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...like a sheep without a shepherd...

### Welcome to Saint Jude

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 Kevin Sweeney**.

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



# † 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 18, 2021 †



## MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> 4:00 PM <b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>JULY 17</b> Ricky Brady Confessions (until 4:45) Ignatius Messina
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>JULY 18</b> Maureen Schmidt Fran Pastore
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>JULY 19</b> People of St. Jude
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>JULY 20</b> John Moser 3rd Anniversary
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>JULY 21</b> Pat and Marion Palma
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>JULY 22</b> Pat and Marion Palma
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>JULY 23</b> People of St. Jude
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> <b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>JULY 24</b> People of St. Jude Confessions (until 4:45) Special Intention for MaryAnn Rosenbaum
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>JULY 25</b> Janet Holczer Barbara Starks

## RETURNING TO MASS

- For all of those in good health, the dispensation from the obligation to participate in Sunday Eucharist is lifted effective on the Vigil of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, June 5, 2021.
- All who are healthy and who do not regularly come in contact with those who have serious underlying medical conditions are encouraged to take part in Mass in-person.
- Those who are particularly vulnerable to the coronavirus who are not vaccinated (and especially those with underlying medical conditions) may follow Mass at home via the livestream (St. Jude will continue live streaming).
- A person with a cough or fever of any kind should not take part in Mass in-person.
- Occupancy restrictions for social distancing purposes are lifted (Executive Order of the Governor, 242 - May 24, 2021). **Masks are not required for those who are vaccinated.**
- The Precious Blood in the chalice will not be made available yet.
- The Holy Water will return to our Church and be available to the people.
- You are encouraged to bring hand sanitizer to use before the reception of Holy Communion.
- You are encouraged to receive Holy Communion in the hand.

More information can be found on our website  
[www.stjudehopatcong.org](http://www.stjudehopatcong.org)



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## Masses online

For those who for any reason cannot participate in the mass in person, we offer an online mass live.

**They are streamed online at 8:00 AM during the week, and 9:00**

## AM on Sunday.

The link to watch it online can be found on our website: **STJUDEHOPATCONG.ORG** Because we use YouTube as the streaming platform, you can find Fr. Peter's on YouTube.com by searching „Peter Wierzbicki”.

It is also a very versatile website. You can watch the streaming of the mass from St Jude, on almost any device with the screen and the Internet connection.

### First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

In this passage, God denounces false leaders who have scattered his people. He promises that they will be reunited and led by one who is just and wise.

### Second Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18

Paul explains that through Jesus Christ, there is no longer hostility between Gentile and Jew. Instead, through the Spirit of Christ, both groups become one body and are equal in the eyes of God.

### Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

The apostles returned after their first mission and told Jesus what they had done and taught. He told them to rest, but the people kept coming to them. So they went to find a private place, but the people learned where they were going and arrived first. Jesus felt sorry for them and decided to teach them instead of resting.

## A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS **HIS WORD TODAY**

*by Rev. William J. Reilly*

**"I myself will gather the remnant of my flock from all the lands to which I have driven them and bring them back to their meadow, there they shall increase and multiply. I will appoint shepherds for them who will shepherd them so that they no longer fear and tremble, and none shall be missing, says the Lord.. Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while."**

The image of the Good Shepherd, which we recall on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, provides a wonderful picture. The shepherd, guides and leads, protects and feeds, as a parent does for their child, as a teacher does for their students. Rather than just affirm the importance of the role, think for a minute of the qualities you look for in a shepherd or a person today who assumes that role.

Kindness and caring come to mind, a desire to share and support in every need. Jesus appointed the twelve for that role, modeling by His teaching and preaching, His example and care. How blessed that the Lord continues to fulfill the words of Jeremiah and Mark today.

As I reflect on the role of shepherds in my life, whether teacher, priest, religious or catechist, can I see the hand of the Lord guiding others? Can I pause for a moment and pray for them?

## PRIESTS FOR LIFE

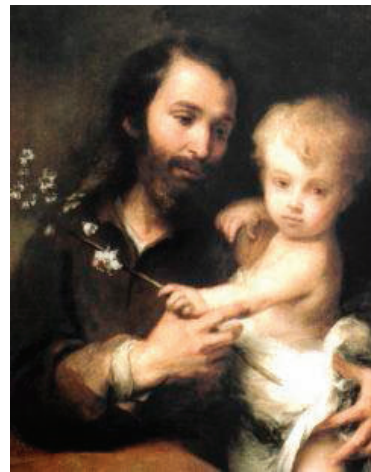


### A Consistent Ethic of Life

"A wide spectrum of issues touches on the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. As Pope John Paul II has reminded us: *"Where life is involved, the service of charity must be profoundly consistent.* It cannot tolerate bias and discrimination, for human life is sacred and inviolable at every stage and in every situation; it is an indivisible good" (The Gospel of Life, no. 87).

