

SEPTEMBER 10, 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 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

EMERGENCIES

Crisis Pregnancy Hotline— 732-516-0911

Suicide Prevention

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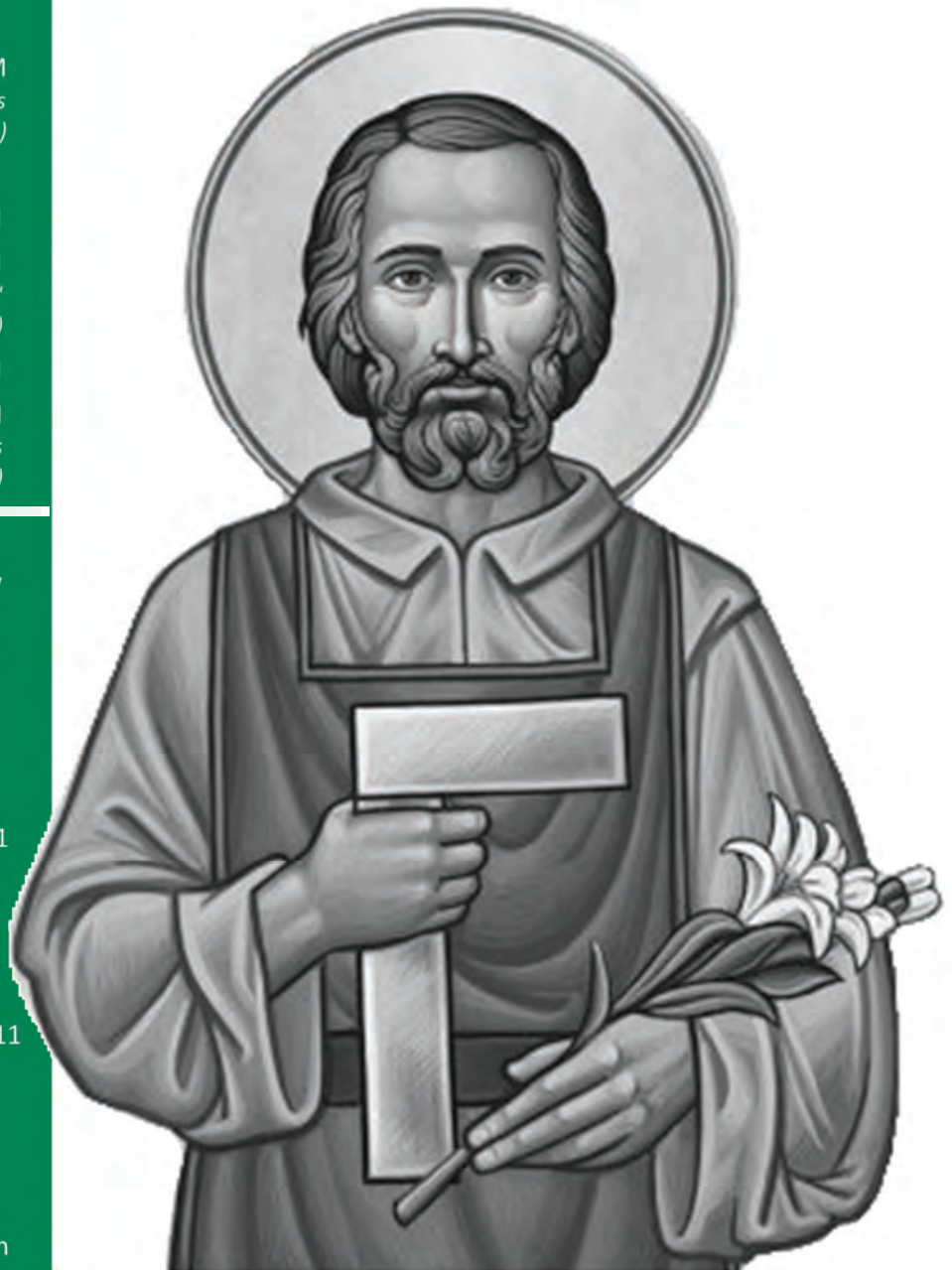
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September 10, 2023

