

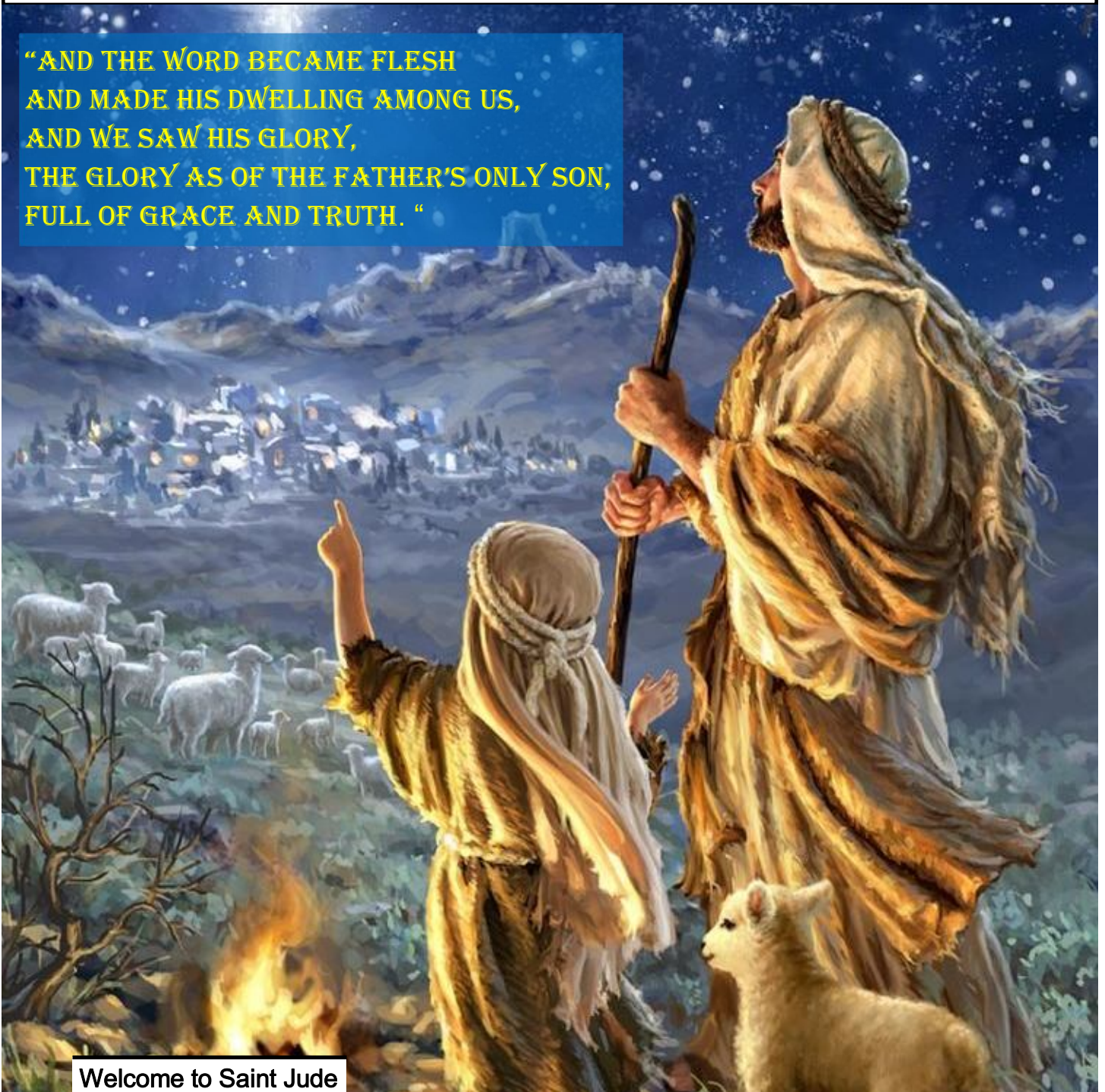


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**"AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH
AND MADE HIS DWELLING AMONG US,
AND WE SAW HIS GLORY,
THE GLORY AS OF THE FATHER'S ONLY SON,
FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH. "**



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.





CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25 2022



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 8:00 AM 4:00 PM 5:00 PM	DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE For St. Jude Parishioners
SUNDAY 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY For St. Jude Parishioners
MONDAY 8:00AM	DECEMBER 26 Joseph Dowden (healing)
TUESDAY 8:00 AM	DECEMBER 27 Henry Sardinia
WEDNESDAY 8:00 AM <i>After the Mass</i>	DECEMBER 28 Joseph Dowden (healing) <i>Adoration</i>
THURSDAY 8:00 AM	DECEMBER 29 Helen & Joseph- Stanczak
FRIDAY 8:00 AM	DECEMBER 30 Frank Nutley
SATURDAY 8:00AM 4:00PM 5:00PM	DECEMBER 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE <i>Confession (until 4:45PM)</i> For Saint Jude Parishioners
SUNDAY 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	JANUARY 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY For Saint Jude Parishioners

**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**

The Parish Office will
be closed December
24 thru January 3rd.

**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**

Wishing all a Blessed
Christmas and a Happy
New Year.



YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST AT SAINT JUDE

In observance of the Year of the Eucharist we would like to introduce to the parish family the Holy Hour. **Every Wednesday**, after the morning mass, we will have an opportunity to participate in an Adoration when we are going to pray with the Morning Prayer, taken from the Liturgy of the Hours, and a special devotional prayer to Saint Jude. All people are invited.

Also, the church is open for visitors during the office hours (Mon-Fri 9AM-3PM).

MASSES ONLINE

We stream our morning masses online.

Weekdays: 8:00AM

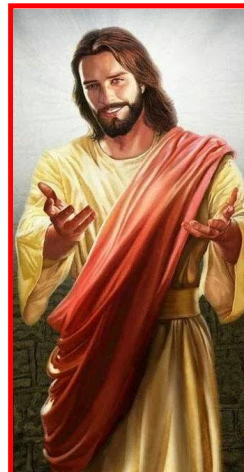
Sunday: 9:00AM

For those who, for any reason, cannot participate in the mass in person, join us online.

You can find us on Facebook, YouTube and our website: STJUDEHOPATCONG.ORG

YouTube and Facebook can be accessed from any computer, Smart TV, cell phone (iPhones and Androids), tablet (iPads and Android devices). Find a YouTube or Facebook app on your device and search for "Saint Jude Hopatcong"

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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 We Share.

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

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

"Beloved: When the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, He saved us..."

This was the message of St. Paul to Titus.

In the joy of this season, as we recall the most significant event in human history, we might tend to forget, that the Father sent Jesus to save us and give us new life in Him. May we pause for a moment, not to visit the scene of Bethlehem, but consider what was our need and the Father's loving response, and our need today for His saving grace.

We were separated from God, but at this moment He bent down from heaven, sending us Jesus as our Savior. Today we are invited to respond to the Father's gift in gratitude and accept the greatest Christmas gift ever. Bring the meaning of this day to someone else.

NEW FAMILY FAITH FORMATION



There is no Faith Formation until January 8th. On behalf of Fr. Peter, my fabulous catechists and myself, we all wish you a happy and holy Christmas and a blessed New year..

**** There will be class for the Awakenings children during the 9:00AM Mass.**

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Thank you to our little choir and to Miss Karlene their Director, You all did a wonderful job..
Anyone still interested in joining please call the Rectory.



ADULTS CHOIR

We would like to invite volunteers to join our choir. If interested talk to **Edie** or **Marcin** before or after Masses.



A BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10
Isaiah rejoices that God is bringing his exiled people home to Jerusalem. He calls out to the people to be glad because God will restore Jerusalem.

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6
Paul explains to the Hebrews that although God had spoken through the prophets, people could not always completely understand the message. Now God has spoken to us by sending Jesus, the son, a reflection of God's glory and forgiver of our sins.

Gospel: John 1:1-18
John describes how the Word came into the world in the form of Jesus. All those who accept Jesus become children of God by sharing in Jesus' love. No one has seen God, but through Jesus, God was revealed to us.

CROP FOR BILE DUCT CANCER SCRAP SISTER IN NEED

Help a Cancer victim with her astronomical medical bills.