"Among important issues involving the dignity of human life with which the Church is concerned, abortion necessarily plays a central role. Abortion, the direct killing of an innocent human being, is *always* gravely immoral (The Gospel of Life, no. 57); its victims are the most vulnerable and defenseless members of the human family. It is imperative that those who are called to serve the least among us give urgent attention and priority to this issue of justice" (2001: US Bishops' Pastoral Plan for Pro-life Activities: A Campaign in Support of Life).

### THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH PRAYER



To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also. Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to

regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities. O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness. As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.





## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help with maintaining the church grounds. If you can help, please call Doc at (973) 398-6047. If *no answer, please leave a message* and Doc will get back to you.

## USHERS

We are in need of ushers. If you would like to become one, and serve as an usher during the mass, please contact our office (973) 398-6377. Ushering is open to men and women.

## ROSARY & ALTAR SOCIETY

Rosary Altar Society: The ladies of the Rosary Altar Society meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM (except January and February). We begin in the church for the Rosary and announcements, and then proceed to the Meeting Room for refreshments. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Registration for Faith Formation is now beginning for the 2021-2022 year. You may obtain the registration form by going on our website ([www.stjudehopatcong.org](http://www.stjudehopatcong.org)) or by calling the Religious Education Office (973-398-6377).

If you are new to the parish, you will need to register and submit a copy of your child(ren) baptismal certificate. Classes will be in person this year.

## 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 Michael Coolican, Scott Cawood or Manny Fernandes. The deadline for entering your essay is July 31st.

Michael Coolican	973-770-9651
Scott Cawood	908-684-2467
Manny Fernandes	973-398-5534

## Give Online Help Keep the Lights On!

Please, continue on donating to Saint Jude. Just like you, our utility bills and other fixed expenses (insurance, salaries, etc.). Right now we are slowly opening our parish for the public, but the collection is still low and not covering all the expenses the parish has to cover. If it is within your means please consider setting up a recurring weekly donation to support the Parish via *WeShare*.



If you prefer to give your donation in envelopes, you can drop them in our mailbox. Mailbox is checked a couple times a day.

*God Bless*

*You*  
*Fr. Peter*

*Wierzbicki*

## VOLLEYBALL / PING PONG MONDAYS



Starting Monday June 7th at 6pm Volleyball Games and Ping Pong games will be played all summer behind St Jude's Parish Center. The games are all for fun. All are invited. Activities are sponsored by our Knights of Columbus

## FROM THE DIOCESE



### Go 2 St. Joe Pilgrimage

All people are welcome and encouraged to partake in the *Go 2 St. Joe Pilgrimage* hosted by the Diocese of Paterson to celebrate the year of St. Joseph. To participate, visit [insidethewalls.org/go2stjoe](http://insidethewalls.org/go2stjoe) and print the pilgrimage passport. You then have until December 8<sup>th</sup> to visit 7 of the 11 locations listed on the passport. Full details can be found on the website.

### The Joy of Love & Family Conference

The Diocese of Paterson, in collaboration with the other four Roman Catholic Arch/Dioceses in New Jersey, will sponsor "**The Joy of Love & Family,**" a conference series in celebration of the Year of the Family as declared by Pope Francis. Beginning on June 24, the series of free talks will premiere over six months, covering topics for every stage of family life. More information, including the full speaker line up and talk titles, is available on [www.lightingheartsonfire.org](http://www.lightingheartsonfire.org), where you can also sign up to receive notifications. Stay tuned to diocesan social media pages @dioceseofpaterson for continued updates!

## JULY 29: MEMORIAL OF SAINTS MARTHA, MARY, AND LAZARUS



This past January, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments communicated that Pope Francis desired to highlight the important evangelical witness that Mary and Lazarus offered in addition to that of their sister Martha.

They welcomed the Lord Jesus into their home, listened to him attentively, and believed that he is the resurrection and the life. Therefore, the Holy Father has designated July 29 in the General Roman Calendar as the Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus.

