



SAINT JUDE

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PALM SUNDAY



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.





PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	MARCH 23
8:00 AM	Thomas Caruso
4:00 PM	<i>Confessions (until 4:45PM)</i>
5:00 PM	Robert Ammiano
SUNDAY	MARCH 24
9:00 AM	Anthony Sisco
11:00 AM	William P Lynch
MONDAY	MARCH 25
8:00 AM	Louis D'Amelio
TUESDAY	MARCH 26
8:00 AM	People of St. Jude
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 27
8:00 AM	Frank Nutley
THURSDAY	MARCH 28
	HOLY THURSDAY
	No 8 AM Mass
7:00 PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper
8:00 PM	Adoration at the Lord's Tomb 10:30PM
FRIDAY	MARCH 29
	GOOD FRIDAY
	No 8 AM Mass
3:00 PM	Passion of the Christ Liturgy
7:00 PM	Living Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY	MARCH 30
	No 8 AM Mass
12:00 PM	Blessing of the Food
8:00 PM	Easter Vigil
SUNDAY	MARCH 31
	EASTER SUNDAY
8:00 AM	For the Parishioners of
10:00 AM	St. Jude and their families
12:00PM	

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.



MASSES ONLINE

We stream our morning masses online.

Weekdays: 8:00AM

Sunday: 9:00AM

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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.

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ADORATION

OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Wednesday, after the morning mass, we have an opportunity to participate in an Adoration. 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).

FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

"Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped; Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found himself in human appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." (please reread this hymn of Saint Paul).

The events of this day are moments of triumph, not moments of defeat. The jubilant reception of Palm Sunday will be mixed with the pain of the passion, leading to the victory which lies ahead. The scripture texts from the Jerusalem parade of praise through the suffering servant songs, and the four gospel accounts, are not to be glossed over but reflected upon.

We can call to mind the event of the paschal supper, the way of the cross, the traditional seven last words, to allow us to understand the passion of Jesus in the suffering people of today. In prayer we walk with them and with Jesus. Do not deny yourself of participating in this sacred moment for your soul.

A BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Isaiah describes the pain and insults of the Servant of God. Yet he sounds hopeful when describing God as his help, knowing he will not be disgraced.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Paul exults Christ's great sacrifice of humbling himself to become human and die on the cross. He explains that this is why we should now realize the importance of honoring both his name and memory.

Gospel: Mark 14:1—15:47

Mark describes the events leading up to Christ's crucifixion. The Last Supper is described, explaining where the Eucharist began. Judas betrays Jesus and his suffering at the hands of the Sanhedrin (Council) is detailed.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Please, notice the changes in the Parish schedule and special events during the Holy Week.

Monday of the Holy Week, March 25, 2024

- 7:00PM—8:30PM "Welcome Home" confession at all the parishes of the Paterson Diocese

Tuesday of the Holy Week, March 26, 2024

- 7:00PM Chrism Mass at **St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Paterson**. Procession starts at 6:45PM.

Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024

- No 8:00AM Morning Mass**
- 7:00 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Jesus' Tomb will happen after the evening mass (until 10:30 PM)

Good Friday, March 29, 2024

- The Parish Office is closed**
(until Tuesday, April 2)
- No 8:00AM Morning Mass**
- 3:00 PM - Passion of Christ Liturgy
- 7:00 PM - The Living Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, March 30, 2024

- No 8:00AM Morning Mass**
- 12:00PM (noon) - Blessing of Easter Baskets
"Święconka"
- 8:00PM - Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

- Sunday Masses on Easter:
8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00AM

Easter Monday, April 1, 2024

- The Parish Office is closed.**
- 8:00 AM - Morning Mass



SUNDAY COLLECTION March 17

First Collection:
\$3699.50

Second Collection:
\$1457.00

Grand Total:
\$5156.50

Fundraising Committee

The Fundraising Committee is a standing committee with goals of raising funds for different needs of the parish through organizing events. The chairperson of the committee is Jimmy O'Brien. If you would like to become a member, have questions about any event, or you would like to enrich the committee with your own ideas, call 973-398-6377 ext.7.

PROCEEDS GO TO ST. JUDE'S FOR FUTURE PROJECTS!

Security Ministry

Serving as a Security Specialist helps ensure the church provides the safest possible environment for children and adults attending our church. If you have skills in document writing, product procurement, project management, general contracting, or physical/cyber security then we could use your support. If you have no such experience but are still interesting in helping, then please give us a shout. To learn more or to volunteer contact us:

safety@stjudehopatcong.org

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We are interested in starting a Women's Sharing group.

The meetings will be held on a week-day evening, once a month in the Meeting Room of the Church.

If you are interested please call **Kathy Friel** at **973-398-8728**



We express our heartfelt gratitude to all those who generously responded to our plea for assistance. Your overwhelming generosity has touched our hearts deeply.

However, we find ourselves still in need of your continued support. Please consider that the church receives a 5% contribution when ShopRite certificates are purchased. Your support through this avenue makes a significant difference.

Additionally, you have the option to purchase these certificates for your personal use as well. Your continued support is invaluable, and we are truly thankful for your consideration.

Rosary & Altar Society

The Rosary & Altar Society is ladies confraternity. It's main mission is working to spread devotion to the Blessed Mother while assisting the parish and community through spiritual, social, and service activities and events, the corporal & spiritual works of mercy in action. If you would like to join the group, join them during their monthly meetings (*more information below*).

MEETINGS

The Rosary Altar Society meetings are on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to join us in saying the rosary. You may also stay for the meeting if you wish.

