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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.



✠ THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 ✠

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 8:00 AM	SEPTEMBER 13 Elizabeth & Chris Kalinowski (living – Anniversary)
4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Confessions (until 4:45PM) People of St. Jude
SUNDAY 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	SEPTEMBER 14 Maureen Schmidt Maureen Sturm
MONDAY 8:00 AM	SEPTEMBER 15 Gloria Lake
TUESDAY 8:00 AM	SEPTEMBER 16 Halina & Ted Golaszewski, Zofia & Chester Kalinowski
WEDNESDAY 8:00 AM	SEPTEMBER 17 Adolph “Tony” Coppola
THURSDAY 8:00 AM	SEPTEMBER 18 Brenna Whitson
FRIDAY 8:00 AM	SEPTEMBER 19 Karol & Natalia Kalinowski (living– birthday)
SATURDAY 8:00 AM 4:00 PM 5:00 PM	SEPTEMBER 20 People of St. Jude Confessions (until 4:45PM) Izabela & Tadeusz Murdzek
SUNDAY 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	SEPTEMBER 21 Maureen Schmidt Maureen Sturm

Religious Education for all grades will begin on **September 21st** beginning with 9:00AM Mass and following with a Family Gathering in the Parish Center.

**RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**

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:

YouTube



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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.

**A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY
READING HIS WORD TODAY**

"God so loved the world, he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believed in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

One of the most quoted bible verses by all believers. It awakens us to the why Jesus came. The reason, we were in desperate need. Unfortunately, that need is so great, yet we casually can quote the words but are not moved by them.

The bronze serpent offered a saving help when Moses turned to the Lord. They were healed from the deadly bite. People looked upon it to be saved. The cross of Jesus is our triumphant sign, bringing us the gift of forgiveness and eternal salvation which is as the scripture says, 'to know God and the Son he has sent.' I ask if I know God, if I am comfortable and have a personal bond with Him. As I ask myself if I take this sign seriously, I learn that the Lord takes me seriously. Take a minute and look upon the cross. Can you see Jesus looking to you?

**A BRIEF SYNOPSIS
OF THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Numbers 21:4b-9

The Jews were complaining against God and Moses of the tiring journey through the desert. The Lord punished them for such complaints with the bite of deadly serpents. After hearing the prayers of Moses for his people, the Lord instructed Moses to cure those who became ill with a bronze serpent mounted to a pole for them to see.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

In this letter to the Philippians, Paul tells us how Jesus set aside his form of equality to God and took on a humble, human form - obedient even unto death. God the Father greatly exalted Jesus because of this.

Gospel Reading: John 3:13-17

As today's first reading tells us of Moses raising the bronze serpent in the desert for those to be cured, Jesus says, too, that the Son of Man should be lifted up for all to see so the world might be saved and he who believes in him might enjoy eternal life.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

September 7, 2025

23rd Sunday Ordinary Time

First Collection: 2995.00

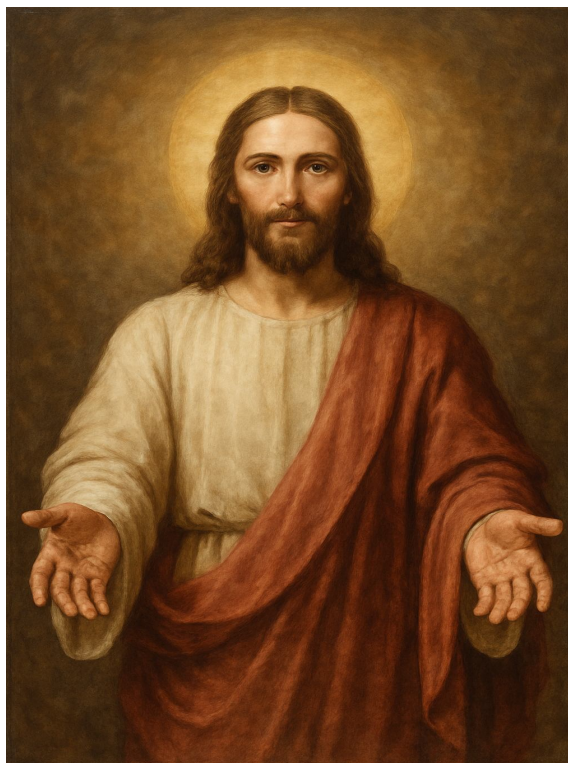
Second Collection: \$1175.00

We Share: \$2804.00

Grand total:

