



**SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 25, 2024
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

Rdgs: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

“Jesus Transfigured before Peter, James & John”

MASS SCHEDULE				
Sun	Feb	25	9:00AM Sung	2nd Sunday of Lent For the People
Mon	Feb	26	9:30AM Latin	Canceled - Fr. Barone Away
Tue	Feb	27	7:00PM Spanish	Canceled - Fr. Barone Away
Wed	Feb	28	9:30AM Low	Canceled - Fr. Barone Away
Sun	Mar	3	9:30AM Sung	2nd Sunday of Lent For the People

Mass Description

Low Mass: little / no singing and no incense.

Sung Mass: hymns & moderate chanting; may have incense.

Solemn Mass: hymns, extensive chanting & incense.

To Schedule a Mass Intention

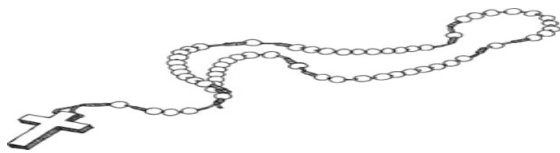
Please call the Church Office
828-743-5717

St. Jude - Offertory

(Sunday – February 18, 2024)

Offertory: \$5632.00 Attendance: 154

Pray the Rosary Daily



Rosaries & Pamphlets available in the Vestibule

The Ladies of St. Jude

The Ladies of St. Jude meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall at 10:00am and **now** on **Zoom**. This ministry provides fellowship for the Ladies in the parish while supporting the outreach programs and special needs of the parish. For information, contact Kathy Piontek or the Church Office at 828-743-5717.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Denis & Bea Benardello, Helen Bloodgood, Caroline Bruce, Buddy Burkhardt, Bonnie Chandler, Janet Cracraft, Tom & Judy David, John Ezzell, Susan Bragdon Field, Gordon Geisel,, Sally Hays, Todd House, Stell Huie, Don & Julie Huizer, Debbie Jones, Cathy Keir, Mack Kieper, Anne Krohn, Elly Lane, Annette Licari, Rini Marcus, Mary Jane McAlister, Leona McCall, Ray McCall, Jim McCarthy, Fran Miglino, Hannah Moss, Ken Newburger, The Newton Family, Tommy & Mary O’Neil, Patricia Philpott, Maureen Pierce, Kit Coleman Porter, Sherman & Mary Jo Runions, Melsie Saunders, Keith Shemek, Eileen Sledge, Margo Wilkinson, Katherine Wise.

Military Prayer List

*All Members of All the U.S. Armed Forces
Benito Morales Vargas (Marines)*

St. Jude Prayer Group

The St. Jude Prayer Group meets on Tuesdays at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary. We pray the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, spend some silent time in Adoration, and pray for the needs of our Church and world. Please contact Donna Quinlivan or the Church Office at 828-743-5717.

Emaus Prayer Group

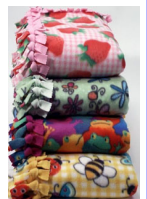
Emaus Prayer is a spiritual movement of faith that is called to prayer, obedience and adoration of the Holy Sacrament. They meet at 6:00pm on Thursday evenings in the Sanctuary. For more information contact Yuliana Vargas, Efrain Morales, Alejandro (Alex) Valerio or Church Office at 828-743-5717.

Knights of Columbus

The St. Jude Knights of Columbus Meet at 7:00pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month. For information, please contact the Church Office at 828-743-5717.

Prayer Blanket Ministry

The Prayer Blanket Ministry’s - Winter Schedule (Nov - April) meets on an as needed basis at 10:00am in the upstairs classroom. You don’t have to know how to sew, crochet or knit. If you need a prayer blanket for yourself or for someone in need, please contact: Church Office at 828-743-5717.



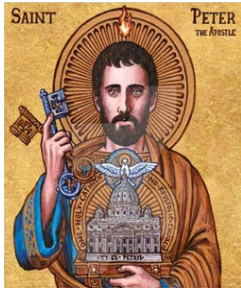
Fr. Barone's Column

The Church of Christ Rises on the Firm Foundation of Peter's Faith

From a Sermon of Pope Saint Leo the Great

February 22 is the feast of the Chair of St. Peter, on which day the Church celebrates the authority and office Christ bestowed on St. Peter. The following is from Pope St. Leo the Great:

“Out of the whole world one man, Peter, is chosen to preside at the calling of all nations, and to be set over all the apostles and all the fathers of the Church. Though there are in God’s people many shepherds, Peter is thus appointed to rule in his own person those whom Christ also rules as the original ruler. Beloved, how great and wonderful is this sharing of his power that God in his goodness has given to this man. Whatever Christ has willed to be shared in common by Peter and the other leaders of the Church, it is only through Peter that he has given to others what he has not refused to bestow on them.



