# JANUARY 14, 2024

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### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil		4:45 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM, 9:30 AM,	11:30 AM
Monday-Frida	ıy	8:35 AM
Holyday Vigil		7:00 PM
Holyday	8:35 AM 8	& 5:00 PM

Our church has seven seating sections. Every Mass has two social distance sections. One of those sections requires masks.

### **EUCHARIST OUTDOORS**

Summer Sundays 11:30 AM is 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.

**Wednesday** 10:00 AM 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

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

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 15 - 21 8:00AM The rosary is prayed before Mass. Open to all. You are always welcome to join us.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. 8:35AM Anna Radish **R/B Fran Fierst** 8:35AM Pauline Brzyski R/B Brzyski Family 8:35AM Pedro & Ofilia Nieto R/B Maria Zezas Tue. 8:35AM Fred A Campo R/B Fred & Laura Campo & Family 8:35AM Keith Pahira R/B Joan Pahira Wed. 8:35AM Ann Donohue and Veronica & Dan Buckley **R/B** Pat Heinemann 8:35AM Julia Hose R/B John Cavanaugh Thu. 8:35AM Gabe Albert **R/B** Alice Manzella Fri. 8:35AM Rusty Rusak R/B Bobbie & John Murphy 8:35AM Josephine Nouri R/B Selwa Toni 8:35AM William A Molinski III R/B Patricia Molinski Sat. 4:45PM Bill Dunn – Living 90th birthday R/B Siobhan Dunn 4:45PM Jessica Kent-Watkins R/B Deb & Joe Lesky 8:00AM People of the Parish Sun. 8:00AM Walter Katen **R/B** Paulette Matis 9:30AM Paul Gubitosi **R/B** Gubitosi Family 9:30AM Leonardo Pedone **R/B Geraci Family** 11:30AM All Living & Deceased Members of Millstone Valley Columbiettes **R/B Millstone Valley Columbiettes** 

> HOLY HOUR after 8:35AM Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament On the Main Altar of the Church.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND Jonah 3:1-5,10 :1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20



The Christmas Season has officially ended in the Liturgical (Church) calendar and we are now in Ordinary Time which is marked by the color green. It is called "Ordinary Time" because it is derived from the word *ordinal*, meaning "to count" and the weeks are named in numerical order. There are three cycles of readings for Sunday masses and this year we are in Cycle B when we predominantly hear the Gospel of Mark.

Ordinary Time is when we celebrate the life and teachings of Jesus and what it means to be the disciples he calls us to be.

Howard *Washington* Thurman (1899-1981), an American author, theologian, educator, and civil rights leader, described the purpose of Ordinary Time when he wrote:

"When the song of the angels is stilled, When the star in the sky is gone, When the kings and the princes are home, When the shepherds are back with their flock,

The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost, To heal the broken, To feed the hungry, To release the prisoner, To rebuild the nations, To bring peace among people, To make music in the heart." -Howard Thurman



Healing Prayer – This Weekend January 13-14, 2024 Immediately after 4:45PM, 9:30AM & 11:30AM Masses For more Information: contact Ann Smith 908-285-6481. All conversations and prayer requests are confidential Dear All, Christ's peace – for you and your nearest and dearest throughout 2024. Please be sure to read this special section from my Friday e-mail.

### **OUR WORSHIP SPACE**

Once upon a time, there was just "church." And maybe a church basement. Developments in parish life spurred the development of "parish halls," and "gathering spaces," and "office and classroom" wings. With all that going on, the place where we Catholics gather for Mass became known as "the worship space." I want you to know about two important topics concerning our worship space (WS) – HVAC and paint.

**HVAC** – First, I want you to know about our WS HVAC system (i.e., "Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning"). Most of the major pieces in our four heating/cooling units are now 25 years old. Our Buildings & Grounds (B&G) committee has been attentive to their condition since I arrived in 2014. The units moved toward the top of the projects when they turned 20 in 2018. They moved from the project list to the worry list when Ida flooded the spaces they occupy.

