

# 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.

# + DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025 +

MASS	INTENTIONS
SATURDAY 8:00 AM 8:00 PM	APRIL 26 Joseph Romano Marion & Pasquale Palma
9:00 AM 11:00 AM 3:00PM	April 27 Mechele Fish-Dachisen Irene & Walter Hogan Divine Mercy Service & Confession
<i>MONDAY</i> 8:00 <b>AM</b>	APRIL 28 Karl Possible
TUESDAY 8:00 AM	APRIL 29 Tina Cavana
WEDNESDAY 8:00 AM	APRIL 30 Michael Coppla
THURSDAY 8:00 AM	MAY 1 Patrick & Elvira Cappone
FRIDAY 8:00 AM	MAY 2 Ciro Giammanco
SATURDAY 8:00 AM 4:00 PM 5:00 PM	MAY 3 John DiGangi Confessions (until 4:45PM) The Bennett Family
9:00 AM 11:00 AM	May 4 Dominic Riggs John LaGreca



# **MASSES ONLINE**

We stream our morning masses online.

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

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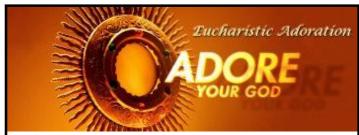


For those who, for any reason, cannot participate in the mass in person, join us online! You can find us on Facebook, YouTube and our website:

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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

"Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in the newness of life. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as being dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus."

Saint Paul provides a summary of what makes us who we are – we are an Easter people. The weeks of Lent, the days of Holy Week have led us to this awesome fact, we are now able to live in 'the newness of life.' Recalling the steps leading to this day, we now are summoned to express gratitude, for before this we were dead, alienated from God, but through His saving work everything is different.

The doors of paradise are now opened, the distancing of the then has been replaced by the new closeness of the now, intimacy of God through His grace. Easter is not a day to commemorate, but the beginning of living differently, because He lives and we do too. In one word 'Alleluia.'

#### A BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter discusses Jesus' life of preaching and healing. Jesus was crucified, and then he rose up and was seen by his chosen witnesses. Peter also mentions the importance of all the disciples bearing witness to what they saw, so that many people would believe in Jesus, and have their sins forgiven through him.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Paul asserts that we must pay attention to higher realms rather than earthly concerns. Our life is not yet completely known to us, until Christ appears and we are raised to glory in him.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

When Mary Magdalene discovered Jesus' tomb was open, she told Simon Peter and another disciple. They ran to the tomb and Peter went inside. He found the burial wrappings on the ground, with the head covering separate from the rest. The other disciple came in and they believed what they saw, although until then they had not understood the Scripture's message of Jesus' resurrection.



# THE BEACON goes online!

The stories of our faith community find a new home at **BEACONNJ.ORG** 

The Diocese of Paterson recently announced the conclusion of the print version of The Beacon. This is not the end of the story. The Beacon shines even more brightly in a new form: **BEA-**

**CONNJ.ORG**, where the important stories of our faith community continue to be passed along. Here, you can find the same great coverage of your faith community and new website features that enrich the storytelling experience.

Visit the website often for the latest news, columns from Bishop Sweeney, event information, and more! The new form of The Beacon is accessible and interactive.

Be part of this new chapter in The Beacon story.

For weekly updates, subscribe to our newsletter, The Beacon and Beyond:

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In the Community section, share and experience what is happening in your local parish, school, and religious community with reader-submitted articles and photos:

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Beaconnj.org also features a new "What To Do!" calendar events page where submissions are welcome! Visit

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These website features can also be found by navigating the menus of beaconnj.org. We hope you will enjoy The Beacon's new digital form.

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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.

## 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>. have questions about any event, or you would like to enrich the committee with your own ideas, call: <u>973-398-6377 extn #7</u>

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



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

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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!

## **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

Dial 911 in case of Emergencies





# 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.

Requests for the flowers for the Altar will start in May. You will find forms in the vestibule of the Church.



