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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	d outdoors. Attendees
remain in their car ar	nd tune into FM 88.7.)

Weekend Masses:

Saturday	4:45 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM
(Enhance	d-precautions mass-6'
spacing and m	asks 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 NJ Lifeline—1-800-273TALK Teen Crisis Text Hotline—Text 741741

Emergency Meals emergencymeals@stjosephsparish.com

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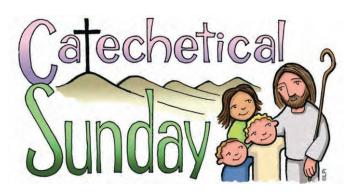




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	I The Rosary is prayed before Daily Mass.
Open to	o all. You are always welcome to join us. MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
Mon.	8:35AM. Rudolph McKenzie
	R/B Delroy McKenzie
	8:35AM Bridget Moccio
•	R/B Peter & Mary Tabernero & Family
	8:35AM Lucy Hilton Minder
	R/B The 835 Group
Tue	8:35AM Barbara Jackson Canavan
Tue	R/B Carmela & Dan Maresca
	8:35AM Charles Paterno
	R/B St. Joseph Staff
Wed,	8:35AM Amiello Maresca
weu,	R/B Carmela & Dan Maresca
	8:35AM Salvatore & Minerva Martuscelli
	R/B Arthur McFadden
	8:35AM Irene Molitoris
	R/B St Joseph Building & Grounds Committee
- .	10:00AM Communion Service – Parking Lot
Thu.	8:35AM Eileen McKenna
	R/B Peter Giampietro
	8:35AM Patricia Markey
	R/B Laura larkowski
Fri	8:35AM Margaret Scott
	R/B Hilton Family
	8:35AM John Cooney, Sr,
	R/B Helene Dillon
	8:35AM Diane Peterson
-	R/B Jack Peterson
Sat.	4:45PM Deceased Members of Lazicky, Byrne,
	Mechler & Dunne Families
	R/B Jean Lazicky
	4:45PM Lynda Iarkowski
	R/B Marge larkowski
	4:45PM Dr. Robert Obal
-	R/B Marge Obal, Children & Grandchildren
Sun.	8:00AM Michael Greene
	R/B Sarah & Tom Greene
	8:00AM People of the Parish
	9:30AM Joseph Errico
	R/B Tina & Tom Lochmann
	9:30AM Annabella Giacobbe
	R/B Staubach & Shaw Families
	9:30AM Richard L. Kinney
	R/B Maryellen Tobia
	11:30AM Armand Pisano
	R/B Richard Pisano
	11:30AM Philip Vincenti
	R/B Ralph & Barbara Moreno
	11:30AM Domenica & Domenico Coletto
	R/B Joan & Richie Norton

TUESDAY HOLY HOUR After 8:35AM Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament On the Main Altar of the Church



A National Day to Celebrate the Ministry of Passing on Our Faith.

This year's theme is:

"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened" With these words from the Gospel (Matthew 11:28), the Lord Jesus offers an invitation to follow Him with the promise that He doesn't want to add to our burdens; he wants to lighten them. This theme reminds us that the object of all catechesis is Jesus himself. The role of the Catechist is, first of all, to be a disciple - one who draws close and rests in Jesus, and then to be a witness to others and a companion as they too come to know Jesus.

Catechetical Sunday also offers an opportunity to recall that all the Baptized have roles in handing on the faith in their daily life, families, work, and church involvement. We are all reminded to look for opportunities to invite people to celebrate the sacraments. The lost, disgruntled, confused, and those affected by Church hurt need someone to ask them to meet Jesus in the sacraments so that they may lay down their burdens and rest.

Every year since 1935, on the third Sunday of September. the Church acknowledges and honors the dedication of the catechists in the parish community who work to share and teach their faith to our children and adults.. It is also a time to remember and honor families and all who are committed to sharing their faith.

Thank Nou

...to all our catechists, volunteers, parents, families and staff who work so hard for our CCD program, Youth Ministry, Sacramental Preparation, OCIA (RCIA), Evangelization. Adult Enrichment and Faith Sharing Groups!.

