

AUGUST 6, 2023

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## MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

### Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday 8:35 AM

*(Wednesday is an Enhanced-precautions mass-6' spacing and masks are encouraged.)*

### Outdoor Communion Service:

Wednesday 10:00 AM

*(This service is held outdoors. Attendees remain in their car and tune into FM 88.7.)*

### Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:45 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM

*(Enhanced-precautions mass-6' spacing and masks are encouraged.)*

9:30 AM

11:30 AM

*(This mass is outside under the tent/attendees may remain in their vehicle as well.)*

### Confessions:

Until further notice, Confessions are by Appointment only. Typically, Saturday morning between 10am - 12pm. Other times are possible. Email Fr. Hank at [fatherhank@sjmillstone.com](mailto:fatherhank@sjmillstone.com) for an appointment.

### Sacrament of the Sick

In Emergency- Please call 908-874-3141 and press 1 for a priest.

Non-Emergency-Please email [FatherHank@sjmillstone.com](mailto:FatherHank@sjmillstone.com)

## EMERGENCIES

**Crisis Pregnancy Hotline**— 732-516-0911

### Suicide Prevention

NJ Lifeline—1-800-273TALK

Teen Crisis Text Hotline—Text 741741

### Emergency Meals

[emergencymeals@stjosephsparish.com](mailto:emergencymeals@stjosephsparish.com)

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# August 6, 2023

**8:00AM The Rosary is prayed before Daily Mass.  
Open to all. You are always welcome to join us.**

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

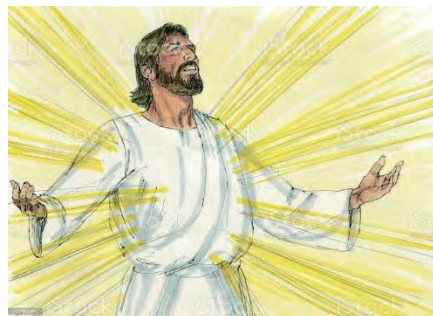
- Mon. 8:35AM. Milton Poulos  
R/B Kral Family  
8:35AM Maureen McHale  
R/B Dianne Mantilla  
8:35AM. Gary Thorpe  
R/B Fr, Hank Hilton
- Tue.. 8:35AM Barbara Jackson Canavan  
R/B Tuesday Morning Faith Sharing Group
- Wed. 8:35AM Ronnie Wronski.  
R/B Witt Family  
8:35AM Michael Abromaitis  
R/B Father Hank
- 10:00AM Communion Service – Parking Lot**
- Thu. 8:35AM Bill Cooney  
R/B Helene Dillon  
8:35AM Kathy Lombardi  
R/B Carl & Connie Panzera
- Fri. 8:35AM James Schmidt  
R/B Stevens Family  
8:35AM Ann Nawracaj  
R/B Terri & Peter Macor
- Sat. 4:45PM Michael Cassidy  
R/B Dianne Mantilla  
4:45PM Gloria Kanreck  
R/B Robert Bialko & Family  
4:45PM Rey O. Villanueva  
R/B Houle Family
- Sun. 8:00AM Alexander Perfinowicz  
R/B Paulette Matis  
8:00AM Barbara Jackson Canavan  
R/B Eileen & Tim Lawless
- Sun. 9:30AM MaryAnn Comiskey  
R/B Cresho & Comiskey Families  
9:30AM Christine DeLisi  
R/B Kral Family  
9:30AM Frank Viola  
R/B Maryellen Tobia  
11:30AM Rey Villanueva  
R/B Rachele, Grace & Lilly  
11:30AM Elio Bercarich  
Walter & Florence Bercarich  
11:30AM People of the Parish

## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

1 Kings 9:9a, 11-13a

Romans 9:11-5

Matthew 14:22-33



**TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

Dear All, Christ's Peace!

