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"I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one."

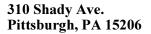
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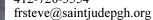




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Mission Statement

We are an urban parish of Pittsburgh's East End dedicated to serving one another both within and outside our parish, but especially to the poor and marginalized of our community. Empowered by Christ to spread the good news of salvation, we are committed to forming intentional disciples of every age and accompanying them in their faith journey, with the goal of fostering an encounter with and deepening our relationship to Jesus Christ. We do this joyfully rooted in the Eucharist and our Catholic faith, employing our diversity and talents to support one another and build the Kingdom of God in love, mercy, and justice.

An Examination of Conscience for the New Year

- 1. It is important for us to know ourselves. In this way we get to know God who has created us with such fatherly delight. St. Augustine tells us: noverim me, noverim te, may I know myself so that I may know you, Lord. And St. John Paul II wrote: "God has placed in the human heart a desire to know the truth -in a word, to know himself- so that, by knowing and loving God, men and women may also come to the fullness of truth about themselves." (Encyclical Faith and Reason, Introduction)
- 2. It is not easy to know oneself but we should make that effort. **Spiritual authors suggest we spend a few minutes each day thinking about where we stand in the eyes of God.** In fact, St. Paul tells us: "whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall." (1 Cor. 10:12) And Our Lord himself at one point says "I do not know where you are from" when people asked him: "Lord, open the door for us." (Lk. 13:25)
- 3. Just as we might ask our parents or a teacher or coach: how am I doing? We should also ask Our Lord: are you pleased with me? What should I be trying to do better? Where could I improve? The Lord is very anxious to help us move forward. He wants us to follow him, to grow in the virtues, to become a better son/daughter of God, to show him our love in deeds.
- 4. So it is good to **take two to three minutes**, usually at the end of the day, to sit or kneel quietly and think back over our day. (The specific points we consider will depend very much on the age and place in life of the individual person. Here is where each person must reflect on his/her own responsibility. But here are some broad suggestions.)
- A. What have I done well today? I need to realize that I have been able to do some/many good things today because God has been in my soul, reminding me to...
- -faithfully fulfill my duties; get my work done
- -obey my parents and lawful superiors
- -be nice to others
- -think no evil, speak no evil, do no evil
- -not judge others; not look down on others

B. Where and how did I fail Our Lord today?

- -have I neglected prayer?
- -have I been lazy about fulfilling my duties?
- -have I been inconsiderate of members of my family and my friends?
- -have I given in to sinful thoughts or desires?
- -have I broken other Commandments?

C. What could I do better tomorrow? What should I try to do better tomorrow?

It is good to formulate at least one small resolution for the next day, for example: I will try to...

- -pray with greater attention
- -think more often about the fact that I am a child of God
- -call upon Jesus, my Lord and my God, my great Friend
- -think more often that he is with me
- -do my work on time, without delays and without complaining about it
- -be more cheerful, always with a smile
- -say yes to everyone who rightly asks me for a favor
- 5. **Summary:** as we begin a new year, I resolve to make the effort to make a brief examination of conscience. In that way I hope to get to know better my good qualities and my failings. In this way too, I hope to come to appreciate the gifts God is giving me so that I might thank him for them and truly make better use of them. I will call upon the Holy Spirit to give me the light I need to carry out this work: Come, Holy Spirit, for without your help I will never know myself.

Some People Say: Think Spring! Father Joe Says: Think Saint Patrick's Day!

Father John Sweeney may be the true Irishman but Father O'Mele thinks Irish too at this time of year. As you may already know, for years Father Joe has enjoyed hosting one of the best Saint Patrick's Day parties in the city. There have been years in the past when over 350 guests show up for his party (and no one ever wants to go home either!) There have been only two years in the past 44 years that Father Joe hasn't been able to welcome all his Irish friends (and those like him who want to be Irish on Saint Paddy's Day) to the parish where he is assigned.

So, with COVID conditions hopefully permitting, the party is back this year! Please save the date: MARCH 13 at 2:00 – 5:00 PM. Three of the best Irish bands will be here along with all the usual fun, spirits, and food. You won't want to miss it. Further details will be provided as the party draws near. For now, plan to join us.



