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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

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Parish Office
526-221-2505
Mon.–Thu.
9:30am–1:30pm

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HEALING SERVICE 2nd WED
11:00 A.M.

SUNDAY WORSHIP
8:00 A.M. HE
10:15 A.M. HE



FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Parish,

November invites us to pay attention. The days grow shorter, the air turns crisp, and the trees release what they can no longer hold. In the Church, this month also draws our hearts toward remembrance, gratitude, and the hope we share in Christ. We give thanks for the saints who have gone before us, for the people whose love has shaped our lives, and for the countless gifts of God that sustain us each day.

Gratitude is more than a feeling reserved for happy circumstances. It is a spiritual practice — a way of seeing. When we pause to name God's blessings, we begin to recognize grace in places we might otherwise overlook: a kind word, a shared meal, a prayer offered on our behalf, the steady presence of a friend, or the simple gift of gathering around Christ's table. Thanksgiving does not deny grief or hardship. Instead, it reminds us that even in difficult seasons, we do not walk alone.

This November, I invite each of us to practice gratitude with intention. Take a few quiet moments each day to give thanks. Reach out to someone who has been a blessing to you. Offer your time or resources to a neighbor in need. Join in the worship, fellowship, and service of our parish. Small acts of gratitude can become acts of generosity, and generosity can become a living witness to the love of God.

As the month draws to a close, the Church turns toward Advent and the promise of Christ's coming. May this season prepare us for a renewed encounter with Jesus—the One who meets us in our remembering, our giving thanks, and our care for one another. May our parish be a place where all are welcomed, burdens are shared, and hope is made visible.

With gratitude for each of you, Mo. Jimmie Sue



SEPTEMBER 2026 Financial Summary

	Yearly	Aug Actuals
Operating Income	312,120	235,216
Altar Donations	3,813	2,071
Special Offerings	3,490	1,618
Miscellaneous Contributions	21,740	4,169
Building Use	1,300	1,525
Outreach & Mission Income	4,100	3,906
Total Income	**346,563**	**248,505**
Expense		
Worship	4,493	3,577
Formation	870	53
Outreach & Mission	30,180	23,253
Stewardship	2,690	1,349
Hospitality	1,000	238
Building Maintenance	53,010	47,927
Rectory Maintenance	9,525	7,082
Loans and Bank Fees	200	114
Office & Office Supplies	9,955	7,234
Insurance	39,871	23,278
Miscellaneous Expenses	3,300	1,510
Personnel	214,582	158,773
Total Expense	**370,146**	**274,388**
Surplus/(Deficit)	**(23,583)**	**(25,883)**



DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ON: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1!

The Church of St. Jude's Country Fair

COUNTRY FAIR – IT'S HERE!!

The 2026 St. Jude Country Fair is on **Saturday, November 7th, from 9AM to 4PM**.

We will offer all the well-loved items that St. Jude is known for, including our famous handcrafted "Church Mice", handmade items, baked goods, cheese & pickles, the Lottery Tree, fresh Long Island produce, a high-end raffle with a Laptop as the grand prize, $1000 first prize, a gift basket raffle, used books, children's toys, a holiday boutique, craft vendors, St. Jude Frozen Chef table (where we will sell frozen homemade meals) and much more!

Our raffle table is gearing up to be even better than it has been in the past! Raffle tickets will be available for sale shortly! Please be sure to buy them for yourselves or sell them to family and friends.

Our Country Fair has been a mainstay of our community for 52 years now. It is our main fundraiser of the year, and whether it is time, talent, or treasures - WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!

If you would like to volunteer for the day of the fair, please see any of the fair chairs on or give us a call! We always need more hands on deck! We hope that you will come out, shop, eat, enjoy the day, and support our Church family.

SET UP WEEK BEGINS – November 1st

We will begin setting up the Sunday School Classrooms on November 1, and the Parish Hall on Wednesday the 4th after 2pm ET. You may begin bringing general sale items at that time.



PRE-ORDERS FOR PICKLES & CHEESE ARE UNDERWAY

Pickle & Cheese Pre-Orders are underway!! SIGN UP ON the sheet on the bulletin board to reserve yours now! Baked Goods too! Check out all the sign-up sheets on the board and please consider SIGNING UP early!





MORNING HEALING SERVICE

11:00 am to 11:30 am Healing Service will be on Wednesday, October 11th in the Chapel with Ken Norian and Chris Vanenburg.

WEDNESDAY EVENING HEALING EUCHARIST

As Episcopalians we view the Eucharist itself as medicine for the soul, and combining it with healing prayer, forms a holistic approach to pastoral care and wholeness. November 11th in the Chapel at 7:30pm.

ANNUAL GIVING UPDATE

Grounded in Faith
Growing to Serve

As of 10/21/2026 we have a commitment of 8 pledges for a total of $57,296.00. Our desired goal for this year is $285,000.00.