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

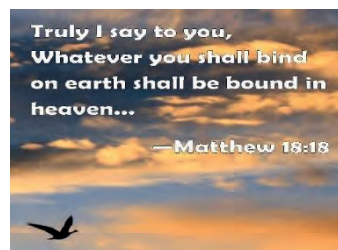
- Mon. 8:35AM. 9-11
Tue. 8:35AM Jeremy Goldstone (Living)
R/B Elisa Goldstone
8:35AM Catherine Melillo
R/B Robert Melillo
Wed. 8:35AM Barry W. Jannone
R/B Bill Jannone
8:35AM Jo & Joe Quinn
R/B Joanne & Pat Gagliardi
8:35AM Barbara Canavan
R/B Susan Wund
10:00AM Communion Service – Parking Lot
Thu. 8:35AM Elizabeth Ann Fowler
R/B St. Joseph Staff
8:35AM Diego F. Lumauig
R/B Lumauig Family
Fri. 8:35AM Carol & Arthur Valone (Living)
R/B Valone Family
8:35AM Alex & Marilyn Ciechanowski
R/B Maryellen Tobia
8:35AM Brian Kelly
R/B Houle Family
Sat. 4:45PM Wesley Goldstone
R/B Jeremy & Elisa Goldstone
4:45PM Annette Guidotti
R/B Carol & Anthony Guidotti
4:45PM Fr. Tom Triggs
R/B Fr. Hank Hilton
Sun. 8:00AM William Ahlborn
R/B Silvia & Gino Composto
8:00AM Judith Nichols
R/B Silvia & Gino Composto
9:30AM Kathleen Veronica Church
R/B Sara Perley
9:30AM Fr. Tom Triggs
R/B Joe & Betty Triggs
9:30AM Theresa D'Elia
R/B Maryellen Tobia
11:30AM Jackie & Joseph Arena
R/B Angelo LoCicero
11:30AM Jake Akey
R/B Janine & Tony Akey
11:30AM People of the Parish

TUESDAY HOLY HOUR

**After 8:35AM Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
On the Main Altar of the Church**

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sirach 27:30-28:7 Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 18:21-35



Dear All, Christ's Peace!

Our Last Tent Mass – I'm feeling a little sentimental. Last Sunday's 11:30 Mass was our last Mass beneath the tent that has served us so well. The last few years have taught us it is not a great idea to have Mass while picnic preparations are under way. (The incense from the grill was particularly distracting.) Hence, 11:30 Mass was indoors on September 10. The tent comes down a few days after the picnic to make way for the pavilion. Thanks to God for all the blessings that we have absorbed there. And thanks to its donors.

Bereavement Group – Good friends at the Metuchen Cathedral are once again running an eight-week bereavement group for people who have recently lost a loved one. The group meets every Wednesday from October 4 through November 15 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. There is no fee, but you need to pre-register by calling Danielle at 732-763-0972.

The Novena for Keith B. – Great big blessings for all who have prayed the Saint Lucy Novena for Keith. Despite the bout of Covid that besieged Keith and his family, we are waiting for good news. Keep praying.

Our New Parish e-Publication – On the First Wednesday of every month, we will email good news about parishioners. It will include news about who has been baptized and who has been married or celebrated a big anniversary. We will use the Wednesday news to share updates about new parishioners and about who has graduated. Also, remember the newsy part of "This Week," called "The Pastor's Brag"? People liked that very much but we lacked a way to sustain it. Now we have it and will be inviting you to click the tab that will appear in each week's "This Week," to share good news about yourself or another parishioner. Think of it as "Page Six" meets the old "Holy Name Honor Roll."

