



MASS INTENTIONS	
4:00 PM 5:00 PM	SEPTEMBER 27 People of St. Jude Confessions (until 4:45PM) Yvonne Paris
SUNDAY 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	,
<i>MONDAY</i> 8:00 AM	SEPTEMBER 29 Carolyn Larsen
TUESDAY 8:00 AM	SEPTEMBER 30 Adolph "Tony" Coppola
WEDNESDAY 8:00 AM	OCTOBER 1 People of St. Jude
THURSDAY 8:00 AM	OCTOBER 2 Michele Aue
FRIDAY 8:00 AM	OCTOBER 3 Mike DeCroce
8:00 AM 4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Confessions (until 4:45PM) Karl Possible
11:00 AM	OCTOBER 5 Maureen Schmidt Alice & Tom Brown Polish Mass

Religious Education begins today, September 28th for grades 1 through 4. Grades 3 & 4 meet up in the Parish Center after the 9:00AM mass. They then go directly up to the Parish Center for class. Grade 1 & 2 families will attend the 11:00AM mass and the proceed up to the Parish Center for the family lesson.



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We stream our morning masses online.



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

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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"Saint Jude Hopatcong"



All of those who have pets are welcome to come to St. Jude's on Sunday, October 5th at 1:30PM in front of Church for the blessing of animals. We do this because the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals is October 4th.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

"But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness. Compete well for the faith. Lay hold of eternal life, to which you were called when you made the noble confession of faith in the presence of many witnesses... I charge you before God, who gives life to all things... to keep the commandments without stain or reproach until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ."

How beautiful the encouragement of Paul to Timothy. The plan of God, reflected in the teaching reveals not only the virtues to be pursued, but also indicates that action is required. 'Pursue and compete'. We are told we cannot just sit back presuming everything will work out well, but the promised salvation will occur only as a result of an active response.

Are the six characteristics found in my life? Which ones are lacking? For this reason, we need examine ourselves and seek God's help to pursue and compete. After recognizing this as the teaching for me, be like Paul and encourage someone else.

A BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Amos denounces the selfish attitude of those who surround themselves with luxuries with no concern for others. He goes on to warn that because these people lacked interest in the state of their society, they would be the first to be exiled.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Paul tells Timothy to seek integrity, faith and love. Paul urges him to attain everlasting life by maintaining strong faith in Jesus and in God until Jesus returns.

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Jesus tells of a rich man who feasted daily, while a beggar named Lazarus went hungry outside his gates. When both men died, Lazarus was taken to Abraham, but the rich man was in torment. When he begged for mercy, Abraham reminded him that Lazarus had lived in torment, while the rich man lived in selfish luxury. The man then asked if Lazarus could be sent to his brothers to warn them. But Abraham said if they had not heeded Moses or the prophets, they would ignore even the warning of one risen from the dead.





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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</u> <u>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</u>

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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).

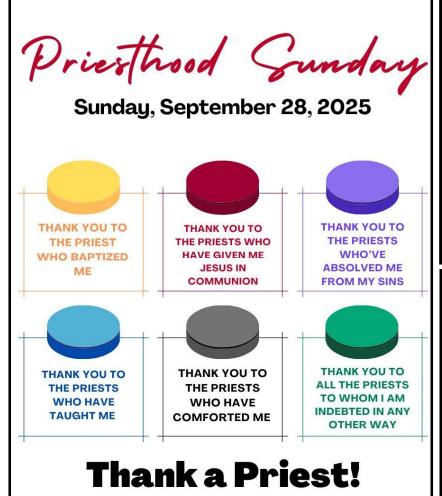
MEETINGS

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
Remember your
loved one by purchasing flowers for
the altar. You can
pick up a form in
the vestibule of the
church.



WOMEN'S SHARING GROUP.

meets every third Thursday of the month. The meeting next month is on October 16 in the Meeting Room of the Church from 7:00PM to 8:00PM.

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





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



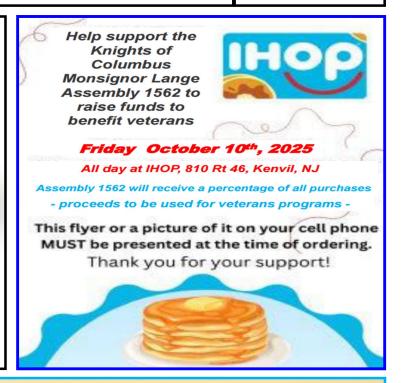
GOLD AND SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

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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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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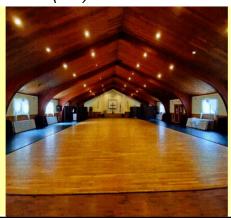


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Diocesan Ministries Appeal 2025

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Thanks to the generosity of all who support the Diocese Ministries Appeal, men, women, and children throughout our Diocese are assisted. Last week, our bulletin listed some of the work in Sussex County that is supported with assistance from the Appeal.. Below are ministries helps support in Morris County.

Group residences for adults with disabilities in Parsippany, Oak Ridge and Succasunna: Fix-it and Chore programs, for low-income homebound seniors and disabled veterans: Homelessness Prevention Program: Nazareth Village residence for diocesan senior priests, Chester: Mary's Hands family assistance center and ESL classes,, Morristown: Services for veterans and their families: to name a few.



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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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"HOPE" BEREAVEMENT GROUP

The next meeting of the Bereavement will be on October 19. All are welcome.

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



The Pro Life Ministry will be selling Raffle tickets the week of October 18 and 19 after all the Masses





HELP SAVE LIVES IN MORRISTOWN!

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

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

Vigil location: Outside (Morristown Planned Parenthood, 198 Speedwell Ave., Morristown)

Vigil hours: (i.e., 7 am to 7 pm daily)
Local contact: (Frances M. Spilman, 917608-6078, 44lifeus@gmail.com)

Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!

40 Days for Life

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@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





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

All are welcome.



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!

FIRST AID TRAINING

Get basic first-aid training at Saint Jude for only \$10. Two dates (pick one), Monday 6-October and Monday-20-Oct. Scan the QR-Code to register. TOPICS Include: Bleed Control, Fractures and Splinting, Heat/Cold Exposure, Burns, Strokes, Diabetes, Poisoning / Overdoses, Seizures, Bites & Stings"



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are in desperate need on nonperishable items including personal hygiene products such as body wash, shampoo, mouthwash tooth paste etc. You may bring your donations to the Borough Hall vestibule. Please be generous to the needy of our town.



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
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	& Coordinator of CCD
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	Cantor
Karlene Yaple	Cantor
Jimmie O'Brien	Parish Events
Frank Wimbush	RCIA,
	& Knights of Columbus
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.

Our Parish Family invites all of its members to 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

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

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. 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@judechurch.org rectory to register. The Baptismal preparation meeting on the first Monday of the month at 7:30PM.

Rectory.

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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-

Other contacts

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