

SAINT JUDE PARISH

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 ~ TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mission Statement

Through our baptismal call in the Catholic Church, we, the members of St. Jude Parish, accept the challenge to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to all.

We aspire:

- To cultivate a welcoming faith community,
- To work together as people of God to deepen our faith,
- To be one with Christ in the celebration of the Eucharist, and
- To respond to God's call by sharing our talents and gifts with each other and all of God's people.

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BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday, 10:00 am

Worship Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass -----4:00 pm

Sunday -----8:30 & 11:00 am

Daily Mass ----- Monday - Friday, 7:00 am

Novena to St. Jude ----- Tuesday after Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday: 5:30 pm — 7:00 pm or by appointment

ST. JUDE PARISH OFFICE ----- 570-474-6315

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

(Closed for lunch 12 Noon to 12:30 pm)

Friday: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

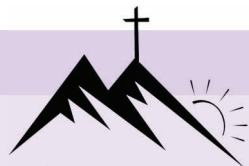
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St. Mary's, Dorrance Liturgy Schedule

Monday, 9/14 *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

8:00 AM Margaret Lukashewski –
Joseph & Janet Wint

Tuesday, 9/15 *Our Lady of Sorrows*

8:00 AM Bernie Kemsel – Rosemarie, Anne Marie &
Jared

Wednesday, 9/16 *Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian*

8:00 AM No Mass

Thursday, 9/17 *Ss. Robert Bellarmine & Hildegard of Bingen*

8:00 AM Chris Dotzel – Anita Moyer

Friday, 9/18

8:00 AM No Mass

Saturday, 9/19 *St. Januarius & BVM*

5:30 PM Patricia Jones – Husband, John and
Daughter, Amanda, Marvin,
Jaxson, Macon, Stevie & Huey

Sunday, 9/20 *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of
Saint Theresa's Guild

St. Jude Parish Liturgy Schedule

Monday, 9/14 *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

7:00 AM Karen Bedrin – Mike Radzwillla

5:30 PM to 7 PM Confession in Church

Tuesday, 9/15 *Our Lady of Sorrows*

7:00 AM Charles Barabas – SMT

Wednesday, 9/16 *Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian*

7:00 AM John Niznik – Edward Niznik

Thursday, 9/17 *Ss. Robert Bellarmine & Hildegard of Bingen*

7:00 AM Francis J. Dougherty – Family

6:30 PM Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Friday, 9/18

7:00 AM Thomasine Simon –
Rene & Lee Ann Torres

Saturday, 9/19 *St. Januarius & BVM*

4:00 PM David Mannick – Connie Mannick & Family

Sunday, 9/20 *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 AM Donald Gorski – The Kempinski Family
11:00 AM Margaret Hoffman – Mary Ellen Arasin &
Judy McAnally



FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

*Child Loss
Remembrance Mass*

SUNDAY
October 18, 2026
2:00 PM
ST. JUDE CHURCH
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The Remembrance Mass is for parents, grandparents,
family members and friends of those who have lost a
child from pregnancy through adulthood.

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St. Jude Religious Education

Substitute Catechists Wanted

- Looking for adults who have a child attending Rel Ed or just enjoy teaching the next generation our faith
- Safe Environment Requirements will need to be completed



Join Our Faith Formation Team

For info, contact: **Tricia Scanlan**
tscanlan@stjc.org



A Stewardship Moment

In Saint Paul's letter to the Romans, he suggests that God lavishes His love upon us through Jesus Christ, who calls us to the kind of loving relationship, if we so choose it, that demands accountability. It is like, in Saint Paul's vocabulary, a kind of "debt" that we can never "pay-in full." But we begin to repay by following the direction of one of the most familiar statements in the Bible: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Good stewards realize that God does not call them just to love those who are easy to love, but to love the unloved and the hard-to-love people in this world as well. This week, remind yourself: "I am put here as an ambassador of God's love."

SEPTEMBER 11

HONORING LIVES LOST & HEROES AMONG US.

Twenty-five years have passed, O Lord, years of mourning and of tears, of struggling to make sense and to go on.

Twenty-five years since crashing planes, collapsing buildings, rivers of smoke and ash brought death and fear.

