

ST. JUDE JOURNAL

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Parish Office

526-221-2505

Mon.-Thu.

9:30am-1:30pm

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HEALING SERVICE WED.

11:00 A.M. (2nd Wed)

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 A.M. HE

10:15 A.M. HE



FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Parish,

We had a wonderful special communion for Ms. Heidi's and Paige's Church School Class 😊 I so enjoy being able to hold a special communion service, it's always a delight to bring our children into the service and up to the altar to participate in the service in a way that is different from a regular Sunday.

We had a wonderful Recognition Sunday! Thank you to our families and parents and Church School Teachers for all that you each do to support our children and youth in the modeling and teaching of our faith in Jesus.

At Vestry we spoke of holding Mass on the Grass and our Picnics outdoors. I'm happy to do this, but it will require having enough volunteers for setup and tear down to make this happen 😊

We are steadily making improvements to our spiritual home! Sometime this summer we will be able to fix up our parking lot and have it as good as new for the next 15 years! And this is because of everyone's donations to Faith Moves Mountains! I am always grateful for the generous spirit of St. Jude's 😊

I hope you all have a safe and fun-filled summer, and that the summer brings rest and relaxation!

Blessings,
Mo. Jimmie Sue

VESTRY VIEWS By Michael Nersesian

It's hard to believe that summer is around the corner and as we make summer plans I hope you continue to make St. Jude and our Christian way of life a part of your summer. There tends to be a decline in attendance during the summer months, but that does not mean we should pause in living as Christ teaches us. If you are unable to attend services or participate in other church activities, please continue to show compassion, tolerance and care towards others, especially those in need. As parishioners of St. Jude, we excel at this as demonstrated by our active mission work we engage in. St. Jude is a special place for so many reasons; an amazing Rector; beautiful church; an inspiring music program and choir; and, of course, all of us who call St. Jude our home. The people of our church, or any church, or any organization for that matter, is what makes a place special. The parishioners of St. Jude are truly the heart, soul, and spirit of the church and that is what made us endure and continue to strive.

Each and every Sunday...each and every day...St. Jude delivers ministry, comfort, and spiritual guidance for all of us and for so many who, technically, do not belong to St. Jude. This does not take place on its own. This occurs by us contributing to St. Jude and our missions. This occurs by people being moved to act in a way to serve the church and to live as Christ teaches us. St. Jude has endured a lot of adversity and challenges over the years, from financial difficulties, significant operational issues (building and mechanical issues), searching for a new rector, COVID, and so many other challenges, but we endured because of the people of St. Jude. We always found a way to navigate through these difficult times and we never lost faith.

It is in this way that I invite each of you to get involved in St. Jude and its various ministries, committees, and service. Whether it be as an active member of one of our committees, or serving as an usher or altar guild member, or simply volunteering some time to decorate the church during the holidays, or helping to set-up for an event, or even hosting a coffee hour, your active involvement will enrich St. Jude and (at least based on my personal experience) ourselves.

My involvement with St. Jude started when I volunteered to help with a fall clean-up. That Saturday morning of raking out flower beds and picking-up leaves led to other opportunities for me to get involved and it included serving as a Building & Grounds Committee member, prior service on as a Vestry member (now serving once again), volunteering at the mission center, working the Country Fair, as well as other events and initiatives. Each of those opportunities enriched my life because I was giving back to the church I love and provided me the opportunity to serve others who are in greater need than me.

Offering your time, talent and treasure does not necessarily mean you need to forfeit a great deal of your time. We often hear “many hands make light work” and that is a true statement. I invite you to take the first step and pursue one of the many opportunities for you to make a difference. If you are not certain of what you can do, ask Mother Jimmie Sue, or a Vestry member, or just ask anyone (I am confident you will be directed to the right person and opportunity).

I am confident you will not regret getting involved, or staying involved, as the satisfaction and joy you will receive, as I have and continue to experience, will be immeasurable.

I wish you a pleasant and healthy summer and, as always, look forward to seeing you.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Nersesian



VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Treasurer's Report: Brian presents updated Treasurer's Report.

- Motion to accept Treasurer's Report. **Unanimous approval.**

Business:

- Vestry minutes approved. **Unanimous approval.**
- Liaison Report Highlight: new window has been installed.
- If enough volunteers can be gathered, then Mass on the Grass and the Picnics outside can start up again.
- Exploring updating our outside church sign in the front lawn.

