



SAINT JUDE

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.



✠ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 1, 2024 ✠

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 30
8:00 AM	People of St. Jude
4:00 PM	<i>Confession (until 4:45PM)</i>
5:00 PM	Frank Nutley
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 1
9:00 AM	Maureen Schmidt
11:00 AM	Richard Koppinger
12:15 PM	<i>POLISH MASS</i>
MONDAY	DECEMBER 2
8:00 AM	Carl Possible
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 3
8:00 AM	Laura Cavadini
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 4
8:00 AM	People of Saint Jude
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 5
	THANKSGIVING
8:00 AM	Linda D'Addario
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 6
8:00 AM	Jack Quirk
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 7
8:00 AM	Lenny Colello
4:00 PM	<i>Confession (until 4:45PM)</i>
5:00 PM	Peter Grant
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 8
9:00 AM	Alice, Joan, & Richard Hoer
11:00 AM	Monica Lundin

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!



Faith Formation for all grades meet after the 9:00AM Mass.

Please check you schedule where class will be!
****Awakenings is in the Meeting Room during the 9:00AM Mass.**

MASSES ONLINE

We stream our morning masses online.

Weekdays: 8:00AM
 Sunday: 9:00AM

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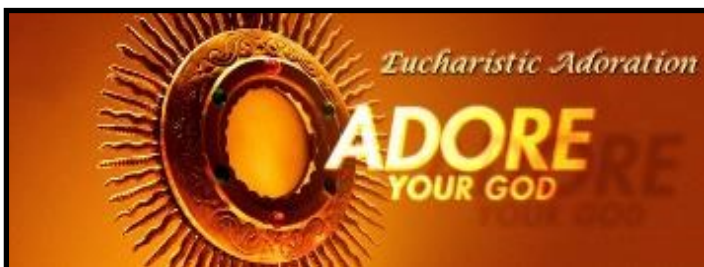


For those who, for any reason, cannot participate in the mass in person, join us online! You can find us on Facebook, YouTube and our website:

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 and welcome!

The church is open for visitors during office hours: *Monday—Friday, 9AM-3PM.*

FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

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 pre-occupied with unimportant events, or they will be caught unaware rather than being on watch as they should

ADULTS CHOIR

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



December 8, Immaculate Conception is a holy day of obligation

In 2024, the Second Sunday of Advent falls on Sunday, December 8, and the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is moved to Monday, December 9. Earlier this year, Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki, from the USCCB, asked the Vatican for clarification about attending Mass when a holy day of obligation is moved from Sunday to Monday during Advent, Lent, or Easter. The Vatican responded, stating that the obligation to attend Mass still applies on the day the feast is moved to.

Because of this new directive, Catholics are required to attend Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, December 9, 2024. The memorial for Saint Juan Diego will not be celebrated that day.

The masses at Saint Jude are going to be celebrated on **Monday at 8AM, 11AM, and 7PM.**



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

"HOPE" BEREAVEMENT GROUP

The next meeting will be on December 15th at 12:00PM. **All are welcome!**

ALTAR SERVERS DESPERATELY 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.

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 extn #7

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

COME & JOIN US

CHRISTMAS PARTY: DECEMBER 15

CRAFT FAIR: DECEMBER 16

**KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS
"AFTER CHRISTMAS CHRISTMAS
PARTY" JANUARY 5**

@SAINT JUDE HOPATCONG@

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 at:

safety@stjudehopatcong.org

PROTECT YOUR PARISH FAMILY
If you see something say something!

**REPORT
SUSPICIOUS
ACTIVITY**



Saint Jude, Hopatcong
**Security
Ministry**

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



Hope. Peace. Joy. Love.

These are the gifts of the Advent season. The gifts you help share here in our community, throughout the year, with your thoughtful stewardship.

Advent is a meaningful time to reflect on your generosity. One special way to give is eGiving. It can simplify your stewardship and provide steady, consistent support to the parish – so we can be ready with programs, services, and ministries for church families and those in our community. Your recurring gifts will sustain our parish, even if you need to miss a Sunday service.

It's easy to get started. Here are the ways to sign up:

- Visit << Enrollment Form URL Here>>
- Call WeShare Customer Service at 877-316-0260 option 2
- Scan the QR code
- Text "Give" to << Text Number Here Here>>

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973-627-6674

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 mass at 8:00AM 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."

