NOVEMBER 5, 2023

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil4:45 PMSunday8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AMMonday-Friday8:35 AMHolyday Vigil7:00 PMHolyday78:35 AM & 5:00 PMOur church has seven seating sections. Every
Mass has two social distance sections. One of
those sections requires masks.

EUCHARIST OUTDOORS

Summer Sundays out doors.

Non-Summer Sunday 11:30 AM Mass has an in-car option. Congregants park in the designated area, listen to Mass on the parish radio station, and receive Communion in the car.

11:30 AM is

Wednesday 10:00 AM A 20 minutes Communion Service in the parking lot, sometimes led by lay minister.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday Mornings Drive-up Confessions are offered every Saturday morning, typically between 10:00 and 11:00 AM. Always check the "This Week" email to learn if the time has been changed to accommodate funerals or baptisms.

By Appointment Email Father Hank for an appointment if you cannot come on Saturday.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

After Mass - Individuals - If you have surgery or a serious diagnosis, please request anointing after Mass.

After Mass - Group - There is a group anointing every month after one Mass. Call the office for information.

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

Hospital - Contact the hospital chaplain as soon as possible.

Home or Nursing Home - Call Fr Hank at 908-874-3141 and press 1. Emergency - Call Fr Hank at 908-874-3141 and press 1.

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, FUNERALS Please see information pamphlets in the

Gathering Space

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please see information pamphlets in the Gathering Space

VARIA

Suicide Prevention Hotline - Call 1-800-273-TALK Teen Crisis Text Hotline - Text 741741

PARISH COMMUNITY OF



HILLSBOROUGH, NEW JERSEY

Priests

Prophets





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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon.	
	R/B John & Carol Jorgensen
	8:35AM Edward Tu
	R/B Terry Lee
	8:35AM Grace Onofrio
	R/B Lia & Frank Figurate
Tue.	8:35AM Kenneth Morrison
	R/B Barbara Morrison
	8:35AM John Peters
	R/B Dawn Bondar
Wed.	8:35AM Godfrey Lumauig
	R/B Lumauig Family
	8:35AM John P. Cronin
	R/B Jeanne & Bill Krause
	8:35AM Eileen Walsh
	R/B Susan Wund
Thu.	8:35AM Robert Baranowski, Jr. (Living)
	R/B Mary Ann Baranowski
	8:35AM James Collins
- ·	R/B James & Gilda McCauley
Fri	8:35AM James X, Paterno
	R/B Barbara Paterno
	8:35AM Lucy Minder
	R/B St Joseph Council Members 8:35AN Frank Bramble
	R/B Pius X Alum
Sat.	4:45PM All Veterans
Sun.	8:00AM Madeline Childs
oun.	R/B Colleen Mullens
	8:00AM People of the Parish
	9:30AM Mary Melillo
	R/B Robert Melillo
	9:30AM John L. Miller
	R/B Garr Stephenson
	9:30AM Linda Lombardo
	R/B Sandy Viola & Family
	11:30AM All Veterans

HOLY HOUR

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Wisdom 6:12-16 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13



HEALING PRAYER Next Weekend, November 11 & 12 Immediately after the 4:45 PM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses For more Information: Ann Smith at 908-285-6481 All conversations and prayer requests are confidential. Next Healing Prayer: December 9 & 10



VETERANS

Because you served... the community of St. Joseph Parish would like to **Thank You**.

Join fellow Veterans and guests on Sunday, November 12 at 11:30 AM for a Veterans' Mass & Luncheon

Veterans and their guests can choose to attend inside the church or remain in their cars while they tune to FM radio station 88.7. Veterans are welcome to wear their uniform or some part of it. Veterans, their guests and spouses or family members of deceased or active-duty service members are all invited. A <u>luncheon in the Parish Hall</u> for Veterans and spouses of deceased Veterans and their guests will follow <u>immediately after mass.</u>

Registration is required for this event. For more information and to sign up, use the on-line form (found on our parish website www.sjmillstone.com) or visit the table in the Gathering Space.

Deadline to sign-up is November 5th (even if you are unable to attend).

If you would like to honor a Veteran family member or friend who is not a parishioner, visit the sign-up table in the Gathering Space to write their name in our Veterans' Book of Remembrance. If you have questions, please contact Lisa Stevens at Istevens@sjmillstone.com or 908-864-0964.

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Dear All, Christ's Peace!

Prayerfully Honoring Our Beloved Dead – This year we will continue our recent practices of prayerfully honoring our beloved dead. Once again, we will arrange: **Trees of Remembrance** – These are in two groups. The first contains the names of the recently deceased (i.e., those who have died since October 15, 2022). The other group includes the names of deceased children and grandchildren of parishioners – regardless of when they died.

