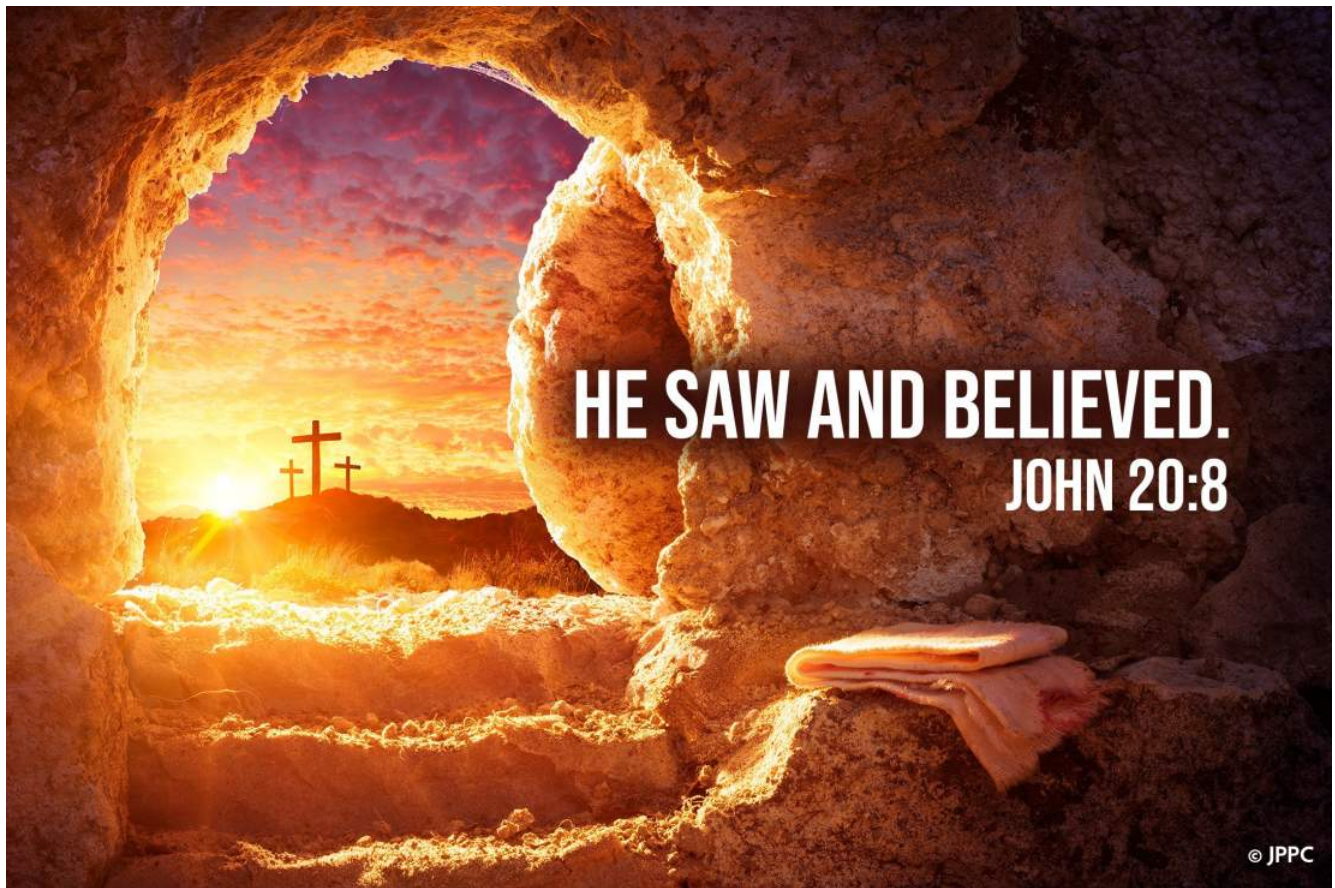


St. Jude Parish

Live, Love, and Serve in the Image of Christ

APRIL 20, 2025

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



ST. JUDE PARISH

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215-822-9225 (ext. 234)

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ST. JUDE SCHOOL

Mrs. Nicole Carter, *Principal*

Mrs. Pat Kerwin, *Director of Advancement*

MASS SCHEDULE (WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE)