Weekly Goal: \$7500.00

Deficit: - \$526.00





LOCATION

St. Jude's Parish Center

65TH JUBILEE CELEBRATION DINNER

DATE

**NOV 15
2025**

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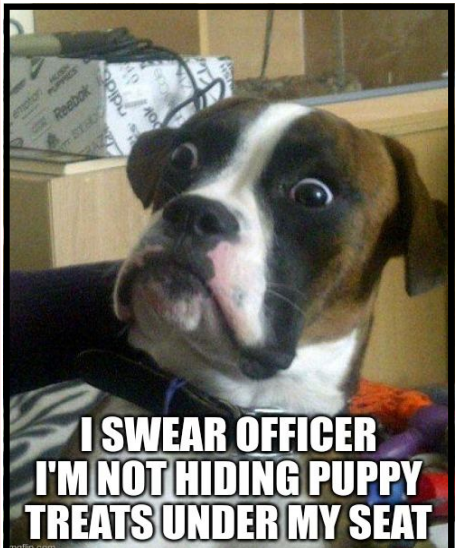
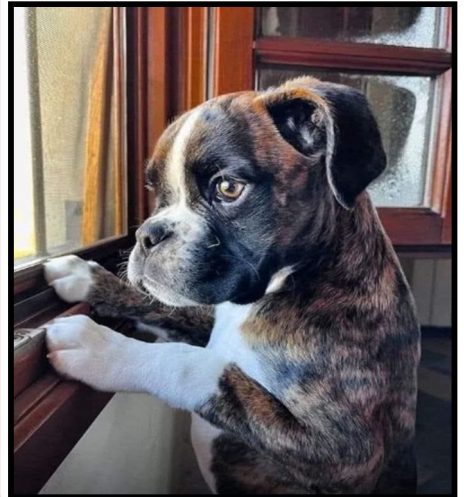


Fundraising Committee

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. 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."

If you wish to donate altar flowers in memory of your loved ones, you can pick up a form in the vestibule of the church. The fee is \$40.00 for one bouquet



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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.



MEN'S Free Speech 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 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 ANNIVERSARY MASS

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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11:00 am - Rally/ Asamblea

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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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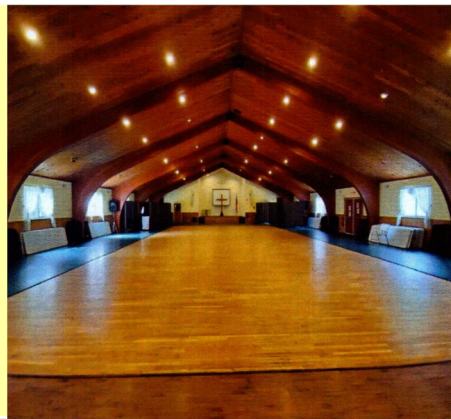


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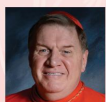
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NJ BISHOPS'

Mass for Life

Thursday, September 25, 2025 • 9:30 a.m.

Cathedral of St. Mary
of the Assumption
151 N. Warren Street, Trenton



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*The NJ Rally & March for Life will begin at 11 am at the Statehouse Annex, a short walk from the Cathedral



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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.



Proceeds go to the Church.



SAINT KATERI RUMMAGE SALE



Join us for our first rummage sale!
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9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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- AND MORE

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Security Ministry

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safety@judechurch.org

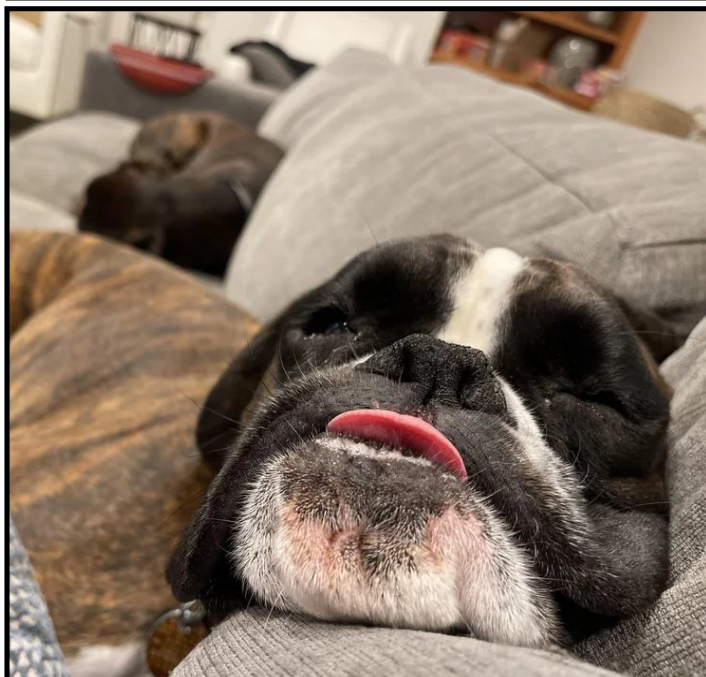
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REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY



Saint Jude, Hopatcong
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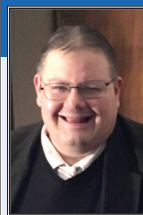
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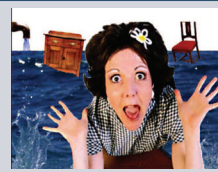
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