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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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

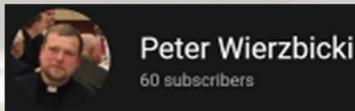
† 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, NOVEMBER 28, 2021 †

MASS INTENTIONS	
SATURDAY 8:00 AM 4:00 PM 5:00 PM	NOVEMBER 27 Donnie Cristiano Confessions (until 4:45) Elvira & Patrick Capone
SUNDAY 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	NOVEMBER 28 Marion Bartley Kathleen Barger
MONDAY 8:00 AM	NOVEMBER 29 Kathleen Barger
TUESDAY 8:00 AM	NOVEMBER 30 Frank Nutley
WEDNESDAY 8:00 AM	DECEMBER 1 Richard Koppinger
THURSDAY 8:00 AM	DECEMBER 2 People of St. Jude
FRIDAY 8:00 AM	DECEMBER 3 MaryAnn Rosenbaum
SATURDAY 8:00 AM 4:00 PM 5:00 PM	DECEMBER 4 Eileen Mendres Confessions (until 4:45) Rosemarie Juskus
SUNDAY 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	DECEMBER 5 MaryAnn Rosenbaum Irene Farkas

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



Peter Wierzbicki
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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.

Links to watch the Mass online can be found on our website: **STJUDEHOPATCONG.ORG** You can also go directly to Facebook or Youtube and search for „Saint Jude Hopatcong”.

Youtube and Facebook can be watched on any computer, Smart TV (any new TV), cell phone (iPhones and Androids), tablet (iPads and Android devices). The only thing you need is an access to the Internet.



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

"The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, at that time, I will raise up for the house of David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure."

As church we are called to shift gears, recalling the promise of Jeremiah, and looking forward to its fulfillment. Advent provides us with the opportunity to look back to the promise and seek its fulfillment once again in our lives.

We embark on this time of expectation, with great anticipation. Consider what it was like for faithful people in the centuries before Christ, yearning, desiring, seeking the fulfillment of the promise. Consider now our needs, knowing that Christ has come, but still longing for the justice and righteousness of which Jeremiah spoke.

Advent preparedness depends on me, how I pray, what I do...

A brief synopsis of the Sunday readings

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The Lord tells of fulfilling the promise he had made to Israel. He will send a replacement for David, someone who "shall do what is right and just in the land," believed by most to mean Jesus.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12, 4:2

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be ready for the coming of the Lord. He explains that although they are conducting themselves in a way that would please God, they should always strive to do even better.

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus warns his followers to be prepared for the end of the world. He reminds them not to be preoccupied with unimportant events, or they will be caught unaware rather than being on watch as they should

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.

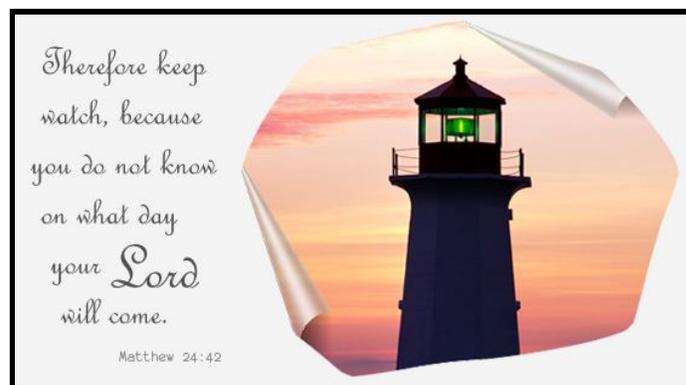
God Bless You
Fr. Peter Wierzbicki

Priests for Life

From someone who had an abortion...

"[The abortion] gave me grief and sorrow beyond expression. I was petrified to tell anyone. I have committed the most heinous of all crimes. Yet, the Lord forgave me, just as he forgave Paul. Yet I will always regret what I did and will probably always feel grief. But I pray that my experience can somehow prevent other women from making the same fatal mistake. I'm a nurse now, so I wear my uniform to all the pro-life things I do! It helps."