Want to Become a Catholic? Know Someone Who Might? – Our parish's Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (now "OCIA," formerly known as "RCIA"), is now welcoming two types of people: (a) adults who were baptized (as Catholics or in any Christian denomination) but did not pursue later sacraments or religious formation, and (b) people who have not been baptized but want to become Catholics. Might you or someone you know be one such person? Email Suzanne Kral, skral@simillstone.com for more information

Hope your Labor Day was lovely and (almost) labor-less.

Father Hank

September 10, 2023



HEALING PRAYER

This Weekend - September 9 & 10

Immediately after the

4:45 PM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses

. All conversations and prayer requests are confidential.

For more information: Ann Smith at 908-285-6481

Next Healing Prayer – October 7 & 8



ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

The pandemic wiped us out. We need to reboot and recover. Youngsters in grades 4-12 make excellent servers and learn much from serving. (They also get a great view of Mass!) If you are in grades 4-12, or if you have children in grades 4-12, or influence people in that category, PLEASE help us rebuild the ranks of white-robed apostles. Siblings and cousin combos can form some especially great memories. **Sign up in the Gathering Space after Mass on September 23-24 and September 30 – October 1.**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Teachers and Aides: If you did not attend the first meeting last week, please email Kelly Craigle at kcraigle@sjmillstone.com or Linda Mackiw at lmackiw@sjmillstone.com to arrange pickup of your class materials.

Calling All Homeschoolers: If your child is one of those who will be doing CCD via homeschool – AND if you have not already picked up the teaching materials for this year – **please come to church on Monday, September 11, between 7:00 and 9:00 pm**, to obtain your folders from the Religious Education office. Questions? Email Kelly Craigle at kcraigle@sjmillstone.com or Linda Mackiw at lmackiw@sjmillstone.com if you haven't done so already.



SAGES ACTIVITIES

SAGES September Kickoff:

Monday Fundays– Join us September 18 at noon for Lunch, Bingo, Poker and board games. Please register with AnnaMaria 908-864-0334.

Exercise – Thursdays 10:00 AM. Join us for Drums Alive with Pamela beginning on September 14 for 6 weeks. No registration is required.

Tuesday Topics– The History of Millstone on September 26 at 2:00 PM. Join Portia Orton and Phyllis Marganoff, of the Millstone Historic District Commission, to take a virtual walking tour through the Borough of Millstone, a State and National Historic District" (and Home to St. Joseph Parish). Please register with AnnaMaria arealbuto@sjmillstone.com

October 17 - Medicare 2004

October 24 – Whatever Happened to Leaded Gasoline by Fr Hank

For more information or to register for events contact AnnaMaria at arealbuto@sjmillstone.com or 908-864-0334.

DIOCESAN PRESS RELEASE:

METUCHEN – Bishop James F. Checchio has announced the new priestly appointments.

May God continue to grant these priests and all clergy in our diocese the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, the words needed to proclaim the Gospel, and joy in their hearts as they minister to His people.

Newly ordained:

Reverend Jose M. Lim, newly ordained priest, to Parochial Vicar, Saint Joseph Parish, Hillsborough, from July 6 through September 6, 2023, and then returning to Rome for further studies.

IN MEMORIAM

Augustus A. Natali, 88, husband of Alice, died on August 29..

Francis Pawlowski, father of parishioner Jon, died on August 28.

Please pray for their eternal rest and for consolation for their families and for all who mourn their deaths.

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PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer

1651 US Hwy. 22, Watchung, NJ 07069
908-753-2091 or www.msmhope.org

Practicing the Presence of God with Difficult People

Wednesday, September 20, 7-9 pm Hybrid

Jesus tells us to love our neighbor and even our enemies. While we may not have enemies per se, we definitely all have neighbors who are difficult to love. Discover what makes people difficult and the connection between practicing the presence of God and dealing with difficult people and learn how to live out the Golden Rule. (\$20-\$30 as you are able)

Presenter: Connie Palmer, LCSW

Male Spirituality Program

What does it mean to be a good Christian man?