Action Item:

- Approved Stasi Brothers for parking lot sealing, crack filling, and restriping in the summer. **Unanimous approval.**

Rector's Report:

- I made pastoral care calls and visits.
- We had a wonderful first LGBTQAI+ Free Spaghetti Dinner.
- Selected to be part of the Bishop Search Committee.



TREASURER'S REPORT By Brian Quinn

- April Figures:
 - April Net YTD Operating Income a deficit of **(\$16,205)**
 - April Net YTD Income a surplus of \$3,396
 - April Net Income a surplus of \$10,731
 - 4/6 deposit was \$27,271.41
 - Easter Donations + Flowers \$2,167
 - April Net Operating Income a surplus of \$25,817
 - \$11,725 COVID ERTC and FMM \$3,361
- One additional ERTC outstanding for \$4,444 plus interest (2nd quarter 2020)
- Audit Committee for review of 2024 to be held 6/2
 - We have 4 funds at this time: VBS grant \$2,022 (restricted); LGBTQAI \$11,021.74 (restricted); COVID ERTC \$12,427; FMM \$10,851 (thru 5/18)
- Pledge baselines
 - \$251,349 - \$78,593 received – target was \$83,783
 - \$222,404 - \$78,593 received – target was \$74,135 (based on pledges)
- Balance Sheet:
 - Assets – Liabilities \$143,525

APRIL 2025 FINANCIAL SUMMARY



	Yearly	Apr Actuals
Operating Income	286,404	100,451
Altar Donations	4,600	1,909
Special Offerings	3,760	2,035
Miscellaneous Contributions	21,550	1,113
Building Use	1,700	415
Outreach & Mission Income	5,300	1,284
Total Income	323,314	107,207
Expense		
Worship	4,495	1,901
Formation	1,430	18
Outreach & Mission	29,391	9,448
Stewardship	2,504	0
Hospitality	945	109
Building Maintenance	46,010	15,065
Rectory Maintenance	8,660	3,919
Loans and Bank Fees	20,488	6,796
Office & Office Supplies	13,145	5,760
Insurance	36,700	11,384
Miscellaneous Expenses	3,150	0
Personnel	209,565	69,011
Total Expense	376,483	123,411
Surplus/(Deficit)	(53,169)	(16,204)



HEALING SERVICE

A Healing Service will be on
Wednesday, June 10th at 11am in the in the Chapel
with Ken Norian and Chris Vanenburg.



HOSPITALITY NEWS By Kathy Hecht

Thank you to everyone who has hosted a Coffee Hour, to all those who are signed up to host in the future, and to everyone who contributes to the donation basket. The summer is almost here, and there are open Coffee Hours in July and August. Thank you in advance for signing up.

The men of the Vestry hosted a special Mother's Day Coffee Hour on May 11th. Thank you to Alan, Jon, Mike, Ken and Rick for the flowers and delicious food. Turn about is fair play, so on June 15th, the ladies of the Vestry will be hosting Coffee Hour for Father's Day. Thank you, ladies!

Following the Sunday School Recognition on May 18th, we had another wonderful picnic. Lots of good food and fellowship. Your generous donations covered BBQ expenses. Thank you. Special thanks to the grill crew: Charlie, Alan, Jon, John and Rick, and to the kitchen crew: Patty, Mary Jane and Jeanne.

Any questions about hosting Coffee Hour, please see Kathy Hecht or Amy Deppe. Thank you.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.



YARD SALE – SATURDAY, JUNE 7

9:00am until 2:00pm



Summer is almost upon us and it's time to have a Spring Cleaning Parish Yard Sale! We are looking for Donations and Volunteers. Donations can be brought in one week before the Yard Sale, and left in the Choir Room. Please contact Barbara Thompson, Laura Loud, or Jennifer Armellino-Vermilye for any questions.

THANK YOU'S



- Thank you to everyone who helped donated food items, and help with setup and cleanup for the Parish Picnic!
- Thank you to our Church School Teachers!
- Thank you to everyone who has made a contribution to our Faith Moves Mountains Fundraiser!!

- Thank you to all of our Worship Ministers!
- Thank you, always, to everyone who has hosted and who has signed up to host a Coffee Hour!



CLOTHING COLLECTION BIN



We are collecting used clothing and shoes in our Collection Bin. **St. Jude's receives ten cents per pound** of any items donated and receive a check on a weekly basis.

