

SAINT JUDE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

MASS INTENTIONS

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4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Living members of the Belvidere
9:00 AM 11:00 AM	
MONDAY 8:00 AM	MAY 6 People of St. Jude
TUESDAY 8:00 AM	MAY 7 Michele Aue
WEDNESDAY 8:00 AM	MAY 8 People of St. Jude
THURSDAY 8:00 AM	MAY 9 James Hopka & Leonard Colello
FRIDAY 8:00 AM	MAY 10 People of St. Jude
SATURDAY 8:00 AM 4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Confession (until 4:45PM) Special Intention of the Coolican Family
SUNDAY 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	MAY 12 Yvonne & Earl Couteau Diana J. Smith

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.



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.

WWW.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"



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

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends... I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you whose chose me, but I have chosen you."

Children sing 'I have joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart...' Do I? The wish of Jesus is that our joy be complete. This happens when I carry out the commandment of love, of service, of care for our neighbor. Remember last fall, when a driver drove into a canal in Brooklyn?

A person from the Ukraine, who fled his war torn country only four days previously, jumped into the canal and rescued him. A firefighter enters a blazing building to rescue, without counting the cost. Jesus did that for us, He wants our joy to be complete. We do this when we serve, especially those most in need.

A BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
Peter preaches to the Gentiles for the first time in the house of Cornelius. Peter realized that God would accept any person who acted uprightly, regardless of his or her heritage. Then the Holy Spirit descended on the Gentiles and Peter allowed them to be baptized in the name of Jesus.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

John advises all believers to love one another, for love is a gift from God. The person without love does not know God, whose love for us is so great he sent his only son so that we might have life through him.

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Jesus asks his disciples to live on in his love and to "Love one another as I have loved you." He explains that he chose them to follow him, and promises if they keep his commandments, they will have anything that they ask for in his name.







June 7th thru June 9th

May 31st thru June 2nd

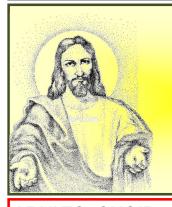
Parishioners from St Jude are attending a weekend Retreat at Holy Family Monastery in West Hartford Connecticut. The women's retreat will be held on May 31st thru June 2nd. The men's retreat will be held June 7th thru June 9th. Those attending can carpool with fellow parishioners.

The Retreat theme is *Only Say the Word.* When Jesus encounters the centurion in the Gospel of Matthew (8:5-13), he meets a person of deep faith and humility who knows that healing comes from God alone. The centurion proclaims: "Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant shall be healed." During this retreat, we will explore where healing is needed in us and in the world.

The retreat starts with dinner on Friday night and ends with lunch after mass on Sunday. The retreat is held on the beautiful grounds of Holy Family Monastery. www.holyfamilyretreat.org

The first man and woman to sign up who never attended a retreat at Holy family will get to attend the retreat for FREE! For all others, the cost is \$350 for the weekend. Please explore the Holy Family website at www.holyfamilyretreat.org/themed-retreats

If you are interested, email Manny Fernandes at mannyfernandes@stjudehopatcong.org for the men's retreat or Linda Fernandes at fernandes1977@hotmail.com for the women's retreat.



SUNDAY COLLECTION Total April 29

Total April 28
First Collection:
\$3192.00
Second Collection:
\$1361
Grand Total:
\$4553.00

ADULTS CHOIR

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



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

We are looking for more Kids to join our children's choir.

Please consider signing up your child. The more kids the better the sound.



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!

Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich, SC

11:00 a.m. Mass Holy Family Chapel May 8, 2024

- First Sister to be Beatified on U.S. soil.
- Attended College of Saint Elizabeth 1919-1923 (now Saint Elizabeth University).
- Graduated 1923 with highest honors in literature.
- Entered the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth on February 11, 1925.
- Began teaching English literature at Academy of Saint Elizabeth in September 1925.





Women's Sharing Group.

Women's Fellowship The meetings will be held on the 3rd Thursday of every month from

7:00PM to 8:00PM in the Meeting Room of the Church. This is not a bible study.

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

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

PROTECT YOUR PARISH FAMILY If you see something say something

REPORT SUSPICOUS ACTIVITY



973-398-6377, option 8 or scan QR code & submit a brief report: Dial 911 in case of Emergencies





We express our heartfelt gratitude to all those who generously responded to our plea for assistance. Your overwhelming gener-

osity 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

To purchase flowers, order forms are in the vestibule of the church. Fill it out with your check and bring it to the rectory or you may put it in the basket at



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

Due to unforeseen circumstances there will be no meeting for the month of May. The next meeting will be announced at a later date. Please check the bulletin.

"Journey through your grief and learn to live again."



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Become our member and support Saint Jude



Annual Corpus Christi Food Collection for the Poor



Due to the unprecedented requests for assistance from Catholic Charities' food pantries and in order to fulfill our obligations to the poor, Bishop Sweeney has authorized a Diocesan-wide food collection in all parishes and agencies on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Saturday/Sunday, June 1st - 2nd.

We are all being asked to bring assorted items on that day.

We have been asked to provide canned tuna, chicken, beef stew.