- ◆ Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm (livestreamed)
- ◆ Sunday: 8:30am, 10:30am (10:30am livestreamed)
- ◆ Monday - Saturday: 9:00am (livestreamed)
- ◆ Tuesday, Thursday: 6:30am (*suspended during summer*)
(Monday, Wednesday, Friday: Communion Service 6:30am) (*suspended during summer*)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- ◆ Confessions: Saturday 3:15 - 4:15pm and
by appointment

ST. JUDE SHRINE NOVENA DEVOTIONS

- ◆ Thursdays: Veneration of relic following 9:00am
Mass, 2:00pm, 7:00pm
- ◆ Eucharistic Adoration during the day
- ◆ Benediction concludes devotions around 7pm

CHAPEL TIMES

- ◆ Monday through Friday: 7:00am to 7:00pm
- ◆ Saturday: 8:00am to the 4:30pm Vigil Mass
- ◆ Sunday: 12:00pm to 5:00pm

Announced Mass Intentions and Mass Cards

As a reminder, the Mass Intention book is an ongoing open process. You may select a Mass to be announced within one year from the current date. You must be present to select your Mass and you may select up to three Masses per visit. Kindly check the front of the bulletin for the parish office business hours.



PARISH MEMBERSHIP

We welcome you to our Parish Family!

You may stop in the Parish Office during business hours to obtain a registration form, or visit our website for a registration form.

In order to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage, or to obtain Letters of Eligibility for sponsorship for Baptism or Confirmation, you must be a registered active parishioner.

Also, children who turn 26 years of age, or complete higher education and continue to reside within our area, should register individually as parishioners.

Bulletin Submission Schedule

Please note special due date. Thank you!

May 4 bulletin content: due Fri. April 25

May 11 bulletin content: due Wed. April 30



Monday 9:00 AM	April 21 – Monday within the Octave of Easter Robert O'Connell req. by Teresa & Tom Kovac
Tuesday 6:30 AM 9:00 AM	April 22 – Tuesday within the Octave of Easter The living and deceased members of the Lepkowski family req. by the Molloy Family James Cushing req. by Sue Rinaldi
Wednesday 9:00 AM	April 23 – Wednesday within the Octave of Easter James Cushing req. by the Cushing Family
Thursday 6:30 AM 9:00 AM	April 24 – Thursday within the Octave of Easter Emily Haiper Weiss req. by the Gentile Family Jim Fallon req. by Patricia Fallon
Friday 9:00 AM	April 25 – Friday within the Octave of Easter Lee Mogg req. by the Mogg Family
Saturday 9:00 AM 4:30 PM	April 26 – Saturday within the Octave of Easter Angelo Palena req. by John & Lynn Cooney The Living and Deceased Members of St. Jude
Sunday 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	April 27 – Divine Mercy Sunday Thanksgiving gift of Priesthood, especially past and present of St. Jude Parish req. by Virginia Yencha Mary and Louis Mileto req. by Karen Byrne

ST. JUDE SENIORS

Monthly Luncheon, Every 1st Tuesday of the month: Zoto's Restaurant Banquet Room, 12:00-3:00pm. Doors open at 12:00pm. Lunch served at 12:30pm. Call Rachela Player for more details: 215-822-8061

Monthly Lunch Bunch: April 16 at 12:00pm, American Star Diner, 1200 Welsh Rd. North Wales. Contact Eileen Mastantoni 215-570-1315, mastantoni@aol.com for reservations.

HE IS RISEN

CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

A Message from Our Pastor

From the moment when your tomb, O Christ, was found empty and Cephas, the disciples, the women, and "more than five hundred brethren" (1 Cor 15:6) saw you risen, there began the time in which the whole of creation sings your name "which is above every other name" and awaits your final return in glory. During this time, between Easter and the coming of your everlasting Kingdom, a time like the travail of giving birth (cf. Rom 8:22), sustain us in our dedication to building a more human world, a world soothed by the balm of your Love. Paschal Victim offered for the salvation of the world, grant that this commitment of ours will not falter, even when weariness slows our steps. You, victorious King, grant to us and to the world eternal salvation!

On this Easter Sunday the words of Pope Saint John Paul II describe God's desire for us as His children and disciples. We are invited during this Jubilee Year to be pilgrims of hope in our fragile and vulnerable world. The living presence of the Risen Lord gives us lasting peace and holy joy in the face of the challenges, suffering, pain, and tensions of our day-to-day life. For the true Christian, every day must be an Easter Day lived joyfully in the close company of the Risen Lord. In all of our joys and struggles we seek what is above, where Christ is. Our faith is rooted in our profession at Mass: "Save us, Savior of the world, for by Your Cross and Resurrection You have set us free."