...the first to confess his faith in the Lord is the one who is first in rank among the apostles. Peter says: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replies: “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona, for flesh and blood has not revealed it to you, but my Father who is in heaven.” You are blessed, he means, because my Father has taught you. You have not been deceived by earthly opinion, but have been enlightened by inspiration from heaven. It was not flesh and blood that pointed me out to you, but the one whose only-begotten Son I am.

He continues: You are Peter: though I am the inviolable rock, the cornerstone that makes both one, the foundation apart from which no one can lay any other, yet you also are a rock, for you are given solidity by my strength, so that which is my very own because of my power is common between us through your participation.

And upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. On this strong foundation, he says, I will build an everlasting temple. The great height of my Church, which is to penetrate the heavens, shall rise on the firm foundation of this faith.”



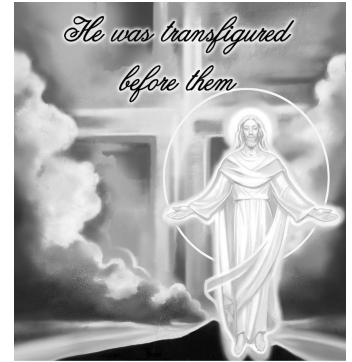
Fr. Jason K. Barone
Pastor, St. Jude Catholic Church - Sapphire
Parochial Admin., Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Mission - Highlands

Today's Readings

First Reading: God put Abraham to the test by asking him to offer his son, Isaac, as a holocaust sacrifice (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

Second Reading: God did not spare his own Son(Romans 8:31b-34).

Gospel: Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white ... from the cloud came a voice, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” (Mark 9:2-10).



The Obedience of Abraham and Jesus

God tested Abraham by asking not for an ordinary sacrifice, but for a holocaust, a total burning of the sacrificial animal. This type of sacrifice consecrates the entire offering to God alone. This is what God was asking of Abraham in offering his only son, Isaac. When Abraham demonstrated his obedience, that was enough. The obedience of Abraham is rewarded in the birth to him, through Isaac, of many nations. The obedience of Jesus is rewarded in the salvation of all people for all time.



The Season of Lent

The Season of Lent, is the liturgical season which is 40 days before Easter (Sundays are not included in the count). It is a period of **penance: prayer, fasting & almsgiving...** in preparation for Holy Week and Easter.



Church Calendar

Sunday, Feb.25 , **First Communion Class**, 10:15am

Tuesday, Feb. 27, **St. Jude Prayer Group**, 3:00pm








Tuesday, Feb. 27, **Confirmation Class**, 6:00pm

Thursday, Feb. 29, **Emaus**, 6:00pm

Sun., March 3, **First Communion Class**, 10:15am

ST. JUDE - CALENDAR - 2024

February 25 — March 9

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25  10:15am	26	27 Confirmation 6:00pm 	28	29	1 Spanish  7:00pm	2
3  10:15am	4	5 Confirmation 6:00pm  Spanish Mass 7:00pm	6 English The Stations of the Cross  10:00am	7	8 Spanish  7:00pm	9 Faith Formation Lenten Retreat

Lenten, Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Stations of the Cross



English: Wednesdays @ 10:00am
March 6, 13 & 20
March 22 (Friday @ 5:30pm)

Spanish: Fridays @ 7:00pm
March 1, 8, 15, 22

Palm Sunday Mass
March 24 @ 9:00am



Holy Week

*Our Lady of the Mtns - Highlands



Holy Thursday (OLM) — March 28
Mass @ 6:00pm
*Adoration - 7:00pm - 11:45pm

Good Friday (OLM) — March 29
Stations of the Cross: 1:30pm
Confessions: 2:00pm
Good Friday Liturgy: 3:00pm



Easter Vigil (OLM) - Sat. - March 30
Mass @ 8:45pm

Easter Sunday @ St. Jude - March 31
Mass @ 9:00am



QR Code - Fr. Barone's Homily
Fallen Away Catholics

Watch or Share Fr. Barone's Homily
On YouTube



St. Jude Website



St. Jude YouTube Page

St Jude Catholic Church
Report to Parishioners
February 25, 2024

Greetings in Christ our Lord.

The Parish Financial Report for the six months ending December 31, 2023 is attached for your information and review.

Our offertory revenues for the six months ending 12/31/23 exceeded budget by \$84K and the prior year by \$40K. This favorable trend easily absorbed higher maintenance and payroll; thus, achieving a \$7K improvement in the net operating activity compared to same period last year.

Our three-year capital campaign concluded June 30, 2023. Thanks to all who generously contributed, we exceeded our \$400,000 campaign goal. As of 12/31/2023, pledges totaled \$432,625 (108.2% of \$400,000) of which \$412,140 were received. The collected funds satisfied three goals of the campaign, i.e. debt retirement to the diocese for the new rectory, HVAC replacement and the replenishment of the savings used for the initial down payment on the new rectory.