The goods are sold to third world nations who financially cannot afford to purchase new clothing for their family. They will now receive good, clean, usable garments at extremely low prices. None of the donations are made into rags.

Please share with your family and friends about our Clothing Collection Bin – every pound counts 😊😊



MISSION CENTER



Dates Open: The Mission Center is open at St. Jude's on June 1st and June 18th and June 29th. We are open from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

Donations Needed:

- We are in great need of Diapers! We currently need Diapers in these sizes 3, 4, 5, and 6. These sizes are in high demand.

- Baby wipes.
- Baby formula (Enfamil yellow is largely requested).
- Any non-perishable food such as: pasta, sauce, rice, beans, and any canned vegetables.

Volunteers are always very welcome. If interested, contact Barbara Rice Thompson or Patty Doll.



CHURCH SCHOOL By Barbara Arnold



The Church School season ended with Recognition Sunday, May 18th. Teachers were recognized as well as their students who participated in the program with certificates. Youth who served as acolytes and ushers were acknowledged in front of the congregation. Their time and contributions are greatly appreciated.

This year Bobby Smith was recognized for making confirmation. Chris Vanenburg read a tribute for the confirmation mentors Ryan, Brendan and Laura for which the class would not have been possible.

Mackenzie and Connor celebrated with Mother Jimmie Sue in the special communion service that was also offered on Recognition Sunday.

Thank you to all who contributed to the Sunday School charity Final Salute. \$1300 was raised. Thank you to Mother Jimmie Sue to her contribution to the charity.

Congratulations to all of our graduates and students who are moving up! Congratulations to Paige Gomez-Nieto, and we thank her for all of her service to Ms. Heidi's Sunday School class. She will be missed next year and we wish her the best of luck at Loyola Marymount University in California.





SUNDAY SCHOOL CHARITY – FINAL SALUTE



Thank you to everyone who has supported the Sunday School charity "Finale Salute." We raised \$1,300.00!! And a was sent to the organization. Thank you for supporting Sunday School Coffee Hours, Coin cans, the Christmas card mail service, Advent boutique, and the Easter/Spring sale. Thank you to Mother Jimmie Sue for her donation. Together we certainly made a difference!

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Save the Dates: July 7-11, 2025 starts at 9am goes until 12pm!

Vacation Bible School is coming this summer to St. Jude!

Open to PreK (potty trained) to 6th grade. There will be science, games, crafts, music, and fun.

You can register online by visiting [myvbs.org/churchofstjude](https://www.myvbs.org/churchofstjude). If you have any questions please email Barbara Arnold at stjudewantaghvbs@gmail.com.



ST. JUDE'S LGBTQAI+ GROUP

What our group is about



We get together regularly for discussions and events celebrating, discussing, and helping each other complete the connection between God and the LGBTQAI+ community in the Church.

If anyone would like to be added to the LGBTQAI+ mailing list, Facebook group or if you have any questions about our group, feel free to contact Mo. Jimmie Sue.

Remember ALL are welcome, the A stands for Ally! You are already a member of our group if you are a member of St. Jude's welcoming community of faith!

SAVE THE DATE: LGBTQIA+ POTLUCK - AUGUST 29TH

Join the LGBTQIA+ Group for a potluck at the Rectory! Friday, August 29 at 7pm come to the Rectory backyard for a potluck as we bring summer to a close. Park in the church parking lot and come through the gates into the back yard. Bring a dish to share & a lawn chair! (If the weather doesn't cooperate, we will be inside.)



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



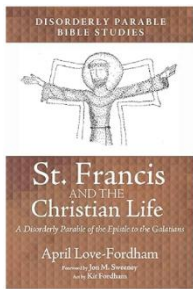
When the Seventh Bishop of Long Island visited a parish, he would address the congregation at the offertory: "You Don't tip God!" Bishop Walker would go on to say, "If you are putting cash in the offering plate, I want to see nothing less than crisp twenty-dollar bills!"

As we end our "program year" – end of Sunday School, reduced Sunday morning attendance, etc., here's a not-so-gentle reminder that there's not a comparable reduction in the costs of running the church from June to September. Even in a time of economic uncertainty we need to maintain our financial support during the summer months.

So please, keep up your pledge over the summer!

