

SAINT JUDE

PARISH COMMUNITY

MAY 7, 2023 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday | 9:00am-4:00pm

LITURGY SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday | 4:00pm
Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Wednesday | 8:00am

HOLY DAY MASSES

Vigil Mass | 7:00pm
Holy Day Mass | 8:00am

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Saturday | 3:00pm-3:30pm
Other | By Appointment

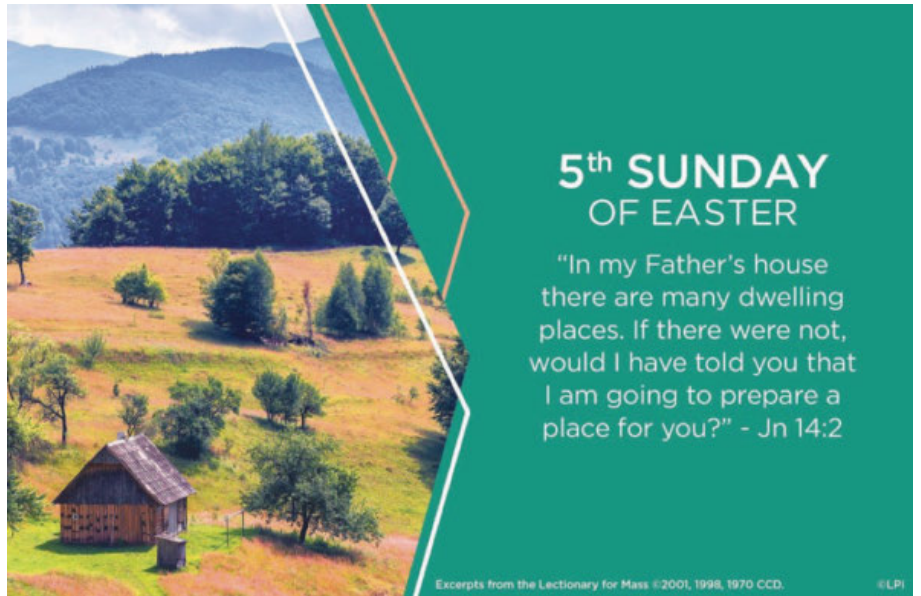
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5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"In my Father's house
there are many dwelling
places. If there were not,
would I have told you that
I am going to prepare a
place for you?" - Jn 14:2

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SACRAMENT & MINISTRY INFORMATION

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome! Please introduce yourselves and register as members of our parish family. Forms are available in the parish office, on our website, and at church entrances.

BAPTISM

Parents planning to have a baby or child baptized are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class. Contact Sally Green for details.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to the intended wedding date to participate in the Marriage Preparation Program. The Church should be booked prior to booking a reception facility.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation program for K-8th graders, including preparation for the Sacraments of First Penance/ Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist. We also offer RCIA adapted for youth (7 years and up) who want to become members of the Roman Catholic Church. Contact Trish for details.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Our youth are involved in activities and various service events for our parish and greater community. Contact Trish for more information.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process to welcome new people into the Roman Catholic Church. Please contact Diane Swinarski at 603-425-1795 or Mary Carrigan at 603-722-5586 for details.

HOMEBOUND & HOSPITALIZED

We welcome the opportunity to bring the Sacraments to those unable to join us due to illness or age. Contact Sally Green for details.

PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY

Strengthening our parish community by connecting to those in need. For details, contact Lisa Laurence at lisa.laurence@comcast.net or 603-548-5130.

FOOD PANTRY

If you are in need of assistance, please contact Kay or Dick Doyle at 603-434-1827.

Welcome

Mass is celebrated at 4PM on Saturday,
and at 8AM and 10AM on Sunday.

Confessions are on Saturdays at 3PM
or by appointment.

For those for whom age or health concerns
prevent you from coming to Mass in person,
we continue to post 10AM Sunday Mass on
our Facebook page, on YouTube (StJudeNH),
and on our website.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING

So the Twelve called together the community of
the disciples and said, "It is not right for us to
neglect the word of God to serve at table.

Brothers, select from among you seven reputable
men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom
we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall
devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of
the word." (Acts 6:2-4)

PSALM

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our
trust in you. (Ps 33)

Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING

You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a
holy nation, a people of his own, so that you
may announce the praises" of him who called
you out of darkness into his wonderful light.
(1 Pt 2:9)

GOSPEL

Jesus said to him,

"I am the way and the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

If you know me, then you will also know my
Father." (Jn 14:6-7)

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Baptism

Thomas Paul Banahan was welcomed into the
Roman Catholic Church and our Parish Family
on April 30th through the waters of Baptism.

Let us strive, by our word and example, to create
an environment for Thomas to come to know the
love of God and the meaning of "being church".

