

SAINT JUDE PARISH

OCTOBER 25, 2026 ~ THIRTIETH 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

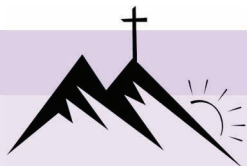
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St. Mary's, Dorrance Liturgy Schedule

Monday, 10/26

8:00 AM H.S. Park – Sister, Mrs. Rhee

Tuesday, 10/27

8:00 AM No Mass

Wednesday, 10/28 *Ss. Simon & Jude*

8:00 AM No Mass

Thursday, 10/29

8:00 AM No Mass

Friday, 10/30

8:00 AM No Mass

Saturday, 10/31 *BVM*

5:30 PM Susan Roman – Saint Mary's Youth Group

Sunday, 11/1 *All Saints*

9:00 AM Katrina Seferyn – Ron & Cheryl Jeckell

Bereavement Mass

All Souls' Day ~ Monday, November 2nd

7 PM in St. Mary's Church, Dorrance

All are welcome! We remember in prayer those who have died, asking God to grant them eternal rest and bring them into the fullness of His heavenly kingdom,

Come join us in prayer.

Advent by Candlelight

Saturday, December 5th at 5:30 PM

Join the women of St. Jude for an evening of fellowship, spiritual reflection, and beautiful table settings. **Stay tuned for more information.**

St. Jude Parish Liturgy Schedule

Monday, 10/26

7:00 AM William (Bill) Nilon – Maggie Zurawski

No Confessions due to Conference

Tuesday, 10/27

7:00 AM Carol Brady – Sal & Jeannie Russo

Wednesday, 10/28 *Ss. Simon & Jude*

7:00 AM No Mass

6:00 PM Paul & Ann Sakowski – Joanne & Paula
(St. Jude Feast Day Mass)

Thursday, 10/29

7:00 AM Bob McLenon – Joe & Toni Furcon

6:30 PM Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Friday, 10/30

7:00 AM Dolores Kozick – Beth Managan

Saturday, 10/31 *BVM*

4:00 PM James Love – Susan Love

Sunday, 11/1 *All Saints*

8:30 AM Gloria Cheslock –

Loni, Brian & Connor Cinoski

11:00 AM Paul Mulcahy –

His Wife, Rosemary Mulcahy

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



**2026 ST JUDE
FEAST DAY
MASS**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

MASS AT 6 PM

**FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS
IN THE NARTHEX**

**PROVIDED BY
THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

To say it feels bittersweet writing this would be an understatement! When I arrived at St. Jude's just over three years ago, I never could have imagined the impact this Church on the mountain top would have on me. Not only has this Parish had an impact on me but it has become a home away from home, a place that has made me feel part of the community, and a people who have wrapped their arms around me when I have needed it most.

I want to thank Father Joe and Father Bill for their support and guidance, the staff for their friendship and collaboration, and all of you for the kindness and welcome you have shown me throughout my time here.

While I am excited about the opportunity that lies ahead in Washington DC, leaving the Mountain is not without sadness. Goodbyes are never easy but looking back on the fond memories, relationships, and memories that you all have gifted me with certainly lessen the blow.

Thank you for your encouragement, your prayers, and your friendship. I hope you will keep me in your prayers as I begin this next chapter, and please know that I will remember you in mine. Thank you for making Mountain Top my home away from home!

With Gratitude and Prayers,
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Catholic Ministries Appeal Pledges

St. Jude Parish Goal: \$120,000

Total Raised to Date: \$61,602

(25% Parishioner Participation)

Receive the Word
with **JOY**

This Week on

FORMED

Week of October 25, 2026

Who is
Saint Jude?

WHO IS SAINT JUDE?

With Fr. James Prothro

Should Catholics
CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN?

WHAT CAN WE BELIEVE

What Catholics
Believe About
Halloween

Join today at FORMED.org

Adoration Chapel

Have you considered coming to the Adoration Chapel but aren't ready to commit to a whole hour a week? Do you wonder what you would do during the whole hour? Do you wonder why it's different to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament instead of at home? Why not go see for yourselves how easy it is, how peaceful it is, how special it is. To begin, just visit the Chapel for only a few minutes before or after work or on your way to the store. Just sit in front of the Blessed Sacrament and quiet your thoughts or say a decade of the rosary or just tell Jesus about your day, your frustrations, your joys. Before you leave, thank Him for all the blessings you've received. Get into the habit of doing this and you will find it becomes easier, and you will be staying longer and longer. It will become something you look forward to doing instead of a chore or another duty you need to do.

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.