Spring Pilgrimage to the Saint Jude Shrine in Baltimore | May 8 - 10

Father Joe is working on the final details for the pilgrimage, making sure all the shrines and hotels are open during the conditions of the pandemic. Hopefully way before the pilgrimage begins, we will be able to quote the full price of the trip with lodging and some meals included. For now, if you are interested in joining the pilgrimage, **hold the dates: May 8 – 10, 2022**.

The three-day bus tour will include a visit to the Nationwide Center of Saint Jude Devotions. This famous chapel is the destination of many pious pilgrims from all over the world.

We will include other stops as well: Mass at the Basilica of the Assumption in Baltimore, a visit to the beautiful National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in Emmitsburg, Maryland (which in the peak of spring should be absolutely gorgeous with all the azaleas bushes and rhododendron blossoms in bloom), and the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, a favorite place for us in our parish. We will stop at Saint Anthony's Shrine and Mount Saint Mary Seminary.



Then we will travel to Washington DC to visit the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, the Cathedral of Saint Matthew from which President John F. Kennedy was buried and also the Washington National

Cathedral, the sixth largest cathedral in the world. We will have lots of fun too along the way as we all travel together.



Parish Trip to Rome, Venice, and Florence

We're on the road again (or in the friendly skies!) This time to sunny Italy and the beautiful sites of the Vatican, Rome, Venice, Florence, Assisi, Padua, Siena, and a couple of select other towns pertinent to our Catholic history. The exact itinerary and other details will be coming soon. We will also conduct an Information Night very soon so you can start to make plans to accompany us on this exciting and memorable vacation. The dates we are looking at are **September 26 – October 5**. We will keep you better informed

as soon as we can make definite plans. For now, start to think about this trip and the possibility of going with us. It is going to be a wonderful time for everyone that attends.

Donate Warm Coats & Clothing!

Our parish St. Vincent de Paul conference is partnering with the Duquesne University Vincentian group to collect warm clothing for our neighbors who are homeless. Please bring new or gently used coats, jackets and other winter outerwear to the church entrances on the weekend of **January 22nd and 23rd** so that we can share these much needed items with those who are in need.



Synod 2021 2023

Global Synod

Pope Francis is calling Catholics throughout the word to participate in a "Synod on Synodality" - to discuss how the Church today should continue the mission that

Jesus gave to the People of God. Everyone who cares about the Church is encouraged to participate in this Synod. Pope Francis wants to hear from both those who feel marginalized or hurt by their Catholic experience, as well as from those who have found joy and mercy in the Church. Every Parish in the Diocese of Pittsburgh will be holding a session this winter – to come together and discuss what the Holy Spirit is laying on our hearts. All comments will be recorded and forward to our Diocese, which in turn will compile them, and send them to the Vatican in preparation for the world wide Synod to be held in Rome in October, 2023. Our session here at St. Jude Parish will take place in February. We will soon let you know the exact date. Those who choose to participate will be forwarded a "Participant's Guide" before the session to give you the areas which will be discussed. If you would like to receive that guide now you can download it at www.diopitt.org/ journeying-together. For more information, please contact Fr. John Sweeney at the Parish Office.

A Prayer for a Just Society Heavenly Father, You create every

human person

in Your image and likeness. You call us together in one human family, united in dignity, value, and love. Give us the strength and wisdom To protect this dignity and life at all stages. Jesus our Savior, you proclaim the blessedness of those who work for peace and who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Forgive us for the times we have not responded to the call of Your Beatitudes. Holy Spirit, the Advocate, empower us to stand in defense of the poor and vulnerable. Good and Gracious God. make our hearts to love like Yours. Amen.

Young Adults Ice Skating Night January 29 | 7 pm

Saint Jude Young Adults are invited to an ice skating evening at the **Hunt Armory** on **Saturday**, **January 29**. Ice skating begins at 7 pm, followed by snacks in the Bishop Winter room. More details coming in next week's bulletin.

