

DECEMBER 29, 2019
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
ST. JUDE CHURCH

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INVEST IN ST. JUDE PARISH

Due to Christmas, figures for last week's collection were not available for this bulletin.



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

From the Pastor:

Happy New Year! May the Lord bless you in the New Year with an out pouring of graces and blessings!

As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family this Sunday let us pray for the family. This Sunday's gospel has the following passage of God speaking to St. Joseph:

"Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you." (Matt. 2:13)

The trouble St. Joseph and the Holy Family have with King Herod forces them to flee. We can pray for many families around the world who suffer disruptions due to circumstances beyond their control. Many families are forced to leave their homes due to war, violence, injustice, famine and natural disasters. Please keep praying for families and may the Lord bless our families with graces for healing and reconciliation.

I will be on Sabbatical from January 20 to April 12 attending the Institute for Continuing Theological Education in Rome. Fr. Jim will be in residence at St. Jude during this time.

Reflection: *"Wives, be subordinate to your husbands...Husbands, love your wives...Children, obey your parents in everything...Fathers, do not provoke your children..."* (Colossians 3:18-21)

Pope Francis said that families, through their life of prayer and love, become "schools of true human growth." Being credible witnesses of Christian love, especially that of family members, exerts the most positive influence on our children. We are all children of God, let us pray and love each other as God, Our Father, does for us.

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?

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 28

5:00 PM **Vigil** James 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

MONDAY DECEMBER 30

9:00 AM John Gleason r/o Jim Petrucci

TUESDAY DECEMBER 31

5:00 PM For the Intentions of Patricia Karolchyk
r/o St. Jude Ladies Guild

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 1

9:00 AM For the Parishioners of St. Jude

11:00 AM For the Holy Father and his Intentions

THURSDAY JANUARY 2

9:00 AM Mario La Guardia r/o wife, Mary Denise

FRIDAY JANUARY 3

9:00 AM Parish Memorial Society

SATURDAY JANUARY 4

5:00 PM **Vigil** For the Intentions of the Chaplin Family
r/o Ed Coscia

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, Jan. 5

8:15 AM Dr. Christopher Mills r/o the Mondrinos Family

10:30 AM Gloria J. Shope r/o Earl & Patricia Hurd

5:00 PM Parishioners of St. Jude

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The burning of the Sanctuary Lamp
this week is for the intentions of

Todd Quinn & Family

at the request of the Voitek Family

THIS WEEK AT ST. JUDE

New Year's Day, January 1, 2020

- 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

Saturday: 4:00 to 4:30 PM Confessions

Feast Day of the Epiphany Sunday January 5

Saturday 5:00 PM vigil mass

Sunday 8:15 AM, 10:30 AM & 5:00 PM

Upcoming events

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

January

DAILY MASS READINGS Dec. 29 thru Jan. 5

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

Monday: SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday: SEVENTH WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday: SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishop, Doctors of the Church

1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

First Friday: *The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

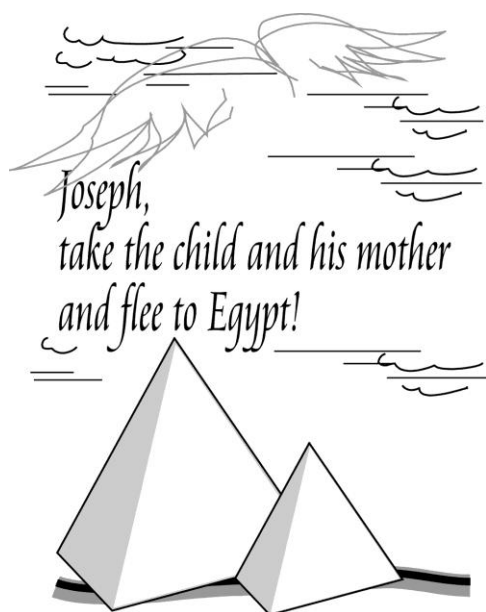
1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34

First Saturday: Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



St. Jude Fellowship Café

Happy New Year

May 2020 be filled with love and joy!

