

# SAINT JUDE

## *Parish Community*

Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 26, 2017

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Mr. Henry Schmidt ..... *Parish Trustee*

### **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

### *FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT*

#### **First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a**

In seeking a King for the Israelites, Samuel traveled to Jesse of Bethlehem, who had seven sons. Commanded by God to ignore the elder sons, Samuel anointed the youngest, David.

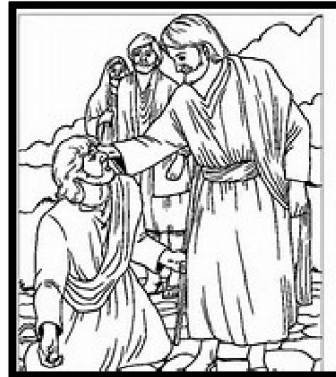
#### **Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14**

Paul exhorts the Ephesians to live as “children of light” in goodness and truth and to avoid evil deeds “done in darkness.”

#### **Gospel: John 9:1-41**

Jesus performs the miracle of giving sight to the man born blind. Because Jesus performed this miracle on the Sabbath, the Pharisees called him a “sinner,” but the blind man said, “He is a prophet.” Jesus later reveals to the blind man that He is the Son of Man.

### *PLUNGING INTO THE LIGHT*



We meet in the Gospel two important prognosis's who are searching for Christ.

The first is the man born blind who is not certain about what lies ahead if he puts his trust in Jesus. Nevertheless, he gamely lies ahead in a toe into Christ's pool of light. Then when he describes his healer as a prophet and a

man “from God”, he sticks his whole foot in the pool. Finally, he plunges into Christ's pool when he recognizes him as his Lord and the “Son of Man.”

The second protagonists are the Pharisees who are also neophytes in swimming. They happen to live near the sea (the Laws), however, and they find it difficult to accept that someone who lives far from the sea can learn to swim in the light of this so-called Messiah. They try to stop the blind man from plunging into Christ's pool of light. Although they, too, are given the chance to plunge into the light, their pride and sense of self-importance prevent them from doing so.

Within ourselves we find these two protagonists. Like the man born blind, we long to see the light. We wish to plunge into Christ's pool, but the Pharisees in us prevent us from accepting and revealing our need for sticking in a toe as we study the scriptures; then we can get in up to our waist by worshipping in church and participating in the rituals; and, finally, we can plunge right in by seeing Christ in our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54; **Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16; **Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30; **Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47; **Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30; **First Saturday** Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

The  
Season  
of  
Lent



**MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**  
**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

<b>SATURDAY</b> 8:30 AM 5:00 PM	<b>March 25</b> Joseph & Agnes McGarry Brian Wastella
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:45 AM 9:15 AM 11:00 AM	<b>March 26</b> Alyssa Ruggieri 7 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Marcella Devaney Bruce Eulo Confirmation Teen Mass
<b>MONDAY</b> 8:30 AM 7:00- 8:30 PM	<b>March 27</b> Marie Meola & Connie Rao Confessions
<b>TUESDAY</b> 8:30 AM	<b>March 28</b> Michael & Vincent Meola
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 8:30 AM  8:45 AM	<b>March 29</b> Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help People of St. Jude
<b>THURSDAY</b> 8:30 AM 3:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM 8:00 PM	<b>March 30</b> Frank Nutley Divine Mercy Chaplet Evening Prayer Novena to St. Jude Benediction
<b>FRIDAY</b> 8:30 AM 7:00 PM	<b>March 31</b> Maureen Schmidt Stations of the Cross
<b>SATURDAY</b> 8:30 AM 5:00 PM	<b>April 1</b> For the Sick of our Parish Dorothy Coale
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:45 AM  9:15 AM 11:00 AM	<b>April 2</b> Special Intention for Eugene Burd & Robert Oken Jerry Sullivan 19 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annette Loffredo



**STEWARDSHIP – A WAY OF LIFE**  
March 19, 2017 3104.00  
March 20, 2016 \$4846.00  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**  
Our counters last week were  
**Cathy DiVito & Robin Nevins**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH**

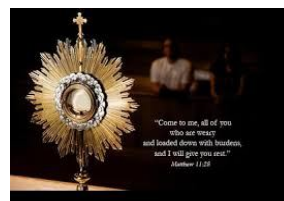
Sally Battaglia, James Bonavota, Maria Bullaro,, Kyle Bussey, Sue Cardena, William Cooper, Sarah Crowley, Bruce Feinberg, Richard Ferris, Dylan Flinchum, Liliana Ghiggin, Herbert Grobe, Victoria Gutierrez, Irene Hogan, James Hopka, Modesta Karl, Danny Kavanaugh, Carmen Mobley, Genowefa Penkala, Judy Pickett, Bob & Loretta Rankin, Richard Raffi, Mary Rushka, Emma Scannelli, Anthony Sisco, Robert Sottolano, William Stelmach, Carol Strasser, Lucita Sullivan, Nancy & Tom Tevis, Yvonne Zacccone.