Last year we had 54 pledges for a total of $214,098.00. Thank you to everyone who has returned their Annual Pledge!

If you haven't sent in your Annual Pledge Card, please consider doing so, every pledge makes a difference to the vitality of the parish





SUNDAY SCHOOL by Barbara Arnold

Sunday School & Confirmation registration is now open! Sunday School is open to children from preK- 8th grade. Confirmation registration starts for youth entering 8th grade.

Sunday School starts at 10:00am in the Chapel for prayer, then they head to their classrooms with their Teachers for study and reflection time until 10:45am.

HOSPITALITY REPORT By Kathy Hecht

October was a busy month for Coffee Hour. St. Francis and a bunch of animal friends received blessings on Oct. 4th. We celebrated National Coming Out Day on Oct. 11th. And we wrapped up October on the 25th (two months to Christmas!!) with our Halloween party and Spooky Ice-Scream Sundaes.

The calendar for November is wide open, lots of opportunities to host a Coffee Hour. Please step up in my absence to make sure we all come together as a family after 10:15am Mass. It will be a while before I am diving into cabinets in the kitchen. Thank you in advance.

Thank you to our Coffee Hour hosts. Thanks to all who contribute to the donation basket so we can keep the kitchen stocked.

Our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive will be on November 15, 2026. Look for flyers, sign-up sheets and email blasts. We will be collecting food in the Parish Hall before Mass and delivering it to the Little Red Shed afterwards. Please be generous. Even the least abundant of us is blessed in comparison with so many others.

Enjoy the crisp fall weather. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!



Coffee Hour Hosts for the months of November and December are needed. Please pick a day to volunteer and sign up.

If you would like to host a Coffee Hour and haven't before, it's absolutely okay to Host with a friend or as a group 😊

Thanksgiving Food Drive Sunday Nov. 15, 2026

The Mission Center needs to stock its pantry for Thanksgiving. The families they support can use the items listed below.
To help, please select from the list and drop off in the Parish Hall before Mass on the 15th.
If you are willing to purchase bulk bags of items in the FRESH FOOD column, please sign up on the list outside the Parish Hall. Volunteers will package them into smaller bags on the 15th before stocking the Little Red Barn. *Please do not bring bulk items of rice and beans.*
Thank you for your generosity!



ST. JUDE'S SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM



The St. Jude Social Justice Team was inspired by watching the citizens of Minnesota standing together to protect their neighbors. We as a group look for ways to help our marginalized neighbors and create a more just society. With the midterm election season upon us we will be writing postcards to encourage citizens to get out the vote.

The next meeting of the Social Justice Team will be on November 8th.

ST. JUDE'S LGBTQAI+ GROUP

What our group is about



We get together 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+ emailing list, Facebook group or if you have any questions about our group, feel free to email Mo. Jimmie Sue at revdeppe@gmail.com.

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!

"The LGBTQIA+ Group invites you to food and fellowship!"

On Sunday, November 15 at 1pm the LGBTQIA+ group will have lunch and fellowship at Jani Chinese & Japanese restaurant at 1175 Wantagh Ave. We need to reserve our table so please **RSVP by Sunday November 8** on the sign-up sheet in the hallway.

THANK YOU'S



- Thank you Dcn. Walter for your many, many years of service at St. Jude's 💚
- Thank you to everyone for putting together a lovely retirement luncheon for Dcn. Walter!
- Thank you to our Church School Teachers & and to our Parents for bringing their children and youth to Sunday School 😊
- Thank you for all your prayers for Mo. Jimmie Sue as she continues to heal 😊
- Thank you, always, to everyone who has hosted and who has signed up to host a Coffee Hour!

A THANK YOU TO St. JUDE FROM DCN. WALTER

A celebration of our church family.

Thank you for the wonderful coffee hour and luncheon. Even though I knew the celebration was coming, it was a special day that will remain in my heart. It felt like a family celebration, because that is what St. Jude's is: a family. Over the years, I have often discussed what makes a church welcoming. I think of three impressions: first, the building and campus—the grounds, the condition of the church, and its interior; second, the welcome and acceptance offered by the congregation; and third, the priest and the service. Together, these form a trinity of

impressions that brings people back. Faith is something we live by. It varies from person to person, reflecting the grace given to us. This trinity is very much alive at St. Jude's. Serving at the altar has been a blessing and a privilege, allowing me to witness a strong, loving faith community and a wonderful, compassionate priest. Because I believe so strongly in these three impressions, I also want to commend the work being done to improve the building and campus. For various reasons, many churches do not maintain all three in the same way.

Our shared journey and my next chapter.

