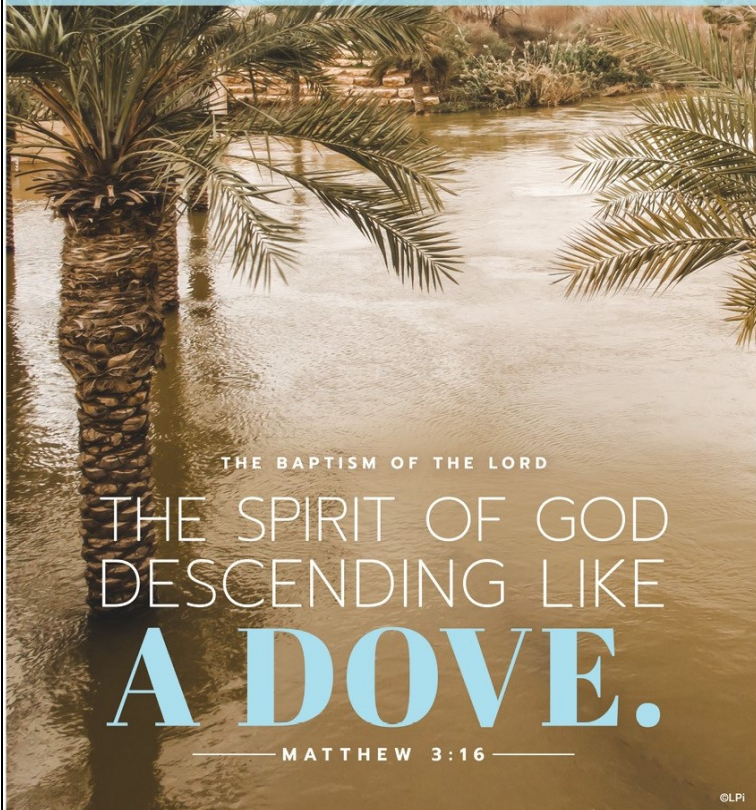


ST. JUDE SHRINE R.C. CHURCH

1677 Canarsie Road, Brooklyn New York 11236
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026



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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

Saturday: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am

10:30 am

12:30 pm

WEEKDAYS

Monday - Friday

8:10 am

HOLY DAYS

8:30 am

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

9:00 am to 12:00 Noon

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Saturday

9:30 am to 12:00 pm

ACADEMY

1696 Canarsie Rd Brooklyn NY

Nursery - PreK

Kindergarten to Grade 8

Phone: 718-241-6633

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

BAPTISM: Third Sunday of the Month at 12:00 pm

MARRIAGE: On arrangement, six months in advance

COMMUNION CALLS: Notify the Rectory/Priests

WELCOME AND HELP US SUSTAIN OUR SPIRITUAL HOME

We are blessed to have you join us at St. Jude Shrine R.C. Church through this week as you witness the greatest love story of all time. We have made it easy for those of you who would prefer to give electronically via text or QR. **You can send a text to 929-822-4867 and use the keyword "Sunday" to offer your donation or scan the attached QR code. Electronic giving is secure, practical and saves us resources**

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Mission Statement

The parish of St. Jude Shrine R.C. Church 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.

NOT JUST A COMMUNITY BUT A FAMILY.



Anointed for Righteousness and Healing

“After his baptism, the heavens were opened, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, listen to him.”

Is. 42:1-4, 6-7 Acts 10:34-38, Matt 3:13-17.

For nearly three weeks now, the Church has been enveloped in the radiant light of Christmas. From the Manger of Bethlehem to the quiet joy of the Holy Family, from angelic hymns to the shepherds’ wonder, the season has steadily unfolded the mystery of God with us. Last Sunday, we celebrated the Epiphany, the manifestation of the Christ Child to the nations, through the visitation of the Magi who journeyed from afar to adore him. Today, that same mystery reaches another solemn and decisive moment. At the Jordan, God the Father, in an extraordinary act and in communion with the Holy Spirit, presents Christ to the world and declares: *“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”* Thus, the Baptism of the Lord stands as yet another great Epiphany. Christ revealed, not just as an infant in a manger, but as the anointed Son sent for the salvation of all.

The Baptism of the Lord brings the Christmas season to its liturgical close. According to the Scriptures, it also marks a profound transition in the life of Jesus. The hidden years of Nazareth give way to the public years of proclamation, healing, and sacrificial love. What begins today in Christ does not end with him. His ministry continues in all who are baptized into him. Therefore, a Christmas season that does not culminate in a renewed and objective commitment to our baptismal identity is incomplete. The light we have celebrated is not meant to fade with the decorations, but to be carried into the ordinary rhythms of daily life. We are baptized not to admire the light, but to bear it.

The First Reading from the prophet Isaiah beautifully summarizes the meaning of our baptismal vocation. God proclaims: *“Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit.”* This servant is sent to bring forth justice, to be a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, and free those who live in darkness. These words are fulfilled perfectly in Christ, but they also echo in the life of every baptized believer. Through the waters sanctified by Christ himself, this same Spirit rests upon us. This is the mission entrusted to us at baptism: to live for justice, to shine as light, and to participate in God’s work of restoration and healing in the world.

Yet a question naturally arises: why was Jesus baptized at all? He is sinless. He is the Son of God. Baptism is for the remission of sins, so why does he enter the waters of the Jordan? The answer lies in the very logic of the Incarnation. Christ did not save us from a distance. He chose to become one of us, to stand where we stand, and to enter fully into our human condition. Just as he took flesh in the womb of Mary, so he submits to baptism, not because he needs purification, but because we do.

