

SAINT JUDE

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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O Wisdom, O Holy Word of God, You govern all creation with Your strong yet tender care. Come and show Your people the way to salvation.

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.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 15, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

8:00 AM 4:00 PM 5:00 PM SUNDAY	DECEMBER 14 People of St.Jude Confession (until 4:45PM) James & Edward Doogan DECEMBER 15	
9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Jimmy Cafferty Paul & Nancy Casasnovas	
MONDAY 8:00 AM	DECEMBER 16 Robert Wayne Orr	
TUESDAY 8:00 AM	DECEMBER 17 Deceased members of the Coolican Family	
WEDNESDAY 8:00 AM	DECEMBER 18 Josephine Gianni	
THURSDAY 8:00 AM	<u>DECEMBER 19</u> Jan Gryglak	
FRIDAY 8:00 AM	<u>DECEMBER 20</u> Mae DiGangi	
SATURDAY 8:00 AM	DECEMBER 21 Deceased members of the Coppla Family	
4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Confession (until 4:45PM) Karl Possible	
SUNDAY 9:00 AM	DECEMBER 22 Zenobia & Zenon Anc & Marian Sobczak	
11:00 AM	Maria Bullaro	



Christmas Party for all Faith Formation families immediately following the 9:00AM Mass in the Parish Center

Please check you schedule where class will be!

No Awakening classes today due to the Christmas Party in the Parish Center!

MASSES ONLINE

We stream our morning masses online.

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

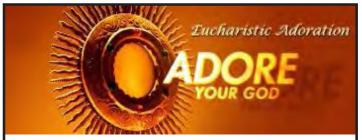


For those who, for any reason, cannot participate in the mass in person, join us online! You can find us on Facebook, YouTube and our website:

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

"On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem: Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; He will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love'... 'Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

The word of God focuses on reasons for joy, encouraging us to continue to make progress as we prepare for the coming of our Savior. Yes, Jesus has come and we recall His birth, but He comes again, daily, to hearts that are prepared to welcome Him. The need of our waiting world is so great that we can forget today, and only look back to the Bethlehem coming. By prayer and petition, we ask Him to fill us, our home, our family, our world with His redeeming presence. The Baptist's warning and invitation today 'Prepare the way of the Lord.'

A BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF THE SUNDAY READINGS

.First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Zephaniah urges the people of Jerusalem to rejoice because the Lord is in their midst. He conveys the message that God will love and protect those who have remained faithful to him.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Paul encourages the Philippians to be ready for Christ. He tells them not to worry about their concerns, but to instead ask God's help and allow his peace to fill their hearts and minds.

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

John the Baptist answers people who ask him what they should do, leading some to believe he was the Messiah. John clearly states that he will be followed by one so powerful that "I am not fit to loosen his sandal strap."







Check out these informative videos from the Offices of Catechesis and Evangelization explaining important topics for the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope

Click to visit the St. Paul Inside the Walls



1. WHAT IS A JUBILEE YEAR?

2. WHAT ARE SIN & PURGATORY?

3. WHAT IS AN INDULGENCE?

4. WHAT IS A HOLY DOOR?

5. WHAT IS A PILGRIMAGE?



All videos available in English & Spanish

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Total for December 8



First Collection: \$4319.50 Second Collection: \$1381.00 Stipends: \$340.00 Total: \$6040.50



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

"HOPE" BEREAVEMENT GROUP

The meeting is today at 12:00PM. The next meeting will be on January26th. All are welcome!

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 <u>Jimmy O'Brien</u>. 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 21

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

"AFTER CHRISTMAS CHRISTMAS PARTY" JANUARY 5

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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 SUSPICOUS ACTIVITY



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>>
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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!

The Rosary Altar Society will be collecting for Christmas flowers the weekend of December 14th and 15th. Please be generous.



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.

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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:

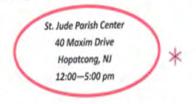
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For more information or to sign up, please contact:

Jim Liptak at 973-398-0977 OR Manny Fernandes @ 973-919-4473 OR E-mail phyllislip@yahoo.com

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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, Ann Bauer, Makayla Bennett, James Bonavota, Tom Brown, Joe Bucchieri, Kyle Bussey, Ethel Butler, Jordyn Cameron, Toni Castoro, William Cerra, Amanda Church, Matthew Clemente, Cathy Collins, Linda Corcoran, Richard Costa, Shannon & Reggie Crowley, Claudia Davis, Joseph D'Amelio, Fred Dennhardt, Liliana Di-Fillippi, 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, Theresa Leggio, Erin Loescher, Richard Macari, Joan Major, Tyler Mahler, Roger Manter, Carmella & Domi-

nic 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, Daniel O'Donnell, Kim Olenic, Joanne Orr, Betty Painter, Yvonne Paquing, Marion Parillo, Bob Pecarific, Jason Perez, Frank & Dawn Piccione, Edward Pinkerrman, Jeff Poyer, Lupita Pryor, Richard Ratti, Cathy Ricciuto, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, Denise Rogalski, Mary Rushka, Adam Sciascia, Sammy Sanchez, Paul Sansevere, 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, Karlene Yaple.

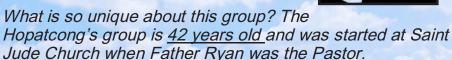
LOCAL ALCOHOLIC ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

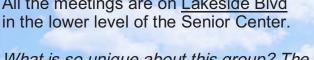
Hopatcong has 4 Alcoholics Anonymous meetings per week

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







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, December 28. All are welcome!









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



- 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).

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



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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ALL CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

2nd Tuesday of every month
7- 8:30 pm @ Hopatcong
Community Resources and
Wellness Center
47 Hopatchung Rd, Hopatcong,
NJ 07843



973-219-8705
Dana Gianfrancesco
Danagian333@gmail.com





WOMEN'S SHORING GROUP.

The meeting this month is on December 19th from 7:00PM to 8:00PM in the Meeting Room of the Church.

If you are interested please call **Kathy Friel** at: 973-398-8738



SHOP RITE GIFT CARDS

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.

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IMPORTANT

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 <u>party</u> or a <u>special event</u>, 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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- Ext. 6 **Deacon Tom** & Baptismal classes
- Ext. 7 Jimmy & Parish Events
- Ext. 8 Security Ministry
- Ext. 9 Fr. Peter & Emergencies



Parish Center Rental

office at 973-398-6377 ext. 5

- 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 years 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.

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

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. Rob Bond......Security Ministry mass

If you would like to rent a Parish Hall, please call

For more information email our hall rental com-

mittee: rental@stjudehopatcong.org

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

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.

Frank Wimbush......RCIA

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

Our Parish Family invites all of its members to meeting on the first Monday of the month at share fully in our spiritual and social life.

our Online Giving. If you are not receiving them, To arrange for Pre-Cana, please call the please call the Rectory

Sacraments:

Also, if you are not receiving collection enve- BAPTISMS is performed every 2nd & 4th Sunwise specified. Parents are asked to call the live@stjudehopatcong.org rectory to register. The Baptismal preparation 7:30PM.

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. 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

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