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Third Sunday of Advent

GAUDETE SUNDAY

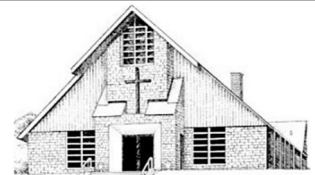


Rejoice

Welcome to St. Jude's!

We are a Roman Catholic Parish, which gathers believers in Jesus Christ in Hopatcong and surrounding areas. Our Pastor is **Fr. Peter Wierzbicki**. We belong to the Diocese of Paterson, New Jersey. Our Bishop is **Bishop Arthur Serratelli**.

If you are moving to the Hopatcong area, we cordially invite you to make St. Jude your parish.





3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DEC. 15, 2019



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

SATURDAY 8:30 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM 5:00 PM	DECEMBER 14 Sick of the Parish Mem. Mass Carmen DeGesi Confessions Maureen Schmidt Bruce Hill
SUNDAY 7:45 AM 9:15 AM 11:00 AM	DECEMBER 15 Raymond Westerfield Sylvia Rooney Mary Beth Andrankanich
MONDAY 8:30 AM	DECEMBER 16 Jan Gryglak
TUESDAY 8:30 AM	DECEMBER 17 Grillo Family
WEDNESDAY 8:30 AM After the Mass	DECEMBER 18 For our Priests Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
THURSDAY 8:30 AM After the Mass	DECEMBER 19 People of St. Jude Adoration until 8:00PM
FRIDAY 8:30 AM	DECEMBER 20 Patricia Barnette
SATURDAY 8:30 AM 4:00 PM 5:00 PM	DECEMBER 21 Spec. Int. For Jimmy Cafferty Confessions Lynne McDonald
SUNDAY 7:45 AM 9:15 AM 11:00 AM	DECEMBER 22 Raymond Westerfield Anna Zichella Raymond Lohman



**NOVENA
TO OUR MOTHER
OF PERPETUAL HELP**
Every Wednesday after
the 8:30AM Mass.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Thursday after the morning mass, and ends at 8:00PM. You can come at any time and stay for as long as you like. During the adoration there are several prayers in which you can participate:

3:00 PM - Divine Mercy Chaplet

7:00 PM - Evening Prayer

7:30 PM - Novena to St. Jude

7:45 PM - Benediction

In the vestibule you can find a list where you can write your name for a specific time of the day, to let people know, when you are going to be there, and that Jesus won't stay alone at that time.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The society meets on the 1st 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. First Saturday of every month, the Rosary is recited after the mass.



ADVENT FEATURE

GAUDETE SUNDAY



The Third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete Sunday*, the day when we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath (hence the 'pink candle' Sunday). Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near.

Gaudete means "rejoice". This day reminds us of the joy that is to come, and serves, amid this season of penance, as a kind of 'break' when we recall the hope we have because of the coming of Our Lord Jesus.



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

"Be patient my brothers until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer awaits the precious yield of the soil. He looks forward to it patiently while the soil receives the winter and spring rains. You too must be patient. Ready your hearts because the coming of the Lord is at hand."

We have met the prophet Isaiah, listened to the announcement of John the Baptist and joined with Mary as the third figure of advent. All have reminded us to prepare, ready our hearts, and reflect on what the coming of the Savior means for us today.

A restless world pays little attention to the need for and presence of a Savior. Many good people pay only lip service to the Bethlehem birth as a fond memory. Hurting people are looking for the presence and mercy of Jesus, which we are able to bring, but somehow, we forget our role.

We do not seek a blown reed, someone luxuriously dressed, but a prophet calling us to make the Lord's presence known and felt.

Let's use the example given to us by James. The stores and florists are filled with poinsettias, bright reds, whites and some hybrids. The farmer must prune, water, and then cover them for specific hours to have them bloom at the proper moment. When you see a plant, remember the patient care of the farmer preparing, and then prepare yourself.

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.



PRIESTS FOR LIFE

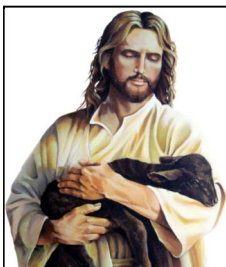


Advent and Pregnancy

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.

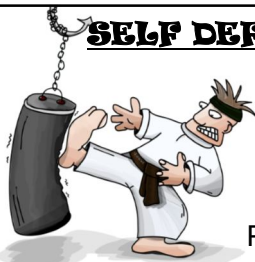
Nationwide, pregnancy centers providing alternatives to abortion can be reached through the "Option Line," 1-800-712-HELP, or at www.pregnancycenters.org.



