



# The Holy Family of *Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

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He went down  
with them and  
came to Nazareth,  
and was obedient  
to them; and his  
mother kept all  
these things in  
her heart. And  
Jesus advanced  
[in] wisdom and  
age and favor  
before God and  
man.

—Matthew 2:13-23

### **HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**Rev. Ronald L. Jandernoa, Pastor**

#### **MASSES**

Saturday Vigil----- 5:00 pm  
Sunday ----- 8:15 & 10:30 am  
Monday through Thursday----- 9:00 am Mass  
Please check the schedule for Friday Masses

#### **RECONCILIATION**

Confessions ----- Saturday, 4:00 to 4:30 pm  
or by appointment

#### **COMMUNION FOR THE HOMBOWN**

If you or someone you know would like to receive  
communion at home on a temporary or long-term  
need, please call the parish office at 908-362-6444.

#### **BAPTISM**

Please call the parish office two months in advance to make arrangements.

#### **RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS#**

This process leads one, who chooses to become Catholic, into full  
membership in the Church. Contact the Parish Office at 908-362-6444.

#### **MARRIAGE**

Are you thinking about marriage, engaged or already married? See the  
following website about marriage: [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org)

The Common Policy on Marriage of the Dioceses of NJ requires one year  
for the time needed to prepare for the sacrament of marriage. Couples  
preparing for marriage should call the parish office to make arrangements  
very soon after getting engaged and at least one year in advance of the  
day of the wedding.

**WELCOME!** We welcome all new parishioners to St. Jude Church. Registration is important to help the parish staff serve  
you. Please register through the parish office. We also encourage you to use the offertory envelopes, available through the  
parish office, and invite you to share your time, talent and treasure with our parish family.

#### **PARISH OFFICE**

**Barbara Phillips, Pastoral Associate**

**Phone**----- 908-362-6444 **Fax**----- 908-362-6862  
**Email**----- [stjudech@ptd.net](mailto:stjudech@ptd.net) **Web** ---- [www.stjudech.org](http://www.stjudech.org)

#### **Office Hours**

Mon. to Thurs.----- 9:30 am to 12:00 noon & 1:00 to 3:30 pm  
Friday ----- 9:30 am to 12:00 noon

**MUSIC MINISTRY - Kathleen Decker, Director**

**THE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION  
& DISCIPLESHIP FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES**

**Faith Formation & Youth Ministry / 908-362-1431**

**Beth Thornton, Parish Catechetical Leader & Youth Group  
Coordinator**  
[stjudecrosstrainingyouth@gmail.com](mailto:stjudecrosstrainingyouth@gmail.com)

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 31 2023**  
**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**  
**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.

**Question of the Week    Compassion**

**Reading I:** Sirach 3:2–6, 12–14 (duties toward parents)

**Reading II:** Colossians 3:12–21 (the practice of virtues; the Christian family)

**Gospel:** Luke 2:22–40 (circumcision of Jesus; presentation in the temple)

**Key Passage:** As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. (Colossians 3:12)

**Adult:** How do your family members know that you are a compassionate person?

**Child:** What family member needs your compassion and kindness right now?

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30**

5:00PM Vigil Mass for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Robert Ferrante r/o Cheryl Ferrante

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

8:15 AM Juliana Repasky r/o her husband, Mike

10:30 AM Parishioners of St. Jude

**MONDAY, JANUARY 1**

9:00AM Frank McCrone r/o Family

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 2**

9:00AM Rev. Msgr. Emmanuel W. Vernon

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3**

9:00AM Most Rev. Edward T. Hughes

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 4**

9:00AM Katherine Turner r/o Barbara & Tom Phillips

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 5**

9:00 AM Parish Memorial Society

**SATURDAY JANUARY 6**

5:00 PM Vigil: Rev. Msgr. Robert Jude Zamorski

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

8:15 AM Aline Bryant r/o Rosanne & Kevin McPartland

10:30 AM Parishioners of St. Jude

*r/o – request of"*

*Live stream of mass at St. Jude Church is available  
through link [stjudech.org](http://stjudech.org).*

***Happy Epiphany of the Lord***

***Give to St. Jude Parish***

We rely on your support with your offerings at Mass, through the mail, online giving, text Give, or dropping off offering at the rectory office.

