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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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**.

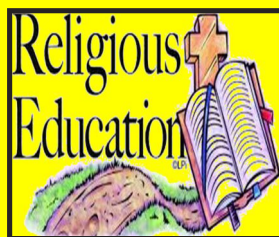
If you are moving to the Hopatcong area, we cordially invite you to make Saint Jude your parish.



✠ SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 23, 2025 ✠

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 22
8:00 AM	John Stange
4:00 PM	<i>Confession (until 4:45PM)</i>
5:00 PM	Josephine Gianni
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 23
9:00 AM	Jack Quirk & MaryAnn Gupko
11:00 AM	Frank Gigantelli
MONDAY	FEBRUARY 24
8:00 AM	Ethan Roberts
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 25
8:00AM	Jack Harvey
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 26
8:00AM	Josephine Gianni
THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 27
8:00 AM	Anna Reardon
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 28
8:00 AM	Jadwiga Szymala
SATURDAY	MARCH 1
8:00 AM	People of St. Jude
4:00 PM	<i>Confession (until 4:45PM)</i>
5:00 PM	Henry Sardina
SUNDAY	MARCH 2
9:00 AM	Maureen Schmidt
11:00 AM	John LeRose
12:15 PM	Polish Mass



This week Grades 6 to 9 meet in the church with their families.

Confirmation class will be back in the Meeting Room.

Awakenings are canceled temporarily as well.



In Memoriam

We mourn the loss of **Maureen Sturm**, who passed away recently. Please remember her and her family in your prayers. May God have mercy on her soul.

MASSES ONLINE

We stream our morning masses online.

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

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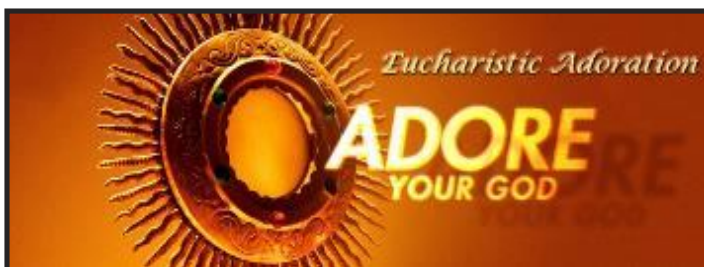


For those who, for any reason, cannot participate in the mass in person, [join us online!](#) You can find us on Facebook, YouTube and our website:

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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 and welcome!

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

FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

“Jesus said to his disciples: ‘To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.’”

We are familiar with the ‘golden rule’. And it seems quite logical. BUT are you sure the Christian life is easy? The teaching of Jesus tells us otherwise. Maybe my task is to make sure I have no enemies, except the devil. Hate has no place in the heart of a Christian. I may disagree with someone, but no hate. I can find something positive to say about another person and always I can hold them in my prayer.

It is easy to fall, but when I listen carefully to the teaching today, I ask the grace I need, and take positive steps to put His words into practice. With Paul I can say ‘I can do all things in him who strengthens me.’

A BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Saul wanted to harm David and went into the desert to locate him. David and his companion Abishai visited Saul and his troops while they slept. Abishai wanted to kill Saul, but David would not allow it, as he refused to kill the Lord's anointed.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Paul portrays Adam as the first physical man and Jesus as the first man to give us our spirituality. One man was formed from dust, the other sent down from heaven. Just as we resemble the first being physically, we should model ourselves after Jesus spiritually.

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Jesus explains that loving only people who love us is no great achievement. He also reminds us that doing a favor for someone while expecting something in return is not what he asks of us. Instead, we should emulate God by being compassionate and non-judgmental, even towards individuals who hate and mistreat us.



**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

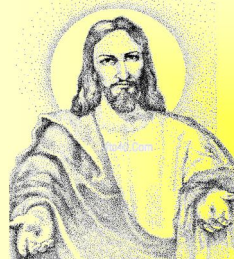
 **YouTube** page

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

SUNDAY COLLECTION



February 16, 2025

First Collection:

\$3011.70

Second Collection:

\$1293.00

Stipends:

\$1885.00

Grand total: \$6189.70



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!**

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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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 FLOWERS
Week Of February 8.9
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****No flowers on the Altar during Lent.**
Flower requests will resume in May

JOIN US FOR A PREACHING PRACTICUM

St. Jude Parish is excited to host another Preaching Practicum as part of diaconate formation. This event will take place on Saturday, **February 22, 2025**, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the church.

Parishioners are encouraged to attend as observers, as we need at least 20 attendees to make the session engaging and fruitful. It's a wonderful opportunity to witness and support our parishioner Timothy in his journey toward becoming a deacon.

After the practicum, refreshments will be served in the meeting room, generously provided by Timothy and his wife, Lisa.

Mark your calendars and join us for this inspiring and faith-filled event!



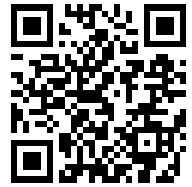
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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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The Pro Life Group meets every fourth Tuesday of the month in the Church meeting room at 7:00PM. All are welcome.



“HOPE” BEREAVEENT GROUP

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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.



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 March 29. All are welcome!



SELF DEFENSE CLASS

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

If you are interested please call Kathy Friel at:
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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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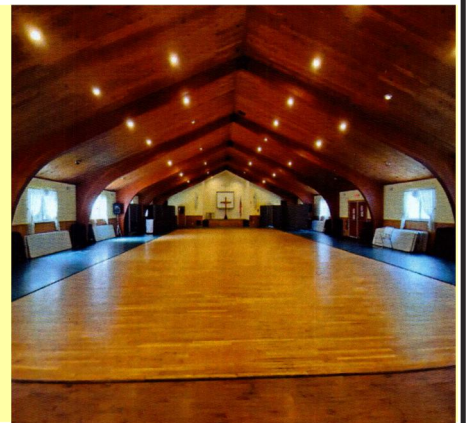


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Ext. 5 – Parish Hall Rentals
Ext. 6 – **Deacon Tom** & Baptismal
classes
Ext. 7 – **Jimmy** & Parish Events
Ext. 8 – Security Ministry
Ext. 9 – **Fr. Peter** & Emergencies



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 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*
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Edie Vieth.....	Cantor
Karlene Yaple.....	Cantor
Jimmie O'Brien.....	Parish Events
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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.

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

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

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

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.

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.

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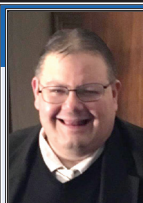


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