

## Sixth Sunday of Easter May 5, 2024



**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 5:00 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 5 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:** Nick Moegenberg Leisa Billups Kristian Hughes Maria Sing  
Gordon Tracy (Shrine) Danis Urban (Shrine)

*\*\*Pastoral Council Meetings Held at Father's Discretion.\*\**

**Finance Council Chair:** Calvin Holt calvinjholt@msn.com

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

*\*\*Finance Council meetings Held 3rd Thursday of the Month\*\**

**Funeral Ministry:** Mary McDaniel

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

**Prisons Ministry:** Michael Cuneo

**Liturgy Committee Chair:** Mary Edwards

**Altar Flowers:** Mirna Misseri

**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 Angela Cataldo Sierra Sunshine Frances Stewart Henry Wagner Gaiden Orrick  
Giuseppe Cataldo Susan Griggs Karen Harrington Maria Ona Emile Vautrinot

**Maintenance Committee:**

Emile Vautrinot Mary Edwards Maria Sing Steve Potycz

### 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/](http://www.facebook.com/stjudefranklin0552/)

Flocknote: [StJudeCatholicFranklinVA7.flocknote.com](http://StJudeCatholicFranklinVA7.flocknote.com)



**Mass Intentions:**

**Shrine:**

Sunday 05/04 Mass offering is for the intentions of the Shrine Parishioners.

**St. Jude:**

Sunday 05/05 Mass offering is for 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
- Beth Cheatham          Robyn Robertson
- Kathy Moore              Barbara Howard
- Genevive Hughes

**In Facility:**

Chris Collins

**Continued Request For Prayer:**

- Kathy Moore              Dan Hohman
- Nita Holt                  Tom Collick
- Annette Hawkins        Barbara Howard
- W.C. Gaunce              Linda Gornto
- Calvin Holt                Josephine Owney
- Paul Brand                 Daniel Brand
- Vera Dawson

Zachary Tupea (repose of the soul)

**NOTE: Please send requests for additions to prayer request to: [St\\_jude1@stjudefranklin.org](mailto: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 .

St Jude Catholic Church is looking to develop a dedicated outreach team. Our first matter of business will be to create a group of people that will be tasked with calling, texting, emailing and/or mailing our absent members and inviting them to attend Mass with us again. This job is too big for just one person. If this sounds like something you can help me with, please see Leisa Billups after Mass. You can also reach her at 757-653-4586. Please consider joining us.



**Church Council**



St. Jude Catholic Church is in need of volunteers to be part of our Parish Council. Please join us to help our parish be all that it can be. If you are interested, please see Leisa Billups after Mass.

**Knights of Columbus will meet on **May 14, at 7:00 PM** in the social hall at St. Jude.**

**Parish Council will meet on **May 16, at 7:00 PM** in the social hall at St. Jude.**



"The Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening." Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**

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





**Offertory**

<b>St. Jude</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Wk. Budget</b>	<b>Diff.</b>	<b>MTD</b>	<b>Mo. Budget</b>	<b>Diff.</b>
04/28/2024	\$2,015	\$2,900	<\$885>	\$9,563	\$12,567	<\$3,004>
<b>Shrine</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Wk. Budget</b>	<b>Diff.</b>	<b>MTD</b>	<b>Mo. Budget</b>	<b>Diff.</b>
04/27/2024	\$362	\$462	<\$100>	\$1,213	\$2,000	<\$787>
<b>St. Jude R&amp;M</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>MTD</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Diff.</b>		
04/28/2024	\$160	\$1,075	\$1,667	<\$592>		

**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.



*Thank you!*  
for your support

**Annual Diocesan Appeal**

<b>The Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague</b>	<b>Collected \$980</b>	<b>Goal \$1,360</b>
<b>St. Jude Catholic Church</b>	<b>Collected \$12,760</b>	<b>Goal \$8,650</b>

The purpose of the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal is to fund ministries which one parish cannot support alone. When we come together, we are able to educate all our seminarians, provide hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants to help those in need with basic necessities, and conduct the programs designed to build the next generation of Catholics. Please visit [richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal](http://richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal) to make a secure online donation.



