making a legacy or planned gift to *St. Jude Church*. There are several ways to structure your gift to support our Parish and/or a ministry. For example,

- † You can designate our parish as a beneficiary of a gift bequest of any size in your will.
- † Through a 'Charitable Gift Annuity' you can make a gift and receive income for life. You establish an agreement with the Diocese whereby you irrevocably transfer a gift of cash, appreciated stock or other capital asset to benefit our Parish (through the Diocese) and in turn, the Diocese guarantees you specified income for life based on your age and a fixed rate you lock in when the annuity is established.

For more information call the diocesan Stewardship & Development office at 732-562-2433, www.diometuchen.plannedgiving.org.

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