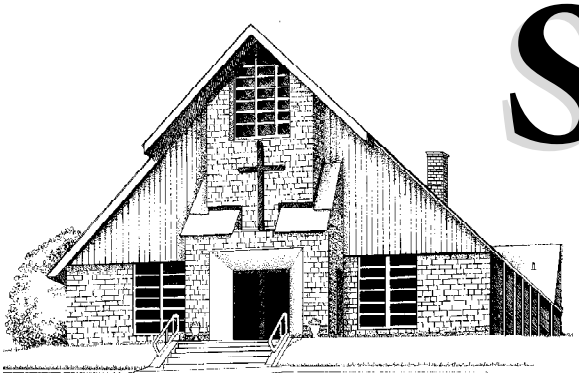

SAINT JUDE
Parish Community

First Sunday of Lent
February 18, 2018

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Fr. Vidal Roberto Gonzales, Jr.....*Pastor*
Mr. Tom Friel.....*Deacon*
Mrs. Kathleen Barger.....*Administrative Assistant*
Mrs. Lillian Colello.....*Coordinator of Religious Education and Confirmation Program*
(Hours: Monday 8:00 - 3:00 pm, Tuesday & Friday 8:00 - 2:00 pm) 973-398-7773
Mrs. Lillian Colello ..... *Liturgy Coordinator*
Mr. Henry Schmidt ..... *Parish Trustee*

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Monday,Tuesday & Friday: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
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Closed: Saturday & Sunday

MUSIC MINISTRY
John Armeno: 973-398-8109
Edie Morganti: 973-601-7143
Dan Thompson

We Invite You to Celebrate

EUCHARISTIC 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 3rd 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 3rd 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 INITATION 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 Thursday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in the Church meeting room.

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: 8:00AM - 3:00PM
TUESDAY: 8:00AM - 3:00PM
FRIDAY: 8:00AM - 3:00PM
WEDNESDAY: 8:00AM - 2:00P
THURSDAY: 8:00AM - 2:00PM
SATURDAY & SUNDAY CLOSED
THIS RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, FEB. 19 IN OBSERVENCE OF PRESIDENTS DAY

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

God made a promise to Noah that he would never again devastate the entire planet with a flood. He also told Noah that the symbol of this promise would be a rainbow in the clouds.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

This letter from Peter reminds all people that Christ died for us so that we might be led to God. We have been saved by our baptism; not a physical cleansing, but a promise to continually strive to obey God.

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

Mark briefly tells of Jesus' stay in the desert, where he was tested by Satan. He did not give in to temptation, but reappeared in Galilee to proclaim the good news.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday
Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday
Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday
1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
Friday
Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday
Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READING

HIS WORD TODAY

Rev. William J. Reilly

"Beloved, Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit… This prefigured baptism, which saves you now…. 'The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel.'"

Lent, often described as a journey, is the opportunity for all to come closer to the Lord. In a baptismal sermon Peter tells us that the suffering of Christ, which we recall during these days of prayer, has but one purpose to lead us to God. It is not what I do, but the work of the Lord, bringing me on my desert journey. The gospel tells us Jesus was led by the Spirit for His desert experience to announce that the kingdom is at hand.

God's word spoke of a special moment in time, a moment which speaks to me today. Lent is that special time for me to meet the Lord in a new and different way. Through the threefold steps of prayer, sacrifice and good works, the kingdom becomes more present for me.

My journey began on Wednesday. Be honest, where is the Spirit leading you?

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During Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and reading Scripture, to service by **giving alms**, and to sacrifice self-control through **fasting**. Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season.