GATHERING OF THE SHEEP

Come and talk with others about God and Church at **Frank's Pizza** every Tuesday from 6:30 to 9:00PM.

SELF DEFENSE CLASS



Every Tuesday night in the *Church Meeting Room* from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Call Mike at 973-229-9881 for more information. Proceeds go to the Church.

Christmas Flowers Collection

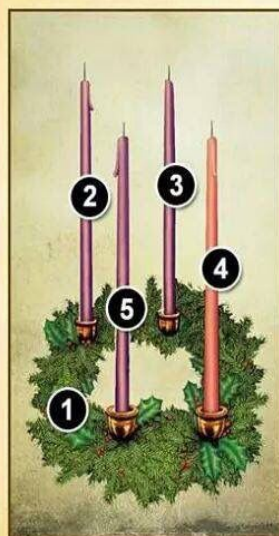
The Rosary Altar Society will be collecting, for our Christmas flowers for Church, the week-end of December 14-15.

We thank you in advance for your donations.

ADVENT FEATURE



ADVENT WREATH SYMBOLS



(1) **Evergreen Wreath** - The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God (the Alpha and Omega). The evergreen is chosen as the base because God is the foundation of all good. Green is the color that represents hope and new life.

Four Candles - represent the four (4) weeks of Advent. Traditionally, each week represents one thousand years, to sum to the 4,000 years from Adam and Eve until the Birth of the Savior. The first two purple candles symbolizes (2) hope and (3) love respectively. The (4) third candle (which is pink/rose) symbolizes joy. The fourth and last purple candle represents (5) peace.

The light of the candles signifies the light of Christ to mankind.



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Knights of Columbus meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 8:00PM in the Church Meeting Room.

Please contact Grand Knight Mike Coolican (973-229-9881) for more information.

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Contact Gayle at 973-610-6802

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AT 6 PM**

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Help Needed!!!

Fundraising Committee is looking for help with some of its projects such as the Christmas party and other events!

**Call Jimmy for details:
973-945-7522
Email: hopjob@aol.com**




St. Jude's K of C will be holding their

After Christmas Christmas Party

At the Black River Barn Restaurant
Rte. #10, Randolph, NJ.
January 12th from 12noon – 4:00pm
Cost \$25.00 per person.

**ALL YOU CAN EAT
BRUNCH!!!**

- ★ Each person participating in the Secret Santa Gift Exchange, please bring a \$10.00 wrapped gift.
- ★ For more info, contact Jim at 973-398-0977 or Mike at 973-770-6536.
- ★ All checks should be received by January 02, 2020 and made payable to Knights of Columbus # 9914 C/O Jim Liptak 7 Lackawanna Trail, Hopatcong, NJ 07843.



St. Paul's Abbey on Route 206 in Newton will be **selling Christmas Trees** until December 23rd.

They are open 7 days a week and have thousands of trees to choose from.

They also have a Gift Shop with many items that will make ideal gifts.





PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO ARE SICK

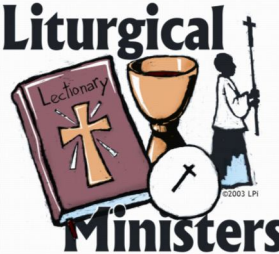

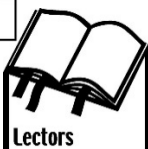
Kathleen Alarcon, Peter Alles, Ann Bauer, James Bonavota, Ann Bonda, Kyle Bussey, Jimmy Cafferty, Charlie La Capria, Toni Castoro, Amanda Church, Lenny Colello, Cathy Collins, Sean Conyngham, Jordyn

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SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & ALTAR SERVERS

Dec. 14/15			Dec. 21/22		
5:00 PM	T. Cole D. Armeno	A. Pisani	5:00 PM	J. Jensen D. Ferris M. Camacho	J. Armeno
7:45 AM	M. & P. Procacci	J. Quirk	7:45 AM	S. Camlin N. DePalma J. Nicolichia	C. DeVito
9:15 AM	L. Colello J. Kenna T. Vicedomini M. Comerford	C. Gartley	9:15 AM	M. Sturm C. Gartley O. Betlow L. Colello V. Mizzoni	G. Mizzoni
11:00 AM	F. Wimbush A. Bates D. Orianzi M. Kutý	F. Pepe	11:00 AM	C. & S. Cerrada L. & R. Meniel M. Kutý	J. Ferguson

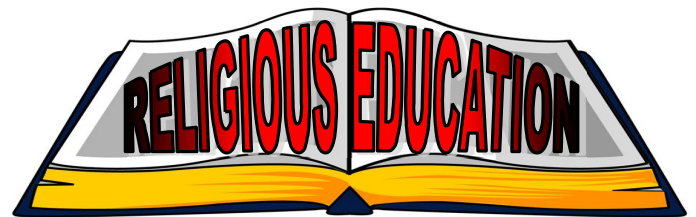
Ushers and Eucharistic Ministers!!!

