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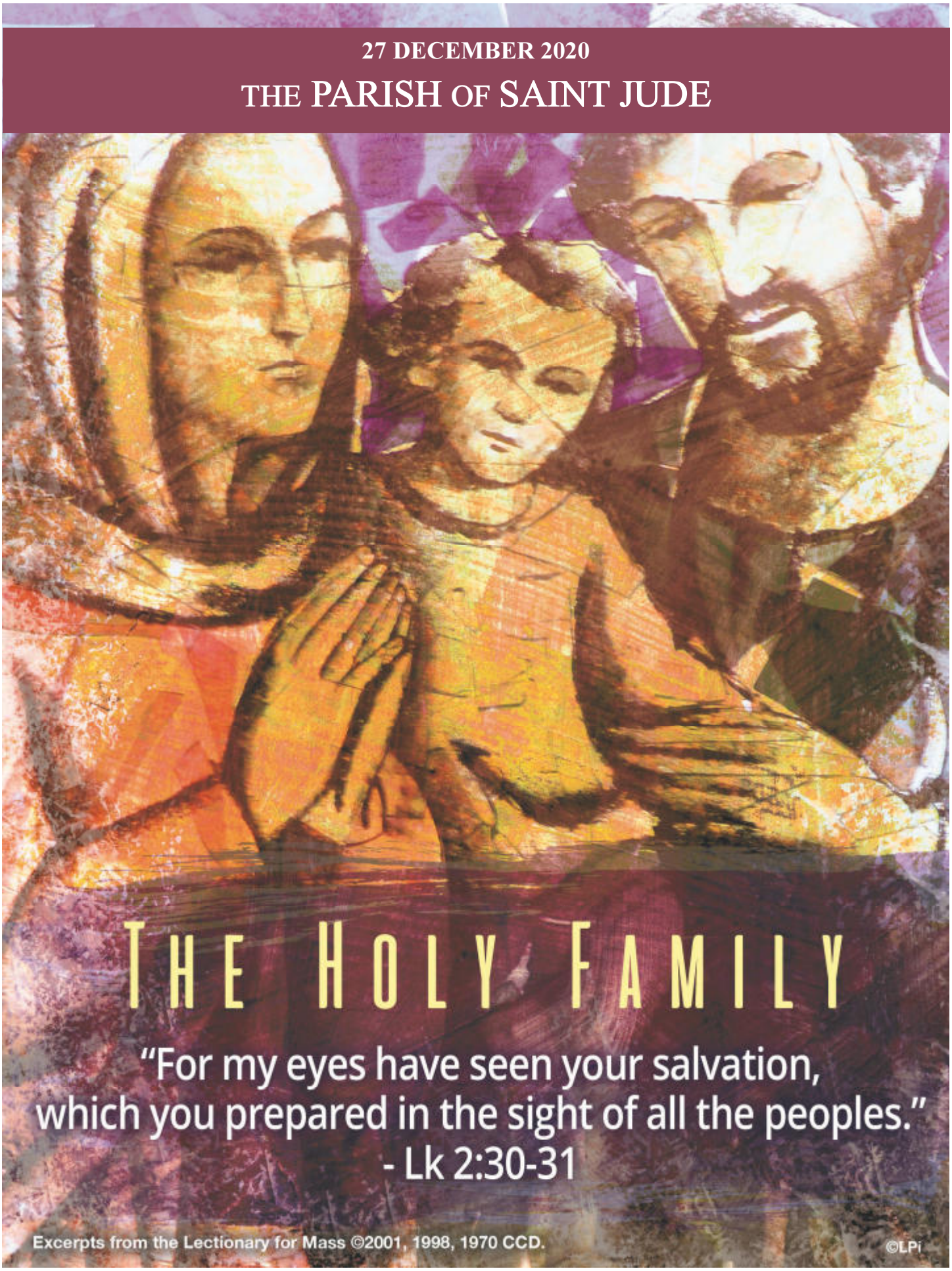

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Diocese Victim Assistance Abuse Hotline: 1-888-808-1235