"The Way" Rescheduled

We have had to postpone "The Way" to the end of February. We will meet on **Mondays** from

February 28 to **April 18** from **6:30-8:30 pm** via **Zoom.** This will be a wonderful way to deepen your



spiritual life during Lent. Led by **Michel Therrien**, **STL**, **STD**, The Way is an eight-week formation experience for those who have been awakened to a personal relationship with Jesus and are wondering, "what's next?" In the Way, you will discover how to live as a disciple of Jesus in today's world. The Way is not a class, it's a discipleship forum - a fellowship group. Registration is \$50. The parish will reimburse you \$25. **Sign up for our Cohort 16 at** https://mtyr.org/the-way/.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

A core team of CGS catechists are meeting on **Tuesdays** at the Good Shepherd Center (St. Raphael site) to work on materials for our special faith formation program. Do you like to work on crafts, paint or woodworking? Please join us on **January 18 and 25 anytime between noon-4pm** to see how you can help bring this wonderful program to our parish children. You are also welcome to come and see our beautiful prepared environment called the atrium. Please use the front entrance of the old school building on Chislett Street. Contact Celine at cgs@saintjudepgh if you have any questions.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On Wednesday, January 12, we had our first Adoration day at St. Raphael Church, beginning at 9 am. Thank you to those who came to spend time with our Lord. We ask all our parishioners to prayerfully consider being a part of this Adoration of the Lord Jesus in our parish. It will be a blessing for you, for your families, and for our parish. We invite individuals, couples, and families to sign up for a time on Wednesdays. In the past, there were a number of mothers and fathers who brought their children to take a time of Adoration. We will continue Adoration during the day if we have enough "adorers" until the evening Mass at 7:00 pm. There are sheets on a table in the back of St. Raphael Church where you can sign up for a time—a half hour or hour—or whatever works for you. We are hoping to have at least two people in every

time slot so that if one can't come at least someone will be there. If we find enough of our parishioners responding we could expand opportunities for Adoration even further in both of our Churches. If you have any questions, please call Fr. John at the Parish Office.



Memorials Available

This is an image of St. Joseph that has already been displayed for veneration in both of our churches. It was painted by the internationally acclaimed New Guild Studio in Braddock, PA. We have commissioned them to produce two similar paintings in honor of Saint Jude, our patron; one for each of our churches. Each painting will be framed in gold leaf and stand four feet tall. We're grateful that two families have offered to donate these paintings in memory of loved ones. One of the priest daily vestments at Saint Raphael Church has been donated as well.

Other Memorials available:

- Outdoor granite and metal Saint Jude Parish signs (Sacred Heart Church)
- Outdoor granite and metal Saint Jude Parish signs (Saint Raphael Church)
- Parish Concelebration Priests and Deacons Vestments
- Priest Sunday Mass Vestments at each church (Each liturgical season)
- Priest Daily Vestments at each church



Get Involved in Our Parish in 2022! We Need your Help!

In the Christmas bulletin, we shared some fun social events we have planned for this year at our parish. One new parishioner has already come forward with interest in helping direct the parish picnic. We're looking for other enthusiastic volunteers to help with planning of the **parish gala** and **parish pictorial directory**. You will have the support of our staff. Contact Fr. Joe if you would like to play a lead role in making these events a success!

Sharing the Light Speaker Series

"Sharing the Light" the Saint Jude Speakers Series invites you to save the following dates for the winter season. We are honored to present these distinguished Catholics, each exemplars of "sharing the light" of Christ with others. Zoom links will be posted before the presentations.

January 27th, 7:00 PM



"Descendants and Jesuits, Reconciling the Sin of Jesuit Slaveholding"

Fr. Timothy Kesicki, SJ. will speak about the national dialogue process between American Catholic universities and institutions with roots in slavery and their painful ties to that period of history and the growing reparations movement. Fr. Kesicki just completed his tenure as president of the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States in September 2021.

February 24th, 7:00 PM



"The Real Reason for Going is Not Just To Get There"

Poet, novelist, playwright and essayist, Dr. Samuel Hazo is the founder of the International Poetry Forum of Pittsburgh, the first Poet Laureate of the State of Pennsylvania and McAnulty Professor Emeritus at Duquesne University, who exemplifies in his recitations the power of poetry as the spoken word to enliven and enrich our lives.

