



SAINT JUDE

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“THEY OPENED THEIR TREASURES AND OFFERED HIM GIFTS OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH.”

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.



† FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY, JANUARY 8, 2023 †

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 8:00 AM 4:00 PM 5:00 PM	JANUARY 7 People of St. Jude Confession(until 4:45PM) Rachel Esso
SUNDAY 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	JANUARY 8 Maureen Schmidt James Edward Orr
MONDAY 8:00AM	JANUARY 9 Skip Danielson
TUESDAY 8:00 AM	JANUARY 10 Michael Landers
WEDNESDAY 8:00 AM <i>After the Mass</i>	JANUARY 11 Joseph Lynch <i>Adoration</i>
THURSDAY 8:00 AM	JANUARY 12 Henry Rosell
FRIDAY 8:00 AM	JANUARY 13 Denise Romano
SATURDAY 8:00AM 4:00PM 5:00PM	JANUARY 14 People of St. Jude <i>Confession (until 4:45PM)</i> Marie Cerbone
SUNDAY 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	JANUARY 15 Jordis J. Butt Patrick Caruso



Eucharistic Adoration
ADORE
YOUR GOD

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**

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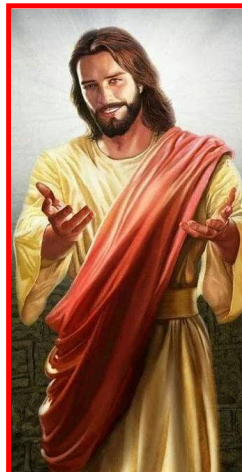
**May all your
troubles last as
long as your
New Year's
resolutions!**



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

"Then shall you be radiant in what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of the nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah, all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense and myrrh, praising the goodness of the Lord."

On this special day, often called 'Little Christmas', we immediately think of kings or magi, 3 in number, a star, bringing three mentioned gifts and discovering the presence of the newborn king. Our traditions, based on the scriptures, call us today to be no different than the travelers from the east.

Our journey is to find the Christ today. Our traveling brings us to a church and sacraments. Having been so blessed, we are asked to bring the gift of ourselves to the Lord and share Him with the most in need. I seriously wonder what gift I have to be given to someone else.

In this age of 're-gifting' - we know we have the Lord, and others are waiting to meet Him. Follow the star as He leads you to someone really in need. Jesus thanks you.

A BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem is extolled as a place of glory and splendor because the Lord has come to His own city.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul tells the Ephesians that his special mission is to make the Gentiles co-heirs with the Jews in Christ — "members of the same body and sharers of the promise."

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Herod learns that Wise Men from the East are searching for the newly born Christ Child. He instructs them to find the Child and to report His whereabouts to him. The Wise Men follow a star to the place where Mary and Jesus are and offer the Child gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They do not return to Herod but follow another route to their own country.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION



Classes resume today for all grades.

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

CHILDREN'S CHOIR



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.

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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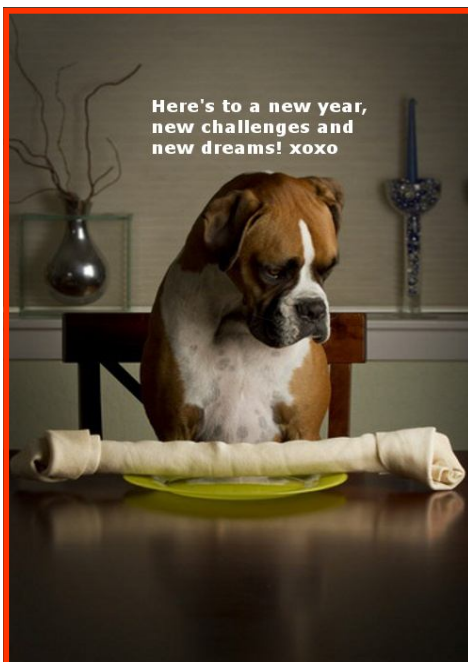
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The price includes breakfast, lunch, dinner, unlimited coffee, tea, water and soft drinks.

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.



Journey – A Marriage Enrichment Training Program

The Diocese of Paterson is hosting a couples workshop, held on Zoom, Monday evenings, from January 12 to February 9. This program will offer the faith-inspired support couples need at any stage of marriage. Using a different approach from engaging in parallel men's and women's faith activities, couples will come together to grow in holiness and the joy of the Lord through the gift of their marriage covenant. This will also serve as marriage enrichment training for marriage ministry leaders.

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 ROUP



The next meeting of Hope, will meet in the Meeting Room at 12:00PM 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

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS



January 7 & 8

Donated by Paul & Miriam Procacci
In honor of their son
Stephen Procacci
6th anniversary

and

Arlene Flynn
In honor of
Corky Flynn

*No Flowers on altar during Lent,
February 22, 2023-
April 9, 2023

*We will continue to accept orders for Altar Flower
Donations which will resume on
April 15, 2023

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:

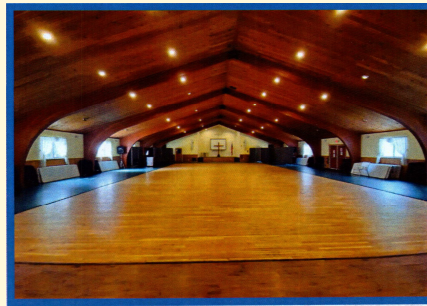
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Diocesan Ministries Appeal 2022

DIOCESE OF PATERSON

With the year coming to an 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.

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COMEDY NIGHT

Jeff Norris is without question one of the funniest guys out there today.

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Mark Your Calendars

Also Featuring: Matty Broderick, Impressionist


GREAT VALENTINE'S DAY GIFT!!

FEBRUARY 5, 2023

~ Snow Date February 19, 2023 ~

Comedy Show To Begin At 2pm • Food Available For Purchase

LINE DANCING WITH STOMPIN' SUE



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



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

College-Age Retreat

January 6-8, 2023
Marianist Family 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 discussion, Eucharist and lots of fun! **Cost \$145.00 per person.**

Register at:
www.capemaymarianists.org
or call 609-884-3829

Some financial aid is available.
High School seniors welcome

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.

BYO Beer/ Wine

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

973-398-6377

1. Anyone baptized in the Roman Catholic faith who wish-
es 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 Confir-
mation 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 re-
ceived 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 Confir-

mation 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 previous-
ly 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 com-
mittee: 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 morn-
ing 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.

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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 at-
tentive to those who are ill at home or in the hos-
pital. Communion is brought upon request to the
home. For the Sacrament of Anointing of the
Sick, please call the Rectory and dial the emer-
gency extension to speak with the Pastor.

Other contacts

Official Website:

<https://stjudehopatcong.org/>

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