**Social Ministry**

Thank you for your generous contributions in the past. We have been able to help 26 families since July of 2023 with their utility bills and rent. Due to the increase in rents and utilities we are getting more requests for help. Therefore, the need for Social Ministry funds to help the poor in our community remains high.

The Parish Social Ministry envelopes are available in the Commons. Please be generous in your contributions to help those in need. Be sure to include your name on the envelope



On Friday, May 31st, we are having adoration of  
**The Most Holy Eucharist**  
in the Saint Jude Chapel.

Adoration will begin at 9:00 AM and continue until 9:00 PM with Benediction.

This will be in preparation for Corpus Christi Sunday, June 2nd.

Please plan to come and spend an hour in adoration.



## Mary, Our Model of Discipleship

Mary grew up learning about the promise of the Messiah. When she was a young girl, Mary was engaged to a man named Joseph. Before they were married, she received a vision of an angel who asked her to be the mother of the Messiah she had waited for her whole life. Mary accepted, saying "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38).

Being the mother of Jesus was not an easy task. Mary's life was full of great joys and great sorrows. Mary and Joseph were poor people, so they both worked hard to provide food and shelter for Jesus. Mary raised her son in the traditions of her culture, presenting him in the temple when he was a baby and taking him to Jerusalem for the religious festivals. Since she knew who Jesus was and what his mission would be, it would have been a huge responsibility! During one trip to Jerusalem, Mary and Joseph lost Jesus. Since he was only twelve years old, they were very worried about him, and searched the city for three days. They finally found him in the temple, preaching to the elders and teachers. (John 2:5).

Mary was also with Jesus when he carried his cross. She witnessed the terrible deeds that others committed against him. Because of her faith, Mary did not leave Jesus when he was suffering, even though it would have been a painful experience for her. She stood at the foot of the cross still listening to him and trying to comfort him.

It was there that Jesus entrusted all of us to her care. This mission was very close to Mary's heart. She comforted the Apostles and prayed with them after Jesus' Ascension into heaven. Mary was with the Apostles when they received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and watched them depart for many different countries to spread the Good News of God's love.

Since Mary was the first to hear about the mission of Jesus, she is his first disciple. She dedicated her life on earth to following him and supporting his work. She showed others how to follow Jesus as well. Her faith came from an understanding of the great gifts that God had given to her, especially the gift of her son Jesus.

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Friend,

I wanted to give you an important update on my work in Washington! Virginians pay a lot of taxes to the federal government each year, and one of my most important jobs in Congress is to bring as much of that money back to our communities as possible so that we can reinvest it to encourage economic development, create jobs, and improve our quality of life.

**I am proud to report that this past year, I successfully secured a total of \$13.7 million for over 12 local projects across Southeast Virginia! Better yet, some of this critical funding will directly impact you... Specifically, \$400,000 of this funding will go towards upgrades to the emergency radio system in Franklin and Southampton County.**

This investment will provide increased, reliable communication between Franklin City, Southampton County, and other localities throughout Western Tidewater, leading to greater interoperability among law enforcement, firefighters, and EMS personnel allowing them to better serve our community. Projects like this are essential to supporting those working on the front lines in our communities to keep us and our families safe. I am proud to have secured this funding and have no doubt it will help our first responders prevent, mitigate, and recover from unexpected emergencies.

I look forward to having these tax dollars returned to our community and will do everything I can to support our first responders in Western Tidewater. As your Representative, I can assure you that I will continue to take seriously my responsibility to not only scrutinize federal spending, but also to direct it where it's most needed back home.

My first priority as your Member of Congress is to represent you to the best of my ability. Hearing about what is most important to you and your family helps me ensure your government is putting you and our community first. Feel free to contact me at my Virginia Beach or Washington D.C. office, if there is anything I can do to assist you. I also invite you to stay in touch by signing up for my weekly email newsletter, which you can do by scanning the QR code below.

Take Care-



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