I have said it before, and I will say it again: reflection helps us learn from every situation, good or bad. God is always teaching and disciplining us. Long before I became a deacon, I was at Saint Mark's, dealing with difficulties involving two particular priests during the search process. Over several years, supply and part-time priests came and went, creating instability, and we lost parishioners. That experience prepared me for the day the bishop took Father Christopher from us. I already knew Saint Jude's and had grown fond of serving with Father Christopher. He had faith in me and entrusted me with rebuilding the building at Saint Michael All Angels. When I led Morning Prayer and asked you for patience and faith, I spoke from both my heart and my experience. I felt your pain and wanted to support you to the best of my ability. Through that long, difficult time, I witnessed the congregation's faith as we suffered together. Finally, we were blessed with Mother Jimmie Sue's arrival. Serving at Saint Jude's has been an honor and a true ministry, and I have grown to love this family. The spirit is strong here, and we will survive. I will always be grateful for your love and support, especially through my physical challenges: a second spinal surgery, five months of pneumonia, a small cancerous tumor on my left kidney that was frozen off, and a very tiny stroke that I was surprised to learn I had experienced without knowing it. My greatest challenge was recovering from double knee replacement. I felt your prayers and genuinely believe they helped me heal through these ordeals. I held you in prayer, and you held me in yours. Together, these challenges have drained much of my energy and left me less physically able to do the things I want to do. Now I want to devote the energy I have left to my wonderful family: my wife, Christine; my daughter, Heather; my son-in-law, Michael; and my grandchildren, little MJ and Lyla. Being their grandfather is a joy. As I have said before, I will still be here, though less often. I will not serve at the altar unless you need me there. I will always be the retired deacon from Saint Jude's.

Thanks, and blessings,
Deacon Walter

p.s. A special thank you to the Vestry and Mother Jimmie Sue for the cards and gifts.
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd @ 3PM
INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The service begins at 3pm with a time afterwards for refreshments. Temple B'nai Torah is hosting the service this year. And their address is:
2900 Jerusalem Ave, Wantagh, NY 11793. I hope everyone will be able to attend 😊

MISSION CENTER

The Little Red Barn at St. Jude continues to serve many families each week. Thank you to everyone who has donated and continues to donate! The families were so happy to receive the school backpacks we distributed!

While we currently have plenty of certain items, we often run out of the following **NEEDED ITEMS:** Diapers sizes 5, 6 & 7; individual 1lb bags of rice; pasta sauce; yellow Enfamil; individually wrapped school snacks; individual juice boxes; shelf stable milk such as Parmalat; shampoo for adults and children/babies; sanitary napkins; household cleaning supplies.

DATES OPEN: We are open every other Sunday as follows: 10/4/26; 10/18/26. **Fresh fruits and veggies can be donated at church on those days**. If you would like to volunteer please contact Barbara or Patty. Your generosity is so greatly appreciated!! Sincerely, Barbara Rice Thompson and Patty Doll.

CONVERSATION & DINNER: NEXT ONE DECEMBER 10



The idea is to get together and have conversations. The format is simple: food, conversation, and God. Come bring your questions (and not too worry – I'll have questions at the ready), your curiosity, and pull up a chair. Be ready to engage with people of varying religious and philosophical perspectives and life experiences. You'll be able to share your own wrestlings and thoughts while learning something new along the way. **Location:** Miller's Ale House located at 3046 Hempstead Tpke. Levittown, NY 11756 **Time:** 7:00pm.

THE KALENDAR: HOW THE CHURCH TELLS TIME





As we move toward Advent this month, it's a good moment to look at the Kalendar (yep, it's spelled with a "K" in the prayer book, so it's a nod to its ancient roots) — the system that organizes the entire church year.

The Kalendar actually layers two different cycles on top of each other. The first is the **temporal cycle** — the great seasons anchored to the life of Christ: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and the long season now simply called "the season after Pentecost," which runs from early summer into late fall. Older prayer books called this final stretch "Trinity season," after the Sunday that opens it. The 1979 book renamed it to emphasize that all of this time still flows from Pentecost, the Spirit's gift to the whole church.

The second layer is the **sanctoral cycle** — the calendar of saints' days and holy days scattered throughout the year, from major feasts like All Saints' Day (November 1) to a long roster of lesser feasts commemorating apostles, martyrs, reformers, and witnesses to the faith across the centuries.

The 1979 revision significantly expanded this list, drawing on the companion volume *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*, reflecting a renewed conviction that the saints — not just the events of Christ's life — have something to teach the church about holiness in every era.

You can track which cycle you're in by color as much as by date. Blue and purple marks the penitential, expectant seasons of Advent and Lent; white celebrates the great feasts — Christmas, Easter, All Saints', and days honoring Christ himself; red belongs to Pentecost and the commemorations of martyrs; and green fills the long, unhurried stretches of "ordinary" time between the major seasons. None of this is decorative flourish — it's a visual teaching tool, reminding us at a glance what part of the story we're standing in.