Signup sheets for Christmas Masses are in the Altar Servers' Sacristy, starting this weekend.

We are asking for those who can, to donate gift cards or certificates that will be used through out the year to help those in need. In the vestibule of the Church is a display of envelopes with useful suggestions.

Please take an envelope home and be as generous as you can. Return the envelope with your gift to the box in the display. With your help these gifts will be distributed all year.

Thank you.



FAITH FORMATION :
December 15
FOR ALL STUDENTS
MASS AT 9:15 AM

Class Time: 10:20 - 11:30 AM
Grades 1 Meeting Room
Grades 2,3,4,5 Parish Center

Class Time: 12:15 - 2:15 PM:
Grades 6,7,8,9 Parish Center
Grade 10 Meeting Room

Business Hours

Monday **9:00** to **4:00**
Tuesday **9:00** to **3:00**
Wednesday **9:00** to **3:00**
Thursday **9:00** to **3:00**
Friday **9:00** to **3:00**
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We are in need of Eucharistic ministers, lectors and ushers.

All help is extremely appreciated.

Please call the rectory at (973) 398-6377 for more information.

Our Staff:

Rev. Peter Wierzbicki.....*Pastor*
 Rev. Mr. Tom Friel.....*Deacon*
 Mrs. Kathleen Barger.....*Administrative Assistant*
 Mrs. Lillian Colello.....*Coordinator of Religious Education and Confirmation Program*
 973-398-6377 (ext. 4)
 Mrs. Lillian Colello Liturgy Coordinator
 Mr. Henry Schmidt.....Parish Trustee
 Mr. Sylvester Plewa.....Parish Trustee
 Mr. Marcin Kochanowicz Musician
 Edie Vieth.....Cantor
 John Armino.....Cantor

How to register:

If you are new to the parish or have not previously registered in the parish, please do so by calling the office at **973-398-6377** for a registration form. Also, if you are not receiving collection envelopes, we can arrange to have them sent them to you.

Our Parish Family invites all of its members to share fully in our spiritual and social life.

If you change your address or telephone number, please contact us. All parishioners are requested to use the regular Sunday envelopes or our

Online Giving. If you are not receiving them, please call the Rectory

Parish Center Rental

If you would like to rent a Parish Hall, please call the Parish Office.

The typical maximum head count is 225 people for dinner seating.

For more information email our hall rental committee: rental@stjudehopatcong.org

Eucharistic Liturgies

Sunday Masses 5:00 p.m. (Saturday Vigil Mass)
 7:45 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses (Mon - Sat) 8:30 a.m.

Holy Days of Obligation To be announced

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

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

Novena to St. Jude: Wednesday after the Mass

Adoration: every Thursday after the mass until 8PM

Litany to Our Lady: after every morning Mass in May

Litany to the Heart of Jesus: after every morning Mass in June

Rosary: after each daily Mass and 9:15AM Sunday Mass during the month of October

Remember to always check the bulletin and listen to the announcements for any changes and times for special liturgies.

Sacraments:

BAPTISMS are usually celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of the month after the 11AM Mass. Parents are asked to call the rectory about the Baptismal preparation meeting on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

MARRIAGE - Arrangements should be made at the Rectory no less than 6 months before the marriage date and prior to any social planning. 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.

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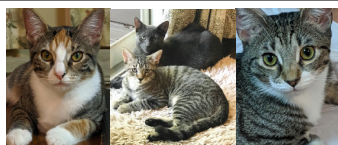


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The series has been developed by Scott Hahn and Jeff Cavins, both well known experts of our Faith.

**Begins: Tuesday October 8th at 7pm and continues
each following Tuesday at the Parish Center
Also starting Monday, October 14 after Mass there
will be a Bible review of the "Acts of the Apostles"**

Contact Manny Fernandes if you have any questions:
mannyfernandes@hotmail.com 973-919-4473

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