Sunday, January 11th

- 8:30 am
- 10:30 am In loving memory of Jean Richard Mathelier
- Mirthal Alcala
In loving memory of Fr. Rizzo
- Devoted Parishioners
- 12:30 pm Repose of the soul of Maryse Clement
- Leovie Diaz

Monday, January 12th

- 8:10 am Birthday blessings for Arcadius Bouzi
- Arca

Tuesday, January 13th

- 8:10 am Birthday blessings for Marie J. Montrose
- Marie Montrose

Wednesday, January 14th

- 8:10 am Birthday blessings & special intentions of
Mathew Sugaste Alvarez & Dan Ace Couton
- The Sugaste family

Thursday, January 15th

- 8:10 am

Friday, January 16th

- 8:10 am In loving memory of Judy Agard &
Claire Sejour
- Joane N. Laurence

Saturday, January 17th

- 5:30 pm

HONORS AND MEMORIALS

Altar Bread & Altar Wine:

Tabernacle Candles:

In loving memory of Voltaire Noval Malazarte

Adoration Chapel Candles:

MASS ATTENDANCE: JAN. 3 & 4, 2026

5:30 PM 116 8:30 AM 90 10:30 AM 176 12:30 PM 150

TOTAL: 532

**Volunteers are needed to assist with various services in the church.
Please see Irene in the office or call 718-763-6300. Thank you.**

He meets us where we are, not to leave us there, but to raise us to where he is. By entering the waters, he sanctifies them; by humbling himself, he lifts us up.

When John the Baptist hesitates, Jesus insists: *“Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.”* In this moment, Christ teaches us something essential: the necessity of the sacraments. No matter how righteous, how faithful, or how strong we may think ourselves to be, we remain in need of the grace God provides through them. Baptism gives us new life; Penance restores us when we fall; the Holy Eucharist nourishes us along the way. It is striking that it is precisely at the moment of Jesus’ baptism that the Father’s voice is heard, expressing divine delight in the Son. Each time we approach the sacraments with faith, that same divine pleasure is renewed in us. God delights in his children.

God has truly done everything for us. He has shared our flesh, walked our paths, endured our sufferings, and even mounted the wood of the Cross. There is no human struggle untouched by his presence. What, then, are we facing that he has not already experienced with us? In the Second Reading, Saint Peter echoes: Jesus *“went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.”* This is the pattern of the anointed life. The Spirit who descended upon Christ has also been given to us, so that we too might go about our daily lives and ministries doing good, bringing healing, and resisting the forces that diminish human dignity.

Peter reminds us of God’s evenhandedness. In every nation, those who fear God and act uprightly are acceptable to him. Through baptism, we are accepted as sons and daughters in the Son. Therefore, we must never consider ourselves too unworthy, too important, or even too “good” to approach the sacraments. It is there that heaven is opened. The Gospel’s simple phrase, *“the heavens were opened”* captures a profound reality. In every sacrament, heaven is opened anew, and divine grace is poured into human lives.

As the Christmas season draws to a close, the lights will be taken down and the decorations stored away. But the true light, the light kindled in our hearts through baptism and sustained by the sacraments, must continue to burn. Anointed for righteousness and healing, may we carry that light into the world, until the day when we pass through the opened heavens into God’s eternal kingdom, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fr. Ikenna



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Religious Education

Grades 1-8 have to attend formal religious education **yearly**. Children of St. Jude parishioners attending a non-Catholic School should enroll in the program.

REGISTER
@<https://Shrinechurchofsaintjude.org>
Get involved, Faith Formation/Religious Education. You may also obtain a registration form at the Parish Office or **Email**
msteifersjoamsju@aol.com

Youth & Young Adult Ministry Corner

Reach out at Youthministrysaintjude@gmail.com or by scanning the QR code

The 50/50 Club Raffle/\$5 Per Envelope
Envelopes for this raffle are available at GiGi’s table on Sundays or at the Church Office from Monday to Saturday. Don’t forget to drop your entry envelope in the 50/50 silver box in the Narthex.

The Knights of Columbus need good catholic gentlemen. A true brotherhood built on shared values, an organization that helps others, feed the poor, coats for kids, special Olympics and so much more. Are you a knight? Why not? For more info, please contact Grand Knight Rich @ 917-678-7529

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Sheila Wiltshire	Henry Bolus	Claudette Dare
Peter Grillo	Perpetua Henry-Perrotte	Lilian Quamina
Gloria Roberts	Thomas & Susan Fiorenze	Louise Brown
Claudette Volcy	Walter Bray	Carolann McLawrence
Anita Antoine	Margareth Antoine	Pamela Baptiste
James Currie		

Daily Activities/Recurring Program

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	After the 8:10 AM Mass – 6:00 PM Sat: 9:30 AM -12:00PM
St. Jude Novena	Thursdays: After the 8:10 AM Mass
Rosary & Divine Mercy	Mon – Fri: After the 8:10 AM Mass
Parish Choir (Practice)	Saturdays: After the 5:30 Mass
AOP / PWPN	2nd Sunday: 3:00 PM (MLCR)
Holy Name Society	3rd Sunday: After the 8:30 AM Mass
Rosary Society	4th Sunday: After the 12:30 Mass
Bereavement Group	1st Thursday: 7:00PM
Sto. Nino	3rd Friday: 7:30-9:30PM on line
Charismatic P. Group	Wednesdays: 7:00 PM
OCIA	Mondays: In person 7:00—8:30 PM
Parish Pastoral Council	First Tuesday: at 7:00 PM
Youth Ministry	First Saturday: at 4:00 to 5:30PM
Young Adult Ministry	First Sunday: after 12:30 PM Mass
Children’s Religious Ed.	Sundays: 8:30 AM and includes the 10:30 Mass. Levels 1-8