**Luau Palooza** – Three cheers for everyone who braved the heat (which was not quite as bad as predicted) to spend good chill time and play time with fellow parishioners. The AC worked fine in the Parish Hall and the breeze kept things pleasant under the tent. It was huge fun to see parishioners of all ages (18 months to 92 years), in all modes of Hawaiian dress, having great laughs. Three more cheers for all who volunteered to decorate, set up, clean up, cook, serve hot dogs and Italian ice, and run the games. You are remarkable in heat and in cold. Because so many are so generous, the evening was a big hit. The high school and college students outdid themselves in limbo and nine-square (the best, right?), while the wisdom set carried the evening in chicken-throwing, Drums Alive!, and Jeopardy. We were especially blessed to have so many little kids (baptism to First Communion) and kids (First Communion to Confirmation) making the night beautiful, especially in the water games and musical chairs. Next year's Summer palooza theme? Maybe "Hoe Down"? Maybe "Space Adventures"? Maybe "Shipwreck"? Maybe "Creatures that Pollinate"? Let's discern!

**Early Notice for Altar Servers** – The word will go out soon after our August lull. We need to rebuild our ranks of altar servers. The pandemic and the graduations of many servers has created . . . a great opportunity to rebuild. The invitation will go out to all parishioners in grades 4 to 12.

**Parish Picnic** – Hard to believe it is already time to save the date – Sunday, September 10 at 1:00 pm.

**Letting August Be August** – It really is ok if you slow your service lives down a little in August. We have great coverage for the folks from whom we cannot disconnect temporarily (emergency financial help, food truck, food banks, and various hotlines). Other than that, maybe it is good to serve a little less this month?

Know that my heart is full of gratitude for you!

**Fr. Hank**

## TUESDAY HOLY HOUR

After 8:35AM Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
On the Main Altar of the Church

## Outdoor Mass

Sunday 11:30AM Mass will be under the tent through October 29. In the event of rain or extreme heat, Mass will be held inside the Church.

REMEMBER, the pavement is uneven. If you have mobility issues, stand at your seat and we will bring Communion to you. Better safe than sorry!

# August 6, 2023



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Registration

CCD registration is going well. About two-thirds of our expected cohort has already registered. We are making great progress. Thanks for doing your best to get your children registered..

### Sunday Morning Second Graders

The request for Sunday morning classes for second graders has been impressive. To accommodate that surge, we are going to have two Sunday morning sections rather than one. If you have a second grader for whom Sunday morning is the preferred time, please register ASAP. Thanks!

### The Alternate Route

Even "the best laid plans" . . . get messed up. We understand that life sometimes gets in the way of keeping your children on track with their religious education and Christian formation. The pandemic did not help. Neither do family crises or relocations. To make allowance for these situations, we have a class to help children catch up with their grade. It is called "The Alternative Route," and we are happy to make it available to folks who genuinely need it. If your child needs to get caught up, especially in preparation for First Communion or Confirmation, email Kelly Craigle at [kcraigle@sjmillstone.com](mailto:kcraigle@sjmillstone.com).

### Special Needs

Does your child do better in a smaller, more individualized learning environment? Remember we have a Sunday morning class for students with special learning needs. Parents attend the classes with their children and help enrich the learning. Questions? Email Linda Mackiw at [lmackiw@stjosephsparish.com](mailto:lmackiw@stjosephsparish.com).

## Average Weekly Collection for June 2023:

June 2023	\$21,850
June 2022	\$20,458
June 2021	\$20,514
June 2020	\$19,945
June 2023 Goal	\$22,200
% of Goal	98%



## HEALING PRAYER

Healing Prayer invites anyone who is ill, facing surgery, hurting, anxious, burdened or worried to seek prayer for themselves or others. Jesus working through the minister will bring healing, glory and grace to your soul. God's love guides the ministers as they pray. All sessions are private and confidential.

Healing prayer requests can be not only for yourself but also for family and friends. Requests may cover healing of body, mind and spiritual issues. If you would like more information call Ann Smith at 908-285-6481. All conversations and prayer requests are confidential.

## HEALING PRAYER in PERSON in CHURCH Next Weekend – August 12 & 13

Immediately after the  
4:45 PM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses  
For more Information: Ann Smith at 908-285-6481



## SAGES ACTIVITIES

### Summer Lectures

**Tuesday, August 8, 2 PM.**

**Climate Change & Global Warning Causes, Consequences & Solutions.** Join us for this hot topic given by Dr. Matt Wund. Matt's studies, travels and experiences will add so much to this hot topic.. Please register with AnnaMaria.