Ted Gerbracht, *Stewardship Team*

ST. FRANCIS AND THE CHRISTIAN LIFE



Join Mo. Jimmie Sue for our last session on June 11th at 7pm via Zoom. We'll be using the book called *St. Francis and the Christian Life* for our discussion.

When: June 11

Meeting ID: 897 4056 8453

Time: 7pm – 8:30pm

Passcode: 941519

Where: Zoom - Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89740568453?pwd=qwSmNKvRSmdR4i8igA26lZlZlTB1yOLL.1>



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- Pentecost (wear red) – June 8
- Vacation Bible School - July 7-11
- LGBTQIA+ Potluck at the Rectory - August 29 at 7pm
- July/August Journal Deadline – June 25, 2025



FIND ST. JUDE'S ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Instagram: search for @stjudeepiscopal

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StJudeWantagh/>

YouTube: Search for @stjudeepiscopal

<https://www.youtube.com/@stjudeepiscopal>

A simple way to boost our online presence is to like and share all the wonderful events and pictures we post. Please consider giving us a "like" and a "follow".





FAITH MOVES MOUNTAINS

Our building needs your help again. We need to create a fund for the times she's in need of tender care. This is more than just a building she's our spiritual home.

We're asking that everyone contribute towards her continued care and maintenance.

It's a big ask, but we hope that everyone can contribute toward her continued care and maintenance.

WE NEED TO RAISE
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Every contribution will make a difference!
Please make a contribution today.

Please make contributions to:
Church of St. Jude, and on the Memo Line: "Faith Moves Mountains.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

THE BISHOP

The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Provenzano

THE RECTOR

The Rev. Jimmie Sue Deppe

WARDENS

Charles Garbowski (2026)	Alan Hecht (2027)/Clerk
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VESTRY

June Gerbracht (2027)	Adrienne Comito (2025)
Jon Mortagua (2027)	Marie Smith (2027)
Laura Anne Loud (2027)	Janine Scarlatos (2027)
Ken Norian (2025)	Rick Gomez-Nieto (2026)
Michael Nersesian (2028)	Brian Quinn, Treasurer

STAFF

Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Walter H. Fuller
Music Director: Shira Fishkin
Parish Administrator: Susan Heilig
Sunday School Coordinator: Barbara Arnold





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8am Worship 10:15am Worship Baptism Sunday	2 CAP P.H. 7pm	3 AA 7:30pm	4	5 AA 7:30pm	6 9:30am Mice Makers	7 YARD SALE 9am – 2pm 
8 Pentecost 8am Worship 10:15am Worship  PRIDE COFFEE HOUR	9 CAP P.H. 7pm	10 AA 7:30pm	11 11am Lay led Healing Service - Chapel  Formation Offering via Zoom @ 7pm	12 AA 7:30pm	13 9:30am Mice Makers	14
15 8am Worship 10:15am Worship 	16 CAP P.H. 7pm	17 AA 7:30pm 7pm Vestry Meeting	18	19	20 9:30am Mice Makers	21
22 8am Worship 10:15am Worship	23 CAP P.H. 7pm	24 AA 7:30pm	25 Journal Deadline	26 AA 7:30pm	27 9:30am Mice Makers	28
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CHURCH OF ST. JUDE (EPISCOPAL)

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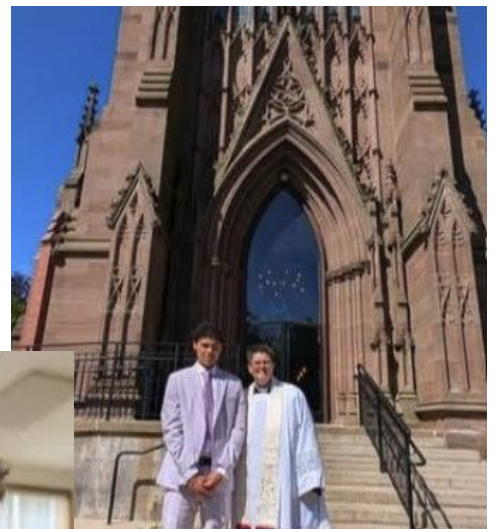
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

TO:

CELEBRATING ST. JUDE'S IN PICTURES
CONFIRMATION



LGBTQAI+ & CAP EVENT





SPECIAL COMMUNION



SUNDAY SCHOOL 2025



PARISH PICNIC





SUNDAY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER - FINAL SALUTE (\$1,300)

