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Newsletter – August 2024

Dear Parishioners,

Blessings!

We all know that May is the month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary but unknown or forgotten by many, August is the month dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. While the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary has been moved from the month of August to the Saturday after the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, this month remains dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and still has three Marian feasts ... the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Queenship of Mary!

And what a glorious month this has been! On August 6, we celebrated the Transfiguration of the Lord and on August 15, we celebrated the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary with the commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. Commissioning is a particularly important step for these spiritually uplifting privileged roles. The Extraordinary Ministers gain the privilege of bringing the Body and Blood of Christ to the people of God ... and be witnesses in the real presence of Christ through the dignity and reverence on how they handle the Body of Christ! Lectors, on the other hand, are given the privilege of proclaiming the Word of God to those gathered for a Eucharistic Celebration!

And what a blessing it was that a first-class relic, the Arm of Saint Jude Thaddeus, the Apostle of the Impossible visited our Parish! How our small Parish came together to prepare for the visit, how everyone helped during the day of the visit and the turnout of those who came for the veneration and the Mass ... were undoubtedly manifestations of the Apostle of the Impossible touching our hearts to action! Thank you, thank you and thank you, indeed, to all who opened their hearts to this visit that allowed us to be in the presence of a relic of a special Apostle ... physically and spiritually! And yes, miracles still happen. Thanks to the intercession of powerful intercessors like St. Jude Thaddeus!

As the new academic year starts, our Parish welcomes the students coming for their 1st year of the new two-year program of the First Reconciliation and First Communion class, beginning on September 6. We also welcome those coming for their 1st and 2nd years of Confirmation classes, beginning September 8.

For the new First Reconciliation/Communion class, the teacher will be Olivia Campus with Veronica Diaz as teacher aide. For the Confirmation classes, the 1st year class teacher will be Martha O'Brien with Zoi Brasico as teacher aide while the 2nd year class teacher will be Pamela Quiroz with teacher aides Matthew Hoogendorn and Maria Sanchez. My heartfelt thanks to Patricia Giacomini, our directress of religious education, to the teachers and teacher aides and a warm welcome to the new teacher aides, Zoi Brasico, Matthew Hoogendorn and Maria Sanchez.

Let us all pray for our teachers and students ... enrolled and yet to enroll ... as we continue to teach and impart our Catholic Faith to the young!

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Mass Times

St. Joseph

**Tuesday – Friday
8:30 a.m.**

**Sunday's at 9:30 a.m.
and
4:00 p.m. (Spanish)**

**Our Lady of the Lake
Loch Lomond**

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Pines

Sunday's at 11:30 am.



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Please pray for the sick in our parish and those who care for them....

Fr. Andre, Charlotte Baker, Charlie Bigelow, Larry Boll, Lourdes Borzoni, Debbie Cariela, Susan Conley, Cheryl Fua, Cianna Gazperony, Hector Guerra, Monica Gerrero, Alysia Hash, Jasmine Hash, Laura Hilton, Sandy, Linda Hoogendoorn, John Johnson, Judy Knight, Helen Kruljac, Coleen McCluskey, Joe McSweeney, Ines Mendoza, Elsa Meyer, Shirley Milner, Don Nielsen, Andres Ochoa, Joaquina Ortega, Kirt Smartt, Judith Spears, Debbie Spicart, Rebeca Marie Stanley, Leslie Thomas, Toni Vecellio, Matt Woodard and special intentions for all who suffer from cancer.

With a heavy heart but with good wishes, we say Godspeed to Roger Mattu and Elizabeth Weiss as they leave our Parish and move to their respective new homes. Thank you, Roger, for having been the Director of Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) for the past two years. Thank you, Liz, for having been a teacher aide in our Confirmation classes. Thank you, both, for all other services you have done for our Parish and for your generosity. You will both be greatly missed!

On September 20 to 23, we will be blessed with another special event ... the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit/Display of Blessed Carlos Acutis. I am inviting you all to watch this spiritually enriching exhibit!

Entrusting our families and our Parish community to St. Jude Thaddeus, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to our Parish Patron Saint Joseph!

To God be the Glory!!!

In His Service,

Fr. Lawrence Mendoza
Pastor

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES SCHEDULE

1st Reconciliation classes begin on Friday, September 6 at 4 p.m. Confirmation classes begin on Sunday, September 8 at 12:45 p.m. (1st year) and 2:30 p.m. (2nd year)

Families who have not registered, or who have registered but not paid, please meet at the classroom on the day of classes to finalize your child's registration: 1st Reconciliation at 3:30 p.m. Confirmation at 1:30 p.m. 2nd Confirmation students must register "again" and pay the fees.

PLEASE BRING copies of your child's Baptism Certificate (Reconciliation students) and Baptism and First Communion Certificates for Confirmation students. Required.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Report shows at least 1400 parishioners, families, friends, and visitors passed the Relic of St. Jude on Monday, August 19 at St. Joseph Church in Middletown. What a glorious day for our small parish. We appreciate all volunteers who joined in making this event a tremendous success. Many were on their feet for the entire day and late into the night. Thank you all so very much!

Our Lady of the Lake will continue mass at 5 o'clock through the month of September, then will revert back to 4:00 p.m. the first of October. Mass on Sunday at Our Lady of the Pines will also continue at 11:30 a.m. through the month of September, weather permitting.

ST JOSEPH ROOFING FUND

We have raised \$30,622 to date. The roof cost \$43,500. We are still \$12,878 short. Checks payable to St. Joseph Roofing Fund. Thank you everyone for your continued support.

July 2024 Collection Totals			
	1st	2nd	Total
07/06-07/2024	\$ 2,063.00	\$3,594.00	\$ 5,657.00
07/13-14/2024	\$ 1,376.00	\$1,285.00	\$ 2,661.00
07/20-21/2024	\$ 1,947.00	\$2,289.00	\$ 4,236.00
07/27-28/2024	\$ 1,281.00	\$1,349.00	\$ 2,630.00
Total Received	\$ 6,667.00	\$8,517.00	\$15,184.00
	Monthly Target	\$ 17,202.00	
	Overage/Loss	\$ (2,018.00)	