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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.





4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 26, 2026



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	APRIL 25
8:00 AM	Judy Loughbridge
4:00 PM	<i>Confession until (4:45PM)</i>
5:00 PM	Andy & Fran Imagliazzo
SUNDAY	APRIL 26
9:00 AM	Joe Belvedere
11:00 AM	Special Intention of Sr. Joan Davis
MONDAY	APRIL 27
8:00 AM	Joseph Romano
TUESDAY	APRIL 28
8:00 AM	People of St. Jude
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 29
8:00 AM	Theresa Gonella
THURSDAY	APRIL 30
8:00 PM	Kathleen Burdek
FRIDAY	May 1
8:00 AM	Donna Slavin
SATURDAY	May 2
8:00 AM	Carolyn Larsen
4:00 PM	<i>Confession until (4:45PM)</i>
5:00 PM	Gail Bochner
SUNDAY	MAY 3
9:00 AM	Maureen Schmidt
11:00 AM	John DiGangi

MASSES ONLINE

We stream our morning masses online.

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

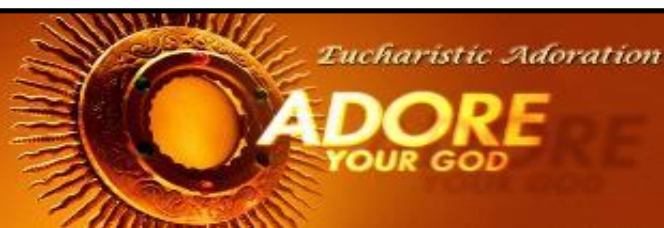
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For those who, for any reason, cannot participate in the mass in person, join us online! You can find us on Facebook, YouTube and our website:

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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.

St. Jude's Parish

— IS IN NEED OF —

LECTORS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

FOR OUR 5:00 PM AND 11:00 AM MASSES.



Serving in these ministries is a beautiful way to share your faith and become more involved in our parish family.



If you feel God may be calling you to serve, we warmly invite you to speak with **Paul Procacci** or contact the parish office for more information.

Thank you for considering this important ministry!



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READING

"The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice...I am the gate, whoever enters through me will be saved."

The church, on the fourth Sunday of Easter, designates this as Good Shepherd Sunday, reflecting the role of Jesus, and we, the members of His flock. Simple words say a lot. 'Hear His voice', 'recognize' that voice, follow the shepherd, leading ultimately to the gift of salvation.

Our chief shepherd, the Vicar of Christ, our Holy Father, is entrusted with the care of the flock, to lead and feed, protect and guard the sacred trust given him, to guide us on the way of salvation. May we attentively, listen to his voice and follow Jesus.

A BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

With great authority, Peter proclaims to the people that the Christ who was crucified is indeed the Messiah. Urging them to reform and be baptized in the name of Christ, three thousand responded to his words and were baptized.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25

This is a strong exhortation from Peter to the people to endure suffering for Christ as he did for them. Healed by his wounds, they have "returned to the shepherd."

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Christ uses the beautiful image of the shepherd to describe his care for his sheep. He also says he is the sheepgate and promises that "Whoever enters through me will be safe."

SUNDAY COLLECTION

April 19, 2026

First Collection: \$2,532.00

Second Collection: \$1503.00

We Share: \$2,148.50

Grand total: \$3,355.00

Weekly Goal: \$7,500.00

Result: -\$1316.50



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 SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY



973-398-6377, option 8
or scan QR code (right)
& submit a brief report:
Dial 911
in case of Emergencies



Fundraising Committee

The Fundraising Committee is a standing committee with goals of raising funds for different needs of the parish through organizing events.

If you 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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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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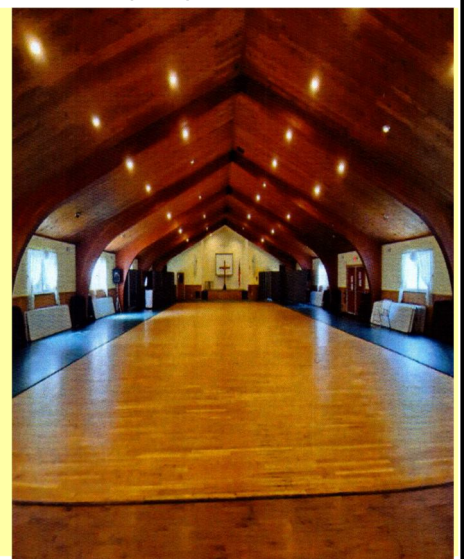
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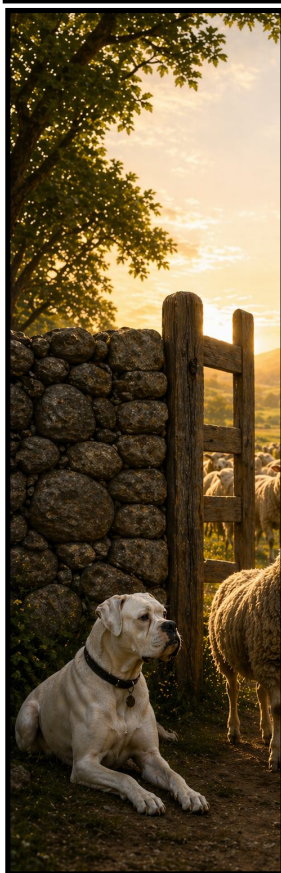
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Rosary & Altar Society



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*).