In 2021 we retained an HVAC engineer to evaluate our needs and we undertook an intensive effort to secure government funding for our project. After months of trying, we stopped the search, convinced that, given the specs of our original equipment, the government would not fund its replacement. After B&G members visited places that had installed the proposed equipment and learned of the satisfaction with it, we committed to that equipment, mapped out our way of paying for it, received diocesan permission to acquire it, and placed the order. Pandemic supply chain issues pushed the delivery date out almost a year. The outlines for the installation are already painted and, with luck, the installation will start in late February.

We also needed a bit of luck with the old equipment. After 25 years of faithful service, we only needed it to last 25 more weeks. Oh well. On Thanksgiving weekend, all four units went down. We restored three of them and planned for a doomsday scenario – i.e., they again all croak at once, before the weekend.

Guess what, the doomsday scenario materialized yesterday. One unit went down in the morning. A second went down last night. The third is chugging along and the fourth is a goner. The doomsday rescue plan is now unfolding. The workers are here as I type this. We are installing two giant, industrial-strength, diesel-powered hot air blowers in the backyard. We have replaced two of the church doors with special panels through which the hot air ducts will run. The rental will cost about \$5000 for the season, about 1 percent of the total HVAC cost. We are also gathering proposals to restore the two least damaged units. (Please continue to next column.) The first diesel unit will blow hot air into the south side (the chapel side) of the church. The distribution of the hot air will not be uniform. Some places will be toasty, and others might be chilly. My bet is that people in sections six and seven will be coatless. Folks in sections one, two, and three should be fine since one original unit is still working on that side. Sections three and four? Who knows! Plan accordingly. And thanks in advance for your patience and good humor.

**Paint** – Second, the worship space and gathering space will probably not be beautiful this Lent. Four factors are in play. (i) The cracks in the gathering space walls have finally stopped worsening, a pretty good indication that the building has stopped settling. It now makes sense to fix the cracks and repaint the walls. The repair stage could get complicated and, while it is going on, the gathering space will not be pretty. (ii) The installation of the new HVAC might entail some work on the walls that will make them looking shabby. (iii) We should deal with the sound panels. Somewhere along the way, they were painted. Our sound consultants suggest that the paint has rendered them ineffective. One way to find out . . . We will take them down soon and see if the quality declines. If it declines, we will replace them. That will cost about \$40,000. If the sound stays the same or gets better, we will not replace them. (iv) After all this is done, we will repaint the gathering space and the WS. It should be better than new. Since this Easter is so early, we will not be ready for Easter. My hope is to dedicate the renovated church when we dedicate the pavilion maybe on the feast of The Body and Blood of Christ, in early June. Thanks to you, we have almost all the money we need to fund these projects. The B&G projects will have to borrow a small amount from the operating account for a short time.

With continued thanks – especially for all who helped so generously at Christmas – and with extra blessings for you and your families throughout 2024.

### Fr. Hank

# . SENIOR REDIDENCE EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY: Filling the Spiritual Void

For those who are no longer a regular part of a Catholic faith community due to life changes and physical limitations, receiving the Eucharist each week becomes a blessed event which they cherish. The residents in our local assisted living and rehab facilities have a deep devotion to the Eucharist and joyfully look forward to having the Body of Christ spiritually nourish them each week.

We'd love to have you join us! No formal commitment. Try it and see. Shadow one of the existing ministers to experience what we do. You will be amazed at how inspiring and rewarding this ministry can be. For more info, contact Terri Macor 908-917-2376 or vettegirl53@comcast.net.

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For more information or to register for events contact AnnaMaria at <u>arealbuto@sjmilltone.com</u> or 908-864-0334.

**Monday Fundays** – Mark your calendars for January 29. Details to follow.

**Exercise** – Thursdays at 10 AM. Our exercise classes have resumed with Pamela who incorporates salsa, chacha and many more forms of dance from the chair and standing. We have lots of laughs staying healthy to uplifting music Join us anytime! No registration required **Homebound Gifts** – Please contact AnnaMaria at <u>arealbuto@sjmillstone.com</u>. If you know someone to whom the parish should reach out but is not yet doing so. We want every parishioner – especially those who cannot get themselves here – to know they are cherished members of this community. Help us find them.

