

A Message from Father Henry August 7, 2020



Jesus Calms the Storm

Fellow St Jude Parishioners:

Not once, but twice in less than a week — on Tuesday, August 4 and on Sunday August 9 — the Church gives us the Gospel reading in which Jesus calms the storm.

It was the middle of the night and the boat, with his disciples in it, was being tossed about by strong wind and waves. Jesus came towards the boat, walking on the water, but the disciples did not yet recognize him, until he spoke to

them. "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid," Peter called out, "Lord, if it is you, command *me* to come to you on the water." Jesus said, "Come."

Peter trusted Jesus' words and got out of the boat and began walking to Jesus on the water. But then, Peter began to sink. Why? Didn't Jesus extend the invitation to come to him?

We hear in this Gospel how Peter began to sink, when he took his focus off of Jesus and put it onto how strong the wind and waves were.

We are all offered that same invitation from Jesus, 'Come, come to me,' but many of us are too caught up by the wind and waves in our lives to trust that Jesus will keep us afloat. During these days of unrest and uncertainty, the waves and wind take on all kinds of forms and hit us from all sides. How easy it is for us to become more focussed on the winds and waves than on Jesus, and as did Peter, we begin to sink.

Yet, the Gospel story does not end with Peter drowning, instead, we read that Peter called out to Jesus, “Lord, save me!” And Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter.

In order for Peter to grasp the hand of Jesus, he had to turn his eyes back to our Lord. Once again, his focus was on Jesus. It is certainly a challenge to keep our focus on Jesus, accept His invitation to ‘Come,’ with faith, and without doubting.

Our lives can be a series of storms, and it is so easy to question and become discouraged when we find ourselves in the middle of a storm. But let us remember that Jesus’ hand is always extended to us. Let us look for Jesus’ hand. Let us keep both eyes focussed on him. Let us allow him to keep us afloat.

Father Henry



Pope Francis urges Catholics to follow 'God's logic'

Pope Francis urged Catholics Sunday to follow "God's logic" by taking responsibility for the welfare of others. In his Angelus address Aug. 2, he reflected on Sunday's Gospel, the miracle of the feeding of the 5,000 (Matthew 14:13-21). He noted...

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St. Jude Parish Movie Night Fundraiser

Thanks to all who responded to our movie survey. The results are in! Aladdin, with Will Smith and Mena Massoud, will be shown on Friday, August 28th, and Frozen II with Kristen Bell and Idina Menzel on Saturday, August 29th. We are looking forward to fun evenings for everyone!

We will be relying on your generous donations to make this a success! Due to movie licensing restrictions, we are unable to advertise this event or charge admission. Any member of our St. Jude Parish, or their guest, may reserve a spot for either or both evenings, so spread the word to your family and friends. We want to fill our parking lot! We will be accepting donations at the gate, instead of a set admission price. And something new for us – we will be accepting all major credit cards. Your generosity is appreciated!

Volunteers are needed for both evenings, and we are also offering the opportunity to sponsor food items for the event. See below for both.

St. Jude Parish Presents Drive In Movie Nights

Parish Grounds - Route 111



FRIDAY, AUGUST 28th



SATURDAY, AUGUST 29th

Make your family reservations today at
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054ba5ae2ea20-stjude6>

Or on the St. Jude Website
Spots are Limited!!

Your Donation at the Gate Will Make This Fundraiser A Success!!
Credit Cards Accepted

Parking Lot Opens at 6:30 * Movie Begins at Dusk

Questions? Please email seperackpaul@sbcglobal.net

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Drinks,
Treats and more!



Parish Raffle Drawing
Saturday Night
1st Prize is \$3,030.00



Event is Covid compliant per local Health department requirements.

Our limit is 90 cars per evening, so reserve your spot right away for one or both movie nights at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054ba5ae2ea20-stjude6>

Volunteers are needed for parking, cashiers, food runners, and trash and recycling. Thank you in advance for signing up to help out in the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054ba5ae2ea20-stjude7>

As in prior years with the Italian Festival, we are offering the opportunity to sponsor food items for this event. We are seeking donations for the following:

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| Case of Hamburgers | \$35 |
| Case of hot dogs | \$25 |
| Case of Sausage | \$20 |
| Case of Bacon | \$30 |
| Box of cheese | \$30 |
| Case of soda | \$12 |
| Box of Ice cream | \$12 |
| Case of hot dog/hamburger rolls | \$10 |

Please drop in the collection basket, or send a check to the Parish Office to sponsor any of the food items. Add "Food Donations for Movie Nights" in the note section on the check. Your generosity is appreciated!



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We will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make on AmazonSmile will result in a donation. After selecting a charitable organization, you can also activate AmazonSmile on the Amazon Shopping app.

Thanks in advance for your support!!

