

SAINT JUDE

Parish Community

First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2016

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RECTORY HOURS

Monday: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Tuesday & Friday: 9:30 - 12:00 noon
Wednesday & Thursday: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Closed: Saturday & Sunday

MUSIC MINISTRY

John Armeno: 973-398-8109
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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Sunday Masses

5:00 p.m. (Saturday Vigil Mass)
7:45 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m. (Teen Mass) every 4th
Sunday of the month (October to March)

Weekday Masses (Mon - Sat)

8:30 a.m. - followed by praying the rosary.

Holy Day of Obligation

7:00 p.m. (*Vigil Mass*)
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

4:00 - 4:45 p.m. or by appointment

Sacramental Life

BAPTISM - Baptisms are usually celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Parents are asked to call the rectory about Baptism preparation. Baptism is not celebrated during Lenten Season.

MARRIAGE - Arrangements should be made at the Rectory one year before the marriage date and prior to any social planning. This is in accord with the Common Policy of the Province of New Jersey. To arrange for Pre-Cana instructions, please call the Rectory.

R.C.I.A. RITE OF CHRISTIAN

INITIATION OF ADULTS - Persons interested in learning of the Catholic faith, and any adult person who needs to receive Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation. If you need information regarding this, please contact the Rectory.

VISITATION OF THE SICK AND

ELDERLY - Please keep us informed so that we can be attentive to those who are ill at home or in the hospital. Communion is brought upon request to the home. Please call the Rectory for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

CHOIR - Adult choir meets as scheduled.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY - Meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Church.

ST. JUDE NOVENA AND BENEDICTION is every Thursday at 7:00 PM; Adoration is from 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM; Divine Mercy is at 3:00 PM.

BINGO - Parish Center - Tuesday 7:30 PM. Doors open at 5:00 PM. Early Bird Special starts at 7:15 PM

Faith Formation Program

Grades 1-8: See schedule in bulletin.

Confirmation: A program that continues from Grade 8. In the 9th Grade immediate preparation begins for Confirmation and culminates with the Sacrament at the end of 10th Grade.

For more information regarding these programs, please contact the Rectory.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Our Parish Family invites all of its members to share fully in our spiritual and social life. Every family moving into the Parish is asked to register at the Rectory. If you change your address or telephone number, please contact us. All parishioners are requested to use the regular Sunday envelopes. If you are not receiving them, please call the Rectory.

“Our Mission Is To Be A Faith Community Centered In The Eucharist, Proclaiming The Word Of The Lord And Living As Followers Of Jesus Christ”



Welcome!

New parishioners are asked to register by calling or visiting the parish office or by speaking to one of the parish staff.

WHY A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN SHOULD BE A REGISTERED PARISHIONER

The precepts of the Church explained that: we need to belong to a parish (your parish is the Church in the City where you are domiciled) and to contribute to its support.

Everyone should do this (Canon 107).

To identify yourself with a worshipping community of faith. Salvation comes to us by God in community. Religion is not meant to be individualistic. Membership in a parish community is the norm.

To allow the priest of the parish to know you so that Letters of Recommendation can be given when needed. (Sponsorship/certificates)



MONDAY: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM
TUESDAY: 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM
WEDNESDAY: 8:00 AM – 2:00PM
THURSDAY: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
FRIDAY: 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY CLOSED

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The words of Isaiah urge all people to forsake war and to live in peace forever. The tone reaches a climax in the words, "One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again."

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Paul invites us to put away all the things of darkness and sin and to prepare for the coming of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

A comparison is made between the destruction caused by the flood in Noah's time and the need to be prepared for the second coming of Christ. "You must be prepared in the same way. The Son of Man is coming at the time you least expect."

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS **HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2016

"You know the time in which we are living. It is now the hour for you to wake from sleep, for our salvation is closer than when we first accepted the faith... Let us cast off the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the desires of the flesh."

