



SAINT JUDE

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**.

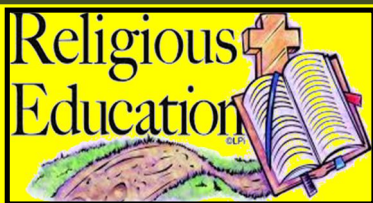
If you are moving to the Hopatcong area, we cordially invite you to make Saint Jude your parish.



† THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 23, 2025 †

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	MARCH 22
8:00 AM	People of St. Jude
4:00 PM	<i>Confession (until 4:45PM)</i>
5:00 PM	Maureen Schmidt
SUNDAY	MARCH 23
9:00 AM	Anthony Sisco
11:00 AM	Eleanor Schaefer
MONDAY	MARCH 24
8:00 AM	Marion & Pasquale Palma
7:00 PM	<i>"Welcome Home"</i>
	<i>Confessions until 8:30 PM</i>
TUESDAY	MARCH 25
8:00 AM	Louis D'Amelio
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 26
8:00 AM	Marjorie O'Donnell
THURSDAY	MARCH 27
8:00 AM	Jadwiga Szymala
FRIDAY	MARCH 28
8:00 AM	Loretta Frunzi
7:00 PM	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
SATURDAY	MARCH 29
8:00 AM	People of St. Jude
4:00 PM	<i>Confession (until 4:45PM)</i>
5:00 PM	Special Intention of the Bennett Family
SUNDAY	MARCH 30
9:00 AM	Janet Ryan
11:00 AM	Ruth Malfatto



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

Confirmation class will be back in the Meeting Room.

Awakenings classes are resumed.

MASSES ONLINE

We stream our morning masses online.

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

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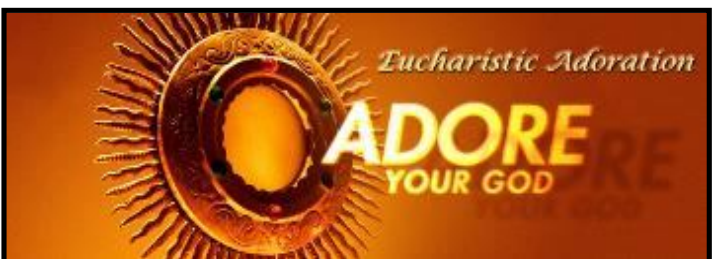


For those who, for any reason, cannot participate in the mass in person, join us online! You can find us on Facebook, YouTube and our website:

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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

"He came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There an angel of the Lord appeared to him in fire flaming out of the bush. As he looked on, he was surprised to see that the bush, though on fire, was not consumed. So, Moses decided, 'I must go over to look at this remarkable sight and see why the bush is not burned.' When the Lord saw him coming over to look at it more closely, God called out to him from the bush, 'Moses, Moses.' He answered 'Here I am'... 'Come no nearer! Remove your sandals from your feet, for this is holy ground.'"

A new page in salvation history. Moses meets God, conversing with him in the burning bush. Wherever we are reading this, it is our Horeb. He wants us to come closer to continuing His work. As Moses was curious, so are we, as He calls us to live this Lent, by our prayer, sacrifices and good works.

He wants us to recognize His presence with us. He is asking us to come closer to Him so we can make His presence, His love and salvation known. Surely Moses didn't know what to expect but the Lord had a plan for him. He has one for us too. Why did Jesus come?

A BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

Moses came upon a burning bush, when God called out to him. God told Moses that he had seen the suffering of his people in Egypt, and intended to lead them from their captors to a land of milk and honey. Moses asked what he should say if the Israelites should ask what God wished to be called. God replied, "I am who am."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Paul describes how the people were led into the desert by Moses, yet many of them were struck down by God. He warns that this should serve as an example not to give in to wicked desires or we may suffer the same downfall.

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

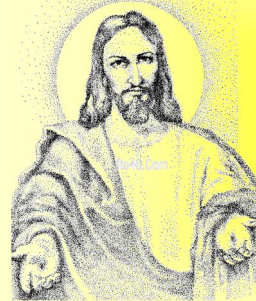
Jesus says that an individual's misfortune does not mean that their sins were greater than someone else's. He warns that without repenting, all sinners will meet the same end. He tells of a barren fig tree whose owner planned to cut it down. But a servant offered to give it special care for one year, and destroy it should it remain barren. This symbolizes God's patience toward us.