Memorial Scrolls – These are posted on the church's north and south walls. They include the names of our deceased loved ones, as they will appear in the new necrology. The names are arranged according to the month in which the person died.

Prayers at Every Mass – At every November Mass, we will add a prayer for all the people whose names are displayed in church (and those whom we meant to include). We will use the old favorite "Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord "

Arranging Mass Intentions – The Parish Book of Mass Intentions opens on Sunday, November 12, after the 8:00 am Mass. Each parishioner can arrange up to five intentions between November 12 and February 1. More intentions can be arranged after that. Please pick up a schedule of "Mass Intention Office Hours" in the Gathering Space and plan to come during those hours.

Memorial Christmas Trees – Reserve your tree now! The trees are available at the same low price of \$100 and of course scholarships are available..

Save the Date–Installation of Memorial Christmas

Trees – Saturday, November 25, 9:00 am. Huge fun! **Our New Associate Director of CCD?** – Do you have great organizational skills, enjoy meeting people, and would like to work 20-25 hours per week? Know someone who fits that bill? Let Father Hank know.

Pavilion Progress – These builders are impressive. They keep achieving their weekly objectives. It is good fun to watch it all go up. Say a prayer for the builders' safety and for continued bonhomie with the inspectors and permit folks. After the building goes up, the concrete goes down, the wires go through, the seed goes all around, then the best part goes in – YOU! *With even more and more gratitude for the privilege of being your pastor, and with big blessings,*

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 to the process:

- (a) adults who were baptized (as Catholics or in any Christian denomination) but did not pursue later sacraments or religious formation,
- (b) and (b) people who have not been baptized but want to become Catholics.

Perhaps you or someone you know may be this person? Email Suzanne Kral, <u>skral@sjmillstone.com</u> for more information



SAGES ACTIVITIES

Craft & Poker Party – Join us Monday, November 6 at 12:00 for lunch, Poker, board games and a Christmas craft. Registration required.

Exercise – Thursdays 10:00 AM. Chair and Floor Yoga began November 2. No registration is required. For more information or to register for events contact AnnaMaria at <u>arealbuto@sjmilltone....</u> or 908-864-0334.

BLUE STORM BASKETBALL

Registration for St. Joseph's Blue Storm Basketball 2023-2024 Season is Now Open!

Register now for children to participate in the 2023-2024 CYM Basketball season. We have teams for both boys and girls, and children from first grade through high school are invited to participate.

Programs by Grade

Grades 1st and 2nd: Instructional practices and games on Sundays

Grade 3: Practice once a week and games at Hillsborough HS on Sunday

Grades 4th through 8th: Practice once a week and games at various locations in the Diocese on Saturday Grades 9th through 12th: Games at Hillsborough HS on Sundays

Practices start in November, so **Register Now** at **StJoesCYMbasketball.com**

Questions? Contact Michelle Conklin at mrzconklin@yahoo.com or Michael Greenstreet at mgreenst@teksystems.com

Fr. Hank

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Advent Giving Tree

The Advent Giving Tree is back, and we invite you to once again be a part of this beautiful tradition. To participate in the **Local Agency Gift Card Collection**, go to either the parish website or use this link <u>https://sigivingtree.scilsystems.com/</u>. On the homepage, you will click on the Advent Giving Tree icon. You will be directed to the page where you will select the gift cards you wish to donate by clicking on "Sign Up." You must then purchase the Gift Cards directly from the retailers selected and return them to the parish. The following directions are on the website:

*Select gift card retailer(s) from the list. The retailers are: Amazon, Visa, Walmart, Target, Home Depot/ Lowe's, and Kohl's.

*Click on the "Add to Cart" button for the associated gift card. All gift cards are in the amount of \$25. Click on "Add to Cart" to increase the number of cards you want to purchase.

*Once you have added the number of gift cards you would like to donate, click on the cart icon, or proceed to the cart.

*Enter your personal information (First Name, Last Name, Phone, Email) and sign up.

*You will receive an email confirming your order (if you don't see it check spam). With any issues, please email help@scilsystems.com.

*Purchase your cards through a retail location or website (For example: Kohl's or Amazon).

*PLEASE NO GIFT BOXES, PLACE ONLY THE CARDS IN AN ENVELOPE

*Write "Advent Giving Tree" on the envelope. Place the envelope into the secure black box on the brick wall to the right of the Parish Center Office doors OR give them to one of our Advent Giving Tree volunteers before or after all masses on the weekends of November 4/5; 11/12.

*If you are unable to purchase gift card(s), but wish to participate, please consider writing a check to **St Joseph Parish** – with MEMO: "Advent Giving Tree" and mail to St. Joseph's Parish, 34 Yorktown Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844 or drop your check off at St. Joe's as described above. The Advent Giving Tree Ministry will purchase the gift cards on your behalf.