**Thursday August 17, 11:00 AM.**

**The Tomb of St. Peter by Fr. Jose.**

Come learn about one of the greatest archaeological excavations of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century—the Tomb of Saint Peter, where science, history, and faith meet.

Please register with AnnaMaria

**Monday Fundays and Exercise Classes will resume in September.**

If you know of a suitable instructor(s) please reach out to AnnaMaria.

For more information or to register for events contact AnnaMaria at [arealbuto@sjmilltone....](mailto:arealbuto@sjmilltone....) or 908-864-0334.



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## Sewing Brigade

Since the word for people who sew, i.e., “sewers,” has the same spelling for “an underground conduit that carries drainage water and waste,” we have opted to eliminate the odiferous ambiguity by calling the new group the “Sewing Brigade”. Thanks to all who have volunteered, despite the old name! The work will begin in September. If you want to join and have not yet done so, email Victor at [vfung@sjmillstone.com](mailto:vfung@sjmillstone.com).

## Thoughts From God's Garden August Reflection



Sr. Gabriela of the Incarnation, O.C.D.

### Please Pray for Me

“Pray for me, Sister!” People say this to us when they speak with a Nun at the Turn. They request it when they write to us in letters and emails. They speak it out loud in the voicemails they leave on our phone. They ask our prayers for themselves, for their families and friends, for hurting and broken families, for job difficulties and for any other situation that is burdening them. People ask for our prayers because they believe that our prayers make a difference. And this trust in our prayers is shown in the expressions of gratitude that we receive and in the continuing support that people give us.

What is prayer? Why should we pray? Why have we Nuns cloistered ourselves so as to devote our whole lives to prayer? Prayer is simply entering into God's love and sharing that love with others. We pray for people because we believe that He loves them and that He wants what is best for them, and we join Him in willing for them what He wills. As St. Thomas More wrote, “we know that, whatever that be.... it shall indeed be the best.”

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## Mount St. Mary House of Prayer

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Registration or information: 908-753-2091 or email at [msmhope@msmhope.org](mailto:msmhope@msmhope.org).

## GRIEF RECOVERY (In person program)

Learning a process to deal with grief.

Sunday, August 13 from 1-5:30 p.m.

Gentle 4-step experiential process for resolving grief caused by loss. (\$50-\$60 as you are able)

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please send info for the bulletin no later than Friday, 8 days prior to the weekend you want the article to appear, directly to [stjoebulletin@yahoo.com](mailto:stjoebulletin@yahoo.com). Thank You.



## SILVER & GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen **on Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 3:30 PM.**

Registration is required. Please register online at: <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>. If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or [amrshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amrshall@diometuchen.org).

**Registration will close on October 6, 2023.**

Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online at

<https://www.diometuchen.org/donation-silver-and-gold> or calling 732-562-1543.

## RETRouvaille

### A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

**Stress In Your Marriage?** Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse?

RETRouvaille is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ.

RETRouvaille consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. **The upcoming weekend is August 18-20, 2023.** All inquiries are confidential. For further information, please contact Rich Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno 732-672-0748 or email [3024@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:3024@helpourmarriage.org).

## HEROIC MEN

Men have a heroic call to follow Christ's example of leadership, learning, and service with our families. But we can't do it alone. Jesus Christ shows us how to be a real man, and a heroic leader through prayer, learning, and purpose. HEROIC MEN (powered by the Catholic Men's Leadership Alliance) is a 100% free, Catholic streaming platform designed especially for men who want to discover (or re-discover) the truth, beauty, and goodness of the Catholic faith. They curate and stream the best content to engage, educate, and equip men for mission. For more information or to sign up for a free account, please visit <https://heroicmen.com/>.

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## NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE



The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage (NEP) has publicly launched! The NEP (<https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/>) will consist of four cross-country Eucharistic processions, collectively traversing the entire continental United States over a two-month period, beginning during the feast of Pentecost, May 17-19, 2024.

The pilgrimage is being organized by the National Eucharistic Revival campaign in conjunction with Modern Catholic Pilgrim, a Catholic nonprofit dedicated to deepening the faith across the country through pilgrimages. Along the way, the pilgrims will make stops in major U.S. cities, churches, Catholic colleges, and holy sites. Parishes along the routes will host Mass, adoration, devotions, praise and worship, lectures on the Eucharist, and more.