NOTICE!

There will be no flower orders during Advent.

Orders will be filled after Christmas.

THE BEACON AND BEYOND

IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT THE BEACON

After 58 years of publication, the Diocese of Paterson will cease printing The Beacon newspaper at the end of December 2024.

This beloved publication has been a source of inspiration and faith for our diocese since its first issue in 1967.

Moving forward, The Beacon will live on in a new, digital form at Beaconnj.org, where you can find news, events, and columns, including weekly updates from Bishop Sweeney.

We encourage you to explore the new website, sign up for the Beacon and Beyond newsletter, and stay connected with the stories of our faith community.

Visit **BEACONNJ.ORG** today and experience The Beacon in a fresh, modern way!



Saint Paul's Abbey

St. Paul's Abbey,
on 289 Route 206,
Newton, NJ 07860
One mile south of Newton,

Saint Paul's Abbey has thousands of Christmas trees ready to **choose'n'cut**

Open Thursday ~ Sunday
from November 23 to December 15,
10:00 AM to 3:30 PM.
(Close-Thanksgiving, 11/28/24)

We also have the Abbey Gift Shop with many items that make it ideal Christmas gifts, including books, statues, jewelry, and more.



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!

Knights of Columbus

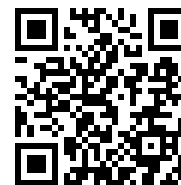


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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
@STJUDEH0PATC0NG.0RG



Join us for the Inaugural Meeting of the St. Jude's Pro-Life Ministry on Wednesday, **December 4th, at 7 PM** in the meeting room. All are welcome to be part of this meaningful ministry!



Westside Food Pantry...

...is in desperate need of tomato sauce and canned vegetables. Please bring them to the vestibule of the Church. They will be delivered to Westside by our Knights of Columbus.

SELF DEENSE 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!



Catholic in Recovery

YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

HAS your faith walk with Jesus been impaired due to your or others behavior, compulsion, or addiction? Do you have trouble letting go of vices that keep you from focusing on God?

CATHOLIC in RECOVERY is a 12-step recovery program about addressing these issues which allows you to focus on and hear God's voice and to follow.

We welcome all Catholics who are interested in recovery from addiction and deepening their relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church.

MEETINGS

Sparta

Our Lady of the Lake

294 Sparta Ave

Saturdays 7:30am-8:30am

and

Thursdays 6:30-7:30pm-pm

(starting June 6, 2024)

Branchville

Our Lady Queen of Peace

209 Rt 206 South

Mondays 6:30pm-7:30pm

....Offering hope and healing for those recovering from addictions, compulsions and unhealthy attachments

Catholic in Recovery is a nonprofit organization that seeks to serve those suffering from addictions and unhealthy attachments (including alcoholism, drug addiction, pornography addiction, sex and relationship addiction, compulsive overeating and food addictions, gambling addiction, codependency and the impact on family, and general fear, control, and anxiety).

It is the aim of Catholic in Recovery to share the Good News that God can bring about healing and recovery, even in the most hopeless of cases!

Questions? Email CIR@ollsparta.org

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO ARE SICK.

Jennifer Appolina, Matthew Bailey, Barbara Barra, Ann Bauer, Makayla Bennett, James Bonavota, Tom Brown, Joe Bucchieri, Kyle Bussey, Ethel Butler, Jordyn Cameron, Toni Castoro, William Cerra, Amanda Church, Matthew Clemente, Lenny Colello Jr., Cathy Collins, Linda Corcoran, Richard Costa, Shannon & Reggie Crowley, Claudia Davis, Joseph D'Amelio, Fred Dennhardt, Liliana DiFillippi, Edward DiGangi, Julie Dowden, Vincent Esterly, Aine Ferguson, Richard Ferris, Nicholas Filtz, Deanna Foli, Charisse Forkey, Maria Ines Garcia, Will Garcia, Stephen Gravatt, Alan & Denise Gilbert, Beverly Gilmore, Katie Gowey, Jodie Grillo, James Hand, Eleanor Henesay, Linda Hill, Max Howa, Stella Impagliazzo, Vera Joann, Andrea Jones, Avery Jones, Danny Kavanaugh, Terri Kellerman, Walter Kester, Cheryl Knapp, Charlie La Capria, Cheryl Lotito, Theresa Leggio, Erin Loescher, Richard Maca-

