# ST. JUDE SHRINE R.C. CHURCH



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. - Mk 9:7-8 Website: Shrinechurchofsaintjude.org Email: Shrinechurchofsaintjude@gmail.com Phone: 718-763-6300 Fax: 718-531-9655

#### PARISH STAFF

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#### MASS SCHEDULE

Established: June 30, 1961

SUNDAYS Saturday: 5:30 pm Sunday: 8:30 am 10:30 am 12:30 pm WEEKDAYS

Monday - Saturday 8:10 am HOLY DAYS 8:10 am and 7:30 pm 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm Saturday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm <u>ACADEMY</u> 1696 Canarsie Rd Brooklyn NY Nursery - PreK Kindergarten to Grade 8 Phone: 718-241-6633

**OFFICE HOURS** 

Monday - Friday

9:00 am to 12:00 Noon

<u>CONFESSIONS</u>: Saturdays 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm <u>BAPTISM</u>: Third Sunday of the Month at 2:00 pm <u>MARRIAGE</u>: On arrangement, six months in advance <u>COMMUNION CALLS</u>: Notify the Rectory/Priests

#### Welcome

Catholics are always welcomed home; non-Catholics are invited to join us in prayer. Catholics who are new to our parish are respectfully requested to introduce themselves to one of the priests after Mass and register at the parish office during the week. "Active" parishioners are those who are registered, join us regularly for the celebration of the sacraments and use the weekly donation envelopes. Only in this way can the parish issue documents attesting to parish membership and Catholic practice. Kindly notify us if you change your address.

#### **Mission Statement**

The parish of the Shrine Church of St. Jude is a family of Christians created in the image of a loving God. He has given us faith and gifts which we nurture by His Word and Eucharist. Sent forth by Christ, we strive to share Him with others in our daily lives and to spread His message of salvation to all. We welcome all people seeking communion with us. We respond to Christ's command to teach all people through instruction in the Catholic Faith in our religious education programs and Catholic School. With Christ as our cornerstone, we attempt to minister to the body, mind, and spirit of our fellow human beings. We pray for God's help and guidance, and that we may love each other as brothers and sisters in the Lord building up the Kingdom of God.



#### Sunday, Feb. 25th Second Sunday of Lent

8:30	Birthday blessings for Rachel Mejia - MOM In loving memory of Joseph SaLLustro	
	- Mrs. Peter V. Siggia	
	In loving memory of Madeliene Garcon	
10:30	In loving memory of Msgr. John Delendick	
	(8th week) - Devoted Parishioners	
	For the repose of the soul of Fredly Surin	
	- Nicaise Surin	
12:30	For the people of the parish	
wonaa	y, Feb. 26th	
	In loving memory of Giulia Inconquito - Grazia & Benito Di Benedetto	
	In thanksgiving to St. Jude - Marie Cherubin	
Tuesda	y, Feb. 27th	
8:10	In loving memory of Vincenzo Spinuso	
	- Grazia & Benito Di Benedetto	
Wedne	sday, Feb. 28th	
8:10	In loving memory of Elisabeth John Pitri	
	- Grazie & Benito Di Benedetto	
	Blessings for Carolle Masse - Carolle Masse	
	In thanksgiving & Birthday blessings for Abraham	
	Jourdain - Mirthal Alcala	
	ay, Feb. 29th	
8:10	For the people of the parish	
Friday	March 1st, FIRST FRIDAY	
8:10		
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Saturdo	ay, Mar. 2nd, FIRST SATURDAY	
8:10	For the people of the parish	
5:30	Birthday blessings for Kenrick Pierre - Jean Taylor	
	, Mar. 3rd, Third Sunday of Lent	
8:10	In memory of Jonathan Castro	
	- Nanette Madolora	
	God's blessings for Mary Anne SaLLustro	
	- Mrs. Peter V. Siggia	
10:30	In loving memory of Msgr. John Delendick	
	(9th week) - Devoted parishioners	
12:30	In loving memory of Anne Horan	
	- John Johnson	

#### IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Patricia Sparks Elaine Waldron Pamela Audino Eleanor Ricci Arnold Fleicher Ghislaine Maximilien Francisco Luna Claudette Dare Abigail Simon Doris Fleicher Albert Kadosh Diana Pearce Irma Vernet Doris Fleicher Peter Grillo Gloria Roberts Suzette Holdes Darren Borice

#### The Transformative Journey of Lent: Embracing Obedience, Faith, and Trust. Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18, Romans 8:31-34, and Mark 9:2-10,

On the 2nd Sunday of Lent, the scripture readings invite us to reflect on the transformative spirit of Lent through the themes of obedience, faith, and trust in God. They guide us to delve into the profound lessons embedded in the narratives.

**I. Obedience Amid Uncertainty:** The Gospel narrative of the Transfiguration sets the tone, illustrating the disciples' obedience in following Jesus up a high mountain. Their obedience was not devoid of challenges, as the purpose of the journey remained unclear initially. Similarly, the faith journey of Abraham, as recounted in the First Reading, mirrors the uncertainties that often accompany our walk of faith. In moments of ambiguity, faith propels us forward, and obedience becomes an act of trust in the divine guidance we receive.