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

The next meeting will be on May 18th.

All are welcome!

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#### **Diocesan News**

#### Women's Health and Fertility Awareness

Monday, April 28, from 7:30 – 9 pm
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month's class will focus on the Creighton
Method.

For more information, visit https://insidethewalls.org/nfp

# 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:

MÁNNYFERNANDES @STJUDEH0PATC0NG.0RG



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 9914

# SCHOLARSHIP \*CONTEST\*\*

Any High School Senior or Adult (any age) pursuing further education or advancement in technical skills and is a practicing Catholic at St. Jude's Church is invited to submit an essay for consideration in our annual Scholarship Contest.

The candidate will explain the reason for their scholarship need.

The topic of the essay is "What my Catholic Faith means to me". The essay should be at least 250 words and answer the question raised in the topic.

If you have any questions or when you are ready to submit the essay, please contact Paul Procacci or Manny Fernandes. The deadline for entering your essay is June 1st. You can send your essay to any of the email addresses below.

Manny Fernandes: 973-398-5534

mannyfernandes@stjudehopatcong.org

Paul Procacci: 973-398-3635

pprocaci@optonline.net

St Jude Knights of Columbus SAINT JUDE CHURCH

# Mother's Day

Pancake Breakfast Sunday May 11th,

Parish Center
FROM 8:00AM THRU 1:00PM
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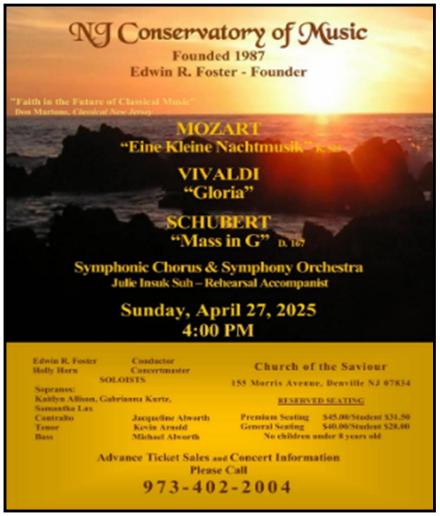


#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO ARE SICK.

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Tyler Mahler, Roger Manter, Carmella & Dominic Marino, Joanna Mark, Tracy Martinez, Sean McCann, Pat McDonald, Gerry McAdams, Nicole DeMott Mendia, Claire Miller, Carmen Mobley, 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,

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 Yaple.







# 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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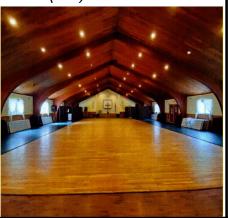


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#### WOMEN'S SHARING GROUP.



The meeting this month is on September 19th from 7:00PM to 8:00PM in the

Meeting Room of the Church.

If you are interested please call **Kathy Friel** at: 973-398-8728



#### 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 <u>5% contribution</u> when ShopRite certificates are purchased. Your support through this avenue makes a significant difference.

Additionally, you have the option to purchase these certificates for your personal use as well. Your continued support is invaluable, and we are truly thankful for your consideration.



#### **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 May 24th. All are welcome!





#### You can always call us: 973-398-6377

- 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.

Our Staff:	
Rev. Peter Wierzbicki	Pastor
Rev. Mr. Tom Friel	Deacon
Lillian Colello	Administrative Assistant
	& Coordinator of CCD
Carol Belvedere	Front Desk Manager
Henry Schmidt	Parish Trustee
Chad Bennett	Bookkeeper
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Taya Shumerina	Organist
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	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.

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**

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

#### **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 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 Our Parish Family invites all of its members to meeting on the first Monday of the month at 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.

#### 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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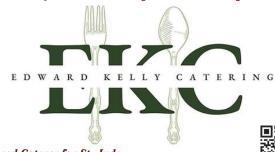
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