You can mail your Sunday offerings by sending them to:

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or **Text "Give" using # 908-840-8362 .**



**“Together in Charity” Collection**

Next Sunday **January 6/7, 2024** the annual “Together in Charity” collection will be taken up at all Masses. The proceeds of this collection helps to fund Diocese of Metuchen, Catholic Charities’ Parish Assistance Program, which provides 24 hour / seven-day-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 blessed new year for a family or individual in crisis.

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***Reflection: “...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive.” - Colossians 3:13***

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

**DAILY MASS READINGS    Dec. 31 thru Jan. 7**

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40

**Monday:** SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD: Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**Tuesday:** Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishop 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

**Wednesday:** *The Most Holy Name of Jesus:* 1 Jn 2:29-3:61; Jn 1:29-34

**Thursday:** Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

**First Friday:** Saint John Newman, Bishop 1 Jn 4:11-21; Jn 1:43-51

**First Saturday:** *Saint André Bessette, Religious* 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:33-38

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

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

### **THIS WEEK AT ST. JUDE**

Parish Office is closed New Year's Day.

Parish Office hours after New Year's Day:

Monday thru Thursday 9:30 am to 12:00 PM & 1 to 3:30 pm

Friday 9:30AM to 12Noon

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Sunday, December 31 Blessing of Families

Monday, January 1, 9 AM Mass, Solemnity of Mary

Mother of God, Octave Day of Christmas, pick your

Saint for the New Year

Wednesday Holy Hour after 9 AM Mass with Exposition of  
the Blessed Sacrament, prayers, silence, confessions,  
concluding with Benediction.

1<sup>st</sup> Friday, 10:30 to 7 PM Eucharistic Adoration with  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel

Saturday 4:00 to 4:30 PM Confessions

**January 7, Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**

Sat. vigil mass 5 PM, Sunday 8:15 AM & 10:30 AM

Materials for the Magi Blessing of Homes will be  
blessed during mass to take home for home blessing

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection at masses - Together in Charity

### **Upcoming Events**

January 8, 9 AM Mass, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord  
concluding the Christmas Season

Thrift Shop open: Jan. 11, 10-2, Jan. 12: 2-6, Jan. 13: 10-2  
January 16, First Penance

### **Devotions**

Morning Prayer 8:15 AM on Weekdays

St. Jude Novena Prayers on Monday after 9 AM Mass

Sacred Heart Litany after First Friday 9 AM Mass



Help St. Jude by using gift cards purchased through Raise Right for the many things you spend money on and a percentage of the amount can come back to St. Jude Church. Some companies allow for e-cards, some require gift cards to be sent to the parish. Get the parish code and more information available on the Raise Right flyers located in the vestibule of the Church. See other page in this bulletin for Holiday Gift Card Information. Get your orders in now online by the first Friday of the Month for gift cards to be made available to be picked up the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, at 3:30 to 4 PM in Rectory or after 8:30 AM Mass.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

*Please remember the following who are sick or suffering or need special prayer and have requested that we pray for them:* Timothy Card, Stefan Grande, Cathy Brandt, Dennis Kelley, Bill Kerrigan, Barbara Chiusano, Megan & Eleanor Lischak, Ann McHugh, Karen Reddick, Taylor Daly, Gladys & Donald Bellott, Terry Corcoran, Michael Pisano, Mark McCrone, Joseph Masters, Madison Grace Moore, Debbie Alfier, Barbara Zehl, Eileen Thomas, Frank Moscatello, Don Bellott, Donelle Bellott, John, Patricia & Michael Karolchyk, Luke Condit, Olivia Hollis, Sean Neely, Lisa Gerber, Ron Sperry Jr, Mike Arki, Jason Quint, Nicholas Torres, Karl Schneider, Gayle Rose May, Joann Cardaropoli, Adam Schroll, John Repasky, Patricia Stangeland, Dorothy Sepe, Diane LaMotta, Jean Proulx, Marianne McGrath, Kenney Liebler, Cheryl, Ed Domanowski, Don & Carol Moore, Marilyn Rand, Mark Ehrenburg, James Masters for all who suffered from the pandemic, for those in the armed forces serving our country especially Nico Fluri, Eugene Molisso and those serving in dangerous areas.

