

Saint Jude Parish

December 14, 2025



St. Mary's, Dorrance Liturgy Schedule

Monday, 12/15

8:00 AM LaFrancine Gibson—Carolyn Zabinski

Tuesday, 12/16

8:00 AM Mary K. Lukashewski—
Lukashewski & Mylet Families

6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Confession in Church

Wednesday, 12/17

8:00 AM No Mass

Thursday, 12/18

8:00 AM Josephine Mowad, Happy 90th Birthday—
Gerry & Mary Spencer

Friday, 12/19

8:00 AM No Mass

Saturday, 12/20

5:30 PM Marie Carragher—Susan Miller

Sunday, 12/21 Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Ralph Smolenak—Keith & Sandra George

**This week, the Sanctuary Lamp
is lit in memory of Paulette Hopper
by Michelle Willis.**

St. Jude Parish Liturgy Schedule

Monday, 12/15

7:00 AM Theresa McGuire—The McGuire Family
No confession this evening.

Tuesday, 12/16

7:00 AM Mary Frances Horvath—
Bernard & Sandra Petrosky

Wednesday, 12/17

7:00 AM Henry W. Nork, Jr.—Family

Thursday, 12/18

7:00 AM Martin Kelly—Patrick Hannon
6:30 PM Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Friday, 12/19

7:00 AM Bill Lukacinsky—Wife, Margo & Son, Lukas

Saturday, 12/20

4:00 PM Victor Kulpa—Shirley Kulpa

Sunday, 12/21 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM John Garside—Wife, Rosie
11:00 AM Yvonne Sweeney—Bill & Chris Alichnie

ADVENT
A Season of Preparation

St. Mary's, Dorrance is offering an opportunity for
the Sacrament of Reconciliation on
Tuesday, December 16 at 6 PM.

DECEMBER 21, 2025 AT 4 PM
in Church

ST. JUDE'S ANNUAL *Lessons & Carols Service*

THIS PRAYERFUL, ANNUAL CELEBRATION
PROCLAIMS THE COMING OF OUR SAVIOR
THROUGH MUSIC AND SCRIPTURE.

OUR ADULT AND CHILDREN'S CHOIRS,
INSTRUMENTALISTS, AND LECTORS BRING
THIS PRAYERFUL REFLECTION ON THE
SEASON TO OUR PARISH FAMILY.

Please come and enjoy!



Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24—Christmas Eve

4:00 PM—St. Jude
4:00 PM—St. Mary's
7:00 PM—St. Jude
Midnight—St. Jude
Midnight—St. Mary's

December 25—Christmas Day

8:30 AM—St. Jude
9:00 AM—St. Mary's
11:00 AM—St. Jude



Advent: A Time of Reconciliation

Part of being hopeful is making sure we are reconciled with God and one another.

Please come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation on:

- ✚ **Monday, December 15th beginning at 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM at St. Nicholas Church, 226 S. Washington St., Wilkes-Barre.** All of the deanery priests will be available for confessions. *There will be no confessions at St. Jude that night* because Fr. Bill and I will be at St. Nick's.
- ✚ **Tuesday, December 16th from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM at St. Mary's, Dorrance.**
- ✚ **Monday, December 22nd from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM at St. Jude's.** Fr. Alco will be joining us for confessions at St. Jude.

If you need another day, please contact Fr. Bill or Fr. Joe for another time by appointment. May the Good Lord bless us with forgiveness and may we forgive others as we prepare to celebrate Christmas.

God Bless,
Fr. Joe




This Week on **FORMED**

Week of December 14, 2025



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Tuesday - St Jude: December 16 - 6:30 pm
Wednesday - St Mary's: December 17 - 11 am

Adoration Chapel

Rejoice today is Gaudete Sunday where we pause in the midst of Advent and our preparations for Christmas to celebrate and give thanks to God.

This is a good week to come to the Adoration Chapel and spend some time thanking God for the goodness He has shown us and the many gifts He has given us. Begin by thanking Him for the biggest, most unbelievable gift of all; the knowledge that God loves us so much that He sent us His son to earth to bring us all back with Him to our heavenly home. Imagine our God longs for us and does not want to spend eternity without us. That is worth thinking about and thanking God for.

Our Chapel is open everyday between 6 AM to 9 PM.

Email us at mary.hollands@gmail.com with any questions or to sign up for a permanent hour of adoration.



Happenings This Week

- Sun 12/14 **Building Bucks Sales—After all Masses**
Religious Education—9:30 AM—SJS Classrooms
OCIA—9:45 AM—SJS Library
Basketball—Noon to 6 PM—SJS Gym
Red Bird Book Club—12:15 PM—Multi-Purpose Rm
Confirmation Class—6 PM—Church
Confirmation Class—6:30 PM—SJS Cafeteria & Library
- Mon 12/15 **Basketball—3:00 PM to 8:30 PM—SJS Gym**
Religious Education—6 PM—SJS Classrooms
- Tues 12/16 **Basketball—3 PM to 7:30 PM—SJS Gym**
Children's Choir—4:45 PM—Church
Advent Adult Faith Formation—6:30 PM—Narthex
Grief Support Group—6:30 PM—SJS Faculty Rm
Social Action Mtg—7 PM—SJS Library
Men's Group—8 PM—Church & SJS Cafeteria
- Wed 12/17 **Basketball—3 PM to 7:30 PM—SJS Gym**
Girl Scouts—3 PM—SJS Classroom
Cub Scouts—5:30 PM—SJS Cafeteria
Adult Choir—7 PM—Church
- Thurs 12/18 **Basketball—3 PM to 7:30 PM—SJS Gym**
Boy Scouts—7 PM—SJS Cafeteria
Men's Basketball—8:45 PM—SJS Gym
- Fri 12/19 **Basketball—3 PM to 6 PM—SJS Gym**
- Sat 12/20 **Intramural Games—8 AM to 5 PM—SJS Gym**
Children's Choir Practice & Party—
11 AM—SJS Music Rm & Day Rm
Building Bucks Sales—After Mass
- Sun 12/21 **Building Bucks Sales—After all Masses**
No Religious Education
OCIA—9:45 AM—SJS Library
Basketball—Noon to 6 PM—SJS Gym
Lessons and Carols—4 PM—Church
Youth Night—7 PM—SJS Cafeteria

**All St. Jude Church contributions for 2025
 MUST be received or postmarked
 by December 31, 2025 in order for your
 tax deductible contributions to show
 on your 2025 statement.**

Your continued use of our envelope system or Online Giving are the only methods we have to correctly itemize your gifts.

