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— the gospel according to —

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We Belong to Jesus - Mark 9:38-41

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.



† 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 †



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

SATURDAY 8:00 AM 4:00 PM 5:00 PM	SEPTEMBER 25 People of St. Jude Confessions (until 4:45) Bruce Hill & Maureen Schmidt
SUNDAY 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	SEPTEMBER 26 Ernestine Costa People of St. Jude
MONDAY 8:00 AM	SEPTEMBER 27 People of St. Jude
TUESDAY 8:00 AM	SEPTEMBER 28 People of St. Jude
WEDNESDAY 8:00 AM	SEPTEMBER 29 Margaret Cooper
THURSDAY 8:00 AM	SEPTEMBER 30 Frank Nutley
FRIDAY 8:00 AM	OCTOBER 1 People of St. Jude
SATURDAY 8:00 AM 4:00 PM 5:00 PM	OCTOBER 2 People of St. Jude Confessions (until 4:45) Rosemarie Juskus
SUNDAY 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	OCTOBER 3 Pat & Marion Palma Michele Aue

RETURNING TO MASS

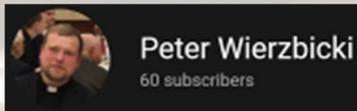
- For all of those in good health, the dispensation from the obligation to participate in Sunday Eucharist is lifted effective on the Vigil of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, June 5, 2021.
- All who are healthy and who do not regularly come in contact with those who have serious underlying medical 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.
- 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 on your hand.

More information can be found on our website
www.stjudehopatcong.org

ANNOUNCEMENT



New Rectory Hours,
effective October 4.
Monday through Friday
from 9:00 AM
until 3:00PM.



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: Numbers 11:25-29

Two men not considered prophets by the people began to prophesize, and this offended those who did not feel they were true prophets. But Moses explained that prophets are chosen by God, not the people.

Second Reading: James 5:1-6

James speaks out strongly against people who become rich by cheating their workers. He claims the wealth they have dishonestly collected will be a testimony against them on judgment day.

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Jesus explains to his disciples that it is acceptable for a person who is not part of their group to speak in his name, but he does warn them that anyone who tries to lead his followers astray will be severely punished. Jesus also discusses personal failing and the importance of taking whatever steps are necessary to avoid them.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

“And Moses said, ‘Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord might bestow his spirit on them all!’ ...‘There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, surely will not lose his reward.’”

On the day of my baptism I was anointed and told that I share with Jesus in His role as ‘priest, prophet and king.’ A prophet is one who speaks for the Lord.

God chose the seventy two in the book of numbers, Jesus chose His twelve apostles and disciples, and today we are blessed with the same role.

We are able to speak by our deeds, preaching by our actions. When Jesus told St. Francis to rebuild His church, He entrusted the mission of bringing the lived gospel to others. Our role today is no different. We pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, but we also pray that we and all may accept their/our role as prophets for the Lord. Someone is waiting to receive your cup of water.

PRIESTS FOR LIFE



ON VOTING...

“In a democratic society citizens choose whom they vest with authority for the common good. A choice for one person over another for public office can significantly affect many lives, especially the lives of the most vulnerable persons in society, such as children in the womb and those who are terminally ill. Therefore, Catholic citizens have a serious moral obligation to exercise their right to vote, whether on the national, state or local level”

Bishops of Kansas,
“Moral Principles for Catholic Voters”
August 15, 2006.

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*

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

If you are in 3rd grade or older (boys and girls) and would like to become an altar server, please call Mrs. Colello at (973) 398-6377.



All of those who have pets are welcome to come to St. Jude's on Sunday, October 3rd at 12 Noon in front of Church for the blessing of animals. We do this because the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals is October 4th.

LECTORS

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

ROSARY & ALTAR SOCIETY

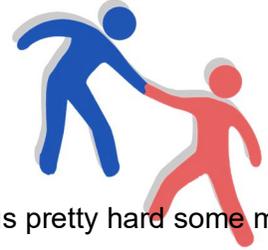
Rosary Altar Society: The ladies of the Rosary Altar Society meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM (except January and February). We begin in the church for the Rosary and announcements, and then proceed to the Meeting Room for refreshments. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Religious Education will begin classes on Sunday, October 3, 2021. All grade levels will meet in Church for the 9:00AM Mass and then proceed to class. Grades 1 through 5 will begin their class from 10:00 AM to 10:45 AM. Grades 6 through 10 will have class from 11:00AM to 12:00PM. Grades 1 and 10 will gather in the Meeting Room and grades 2 through 5 and 6 through 9 will gather in the Parish Center.