*Our prayer list is updated each Jan. & July 1.*

*We would like to update the prayer list, so please contact the Parish Office to have an intention remain on the list, newly listed or removed. 908-362-6444 or [stjudech@ptd.net](mailto:stjudech@ptd.net).*

*Thank You*

### **St. Jude Women's LIFE**

LIFE is a women's group, ages 21-101. We have lively discussions on the role of Catholic women today.

We pray, laugh, and learn together.

**St. Jude Women's LIFE meets  
the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month at  
6:15 PM in St. Jude Parish McNulty Hall**

For more information email Erin Burnett at

[erburnett85@gmail.com](mailto:erburnett85@gmail.com)



### **Clothing and Shoes Donation**

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 at St. Jude Parish, Blairstown, NJ, **located near the Thrift Shop 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.

### **Donate Your Vehicle to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen!**

Funds from the sale of donated vehicles support our programs for the poor in need across Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon, and Warren counties.

\*Donated vehicles are tax deductible. \*Free pick-up is available \*Vehicles do not need to be running.

Visit [www.ccdom.org/cars](http://www.ccdom.org/cars) or call 1-877-999-8322 to get started.



**Office of Faith Formation and  
Discipleship for Youth & Families**

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E-mail: [stjudecrosstrainingyouth@gmail.com](mailto:stjudecrosstrainingyouth@gmail.com)

Saint Jude is looking forward to seeing all the children at mass, fellowship, and the many fun stay connected events we have planned.

**Religious Education: Registration for the 2023-24 Religious Ed program.** There are blank registration forms in the vestibule of the church or you can email [stjudecrosstrainingyouth@gmail.com](mailto:stjudecrosstrainingyouth@gmail.com) for a copy. Grades start from Kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We have several different programs to meet your needs

**St. Jude Thrift Shop**

Donations are being accepted on Tuesdays.

**Shopping days in January are:**

Thursday, January 11 from 10-2

Friday, January 12 from 2-6

Saturday, January 13 from 10-2

Call Beth Thornton at 908-362-1431 or email

[stjudecrosstrainingyouth@gmail.com](mailto:stjudecrosstrainingyouth@gmail.com)

You can message us on the facebook page

“StJudeThriftShop”

**Saint Jude Food Pantry**

The St. Jude Food Pantry is normally open on the 4th Saturday of the month from 9 to 11 AM and is accessible at the St. Jude Thrift Shop / Food Pantry building. The Food Pantry operates in cooperation with other Church Food Pantries in the North Warren County region.

**January Pantry Needs**

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|---------------------------------|----------------|
| ●Pasta (any variety) and Sauces | ●Oatmeal       |
| ●Spaghettios/Raviolios          | ●Mac & Cheese  |
| ●Paper towels                   |                |
| ●Tea and coffee                 | ●Rice          |
| ●Mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard   | ●Cooking Oil   |
| ●Syrup and pancake mix          | ●Canned fruits |
| ●Laundry soap                   | ●Dish soap     |
| ●Snack cookies and crackers     | ●Body wash     |
| ●Peanut butter and jelly        | ●Juices        |
| ●Canned tuna and chicken        | ●Shaving cream |
| ●Shampoo & Conditioner          |                |

**Our Pantry is currently experiencing a greater need and an increase in patrons!**

**We are now receiving meats and other fresh food items from Norwescap. More freezer capacity is now needed. We could use an extra freezer if anyone would like to donate one. Call the parish office.**

*Thank you for your continued support and generosity! God Bless!*



Website: [EucharisticRevival.com](http://EucharisticRevival.com)

**The Fire Is SPREADING**

Throughout the National Eucharistic Revival, local communities are gathering tinder in response to God's invitation for renewal, calling on the Holy Spirit to bring the flame. In keeping with this vision, the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will accompany Jesus from city to city, lighting hearts on fire along the way. Then, at the National Eucharistic Congress in July 2024, all these flames will blaze together. The Eucharistic Pilgrimage Procession will be passing through the Diocese of Metuchen, May 27 to 28, 2024. This National Eucharistic Procession is one of 4 that will be travelling from the four sides of our country to arrive in Indianapolis by July 17 in time for the Congress. For more information about the Eucharistic Pilgrimage Processions go to: [eucharisticpilgrimage.org](http://eucharisticpilgrimage.org)

**Eucharistic Congress, Indianapolis,  
July 17-21, 2024**

[www.eucharisticcongress.org](http://www.eucharisticcongress.org)

The Diocese of Metuchen has tickets available for the Eucharistic Congress. Now is the time to sign up if you would like to go to the Eucharistic Congress with our Diocesan Family. For more information about the Eucharistic Congress and the trip leaving from our diocese go to:

<https://diometuchen.org/nec2024>.