ri, Joan Major, Tyler Mahler, Roger Manter, Carmella & Dominic Marino, Joanna Mark, Tracy Martinez, Sean McCann, Pat McDonald, Gerry McAdams,, Nicole DeMott Mendia, Claire Miller, Anthony Monetti, Maryann Moore, Seam Moros, Dan Murphy, Tom Niedbala, Jimmy O'Brien, Margery & Daniel O'Donnell, Kim Olenic, Joanne Orr, Betty Painter, Yvonne Paquing, Marion Parillo, Bob Pecarific, Jason Perez, Frank & Dawn Piccione, Edward Pinkerman, Jeff Poyer, Lupita Pryor, Richard Ratti, Cathy Ricciuto, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, Denise Rogalski, Mary Rushka, Adam Sciascia, Sammy Sanchez, Paul Sansevere, Lola Scala, Elena Shenesky, Michael Slattery, Catherine Sorace, William Stelmach, Mickey Stevens, Donna Sullivan, Nancy Tevis, Natalie Thompson, Kaylee Thornburg, Anne Marie Truncali, Jim & Vicky Wheeler, 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.

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.

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, November 23rd. All are welcome!



ST PAUL INSIDE THE WALLS

Catholicism from Scratch: Mary, The Church, and Every Christian

Saturday, December 7th,
 from 10 am to 12 pm

St Paul Inside the Walls
 (205 Madison Ave., Madison,
 New Jersey)

A series of self-contained sessions in basic Catholic topics and themes for those who forgot the basics, missed them the first time around or never learned them.

For more information, visit <https://insidethewalls.org/catholicism-from-scratch>





Pope Francis encourages all Catholics to celebrate and participate in the Jubilee of Hope throughout the year of 2025. Each parish of the Diocese of Paterson will be represented at the opening Mass at the Cathedral on Dec. 29, 2024 with Bishop Kevin Sweeney. A pilgrimage to Rome and a local pilgrimage will be made available for all parishioners. For details about the opening Mass, the pilgrimages, and to learn about the many Jubilee events that will be happening in our diocese, please visit the diocesan homepage.



JUBILEE OPENING MASS

DECEMBER 29, 2024 AT 3:00PM

JOIN US FOR A PROCESSION AND MASS WITH BISHOP KEVIN SWEENEY
TO RING IN THE START OF THE JUBILEE YEAR



- Parish representatives should arrive before 3pm with their parish banner.
- Anyone who does not want to process in, can go directly into the Cathedral.

- Free parking will be available at the municipal lot across the street (Marker A).
- Our procession will start at the Father English Community Center at 3pm (Marker B).
- The procession will end at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist (Marker C).



THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

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Guidelines for Protecting Yourself from Scams and Fraud

In today's digital age, scammers are becoming more sophisticated in their attempts to deceive people through emails, social media, and text messages. It is important to stay vigilant and protect yourself from potential fraud, especially when it comes to sensitive financial information or personal details. Below are some essential guidelines to help you identify and avoid common scams, and ensure the safety of both you and your parish community.

Some Guidelines:

- Never respond to a suspect email. If you are not sure, **Do Not Respond** to the Email call the person and speak to them personally to verify.
- Watch out for fake accounts, impersonators, and direct messages in social media applications.
- Watch out for fake text messages claiming to need favors or gift cards (some people report that cell phone numbers printed in Bulletins are susceptible to fake texts)
- All emails about any type of financial transaction must be confirmed verbally with the parties involved.
- Always look carefully at the email address, even that might look close to the real one.
- Any request for change in direct deposit, "a favor," gift cards, money, personal information, etc. is generally a scam.
- Please report any Parish related suspected scams to technology@patersondiocese.org .
- Report any unusual activity to your local police.
- The diocese will never send you an email that is not from @patersondiocese.org, and Saint Jude church will never send you an email that is not from @stjudehopatcong.org

Parish Center Rentals

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. If you have any questions, please, call (973)-398-6377 ext.5, or scan the QR code (left).

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