**II. Holding Firm to the Vision of Glory:** The recurring Gospel of the Transfiguration on the Second Sunday of Lent serves as a reminder to hold onto the vision of glory even in the face of life's challenges. The transfiguration's radiant light symbolizes the hope that emerges after the dark days, embodying the ultimate glory of Easter following Christ's passion and death.

**III. Abraham's Test of Faith and Obedience:** The narrative of Abraham and Isaac poses a radical test of faith and obedience. The demand for Isaac's sacrifice seemingly contradicts God's promise to Abraham. Nevertheless, Abraham's trust and obedience, showcased in his willingness to proceed with the sacrifice, position him as a model of faith not only in Christianity but also in Judaism and Islam. The song "Trust and obey" echoes the essential elements required for true happiness in Jesus.

**IV.** Christ and Isaac: A Symbolic Connection: The connection between Christ and Isaac becomes apparent – both lying in obedience to their fathers and embodying a willingness to endure suffering for a higher purpose. God provided a lamb for Abraham as a symbolic sacrifice. In a divine twist, Christ, the Lamb of God becomes our sacrificial offering to God. Thus, at the sacrifice of the Holy Mass, we offer back to Him what He graciously gave us – Christ, who offered himself as God to God. The essence of this sacrificial act is eloquently captured in the doxology: "Through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all things, all power and glory are His forever and ever." The words of St. Paul, as expressed in the 2nd Reading, resonate with this extraordinary generosity.

**Conclusion:** The transformative spirit of Lent invites us to emulate the obedience of Abraham, the disciples, and Christ Himself, believing in the sun even when it is not shining, in love even when unfelt, and in God even in His silence. The glory promised is certain, and our trust and obedience pave the way to happiness and peace in the Lord.

Fr. Ikenna

MASS ATTENDANCE : Feb. 17 &18th, 2024 5:30 PM-50, 8:30 AM-94, 10:30 AM-110, 12:30 PM-137

TOTAL <u>391</u>

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Lucky Dip Holiday Lottery is on-going. See GiGi for your ticket./s..
- B. Stations of the Cross .Every Friday after 8:10 a.m. Mass and at 7:00 PM.
- C. To be a member of the Ministry of Consolation, please contact
  Sr. Jackie Nedd, @ 347-401-4665. To be a leader or a member of the Rosary Society or Bible Society, please call the Church's Office
- D. Mar. 9th, Saturday at 9:30 AM: Important meeting for Lectors, EME & Ushers in preparation for the Holy Week & Easter.
- E. New Altar servers training is every Friday at 5:30 PM
- F. Our Parish Lenten Mission/Retreat will be from March 11—15 at 7:00PM. We will host the Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage on March 19. See the bulletin board for both programs. Sponsors are needed.

#### MEMORIALS Altar Bread & Altar Wine:

Sanctuary Candles:

For Ricardo Percy Req. by Marie Percy

#### Tabernacle Candles:

**Adoration Chapel Candles:** 

**Church Bells** 

#### Youth & Young Adult Ministry Corner

- 1. Please return your Ministry Registration Form to the Parish Office ASAP.
- Feb. 25th, Sunday: Calling all Young Adults ages 18- 40 to join the Bible Study & Brunch after the 12:30 Mass.-3:30 PM (MLCR)
- 3. Please scan the QR Code and complete the Interest form to get more announcements.
- 4. For any questions, reach out to youthministry saintjude@gmail.com

## JOIN OUR YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY!

A place to connect, grow, and serve with other young adults. Come as you are, all are welcome. Scan the code below to complete the Young Adult Ministry Interest Form!



### **Daily Activities /Recurring Program**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Weekdays: After the 8:10 AM Mass –7:00 PM Saturdays: After the 8:10 AM Mass - 2:00 PM Sundays : No exposition
St. Jude Novena	Thursdays at 7:00 PM
Rosary & Divine Mercy	MonSat., after the 8:10 AM Mass
Parish Choir	Saturdays: Practice after the 5:30 Mass
Apostleship of Prayer / PWPN	<b>Every 2nd Sunday</b> of the month. 3:00 PM (MLCR)
Holy Name Society	Every 3rd Sunday of the month after the 8:30 am Mass (MLCR)
Bereavement Group	<b>Every 1st Thursday</b> of the month at 7:00PM <b>Online:</b> ID#87282495660 with Passcode 221889
Sto. Nino Devotees in North America	Monthly in person Prayers/Reflection Every 3rd Friday of the month– 7:30- 9:30PM
Haitian Charismatic Pray- er Group	Telephonique Prayer Mondays - 7:30 PM Wednesdays - 6:00 PM
English Prayer Group	Wednesdays—7:00 PM Maria Lopez Community Room
RCIA	Mondays in person 7:00—8:30 PM
Parish Pastoral Council	Every <b>First Tuesday</b> of the Month 7:00PM
Youth & Young Adult Ministry	Every First Saturday: 5:00 PM to 7:15 PM. Young Adult Bible Study following after 12:30 PM. Mass



ATTENTION: Shrine Church of St. Jude Parish Families

All school age children Grades 1-8 should be attending formal Religious Education classes yearly. Our Religious Education Program has begun. If you wish to register your child, please contact Ms. Helen Teifer -DRE

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