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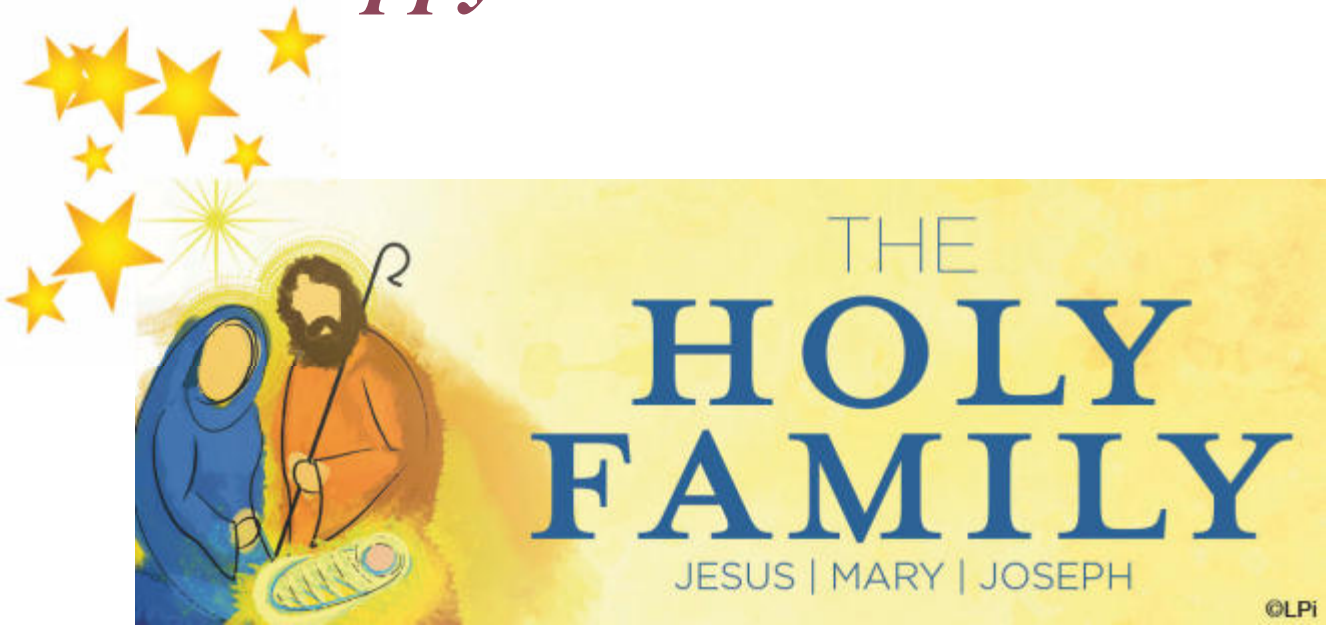
Happy New Year to all!



The Family of Nazareth

It seems to me that in order to give back to the family its true countenance, in order to restore its splendor, instead of focusing on discussions and directives (…) it's worth pondering on that luminous and universal example that Eternal Wisdom devised: the family of Nazareth. All present and future families the world over can look to it as a model. And not just families: the individual components of this model can inspire us to know what behaviors and attitudes we should adopt, the relationships and virtues we should cultivate.

Every man on earth who is husband and father can always find in Joseph, the Spouse of Mary, the considered father of Jesus, a light, an encouragement, a source of inspiration. In him, one can emulate the same faithfulness in all trials, heroic chastity, strength, silent activity, respect, veneration, protection for the mother of his children, participation in family concerns …

And every woman, who is wife and mother, can discover in Mary her own potential, equality with man and her own identity. She can see fulfilled in the Bride of Joseph the desire to also be a protagonist; she can understand how to go beyond the family circle to spread, for the good of many, the riches that are her own: self-sacrifice, the inner strength that gives her confidence, the religious life that distinguishes her from others, the innate need to rise above her situation and to elevate others, radiating light, purity and beauty.

Similarly the children will find in Jesus, the son of Mary and Joseph, who together compose a marvelous unity, the two troubling challenges: the need to establish themselves as a generation which can launch a new chapter in history, and the desire to find refuge in their loved ones through love and in obedience.