March 31st, 7:00 PM



"The Church in the Holy Land—A Beacon of Hope"

Joining us live from Jerusalem with Monsignor John Kozar, will be Sami El-Yousef, CEO of the Latin Catholic Patriarchate of Jerusalem. He will share with us how the Catholic Church navigates very troubled waters in that area of the world and "shares the light of Christ" with all. No one is alone or abandoned; the Church never "quits" in sharing the "Good News " of Jesus Christ.

Monsignor John Kozar, who in retirement is a resident of Saint Jude Parish, will expand on this theme with Sami bringing some of his own mission experiences in the Holy Land and other parts of the world. Before his recent retirement, Monsignor Kozar was President of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, overseeing the Catholic Church's aid to Christians in the Indian subcontinent, the Near East and Middle East.

Music At Mass Today

The music for today's Mass can be found in the Worship Hymnal (W) or the Breaking Bread Missalette (BB).

Entrance Hymn: W #835 God Is Here! As We His

People

Gloria: BB #924 Psalm: BB pg. 62

Offertory Hymn: BB #516 Holy Wisdom, Lamp of

Learning

Sanctus: BB #927

Memorial Acclamation: BB #928

Amen: BB #931 Agnus Dei: BB #932

Communion Hymn: Com: BB #431 God Beyond

"March for Life"- January 21

The annual national "March for Life' will be held on Friday, January 21, 2022 in Washington DC. This prayerful, peaceful witness to the sacredness of life in the womb has been held every year in our nation's capital for the past 58 years since the deadly "Roe v Wade" decision by the Supreme Court in 1973, legalizing abortion. You are invited to join with hundreds of thousands of your fellow Americans in witnessing to the fact that abortion is the evil taking of innocent human life, and damages the lives of the mother and father involved. If you would like to make this one day bus trip to Washington – St. Jude Parish will be joining with St. Matthew Parish in Shaler for the March. Prayerfully consider joining us, and if you would like more information, call Fr. John Sweeney at the Parish office.

Saint Jude Young Adults!

Wednesday Mass & Social | St. Raphael Church - Join us for Wednesday evening Mass at St. Raphael Church followed by a social meetup with either a bonfire or outing. Rosary starts at 6:30 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m.

2nd & 4th Sunday Brunch | **Sacred Heart Church** - Following 9:00 a.m. Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, meet up with other young adults to walk to S. Highland Ave. for brunch at The Urban Tap at 10 a.m.

Christmas Flowers

We received \$4,333 in Christmas flower donations—thank you! At our Christmas Masses, we had booklets available acknowledging all the generous people who donated to our Christmas flower fund. These additional donations came in after the printing:

In Memory of ...

Walter Tabaka by the Jim Tabaka Family Thomas Mullen and Maureen Knapp by Mrs. Mary Jane Mullen

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Mr. Bernard Campbell

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dinardo

Mrs. Concetta Zangrilli

Theresa and Daniel Gombos

Rest in Peace, Lillian

Lillian Carter, longtime cook for the priests at St. Raphael and Sacred Heart, passed away on Jan. 7. She was a wonderful woman who had a great love for the priests.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

Confirmation in May

Bishop Zubik will be coming to our parish in May for the sacrament of Confirmation. If any adults or teens would like to receive this sacrament for the first time, contact Fr. Sweeney.

Saint Jude Parish Time, Talent & Treasure: Financial Stewardship	1/2/2022
Offerings	\$10,181
Christmas	\$3,856
Other Non- Diocesan Donations	\$1,759
Faith Direct (received 4th and 15th of month)	
Total Weekly Offering	\$15,796
Needed per budget - FYTD ave. as of 6/30/21	\$ 15,723
over / (under) budget	\$73
Parish Share - 2021	
Goal (less 5% discount if paid in full)	\$159,787
Received	\$364,408
EXCEEDED GOAL!	\$204,621

Offerings Christmas Other Non- Diocesan Donations	1/9/2022 \$9,815 \$380 \$195
Faith Direct (received 4th and 15th of month) Total Weekly Offering	\$10,390
Needed per budget - FYTD ave. as of 6/30/21 over / (under) budget	\$ 15,723 \$(5,333)
Parish Share - 2021	
Goal (less 5% discount if paid in full)	\$159,787
Received	\$365,738
EXCEEDED GOAL!	\$205,951



Christmas Gifts \$60,616

We are very pleased to provide our parishioners with this extremely positive report of offertory donations at Christmas. Your special gift to the parish in honor of the Nativity of Our Lord truly was over and beyond any of our expectations. Some of these contributions were generous end-of-the-year special gifts as well. Some were also donations made by our visitors and guests at our Christmas Liturgies. Thank you, dear parishioners for your love and support of Saint Jude Parish at Saint Raphael Church and Sacred Heart Church. We will pray for you and your families.