# **CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS BY EMAIL**

Monica is all geared up to send out your 2023 contribution statement. We have discovered in recent years that things go exceptionally well when Monica sends those statements via email. If you have already signed up for e-delivery, great. If you want to sign up now, eat – email Monica at <u>mmcdevitt@sjmillstone.com</u>. She will need your name, address and envelope number. (If you cannot recall your envelope number, no sweat. Monica can find it.) You can also leave Monica a message at 908-864-0979. If you prefer, you may also receive your statement as a hard copy in the surface mail.



## Rosary for Life - with Bishop Checchio Friday, January 19, 2024

Come Pray a Rosary for Life (in solidarity with those at the March for Life in Washington, DC and across the country). Bishop Checchio is scheduled to attend! Friday, January 19, 2024 at 1:00 pm on Main Street in Woodbridge. Park and meet in the St. James Parish parking lot at 12:45 pm (369 Amboy Ave, Woodbridge, NJ) There is a 12:10 pm daily Mass at St. James for those who wish to attend. For more information, contact <u>amarshall@diometuchen.org</u> or call 732-562-1543.

## In Memoriam

**Joseph J. Manuelli,** 64, husband of parishioner, Donna, died on January 1.

**Chester (Chet). Trechock,** 95, husband of parishioner, Gloria, died on January 1,

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

# 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 four followup sessions. The upcoming weekend is **February 2 – 4**, **2024**. All inquiries are confidential. For further information, please contact Rich Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno 732-672-0748 or email <u>3024@helpourmarriage.org</u>.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2024-2025 TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <u>https://online.factsmgt.com/aid</u>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than **March 31**, **2024.** Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

### **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 <u>stjoebulletin@yahoo.com</u> Thank You

### THIS WEEK

Are you receiving 'This Week," the e-letter that Father Hank sends out every Friday? It is the best way to stay current on timely parish news, especially when it comes to late-breaking announcements or big news for the upcoming weekend. Simply sign up and it will appear in your email each Friday. Go to our parish homepage at www.sjmillstone.com

and sign up and start receiving updates.

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# CHRFISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS – PART 2

In Memory of Peter Bellas from Gail Bellas MaryAnn & Angelo Yacone, John E. & Barbara Tamburini, Nina Feano, Grace Scaletti from John P. & RoseMarie Tamburini Georg Komar, Magda & Walter Komar, George & Marie Matuszkiewicz from Donna Komar & Family William, Marilyn & Robert Keenan from Kathleen Keenan Matilda & William McFadden from Arthur McFadden Rose M. McFadden from Arthur McFadden John & Mary Mariasz & Zinon A. Pidhajecky from Irene Pidhajecky Raymond & Agnes Daub, Emery & Cecilia Artz from Rick & Rae Artz Nermanowski & Bottitta Families from Hedy Bottitta Grandmother "Mama" Eileen F. Patrick from Erin Suydam Husband Richard F. Suydam from Kathleen Suydam The Gazaleh and Awn Families from Mr. & Mrs. Richard Gazaleh Nick Visco from Constance Visco Frank & Anna Ridosh from Fran Fierst The Dobrowolski Family from Robert Dobrowolski Harry Warren, Baby and Ronald Adams from Denise Adams Mary Lou Wallace from Sally Zacharczyk Jackie Wisbeski from Ed, Cherie, Jay, Emily & John Dern Sharbaugh, Dorothy Koch from Jay, Cherie, John & Emily Juan and Daisy Bermudo from Joan Bermudo Vince, Sonia and Paul Canterelli from Joseph & MaryLisa Costello Stephen Matras from Carol Matras Sophie T. & Freda Campo from Fred & Laura Campo Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schaeffer, Deceased members of the Schaeffer, Ferrazzano & Stanziale families, And Mr. & Mrs. D.A. Ferrazzano from Mr. & Mrs. A. Ferrazzano The Holl and McKenna Family from Maureen Amter Joseph T. Ploskonka from The Plosknoka Family Conlon / Raguzzo family from Margaret Ragazzo Helene Gorny, Mary Helen Domarecki, Stanley Domarecki from Lorraine & Mike Murphy Andrew & Doreen, Jeffrey Astalos from Christina & John Zavoda Mary & Jerry Galya from Janice Orosz Mabel Arango & Consuelo Lopez from Luis & Maritza Arango Maureen Stanton Schinasi, Richard W. Stanton from Rick & Lilly Stanton Diane L. Peterson from Jack Peterson Cherles M. Grippo from AnneLouise & Frank Grippo The Maresca & Cucchiaro Families from Dan & Carmella Maresca Joseph & Theresa DePirri, Joseph DePirri, Tara Ritchelli Lavin from Gloria Sipos Ray & Lynda larkowski, Betty & George Tomko, Mary & Sigi larkowski from Marge larkowski