When: Saturday, January 21, 2023

Where: St. Jude Parish Center

Times: 9:00AM to 9:00PM

Price: \$65.00 Checks made payable to Jane

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Jcautero64@gmail.com

**Must be friends & Family or it will be
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The price includes breakfast, lunch, dinner, unlimited coffee, tea, water and soft drinks.

Everyone will get a 4" table or half of a round table. We encourage everyone to bring a \$25.00 basket for our auction. You will receive a free sheet of tickets for your contribution. Tickets will also be sold at the event..

Any questions please call Jane at (973)479-5915

Please include your name address, phone# email and who you would like to sit with.



**College Age Retreat
January 6-8, 2023
Marinist Retreat Center
Cape May Point, NJ 08212**

This retreat is designed to bring young people together of college-age (17-22). So whether you are in college or working come join us to renew your spiritual life, deepen your relationship with God and to meet new friends. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun!

Cost: \$145.00 per person
Register at:
www.capemaymarinists.org or
call 609-884-3829

Some financial aid is available.
***High School Seniors are welcomed.**



SELF DEFENSE CLASS

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

All Catholic men 18 and above are invited to join our Knights of Columbus Parish Council. Help us to help our Church and our community. For any questions email Manny at

**mannyfernandes
@stjudehopatcong.org**



HOPE BEREAVEMENT GROUP

The next meeting of Hope, will meet in the Meeting Room at 12:30PM on January 15th..



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. Currently we are all out of Shop Rite, Walgreens, and Walmart cards. If you can help us, it would be greatly appreciated.



Local Alcoholic Anonymous Meetings

Hopatcong has 4 Alcoholics Anonymous meetings per week.

Saturday 11 AM
Saturday evening 7 PM
Sunday 9 AM
Sunday evening at 5 PM

NEW

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

December 24 & 25

**In honor of
The People of St. Jude**



We Are Not Accepting anymore Orders Until After The New Year.
To purchase flowers, order forms are in the vestibule of the church.

CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY

Has your faith walk with Jesus been impaired due to your or another's behavior, compulsion or addiction? Do you have trouble letting go of vices that keep you from focusing on God? These actions inhibit our freedom, making us less able to follow God's will. 12 step Recovery is about addressing these addictions, compulsions and attachments that lead us away from our God-given identity as His children.

If any of this pertains to you, please join us. In-person anonymous meetings, Monday evenings 6:30-7:30PM at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 209 South, Route 206, Branchville, NJ

All the meetings are on Lakeside Blvd in the lower level of the Senior Center.

What is so unique about this group? The Hopatcong's group is 42 years old and was started at Saint Jude Church when Father Ryan was the Pastor.

ROSARY & ALTAR SOCIETY



The Rosary Altar Society meetings are on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to join us in saying the rosary. You may also stay for the meeting if you wish.

PART-TIME HELP WANTED:



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:

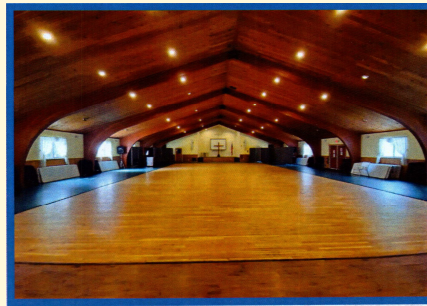
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PRAYER FOR A GOOD

NEW YEAR

You are cordially invited to join us for prayer for the coming New Year.

The New Year's Eve prayer hour will be in the Church from 11:00PM 12midnight. Join us as we pray out the old year and pray in the new year.

With the year coming to an Diocesan Ministries Appeal 2022 DIOCESE OF PATERSON

end, many people look to make a final year-end charitable contribution that has significant impact. Please consider the Diocesan Ministries Appeal which helps so many brothers and sisters in Christ. In fact, ten thousands of people are supported each year by the work of our Diocesan ministries Appeal-as either a contributor to the cause or as a recipient of its mission-all are blessed as a result. Please make the Diocesan Ministries Appeal a priority in your year-end philanthropy.

Gifts can be made by check, credit cards, through gifts of securities or online at

www.2022appeal.org
and follow the user-friendly instructions.

May God bless you and your generosity.



SCAM ALERT!!