-Father Joe and the Pastoral Staff Members

Today's second collection is for St. Anthony and DePaul School. Thank you for your generosity.

Many of you knew **Mike and Gloria Fader**, two pillars in our parish.
Gloria passed away earlier this month.
If you would like to send your condolences to Mike, his address is:

3255 Vanderbilt Beach Rd. #101 Naples, FL 34119

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@saintjudepgh.org.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(One baptism at a time)

For information or appointment, please call Barb Melick at 412-661-0187 ext 200.

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

For all in need of anointing (non-emergency), the Anointing of the Sick will be offered on the last weekend of each month after all Masses at both churches.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesdays, following the
7:00 pm Mass at Saint Raphael Church;
Saturdays, at both churches, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm.
Individual appointments for Confession available upon request...

Please note: any parishioners who wish to attend the **8:30 AM Friday** Sacred Heart Elementary School Masses at Sacred Heart church are welcome to do so; however, out of respect for the students who are too young to be vaccinated against Covid-19, <u>all in attendance are required to follow Covid-19 protocol</u>. Thank you!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

9:00AM SR Edward Rupp (Month's Mind) by Family

4:00PM SR Rita Farrell by JoAnne Deluca

6:00PM SH Dora Dominguez (Month's Mind) by Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM SR Bernadette Greene by Stephen Grosskinsky

9:00AM SH Giulio Parente (Anniversary) by Martin Parente

11:00AM SR Hilda Cicchetti Baudry

11:30AM SH Chuck Norkus by Nancy Burrows

7:45PM SH For the People

Monday, January 17 Saint Anthony, Abbot

9:00AM SR Sophie Gigilotti

12:05PM SH Special Intention for 52nd Wedding Anniver-

sary of Ray and Nettie Javier

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

9:00AM SR Bart Mele by Debbie Devine and Family

12:05PM SH William Morton by April and Bill Hahn

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

12:05 PM SH Franca, Cortes and Pisani by Rita Costa Charles Norkus (Month's Mind) by Family

7:00PM SR Tom Wysocki, Sr., by Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20 SAINT FABIAN, POPE AND MARTYR;

SAINT SEBASTIAN, MARTYR

9:00AM SR Pasquale and Rosaria Scalamogna by Maria Serrao and Family

12:05 PM SH Patricia O. Tierney by April and Bill Hahn FRIDAY, JANUARY 21 SAINT AGNES, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

9:00AM SR Pasquale D. Fusca by Rose and Antonio DiStilo

12:05PM SH Anne Martindale Williams

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22 DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL

PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

9:00AM SR Joan Banze (Month's Mind) by Family

4:00PM SR For the People

6:00PM SH Joseph Smerdel (1st Anniversary) by Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM SR Bill and Clara Hazel by Son, Michael

9:00AM SH Paula Helbling by Veronica Franciscus

11:00AM SR Pasquale D. Fusca by Antonia and Domenic

DiRenzo

11:30AM SH JoAnn Rusnak by Bill and Maryann Rometo

7:45PM SH Leonardo Tirone (Month's Mind) by Antonio

Tirone and Family

SANCTUARY CANDLES

January 16 - 22

Saint Raphael:

Debbie Coluccio by Janice, Nancy and Marianne Ceraso

Sacred Heart:

Bart Mele by Ruth K. Hesidence



Please pray for our recently deceased & their beloved families:

Ellen Gunnell Lillian Carter Charles O'Brien Cecilia McCabe

Patrick L. Mancini, father of Dara (John) Henne



Kevin Orndorf & Kelsey Dolan I Cullen Barnes & Maria McTighe I

Please pray for this wonderful couple as they prepare for a happy life together.

Please let us know if you know someone who would love to **receive the bulletin by mail!**



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