Tuesday, September 26, 7-8:30 pm Hybrid

What can committed Christian men offer the world?
(\$20-\$30 as you are able)

Presenter: Dr. Steven Serafin



Thoughts From God's Garden

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

Praised be Jesus Christ!

The cloister in our Monastery here in Flemington isn't as grand as the Cloisters in New York, but it serves a similar purpose. It is a square courtyard, covered over with a skylight instead of being open to the sky, and from it radiate the various corridors leading to different parts of the Monastery. We often pass one another in the cloister and corridors, and when we do we exchange a greeting: "Praised be Jesus Christ!" "Now and forever."

We praise Him each time we meet one another because He is the one who brings us together. He brings us together in the Church, He brings us together as a religious community, and He brings us together in His Father's love.

In a world and a society that seems to be splintering apart, our simple greeting is an act of trust that true unity is possible in God. We can be one in Him as He asked of His Father. May this unity spread more and more among us.

Praised be Jesus Christ in each of you who read this!

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SEPTEMBER RETREATS

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Sabbath Every Day

September 30 | 9:30 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M.

As Christians we have inherited the tradition of Sunday as our Sabbath, but we can take the Sabbath with us throughout the week. It's not so much a timetable as an attitude, and it's based in our identity as Resurrection People. Come and re-discover the Sabbath in your own life. Participants are welcome to come early for 7:30 a.m. prayer and / or 8:00 a.m. Mass

- \$60
- \$75 Extended Day: includes Vespers, dinner and Compline and ends at 7:00 p.m.

Morning Mini Retreat

Center Your Life. Center Yourself

Thursday, September 14, 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

\$25

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SILVER & GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th 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.

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.

FEMININE GENIUS BRUNCH

Saturday, October 14, 2023

9:30AM – 12:30PM

**At the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center,
146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway**

Come join us for a beautiful morning set aside to marvel at the mystery of God and His plan for each of us! This event includes a presentation and book signing by Shannon Whitmore, author of the new book, "See Yourself as God Does: Understanding Holy Body Image through Catholic Scripture" (Ascension). The morning will include prayer and reflection, brunch and a review of some service ideas for women to get more involved in ministry. This event is for women of all ages and will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM. For more information and/or to register please visit www.diometuchen.org/familylife or call 732-562-1543.

RESPECT LIFE CHAIN



Sunday, October 1, 2023

Prayerful, peaceful, public witness for the sanctity of all human life. Rain or shine, 2:00-3:30 pm. Locations to be announced.



A Night of Painting & Fun
Led by local artist, Hal Vandermark
Friday, October 13, 2023
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Saturday, September 23, 2023

Time: 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Location: Saint Ann's School

40 Second Avenue, Raritan, NJ

<https://stannclassical.square.site/>

Ticket Cost: \$40 check/\$42 online *Price includes: music, meatballs, sausage and peppers, eggplant, pasta, Festa sauce, bread, soft drinks/water,

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and online at <https://stannclassical.square.site/>

* Kids under 10 are an at-will donation

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. Thank You.

Sunday, Sep 10, 2023

The long loneliness

"Church" means assembly: It is not good for us to be alone. Today's Suicide Prevention Day reminds us that loneliness is an unhealthy condition. More than 700,000 people die by suicide each year: about 132 a day in the United States. For every suicide, there are more than 20 attempts. Mental illness and substance abuse contribute to the crisis, but marginalized groups are at highest risk: migrants, indigenous people, those who identify as LGBTQ+, and prisoners. The feeling of alienation is real but also preventable. Call or text the crisis hotline at 988 to seek help for yourself or someone you love.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20 (127). *"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."*