The Seton Route, which will begin in New Haven, Connecticut, will be passing through the Diocese of Metuchen on **May 29-30, 2024**. The four pilgrimage processions will ultimately converge in Indianapolis on July 16, 2024, to participate in the National Eucharistic Congress.

### National Eucharistic Congress

#### Tickets/Travel Packages (Coming Soon)!

Registration is now open for the National Eucharistic Congress! At the National Eucharistic Congress (<https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/>), the Church will draw into a deeper intimacy with our Eucharistic Lord, allowing our eyes to be opened and our hearts to be set on fire with his love. This historic five-day gathering (July 17-21, 2024) will be an experience of prayer: a liturgical act offering the Catholic Church—those in attendance in Indianapolis as well as across the country—to the Father, through the Son, and in the Holy Spirit. This reconsecration will result in a massive outpouring of grace and renewed missionary sending as participants are moved to share the Eucharistic love of the Lord “for the life of the world” (John 6:51). This is a pivotal moment in both American history and the legacy of the Catholic Church. (It is the first National Eucharistic Congress in 83 years!) Tens of thousands of pilgrims are expected to attend—but space is limited. To ensure that the Diocese of Metuchen is well-represented, we are pleased to announce that we have purchased 100 tickets to next summer’s Congress. These packages include transportation to and from Indianapolis, as well as hotel accommodations. More information on how to purchase tickets to next summer’s Congress will be forthcoming. In the meantime, anyone interested in learning more about the Congress, or about how to purchase tickets/travel packages, should contact Adam Carlisle, Secretary for Evangelization and Communication, at [acarlisle@diometuchen.org](mailto:acarlisle@diometuchen.org).

## National Eucharistic Congress Customize Your Congress Experience!

Preparation for the Congress is in full swing! In order to make this gathering the most fruitful for Catholics of so many different stages of life and vocational callings, speakers and breakout sessions will be organized into tracks with various themes and intended audiences. Ask the Lord how he is calling you to participate in the Congress and how he wants to form your heart through these five powerful days. Individual speakers and session topics will be announced very soon. In the meantime, we are thrilled to unveil the various ways you will be able to participate in this historic moment. For more information about what participation options will be available, or to get details about each track, please visit <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/tracks>. *Speakers and breakout sessions will be announced soon.*

## DIOCESE OF METUCHEN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Business Manager

The Catholic Spirit, the official newspaper of the Diocese of Metuchen, seeks a Business Manager to develop, implement, and oversee business strategies for the award-winning paper. The ideal candidate will be expected to establish production and quality control standards, develop budget and cost controls, and obtain data regarding the circulation, production and delivery specifications of the paper. Interested candidates should forward their resume to [hr@diometuchen.org](mailto:hr@diometuchen.org).

### Graphic Designer

The Catholic Spirit, the official newspaper of the Diocese of Metuchen, seeks a Graphic Designer to assist with the layout and design of its publication. The ideal candidate will have Adobe InDesign and Photoshop experience in a PC environment, be familiar with all aspects of electronic publishing, be a well-organized and reliable, and have a proven track record of meeting deadlines. Interested candidates should forward their resume to [hr@diometuchen.org](mailto:hr@diometuchen.org)

### Advertising Representative

The Catholic Spirit, the official newspaper of the Diocese of Metuchen, seeks an Advertising Sales Representative to assist with the sale of advertising space. The ideal candidate will be responsible for initiating, developing, and closing sales of print media advertising in The Catholic Spirit by creating and building effective client relationships with area businesses and organizations. Interested candidates should forward their resume to [hr@diometuchen.org](mailto:hr@diometuchen.org).

**Sunday, Aug 06, 2023**

### **Improve your vision**

Much of the time, we keep our heads down. We focus on the day ahead or the task at hand. We worry about personal relationships gone awry or the pricey cost of living. Transfigured seeing invites us to lift our gaze higher or to grasp truths under the surface of things. The broader, deeper vision reveals to us how to respond effectively to what we see. Saints in every generation have exercised this prophetic vision, recognizing a social problem and then creatively proposing a response. Pray the daily news—and ask for the guidance of a clarifying vision.