In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics

The key to fruitful observance of these practices is to recognize their link to baptismal renewal. We are called not just to abstain from sin during Lent, but to true conversion of our hearts and minds as followers of Christ. We recall those waters in which we were baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ. *USCCB*

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 8:30 AM 5:00 PM	Feb. 17 People of St. Jude's Mary Theresa O'Shea
SUNDAY 7:45 AM 9:15 AM 11:00 AM	Feb. 18 Francis J. Lynch 3rd Agnes McGarry Andrea Sanchez
MONDAY 8:30 AM 7 – 8:30 PM	Feb.19 Terrence Conway Confessions
TUESDAY 8:30 AM	Feb. 20 Denis Healy
WEDNESDAY 8:30 AM 8:45 AM	Feb. 21 Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help Regina Murphy
THURSDAY 8:30 AM 3:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM 8:00 PM	Feb. 22 Teresita Gonzales Divine Mercy Chaplet Evening Prayer Novena to St. Jude Benediction
FRIDAY 8:30 AM 7:00 PM	Feb. 23 Peggy Ann Hoban STATIONS OF THE CROSS
SATURDAY 8:30 AM 5:00 PM	Feb. 24 People of St. Jude's Virginia Anne Scala
SUNDAY 7:45 AM 9:15 AM 11:00 AM	Feb. 25 Francis J. Lynch 3rd Bob DeKleine Andrea Sanchez

STEWARDSHIP – A WAY OF LIFE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
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Counters were Lynne McDonald & Henry Schmidt

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS
THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Ann Bauer, James Bonavota, Amanda Church, Kevin Dillion, Kyle Bussey,Jordyn Cameron, Sue Cardena, Shannon Reggie Crowley, Harper Ann Douglas, Bruce Feinberg, Richard Ferris, Dylan Flinchum, Tom & Deanna Foli , Dehlia Frank, Herbert Grobe, William Goehr, Rick Hedgecock, Mary Hessenius, Irene Hogan, Bruce Hill, Rosemarie Juskus ,Cheryl Lotitto, Diane Lounsbery Joan Major, Tony Maldonado, Gabriela Marchiello,Julia McAndrews, Lynne McDonald, Sean McDonald, Freddie Middleton, Anthony Monetti, Yvonne Paquing, Genowefa Penkala, Judy Pickett, Angela Puglis, Loretta Rankin, Richard Ratti, Joel Rivera, Danny Rourk, Mary Rushka, Paul Sansevere,Henry Scala, Emma Scannelli, Henry Schmidt, Anthony Sisco, Robert Sottolano, William Stelmach, Carol Strasser, Nancy & Tom Tevis, Katherine vonEhr, Joyce Williams, Yvonne Zaccone.

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

WINTER BREAK

NO CLASSES FOR GRADES 1-10 on Feb. 18

All Kids in our Faith Formation Program Should Attend Mass that day.

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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 meet on the 1st TUESDAY, in the Church meeting room at 8:00 PM immediately following the Rosary and Benediction at 7:30 PM in the Church.

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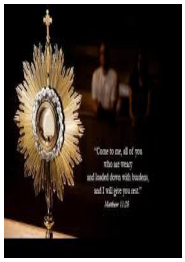
MEN'S GROUP will restart in April.

THEOLOGY TABLE: Tuesday evenings from 6:30-9:00pm at Frank's Pizzeria. Ask the questions you always wanted to ask. Come and go anytime.

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

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



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

EVERY THURSDAY: 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM

"The Eucharist is connected with 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

Every 3rd Sunday of the month the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after the 9:15am Mass and be reposed before the 11:00am Mass. All are invited to join us in prayer..

MONTH 5: Mommy felt me kick

This month marks the half-way point to birth, and the baby is very active. Sleep habits develop and his mother can feel him move and stretch, particularly when she is resting. He is big and strong enough to kick hard against the outside uterine wall and dent it. Up to now, although he swam with ease in his watery world, he was too small for her to detect because the inside wall of the uterus has little feeling. Babies born at this age have survived.

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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".**

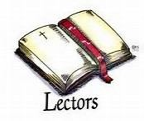
The essay should be at least 250 words and answer the question raised in the topic. If you have any questions or when you are ready to submit the essay, please contact Mike Coolican, Scott Cawood or Manny Fernandes. The deadline for entering your essay is Sunday April 29, 2018. Mike Coolican 973-229-9881; Scott Cawood 908-684-2467; Manny Fernandes 973-398-5534

THANK YOU . . . . . .