Monetary donations will also be accepted and can be made online at www.ccpaterson.org/corpus

Please mark Saturday and Sunday, June 1st and 2nd on your calendars and join our parish in participat-

ing.





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 MANNYFERNANDES @STJUDEHOPATCONG.ORG



St Jude Knights of Columbus PANCAKE BREAKFAST Mother's Day, Sunday May 12th,

Parish Center FROM 8:00AM THRU 1:00PM ADULTS \$10.00 KIDS UNDER 5 yrs. FREE.

Dine in or Take out

All you can eat!!! Enjoy a great Breakfast served by your Knights and support the work they do for our Parish and our Community. Fun and great food for one and all !!!

MENU: PANCAKES, FRENCH TOAST, BA-CON, SAUSAGE, EGGS TO ORDER, COF-FEE, TEA & ORANGE JUICE.

> 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 COUNCIL 9914 SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

Any High School Senior or Adult (any age) pursuing further education or advancement in technical skills and is a practicing Catholic at St. Jude's Church is invited to submit an essay for consideration in our annual Scholarship Contest.

The candidate will explain the reason for their scholarship need.

The topic of the essay is "What my Catholic Faith means to me". The essay should be at least 250 words and answer the question raised in the topic.

If you have any questions or when you are ready to submit the essay, please contact Paul Procacci or Manny Fernandes. The deadline for entering your essay is June 1st. You can send your essay to any of the email addresses below.

Manny Fernandes 973-398-5534 mannyfernandes@stjudehopatcong.org

Paul Procacci 973-398-3635 pprocacci@optonline.net





The Rosary & Altar Society along with the Knights of Columbus will be conducting a Food Drive on the first weekend starting in June. Any donation of non-perishable food will be greatly appreciated. Food can be dropped in the vestibule of the Church. PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF AT THE RECTORY!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Matthew Bailey, Barbara Barra, Charles Battersby, Ann Bauer, Mikela Bennett, James Bonavota, Ann Bonda, Tom Brown, Kyle Bussey, Ethel Butler, Jordyn Cameron, Toni Castoro, William Cerra, Amanda Church, Matthew Clemente, Kristen Colello, Lenny Colello, Jr., Cathy Collins, Linda Corcoran, Richard Costa, Shannon & Reggie Crowley, Claudia Davis, Joseph D'Amelio, , Fred Denheardt, Lil<mark>ia</mark>na DiFillippi, Edward DiGangi, Frank Dupress, Aine Ferguson, Richard Ferris, Nicholas Filtz, Deanna Foli, Charisse Forkey, Maria Ines Garcia, Will Garcia, Andy Gervasi, Stephen Gravatt, Alan & Denise Gilbert, Beverly Gilmore, Katie Gowey, Jodie Grillo, James Hand, Eleanor Henesay, Linda Hill, Max Howa, Stella Impagliazzo, Andrea Jones, Avery Jones, Danny Kavanaugh, Terri Kellerman, Charlie La Capria, Cheryl Lotito, Theresa Leggio, Erin Loescher, Richard Macari, Joan Major, Tyler Mahler, Roger Manter, Carmella Marino, Joanna Mark, Tracy Martinez, Pat McDonald, Nicole De-Mott Mendia, Claire Miller, Anthony Monetti, Trey Mooney, Maryann Moore, Dan Murphy, James Murphy, Tom Neidbala, Jimmy O'Brien, Margery & Daniel O'Donnell, Kim Olenic, Joanne Orr, , Yvonne Paquing, Marion Parillo, Anthony Pastore, Bob Pecarific, Jason Perez, Frank & Dawn Piccione, Edward Pinkerrman, Jeff Poyer, Lupita Pryor, Richard Ratti, Cathy Ricciuto, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, Denise Rogalski, Mary Rushka, Sammy Sanchez, Paul Sansevere, Lola Scala, Michael Slattery, Catherine Sorace, William Stelmach, Nancy Tevis, Natalie Thompson, Kaylee Thornburg, Anne Marie Truncali, Grzegorz Wierzbicki, Joyce Williams, Barbara Wulff.

LOCAL ALCOHOLIC ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

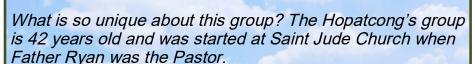
Hopatcong has 4 Alcoholics Anonymous meetings per week

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.



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, May 25, 2024

. All are welcome



CATHOLIC

INRECOVERY

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 Godgiven 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 Mon-



day evenings 6:30-7:30PM at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 209 South, Route 206, Branchville, NJ



Diocese of Paterson

Catechetical Office

Fr. Yojaneider Garcia

205 Madison Avenue Madison, NJ 07940

Ph: 973-377-1004 Fax: 973-377-1952 www.insidethewalls.org

We invite Pastors, Priests, teachers, DREs/CREs, and catechists, to attend the Catechetical Convocation 2024: Shaping the Future of Catechesis in Our Diocese, a presentation by Most Reverend Bishop Frank J. Caggiano, Chairman of the USCCB Subcommittee on the Catechism, on Wednesday, October 9, at St. Elizabeth University, Dolan Performance Hall. During this session, you will be able to discuss issues related to the state of catechesis, best practices, areas for growth, and the implementation of the Directory for Catechesis (2020) in parishes and schools. The goal of this year's convocation is to develop a clearer, common understanding of "evangelizing catechesis" and how to encourage it in your parishes. I hope to see you there! Bishop Caggiano's presentation will be offered at two times on October 9, at 1:30pm to 3:30pm or 7pm to 9pm. Each session will cover the same material, so choose the most convenient time for you to attend. For more details or to register to attend, click on the following link:

