

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.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY, JANUARY 5, 2025



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	JANUARY 4	
8:00 AM	Alice, Richard & Joan Hoer	
4:00 PM	Confession (until 4:45PM)	
5:00 PM	Karl Possible	
SUNDAY	<u>JANUARY 5</u>	
9:00 AM	Maureen Schmidt	
11:00 AM	Lola Scala	
12:15PM	Polish Mass	
MONDAY	<u>JANUARY 6</u>	
8:00 AM	Geraldine Perko	
TUESDAY	JANUARY 7	
8:00AM	Marjorie O'Donnell	
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 8	
8:00AM	Richard Caruso	
THURSDAY		
	<u>JANUARY 9</u>	
8:00 AM	Fr. George Gothie	
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MASSES ONLINE

We stream our morning masses online.

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

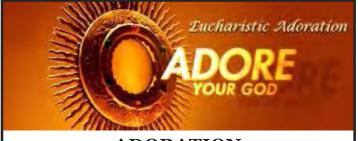


For those who, for any reason, cannot participate in the mass in person, join us online! You can find us on Facebook, YouTube and our website:

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

"Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you. Your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant in what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow. For the riches of the sea will be emptied out before you, the wealth of the nations shall be brought to you."

We know this feast by different names, Epiphany, The Three Kings, with different gifts representing kingship, priestly sacrifice and anointing, the three roles of our Savior, priest, prophet and king. Listening to Isaiah in the passage, may we find particular and personal significance for the day we celebrate. We learn that the pagan pilgrims from the east represent all of us, called, gathered and redeemed by Jesus Christ.

We raise our eyes and look about. Our communities reflect diversity in race, ethnic origin, cultures, language, represented by those who followed the star which led them to Jesus. We are led by God's grace discovering the greatest gift ever, the incarnation, the birth and abiding presence of Jesus. Traditions continue and today may we add one more gift to the Lord, the gift of ourselves. Like the magi may we pray, reflect and adore the Christ, Emmanuel, God with us.

A BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah rejoices over the light and glory that will shine upon Jerusalem. He describes how the wealth of nations will be brought to Jerusalem, and travelers will arrive bearing gifts and praising God.

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

Paul explains to the Ephesians that the Gentiles are now co-heirs with the Jews. Through Jesus, they became members of the same body. Therefore, they would receive everything God had promised the Jewish converts if they followed Christ's teachings.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Astrologers from the east came looking for the newborn king of the Jews, which greatly disturbed King Herod. Herod wanted to kill Jesus, and asked the astrologers to return and tell him where Jesus was. The astrologers found Jesus and brought him gifts, but received a message in a dream telling them not to return to Herod.







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

VouTube page

1.WHAT IS A JUBILEE YEAR?

2. WHAT ARE SIN & PURGATORY?

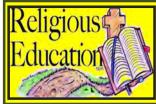
3. WHAT IS AN INDULGENCE?

4. WHAT IS A HOLY DOOR?

5. WHAT IS A PILGRIMAGE?



All videos available in English & Spanish



Faith Formation resumes on **January 5th**,2025 for all grade levels.

SUNDAY COLLECTION



Collections for the New Year will be posted in next weeks bulletin.
Thank you so much for your generosity an may God bless you.



"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

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

"AFTER CHRISTMAS CHRISTMAS PARTY" JANUARY 5

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

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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.

Altar Flower for January 11 & 12

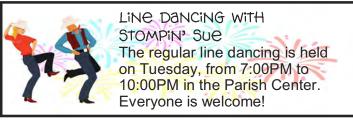
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Jimmy Cafferty
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All Catholic men 18 and above are invited to join our Knights of Columbus Parish Council. Help us to help our Church and our community. For any questions email Manny at:

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Life Line Screening Special Offer for our Members

We have great news, our Saint Jude Parish will be hosting a Life Line Screening event on 02/26/2025. Life Line Screening is the premier provider of stroke and cardiovascular disease risk screenings since 1993. As the host of the event, Life Line Screening is extending a special offer to all members of Saint Jude for a screening package that enables you to get peace of mind or early detection. See the attachment for more information.

WWW.LLSA.SOCIAL/HSCA or call 888-814-0466 to schedule your appointment! A simple screening can be worth a lifetime.

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!



