

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 27, 2025



**The Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague**  
417 N. County Drive, Wakefield, VA 23888



**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, Wakefield**)

Second Wednesday of the month and Holy Days of Obligation 12:00 Noon  
(**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**)

Last Sunday of the Month from 9:00AM—10:00AM (**St. Jude**)

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:** Maria Sing    **Assistant Chair:** Joe Dobbins

**Members:** Danis Urban (Shrine) Cody Brown Sofia Tupea Nick Moegenberg

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

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

**Funeral Ministry:** Mary McDaniel

**Choir Director:** KolopaTupea

**Prisons Ministry:** Michael Cuneo

**Liturgy Committee Chair:** Mary Edwards

**St. Jude Altar Flowers:** Mirna Misseri, the St. Jude Choir & the Tupea family

**Shrine Altar Flowers:** Linda Gornto and Marilyn Tench

**Faith Formation Coordinators:** Vickie Dobbins/ Joe Dobbins    Email: jdobbins13@msn.com

**Virtus Coordinator:** Joe Dobbins

**OCIA & Adult Faith Formation:** Mary McDaniel

**Counting Team Director:** Teresa Preston

**Parish Life Committee:** Frances Stewart

**Maintenance Committee:** Emile Vautrinot    Mary Edwards    Maria Sing

## **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](http://www.richmonddiocese.org) and select "EthicsPoint."

### **Social Media**

Facebook:    [www.facebook.com/stjudefranklin0552/](https://www.facebook.com/stjudefranklin0552/)

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



## **Mass Intentions:**

### **Shrine:**

Saturday 07/26 Mass offering is for the intentions of the Shrine Parishioners.

### **St. Jude:**

Sunday 07/27 Mass offering is for the intentions of the St. Jude Parishioners.

### **We Remember in Our Prayers:**

Geraldine Coulter    Gerard Chambers  
Jesse Tupea    Zackary Tupea

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

### **Homebound:**

Elizabeth Williams    Anna Etters  
Beth Cheatham    Robyn Robertson  
Genevive Hughes    Susan Griggs  
Nita Holt (East Pavilion)

### **Continued Request For Prayer:**

Kathy Moore    Dan Hohman    Tom Collick  
Josephine Owney    Brian Williams    Pat Cook  
Annette Hawkins    Vera Dawson  
W.C. Gaunce    Paul Brand    Delores Beaver  
Daniel Brand    Pat Whitfield    Terry Marcotte  
Karen Capps    Marilyn Tench

**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 304-871-0018



## **Birthdays & Anniversaries CELEBRATION !**

### **Second Sunday each month after Mass**

Join the fun with our monthly celebrants! Father will give a special blessing after Mass, followed by cake, drinks and other goodies in the Fellowship Hall. If the spirit moves you, please bring a favorite dish or snack of your choice. For more information, please call Fran Stewart at 304-871-0018

### **Parish Council and Financial**

will meet **July 29 at 7:00 PM** in the Social Hall at St. Jude.

**Knights of Columbus** will meet on **August 12 at 7:00 PM** in the Social Hall at St. Jude.



### **VIRTUS CLASS**

will be held at

### **St. Mary of the Presentation**

202 S Broad St, Suffolk, VA 23434, on  
**August 5, 2025, at 6:00PM.**

Register @ [https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg\\_list.cfm?theme=0](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list.cfm?theme=0)

### **Employment Opportunity**

Good Shepherd Parish is looking for an  
Administrative Assistant.  
Call their office 757-365-0579 or send a  
resume to [admin@cgsparish.org](mailto:admin@cgsparish.org)



## ***Order of Christian Initiation for Adults***

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

## PLEASE NOTE THE NEW BUDGET FIGURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

### Offertory collections

<u>St. Jude</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Wk. Budget</u>	<u>Diff.</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Diff.</u>
7/20/2025	\$2,655	\$2,974	( \$319)	\$8,749	\$8,922	(\$173)
<u>St. Jude R&amp;M</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Wk. Budget</u>	<u>Diff.</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Diff.</u>
7/20/2025	\$60	\$250	(\$190)	\$1,474	\$750	\$724
<u>Shrine</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Wk. Budget</u>	<u>Diff.</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>Mo. Budget</u>	<u>Diff.</u>
7/19/2025	\$582	\$548	\$34	\$1,531	<b>\$2,375</b>	<b>(\$844)</b>

### **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.



Jesus said to his disciples: “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. “Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven.

***Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.” Luke 6:36-38***

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:** We started the new Fiscal Year 2026 on July 1. In April and May, the members of the Parish Finance Council developed the new yearly budget based on how much we need to *spend* and therefore how much we need as *income* from the collections for the upcoming year. Those two figures, income and expense, have to be the same in order for the budget to balance. Unlike our federal government, we must “pay as we go” for all our expenses without borrowing the money.

At the top of our minds was the fact that our collection income for FY 2025 had been running considerably below budget, so raising that figure for 2026 was not realistic. Therefore, we went through expense items one at a time and cut everything we could, but other items had to be raised because of increases from vendors or from the Diocese. **We ended this difficult process with our Regular Offertory at St. Jude slightly decreased from \$155,000 to \$154,650. The Repair and Maintenance Collection is reduced from \$22,000 to \$13,000. Therefore, our new *weekly* goal for the Regular Offertory is \$2,974 and the *weekly* goal for R&M is \$250. The Shrine’s Regular Offertory goal is increased from \$21,180 to 28,502 or \$548 per week, partly because they are reimbursing St. Jude for a larger share of the priest’s expenses.**

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our parish. Your continued support is essential for the parish to thrive.

To ensure the effective carrying out of pastoral ministries and service to the community, it's necessary to address rising parish administration costs, and our prevalent budget deficits as it has been made known to you through our weekly bulletins.

We are averaging a shortfall of better than \$4,000 per month to maintain viable parish operations. This cannot be subsidized by the remaining funds in the St. Jude investment account for longer than the 2025 – 2026 fiscal year. If the scenario is not corrected, then we could lose our full time staffing (priest and bookkeeper) in a year due to the inability to pay our expenses. This is our home and we must all work to keep it open and available for use.

We have been doing our best with fiscal prudence in the midst of this situation. Moreover, Father Mensah has been given the permission by the Pontifical Mission Society of the Diocese to visit two large parishes to make an appeal for funds for two weekends in November this year.

A joint meeting of the Finance Council and the Parish Council was held on June 19, in an effort to try and resolve this situation. 3 areas were examined. They included donations, expenses and fundraiser options. It will take a combination of efforts in all of these areas in order to bring our budget to a point that St. Jude can remain viable in the foreseeable future.

We must begin with our current donations (offerings). A starting point would be to ask all parishioners to search their hearts and souls to determine if an increase in their current donations is feasible. We are suggesting a 20% increase as a starting point for a 4-month trial to determine the impact that would have. Examples would be making the following changes. If you donate \$1, make it \$1.20. If \$10, make it \$12. If \$100, make it \$120. If \$1000, make it \$1200. I am sure you get the picture. Please examine your personal situation and determine if you can make this type of commitment. Of course, if you feel you can make a larger increase in your donation, please do. We have to do our best

We came up with a list of changes that could be made to reduce our expenses. They include changes in our use of lighting, heating and cooling of the building. We ask that everyone only turn on lights that are necessary and turn off lights when they leave an area that they have been using. That would minimize having to employ energy police. Please begin to dress appropriately for modest temperature changes in the building.

We also plan to challenge every request for purchases. This will include making do without items we routinely purchase, postponing the purchase to a later date, reducing the number of items we may have typically purchased in the past, and asking for donations of paper goods and other consumables. A list of needed items will be posted in the near future so that we can bring in items that are routinely used in the social hall. Activities such as Birthday celebrations or Friday Lenten dinners must become self-sustaining. Other activities may carry an entrance fee. Old style votive candles have been found in storage and they are being put in use to postpone buying new ones for the near future. We will be aggressively pursuing these options.

In order for fundraisers to be successful, we must begin to draw in the community to participate with these so that the total burden is not solely on our parishioners to provide funds. 21 different ideas were fielded for fundraisers. We will evaluate those that require little up-front money first. Some ideas included are pursuing requests for contributions of goods or moneys from local businesses. A market fair could draw in members of the community and be paired with raffles, bake sales and selling of simple lunches or dinners. Dinners or classes that celebrate our cultural diversity could be held. (Who wouldn't want to learn how to cook a Samoan, Filipino, Indian or good old southern dish?) Offering classes in current technology, such as Snap chat or other social media use or specialty cooking skills. Many of these ideas will be implemented as manpower and time allows. We will be asking for your time and effort as we begin to plan and execute some of the events.

If you have other suggestions that will allow us to reduce expenditures or raise funds, please speak with Maria Sing who is maintaining the list of ideas generated by the Councils.

This is certainly not the news that any of us want to hear. We are asking that each of you find a way to help. Our generosity allows the continuation of our parish mission and provides a strong foundation for the parish's future.

Thank you for unwavering support.