Yes, may the Holy Family, the jewel of humanity it is associated with, which reflects the life of the Trinity, where love generates one God, be before us today, may it stay with us all (…) for the good of the family in the world, of the family in the Church and for the glory of God.

From: Chiara Lubich, Foundress of Focolare Movement – Message to FamilyFest 1981

Be ready for the opening of the Newly Established Saint Jude Parish

The honor of your presence is requested either in person or by way of live streaming at the opening of the Newly Established Saint Jude Parish on the weekend of January 9 and 10, 2021.
The Events are tentatively planned as follows:
JR, our choir director, is gathering a small choir at the Principal Masses to enhance the liturgical music. This choir might include a few of our own parishioners as well as bringing in a few guest members as we did on the Feast of Christ the King and Christmas.
All Masses that weekend will celebrate the Baptism of the Lord while at the same time honor in some appropriate way our new Patron, Saint Jude. The two Principal Masses will be the 4:00 PM Mass at Saint Raphael Church and the 11:30 AM Mass at Sacred Heart Church. The 11:30 AM Mass on January 10 at Sacred Heart Church will be a concelebrated Mass with both deacons assisting (social distanced and wearing Mask, of course). My rationale for making that decision is based on the larger church having the capacity to safely accommodate a larger congregation if that should happen under the circumstances. The Council accepted that decision. I am grateful for their support and wisdom.
The Council also supported asking every parishioner to make a Solemn Nine Day Novena in honor of Saint Jude beginning on January 1 and leading up to the Opening Celebrations. They made several suggestions how the Novena would be conducted and how people would have access to the prayers as well as an explanation of what a Novena means for individuals that may not be familiar with a novena.
Council members want to have a special holy card of Sant Jude for all the parishioners that would like one with a commemorative inscription on the back pertaining to the Establishment of Saint Jude Parish and the date.
The Council also wants something to be available with a brief message that includes the Mission Statement of Saint Jude Parish as it currently reads in its draft form.
Finally, the Councilors asked if the children of SHES and our Religious Ed could be involved in some way by submitting children's art.
The Council enthusiastically supported the project of reaching out to all the neighborhoods of our new parish and inviting people to celebrate with us. Since we cannot host a celebratory banquet as we would have if it were not for COVID, we plan on having 200 boxed meals that will be distributed at both campuses at designated times (weather permitting). Of course, we will keep in mind our own shut-ins. Leftover dinners will be sent to EECM, 412 food rescue or Pgh Food Bank. The Council hopes a holy Card with the image of Saint Jude can be included in the boxed meals.
Finally, the Council will produce a video announcing the new parish and briefly expressing their enthusiasm that all our parishioners and neighbors join us in some way to celebrate this exciting beginning.
Peace

Father Joe

December 12-13, 2020 (including Dec. 8, 2020 at SR)

	Saint Raphael Church		Sacred Heart Church	
	Households	$	Households	$
Envelopes	105	4,093.00	55	3,428.50
Loose Cash / Checks	1	635.00		245.00
Parish Share Program (PSP)	9	124.00	7	285.00
Christmas	8	215.00	3	575.00
Other Feast Days	25	445.00	8	135.00
Special Collections	36	465.00	19	409.00
Total		**5,977.00**		**5,077.50**
Faith Direct (reported twice per month) This data represents: 12/04/20	62	10,030.00	89	11,287.07
PSP Year to Date		72,954.00		203,023.04
PSP Goal		98,136.00		102,268.00
(Under)/Over		(25,182.00)		100,755.04

Thank you for your generosity!

This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. The Gospel story from Luke about the Presentation of the Lord reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world who brings good news to all. As a baptized people we are to be a people of light and to share good news by our words and deeds. Like his two predecessors Pope Francis has called for a New Evangelization for the Church today. This means that our mission is to take the message of Jesus to the peripheries of our society and share God's love and mercy to all we meet. Or, as our Bishop David Zubik has put it, we are to "make friends for Jesus." Our new parish Saint Jude officially begins Monday, January 4. Let us pray that our parish will be a true herald of the Gospel.

A BIG Thank You

Thank you for your generous donations for the Giving Tree and the Angel Tree.