2020-21 Faith Formation for Children

2020-21 Faith Formation for Children - Registration is open
We are now accepting registrations for this year's Faith Formation Program. [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

We are pleased to present our new Faith Formation Program for our St. Jude children. This new program will replace the religious education format that we have offered in the past. Our new program is explained in detail on our Children's Faith Formation page on our St. Jude Parish website. <https://www.stjuderc.org/childrens-faith-formation.html>

Emails have been sent home to families who have been enrolled in our program this past year. If you would like to be included on the Faith Formation email list, please contact Donna Lane, Coordinator of Faith Formation at stjudemonroereligiouseducation@gmail.com

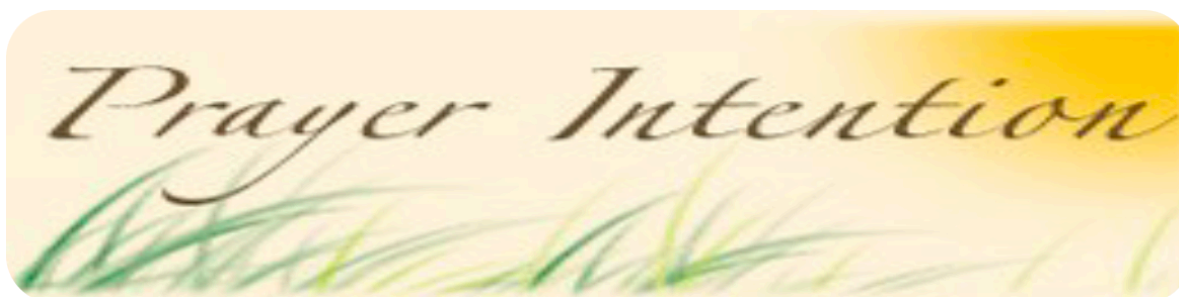
[Click Here](#) for Fr. Henry's Letter to Families

Parish Raffle Early Return Drawing

Saint Jude Parishioners and friends.

Now that the time for the Early Raffle Drawing submission period has passed all those who returned their packet of ten ticket stubs and payment will be included in the Early Return Drawing for the \$100.00 Stop & Shop grocery certificate. The drawing will be at the same time as the Festival raffle prize drawing on the 29th of August. This means that you still have time to return your raffle tickets with payment for those tickets purchased before then. While the festival is postponed for this year two outdoor movie nights are planned. The raffle committee will be selling raffle tickets on the movie nights of August 28 and 29th. Tickets will be available for purchase 1/2 hour before the movie begins and during the movie on Friday the 28th of August and for 1/2 hour before the movie on the 29th. No tickets will be sold during the movie on the 29th so that preparation for the drawing can be made by 9:30 PM or at the conclusion of the movie.

If you didn't get your tickets or would like additional tickets, you can pick up tickets at the parish office Monday thru Thursday 9AM to 3PM. Please call 203-261-6404 before coming in. You can also call the parish office and leave a message for Fr. Henry with your information and you will be contacted by a member of the committee. Thank You.



Please join us as we resume praying our Monthly Parish Prayer Intention.

Our Petition for August is:

May the Holy Spirit guide the decisions being made to ensure the health and safety of all those returning to school in various formats this Fall,

We pray to the Lord

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Please join us for Adoration on Friday, August 7, 2020, from 7-8 pm.

“When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now”. St. Teresa of Calcutta

Mask and social distancing required.

Mass Schedule and Registration



The Masses inside the Church are Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 9:30 and 11:30. Pre-registration is required

at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054ba5ae2ea20-stjude4>

Masks should be worn at all times. Social distancing is required at all times. Please be sure to arrive 15 minutes before Mass.

The only Outdoor Drive In Mass is the Sunday Mass at 7:30, weather permitting. Please register

at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054ba5ae2ea20-stjude2> Just a reminder - The quantity field refers to the number of cars which should be 1 not the number of people in your car.

Volunteers for the Masses are needed and may sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054ba5ae2ea20-stjude5> Thanks in advance for your help!

[Online Giving](#)

Church Hours for private prayer

Church is open Monday to Friday 8am - 10am for private prayer.

Live-streamed Mass Schedule

The Masses at 5pm Saturday and 11:30am Sunday will be live-streamed every weekend. These Masses may be viewed at <https://www.stjuderc.org/view-masses.html>

Confession Hours

Confessions are required to be outside at 3:00 pm on Saturdays until the bishop gives us permission to go back inside the church, which he has not, and probably will not for some time. Confessions are 3:00 pm outside, behind the church, and also by appointment, calling 203-261-6404, to set up and appointment or emailing.

First Friday Adoration 7-8 PM

Mass Intentions 2021

The parish office will start taking Mass Intention requests for 2021 starting August 10th. Requests will only be taken by phone (203-261-6404) or by email (parish.office@stjuderc.com). For more information, please click [here](#).

Office Hours

**THE OFFICE HOURS ARE:
MONDAY - THURSDAY 9:00 – 3:00**

It is suggested that you call (203-261-6404) or e-mail (parish.office@stjuderc.com) before coming to the office. Much can be

accomplished through a phone call or email, such as requesting masses/mass cards; sacramental records; registering for Baptism; etc.

In the event you do come to the office, we will be following the state protocols:

- A face covering is required
- Social distancing will be followed
- If you are experiencing COVID-19 defined symptoms, or have had contact with someone with the symptoms please do not come to the office.

Signage will be posted on the front door with all directives to be followed when admitted to the office.



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