**HOLY HOUR AT ST. JUDE**

**Wednesdays after the 9 AM Mass**

Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday after 9 AM Mass from 9:30 to 10:30 AM with devotions, and opportunity for confession.

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**

**THIS FRIDAY, JANUARY 5,**

**9:30 AM to 7 PM, IN THE CHAPEL,**

Sign up for Adoration is available in the Vestibule. Please plan to spend an hour before the Lord. Each hour of exposition we strive to have at least 2 people present before the Blessed Sacrament when the Eucharist. Come and visit the Lord and spend some time with him. Please give an hour to be with the Lord. He loves you. If you cannot commit an hour come anyway and spend time with the Lord.

## A fascinating Photograph of the Image of St. Jude.



On December 17 during the St. Jude Relic Veneration at our parish, a unique image of St. Jude was also on display in the Church. A photograph was taken of this image from the Chapel through the window.

The crucifix and candle in this photograph are reflections from the Chapel. The photograph shows

the Crucifix of the chapel framing the right side and top of St. Jude's head. The crease in the clothing of the St. Jude image is just below the crucifix making it look like blood is flowing from the crucifix onto St. Jude.



The image of St. Jude that was on display in the Church was created specifically for the St. Jude Relic Tour of the United States which began in September 2023 and runs to May of 2024.



It shows St. Jude with a writing tool and scroll which reflects his authorship of the New Testament Letter of St. Jude. Our parish was greatly blessed to have the relics come to St. Jude Church.

***St. Jude, Apostle & Patron of our Parish,  
Intercede for us.***



## March For Life

The March for Life in Washington DC will be on January 19, 2024. A bus will be leaving for the March from St. Philip & St. James Parish in Phillipsburg, NJ. Come join us and up to a half million people who are standing up for life! Bus leaves from St. Philip & St. James Catholic School at 6:30am. Mass in the church at 6:00am. For those who cannot walk, you can visit the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. For more information or to reserve a seat, call 908-454-9880 and leave a message.

## Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, Octave Day of Christmas, January 1, Mass at 9 AM

Although the obligation to attend mass is removed when this date falls on a Monday never-the-less attending Mass on this day is a great way to begin the New Year. All are encouraged to come and celebrate God's grace and be blessed for the beginning of another year of our Lord - the 2024<sup>th</sup>. This Celebration of Mary as Mother of God includes St. Luke's gospel depicting the 8<sup>th</sup> day after Christ was born when he was circumcised and formally given the name Jesus.

## Pick a Saint for the New Year

On New Year's Day the saints will be available for you to pick one to be your special patron through the year. Actually the Saints pick you. When they want to befriend you, they insert themselves into your life. The basket with Saint names will be available beginning New Year's Day in the back of the Church.

## Adopt a Priest Program

Have you prayed for a Priest today?

The "Adopt a Priest Program" is strictly a spiritual commitment to pray and offer the sacrifices required by one's daily duty, in order to draw down graces for a particular Priest, for the rest of one's life. It is a lifelong commitment. This can be done by simply praying the "Morning Offering" in this way:

**O My God, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus, I offer Thee all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, the sins of the whole world and especially for my adopted Priest, Father \_\_\_\_\_ (mention your adopted Priest's Name) Amen.**

If your priest dies, continue to pray for him. If you should die, certainly you will not cease to pray for him until you both meet in heaven. Saint Therese, the Little Flower, adopted two Missionary Priests in this way. This is very powerful. It makes the littlest thing we do infinitely worthwhile. To adopt a Priest or for more information, please call 732-968-0136.



## Pastoral Ministry for SAME-SEX ATTRACTION

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](mailto:couragecnj@gmail.com). Support for family members, call EnCourage: 732-248-9460. See the website at [Couragerc.org](http://Couragerc.org)



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