Forgiveness and healing are available.
Visit www.RachelsVineyard.org.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Please note there will be no class on November 28th in observance of Thanksgiving. Church attendance is still expected. If you attend another Mass remember to get your card signed by Father.



HOPE BEREVEMENT GROUP

The next meeting of the bereavement group, Hope, will be today, December 19 at 12:30PM in the Meeting Room of the Church.

CHOIR Calling All Voices!!!

St. Jude's Choir will begin practicing for Christmas on Sundays at approximately 10:00 AM in the church between 9 and 11:00 Masses. Additional practices may be added as we approach Christmas as needed.

Please consider joining, as it is a wonderful way to give praise to God, and we really need new members. If you have any questions, please see Marcin, Edie or Wiki.



ROSARY & ALTAR SOCIETY

The Rosary Altar Society will resume their meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM (except January and February)

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.

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.

LET'S BRING BACK THE ADORATION

If anyone would like to see adoration return on Thursdays please put your name on the sign up sheet in the vestibule. Adding your name to this list does not commit you to every week there will still be a weekly sign up sheet for every Thursday.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The committee is looking for a few people to help out. Please, call Jimmy if you want to be a part of this great group 973-945-7522.

LINE DANCING WITH STOMPIN' SUE

Tuesdays from 7-10 pm
St. Jude's Parish Center
Admission \$10.00
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or text Sue at 862-312-3971



MORRIS COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE

Prayer Rally

On **December 1st**, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments in Dobbs v. Jackson, a case that legal scholars on both sides of the aisle agree could overturn Roe v. Wade and send abortion policy back to the states. On that day, pro-lifers across the country will hold rallies and prayer vigils at federal buildings, court houses, and other public places as part of the Overturn Roe campaign. We'll work and pray together to end this tragedy which takes the lives of 800,000

babies a year in the US. November 30- Peaceful prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood, Morristown 5pm **December 1** - Peaceful Rally at Planned Parenthood, Morristown 1-3 pm.
info@morriscountyrighthtolife.org

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Bon Venture Services, our church bulletin company, is seeking part-time help in their Shipping Department. Tuesday and Wednesday, 16 to 20 hours per week. May require lifting 40 pound packages occasionally.

Anyone interested in applying please email:
tim@bonventure.net.

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.



**DEAR SANTA,
[] I'VE BEEN GOOD THIS YEAR**

[] OK, MOST OF THE TIME

[] ONCE IN A WHILE

[X] OK FINE. I'LL GO BUY MY OWN PRESENTS.

Your tango



Diocesan Ministries Appeal 2021

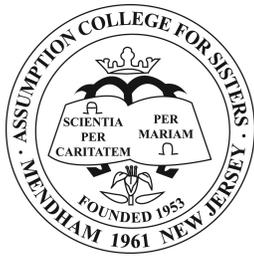
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This time of year, as we plan to celebrate Thanksgiving, please consider making a gift to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal. Each year, tens of thousands of people in profound need seek out the services of our Catholic Charities and, with the help for the Diocesan Ministries Appeal, they find an open door and a compassionate response.

For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at WWW.2021APPEAL.ORG

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Matthew Bailey, Charles Battersby, Ann Bauer, James Bonavota, Ann Bonda, Nancy Buckler, Kyle Bussey, Ethel Butler, Jordyn Cameron, Toni Castoro, William Cerra, Amanda Church, Lenny Colello, Sr., Cathy Collins, Linda Corcoran, Shannon & Reggie Crowley, Claudia Davis, Joseph D'Amelio, Liliانا DiFillippi, Edward DiGangi, Richard Ferris, Dylan Flinchum, Charisse Forkey, Will Garcia, Beverly Gilmore, Fr. George Gothie, Katie Govey, Jean Grillo, Jodie Grillo, Susan Helfrich, Mary Hessenius, Linda Hill, , 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, Patty Meduri, Claire Miller, Anthony Monetti, Maryann Moore, Arthur Morelli, Abbie Nicosia, Kim Olenic, Joanne Orr, Yvonne Paquing, Danny Palma, John Pizzimenti, Jeff Poyer, Richard Ratti, Cathy Ricciuto, Denise Rogalski, Mary Rushka, Eleanor Schaeffer, Paul Sansevere, Lola Scala, Joanne Scully, Evelyn Sisco, Catherine Sorace, William Stelmach, Nancy Tevis, Natalie Thompson, Anne Marie Truncali, Grzegorz Wierzbicki, Florence White, Joyce Williams, Barbara Wulff.