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are held every Friday evening during the Lenten Season at 7:00PM in the Church. All are invited.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

March 16, 2025



First Collection:

\$3537.10

Second Collection

\$1278.00

Stipends: :

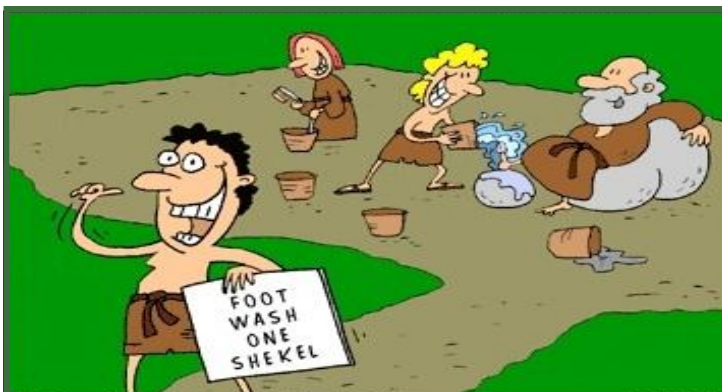
\$2137.50

Grand total:

\$6942.60

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



Thanks to Mikel Rice (See John 13:2-5)

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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

PROTECT YOUR PARISH FAMILY
If you see something say something!

**REPORT
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ACTIVITY**



Saint Jude, Hopatcong
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973-398-6377, option 8
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& submit a brief report:
Dial 911
in case
of Emergencies



CPR/AED Training @ Saint Jude
\$25 for Parishioners
\$45 for non-Parishioners



Two sessions:
May 15 or May 22
7 - 10 PM

Scan to Register



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!

Jubilee Family Fest

At The Shrine of St. Joseph
1050 Long Hill Road, Stirling, NJ 07980

SATURDAY, MAY 31ST
1:30 - 4:00 PM (MASS AT 4 PM)

CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE PILGRIMAGE IN ROME? JOIN THE FAITHFUL OF THE DIOCESE FOR AN EXCITING DAY CELEBRATING THE JOY AND GIFT OF FAMILIES. FAMILIES WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO ON A PILGRIMAGE AND RECEIVE A PLENARY INDULGENCE, WHILE CREATING LASTING MEMORIES. GATHER THE KIDS, GRANDPARENTS, AND FRIENDS FOR A DAY FILLED WITH FAITH, FUN AND FAMILY TIME.

PILGRIMAGE PASSPORT AND STAMPING STATIONS AT EACH TENT!

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HAVE QUESTIONS? REACH OUT TO THE OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE AT 973-377-1004

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 FLOWERS

** There will be no flower donations during Lent. They will resume again in May. Requests will still be taken.*



March 5 – April 13

40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

HELP SAVE LIVES IN Morristown!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this world-wide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

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- Over 100 abortion centers closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

- **Vigil location:** Outside Planned Parenthood of Morristown, 196 Speedwell, Morristown, NJ
- **Vigil hours:** (i.e., 7 am to 7 pm daily)
- **Local contact:** (Frances M. Spilman, 917-608-6078, 44lifeus@gmail.com)
- **Learn more ...** get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at 40 Days for Life.

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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:
MANNYFERNANDES
@STJUDEHOPATCONG.ORG



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



"HOPE" BEREAVEMENT GROUP

The next meeting will be on March 30th. *All are welcome!*

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

You're in luck, my owners are looking for a cat!



ADULTS CHOIR

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



Saint Jude's Knight of Columbus SAUSAGE AND PEPPER SANDWICH FUNDRAISER



Pre-orders - \$10
Order on March 30
\$15 (while supplies last)

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Number of Sandwiches: _____

Pick up sandwiches on **March 30th** from 12 noon to 2pm in the Parish Center.

All checks payable to St Jude Knights of Columbus 9914.

Drop off payment to Knight member after all Masses.
Or mail to:

Knights of Columbus
40 Maxim Dr
Hopatcong, NJ 07843

Or VENMO payment: mannyfernandes1954

Questions: Call Manny at 973-919-4473

All proceeds to fund our scholarship award.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO ARE SICK.

Jennifer Appolina, Matthew Bailey, Deidre Bassin, Ann Bauer, Makayla Bennett, Marc Bochner, Bridget Boomer, James Bonavota, Tom Brown, Kyle Bussey, Ethel Butler, Jordyn Cameron, Toni Castoro, William Cerra, Connie Cerrada, 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, Andy Downs, 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, Fr. Joe Haggard, James Hand, Eleanor Henesay, Linda Hill, Max Howa, Stella Impagliazzo, Vera Joann, Andrea Jones, Avery Jones, Danny Kavanaugh, Terri Kellerman, Richard Kennedy, Walter Kester, Cheryl Knapp, Charlie La Capria, Theresa Leggio, Erin Loescher, Richard Macari, 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, 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, Sammy Sanchez, Paul Sansevere, Elena Shenesky, Michael Slattery, Michael Sobczak, Catherine Sorace, William Stelmach, Mickey Stevens, Iwan Stoev, Donna Sullivan, Phil Teetsel, Nancy Tevis, Natalie Thompson, Kaylee Thornburg, Anne Marie Truncali, Jim & Vicky Wheeler, Grzegorz Wierzbicki, Joyce Williams, Barbara Wulff, Karlene Yapple.

