

# SAINT JUDE

## *Parish Community*

Third Sunday of Advent  
December 11, 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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Dan Thompson

### *We Invite You to Celebrate*

#### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 – 2:00 PM**  
**THURSDAY: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM**  
**FRIDAY: 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM**  
**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY CLOSED**

#### **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Isaiah tells us that when Christ comes, the weak will be made strong, the deaf will hear, the blind will see, and, above all, "sorrow and mourning will flee."

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

As the farmer waits patiently through winter and spring for the "yield of the soil" so, too, must we wait patiently for the coming of the Messiah.

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

While in prison, John sends a messenger to Jesus to ask, "Are you He who is to come or do we look for another?" Jesus replies by citing the miracles he has performed for the blind, the deaf, and the crippled. He concludes by identifying John as the messenger He has sent to prepare the way.

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

"John in prison heard about the works Christ performed, and sent a message through his disciples to ask him, 'Are you He who is to come' or do we look for another?' In reply Jesus said to them: 'Go back and report to John what you hear and see: the blind...cripples... lepers... the deaf... the dead... and the poor have the good news preached to them. Blest is the man who finds no stumbling block in me.'"

So wrapped up in the commercialism and consumerism, the question posed by John certainly is appropriate for us. Who is it we are waiting for? Who is it we are looking for? It is not just a simple, but a profound question.

Where is our search leading us?

When Jesus began His mission, He used the prophet Isaiah to explain His role. The Baptist asks the question for us, and we have the answer right in front of us. We too are to go back and report to others who Jesus is for us, what He does for us. So many today are spiritually blind, or deaf, hurting and even fallen from grace. But the Christ whose coming we commemorate and celebrate in two weeks

asks us to go and tell others, as did the disciples of John. May we all 'prepare the way of the Lord.'

#### **Monday**

**Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab;**  
**Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47**

#### **Tuesday**

**Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32**

#### **Wednesday**

**Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23**

#### **Thursday**

**Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30**

#### **Friday**

**Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Jn 5:33-36**

#### **Saturday**

**Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17**



Please remember in your prayers,  
 Marie Meola (Wife of Art Meola),  
 who entered into eternal rest.



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 December 4 2016 \$3288.00  
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 Counters this week : Cathy DeVito  
 and Robin Nevins

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

## MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

<b>SATURDAY</b> 8:30 AM 5:00 PM	December 10 Jim Vanderhoof Antoinette & Anthony Grillo
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:45 AM  9:15 AM 11:00 AM	December 11 William & Josie Cooper John & Anna Sobosky Edward & Alice Niper Mike Kierney
<b>MONDAY</b> 8:30 AM	December 12 Special Intention for Fr. John Mushinsky
<b>TUESDAY</b> 8:30 AM	December 13 June M. Parker
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 8:30 AM  8:45 AM	December 14 Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help Sharon Willoughby
<b>THURSDAY</b> 8:30 AM 3:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM 8:00 PM	November 15 Ray Miller Divine Mercy Chaplet Evening Prayer Novena to St. Jude Benediction
<b>FRIDAY</b> 8:30 AM	December 16 Vidal Gonzales, Sr.
<b>SATURDAY</b> 8:30 AM 5:00 PM	December 17 Caroline Carey Donald Palumbo
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:45 AM 9:15 AM 11:00 AM	December 18 Joan Hoer Marcella Devaney Wayne Orr

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

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



**Automated Giving:** Our Automated Giving program awareness campaign ("ParishPay") continues. Please familiarize yourself with the details of this convenient alternative to giving via collection basket. See for [www.stjudehopatcong.org/giving](http://www.stjudehopatcong.org/giving) for details.



### FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

#### MASS FOR ALL STUDENTS AT 9:15 AM

**CLASS TIMES FOR GRADES 1 – 4: 10:20 – 11:30AM**

#### DECEMBER 11: SUNDAY

**GRADE 1: MEETING ROOM**

**GRADES 2 – 4: PARISH CENTER**

#### DECEMBER 12: MONDAY

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

**CONFIRMATION ARE ON SUNDAY EVENINGS**

#### DECEMBER 11:

**GRADE 9: 7:00 – 8:30 PM PARISH CENTER**

**GRADE 10: 7:00 – 8:30 PM 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.

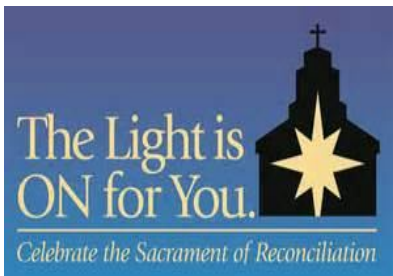


**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** meets every first Tuesday of the month in the Church meeting room at 8:00PM immediately following the Rosary and Benediction at 7:30PM in the Church.

**MEN'S GROUP** will be having their meeting on January 7 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.



There will be  
Confession on  
Monday, December  
12 and December 19  
at 7:00 PM in Church

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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



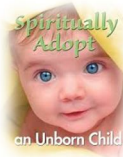
**Advent and Pregnancy**  
As we enter the second half of Advent, the liturgy focuses more specifically on the Incarnation

and birth of Jesus at the first Christmas. We think about Mary's initial fear and uncertainty in the face of her unexpected pregnancy. Then, in every Church in the world, believers spiritually rush to her side to eagerly await with her the birth of the Savior. The best way for a parish to celebrate Christmas is to rush physically to the side of those in the community who, like Mary, are uncertain and afraid about their pregnancy. We are to accompany them through their pregnancy with support and encouragement, and help them experience the fact that every birth reflects the joy of the birth of Christ.

Nationwide, pregnancy centers providing alternatives to abortion can be reached through the "Option Line," 1-800-712-HELP, or at [www.pregnancycenters.org](http://www.pregnancycenters.org).

**Advent Prayer**

Father in heaven, the day draws near when the glory of your Son will make radiant the night of the waiting world. May the lure of greed not impede us from the joy which moves the hearts of those who seek him. May the darkness not blind us to the vision of wisdom which fills the minds of those who find him. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.



**MONTH 2: I'M DANCING**

The developing baby is now called a "fetus", which is Latin for "little one". She is making rapid progress developing all her external and internal organs. During the second month baby teeth form, and fingers and toes are developing. Her ears' lips and tongue can now be clearly seen. Brain waves can be recorded. The skeleton changes from cartilage to bone. The central nervous system is now functioning, and so 40 muscle sets begin their first exercises. By 8 weeks all body systems are present. This little one is now jumping, flipping and turning – her first dance steps!



**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)







St. Jude's Rosary Altar Society will be having their annual Christmas Party, December 18, at the Lake House (on Lakeside Blvd) at 12:30 PM.

Cost of the ticket is \$28.00 per person. Call are invited to attend. For more information, please call Marian at (973) 398-1873.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
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JIM AT (973)398-0977 OR MIKE AT (973) 770-  
6536 FOR TICKETS AND MORE INFORMATION.



St. Jude's Rosary Altar Society will be collecting for our Christmas Flowers on Saturday and Sunday, (Dec. 17-18). We thank you in advance for your generosity.



The 2016, New Jersey Right to Life Raffle winners are:  
1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Volvo won by Barbara Ellis of Bedminster;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$1000.00 Shoprite Gift Card won by Vince Giallorenzo of Wyckoff; 3<sup>rd</sup>

Prize \$750.00 Shoprite Gift Certificate- John Corcoran of RiverVale; 4<sup>th</sup> Prize \$500.00 Shoprite Gift Certificate Dan Zorovich of Allentown. Thanks to all who participated; you helped a very beneficial cause and also helped to make the raffle a great success! Thanks again, Ron Kelly.



Need an extra gift for a stocking stuffer this Christmas??? We have Shoprite gift cards available after all the Masses.

"Shoprite has the answer" but St. Jude's can give you that extra "something" for your Christmas stocking.

### DID YOU KNOW....

The Liturgical Year begins in late November or early December, on the fourth Sunday before Christmas. These four weeks are the liturgical season of ADVENT. Advent means "coming", and this season is a preparation for the coming of the infant Jesus. The mood is hopeful anticipation, and the Scripture readings at Mass focus on God's promise to send a savior to deliver us from sin and death. It is a time to take life a little more slowly and to focus on what we need to do to allow God to enter our hearts more fully.



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