Several of our parishioners have received texts from Fr. Peter stating that he is at a meeting and requests you to purchase Apple cards for him.

Please do not reply to these or give out any information as it is a scam and not from Fr. Peter. Just delete it.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Matthew Bailey, Charles Battersby, Ann Bauer, Cathy Beck, James Bonavota, Ann Bonda, Thomas Brown, Jr., Kyle Bussey, Ethel Butler, Jordyn Cameron, Toni Castoro, William Cerra, Amanda Church, Matthew Clemente, Joseph Colavita, Lenny Colello, Jr., Cathy Collins, Linda Corcoran, Shannon & Reggie Crowley, Claudia Davis, Joseph D'Amelio, Fred Denheardt, Liliana DiFillippi, Edward DiGangi, Aine Ferguson, Richard Ferris, Charisse Forkey, Will Garcia, Andy Gervasi, Stephen Gravatt, Beverly Gilmore, Fr. George Gothie, Katie Gowey, Jean Grillo, Jodie Grillo, Linda Hill, Max Howa, Andrea Jones, Avery Jones, Danny Kavanaugh, Terri Kellerman, Charlie La Capria, Cheryl Lotito, Theresa Leggio, Sheperd Lobdel, Erin Loescher, Richard Macari, Joan Major, Tyler Mahler, Roger Manter, Joanna Mark, Pat McDonald, Patty Meduri, Claire Miller, Anthony Monetti, Maryann Moore, Arthur Morelli, Jimmy O'Brien, Margery & Daniel O'Donnell, Kim Olenic, Joanne Orr, Yvonne Paquing, Jeff Poyer, Lupita Pryor, Richard Ratti, Cathy Ricciuto, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, Denise Rogalski, Mary Rushka, Sammy Sanchez, Paul Sansevere, Lola Scala, Joanne Scully, Michael Slattery, Catherine Sorace, William Stelmach, Nancy Tevis, Natalie Thompson, Anne Marie Truncali, Grzegorz Wierzbicki, Joyce Williams, Barbara Wulff.

ROYAL CARIBBEAN ISLAND CRUISES

Set sail with St. Jude's family and experience paradise!

Our fund raising committee is sponsoring 2 cruises. The 1st cruise you will be exploring the Bahamas. Visit the islands of Cocoa Cay, Royal Caribbean's private island, Nassau, and Bermuda. We depart on the 23rd of April, 2023 and return on May 1, 2023

The second cruise is to Bermuda leaving on the 18 of May, 2023 and returning on the 23 of May 2023.

The price includes cruise fare, taxes, fees, gratuities for the stateroom and, travel protection. For more information there are fliers in the vestibule of the church, or contact Jimmy O'Brien at 973-945-7522. Book now before prices go up.



LINE DANCING WITH STOMPIN' SUE

The regular line dancing is held on Tuesday, from 7:00PM to 10:00PM. Everyone is welcome



NEW

HEALING AFTER ABORTION



Do you know of someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A "Day of Prayer & Healing" offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. Upcoming dates in the NYC area are: Nov. 5, Jan. 14, March 11, and May 20th in English., and May 6 in Spanish. For more dates, locations, and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at (866) 575- 0075 (toll free) or reach by email:

hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org

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**Some financial aid is available.
*High School seniors welcome***

NEW

St. Jude Knights of Columbus Council #9914 Annual After Christmas Christmas Party

Parish Center on January 7, 2022 from 12:00-5:00PM

Great food, Great Company & Secret Santa gift exchange. (\$10.00 value & wrapped.)

The cost is \$25.00 per person. **All checks should be received by January 3** and made payable to Knights of Columbus #9914 c/o Jim Liptak, 7 Lackawanna Trail Hopatcong, NJ 07843. Everyone over the age of 21 is invited.

Please respond A.S.A.P. All monies must be paid at time you sign up.

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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*

Mr. Sylwester Plewa.....*Parish Trustee*

Mr. Marcin Kochanowicz.....*Organist*

Edie Vieth.....*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 will now be performed every Sunday during the 11:00AM Mass., unless otherwise specified.. Parents are asked to call the rectory to register. 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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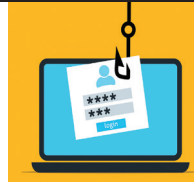
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