



The Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague
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St. Jude Catholic Church
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Church Office Hours: Monday—Friday 9AM—2PM

Mass Times/ Sacraments

Weekday Mass: Tuesday & Wednesday 10:30AM Thursday 6:00PM (**St. Jude**)

First Friday of the month 10:00AM (**Shrine**)

Second Wednesday of the month 12:00 PM (Bon Secours-Southampton Medical Center)

Weekend Mass: Saturday 4:00 PM (**Shrine, Wakefield**)

Sunday 10:30AM (**St. Jude, Franklin**)

Anointing of the Sick: Every last weekend of the month after Mass

Reconciliation: 1st Friday of the Month after 10:00 AM Mass (**Shrine**)

1st Saturday of the Month after 4 PM Mass—or by appointment (**Shrine**)

Thursdays 5:00PM—6:00PM or by appointment (**St. Jude**)

Adoration: First Thursday of the Month 5:00PM-6:00PM (**St. Jude**)

First Friday of the Month after 10:00 AM Mass (**Shrine**)

Sacraments: Contact the Parish office

Councils & Ministries

Pastoral Council Chair: Nita Holt calvinnitaholt@verizon.net

Members: Damian Dwyer Leisa Billups Gordon Tracy (Shrine) Danis Urban (Shrine)

Pastoral Council Meetings Held 3rd Thursday of the Month

Finance Council Chair: Calvin Holt calvinjholt@msn.com

Members: Jim Sauerbier Mary McDaniel Kathleen Rockwell John Walters (Shrine)

Finance Council meetings Held 2nd Thursday of the Month

Funeral Ministry: Mary McDaniel

Choir Director: Jesse Tupea *** **Choir Practice held Wednesdays at 6:30 PM** ***

Prisons Ministry: Michael Cuneo **In need of Volunteers Please contact Father Mensah if you can help**

Liturgy Committee Chair: Mary Edwards

Faith Formation: Coordinators Vickie Dobbins/ Joe Dobbins

Email: jdobbins13@msn.com

Virtus Coordinator: Joe Dobbins

RCIA & Adult Faith Formation: Mary McDaniel

Counting Team Director: Teresa Preston

Parish Life Committee:

Wanda Beaulieu Tracy Howland Sierra Sunshine Frances Stewart Henry Wagner

Youth Members

Gaiden Orrick

Maintenance Committee:

Emile Vautrinot Mary Edwards Maria Sing Steve Poticyz

Social Media and Important Links:

To Report Abuse Allegations: Report immediately to local law enforcement and the Attorney General's Clergy Abuse Hotline at 1(833)454-9064 & The Diocese (804)359-5661

EthicsPoint" Hotline:

For anonymous reporting of misconduct within the Diocese of Richmond. Toll-free # (844)-739-3210 or www.richmonddiocese.org and select "EthicsPoint."

Social Media

Facebook: www.facebook.com/stjudefranklin0552/

Flocknote: StJudeCatholicFranklinVA7.flocknote.com



Mass Intentions:

Shrine:

Saturday 12/16 Mass offering is for the repose of the soul of Jeannette Ann LaPaglia and the intentions of the Shrine Parishioners.

St. Jude:

Sunday 12/17 Mass offering is for the repose of the soul of Gerry Patnesky and the intentions of the St. Jude Parishioners.

**** Weekday Mass Intentions are available: Contact the office for available dates.**

We Remember in Our Prayers:

Please continue to pray for those at home or at a care facility:

Homebound:

Elizabeth Williams	Anna Etters (Shrine)
Beth Cheatham	Robyn Robertson
Kathy Moore	Doreena Parson
Zachary Tupea	Genevive Hughes

In Facility:

Chris Collins

Continued Request For Prayer:

Kathy Moore	Dan Hohman
Daniel Brand (son of Mary McDaniel)	
Annette Hawkins	Barbara Howard

Recent Requests For Prayer:

Rita Mitchell (repose of the soul)
 Mitch Rabil (repose of the soul)
 Gloria Craven (repose of the soul)
 Nita Holt (in Hospital)

NOTE: Please send requests for additions to prayer request to: St_jude1@stjudefranklin.org

In the subject line please add prayer requests or call the office at 757-569-9600. Thank you!

GET WELL CARDS: Let's make sure any members of our church family who is facing a health related issue is remembered. It's a small gesture that makes a BIG impact. For additional info, please contact Frances Stewart at 757-742-6094



Birthdays & Anniversaries

CELEBRATION !