Prayerful congratulations to Magnolia Kemp, who received the Sacraments of Initiation of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil!

We are grateful for all those who worked so hard for the beautiful liturgies we have celebrated this Holy Week.

May you be filled with the peace and love of our Risen Lord and experience the Easter joy that only He can give!

In Christ's love,
Fr. Costa

Join us for our
Archdiocese "New Way Forward" Discussion Session



**St. Jude Parish Discussions Regarding
The Future of the Catholic Church
in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia**

***Join us this Tuesday! Discussion Session
April 22, 7:00-8:30pm in the
school library***

St. Jude Church and Shrine is continuing to host discussions regarding planning a new way forward together for the Catholic Church in the archdiocese and here at St. Jude Church and Shrine. Your voice and presence are essential. We sincerely desire your input.

Due to the excellent turnout at our April 1 discussion and the request of many who could not attend, we have scheduled another evening session on Tuesday, April 22, at 7:00-8:30pm in the school library.

We hope you will participate, as you are part of the Church's promising future!

***Register using the QR code or go to
stjudechalfont.org/discussion-session
or call the office: 215-822-0179***



Parish News

Anointing of the Sick Mass Saturday, May 10 at 11:00am

The Anointing of the Sick is administered to those who are seeking comfort and strength in the face of physical, spiritual, or emotional challenges. The sacrament unites the sick person to Christ's Passion, strengthens him or her to endure suffering, forgives sins, and can restore physical health if it is beneficial to the person's salvation. A priest anoints the sick person's forehead and hands (and sometimes other parts of the body) with blessed oil, accompanied by prayer.



The Anointing of the Sick can be administered to anyone who is seriously ill, facing surgery, or in a life-threatening situation.

Please call the parish office at 215-822-0179 by May 5 if you desire to be anointed with the Sacrament of the Sick during this special Mass of healing.

St. Jude Church and Shrine is designated a Sacred Jubilee Site by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for the faithful to receive the Jubilee Indulgence!



This is a great honor, and it makes it very easy for St. Jude parishioners to receive the beautiful grace that the Church gives us for complete remission of sin and punishment.

Do you want to learn more about the Jubilee Year, what a plenary indulgence is, and how to gain one? Visit our website!



stjudechalfont.org/jubilee-year

Visit our beautiful new reliquary in our chapel!

Join us for veneration of the relic of St. Jude every Thursday! Visit our website for complete details:



stjudechalfont.org/st-jude-novena

Pray for the protection of those who put themselves in harm's way to protect us!

William Gershanick, Police Officer
Patrick Bagnick, Naval Aviator
Christopher Bagnick, Naval Aviator
Vinnie Malvosio, Fire Fighter
Robert Lawn, Police Officer
Jared Fenessy, Army Combat Medic
James Pfau, Police Officer
Connor Casey, Army Medical Officer
Elisa Casey, Army Medical Officer
Carson Clabeaux, Army Medical Officer
Walt Brinkley, Cmdr., U.S. Navy
Brady McHale, Sgt, Police Officer
Jeffrey Hicklin, U.S. Marine

Dear God, we thank You for the brave men and women who work so courageously to protect us. We ask for Your blessing over them and their families. We pray that You would be gracious and encircle them with Your peace.
Amen

Please contact the parish office with the names of your loved-ones who are military, police, or firefighters, putting their lives in danger each day to protect our safety and our freedom.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive
The Thrifty Irishman
Saturday, April 26, 2025
9am–12pm in the St. Jude Church parking lot



Please place your donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as kitchenware, games/toys, sporting goods, books, CDs & videos are also accepted. Unfortunately, furniture, large appliances, TVs, or computer monitors cannot be accepted. Thank you!

St. Jude School News

Alleluia!

As we celebrate Easter, we are reminded of the hope and renewal that the Resurrection brings to our lives.

May the blessings of Easter fill your hearts and homes with peace, joy, and gratitude. The faculty and staff of St. Jude wish to extend our heartfelt prayers and warmest thanks for your continued partnership and support in our mission to nurture faith-filled, compassionate learners.

