

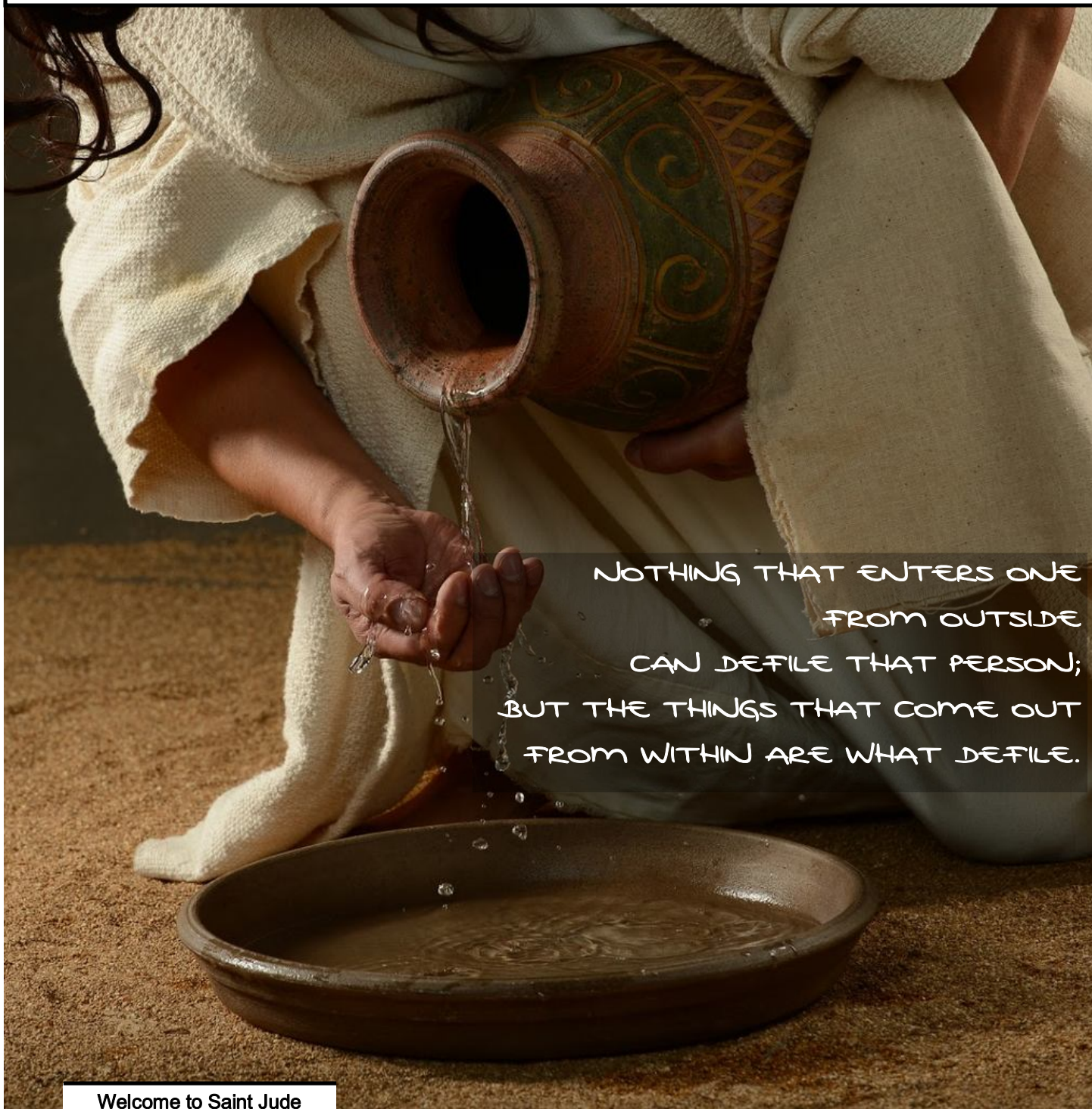


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Welcome to Saint Jude

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.