For twenty centuries, faithful Christians have listened to and read Saint Paul's exhortation. No one can deny that his inspired word is not true. Because of the long time span though, we may have fallen asleep.

We are encouraged to begin this new period of advent with an eager enthusiasm, seeking ways to discover the presence of the Christ of history, as well as the Christ who is and is coming. Advent summons us to look with a new set of eyes at what the coming of Christ means for us in 2016.

He comes in the gift of friends. He comes in the gift of prayer. He comes from those in need who ask us to be light to overcome their darkness. As daylight grows short, may we be light for others to see that the coming of the Lord is even more important now than advent 2015. We pray the words of Revelation 'Come Lord Jesus.'

Monday

Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

Thursday

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

First Friday

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

First Saturday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

We await the Savior
EMMANUEL

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

SATURDAY 8:30 AM 5:00 PM	November 26 June M. Parker Ralph Simonetti
SUNDAY 7:45 AM 9:15 AM 11:00 AM	November 27 Joan Hoer James Howe Special Intention for Donna Sehnert
MONDAY 8:30 AM	November 28 Annette Loffredo
TUESDAY 8:30 AM	November 29 Frank Nutley
WEDNESDAY 8:30 AM 8:45 AM	November 30 Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help Ricky Hornbeck
THURSDAY 8:30 AM 3:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM 8:00 PM	December 1 Rudy Astore 6 th Anniversary Divine Mercy Chaplet Evening Prayer Novena to St. Jude Benediction
FRIDAY 8:30 AM	December 2 Marian Sobczak
SATURDAY 8:30 AM 5:00 PM	December 3 Mary Takacs Carolyn Zietkiewicz
SUNDAY 7:45 AM 9:15 AM 11:00 AM	December 4 Joan Hoer Linda Bloom Albert & Mary Astore

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Christina Barger, James Bonavota, Kyle Bussey, Caroline Carey, Bruce Feinberg, Richard Ferris, Dylan Flinchum, Liliana Ghiggini, Herbert Grobe, Victoria Gutierrez, Irene Hogan, James Hopka, Danny Kavanaugh, Marie Meola, Bob & Loretta Rankin, Mary Rushka, Emma Scannelli, Anthony Sisco, Robert Sottolano, Paul Smith, William Stelmach, Carol Strasser, Nancy & Tom Tevis, Marie Van Tassel, Yvonne Zacccone.

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FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

MASS FOR ALL STUDENTS AT 9:15 AM

NOVEMBER 27 NO CLASSES

NOVEMBER 28: MONDAY

GRADES 5 – 8: 6:30 – 8:00PM PARISH CENTER

CONFIRMATION ARE ON SUNDAY EVENINGS

NO CLASS ON NOVEMBER 27

GRADE 9: 7:00 – 8:30PM PARISH CENTER

GRADE 10: 7:00 – 8:30PM MEETING ROOM

YOUTH GROUP

SAINT JUDE'S YOUTH GROUP



Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the Parish Center. All teens are welcome. For more information, please call Janice at (201) 400-1692. Our Youth Group has set up a Café. Anyone wishing to come by for tea or coffee are welcome to attend.

Rosary Altar Society meets every first Tuesday of the month in the Church meeting room at 8:00PM immediately following the Rosary and Benediction at 7:30PM in the Church.

Men's Group will be having their meeting on December 3 in the meeting room of the Church at 7:30 am.

Theology Table Come and talk with others about God and Church at Frank's Pizza every Tuesday from 6:30 to 9:00 pm in the evening. Come and go as you wish.

Self Defense Class is every Tuesday night in the Church meeting room from 6:30 to 8:00pm. Call Mike at 973-229-9881 for more information.