Mrs. Carter, Principal



Meet our SJS Team



Mrs. Valerie Raie 4th Grader teacher

- I'm so glad to have returned to St Jude School! I previously taught grades 5, 6 & technology.
- I love books & reading! I hope to pass that passion on to my students.
- I enjoy being down the shore with my husband & two children.



Thank you, Mrs. Raie, for sharing your talents and love of reading with our students.



2025-2026
School Year

ADMISSIONS

There is still room in select classes.
Call today and join our school family.

215-822-9225, ext. 251

HELP WANTED

Substitute Teachers Needed

St. Jude School is looking for dedicated and compassionate substitute teachers to join our school community! We take pride in providing a nurturing and faith-filled learning environment for our students.

We are seeking individuals who:

- Have a love for working with children
- Support our Catholic values and mission
- Are flexible and dependable
- Have prior experience teaching or working with children (preferred but not required)

If you are interested or would like more information, please reach out to Colleen McNamee
cmcnamee@stjudeschool.com 215-822-9225 Ext. 233



Parish News

A Message from our Director of Faith Formation

Dear Parishioners,

Wishing you a joyful and blessed Easter! As we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, may your hearts be filled with the hope, peace, and love that this holy season brings. Easter reminds us that light always triumphs over darkness, and life over death. May this truth fill your homes with comfort, your spirits with gratitude, and your days with the joy of knowing that we are deeply loved and redeemed through Christ's sacrifice and victory.

As a community of faith, let us continue to walk together in love, unity, and service to one another. May the joy of Easter strengthen your faith, renew your purpose, and inspire you to share Christ's light in the world. We are truly blessed to journey together, and I pray that this Easter season brings abundant blessings to you and your loved ones.

He is risen! Alleluia!
Mrs. Rawski



ChristLife Series at St. Jude

Attendees from our *ChristLife Series* share their experiences.

"*Discovering Christ* really opened my eyes and heart to two things. First, how much Jesus has been missing as the center of my life and the need to realign my priorities. Second, how the Holy Spirit is always there to guide me toward the Lord, whether I know it or not."

Dave L.

"I am happier since I decided to attend *ChristLife*; growing closer to Jesus and living in His love is a continual blessing to me. The videos we watched were informative and always interesting, plus I got to meet some great people!" Mary Kay

To register for the *ChristLife Series* beginning with *Discovering Christ* this Fall, please use the QR code, visit stjudechalfont.org/christlife, or contact Susan at 267-824-6242.



Divine Mercy Sunday

April 27, 2025

First Sunday after Easter

Don't miss the incredible graces Jesus promises to give us on Divine Mercy Sunday!



The Lord Jesus appeared many times to St. Faustina in Poland in the 1930s, giving her a message of Mercy and several devotions, with great promises attached to them.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, Jesus offers us complete remission of sin and all temporal punish (which means purgatory time) if we go to Communion on that day, receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation within a week beforehand (and remain in a state of grace), and ask for His mercy. This is an incredible gift from heaven!

Visit our website to learn about all the Divine Mercy devotions.

stjudechalfont.org/divine-mercy



St. Jude Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

Monday, April 21, 2:00-7:00pm

St. Jude Church, Chalfont
In the school cafeteria

To register go to: RCBlood.org
Enter code: StJude
Choose: St. Jude School, Chalfont
or Call: 800-RED-CROSS



Parish News

Children's Rosary

Next Sunday, April 27, after 10:30am Mass

Please join us next Sunday after the 10:30am Mass for a decade of the rosary. All parents and children are invited! Teach your children to love the rosary and the Blessed Mother.



The children's rosary meets every 4th Sunday of the month.

stjudechalfont.com/moms-group

Sign up for our Vocation Cup



Please join us in praying for more vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life! We ask families to sign up to take home our Vocations Cup for one week, gather around the cup each day, and pray together that those being called will respond to God's invitation.

Use the QR code or visit our web page, stjudechalfont.org/holy-orders, to sign up using our Signup Genius. You may also call the parish office to schedule your week.



Prayer for Vocations

Jesus, High Priest and Redeemer forever, we beg you to call young men and women to Your service to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. May they be inspired by the lives of dedicated priests, brothers, and sisters. Give to parents the grace of generosity and trust toward You and their child so that their sons and daughters may be helped to choose their vocation in life with wisdom and freedom.