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Th 205 Mystery of God 3 credits

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Sister Theresa Kelly, FMA

This course focuses on the Mystery of God and ways in which people have reflected on, expressed, and responded to this mystery. It is a study of the biblical, historical, and contemporary formulations of the nature and activity of God. Areas of study include: The God of the Scriptures, the development of Trinitarian doctrine, theism and atheism, experience and knowledge of God, religious language, and the problem of evil. Students will also explore contemporary issues surrounding the mystery of the Triune God, and new approaches to pastoral practice.

Th 207 Mary and the Scriptures 3 credits

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. -11:45 a.m.

Sister Theresa Kelly, FMA

This course invites the students to explore the figure of Mary of Nazareth as she comes across to us through the Scriptures. Students are introduced to the events where Mary appears in the New Testament writings and the connections with the Old Testament "types" of Mary. Through this study, they are brought to a deeper understanding of Mary's role in the history of salvation and of her place in the Church as the first and most faithful disciple of Jesus, our companion in our own faith journey.

Th 102 Sacred Scripture II 3 credits

Wednesday 12:30 pm.-3:15 p.m.

Sister Theresa Kelly, FMA

In this course students will encounter the person and message of Jesus Christ, the Word of God, who became one of us and lives among us. It focuses on the study of and reflection on the four Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles, selected Letters, and the Book of Revelation. Students will become acquainted with background, formation and contemporary approaches to New Testament scholarship, in order to better understand the message being proclaimed by the biblical authors and relate it to their personal lives.

Ph 203 Philosophy of the Human Person 3 credits

Tuesday 1:45-3:00 p.m.

Thursday 1:45-3:00 p.m.

Rafael Gonzales

This course is an overview of the comparative theories of human nature. It explores various world views, examines the human condition, and critiques the solution that each theory offers as a prescription to the human problem. It takes a global approach to the study of human nature, including both ancient and contemporary theories. Through this study students will engage in a philosophical analysis

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For registration call or e-mail by December 17:
973-957-0188 Ext. 106 academicdean@acs350.org

The College also offers a Certificate in Theological Studies. The College awards the Certificate in Theological Studies to a student who has earned a total of 30 credits in theology and philosophy, including 24 credits in theology and 6 in philosophy.

The Advent season begins today!

The Advent season begins today! Take time to reflect on how you will use the next four weeks to prepare your heart for Christmas.

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

It's time to bring out and bless the Advent wreath! The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead. Use this prayer to bless your family wreath: *When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family. All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:* Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Response (R/.) Who made heaven and earth.
Then the Scripture, Isaiah 9: (lines 1-2 and 5-6) or Isaiah 63 (lines 16-17 & 19) or Isaiah 64 (lines 2-7) is read:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

With hands joined, the leader says:

Lord our God,
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
he is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God,
let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light
be a sign of Christ's promise to bring
us salvation.

May he come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

Business Hours

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

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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. Lillian Colello.....*Administrative Assistant & Coordinator of Religious Education and Confirmation Program*
 Mr. Henry Schmidt.....Parish Trustee
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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/>

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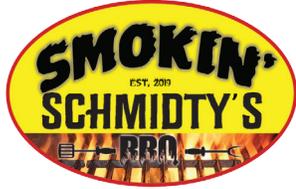


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