Come witness this gospel in action on Sunday, June 2, at Corpus Christi Roman Catholic Church in Chatham. Bishop Sweeney invites all first communicants and their families to join him to learn more about their faith. On this special day, our bishop, following apostolic tradition, will offer catechesis on the Eucharist. In addition, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a Procession, and Benediction.

Catechists and Parents:

Today more than ever, we need our children to experience how a bishop leads his flock. Bishop Kevin Sweeney is our spiritual father, our shepherd. When we celebrated Good Shepherd Sunday last week, the Gospel reading proclaimed: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me" (Jn. 10, 27). Let's hear Jesus' words through our Bishop.

Do not miss this opportunity to meet our Bishop and experience what it means for our Catholic community to be led by a Shepherd. This is an unforgettable experience for our children You can register by clicking on the following link:

https://www.insidethewalls.org/first-communicants

All first communicants and their family will have the opportunity to take a picture with the Bishop at the conclusion of the prayer service.

Liturgical Minister Formation



JOHN PAUL II CENTER 775 VALLEY RD CLIFTON, NJ



Registration Fee: \$10

The Office of Worship and the Office of Hispanic Ministry will offer formation for those who wish to serve or currently serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Music Ministers, and Ministers of Hospitality. This is a "BASIC" formation session for those who are currently serving or desire to serve in these ministries. The presentation will focus on the "why" we do what we do and some universal norms regarding the ministry (e.g., distribution of Holy Communion at Mass, bringing Holy Communion to the sick and/or homebound, responsibilities of Lector, sacred music selection, virtue of hospitality). Each participant will receive a certificate signed by Bishop Sweeney upon completion.

FOR THE SCHEDULE AND TO REGISTER, VISIT:
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September 15, 2024 is Catechetical Sunday.

This is an opportunity to recognize the many people who work in silence, building up the kingdom of God. For more information on Catechetical Sunday, click on the following link: <a href="https://www.usccb.org/committees/evangelization-catechesis/lord-when-did-we-evangelization-cate

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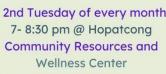


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News around the Diocese

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.





DARISH 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

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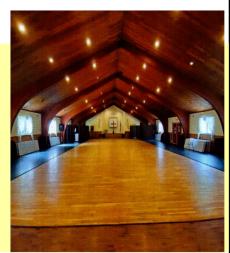
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- Ext. 5 Parish Hall Rentals
- Ext. 6 **Deacon Tom** & Baptismal classes
- Ext. 7 Jimmy & Parish Events
- Ext. 8 Security Ministry
- Ext. 9 Fr. Peter & Emergencies



- 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.

Our Ottain.	
Rev. Peter Wierzbicki	Pastor
Rev. Mr. Tom Friel	Deacon
Lillian ColelloA	dministrative Assistant
& Coordinator	of Religious Education
and (Confirmation Program
Henry Schmidt	Parish Trustee
Chad Bennett	
Marcin Kochanowicz	Organist
Taya Shumerina	Organist
Edie Vieth	Cantor
Karlene Yaple	
Jimmie O'Brien	Parish Events
Frank Wimbush	RCIA

How to register:

Our Staff:

ously registered in the parish, please do so by calling the office at 973-398-6377 for a registration form.

Rob Bond......Security Ministry

lopes, we can arrange to have them sent them day during the 11:00AM Mass., unless otherto you.

share fully in our spiritual and social life.

If you change your address or telephone num- MARRIAGE - Arrangements should be made at ber, please contact us. All parishioners are re- the Rectory no less than 6 months before the quested to use the regular Sunday envelopes or marriage date and prior to any social planning. our Online Giving. If you are not receiving them, To arrange for Pre-Cana, please call the please call the Rectory

Parish Center Rental

If you would like to rent a Parish Hall, please call office at 973-398-6377 ext. 5

For more information email our hall rental committee: rental@stjudehopatcong.org

Eucharistic Liturgies

(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 gency extension to speak with the Pastor. mass

Remember to always check the bulletin and If you are new to the parish or have not previ- listen to the announcements for any changes and times for special liturgies.

Sacraments:

Also, if you are not receiving collection enve-BAPTISMS is performed every 2nd & 4th Sun-SaintJudeChurchHopatcong wise specified. Parents are asked to call the live@stjudehopatcong.org rectory to register. The Baptismal preparation Our Parish Family invites all of its members to meeting on the first Monday of the month at 7:30PM.

Rectory.

R.C.I.A. RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITATION 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.

Sunday Masses During Pandemic: 5:00PM 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 emer-

Other contacts

Official Website:

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