PS. We can always use more help.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK Isaiah: 6-9 Philippians 1:20c24, 27a9 Matthew 20:1-16a

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Dear All, Christ's Peace!

Last week was our grateful send off to Father Jose, a great summer gift for all of us. We sought permission to homeschool Father Jose so we could keep him rather than send him back to Rome, but the Vatican has not yet responded.

Our Parish Necrology – Time to think about November and our ways of praying for our deceased loved ones. Thanks in advance to those who manage this very big project.

You only need to do something if (a) one of your loved ones as died since last October 1 or (b) there is an error concerning a loved one in the current necrology. Either way, go to <u>https://sjmillstone.com/necrology</u> and fill in the blanks. You should use this form whether you are providing a new submission or correcting an old one. In addition, you can review the current necrology on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space. If you would prefer to submit your new entry or your correction in hard copy, great. There are forms at the bulletin board for you to complete and put in the black "Communications Box" on the Moses Table.

Please consider numbers and dates. In terms of numbers, we would love to pray for everyone. But we need to set a limit and ask you to focus on your nearest and dearest relatives. About submission dates, we will take input until 11:00 pm on October 16. God bless you and your devotion to your loved ones.

Trees of Remembrance – Once again, throughout the month of November, we will display the names of (a) all who have died since last October 1 and (b) all deceased children and grandchildren of parishioners, regardless of when they died. Email me if you have questions about how this process works. Thanks.

Sacrament of the Sick – To make the sacrament even more accessible, we will start to have regularly scheduled anointings after selected Masses and Communion Services. The next two are: (a) after the Wednesday Communion Service on September 20, and (b) after the 8:00 on Sunday October 15. There will be three more in November and December. Remember, it is a great idea to get anointed if you are in extended treatment, if you have just learned of a serious illness or incurred a serious injury or have reached a certain age. Rarely is it "Last Rites." It is about God helping us in our need.

Bereavement Group – Good friends at the Metuchen Cathedral are 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 must pre-register to Danielle at 732-763-0972.

With blessings for all who are back to school and blessings for those who are not!

Father Hank

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



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.

DIOCESE OF METUCHEN 2023 Bishop's Appeal

Summary Information (9/8/23)

Goal:	\$143,000.00
Total Pledged & Received:	\$181,351.00
Recurring Gift:	\$0.00
Recurring Received:	\$0.00
	\$177,853.50
Amount Received:	
	\$38,351.00
Over/(Under) Goal:	
Percent of Goal Pledged:	126.82%
Percent of Goal Received:	124.37%
Average Gift Amount:	\$435.94

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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. 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 at <u>arealbuto@sjmillstone.com</u>

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 <u>arealbuto@sjmilltone....</u>

or 908-864-0334.

BE A CHAMPION FOR CATHOLIC CHARIIITIES

You are invited to join CHAMPIONS for CATHOLIC CHARITIES—a community of individual and corporate benefactors who support the vital services for our neighbors in need provided by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen. Over 60,000 people are helped each year through more than 100 programs in the New Jersey counties of Hunterdon, Middlesex, Somerset and Warren. Catholic Charities continues to work each day to renew hope and bring wholeness to those broken in body and spirit, and we invite you to join us in putting love into action by becoming a CHAMPION for CATHOLIC CHARITIES.

Go to <u>www.diometuchen.org/champions</u> to make a gift or download a raffle form to purchase a ticket. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Checks should be made payable to Champions for Catholic Charities and mailed to Champions for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, PO Box 191, Metuchen, NJ 08840-0191. Questions may be directed by email to <u>champions@diometuchen.org</u> or by phone to 732-562-2432.



PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer 1651 US Hwy. 22, Watchung, NJ 07069 908-753-2091 or www.msmhope.org

1. 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

2. 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

3. 10th ANNUAL MAJOR SPEAKER Sr. Helen Prejean

Wednesday, October 18, 7-8:30 pm Hybrid Sr. Helen Prejean, world-acclaimed author and speaker,

will share with us how she woke up to poor people and those condemned to die. After witnessing the death row inmates of Patrick Sonnier and Robert Lee Willie, Sister Helen realized that this lethal ritual would remain unchallenged unless its secrecy was stripped away, so she sat down and wrote her first book, Dead Man Walking, which later became a world-acclaimed movie. Sr. Helen

Prejean is known around the world for her tireless work against the death penalty. She has been instrumental in sparking national dialogue on capital punishment and in shaping the Catholic Church's vigorous opposition to all executions.