The Rosary and Altar Society cordially invites you to join them **every first Saturday** of the month for the **8:00AM Mass** followed by the recitation of the Rosary.

As Mary revealed to the children of Fatima that "all those who on the First Saturday of 5 consecutive months shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite 5 decades of the rosary, and keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the 15 mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me, I promise to assist them at the hour of their death with the graces necessary for salvation."

ALTAR FLOWER REMEMBRANCE

No Altar flowers during Lent!
(between February 14 through March 31st.)

We are continuing to accept orders. Flowers, however, won't be displayed until April 7.

To purchase flowers fill out an order form found in the vestibule of the Church.



LINE DANCING WITH STOMPIN' SUE

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



"HOPE" BEREAVEMENT GROUP

The next meeting will be on April 21, 2024 at 12:00PM in the Meeting Room. All are welcome.

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DAYS OF FASTING DURING LENT

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, **Fridays during Lent** are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from **age 18 until age 59**. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

Knights of Columbus



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
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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO ARE SICK

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LOCAL ALCOHOLIC ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

Hopatcong has 4 Alcoholics Anonymous meetings per week

Saturday: 11:00 AM
 Saturday Evening: 7:00 PM
 Sunday: 9:00 AM
 Sunday Evening: 5:00 PM



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.

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, Our Lady of the Lake, Sparta Saturday from 7:30PM to :30PM and on Monday evenings 6:30-7:30PM at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 209 South, Route 206, Branchville, NJ



FREE SPEECH MEN'S GROUP

The group meets every 4th Saturday of the month after the 8:00AM Mass in the Church meeting room. The next meeting for the group is Saturday, April 27, 2024
 . All are welcome



"Welcome Home" is a diocesan initiative to invite all Catholics to experience the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). The sacrament is a wonderful opportunity to encounter God's healing and to draw closer to the Lord. Confessions will be held Mondays: February 19 through March 25, from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm in every Catholic Church in the Diocese of Paterson. Don't be afraid! Information will be provided. Ask the priest to help you. Experience the gracious mercy of God! www.WelcomeHomeToHealing.org

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*A written guide about how to go to Confession,
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News around the Diocese

First Saturday Day of Discernment: We cordially invite the young men of your parish, ages college and older, to join us on the First Saturday of the Month, **April 6th**, at 10:00 am at St. Paul Inside the Walls in Madison. The day's agenda includes Holy Mass, a Holy Hour with the praying of the Rosary, lunch, and social time. We look forward to your presence and participation!

Save the Date: The Vocations Office will be hosting a 1-day vocation hike in Sussex County on **Saturday, April 13, 2024**, location TBD. The Father & Son Catholic Camp will be held on the weekend of **August 9-11, 2024**, location of the camp TBD.

Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth: **Celebration of Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich, SC**, Feast Day (First to be Beatified on U.S. soil), **May 8, 2024**, Holy Family Chapel, Convent Station, NJ - 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth: **16th Annual Golf Outing, April 29, 2024**, Cedar Hill Golf & Country Club, Livingston, NJ – Golf registration and Sponsorship opportunities available. Visit SCNJ.org, text SCNJGOLF2024 to 41444, or call 973-290-5480/5454 for more information.

Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth: **Spring Lake Luncheon**, May 22, 2024, 11:30 a.m. Spring Lake Golf Club with Guest speaker Meaghan B Murphy on the topic 'The Brilliance of Resilience'. Sell out crowd expected. For tickets or more information visit SCNJ.org, text SPRINGLAKE2024 to 41444, or call 973-290-5480/5454. For more information about Meaghan B Murphy, visit meaghanbmurphy.com.

Vocation Workshop for Parishioners: Join us on Saturday, **April 20, 2024**, at Saint Paul Inside the Walls in Madison, NJ, for a motivating training workshop on how to begin a Vocation Ministry in our very own parish. Rhonda Gruenewald and Leticia Ramirez from VocationMinistry.com will give inspiring and practical presentations in English and Spanish on the how and why to promote vocations. Bishop Sweeney will start the day by celebrating Mass for all attendees, and there will also be a Holy Hour for Vocations. The workshop is free and lunch is included – just visit patersonvocations.org to register or call the Vocations office at (973) 777-8818 x.711.

Parish Center—Rental Committee

The St Jude Parish Center is available for rent. If you are searching for a place to host your party or a special event, our Rental Committee is there to assist you. If you have any question, please, call (973)398-6377 ext.5, or scan the QR code below.

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- Ext. 5 – Parish Hall Rentals
- Ext. 6 – **Deacon Tom** & Baptismal classes
- Ext. 7 – **Jimmy** & Parish Events
- Ext. 8 – Security Ministry
- Ext. 9 – **Fr. Peter** & Emergencies



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.

Henry Schmidt.....	Parish Trustee
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Edie Vieth.....	Cantor
Karlene Yaple.....	Cantor
Jimmie O'Brien.....	Parish Events
Frank Wimbush.....	RCIA
Rob Bond.....	Security Ministry

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Sunday Masses During Pandemic: 5:00PM
(Saturday Vigil Mass), 9:00AM and 11:00AM
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
Adoration: every Wednesday after the morning
mass

Catholic faith, and any adult person who needs to receive Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation. If you need information regarding this, please contact the Rectory.

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.

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

Remember to always check the bulletin and listen to the announcements for any changes and times for special liturgies.

BAPTISMS is performed every 2nd & 4th 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 7:30PM.

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, please call the Rectory.

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