Happenings This Week

- Sun 10/25 Building Bucks Sales – After all Masses
Religious Education – 9:30 AM – SJS Classrooms
Knights of Columbus Coffee –
After All Masses – Narthex
OCIA – 9:45 AM – SJS Library
Knights of Columbus Workshop – 1 PM – SJS Cafeteria
- Mon 10/26 Religious Education – 6 PM – SJS Classrooms
- Tues 10/27 Children's Choir Practice – 4:45 PM – Church
- Wed 10/28 Red Bird Ministry – 6 PM –
Multi-Purpose Rm – Church
St. Jude Novena Mass – 6 PM – Church
Followed by Refreshments – Narthex
- Thurs 10/29
- Fri 10/30 SJS Halloween Dance – 6 PM – SJS Cafeteria
- Sat 10/31 Building Bucks Sales – After Mass
- Sun 11/1 Building Bucks Sales – After all Masses
Religious Education – 9:30 AM – SJS Classrooms
OCIA – 9:45 AM – SJS Library
Confirmation Class – 6 PM – Church
Confirmation Class – 6:30 PM – SJS Cafeteria
Scouts: Pope Pius XII Medal – 6 PM – SJS Library

Autumn Serenade

October 31 ~ 5 PM to 8:30 PM

Woody's Restaurant, 632 Centre St., Freeland
All are invited for an enjoyable, fun evening of seasonal music entitled: "Autumn Serenade." The program will feature local musicians, Jack James on vocals, and Frank Balon on trumpet.
The concert is free for dinning guests. Reservations are recommended. Please call 570-636-3333.



**Just a reminder
to change your clocks
back one hour
next weekend (Oct 31/Nov 1).**

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51
Response: I love you, Lord, my strength!

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Gifts for God

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

October 11, 2026

Weekly Envelopes:	\$10,905
Loose Cash:	\$ 1,146
Online Giving:	\$ 12,759
Total Contributions:	\$ 24,810

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Fiscal Year Financial Report

Week ending October 11, 2026

Weekly Profit: \$ 258.98

Fiscal YTD: \$3,348.97

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The Giving Tree

gives us the opportunity to remember the less fortunate and shut-ins of our parish and the Mountain Top area community at Christmas.

DO YOU KNOW A FAMILY OR PERSON IN NEED, OR A SHUT-IN?

NOW is the time to call the Parish Office, 570-474-6315, ext. 221 with their name, address, children's ages (up to 17-years-old), clothing sizes, and any special needs.

Names for this year's Giving Tree **will be accepted up until November 8th** to ensure everyone gets a gift on time.

All names will be kept confidential.

Mountain Top Community Food Bank

Open Fridays: 9:15 AM to 11:45 AM

We have very low stock on the following items:
canned potatoes, baked beans, beets, boxed potatoes, boxed gelatin and pudding, vegetable, beef, cream soups, and egg noodles.

Any non-perishable food item is appreciated and can be dropped in the container located 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 continued support!



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LIVE ON STAGE
November 20th
3:30pm Depart (St Jude parking lot)
7pm show
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Contact Tricia at tscanlan@stjc.org for info & to register

A Stewardship Moment

There is one command that summarizes this weekend's Gospel: to love. For Jesus there is no distinction between these two commands of loving God and neighbor. One naturally flows from the other. In fact, for Jesus, these commands constitute a way of life for Christian stewards, a unique approach to life and to their relationship with others. Our neighbors include everyone with whom we come into contact: family members, friends, people we don't like, strangers and particularly those most in need of our love and compassion. Love calls us to open our hearts and do more to help others grow closer to the Lord. How might we follow Christ's love command more fervently?



Leave a Mark
November 1st, 2026

Mass At 5pm
at St. Peter's
Cathedral

Food Trucks
and Reception
after Mass!

St. Peter's Cathedral ~ 5 PM

315 Wyoming Ave, Scranton

Young adults from around our diocese come together to worship the Lord, meet one another, and discern how God is calling us to leave a mark in this world through our vocation..

**Young adults —
bring your friends to the Mass!**

Feed-a-Friend Program

St. Jude Parish will participate with St. Paul's Lutheran Church in the **Feed-a-Friend** program that helps to supply Thanksgiving food bags for families in the Mountain Top area.

Suggested non-perishable food items include the following: boxes of stuffing mix, pie crust mix, Bisquick, Jello, pudding, instant potatoes, hot roll mix and cans of vegetables, fruit, turkey gravy, cranberry sauce, pumpkin, applesauce, soup and pie filling.

No glass please.

Food may be dropped off at church and placed in the baskets located in the Narthex marked **Feed-a-Friend**.

The collection will continue through Friday, November 20th.



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