For Your Lenten Journey...

During Lent we are reminded to develop a more conscious spiritual life and share what we have with those in need. One practical way to achieve this goal is to make the change to eGiving for your parish support.

You can use our parish's online giving platform, WeShare, to deepen your commitment to the church and the ministries you care about most. Your recurring gifts will sustain our mission month after month. You will also help our parish by cutting costs for envelopes and paper and allowing our staff to spend less time processing cash and checks and more time on ministries.

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

- Visit stjudehopatcong.org/giving
- Call Donor Support at 877-316-0260 Option 2
- Scan the QR code
- Text "Give" to 973-791-6637

Thank you and may God bless your generosity.





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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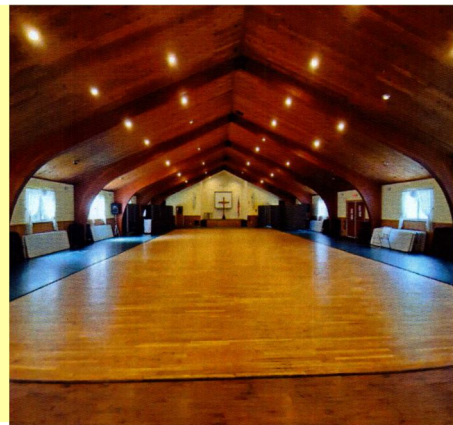


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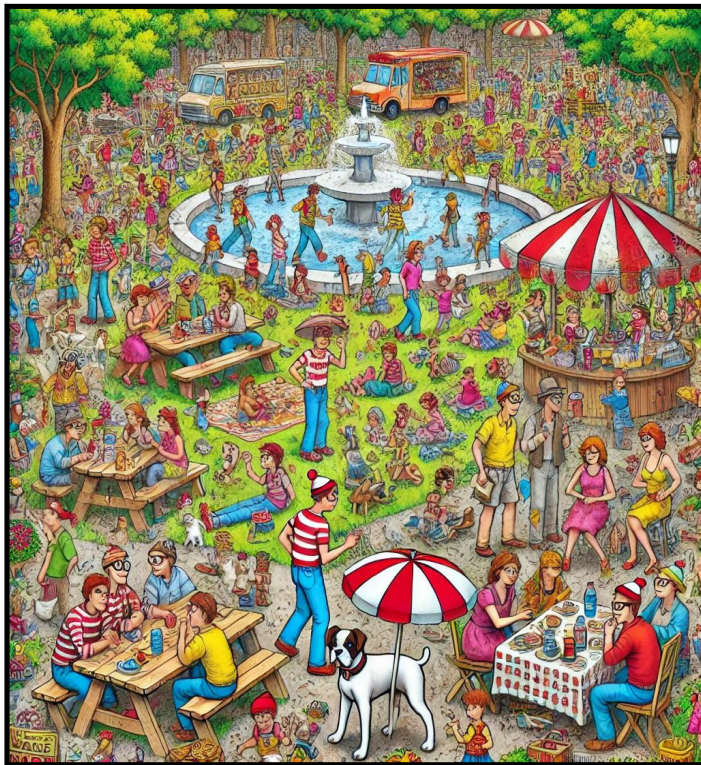
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WOMEN'S SHARING GROUP

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: 973-398-8738

MEN'S Sharing 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 22. All are welcome!



**Weekends
Closed**

Ext. 1 – Mass Schedule
Ext. 2 – Office Hours
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.

Rev. Peter Wierzbicki.....	<i>Pastor</i>
Rev. Mr. Tom Friel.....	<i>Deacon</i>
Lillian Colello.....	<i>Administrative Assistant & Coordinator of CCD</i>
Carol Belvedere.....	<i>Front Desk Manager</i>
Henry Schmidt.....	<i>Parish Trustee</i>
Chad Bennett.....	<i>Bookkeeper</i>
Bernie Visto.....	<i>Organist</i>
Taya Shumerina.....	<i>Organist</i>
Edie Vieth.....	<i>Cantor</i>
Karlene Yaple.....	<i>Cantor</i>
Jimmie O'Brien.....	<i>Parish Events</i>
Frank Wimbush.....	<i>RCIA</i>
Rob Bond.....	<i>Security Ministry</i>

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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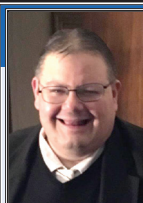


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