O God, You have called us to salvation and have sent Your Son to establish the Church for this purpose, and You have provided the sacred ministers. The harvest is ever ready but the laborers are scarce. Inspire our youth to follow Jesus by serving Your people.

Amen.



Parent and Teen Conversation Night

Sponsored by St. Jude Parish Youth Ministry



DEPRESSION & ANXIETY IN YOUTH

THURSDAY, MAY 15 | 5:30 - 7:00PM

A Conversation for Adults:



JANICE UGARRIZA, LPC

"Identifying Depression & Anxiety in Young People"

ST. JUDE SCHOOL LIBRARY
323 W. BUTLER AVE., CHALFONT

PARENTS AND ALL ADULTS IN
THE COMMUNITY WELCOME!

- Learn about the signs and symptoms of clinical depression and anxiety.
- Learn ways to support teens in their struggles with mental health in the perspective of our Catholic faith.

Dinner provided for all attendees!
Registration required at bit.ly/SJYMPTCS
(case sensitive) or via the QR Code.



CYO is searching for its next President.

Interested parties please contact
Ted Dufner, edwarddufner@gmail.com or
stjudecyoathletics@gmail.com.
Please include "President"
in the subject line.



THE NEXT GENERATION OF DISCIPLES OF JESUS STARTS NOW!



Your gift to the **St. Jude Education Center Annual Fund** has a direct impact on:

- Faith Formation
- Educational Excellence
- Strengthening the Parish Community
- Maintaining State of the Art Technology

Please consider a gift to this year's fund by
June 30th. Thank you for your support.



Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Hello St. Jude Families and Happy Easter!

I hope you and your family are joyfully celebrating the Lord's Resurrection! In my personal opinion, I love the Easter Season and Holy Week just a *tad* bit more than Christmas. Yes, Christmas is vitally important to our faith and our salvation, but it is Jesus' Paschal Mystery of His Passion, Death, and Resurrection that won for us eternal life and opened the gates of Heaven to us. As we enter into this new season of Easter, how can you keep revitalizing your faith as you did during Lent? Enjoy this Easter season!



In Christ,
Ms. Ashley Bennett
abennett@stjudechalfont.org
stjudechalfont.org/coordinators-corner

ST. JUDE YOUTH MINISTRY

Upcoming Events



-  Soccer & Speaker: Father Rupert
Thursday, April 24 | 5:30-7:00PM
-  Youth Mass: Celebrate St. Carlo Acutis!
Sunday, April 27 | 10:30AM
-  Caring for Friends Snack Bag Event
Sunday, April 27 | 11:30AM-1:00PM
-  Service Afternoon @ New Seasons
Sunday, April 27 | 2:00-3:30PM
-  Outdoor Games & Snacks
Thursday, May 1 | 5:30-7:00PM
-  Board Games & Bible Study
Thursday, May 8 | 5:30-7:00PM
-  Roller Skating @ Inline 309
Sunday, May 11 | 1:00-2:30PM

WWW.STJUDECHALFONT.ORG/COORDINATORS-CORNER



HEART TO HEART

An Archdiocesan Gathering of
Young Adult Women

JUNE 7, 2025

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

NATIONAL SHRINE OF
OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA

Join women in our 20s & 30s for fellowship, keynotes, adoration, lunch,
and much more of heart speaking to heart!

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Adults:



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PARENTS AND ALL ADULTS IN
THE COMMUNITY WELCOME!

Teens:



DEACON TIM LYNCH
"Depression & Anxiety
in Young People"
ST. JUDE SCHOOL GYM

TEENS IN GRADES 5-12
FROM ANY SCHOOL WELCOME!

Dinner provided for all attendees!
Registration Required at bit.ly/SJYMPTCS
(case sensitive) or via the QR Code.



St. Jude Youth Ministry - Spring 2025

Thank you for your continued support of our parish youth!



Parish News

Moms Group Events

April 26: Easter Party
SJS Cafeteria 2pm

Playground playdate **every 3rd Sunday** after 10:30am
Mass at the school playground. All are invited!

Children's Rosary **every 4th Sunday** after 10:30am
Mass in the narthex meeting room. All are invited!

Visit website for more info!
stjudechalfont.org/moms-group



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament *We are in need of an adorers for the 3-4pm time slot.*

All are welcome from
9:30am to 7:00pm
every Thursday in the
St. Jude Chapel, but we
do need adorers who
will commit to an hour
or half hour every
week.