**REST  
IN  
PEACE**

Please remember in your prayers  
**Maureen Schmidt**, who entered  
into eternal rest this week.

## Laetare Sunday

The fourth, or middle, Sunday of Lent, so called from the first words of the Introit at Mass, "Laetare Jerusalem" — "Rejoice, O Jerusalem". During the first six or seven centuries the season of Lent commenced on the Sunday following Quinquagesima, and thus comprised only thirty-six fasting days. To these were afterwards added the four days preceding the first Sunday, in order to make up the forty days' fast, and one of the earliest liturgical notices of these extra days occurs in the special Gospels assigned to them in a Toulon manuscript of 714. Strictly speaking, the Thursday before Laetare Sunday is the middle day of Lent, and it was at one time observed as such, but afterwards the special signs of joy permitted on this day, intended to encourage the faithful in their course through the season of penance, were transferred to the Sunday following. They consist of (like those of Gaudete Sunday in Advent) in the use of flowers on the altar, and of the organ at Mass and Vespers; rose-coloured vestments also allowed instead of purple, and the deacon wear dalmatic, instead of folded chasubles as on the other Sundays of Lent. The contrast between Laetare and the other Sundays is thus emphasized, and is emblematical of the joys of this life, restrained rejoicing mingled with a certain amount of sadness. The station at Rome was on this day made at the church of S. Croce in Gerusalemme, one of the seven chief basilicas; the Golden Rose, sent by the popes to Catholic sovereigns, used to be blessed at this time, and for this reason the day was sometimes called "Dominica de Rosa". Other names applied to it were Refreshment Sunday, or the Sunday of the Five Loaves, from a miracle recorded in the Gospel; Mid-Lent, mi-carême, or mediana; and Mothering Sunday, in allusion to the Epistle, which indicates our right to be called the sons of God as the source of all our joy, and also because formerly the faithful used to make their offerings in the cathedral or mother-church on this day. This latter name is still kept up in some remote parts of England, though the reason for it has ceased to exist. (Newadvent.org)



**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



**NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP**  
Every Wednesday at  
8:30 am, followed with the  
Holy Mass



**FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE**

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

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

**MARCH 26: SUNDAY**

**GRADE 1: MEETING ROOM**

**GRADES 2 – 4: PARISH CENTER**

**MARCH 27: MONDAY**

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

**CONFIRMATION IS ON SUNDAY EVENINGS**

**MARCH 26: SUNDAY**

**TEEN MASS 7:00PM Grades 9-10**

**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

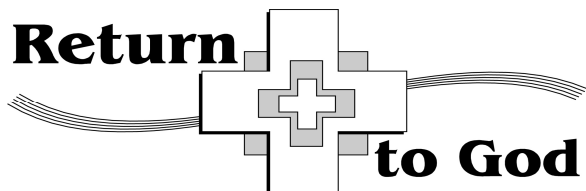
wishing to come by for tea or coffee are welcome to attend.

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

**MEN'S GROUP** will be having their meeting on April 1 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 8:00 PM. Call Mike at 973-229-9881 for more information.



**PIRITUAL ADOPTION**

**Month 7**

***I CAN LOOK AROUND!***

*Beginning this month the baby uses all four senses. His eyelids open and close, and the eyes look around. The baby can hear, taste, touch, cough,*

*yawn and hiccup. He now recognizes his own mother's voice. His grip is even stronger now than it will be after his birth. The hair on his head is growing longer and the downy covering on the rest of his body is disappearing. During this time the baby will receive antibodies from his mother, providing him immunity to a wide variety of diseases.*

*For info call Kathy Friel 973-398-8728*

**Knights of Columbus Council 9914**  
**Scholarship Contest**

Any High School Senior who is a practicing Catholic at St. Jude's Church is invited to submit an essay for consideration in our annual Scholarship Contest.