Part 2 – Gift Items for Appalachia Details and Instructions

Our Appalachian agency will be supported with a gift item program beginning the weekend of November 4/5. **All gifts will be due back on the weekend of November 25/26.** If you have questions or need help, email Dianne <u>Speronello at</u> <u>dtspero@gmail.com or email Victor Fung at</u> <u>vfung@sjmillstone.com.</u>



We are requesting your help in providing 120 Thanksgiving Food Bags for families. **Donate one (1) filled bag per family** Bring to our St. Joseph Memorial Hallway before Mass or during work hours (or place in the gray van used for the food bank if the office is closed) in the parking lot)

Dates of acceptance: 11/4//2023 through 11/12/2023.

Please purchase the following items and fill the bag with the following items for one family of four:

- \$1 reusable grocery bag
- One large box of instant potatoes or rice
- 3-4 canned vegetables: Green Beans, Yams, Spinach,
 - Lima Beans, Carrots, Corn, and Peas
 - 2 boxes or jars of Gravy
 - I can Glory Fried Apples or applesauce
 - 1 can Cranberry Sauce
 - 1 box Stuffing Mix
 - 1 Cake or Brownie Mix
 - 1 bag of Candies
 - Beverages: Juices, Hot Chocolate, Tea or Coffee

• Please consider adding a \$10 or \$25 local grocery store Gift Card

• Place your grocery store card in an envelope and staple it to the inside top of the reusable bag The grocery store gift card will be used for meat, pie,

fresh vegetables, rolls, or other family needs. We are not accepting any frozen or fresh items this year such as turkeys, other meats, potatoes, vegetables, bread, rolls or pies.

Please put your bag in the Memorial Hallway or van and label "Thanksgiving".

We will be helping families through Catholic Charities in Bridgewater and Flemington, the Arc of Somerset, St. Peter's University Hospital Family Center on Howes Lane and many more!

Thank you for your continued support to assist the least of these. God bless you!

LITURGICAL MUSIC NEWS

The Diocesan Festival Choir is seeking new members in all sections (SATB) to join those who already give generously of their time to serve the Church as Liturgical Musicians. The choir prayerfully renders music from all periods, with a focus on Renaissance polyphony and Gregorian chant. Rehearsals are on the three preceding Tuesdays for any particular Diocesan liturgical event; rehearsals are typically held at the Cathedral of Saint Francis in Metuchen. Interested persons may set up an interview/audition by contacting Christopher Deibert, Director of Diocesan Liturgical Music, at cdeibert@diometuchen.org

IN GOD'S IMAGE

God's Image, the Catholic Faith Sharing Group for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people at Church of the Sacred Heart, South Plainfield, meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00PM. Our next meeting is November 8 and will be both in person and online. Please email for more information. The group is open to LGBTQ adults, 18 and over, and their families. All are welcome for faith sharing, prayer, conversation and support. For more information, contact Fr John at 908 756 0633, ext 195 or the group may be reached via email at <u>sacredheartigi@gmail.com</u>.

Diocesan Cemeteries Announce Pre-planning Promotion from November 1 - 19, 2023.

Please call 1-800-943-8400 for additional information and to schedule an appointment with a Memorial Counselor. Pre-planning discounts will be offered on inground burial, mausoleum entombment, and cremation niche options at both Resurrection Catholic Cemetery in Piscataway, and Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in East Brunswick/Jamesburg.. Payment plans and financing options are available to fit every budget.

Pre-planning is a gift to your loved ones. Call 1-800-943-8400 today to set up an appointment.

SEASONED SERVANTS... An Event for Seniors

Wednesday, November 8, 2023 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM Holy Mass, Continental Breakfast & Fellowship Guest Speaker: Msgr. John Fell, STD, Episcopal Vicar Health Care Apostolate Health Care Considerations for Aging Catholics St. John Neumann Pastoral Center \$10.00 per person Call Angela to register at 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org



Thoughts From God's Garden

Sr. Gabriela of the Incarnation, O.C.D. Come Aside and Rest

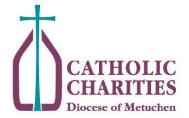
"Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." (Mk 6, 31) Going on retreat is a recognized

activity in the spiritual life and our Community in the Flemington Carmel is going on retreat in the middle of November. Except, of course, that we aren't going anywhere. We are staying right at home in our monastery.

Why would contemplative nuns have a retreat at all? Isn't a retreat a time of silence and solitude, and don't contemplative nuns already live in silence and solitude? Why do they need more of it?

A retreat is not only a time of silence and solitude; it is also a time of pondering and prayer. It is a time to step back and take a look at one's life. It is especially a time to step out of any rut one has gotten into and re-discover what one's life is about. It is a time to take a look at what I do and why I do it. It is a time to realize again that God is really present and that what I do and think and say really make a difference, even in the silence and solitude of a monastery.