We are able to
accommodate both half-
hour and hour slots, and
we are always
interested in expanding our substitute list.

For more information or to pick a time, please contact
Maureen at croc3909@bellsouth.net or 205-587-8714.

stjudechalfont.org/adoration-ministry



Catholic Charities: Giving Hope to All

Did you know that 1 in 5 people across the Greater Philadelphia area rely on the Catholic Charities Appeal for help and hope each year?

Visit our website and scroll down to a video message from Archbishop Nelson Perez, inviting you to learn more about how you can be a part of helping Catholic Charities serve our brothers and sisters in need.

stjudechalfont.org or
catholiccharitiesappeal.org

Join us for this event!

No One Should be Hungry or Alone in a World of Caring People

Caring for Friends (CFF) Snack Bag Event
April 27th at 11:30 am in the
St. Jude parking lot

How can you help?

- Join us to assemble the snack bags and/or
- Donate granola bars, waters, oatmeal packets, hot chocolate packets, small boxes of raisins, PB crackers, or individually wrapped Oreos in the bins in the front of the church



For more information, visit our website
stjudechalfont.org/cff

Or call or text Colleen:
215-439-7888



Pro-life Corner

Happy Easter! He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

If you're Catholic, you've likely heard the famous Easter quote from Pope St. John Paul II — "We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!"

"We do not pretend that life is all beauty. We are aware of darkness and sin, of poverty and pain. But we know Jesus has conquered sin and passed through his own pain to the glory of the Resurrection. And we live in the light of his Paschal Mystery — the mystery of his Death and Resurrection. 'We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song!' We are not looking for a shallow joy but rather a joy that comes from faith, that grows through unselfish love, that respects the 'fundamental duty of love of neighbor, without which it would be unbecoming to speak of Joy.'"



Source: An Angelus of Pope St. John Paul II in 1986

Parish News

Around the Archdiocese





**Dine and Donate for
St. Jude School
McDonald's in Chalfont
April 22, 2025 4pm-8pm**

Simply mention St. Jude School
when you place your order!
Includes drive thru, dine in, or
delivery!

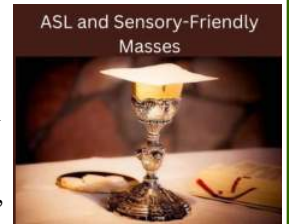
****Enter to win 3 prizes when
you dine in. There may be some
special guests behind the
counter!****

ASL and Sensory-Friendly Masses

On the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th
(when applicable) Sundays of the
month, 10:30am Mass at Our
Lady of Mt. Carmel (OLMC) will
have a Sign Language Interpreter.

On the 4th Sunday of each month,
OLMC offers a Sensory-Friendly
Mass at 12noon (and is interpreted in ASL).

Sensory-Friendly Masses at OLMC offer lower lighting,
softer volume, shorter homilies, limited physical
interaction, and no music (except soft recorded music
during Communion).



Villa Joseph Marie High School

Open House Thursday, April 24, 2025, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Join us to explore all that Villa has to
offer! Tour the school with a student guide
and discover our mission, academics,
athletics, and extracurricular opportunities.
Register today at vjmhs.org/visit.



Camps for rising 3rd-9th graders

Villa Joseph Marie presents a range of summer camp
programs for girls which are designed to educate, excite,
and inspire. Check out our programs in academic
enrichment, visual and performing arts, and athletics!
Register today at vjmhs.org/summer.

Lily's Gift Ministry

is a beautiful Philadelphia
Archdiocesan resource
for women and couples
who have received a poor
prenatal diagnosis for
their baby and would like
support carrying their precious child to term.



Learn more about this very important ministry at
www.lilysgift.org.

1975 Graduates 50th Year Reunion Friday, May 30, 2025 (7pm to 11pm)

The Southampton Room
2980 Southampton Road
Philadelphia, PA 19154



Tickets on Sale

www.arhs.me/class75reunion

Email friendsofryan.team@gmail.com for questions

St. Jude Online Giving

Thank you for your contribution to St. Jude Parish!



1. Open the camera app on your phone and aim at the QR Code.
2. Select the link for Parish Giving.
3. Select "Sunday Offering"
4. Select your giving amount and then "No Thanks" to further contributions.
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