GOSPEL MEDITATION

If you had to summarize the essential core of the Christian life, what would it be? Mercy, truth, or love, perhaps? The readings today suggest another word which may surprise you. That word is *priesthood*.

St. Peter says to us, "**You are a 'chosen race, a royal priesthood...**" To be part of a priesthood is to offer a particular sacrifice in order for the community to survive and thrive. Jesus is the great high priest because he offers the one perfect sacrifice which heals and perfects the entire human race. Peter the Apostle wants us to know that all the baptized share in this priestly ministry. The whole of our lives, including every detail, is meant to become our acceptable offering to God.

The baptized exercise this priesthood in many ways, I'll mention three. At Sunday Mass, in private prayer, and in daily work. At Mass, we offer the sacrifice of our lives with that of the priest, who symbolizes Christ the Priest. In our prayer, a "morning offering" prayer is a great way to offer up all the joys and sufferings of the day to come. In our daily work, we sacrifice our time, comfort, money, and energy to do good for others. All this gives the deepest possible meaning to our lives: we share in the priesthood which saves the world. That's at the core of our faith.

Father John Muir

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
Monday:	Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/ Jn 14:15-21



THIRSTING FOR GOD?

Do you know someone not baptized? ... or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition, who is thirsting to know what it means to become Catholic? Do you know someone already Catholic but who has not yet received Confirmation and/or Communion who feels they are being called to do so now? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a place to ask questions and seek understanding.

For more information, please contact:

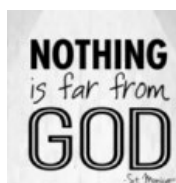
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SAINT MONICA PRAYER GROUP

Like so many Catholics today - even perhaps you - Monica wrestled daily with the pain of having a loved one fall away from the Faith. Like us, she often feared her prayers and tears were of little worth, empty, futile. Not so!!! After nearly two decades, her son, Augustine, returned to the Faith, in a big way. Revered today as *Saint Augustine*, he joined in holiness his mother, Monica - now *Saint Monica*.



Please join us for our next Saint Monica Prayer Group meeting on **Friday, June 23rd**. We will begin with a potluck dinner and fellowship in the Parish Hall at 5:30PM, followed by discussion and intercessory prayer at 6:30PM. All are welcome!

For more information, please contact Diane at 603-425-1795 or dswinarski@stjudenh.com.

NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

We thank all who made their gift to the **New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of our Faith II** this weekend. Your gift will enable the Catholic Church in New Hampshire to meet the increasing needs of parishes, Catholic schools, retired clergy, seminarians, and much more. If you were not able to make your gift yet, please visit the website at www.catholicnh.org/nhca or bring your gift and drop it in the collection basket at Mass next weekend. We thank you on behalf of all who will come to know the loving hand of Christ and our Church through your generosity.



BOOK CLUB



St. Jude Parish hosts a Book Club online.

If you'd like to participate, please email Diane so she can let you know the next book once it's been selected and send you the Zoom link (dswinarski@stjudenh.com).

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The initial planning and informational meeting for the long awaited Saint Jude Facilities Committee was held on Thursday, April 20th. We have 3 amazing volunteers willing to step up and help. We will be holding our next meeting on **Thursday, May 18th in Room 4 at 6:30PM**. As announced in the Parish bulletin, this committee is being formed to review monthly, short range, and long range items needing consideration amongst the Parish facilities. The members do not need any type of construction or facility experience, just a willingness to help. The Committee will work with the Parish Maintenance volunteers and outside contractors to develop a plan to address items as listed above. Should you be interested in joining the committee, or if you would like more information on the committee, we would encourage you to attend. If you would like to assist but cannot attend this meeting, or would like additional information prior to the meeting, please contact Vinny Curro, 603-867-7472 or vincurro@comcast.net. We hope to see you there!



Catholic Men of St. Jude Parish:

If you are interested in helping support our Church and our Priests, and directly serving our Parish, consider joining our Knights of Columbus Council #6949. The QR code below will take you to information and an electronic sign-up.

If you have questions, or would like more information, contact Grand Knight, Chip Lukitsch by phone (603-540-2240) or email (lukitschmc@comcast.net).



EVENING PRAYER DURING THE EASTER SEASON

All are invited to gather at 6:30PM Monday evenings during the Easter Season (April 10th - May 22nd) for the celebration of Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours.

On April 24th, May 1st, and May 8th, immediately following Evening Prayer, Bob Dunn will offer a brief series titled **Pope Francis on the Liturgy**, looking at the insights in Pope Francis' 2022 Apostolic Letter on the liturgy, *Desiderio Desideravi*.

ST. JUDE'S FOOD PANTRY

St. Jude's Food Pantry serves the needs of all residents of Londonderry without regard to religious affiliation. We are completely confidential and here for everyone in the Londonderry community. We meet with families individually, by appointment.