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 Karolchuk, 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

Thrift Store

We want to send out a big "THANK YOU" for all your support this year with St. Jude's Thrift Shop. We are so excited to share with you our grand total for the month of December was \$2,479.00. We couldn't have done this without all our incredible volunteers, donors, and customers! Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!! We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy 2020.

Mark your calendars...

**January 5, 2020 from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
WINTER BLOW OUT SALE
50% OFF EVERYTHING**

January 16, 2020 from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm we will be accepting donations.

January 30, 31 and Feb 1 - SALE days with all new merchandise.

Beth Thornton



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.



**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.

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
<u>Offerings current fiscal year to Dec. 10, 2019:</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
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.

**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.

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.



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



3. Create your account. It's that simple!

For additional information or help setting up your account please contact Barbara at (908) 362-6444

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*

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.

**TOGETHER IN CHARITY COLLECTION
2nd Collection Next Sunday January 5, 2020**

Next Sunday January 5 the annual "Together in Charity Collection" will be taken up at mass. The proceeds from this collection help the Parish Emergency Assistance Program, a program of Catholic Charities that provides 24 hour/seven days a week assistance to parishes faced with individuals and families with serious and urgent financial, housing or medical needs.

Please give generously to this collection and contribute to making this a grace-filled new year for a family or individual in crisis.

Rally at the State Capitol for Human Life

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Human Life and Dignity will be running a bus trip to the Rally for Life in Trenton, NJ on Wednesday, January 22, 2020. The bus ride is free of charge, but since space is limited all passengers must reserve their seats. Passengers will board the bus at the Diocesan Center in Piscataway at 9:30 AM. The Rally at the State House begins at 11:00 AM and ends at 1:00 PM. Passengers will attend a small reception afterwards. The bus will bring everyone back to the Diocesan Center around 3:00 PM. If you have any questions or would like to reserve a seat please email amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543.

Please share this information with your parishioners. Many thanks for all you do and may you and all your loved ones have a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving!

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Keep seminarian Timothy Eck II of our parish in your prayers. He is in his 3rd Year of Theology at the North American College in Rome for studies towards the priesthood for the Metuchen Diocese. The Metuchen Diocese has around 21 men studying for the priesthood. Please pray for them.



Also keep in your prayers seminarian Samuel Bass who received his sacraments in our parish in 2013. He is pursuing the priesthood for the Diocese of Austin, Texas.

MARCH FOR LIFE JANUARY 24

Bus leaving from Phillipsburg

Join us for the March for Life in Washington, DC, on Fri, Jan 24. Come and walk with us to the Capitol to stand up for Life! It is an amazing experience to walk with over a half million people.

Bus will leave St. Philip & St. James School on Roseberry Street in Phillipsburg at 6:30am. We will stop for dinner, and arrive back around 10:30pm.

To reserve a seat, call 908-454-9880 & leave your name & phone number.

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**Are you suffering after an Abortion?
Help is available!**

If you or someone you know is suffering after an abortion, confidential, non-judgmental help is available! Experience God's merciful love and begin the journey of healing: Call Project Rachel's local toll-free helpline number: 877-877-4300. or visit HopeAfterAbortion.org. Spanish-speakers may visit EsperanzaPosaborto.org or call Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075 or email: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.

Prayer Shawl and Rosary Ministry

Prayer shawls and rosaries are now prepared to be distributed to parishioners. Do you know a parishioner who is in need of a prayer shawl? Please contact Barbara at the parish office for more information at (908) 362- 6444.

The Prayer Shawl and Rosary Ministry is looking for volunteers who would like to crochet or knit a shawl for ailing parishioners. We are also looking for volunteers who would like to make rosaries to be given along with the shawls. If you would like more information about this volunteer opportunity please contact Jeannette at (908) 887-9993

Courage

If you are struggling with unwanted same-sex attraction and seek confidential, Catholic pastoral care,

**call Courage: 732-562-2476, or e-mail
couragecnj@gmail.com.**

Support for family members, call **EnCourage:**
732-248-9460. See the website at Couragec.org