



22ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 31, 2025



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MASS INTENTIONS	
SATURDAY	AUGUST 30
8:00 AM	People of St. Jude
4:00 PM	Confessions (until 4:45PM)
5:00 PM	Richard Williams
SUNDAY	AUGUST 31
9:00 AM	Danny O'Donnell
11:00 AM	Frank Gigantelli
MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 1
8:00 AM	Adolph (Tony) Coppola
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 2
8:00 AM	Michele Aue
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 3
8:00 AM	Enn Tammaru
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 4
8:00 AM	Christopher Murphy
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 5
8:00 AM	People of St. Jude
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 6
8:00 AM	Mary Teresa O'Shea
4:00 PM	Confessions (until 4:45PM)
5:00 PM	Joanne Passerini
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 7
9:00 AM	33
11:00 AM	Maureen Sturm
12:30PM	Polish Mass

MASSES ONLIN

We stream our morning masses online.

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

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Religious Education Update!

We're excited to announce the launch of a new Religious Education program that will involve both parents and children! This year, we will begin with students preparing for their First Reconciliation and First Communion.

There will be a mandatory Parent Meeting & Registration for Parents of all grade levels on Thursday, September 11 at 6:30PM in the Church.



office will be closed on Monday, September 1st in ob-

servance of Labor. The office will re-open on **Tuesday September 2nd**



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.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READING HIS WORD TODAY

"My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God... when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The familiar prayer, 'Jesus meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto thine' is a worthy goal. It echoes the words from Sirach above or the teaching He gave at the leading pharisees' house. We are advised not to be a social climber, getting ahead of others, but are told to reach out to the vulnerable who are not far away from us. It is easy to forget where we came from.

Our needs are easily satisfied, and what I don't really need in the words of Saint Augustine, I am just a caretaker, which means I am to care for those listed by Jesus - the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind etc. etc.

A BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
Those who are humble will find favor with God.
Everyone should realize that there is much we
can learn from each other. Even the most knowledgeable people need to be humble enough to
know that they can still learn from others.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a
The Hebrews are informed that they are not approaching an untouchable mountain etched with gloom and fear. Rather, they have neared "the city of the living God, Jerusalem." The Hebrews have approached a joyful gathering of angels, God our judge, and Jesus, who brought us a new covenant.

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus went to share a meal with one of the leading Pharisees when he noticed other guests competing for places of honor at the table. He warned that a guest who takes the place of honor may be asked to move to the lowest place. Yet a guest who takes the lowest place is honored when a better position is offered by their host. He then added, "He who humbles himself will be exalted."





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

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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 Flowers

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WOMEN'S SHARING GROUP.

meets every third Thursday of the month. The meeting next month is on Sept. 18 in the Meeting Room of the Church from 7:00PM to 8:00PM.

If interested please call Kathy Friel at 973-398-8728.





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 September 27th. All are 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 Frank at: Fwimbush@stjudehopatcong.org



GOLD AND SILVER WEDDING ANNIVER-

Couples, were you married in 2000. 1975 or 1965?

The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 60+, 50th or 25th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Sweeney will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held:

Sunday, November 16, 2025 at 3:00pm.

Arrangements can be made by contacting your parish office.



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Trenton, New Jersey September 25th, 2025

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11:00 am - Rally/ Asamblea

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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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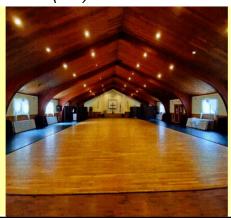


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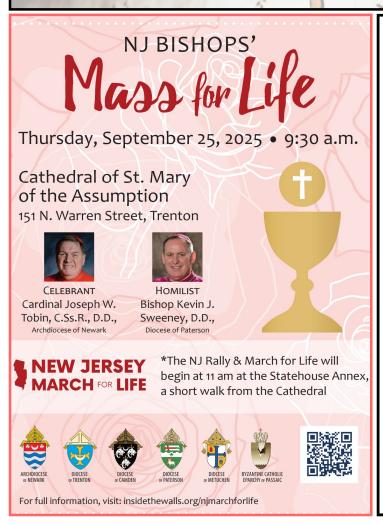
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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO ARE SICK.

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LINE DANCING WITH

The regular line dancing is held on Tuesday, from 7:00PM to 10:00PM in the Parish Center. Everyone is welcome!



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 of the Bereavement will be on September 21st. All are welcome.

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

SELF DEFENSE CLASS

Every Wednesday night in the Parish Center from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Call Mike at 973-229-9881 for more information.



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safety@judechurch.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





Diocese of Paterson

Mass of Consolation +

September 6th 10AM St. Paul Inside the Walls 205 Madison Ave. Madison, NJ

Join us for a special mass to remember and celebrate the lives of our beloved children we have lost too soon.

"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted."

Matthew 5:4



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You can always call us: 973-398-6377

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- Ext. 7 Jimmy & Parish Events
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- 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:

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Rob Bond	Security Ministry

Parish Center Rental

office at 973-398-6377 ext. 5

For more information email our hall rental committee: rental@stjudehopatcong.org

Eucharistic Liturgies

Sunday Masses During Pandemic: 5:00PM VISITATION OF THE SICK AND ELDERLY -(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.

Remember to always check the bulletin and Official Website: listen to the announcements for any changes and times for special liturgies.

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 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. 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 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.

Rectory.

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

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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