Visit our Monastery at <u>www.flemingtoncarmel.org</u>



Are you looking for a job?

Do you love working with children? Catholic Charities has positions open for their before and after school programs. Please send resumes and cover letters to <u>sos-</u><u>wald@ccdom.org</u> and <u>drannie@ccdom.org</u>

Contact: Tiffany Workman at <u>tworkman@diometuchen.org</u> or call 732-243-4581

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, Nov 05, 2023

Vocation 101

It's National Vocation Awareness Week! What's your parish or Catholic organization doing to promote the call to ordained and religious life in your community? Consider the threefold tasks of "prayer, invitation, and education": to *pray* for vocations, *invite* likely candidates to consider them, and *educate* others about the joy of service to Christ and his church. Also check out the website of the National Religious Vocation Conference. They offer Conversation Cards to keep handy: business-style cards that say "You would make a great priest/ sister/ brother/ nun" on the front. The back reads: "Imagine the possibilities."

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME TODAY'S READINGS: Malachi 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10; 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13: Matthew 23:1-12 (151). *"With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well."*

Monday, Nov 06, 2023

All paths designed to lead to holiness

Some people hear their call early in life, and it's loud and clear. Others grapple longer and harder with figuring out their vocation. Regardless of where you fall on that spectrum of discernment, and no matter what state of life God intends for you, keep in mind during this National Vocation Awareness Week (Nov. 5-11) that we are all called in essence to the same thing. Let the words of Carmelite nun Saint Thérèse of Lisieux to her friend upon her marriage reassure you: "The road we are following is different, however, the goal is the same purpose: to become holy in the way God has traced out for us."

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 11:29-36; Luke 14:12-14 (485). "You will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Tuesday, Nov 07, 2023

Honor wise council

On this day in 680, the Third Council of Constantinople convened. Ecumenical councils summon a representative constituency of church leadership to settle important questions and fine-tune church teaching. Earliest councils, beginning in 325, solidified basics of Christian faith, often tackling heresies about the true nature of Jesus Christ. Later councils wrestled with institutional growing pains. Let us be grateful that our ancestors cared about the deposit of faith enough to gather and debate at length in order to hand down to future generations such as ours the best the tradition has to offer.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 12:5-16b; Luke 14:15-24 (486). "We, though many, are one Body in Christ and individually parts of one another."

Wednesday, Nov 08, 2023

Act decisively for justice

Today, we remember our forebear Joseph Rummel, the longtime archbishop of New Orleans during the era of Jim Crow segregation in the Deep South. As head of the diocese with one of the largest black populations in the nation, Rummel set out to desegregate local Catholic parishes and schools, including the archdiocesan seminary, beginning in 1948. After a letter from local segregationist Catholics to the pope was rebuffed by the holy father, Rummel declared all parochial schools desegregated in 1962. Famously, he later excommunicated several vocal holdouts who protested his move. Where is such decisive action against racism among bishops today? We are all responsible for opposing injustice. How will you act for the common good?

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33 (487). "You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law."

Thursday, Nov 09, 2023

Let the good times roll

Catholics have lots of words with their own twists, and one of them is "feast." While we don't all sit down to a giant meal for every "feast," in some corner of the world, Catholics may well be doing just that. In church language, "feast" means something special is celebrated on a particular day. Feasts range from the death days of saints, to events in Jesus' life, to the foundation of a church with a special history (such as today's feast of the Lateran Basilica). Many feasts have special followings in particular cultures. Let feast days remind you that sometimes devotion also calls for a good party!

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22 (671). *"His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me."*

Friday, Nov 10, 2023

You are simply divine

Known for his accessible preaching style, Pope Leo I helped his fifth-century flock and Christians down through the ages understand more fully the true nature of Christ and his saving gifts. By becoming human, explains Leo, "Jesus assumed the form of a servant without the stain of sin—enhancing what was human, not detracting from what was divine." As children of the light, we share in God's own nature. Therefore, our heads and hearts should reflect this holy inheritance. Or put simply by Leo: "Christian, remember your dignity."

MEMORIAL OF LEO THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8 (489). "I will not dare to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me."

Saturday, Nov 11, 2023

A veteran worthy of his day

Because Saint Martin of Tours (c. 320-397) was the son of a Roman army officer, he was required by law to serve in the Roman military. Two years after his conversion to Christianity he announced, "I am the soldier of Christ: it is not lawful for me to fight." He was arrested and charged with cowardice. So he volunteered to go into battle unarmed. Before he could make good on his offer, he was discharged from the military. This Veterans Day, we can remember those, like Saint Martin and Venerable Emil Kapaun, Army chaplain, who, for the sake of Christ, go into battle armed only with the love of Christ.

MEMORIAL OF MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Luke 16:9-15 (490). *"No servant can serve two masters."*

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



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