

ST. JUDE SHRINE R.C. CHURCH

1677 Canarsie Road, Brooklyn New York 11236

Celebrating 65 Years of God's Grace

Established: June 30, 1961



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MY YOKE IS EASY,
AND MY BURDEN
LIGHT.

MATTHEW 11:30

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Academy Principal: MS. MURIEL WILKINSON

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

Saturday: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am

10:30 am

12:30 pm

WEEKDAYS

Tuesday - 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

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2026

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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**

Your prayers and gifts help us everyday in our mission.



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.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK


Sunday, July 5th

8:30 am In loving memory of Eulah Marjorie Weithers
- Her family

In thanksgiving for the people of St. Jude
- Scipio & Nurse Family

10:30 am In loving memory of Ramona Duran Quilez
- Magdalia & Gladys Rodz-Pitre
Deliverance for Ashley Juin
- Ashley Juin & children
In loving memory of Dante Lewis
- Warfield Family

12:30 pm Birthday blessings for Sebastian Homere
- Solange Salgado

Monday, July 6th

8:10 am Healing for those on the St. Jude Sick List

Tuesday, July 7th

8:10 am Birthday blessings for Cassin Taylor
- Mom—Jean Taylor

Wednesday, July 8th

8:10 am In loving memory of Ketty Ratton
- Juddy Paillant
In thanksgiving to God
- Ashley Juin & children

Thursday, July 9th

8:30 am

Friday, July 10th

8:10 am In loving memory of Joanne Francois Laurent
- Dad & Mom
In loving memory of Albert Burgess
- Kathleen Burgess

Saturday, July 11th

5:30 pm

HONORS AND MEMORIALS**Altar Bread & Altar Wine:****Tabernacle Candles**

In loving remembrance of Valentina Soares

Req: The Soares Family

Sanctuary Candles**Adoration Chapel**

In loving memories of Marc & Yves Joseph

Req: - Marisa

Church Bell**MASS ATTENDANCE: June 27 & 28, 2026**

5:30 PM **63** 8:30 AM **103** 10:30 AM **137** 12:30 PM **191**

TOTAL: 494

The Beast of Burden

“Come to Me... and I Will Give You Rest.”

Zech. 9-9-10 Rom. 8:9,11-13, Matthew 11:25-30

It is summer! She reminds us that life is beautiful and worth living joyfully. We need not be a *beast of burden* all the time. Though we carry our cross daily, Christ is inviting us to use his yoke to lighten the heavy load and find rest in him. The mind will silently ask: How is it possible to have rest when the load of life is so heavy? We carry the weight of family responsibilities, financial pressures, health concerns, disappointments, broken relationships, unrealized dreams, and the uncertainty of tomorrow. Jesus says, "Come to me, take my yoke and I will give you rest." This is not a promise of a life without burdens. Rather, He is inviting us to stop carrying them alone. He is asking us to let God be God. "Let God and Let Go."

One of the greatest struggles of our generation is our desire to control everything. We are always in a hurry. We want immediate answers, immediate success, immediate healing, immediate solutions. We force doors open instead of waiting for God to open the right one. We speak before we listen. We act before we pray. We rush before we reflect. Life does not grow in haste. It grows in the quiet of trust and faith in God. **He is in control.**

God is a loving Father whose hand is constantly stretched out toward His children. Faith is simply reaching out, taking that hand, and allowing Him to lead us. We do not have to know every turn on the road. We only need to know the One who is leading us. The God Christ has revealed to us. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

When a little child walks with his father, the child is not anxious about every obstacle along the way. He is confident because he knows his father is holding his hand. That child may not understand the road, but he trusts the one who does. This is exactly the childlike spirit Jesus praises in today's Gospel. Trust in him.

Zechariah paints a beautiful picture of hope. He tells God's people to rejoice because their King is with them. He is not riding a mighty war horse but with humility and peace. His mission is not to conquer by force but to remove the chariots of war, silence the weapons of hatred, and establish peace. Paul reminds us in this bustling season of summer to live freely and joyfully, that we are no longer debtors to the flesh. We are no longer slaves to fear, selfish ambition, wounded pride, or the endless pressure to prove ourselves.

Our society celebrates intelligence, achievement, and self-sufficiency.

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These are good gifts. But they cannot carry the human heart through suffering. If knowledge alone were enough, educated people would never experience despair. Wealthy people would never feel empty. Successful people would never lose hope. What transforms life is not intelligence by itself, but intelligence united with humble faith.

God asks us to recover something we often lose as adults: the ability to trust like children. Do what God has given you the strength to do. Work diligently. Love generously. Pray faithfully. Forgive sincerely. Then leave for God what only God can accomplish. Some burdens belong on our shoulders. Others belong in God's hands. Many of us become exhausted because we try to carry both. Take the yoke of Christ, the hand of God, and let him lead.

Hold tightly to the hand that God extends toward us and discover something the world cannot give: the quiet confidence of a child walking safely beside a loving Father. Yes, we could be a beast of burden, but when Christ's yoke is in use, there is strength. Where Christ leads, there is peace. Where Christ is welcomed, weary hearts finally find rest. Take life easy, enjoy the summer, and have a blessed Independence Day. Amen

Fr. Ikenna

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



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IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Sheila Wiltshire	Henry Bolus	Claudette Dare
Peter Grillo	Lilian Quamina	Joseph Poggioli
Gloria Roberts	Thomas & Susan Fiorenze	Louise Brown
Claudette Volcy	Walter Bray	Carolann McLawrence
Anita Antoine	Margareth Antoine	Romania Eastmond
Doris Bonair	Rita Campbell	Earl Durjan
James Currie	Fr. Guy Sbordone	Veronia Durjan
Hope Currie	Kens S. Lafrance	Bernard S. Lafrance
Avis Frederick	Victor Miranda Vagara	Natalie Smith
Isabella Ferrelli	Stanislaus Galazyn	Dora Figueroa
Kayla Mingo	Angela Rogers	Marie Therese Prospere



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**ST. JUDE SHRINE CHURCH
65TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
Please save the event dates**

Mass & Blessings from Brooklyn's new priest
(Father Paul Zwolak) - 7/5/26 - 10:30 a.m.

Youth Car Wash - 7/11/26

Parish Family Picnic - 7/18/26 (Rain date 7/25/26)

Youth Fun Trip - 8/5/26

St. Jude Novena - Thursdays 8/27 to 10/22/26

Sight & Sound 2026 - September -9/5/26

Men's Fun Evening - 9/11/26

Women's Fun Event - TBD

Charismatic/Bible/Rosary Groups - Fund Raising Event -
10/10/26

Parish Karaoke - 10/17/26

Feast of St. Jude / Closing Mass with Bishop Brennan
(Reception in Coyne Hall) - 10/25/2026

(Some events subject to change)

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= YOUTH GROUP =



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