Monday, Sep 11, 2023

A day to remember those who gave everything

Today, the anniversary of the largest terrorist attack in American history, is a day to call to mind those who rushed in to help, at great cost. The first certified fatality of the attacks was Father Mychal Judge, Franciscan friar and New York City Fire Department chaplain, who rushed to the World Trade Center to help. During his life, he was known for ministering to the marginalized and for the words on a prayer card he often distributed: "Lord, take me where you want me to go. Let me meet who you want me to meet. Tell me what you want me to say. And keep me out of your way." Honor his legacy and make his humble prayer yours today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:24-2:3; Luke 6:6-11 (437). *"Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath rather than to do evil, to save life rather than to destroy it?"*

Tuesday, Sep 12, 2023

On Earth we your children invoke your sweet name

Names are a big deal in the Bible. More than a moniker, the names of people—and God—capture, convey, and even conjure a being's very essence. It's why the Hebrews refused, out of respect, to speak God's holiest name and why "taking the Lord's name in vain" is forbidden. We see in biblical history how life-changing experiences prompt a person's change of name, as when Sarai becomes Sarah and Saul becomes Paul. When Jesus talks of acting "in my name," he affirms a power and presence invoked by simply uttering his name. Today, heed Venerable Bruno Lanteri, founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary, who instructed: simply "think of Mary, call on Mary."

MEMORIAL OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 6:12-19 (438). *"He chose Twelve, whom he also named Apostles: Simon, whom he named Peter, ..."*

Wednesday, Sep 13, 2023

Always speak the words of light

With seemingly never-ending revelations of ministerial misconduct, today's feast of Saint John Chrysostom is a sight for sore eyes. The eminent fourth-century preacher and teacher—whose name is a transliteration of the Greek for "golden mouth"—was surely a product of his day. But he was also guided by the Holy Spirit, who inspired him to be baptized as an adult and denounce corruption in the church while serving as a priest and

later as archbishop of Constantinople. As we remember his legacy today, let's take courage to also stand for truth and against all that dishonors the call of the gospel.

MEMORIAL OF JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 6:20-26 (439). *"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God."*

Thursday, Sep 14, 2023

By the wood of the cross

Today's feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross goes back to early days in church history. Saint Helena was the mother of Emperor Constantine (the first Roman emperor to embrace the faith), and Helena is said to have found the actual crucifix of Jesus in Jerusalem in the fourth century, spurring significant devotion to the Holy Cross. This devotion has had staying power perhaps because it helps believers to reflect upon the saving power of Jesus' death. Today when something presents itself as a "cross" to you, take a few moments to contemplate the cross of Christ.

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17 (638). *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish."*

Friday, Sep 15, 2023

I feel your pain

Anyone who loves will experience sorrow. It can't be helped. When a loved one suffers, we suffer. The church looks to Our Lady of Sorrows during those difficult times. Mary has been pierced by the sword of sorrow many times, including the seven noted by tradition: The prophecy of Simeon, the Flight into Egypt, the lost child Jesus later found in the Temple, meeting Jesus on the road to Calvary, the Crucifixion, and Jesus' removal from the cross and his burial. Listen to the aching beauty of the Stabat Mater hymn recited each year on this memorial and know that you are not alone in your suffering. Mary's empathy is one of the saving graces of our faith. She knows how we feel, and sometimes that's all it takes to get us past the pain.

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14 (441); John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35 (639). *"And you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."*

Saturday, Sep 16, 2023

Care for the creation God entrusts to us

High above our heads the ozone layer of the stratosphere absorbs enough of the sun's deadly ultraviolet radiation to make possible life on Earth. But just a few decades ago an alarming depletion of the ozone layer generated worldwide concern over resulting increases in skin cancer, cataracts, and other health issues. These concerns led to the adoption of the Montreal Protocol in 1987, celebrated today, which bans the production of chemicals that cause ozone depletion. In his 2015 encyclical *Laudato si'*, Pope Francis applauds the Protocol for helping to protect the Earth, our common home. What can you do for our Earth today?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 6:43-49 (442). *"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' but not do what I command?"*

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



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