As always, we appreciate your understanding and cooperation.



Gifts for God

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

November 30, 2025

Weekly Envelopes:	\$ 10,595
Loose Cash:	\$ 891
Online Giving:	\$ 6,677
Total Contributions:	\$ 18,163



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Fiscal Year Financial Report

Week ending November 30, 2025

Weekly Profit: \$ 720.38

Fiscal YTD: \$ 5,909.80

Don't be a scrooge!
 Last chance to order page 2
Building Bucks Gift Cards
 is Sunday, December 14th!

Need ideas? Call the Parish Office, (570) 474-6315, ext. 223 for more info.

Visit our website for more info ~ stjc.org or raiserright.com

The Giving Tree

This is the last weekend to return
your gifts for the Giving Tree.

Delivery date is December 20 at 9 AM.

If you can help out, please contact
Suzanne Modrovsky, 570-578-3986.



YOUTH NIGHT
DEC. 21ST 7PM
ST. JUDE CAFETERIA
Anyone in Grades 7-12 invited
GINGERBREAD DECORATING
Food, Fun Fellowship

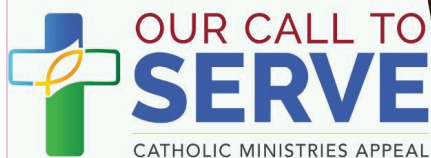
Diocesan Annual Appeal

St. Jude Parish Goal: \$118,992

Total Raised to Date: \$78,366 (65.86%)

***Rejoice in
the Lord
always!***

Our joy is not meant
to be kept to
ourselves; it is
meant to overflow
into love and
service



As we rejoice in the nearness of the Lord, you are invited
to help others experience that same nearness through
your generosity to the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Support the 2025 Appeal at AnnualAppeal.org

BLUE CHRISTMAS MASS

SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH

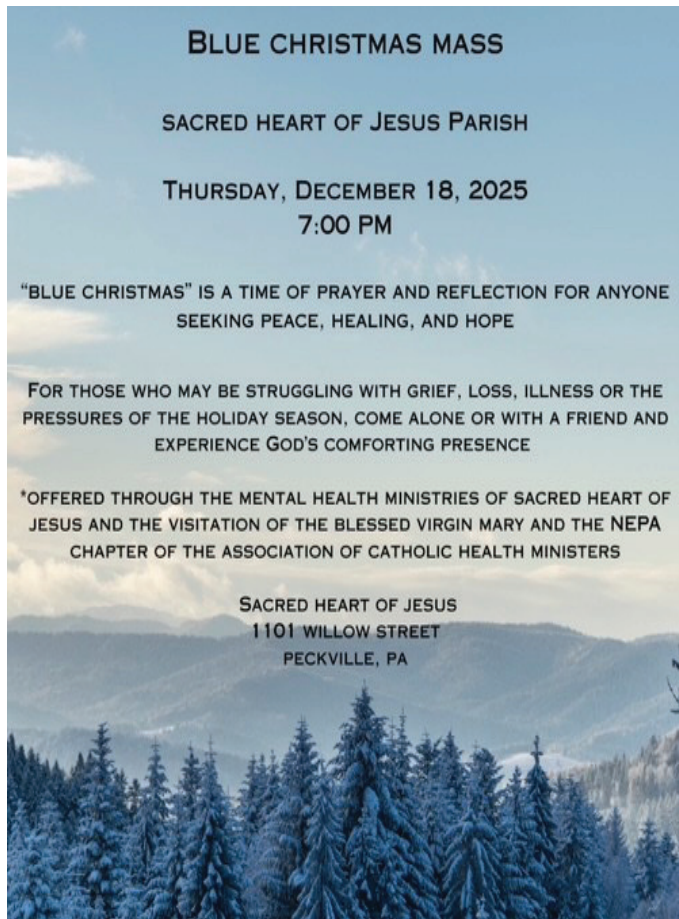
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2025
7:00 PM

"BLUE CHRISTMAS" IS A TIME OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION FOR ANYONE
SEEKING PEACE, HEALING, AND HOPE

FOR THOSE WHO MAY BE STRUGGLING WITH GRIEF, LOSS, ILLNESS OR THE
PRESSURES OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON, COME ALONE OR WITH A FRIEND AND
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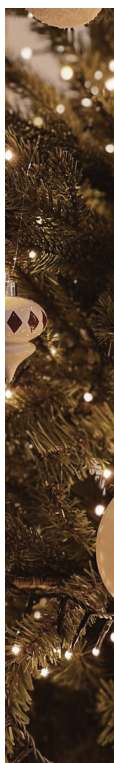
ST. JUDE PARISH
OFFICE HOURS
DURING THE WEEK OF
CHRISTMAS

December 21:
9am to Noon

December 22 & 23:
8:30am to 4:30pm

December 24 to 28:
Closed

The Parish Office reopens on
December 29 at 8:30am.



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