This matters especially as November turns toward Advent (which begins this year on November 29). The Kalendar's genius is that it doesn't let the church simply drift through the calendar year. It insists on its own sense of time — one that keeps circling back, every year, through incarnation, death, resurrection, and the ordinary days in between, so that the whole shape of the gospel gets rehearsed again and again in the life of the parish.

CLOTHING COLLECTION BIN



We collect used clothing and shoes in our Collection Bin. None of the donations are made into rags. Also, St. Jude's receives ten cents per pound of any items donated. Please share about our Clothing Collection Bin with your family and friends ☺

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- Revelation for the Rest of Us (Zoom) – November 18 @ 7:30pm
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2026 CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Please share in making the church beautiful for Christmas. You may wish to offer a gift In memory of, In Honor or Thanksgiving of, or to the Glory of God.

Clearly print your loved one's name with only **one name per line;** use additional sheets if necessary.

Place your form with your check, payable to the "Church of St. Jude; Memo line: Christmas Flowers," in the offering plate. Or you may bring or mail to the Parish Office **by December 21, 2026.**

In Honor of:	**In Loving Memory of:**	**To the Glory of God:**

Donor: _____

Amount of Check: $_____ Phone: _____

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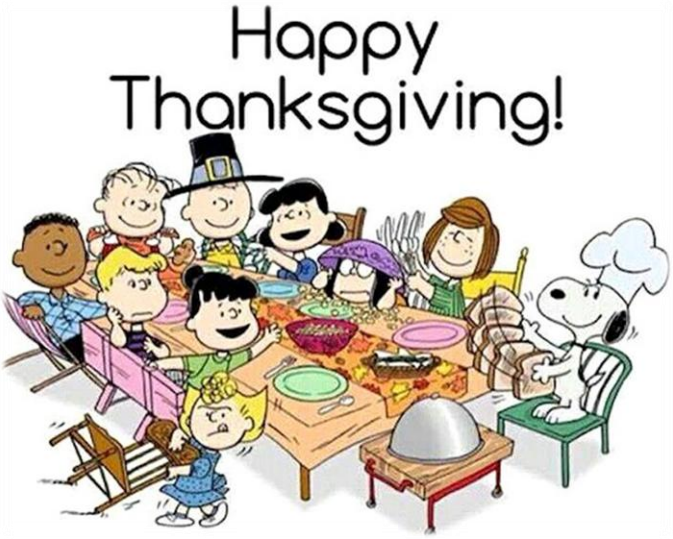
CHURCH OFFICE CORNER

2026 Sanctuary Lamps/ Altar Flowers (Live or silk)/ Altar Candles / Mass Cards signup is online or call the office: https://forms.gle/Q7DqqaCHm5LrvLFX6

Please print the name of the individual(s) you wish to remember or honor. If looking for a whole month, please choose the month-long option; or for a specific date choose this instead. Please make a new form for each month (all December on one form) or choose a specific Sunday.

FROM YOUR EDITORS

If you would like to write an article, please contact Mo. Jimmie Sue. If you know someone who would like a copy, please contact Sue Heilig.



THE BISHOP
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THE RECTOR
The Rev. Jimmie Sue Deppe

WARDENS

Charles Garbowski (2028)	Alan Hecht (2027), Clerk

VESTRY

Michael Nersesian (2028)	Adrienne Comito (2028)
June Gerbracht (2027)	Maria Smith (2029)
Jon Mortagua (2029)	Janine Scarlatos (2027)
Laura Anne Loud (2027)	Lauren Wangner (2029)
Ken Norian (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



November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **8am Worship** **10:15am Worship** **Day Light Savings Time**	2	3	4 **SETUP AFTER 2pm FOR THE COUNTRY FAIR**	5 **SETUP FOR THE COUNTRY FAIR**	6 **SETUP FOR THE COUNTRY FAIR**	7  **ANNUAL COUNTRY FAIR!!**
8 **8am Worship** **10:15am Worship**	9 CAP P.H. 7pm	10 AA 7:30pm	11 **11am Healing Service** **7:30pm Healing Service with Eucharist**	12 AA 7:30pm	13 **Diocesan Convention** AA 7:00pm	14 **Diocesan Convention**
15 **8am Worship** **10:15am Worship** **Decorate Thanksgiving Centerpieces** **LGBTQAI+ Lunch at Umbertos @ 1pm**	16 CAP P.H. 7pm	17 AA 7:30pm **7:30pm Vestry Meeting**	18 **7pm Zoom Book of Revelation**	19 AA 7:30pm	20 AA 7:00pm	21
22 **8am Worship** **10:15am Worship**	23 CAP P.H. 7pm **Journal Deadline**	24 AA 7:30pm	25	26  	27 AA 7:00pm	28
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