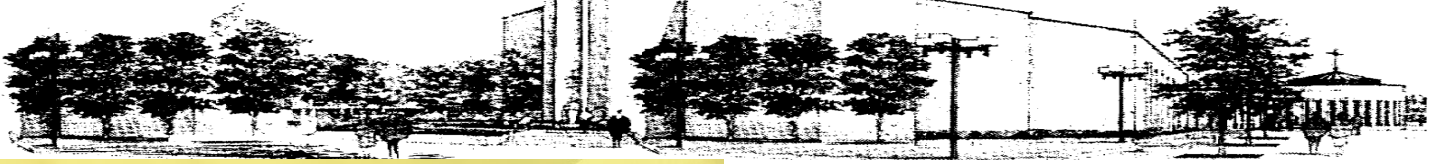


ST. JUDE SHRINE R.C. CHURCH

1677 Canarsie Road, Brooklyn New York 11236

Established: June 30, 1961

Celebrating 65 Years of God's Grace



SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“A SOWER
WENT OUT TO
SOW.”

MATTHEW 13:3

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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

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.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK


Sunday, July 12th

8:30 am In thanksgiving for the St. Jude Charismatic Ministry
- Scipio & Nurse Family

10:30 am Repose of the soul of Garry Forbes
- Ricardo Bowen
Birthday blessings for Gregory Sarpong
- Dorothy Ahoklui

12:30 pm

Monday, July 13th

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

Tuesday, July 14th

8:10 am In loving memory of Keith Weithers
- Faith I. King-Beckles

Wednesday, July 15th

8:10 am

Thursday, July 16th

8:10 am Birthday blessings for Carmelita Rose
- Carmy Rose

Friday, July 17th

8:10 am Birthday blessings for Gloria Baniago
- Gloria Baniago

Saturday, July 18th

5:30 pm

HONORS AND MEMORIALS**Altar Bread & Altar Wine:****Tabernacle Candles****Sanctuary Candles****Adoration Chapel**

Blessings & protection for Emilia Eduard & Family

Req: - Marisa

Church Bell**MASS ATTENDANCE: July 4 & 5, 2026**

5:30 PM 50 8:30 AM 101 10:30 AM 165 12:30 PM 101

TOTAL: 417

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 Seed and The Soil

"The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest."

Is. 55-10-11 Rom. 8:18-23, Matthew 13:1-23

One of the greatest mysteries of the spiritual life is that God never stops speaking to humanity. From the first page of Scripture to the last, God is the One who initiates, calls, invites, promises, and saves. The question is not whether God is speaking; the question is whether we are listening. Today's liturgy beautifully unites two profound truths. First, God's Word is generously sown into every human heart. Second, God never wastes His Word. He sends it with purpose, and it always bears fruit.

Isaiah, in the First Reading, speaks to a people who had almost lost hope. Israel was languishing in exile in Babylon. They had endured humiliation, suffering, and despair for years. God's promise of liberation seemed delayed beyond reason. Many began to wonder whether God had forgotten them. Some even doubted His promises altogether. In that darkness comes God's reassuring voice. Just as rain and snow fall from heaven and unfailingly water the earth before returning, so God's Word always fulfills His purpose.

The rain does not ask whether the ground deserves to be watered. It simply falls. In the same way, God's grace continues to descend even upon weary hearts. This is a comforting message for anyone who has been praying for healing, reconciliation, employment, the conversion of a loved one, or relief from suffering. We often measure God's faithfulness by our timeline. God measures it by His eternal wisdom. His 'delays' are never his denials. His promises mature in the season he knows is best for us.

Saint Paul deepens this hope in today's second reading. He reminds us that "the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed." Christian hope is not optimism based on circumstances; it is confidence rooted in God's fidelity. Hope allows us to persevere when answers seem slow, and the road appears long. This is deep, and not everyone understands nor appreciates it.

The different harvests depend not upon the quality of the seed but on the condition of the soil. Rich soil produces thirtyfold, sixtyfold, and even a hundredfold. Notice that Jesus praises all three harvests. Divine Love is extravagantly generous. Like the Sower, God offers His grace to every person without discrimination. Not everyone bears identical fruit, yet every faithful disciple is called to be fruitful according to the grace God has given. Holiness is not measured by comparison with others but by fidelity to God's work within us.

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Be that as it may, today's Gospel invites us to examine not only God's generosity but our own receptivity. Am I allowing disappointment to harden my heart? Have anxiety and worldly concerns crowded out my relationship with Christ? Do I persevere when faith demands sacrifice? Or am I becoming richer soil through prayer, humility, repentance, and trust? The encouraging truth is that soil can be cultivated. Hearts can change. Even ground that has become rocky or overgrown can be transformed by the patient work of the Divine Gardener. Every Eucharist, every sincere confession, every act of forgiveness, every moment of silent prayer loosens the soil of our hearts so that God's Word may take deeper root.

May our faith continue to deepen, our hope remains steadfast in every trial, and our love become ever more generous, that the seed planted in us blossom for God's glory and for the good of His people. Amen

Fr. Ikenna



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ST. JUDE WYD 2027 SUBSIDY FUND

The diocese of Brooklyn is organizing a trip to the World Youth Day in Seoul, Korea in August 2027. We would like some of our youths at St. Jude to participate. The cost of the trip is \$4,820 person and our goal is to subsidize the trip.

We encourage our parishioners to please promote this initiative by supporting the WYD2027 SUBSIDY FUND.

For more details about Youth participation and Parishioners sponsorship, please stop by the Parish office. Thank you and God bless.

Fr. Ikenna

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

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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