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.

BISHOP EMERITUS TO HIGHLIGHT PRO-LIFE EVENING

The Rockaway-Denville Catholic Respect Life Ministry is sponsoring a pro life evening on Friday, October 8th at Saint Cecilia Church (Hayes Hall) in Rockaway (70 Church Street) beginning at 7 o'clock.

The featured speaker will be our retired Bishop, the Most Reverend Arthur Serratelli who will address the abortion and euthanasia culture. Mrs. Jennifer Nelson will also give a presentation on Saint Gianna Molla which will include a display of her relics for veneration. Coffee and dessert will be served.

Please join us in a thoughtful and prayerful reflection on the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death.

MORRIS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE



Morris Catholic High School in Denville, NJ is accepting applications for the Class of 2026, and for transfer students for this academic year. Learn more about Morris Catholic by attending one of our socially distanced in-person Open Houses:

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Contact admissions@morriscatholic.org to learn more about Morris Catholic and these events! You can also visit our Virtual Open House page to learn more about all of our athletic, academic, and extracurricular programs at www.morriscatholic.org/virtualopenhouse/

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!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Peter Alles, Matthew Bailey, Charles Battersby, Ann Bauer, James Bonavota, Ann Bonda, 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, Charisse Forkey, Will Garcia, Beverly Gilmore, Fr. George Gothie, Katie Gowey, Jean Grillo, Jodie Grillo, Susan Helfrich, Mary Hassenius, Linda Hill, Irene Hogan, Andrea Jones, Avery Jones, Danny Kavanaugh, Terri Kellerman, Mary Kopec, Charlie La Capria, Cheryl Lotito, Theresa Leggio, Sheperd Lobdel, Erin Loescher, Joan Major, Tyler Mahler, Roger Manter, Joanna Mark, Pat McDonald, Peggy McGarry, Patty Meduri, 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, Eleanor Schaeffer, Paul Sansevere, Lola Scala, Joanne Scully, Evelyn Sisco, Eileen Sharkey, Catherine Sorace, William Stelmach, Nancy Tevis, Natalie Thompson, Anne Marie Truncali, Grzegorz Wierzbicki, Florence White, Joyce Williams, Barbara Wulff.

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Come Pray with us for the Unborn Children who are lost through abortion. We also peacefully pray for all those harmed by the loss of these precious babies.

What we do: Peacefully pray and witness in front of Planned Parenthood in Morristown to end abortion.

When: September 22 to Oct 30, 7AM to 7PM

Duration: Volunteers usually pray an hour (or more) a week.

Where: 196 Speedwell Ave, Morristown NJ, in front of Planned Parenthood

Send an email to 44lifeus@gmail.com or go to the 40 Days for Life website <https://40daysforlife.com> to sign up. If you have any questions, please call Frances Spilman at 973-627-1654. We encourage you to sign up so that we know that each hour is covered for a particular day. Spontaneous visitors are also welcome. Your presence may save a life – please come and join us for 40 Days for Life.

LINE DANCING WITH STOMPIN' SUE

Tuesdays from 7-10 pm

St. Jude's Parish Center

Admission \$10.00

For more information

Call or text Sue at 862-312-3971



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.

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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

Altar Servers Schedule

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	September 25 5:00PM	September 26 9:00AM	September 26 11:00AM
Cross, Book, Bell	Victor	Griffen	Eva
Candle, Altar	Christiano	Leah	Paul
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:00PM October 2	9:00AM October 3	11:00AM October 3r
Cross, Book, Bell	Jackson	Leah	Alley
Candle, Altar	Victor	Paul	Lily

1. Anyone baptized in the Roman Catholic faith who wishes to become a Member of Saint Jude in Hopatcong is asked to come to the parish office for registration.
2. Certificate of Good Standing for Godparents or Confirmation Witnesses stating that a given person is a believer and practicing Catholic will be issued at the parish office after three months of belonging to the parish community and fulfilling the obligations towards the parish.
3. All Catholics in our parish are obliged to participate in Sunday and holiday Masses and support our parish by making donations to the church using the envelopes received by mail.
4. Any person 25 year old and older need to be registered under their own name to get the status of a parishioner of Saint Jude regardless of whether he lives with his parents or alone.
5. Families who have changed their address are asked to inform the parish office in order to update their address details.

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:

www.facebook.com/StJudeHopatcong

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Questions and requests for livestreaming:

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