The topic of the essay is "What my Catholic Faith means to me". The essay should be at least 250 words and answer the question raised in the topic. If you have any questions or when you are ready to submit the essay, please contact Richard Bunce, Scott Cawood or Manny Fernandes. The deadline for entering your essay is Sunday May 7th.

Richard Bunce	973-919-3859
Scott Cawood	908-684-2467
Manny Fernandes	973-398-5534



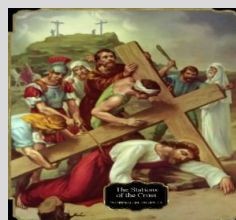
**WELCOME HOME TO HEALING**

**RECONCILIATION THROUGHOUT LENT**

**This Lenten season, each Catholic parish in the Diocese of Paterson will have Confession available every Monday evening**

from March 6<sup>th</sup> to April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. If you have been reluctant to come to the Sacrament, have been away for some time or just found it difficult to get to a Saturday afternoon Confession time, this is a wonderful opportunity to re-connect with Christ and His Church. Don't be afraid! Information will be provided. Ask the priest to help you. Experience the gracious mercy of God!

[www.WelcomeHomeToHealing.org](http://www.WelcomeHomeToHealing.org)



**COME AND JOIN US**  
**FOR THE**  
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
**EVERY FRIDAY DURING THE**  
**SEASON OF LENT**  
**7:00 - 8:00 PM**  
**Bread and Soup follows.**



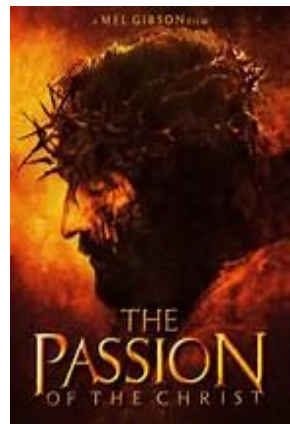
## SECOND SCRUTINY (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent)

**THE SCRUTINIES** of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Celebrated on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sunday of Lent.

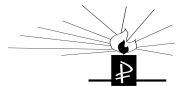
**What are the *Scrutinies*?** These very special rites are celebrated on the middle of the three Sundays of Lent, at liturgies where the Elect are present. The Elect are those in our midst who are preparing for Baptism. Part of their journey to

the font is that they have been received among us, the Rite of Acceptance, and they have been enrolled in the Book of the Elect in the Rite of Election.

This week we are going to welcome three of our candidates into our Parish Faith Community. **Victoria Lauren Caruso, Analia Del Guercio Zachary Nabil Menber.**



**Come see the movie  
'The Passion of the Christ'.  
St Jude Parish Center,  
Sunday April 2nd at  
6pm.  
Discussion and  
refreshments  
to follow.**



# Jesus

## Our Sunday Visitor

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### Increased Offertory Program

This week you will receive a brochure detailing the Increased Offertory Program our parish will be participating in over the next few weeks. This informative brochure is intended to communicate the financial needs of our parish and why we are having a dedicated focus on our parish offertory. Commitment Sunday for this Program is this weekend. We encourage all parishioners to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family reflecting on the parish's needs and your current level of giving. We look forward to seeing all of our parishioners at Mass next weekend for this very important Commitment Sunday. If you have any questions regarding the Increased Offertory Program please feel free to contact the parish office.



For the success of the Corned Beef Dinner and the 50/50 that was held. Our profit for both the Dinner and the 50/50 was \$2900.00. The winner of the 50/50 was Carolyn Lange (daughter of Ron Kelly) who won \$1625.00.

A special thank you to the Fundraising Committee for all of the work that you do for these fundraisers. You all are appreciated in what you do for St. Jude's.

### *Talent Show of HOPE*

*"Sharing talent, loving all, bringing peace"*

Thank you to all who came out Friday Night (March 10), for the first of our **Annual Talent Show of HOPE DVD-Viewing/Live Acts Show at St. Jude's Hopatcong!** It was another "Beautiful Night of Sharing" with four groups coming together in a wonderful way! The show was a success for many reasons: the Holy Spirit was linking all, and many left with rosaries -- the protection for all! And donations are still coming in and tee shirts and gift items are selling -- all to raise funds for the several charities that we are helping, including homeless and DV women and children.

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you are in the light**



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