During the six months ended December 31, 2023, we have continued our local outreach program by responding to the needs of local, nonprofit organizations with donations of \$20,949 (2022 \$21,131) provided through our second collections. The charities we support include Blue Ridge Free Dental Clinic, Community Care Clinic, Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry, Smoky Mountain Pregnancy Care Centers, and the Children Christmas Outreach.

The restricted account activity at the bottom of our attached Statement of Activities & Cashflows includes restricted donations received and expended for the Outreach Emergency Fund, New Rectory Furnishings Fund, Capital Campaign Fund and Restricted Cash Wish List.

A brief explanation of the significant Other Sources and Uses of cash is as follows: increase in Equipment/Facilities of \$44,518.24 represent costs associated with exploration of new church feasibility. The endowment increase of \$15,649.69 reflects a strong 4th quarter market performance; and Savings/Reserve increase of \$50,168.65 indicates favorable offertory.

The endowment accounts increase represents a gain in the market value of the stocks and bonds held at the Diocese in restricted endowment accounts for the benefit of St Jude Catholic Church. The increase (gain) is a non-cash item.

I would like to thank all our year-round parishioners, our seasonal parishioners and our summer visitors for your generous support and active participation in our community. We are truly blessed to have each of you as members of St. Jude's.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the attached, please contact me or one of our Finance Council members: John Quinlivan, Kathy Piontek and Mike Flick.

Fraternally yours in Christ Jesus,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Barone". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "B".

Reverend Father Jason K. Barone, Pastor
St Jude Catholic Church (Sapphire Valley) and
Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Mission (Highlands)

Report to Parishioners

FINAL

December 31, 2023

PARISH STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES & CASH FLOWS	Fiscal YTD <u>Actual</u>	Annual <u>Budget</u>
Operating Revenue		
Offerory	239,122.90	310,000.00
Unrestricted Donations & Other Support	5,008.00	12,821.71
Cemetery/Columbarium Fees	0.00	5,000.00
Other Fees and Misc Income	14,455.34	13,532.22
Total Operating Revenue	<u>258,586.24</u>	<u>341,353.93</u>
Operating Expenses		
Ministry & Liturgy	49,799.45	90,472.60
Religious Formation	2,591.46	4,890.81
Charity/Outreach	3,558.34	3,280.90
Cemetery/Columbarium Expenses	0.00	18,000.00
Facilities Expenses	49,993.88	79,145.73
Diocesan Assessments	11,244.00	22,533.00
General & Administrative Expenses	59,306.31	107,147.16
Total Operating Expenses	<u>176,493.44</u>	<u>325,470.20</u>
Net Operating Activity	<u>82,092.80</u>	<u>15,883.73</u>
Capital Activity		
Receipts	662.55	0.00
Expenditures	(87,495.25)	0.00
Net Capital Activity, excluding debt principal pmts	<u>88,157.80</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Endowment Earnings, Net of Income Spent	<u>15,649.69</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Restricted Donations (other than capital)		
Received	11,826.08	0.00
Expended	87,964.64	0.00
Net Restricted Activity (other than capital)	<u>(76,138.56)</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Surplus (Deficit) Before Depreciation	<u>109,761.73</u>	<u>15,883.73</u>
Total Surplus (Deficit) After Depreciation	<u>109,761.73</u>	<u>15,883.73</u>
Other Sources and Uses of Cash:		
(Increase)Decrease - Equipment/Facilities	(44,518.24)	
(Increase)Decrease - Endowment Accounts	(15,649.69)	
Increase/Decrease - Current Assets and Liabilities	(2,830.60)	
Increase(Decrease) - Custodial Obligations & Unearned Income	1,337.35	

(Increase)Decrease - Savings/Reserve Balances

(50,168.65)

Total increase(decrease) in Checking Accounts

(2,068.10)

PARISH STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	End of	Beginning of
	Period	Fiscal Year
Assets		
Checking Account Balances - Operating	75,217.50	62,866.21
Checking Account Balances - Other	44,666.38	59,085.77
Savings Accounts - Operating Reserves	647,381.95	597,213.30
Endowment Accounts	303,547.00	287,897.31
Receivables and other Current Assets	10,504.33	5,694.70
Property, Plant and Equipment	1,836,990.53	1,792,472.29
Total Assets	<u>2,918,307.69</u>	<u>2,805,229.58</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	4,895.37	2,916.34
Custodial Obligations	4,646.51	3,309.16
Total Liabilities	<u>9,541.88</u>	<u>6,225.50</u>
Net Assets	2,908,765.81	2,799,004.08
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>2,918,307.69</u>	<u>2,805,229.58</u>