Second Sunday each month after Mass

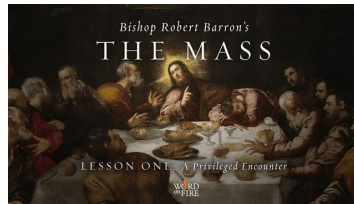
Join the fun as we celebrate our parishioner's special day. Father will give a special blessing after Mass. There will be cake, drinks and other goodies in the Fellowship Hall. If the spirit moves you, please feel free to bring a snack of your choice, or your favorite dish. For more info, please contact Frances Stewart at 757-742-6094 .



Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th Christmas Vigil Mass at St. Jude 7:00 PM
December 25th Christmas Mass at the Shrine 8:00 AM
December 25th Christmas Mass at St. Jude 10:30 AM

Knights of Columbus will meet on Jan 9, 2024 at 7:00 PM.



Join us as we walk through the Mass with Bishop Barron in a new 6 week program beginning December 2 at 10:00 AM. Come and see that there is more to the Mass than you ever realized!

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

The next meetings are: Jan 6, 13, and 20 at 10:00 AM.

Religious Education:

Dec 17 First Eucharist and Confirmation Class

All Classes are 9 :00AM-10:15 AM

Dec 24 & 31 Merry Christmas & Happy New Year NO CLASSES

Contact Vicki or Joe Dobbins at jdobbins13@msn.com or (757) 334-8663 with any questions.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Please call Mary McDaniel for more information. 757-818-5922



Offertory



<u>St. Jude</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Wk. Budget</u>	<u>Diff.</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>Mo. Budget</u>	<u>Diff.</u>
12/10/2023	\$5,796	\$2,900	\$2,896	\$8,994	\$12,567	<\$3,573>
<u>Shrine</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Wk. Budget</u>	<u>Diff.</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>Mo. Budget</u>	<u>Diff.</u>
12/09/2023	\$659	\$462	\$197	\$1,054	\$2,000	<\$945>
<u>St. Jude R&M</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Diff.</u>		
12/10/2023	\$225	\$475	\$1,667	<\$1,192>		

Repair & Maintenance—Haiti Mission—Parish Social Ministry

Envelopes are in the commons. Feel free to take some home to use.

Please be sure to include your name when donating.

“Dare a man rob God: Yet you are robbing me! And you say, “How do we rob you?” In tithes and in offerings!” You are indeed accursed, for you, the whole nation, rob me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, That there may be food in my house, and try me in this, says the Lord of hosts: Shall I not open for you the floodgates of heaven to pour down blessing upon you without measure: For your sake I will forbid the locust to destroy your crops; and the vine in the field will not be barren, says the Lord of hosts. Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land, says the Lord of hosts. Malachi 3: 8-12

Woe to you scribes and Pharisees, you Frauds! You pay tithes on mint and herbs and seeds while neglecting the weightier matters of the Law, Justice and mercy and good faith. It is these you should have practices, without neglecting the others. Matthew 23:23.



John warned the crowds, “*There is one among you whom you do not recognize.*” (John 1:26) When Christ comes again, will we recognize Him?

We probably will. He promised us that, when he comes again, “*You will see ‘the Son of Man... coming on the clouds of heaven.’*” (Matthew 26:64) It sounds like He will Make himself known clearly! Yet, He comes to us daily, in our brothers and sisters: “*Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.*” (Matthew 25:40) Jesus is hard to recognize in “the least of these.”

He is also hard to recognize in the sinner – the person who cuts you off in traffic or doesn’t uphold their end of a bargain. We need the help of grace to see Jesus alive in our neighbors. Our parish is working hard to share the light of Christ in our neighborhood. It’s an arduous task; we can’t do it if we don’t pull together as a family and community of faith. Through our Annual Diocesan Appeal, you have an opportunity to enter more deeply into this mission and we ask you to give as you can. Your community is counting on you! This Advent, please consider contributing to our Annual Diocesan Appeal. If you do, you’ll be fulfilling Christ’s command to “*love your neighbor as yourself,*” and you’ll join John the Baptist in making way for Christ in your heart!



“The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me.” God is empowering you for a specific purpose! How will you respond to so great a love? Is He asking you to follow Him by serving in the priesthood or consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

Social Ministry

Thank you for your generous contributions in the past. Several families have been helped over the past 8 months. But, there is still a high need for Social Ministry funds to help the poor in our community.



The Parish Social Ministry envelopes are available in the Commons. Please be generous in your contributions to help those in need.