Diocese of Paterson

2025 Jubilee Year Celebrations

Opening Mass - Cathedral

December 29, 2024 at 3pm Feast of the Holy Family

Jubilee of Consecrated Life

February 1, 2025, at 11am Mass and Luncheon at St. Phillip, Clifton

Jubilee of People with Disabilities

February 16, 2025 at 6pm Murray House Dinner

Christian Unity Roundtable

March 16, 23 & 30, 2025 at 4pm Wayne, Parsippany, Sparta

Jubilee of Artists

April 3 – 6, 2025 24th Annual Festival of the Arts

Jubilee of Workers

May 1, 2025 at 12pm Mass at St. Joseph's Hospital

Jubilee of Law Enforcement

May 3, 2025 at 10:30am Blue Mass at Cathedral

Jubilee of Marian Spirituality and Educators

May 13, 2025 at 10am Diocesan School Mass at Cathedral

Jubilee of Teenagers

May 18, 2025 NJ Catholic Youth Rally at Six Flags

Jubilee of Families, Grandparents, and Elderly

May 31, 2025, at 1pm (12pm pilgrimage) Family Day at St. Joseph Shrine

Jubilee of Priests

June 2, 2025 Priest Jubilarians Mass





Jubilee of Christian Unity

June 22, 2025 at 3pm
Ecumenical Prayer Celebration at Cathedral

Jubilee of Deacons

August 9, 2025
Deacons Convocation

Jubilee Pilgrimage (Bishop Sweeney)

September 26 – October 4, 2025 9-day pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi

Jubilee of Catechists

October 18, 2025, at 9am Catechists Convocation at St. Elizabeth University

Jubilee of Missionaries

October 19, 2025 World Mission Sunday

Jubilee of Young Adults

October 26, 2025 at 5pm Mass and Dinner at St. Anthony of Padua, Passaic

Closing Mass - Cathedral

December 28, 2025 at 3pm Feast of the Holy Family

Local Pilgrimages

The Cathedral East

December 29, 2024, Paterson Jubilee Year Opening Mass

Shrine of St. Joseph | South

May 31, 2025, Stirling
Jubilee of Families, Grandparents, and Elderly

St. Luke | West

June 29, 2025, Long Valley Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul

St. James North

July 25, 2025, Montague Feast of St. James

St. Bernard | Center

August 17, 2025, Wharton Feast of St. Bernard





PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO ARE SICK.

Jennifer Appolina, Matthew Bailey, Ann Bauer, Makayla Bennett, James Bonavota, Tom Brown, 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 DiFillippi, 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, Richard Kennedy, 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 <u>Lakeside Blvd</u> in the lower level of the Senior Center.

What is so unique about this group? The Hopatcong's group is <u>42 years old</u> and was started at Saint Jude Church when Father Ryan was the Pastor.

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 @ 973-398-6377

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 will be January 25, 2025. All are welcome!





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December 17, 2024

Rev. Kamil (Peter) Wierzbicki Saint Jude Roman Catholic Church 40 Maxim Dr Hopatcong, NJ 07843

Dear Rev. Wierzbicki,

I am writing to extend my best wishes to you and the Saint Jude Roman Catholic Church congregation during this holiday season. Christmas is a good time to reflect on the strength of the Seventh Congressional District's faith community and I commend Saint Jude for demonstrating the values of faith which bring us all together.

Your efforts to provide spiritual support as well as outreach, resources, and services that ensure the physical wellbeing of your members and those in need in the greater community are deeply appreciated. Saint Jude Roman Catholic Church is a cornerstone of Hopatcong's faith community and has successfully given members a place to celebrate and deepen their beliefs.

I wish you, your loved ones and your congregation a blessed Christmas season and a wonderful year ahead.

Sincerely,

Tom Kean Jr. Member of Congress



Christmas for Children 12/15/2024



Pride in Priests, dinner 11/26/2024



Christmas Decorations

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Dana Gianfrancesco
Danagian333@amail.com



WOMEN'S SHARING GROUP

The meeting this month is on January January 16, 2025 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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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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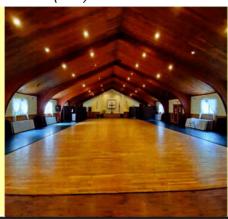


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- Ext. 3 Parish Office
- Ext. 4 Lillian & Religious Education
- Ext. 5 Parish Hall Rentals
- Ext. 6 **Deacon Tom** & Baptismal classes
- Ext. 7 Jimmy & Parish Events
- Ext. 8 Security Ministry
- Ext. 9 Fr. Peter & Emergencies



- 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 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.

Our Staff:

Lillian Colello......Administrative Assistant and Confirmation Program

Henry Schmidt	Parish Trustee
Chad Bennett	Bookkeeper
Marcin Kochanowicz	Organist
Taya Shumerina	Organist
Edie Vieth	Cantor
Karlene Yaple	Cantor
Jimmie O'Brien	Parish Events
Frank Wimbush	RCIA
Rob Bond	Security Ministry

How to register:

If you are new to the parish or have not previously registered in the parish, please do so by calling the office at 973-398-6377 for a registration form.

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.

If you change your address or telephone num- MARRIAGE - Arrangements should be made at our Online Giving. If you are not receiving them, To arrange for Pre-Cana, please call the please call the Rectory

Parish Center Rental

office at 973-398-6377 ext. 5

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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 Official Website: 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 Sunwise specified. Parents are asked to call the live@stjudehopatcong.org rectory to register. The Baptismal preparation 7:30PM.

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.

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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.

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-

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