The Ladies of Charity collected a little over $3,000 in gifts cards and monetary gifts.

Saint Vincent the Paul was able to help 42 individuals through the Angel tree donations and gifts cards for 15 families.

Marriage Banns

Zach Palmer & Steph Walker III
Stefan Grandelis and Elizabeth Walsh III
Please pray for these wonderful couples as they prepare for a happy life together.

Please note that the Offices will reopen at our regular times on Monday morning, January 4, 2021.

For emergency, please call: 412-720-3554

Baptism

Congratulations to the family of
Jaxson & Chase Anthony Perla
who were recently baptized! May God bless family and friends as they share faith over the years!

Welcome to our New Parishioners

- Abigail Ann Marchione
- Anna Marodi

SACRAMENTS AND MASS SCHEDULE

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

The Diocese requires a 6-month preparation period; a pre-marriage course is also required for each couple.

To **schedule a wedding**, please email weddings@bestpghparish.org or call Margie at 412-661-3100 on Wednesdays between 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(25 people maximum, one baptism at the time)

For information or appointment, please call Barb Melick at 412-661-3100 ext 110.

Note that a **baptism preparation program** is required for parents who are presenting their first child for baptism.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

For those seriously ill, preparing for surgery, or the elderly.

Please call Fr. Steven Palsa - Parish Chaplain at 412-720-3554

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm.

Priests and penitents are asked to wear a mask. Priest is 6 feet away from the penitent.

St. Raphael: Up front and center near the communion rail the following are in place:

A Screen and a chair for the priest

A floor marking for a person wanting face to face confession [no chair]

A floor marking for a person wanting to be anonymous

People waiting should stay behind the glass doors at the vestibule with 6 foot spacing

Sacred Heart: Sacred Heart Confessionals with open doors.

Saturday, Dec. 26 - Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

4:00PM SR George Farrell by Joey DeLuca
4:30PM SH Daniel and Kathleen 50th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, December 27 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Marty & Joseph

9:00AM SR For the People
9:00AM SH For the Spiritual Wellbeing of Mary Jo & Paul McPherson and Family
11:00AM SR Kim Anglin by Candy and Pete Venezia
11:30AM SH Sharon Lohan by Rebecca Panza
7:45PM SH Mary Ann Zenchak by John & Suzan Vaskov

Monday, December 28 - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

9:00AM SR Virginia Bronowicz by Kevin Kohler
12:05PM SH Jack Tierney by Frank Serrao

Tuesday, December 29– Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

9:00AM SR Delfina Casuscelli by Antonio and Rose DiStilo
12:05PM SH John Tierney (Birthday anniv.) by Family

Wednesday, December 30 - Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

12:05PM SH Rachel Leo (Birthday anniv.) by Family
6:30PM SR Anthony Morano by Dom Marasco

Thursday, December 31 - Saint Sylvester I, Pope

9:00AM SR Thomas Carl Morrissey by Mom
12:05PM SH Elizabeth Louise (Marner) Massell by The Woodward Family
4:00PM SR Irma Mazza (Month's Mind) by Eileen Ross
4:30PM SH Nicholas Redondo IV (Month's Mind) by Family

Friday, January 1 - The Octove of the Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:00AM SR Fr. Ed Litavec
11:30AM SH Kathryn Henninger Sokol (Birthday)

Saturday, January 2 - Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

4:00PM SR Thank you, St. Peregrine by Mary Ethel Pane
4:30PM SH Bishop John B. McDowell by friend

Sunday, January 3 - Epiphany of the Lord

9:00AM SR Lorraine Ciorra by Carol DeMasi
9:00AM SH Ward and Reifsnyder Families by Margie Ward
11:00AM SR Irma Mazza by Doris Olinger
11:30AM SH Living and Deceased members of the Tonzig and Coraluppi Families by Luisa Coraluppi
7:45PM SH For the People

Sanctuary Candles - December 27 - January 2

Saint Raphael Rose & Joseph Joyce by Jane Besterman

Please pray for our recently deceased and their beloved families

Nancy Ostrowski

Readings for the week of December 27, 2020

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

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