Saint Jude Church
Hopatcong, New Jersey

† 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES, AUGUST 29, 2021 †



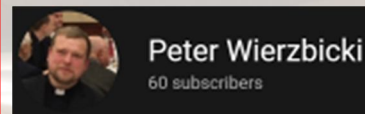
MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

SATURDAY 8:00 AM 4:00 PM 5:00 PM	AUGUST 28 People of St. Jude Confessions (until 4:45) Mary Teresa & Bridget O'Shea
SUNDAY 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	AUGUST 29 Donna Brath Timothy Armstrong
MONDAY 8:00 AM	AUGUST 30 Frank Nutly
TUESDAY 8:00 AM	AUGUST 31 Jimmy Cafferty
WEDNESDAY 8:00 AM	SEPTEMBER 1 People of St. Jude
THURSDAY 8:00 AM	SEPTEMBER 2 People of St. Jude
FRIDAY 8:00 AM	SEPTEMBER 3 People of St. Jude
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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 required**.
- 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



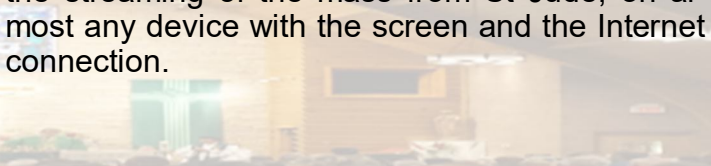
Masses online

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: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Moses tells the people to always observe the statutes God has given them, without adding or subtracting from these laws. He reminds them that the law is just, and that any nation who heard their statutes would consider them a wise nation.

Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

James discusses the gifts that God has given to all people and implores them to respond by welcoming the words of truth that can save them. He emphasizes that through good deeds and pure conduct, our faith in God is proven to him.

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Pharisees observed some of Jesus' disciples eating without first purifying their hands and ask the disciples why they are going against their ancestor's traditions. Jesus responds that nothing from the outside can make a person impure. The only true evil, acts such as fornication, murder, and greed among others, come from within and make a person impure.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

"Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep yourself unstained by the world."

The letter of St. James offers us clear, practical examples for Christian living for today. He could have invented the current expression, 'Walk the walk, don't just talk the talk.' How clearly I can recall the summer school of Catholic action at Fordham in New York calling young people to apostolic action. The foundation of it all was found in the Word of God, which we read daily, listen to weekly, and discover ways to live it. Welcome that word.

The Word of God from the beginning addressed the needs of the most vulnerable. They were represented by orphans and widows, but today we might add single mothers, ex-offenders, immigrants and those marginalized in our society. If we feel uncomfortable with current examples, good. As we respond to them, we are keeping ourselves unstained by the world.

PRIESTS FOR LIFE



From our bishops:
"Things have gone too far..."

In the United States abortion is legal throughout pregnancy. Yet abortion is a violation of human rights incomparable in magnitude and an atrocity for the whole human family. While *Roe v. Wade* appeared to create a right with some limitations, *Doe v. Bolton*, which was decided the same day, erased those limitations by creating a "health" exception so broad that it effectively allows abortion for any reason at any time... Most Americans are surprised and shocked to learn about the lack of any meaningful legal limitations for abortion. Most know things have gone too far. Together with those from many other faith communities, we work to bring about a society that recognizes abortion for what it truly is"

A Matter of the Heart

A Statement of the United States

Conference of Catholic Bishops

on the Thirtieth Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

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.



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*Fr. Peter
Wierzbicki*

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.

LECTORS

Lectors are needed for the 5:00PM Mass if interested please contact the Rectory or contact Madeline & Jack Quirk. (973) 398-8108

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Registration for Faith Formation has begun for the 2021-2022 year. You may obtain the registration form by going on our website (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 children baptismal certificate, Classes will be in person this year.

As of August 1, there will be a late fee of an additional \$25.00. Please send in your registration form, so that I can order books and make necessary preparations that need to be taken.

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.

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. Thanks to your generosity we have received a large number of Shop Rite certificates. However, we are still in need of Walgreens, Walmart and 3 in 1 certificates. If you can help us with those it would be greatly appreciated

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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 and print the pilgrimage passport. You then have until December 8th 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, where you can also sign up to receive notifications.