Celebrate Mom
A SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA!
SATURDAY
MAY 2
10AM - 4PM
ST. JUDE PARISH CENTER
40 Maxim Drive, HOPATCONG

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.

Altar Flower requests can be made by filling out one of the forms that are in the back of the church. The fee for each bouquet is \$40.00.

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 April 25, 2026

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.

The starter classes will begin on Thursdays, April 16, 23, & 30th, May 7, 14, 21st from 7:30PM to 9:00PM. The cost is \$75.00 for the 6 week program. Everyone is welcome!

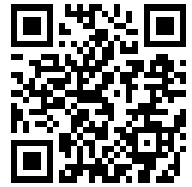
Knights of Columbus



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



On May 2nd & 3rd, the Knights of Columbus will collect donations for Birth Haven, supporting unwed mothers and their children. Your generosity provides essential resources—shelter, food, and clothing—to vulnerable families.

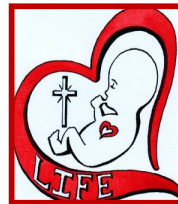
Through the Knights' efforts, your donation is maximized to empower mothers to choose life and build a stable future.

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.



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

All are welcome.

Discovering the Roots of Our Faith

We have begun a special Bible Study on the first five books of the Old Testament, held Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in the Church's Meeting Room.

These sessions are led by Rabbi Andy Mars, a close friend of Father Peter, who guides us through the Scriptures in their original context. Together, we explore the traditions, culture, and insights that often remain unspoken in Christian teaching. This deeper understanding of the Old Testament helps us better appreciate the New Testament and our own faith.

Rabbi Andy is known for making these ancient texts come alive with clarity and meaning.

All are warmly invited to join us for this unique opportunity for learning and dialogue.

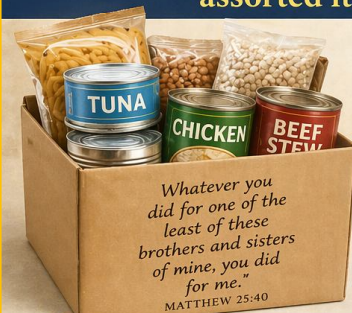


ANNUAL CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD COLLECTION for the Poor

Due to the unprecedented requests for assistance from Catholic Charities' food pantries and in order to fulfill our obligations to the poor, Bishop Sweeney has authorized a Diocesan-wide food collection in all parishes and agencies on the

**Feast of Corpus Christi,
Saturday/Sunday, June 6th - 7th, 2026.**

**We are all being asked to bring
assorted items on that day.**



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did for one of the
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brothers and sisters
of mine, you did
for me."
MATTHEW 25:40



Monetary donations will also be accepted
and can be made online at

www.ccpaterson.org/corpus



Please mark **Saturday and Sunday, June 6th and 7th** on your
calendars and join our parish in participating.

"I was hungry and you gave me food." MATTHEW 25:35





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:
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or
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Dana Gianfrancesco
Danagian333@gmail.com



"HOPE" BEREAVEMENT GROUP

The next meeting of the
Bereavement will be on April
26th at 12:00PM in Meeting
Room.
All are welcome.

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

WOMEN'S SHARING GROUP.

meets every third Thursday of the
month. The meeting next month is on
May 21st in the Meeting Room of the
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973-398-8728.



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However, we find ourselves still in need of your continued support. Please consider that the church receives a 5% contribution 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.

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.

ST. JUDE YOUTH GROUP

OUR MISSION:

Leading teens closer to Jesus through prayer, sacraments, Life Teen studies, and meaningful connection as we grow as disciples by living out the joy of the Gospels as we are strengthened by the Eucharist, serving in love as we share Christ's light in the world.

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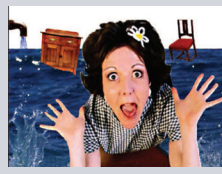
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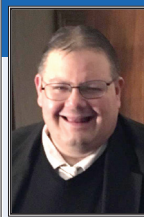
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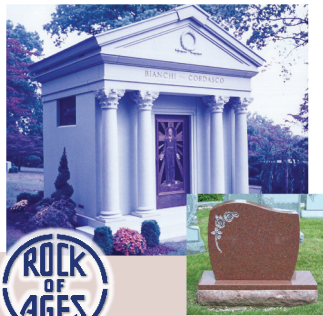
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