If you are in need of assistance from the Food Pantry, please call Kay or Dick at 603-434-1827.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE

We are once again raising money for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Fr. Bob's Believers has raised about \$50,000 in the last 8 years and we look forward to another great one. I will be making cookies and maybe Irish soda bread sometime in the next few weeks. Watch the bulletin for more information.

Checks can be made out to American Cancer Society and I will be happy to get them to Relay. Please see me, call me at 603 432-3434 or text me at 603 566-5102 with any questions. I humbly thank all of you for everything you have done for cancer research and treatments and pray God's greatest blessings on all of you.

Mary Ann Schroeder

Captain, Fr. Bob's Believers

BULLETIN DEADLINE - Please email information for the May 21st bulletin to kmckenney@stjudenh.com by May 11th.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP - SURVIVING SEPARATION OR DIVORCE

Are you struggling with life changes, isolation, and difficulties resulting from separation or divorce? Catholic Charities NH is hosting a five-week online support group called "Surviving Divorce and Separation." This group is designed for individuals who are facing new realities during or after separation or divorce. You will have the opportunity to both receive and offer support to others experiencing similar situations, and together, discover that you are not alone.

Sessions will be held on Wednesdays, beginning May 24th, from 5:30-6:30PM via Zoom. To learn more or register, please visit www.cc-nh.org/separation.

K-8th GRADE FAITH FORMATION / YOUTH MINISTRY
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Thank you to all who participated in echoing the faith to the youth of St Jude Church through Faith Formation classes; the parents, the catechists, the aides.
Thank you to the youth for being open to hearing the Good News!

RCIA Adapted for Youth

Eleven youth who have been preparing to receive the sacraments will be received into the church at the Pentecost Vigil 4PM Mass on Saturday, May 27th.
Please keep these youth in your prayers.

JOIN US ONLINE OR IN-PERSON!!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

St. Jude Parish offers a variety of opportunities for adults to continue faith formation through bible studies, courses, and book group meetings. Many of our classes offer hybrid options and take place in person as well as through Zoom. Please consider joining us!

For information on Adult Faith Formation studies, contact Diane at 603-425-1795 or email dswinarski@stjudenh.com.

YOUTH GROUP



For youth from 4th grade and up who have completed the Sacraments of Initiation, Youth Group meets at the same time as Faith Formation youth. These youth participate together socially, spiritually and in community service projects in a less formal classroom setting.

Here is a partial list of what they did this year: Veteran's Day display and donations of food and personal items for Liberty House, made blankets for the Linus project, delivered notes of "random kindness" to parishioners, handwritten notes of Thanksgiving and Valentine's Day for the community meal.

Contact Trish (twoodward@stjudenh.com) for more information!



Onsite Women's Studies

ROOTED AND RADIANT

Next Meeting: Monday, May 8th
9:00AM-10:30AM in Diane's Office

Prepare Chapter 2, Days 3 - 5

**WHAT WE BELIEVE:
The Beauty of the Catholic Faith**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 9th
9:00AM-10:30AM in Diane's Office



The St. Jude Church community will serve a free bagged lunch to-go this weekend on Sunday, April 30th, from 1:30PM-2:30PM. This meal will be distributed from the large parking lot entrance, near the basketball hoops. Free bagged lunches to-go are provided on the last Sunday of each month throughout the year.
All in need of a meal are welcome!

THIRD WEDNESDAY

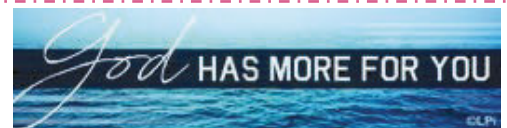


Third Wednesday meets on the third Wednesday of the month from 1-2:30PM. We will not be meeting for the next several months but meetings will resume in September.
Please email Liz Ambrose at gardengirl100@yahoo.com with questions or for more information. We hope to see you in September!

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE

Many Catholics want to read the Bible because they know it is God's Word, but they give up because it seems so complicated. *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* helps you get the "big picture" by showing how fourteen narrative books of the Bible tell the complete story from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church. *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* will help you discover the story of salvation history and understand how you fit into God's plan. This eight-session study program explores all twelve time periods of *The Bible Timeline*®.

This study started April 12th, and will continue through the Easter Season. *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* will be an **online Zoom class Wednesday evenings 7PM to 8:30PM**. To join this wonderful, short walk through the Bible, contact Chip Lukitsch at 603-540-2240 or lukitschmc@comcast.net or Joe Paradis at jparadis44@aol.com.



ONLINE STUDIES

Discover the Amazing Riches of the Catholic Faith

**WHAT WE BELIEVE:
The Beauty of the Catholic Faith**

Meets Monday, May 8th
7:00-8:30PM



Facilitator - Matt McSorley

**THE ACTIVATED DISCIPLE:
Taking Your Faith to the Next Level**



Meets Thursday,
May 11th

Facilitator -
Diane Swinarski

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