NOVENA

TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

**Every Wednesday at
8:30 am, followed
with the Holy Mass**

COME AND JOIN US



**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED
EVERY THURSDAY FROM
9:00 AM – 8:00 PM**



"The Eucharist is connected with the Passion. ...To make sure that we do not forget, Jesus gave us the Eucharist as a memorial of his love ... When

you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then, when you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now." Saint Teresa of Calcutta



Prayer of Fulton J. Sheen

Jesus, Mary and Joseph I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the preborn child that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of

abortion.

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you" (Jeremiah 1:5)



Active Waiting...

The Second Vatican Council reflects upon the relationship

between the coming of Christ and our activity to prepare for it. In the Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, we read, "Far from diminishing our concern to develop this earth, the expectancy of a new earth should spur us on, for it is here that the body of a new human family grows, foreshadowing in some way the age which is to come....When we have spread on earth the fruits of our nature and our enterprise -- human dignity, brotherly communion and freedom -- according to the command of the Lord and in his Spirit, we will find them once again, cleansed this time from the stain of sin illuminated and transfigured, when Christ presents to his Father an eternal and universal kingdom...." (#39). In other words, the spirit of Advent should naturally bolster our pro-life efforts, and the progress we make in promoting human dignity becomes the "building blocks" for the eternal kingdom.



St. Jude's will be hosting a Christmas Potluck, on Sunday, December 4,

at 2:00PM. All are invited to attend. You are asked to bring a dish to feed your family, plus one more person.

SANTA will be there for everyone. Coffee and.. will be provided by St. Jude's.



**ALTAR SERVERS
CHRISTMAS
PARTY**

Friday,
December 2.
Father Vidal will have a meeting with the servers at 6:00PM in the

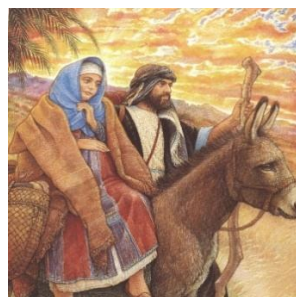
Church, followed by a party in the Parish Center.

MONTH 1: MY HEART STARTED BEATING TODAY!



During this first month of life, the baby grows to 10,000 times his size at conception. He is totally dependent upon his mother.

Between mother and child lies the vital organ called the placenta. Here vessels from mother and baby intertwine without joining, highlighting this newly formed relationship – mutual nourishing and deeply connected. By the 3rd week the baby's tiny heart begins to beat.



December 9th, 2016
7:30pm St Jude
Parish Center
Advent Reflection
A presentation to Inspire Our Pilgrimage of Faith: Inspiration from Mary and Joseph in Seeking the Face of

Christ in Challenging and Dark Times

This presentation will look to how Mary and Joseph sought out the face of Christ in the darkness, and how their pilgrimage of faith can help us to keep our focus on the Light, Life and Love of Christ as we prepare for Advent.

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With
Us**



KID'S KORNER

GOSPEL TODAY

Matthew 24:37-44
Jesus wants us to lead good lives and help others, so we are ready when He comes again.

**FIRST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**

**BE
READY,
LIKE
NOAH!**

DIRECTIONS

- [1] Color the tree green and write your good deeds on the ornaments and color.
- [2] Cut out and fold at right angle to stand up by itself.
- [3] Each week of Advent complete the tree and repeat steps 1-2.
- [4] After you have 4 weeks of trees colored, filled in and cut out, attach **week 1** to **week 2** by matching the corner letters and gluing or taping halves together up to the fold line. Do the same for **week 3** and **week 4**, which will then attach to **week 1** and **2** to complete.

Color tree and fill in good deeds, then color ornaments and cut out.

Weeks 1 & 2 together.

Different angles of completed tree.

All of God's children are blessed with a variety of time, talents and treasures. This Advent, make a "gift to others" of your abilities, then write what you do on the ornaments on your "Share Me" tree.

There will be a tree for each week of Advent, and the 4 stand alone pieces will be joined together into a 3-D tree; just in time for Christmas!

Your finished tree is a wonderful gift to baby Jesus on Christmas! (Jesus loves when we help everyone around us.)

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