**TO BE CONTINUED** 



Invest time each week to expand your vocabulary and deepen your faith.

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## WORD OF THE WEEK

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# Justice \'jə-stəs \

The moral fiber of a religious people that mirrors the God of Justice. More than an expression of fairness or the execution of legal judgment, biblical justice demands that we be straight, true, and righteous in our relationships with God and others.

Pronunciation: http://tinyurl.com/Take5-justice

## CONTEXT

**Justice** and revenge are not the same thing. As my father said, **justice** at its best is love correcting everything that stands against love.

—Bernice King

Without **justice** and love, peace will always be a great illusion.

—Dom Hélder Câmara

It is impossible to struggle for civil rights, equal rights for blacks, without including whites. Because equal rights, fair play, **justice**, are like the air: we all have it, or none of us has it.

-Maya Angelou

### WHY IT MATTERS

The theme of **justice** is central to scripture. Divine law defines it and the prophets clamor for it. Matthew describes Jesus' mission with Isaiah's proclamation: "I shall place my spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the [nations]." It is impossible to be the People of God and reject the way of God. To be unconcerned with the work of **justice** is to be indifferent to the divine will and the coming Kingdom.

From *Brothers and Sisters to Us* (USCCB Pastoral Letter on Racism, 1979): Racism and economic oppression are distinct but interrelated forces which dehumanize our society. Movement toward authentic **justice** demands a simultaneous attack on both evils.

### **RELATED WORDS**

Racism | Eco-justice | Just War Theory

### **QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

### What is meant by "just war"?

Just war theory is the body of moral reasoning developed to discern when the primary bias *against* war may shift toward an obligation to protect and defend. . . . In the Early Church, pacifism preceded just war tradition. The alliance of church with state under Constantine ensured that church policy leaned toward supporting the interests of the empire. Fourth-century theologians Ambrose and Augustine developed arguments that could, under limited conditions, make war not only permissible but obligatory in the service of a victimized neighbor.

Just war theory offers eight criteria for engagement. Seven determine whether a conflict is justified, including: just cause, competent authority, last resort, comparative justice, proportionality, right intention, and probability of success. The eighth consideration is reserved for an inevitable engagement and involves right conduct in wartime. In his 2020 encyclical *Fratelli tutti*, Pope Francis argued that "it is very difficult nowadays to invoke the rational criteria elaborated in earlier centuries to speak of the possibility of a 'just war.' Never again war!" Clearly, it's never enough simply to declare a cause righteous in one's own mind and issue a call to arms.

—Alice Camille, from Questions Catholics Ask https://tinyurl. com/QCA-just-war

## **REFLECTION OF THE WEEK**

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY (JANUARY 15)

### A matter of head and heart

"One day we will learn that the heart can never be totally right if the head is totally wrong," the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote that in his book *Strength to Love* in 1963. He underscored the necessity of taking responsibility for the formation and lifelong education of our consciences. You have to be sure that your convictions are tied to more than your preferences, biases, and opinions!

READINGS: 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22 (311 https://bible.u sccb.org/bible/readings/011524.cfm). "No one pours new wine into old wineskins. ... Rather, new wine is poured into fresh wineskins."

### **FAITH IN ACTION**

To be tethered to true north, reflect on scripture daily

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