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9 (614). *"As the visions during the night continued, I saw: One like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven."*

**Monday, Aug 07, 2023**

### **May your faith ripen sweetly**

It's about this time of year that grapes in many parts of the world begin a crucial transformation process the French have named *veraison*. It's when grapes start to ripen and change from green to purple—not always at the same time in the same cluster, making for some beautiful color combinations. Mostly likely because of the timing of his feast day, Pope Sixtus II is the patron saint of grape prosperity. Where are you in the midst of your own *veraison* as a Christian? Pray for cause to celebrate your faith bearing ripe fruit.

MEMORIAL OF SIXTUS II, POPE, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 11:4b-15; Matthew 14:13-21 (407). *"They all ate and were satisfied."*

**Tuesday, Aug 08, 2023**

### **For want of a better word**

When Dominic founded the Order of Preachers in 1216, he'd been appalled by the rise of the Albigensian heresy, denying the goodness of God's creation. Even more appalling was the lack of informed preaching to inoculate the congregation against it. Dominic threw himself into the kind of witness modeled by the Acts of the Apostles, his new religious community adopting the motto "to praise, to bless, to preach." Not surprisingly, the Dominicans have given us eloquent saints, including Catherine of Siena and Thomas Aquinas—even captivating the world in 1963 with a chart-topping pop song, "Dominique." To quote another Dominican, Saint Martin de Porres: "Everything, even sweeping ... could be a prayer, if it were offered to God."

MEMORIAL OF DOMINIC, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 12:1-13; Matthew 14:22-36 or Matthew 15:1-2, 10-14 (408). *"Throughout my house he bears my trust: face to face I speak to him; plainly and not in riddles."*

**Wednesday, Aug 09, 2023**

### **The awful truth**

The bombing of Nagasaki, which occurred on this day in 1945, was truly awful in all senses of the word. Splitting the atom to unleash its enormous power put the genius and depravity of humanity on full, awe-inspiring display. Though we have many positive uses for atomic energy, its initial use to increase our

capacity to kill on a massive scale is a moral failure that we have yet to overcome. The war machine rages on. What role will you play in helping humanity move toward the good?

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Matthew 15:21-28 (409). *"We have sinned, we and our fathers; we have committed crimes; we have done wrong."*

**Thursday, Aug 10, 2023**

### **Where's your treasure?**

During the persecution of the Early Church, Saint Lawrence was under a death threat from Emperor Valerian. But his persecutor offered a deal. Lawrence could live if he turned over the treasures of the church. In one of history's most audacious rebukes, Lawrence is said to have gathered the poor and sick and told Valerian: Here is our treasure. For his act of resistance and faith, Lawrence was burned to death. How do you resist injustice? Saint Lawrence, give us courage.

FEAST OF LAWRENCE, DEACON, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26 (618).

*"Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life."*

**Friday, Aug 11, 2023**

### **Love takes its toll**

Inspired by her mentor Saint Francis, Saint Clare and the women who eventually joined her to form the Poor Clares had a "radical commitment to corporate poverty." The women lived simply and spent most of their day in prayer and chores. It was a hard life, but one filled with joy for those who chose it—and continue to choose it. Spend time today pondering this pearl of wisdom from Clare: "Love that does not know of suffering is not worthy of the name."

MEMORIAL OF CLARE, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 4:32-40; Matthew 16:24-28 (411).

*"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."*

**Saturday, Aug 12, 2023**

### **Youthful endeavors**

According to the United Nations website, half the people on Planet Earth are under 30 years of age. Yet only 2.6 percent of government lawmakers worldwide are under 30. International Youth Day, observed annually on August 12, is designated by the United Nations to draw attention to cultural and legal issues surrounding youth. Pope Francis teaches in *Laudato Si'*, "What kind of world do we want to leave ... to children who are now growing up?" (#160). International Youth Day recognizes everyone's responsibility to hand on a sustainable, free, and secure Earth to the next generation. What's going on in your community to accomplish this goal?

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Matthew 17:14-20 (412). *"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move."*

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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