Stay tuned to diocesan social media pages [@dioceseofpaterson](https://twitter.com/dioceseofpaterson) for continued updates!

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 (English) elvinedoderaquelin@rcan.org (Spanish)

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

BUS TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY



The Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Atlantic City on September 28 & 29. If interested please call Jean O'Donnell at 973-810-2072

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 DiGangi, Irene Farkas, Richard Ferris, Dylan Flinchum, Will Garcia, Beverly Gilmore, Katie Govey, Jodie Grillo, Susan Helfrich, Mary Hessenius, Linda Hill, Irene Hogan, Mark Joanna, Danny Kavanaugh, Terri Kellerman, Mary Kopec, Al Kostenholz, Charlie La Capria, Cheryl Lotito, Theresa Leggio, Sheperd Lobdel, Erin Loescher, Joan Major, Peggy McGarry, Claire Miller, Anthony Monetti, Maryann Moore, Arthur Morelli, Abbie Nicosia, Kim Olenic, Joanne Orr, Yvonne Paquing, John Pizzimenti, Jeff Poyer, Richard Ratti, Cathy Ricciuto, Mary Rushka, Paul Sansevere, Lola Scala, Joanne Scully, Catherine Sorace, William Stelmach, Nancy Tevis, Natalie Thompson, Anne Marie Truncali, Grzegorz Wierzbicki, Florence White, Joyce Williams, Barbara Wulff.

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HELP NEEDED SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

Saint Jude has been awarded a \$150k nonprofit security grant to make safety improvements to the parish. These efforts will begin 4Q2021 and continue for several years.

We are in need of volunteers to help make this a successful program, including people with these backgrounds:

- Law Enforcement
- Physical/Cyber Security
- Emergency Management
- Project Management
- Facility Management
- Procurement (RFQ/RFP)

Please contact Rob Bond
 at safety@stjudehopatcong.org if you are able to help.

St Jude Church Family Picnic

Dear Parishioner,

We continue to pray for the end of the virus. We also pray for the growth and camaraderie of our Parish Family which we need more than ever to help us return to the normalcy we treasure. In this light, you are cordially invited to attend our Church Picnic on Sunday September 12th from 12 PM to 4 PM at our Parish Center. **The rain date is September 26th.**

There will be food, refreshment, entertainment, games for all ages, prizes to be won, face painting, balloon animals, cupcake designing, craft activities and so much more.

The whole family is invited. All we ask is that you bring a side dish to be shared by your family plus one. We will supply hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks and some desserts. BYOB

We hope you can join us. Please RSVP by September 7th.

RSVP by September 7th, 2021

Email response to Manny Fernandes (mannyfernandes@stjudehopatcong.org)
 Or Call Manny at 973-398-5534

Or drop bottom portion of this letter into collection basket at church

I will attend Picnic _____ (Name)

of Adults _____ Children Ages: _____

_____ (email or phone)

I will bring a side dish _____ (item bringing)

Go to '<https://stjudehopatcong.churchgiving.com/ParishPicnic>' to RSVP online

Business Hours

Monday	9:00	to	3:00
Tuesday	CLOSED	to	CLOSED
Wednesday	9:00	to	3:00
Thursday	9:00	to	3:00
Friday	CLOSED	to	CLOSED
Saturday	CLOSED	to	CLOSED
Sunday	CLOSED	to	CLOSED

973-398-6377

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*
 Mr. Henry Schmidt.....*Parish Trustee*
 Mr. Sylvester Plewa.....*Parish Trustee*
 Mr. Marcin Kochanowicz.....*Organist*
 Edie Vieth.....*Cantor*
 Victoria Plewa.....*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

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. For the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please call the Rectory and dial the emergency extension to speak with the Pastor.

Other contacts

Official Website:

<https://stjudehopatcong.org/>

Facebook:

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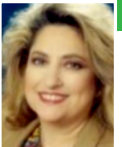
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