## WE WELCOME OUR RECENTLY BAPTIZED TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



Mia Pampanin

Genevieve Pelleck

Alexandra Jimenez

Teagan McMinn

Evangeline Realista

**Congratulations to the parents and children. May God always fill you with His Blessings which you need in your life.**

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO ARE SICK

+Peter Alles, Matthew Bailey, Charles Battersby, Ann Bauer, James Bonavota, Ann Bonda, Tom Brown, Nancy Buckler, Kyle Bussey, Ethel Butler, Jordyn Cameron, Toni Castoro, Amanda Church, Lenny Colello, Sr., Cathy Collins, Linda Corcoran, Shannon & Reggie Crowley, Claudia Davis, Joseph D'Amelio, Liliana DiFillippi, Edward & Mary DiGangi, Richard Ferris, Dylan Flinchum, Will Garcia, Beverly Gilmore, , Katie Gowy, Jodie Grillo, Herbert Grobe, Susan Helfrich, Mary Hessenius, Linda Hill, Irene Hogan, Mark Joanna, Terri Kellerman, Al Kostenholz, Charlie La Capria, Cheryl Lotito, Theresa Leggio, Erin Loesch, Joan Major, Peggy McGarry, Claire Miller, Anthony Monetti, Maryann Moore, Arthur Morelli, Kim Olenic, Joanne Orr, Yvonne Paquing, John Pizzimenti, Jeff Poyer, Richard Ratti, Cathy Ricciuto, Donna Ross, Mary Rushka, Paul Sansevere, Lola Scala, Catherine Sorace, William Stelmach, Nancy Tevis, Natalie Thompson, Anne Marie Truncali, Grzegorz Wierzbicki, Florence White, Joyce Williams.

## RETREATS TO HEAL THE WOUNDS FROM ABORTION



"Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved, and forgiven." (Pope Francis). The Church can also be a place to heal. We are called to "be merciful like the Father." So many are suffering from the effects of abortion. Where can they heal? Where can they feel safe and loved?

The Archdiocese of Newark Respect Life Office will be hosting two upcoming Rachel's Vineyard retreats to heal the wounds from abortion.

Retreat dates are September 10-12, 2021 (English) and October 22-24, 2021 (Spanish).

Contact the Respect Life Office for more details by calling 973-497-4350 (Spanish option 2) or e-mail [Cheryl.riley@rcan.org](mailto:Cheryl.riley@rcan.org) (English) [elvinedoderaquelinfo@rcan.org](mailto:elvinedoderaquelinfo@rcan.org) (Spanish)

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." (Psalm 147:3)

## HELP THOSE IN NEED



The Pandemic has hit all of us pretty hard some more than others.

Since we no longer have a food pantry we have been relying on gift cards donated by parishioners in the past several years. Because of the demand we are running out of certificates.

Therefore, we are asking parishioners to please help us out by donating Shop Rite certificates, gift cards( Walmart, Walgreens, etc), 3 in 1 certificates

Please help us to help those in need.

## WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY



On January 31, 2021, Pope Francis announced a *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly* to be celebrated every year on the fourth Sunday in July to honor all grandparents and the elderly who are so important to our communities and our Church. This new celebration will always fall near the Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the grandparents of Jesus.

The Holy Father has also granted a plenary indulgence to grandparents, the elderly, and all those who participate in a solemn celebration of this day as well as to those who spend time (actually or virtually) with an elderly brother or sister in need on this day.

Happy Grandparents Day!!!



# Business Hours

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9:00</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>3:00</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>3:00</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:00</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>3:00</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

## RECTORY IS FINALLY OPEN

**Notice the new hours of operation.**

If you would like to visit, please, call the office first to **schedule an appointment**, and wear your mask while in the office.

Also, the door will be locked at all times, as we cannot allow more than one person at once in the office.

Wear your mask at all times (cover your mouth and nose), keep distance, and in case of having any kind of symptoms, stay home and call the office instead.

Please, don't prepare for long talks, as there may be more people waiting in line to get to the office.

We reserve the right to refuse admission to anyone who show symptoms of Coronavirus or do not follow the State's and Church's rules about COVID-19.

### 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*  
 Mrs. Lillian Colello ..... Liturgy Coordinator  
 Mr. Henry Schmidt.....Parish Trustee  
 Mr. Sylvester Plewa.....Parish Trustee  
 Mr. Marcin Kochanowicz ..... Musician  
 Edie Vieth.....Cantor  
 John Armeno.....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 Debbie at (973) 650-8164.

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

For more information email our hall rental committee: [rental@stjudehopatcong.org](mailto:rental@stjudehopatcong.org)

### Eucharistic Liturgies

**Sunday Masses During Pandemic:** 5:00PM.  
 (Saturday Vigil Mass) 9AM and 11AM

**Weekday Masses** (Mon - Sat) 8:00 a.m.

**Holy Days of Obligation** To be announced

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** (Confession) Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. or by appointment

**Novena to St. Jude:** Wednesday after the Mass

**Adoration:** every Thursday after the mass until 3PM

**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 in 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 7:00 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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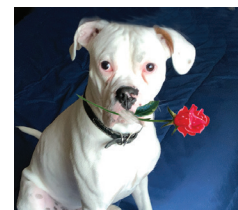
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