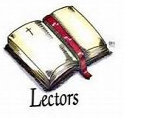
Our Super bowl 2018 Subs was another huge success!!

We sold 97 subs and the church made a profit of $729.47. A heartfelt thanks to the committee: Debbie & Dottie Armeno, Mary Butt, Lorraine Cucinella, Lil Colello, Annemarie Lehr, Malani Leitzel, Donna Moser and Danette Swanson. A special thank you to all who purchased subs. Profit realized will go toward a new heating & air conditioning unit in the foyer of the Church.

SCHEDULE FOR February 17-18

			
5:00 PM	J. Possible	D. Armeno, M. Coolican, T. Cole, J. O'Connor	Grace, Christopher, Gabby
7:45 AM	R. Kelly	M. Butt, D. Silva, M. & P. Procacci	Matthew, Eva
9:15 AM	S. George & E. Mathesius	M. Comerford, M. Sturm, L. Colello, O. Betlow	Patrick, Lily, Steven
11:00 AM	D. Orianzi	S. & C. Cerrada R. Meniel M. Kuty	Victor, Tyler,

Feb. 24-25

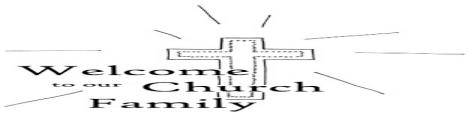
			
5:00 PM	J. Lang	T. Cole, M. Coolican, D. Armeno, D. Ferris, J. Jensen	Grace, Christopher, Eva
7:45 AM	J. Alvarez	J. & M. Quirk, M. & P. Procacci, P. Wagner	Tyler, Gabby, Katherine
9:15 AM	L. McDonald	S. Gesregan, C. Gartley, L. Colello, O. Betlow, T. Vicedomini	Steven, Lily, Matthew,
11:00 AM	J. Ferguson	R. Nevins, F. Wimbush, L. & R. Meniel, M. Kuty	Naomi, Victor

Suggestions from Pope Francis on what the true meaning of fasting is all about, for Lent…

Fast from hurting words and say kind words. Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude. Fast from anger and be filled with patience. Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope. Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity. Fast from pressures and be prayerful. Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy. Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others. Fast from grudges and be reconciled. Fast from words, and be silent so you can listen.

A LENTEN JOURNEY . . . . .
TO EASTER . . . .



Starting Wednesday February 21st and running for 5 consecutive weeks we will be running a Lenten Discussion on the book **'The Prodigal Son'** By Henri Nouwen. This book focuses on the scripture story of the Prodigal Son. This is a perfect story of forgiveness during this Lenten season. Come join us at 7pm in the Church Meeting room.

Please rsvp to Manny at mannyfernandes@hotmail.com if you would like some assistance in purchasing the book prior to the discussion.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

JOIN US ON FRIDAYS DURING LENT
FOR THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS
7:00 pm – ST. JUDE CHURCH.
BREAD AND SOUP WILL BE SERVED AFTER THE STATIONS

WELCOME HOME LENT 2018
CONFESSION EVERY MONDAY
7:00 pm - 8:30 PM
FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 19

UPcoming EVENTS

St. Jude's Hopatcong
Corned Beef Dinner
Saturday, March 3rd
Parish Center

Dinner Served 6:00-8:30 PM
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Rectory at (973)398-6377
Jo at (201)874-5221 or MaryAnn at (973)398-5027

ATTENTION YOUNG MEN.....

Pizza Night with Bishop will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at Pope John XXIII High School in Sparta from 7 to 9 PM. Pizza Night with Bishop is a night of adoration followed by a talk by Bishop, fellowship; and of course, delicious pizza.

For more information or to notify the number of persons attending, please contact the Vocations Office at 973-777-8818, ext. 711 or by email at mnunez@patersondiocese.org.

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