Give us the courage to hope again, Father. To pray even for our enemies, and for ourselves.

Give us the grace to be freed from hate and unbound from the paralysis of fear.

Awaken in our hearts a firm resolve to reject the ways of violence, to combat that which sows hatred and division within the human family, and to work for the dawn of a new era of solidarity, justice and peace. We ask this through the Prince of Peace, our Way, our Truth and our Life, Christ the Lord. Amen.



Apostleship of Prayer

Papal Intention for September 2026

For the Care of Water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Adoration Chapel

In a recent weekday homily, the priest challenged us to grow in our spirituality and to grow closer to God. He reminded us that if we are set in our old spiritual habits and routines, we don't grow. He asked if we are doing the same things today that we did in the past. Often, we need to add new elements to our spiritual routine if we want to deepen our relationship with God.

One wonderful addition we can make is to visit the Adoration Chapel each week. There you can spend a quiet hour in front of Jesus, who is truly present, reading the Bible and applying His teachings to your life. Or we can read commentaries from the "Word Among Us" writers or just sit and talk to Jesus telling Him about what's going on in your life.

Our chapel is open everyday from 6 AM to 9 PM.

Email us at mary.hollands@gmail.com if you have questions or to sign up for a permanent hour.



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Scranton to invest in our ministries!

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AnnualAppeal.org

**This week, the Sanctuary Lamp is lit
in memory of David Mannick
by Connick Mannick & Family.**

This Week on

FORMED

Week of September 13, 2026

**The Seven Sorrows of
the Blessed Virgin
Mary**



**OUR LADY OF
SORROWS &
MOTHERHOOD**

**Our Lady of Sorrows
& Motherhood**

Join today at FORMED.org

Happenings This Week

- Sun 9/13 Building Bucks Sales—After all Masses
Confirmation Mtg—6 PM—Church
Youth Group Kickoff—7 PM—Grove
- Mon 9/14
- Tues 9/15 Children's Choir Practice—4:45 PM—Church
Social Action Mtg—7 PM—SJS Classroom
- Wed 9/16 Cub Scouts – 6 PM – SJS Cafeteria
Red Bird Ministry – 6 PM –
Multi-Purpose Rm – Church
Adult Choir Practice—7 PM—Church
- Thurs 9/17 Catechist Training—7 PM—SJS Cafeteria Fri
- Fri 9/18
- Sat 9/19 Building Bucks Sales – After Mass
- Sun 9/20 Building Bucks Sales – After All Masses
Religious Education – 9:30 AM – SJS Classrooms
Religious Education Parent Mtg –
9:40 AM – SJS Cafeteria
CLOW Leader Mtg – Noon – Meeting Rm #132
Confirmation Class – 6 PM – Church
Confirmation Class – 6:30 PM – SJS Cafeteria

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings

First Reading: Sirach 27:30—28:7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10,
11-12

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to
anger, and rich in compassion.

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Stewardship and the Daily Miracles of Charity

By Dan Conway, chair, ICSC board of directors

Christ is the bread of life.

With Him, our needs are abundantly met (Pope Leo XIV).

During the Angelus on Sunday, August 2, Pope Leo XIV reflected on the miracle of the loaves and fish (Mt 14:13–21). This is a stewardship story because Saint Matthew tells us that Jesus commanded His disciples not to hold back but to share their food with the hungry crowd. The disciples protested that all they had were five loaves and two fish—barely enough to feed themselves. Yet they discovered that God's grace is a source of abundance, not scarcity, and that by sharing the little they had, they produced an excess of "twelve wicker baskets." To feed the hungry, even when we think that we lack the necessary resources to make a difference, is an act of Christian charity that can produce miracles.

Stewardship is a sign that we recognize that everything we possess has been freely given to us by a generous and loving God whose only request is that we develop and share what God has given us. The resulting miracle begins in us, in the change of heart we experience when we embrace the stewardship virtues of gratitude, responsibility, generosity, and the willingness to give back to God with increase.

Good stewards encounter Jesus in the act of generous sharing. Saint John Paul II taught that it is not possible to fully appreciate the gifts that we receive from God unless we give them away, sharing them generously with others. As long as we cling to our possessions (time, talent, and treasure), we can never experience their true meaning or significance in our lives.

That's why the stewardship virtues of gratitude, responsibility, and generosity are inseparably linked. Generous people thank God for what they have to share. That's why Saint Matthew tells us that Jesus performed a eucharistic action—a prayer of thanksgiving to God—before He fed the people.

Pope Leo recognizes the relationship between stewardship, and the miracles that can happen in our daily lives: *As we savor the grace of the Eucharist, let us commit ourselves to bearing witness to its beauty in our daily actions, beginning with blessing meals at the table with family and friends.*

Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts which we have received from your bounty and are commanded to share generously with others. And let us never refuse to take responsibility for the needs of our sisters and brothers.

Soccer Challenge

Boys & Girls Ages 9–14



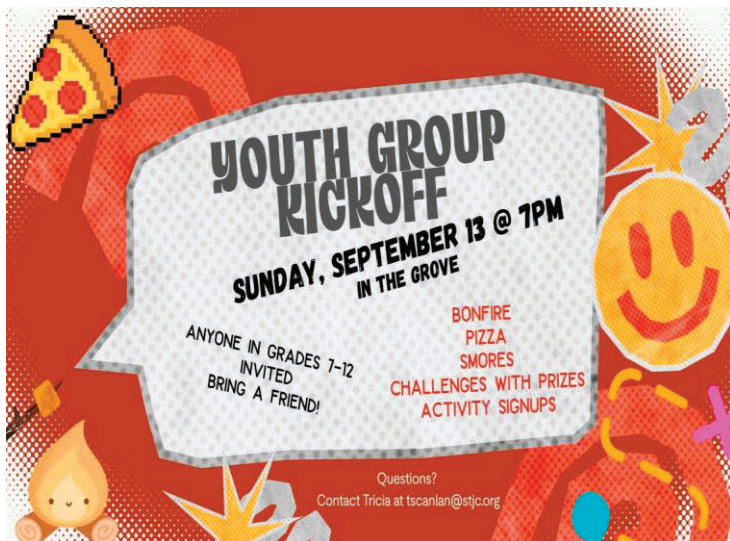
Saturday, September 19, 2026

📍 Mountain Top Youth Soccer Facility, Church Rd

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Hosted by Council 6440 Knights of Columbus

#KofC #Council6440 #SoccerChallenge #MountainTopPA #YouthSports



11th Annual "Be a Catholic Man" Conference ~ October 10, 2026

Holy Redeemer High School 159 S. Pennsylvania Ave., WB

The conference will run from 8 AM until 3 PM, features nationally known speakers, and concludes with Mass offered by Bishop Joseph Bambera. **Early bird registration ends on September 15, 2026.**

For more info or to register, visit www.BeACatholicMan.com.

Questions, contact Mike Kilmer at 570-721-0872 or mkilmer@thekilmergroup.com.

Seeking Teen Helpers for CLOW

Looking for **Young People grades 7-12** to assist our adult CLOW leaders.

What is CLOW? Children's Liturgy of the Word is an opportunity for the children attending Mass to learn about the Mass and Scripture in an age-appropriate way.

COMMITMENT: AT MOST, 1-2 MASSES PER MONTH. PLEASE EMAIL CMASSELLER@STJC.ORG WITH QUESTIONS.

TRAIN THE YOUNG IN THE WAY THEY SHOULD GO, AND THEY WILL NOT TURN FROM IT PROVERBS 22:6

St. Jude Youth Group
Bus Trip to
SIGHT & SOUND THEATRES

JOSHUA

LIVE ON STAGE
November 20th
3:30pm Depart (St Jude parking lot)
7pm show
\$140 per person

Contact Tricia at tscanlan@stjc.org for info & to register

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Your response to our need for pasta was overwhelming! We have very low stock on the following items: canned potatoes, baked beans, beets, boxed potatoes, boxed gelatin and pudding, vegetable, beef, and cream soups, and egg noodles.

Any non-perishable food item is appreciated and can be dropped in the container in the Narthex.

Please NO perishable items unless you drop them off at the Food Bank on Friday morning.

The staff is very grateful for your generous and continued support!

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