Sr. Helen will be on Zoom; limited in person participation is available.

4. Monthly Series: Contemplative Nonviolent Prayer & Practice - Introduction to Contemplation and Contemplative Living Tuesday, October 3, 7-8:30 pm Hybrid

Today the words "Contemplative Living" are popular, but what do these words mean? This monthly series explores in depth ways to nurture our prayer life and how to live the abundant, holistic life that Jesus has promised us. First Tuesday of the month, 7-8:30 pm (Per session—\$20-30 as you are able) Presenter: Rev. Joseph Kerrigan

Registration Deadline: October 6



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: <u>https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration</u>. If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or <u>amarshall@diometuchen.org</u>.

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 <u>www.diometuchen.org/familylife</u> 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 7-9 PM (Doors open at 6 PM) St. John the Evangelist Dunellen, NJ

Auditorium below the Church (Elevator accessible) Sponsored by Catholic Daughters of America Court Regina Coeli #940 \$40 per ticket Buy tickets at tinyurl.com/cdapaintsnip Coffee, Tea, Water & Chips 50/50 Raffle Free parking lot on First Street

DINNER FUNDRAISER To restart the ITALIAN FESTA 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,

Music/Entertainment by Frank Forte Games of Chance and Wine Pull!

Tickets Sold in Saint Ann's Rectory 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 <u>stjoebulletin@yahoo.com</u>Thank You.

Sunday, Sep 17, 2023

Each one, teach one

Teachers, preachers, and professors have their place. But most of us learn life lessons more broadly. The first school is our home environment. Groups we affiliate with and wider media influences also communicate their values. In 1935, the Vatican called for special acknowledgment of how our parish catechists pass on the faith. While it's right to honor our DRE or religion teachers on this Catechetical Sunday, let's recall too the role of parents and indeed all parishioners in modeling a life rich in love, generosity, compassion, and forgiveness. Catechists literally "echo" the example of Jesus. Deliver your echo boldly!

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 27:30—28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35 (130). "Peter approached Jesus and asked him, 'Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive?""

Monday, Sep 18, 2023

Make of your life a mission of peace

In an address to the World Council of Churches in Evanston, Illinois in 1954, Dag Hammarskjöld, the second United Nations secretary-general (1953-61), referred to churches as the "guardians of ... the deepest beliefs and the loftiest dreams ..." of humanity. He died in a plane crash on this date while on a peace mission in the Congo and is the only person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize posthumously. Pope Francis praised him in 2015 for giving his life for "reconciliation among peoples." May the example and inspiration of Hammarskjöld, and the many who work to end conflict in the world, unite the people of God in their pursuit.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 7:1-10 (443). *"I did not consider myself worthy to come to you; but say the word and let my servant be healed."*

Tuesday, Sep 19, 2023

The real magic of relics

The significance of saintly relics is best understood in light of basic Catholic teaching: Relics aren't talismans born of superstition, nor are they magical souvenirs from worship-worthy saints. Moreover, relics deserve the same basic respect as other human remains. This is key because, historically, relics have been the subject of misunderstanding and abuse, everything from pilgrims who would steal bits of saintly bodies to Martin Luther's objection when relics were sold and hoarded like baubles. God alone works miracles and is worthy of worship. Saints merely agree to be the conduit in obedience to Divine Love—sometimes paying the price with their martyrs' blood. Consider: The real miracle of Januarius' blood might be that he was willing to sacrifice it.

MEMORIAL OF JANUARIUS, BISHOP, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 7:11-17 (444). "A great prophet has arisen in our midst and God has visited his people."

Wednesday, Sep 20, 2023

Be inspired to broaden your concern

On this day in 1918, at the age of 58, Mary Theresa Dudzik entered into eternal life. She accomplished a lot of good in her time on Earth. After immigrating to Chicago from Poland at 21, she would invite poor elderly women and girls to her home. "I felt the misery and suffering of others, and it seemed to me that I could not love Jesus, or even expect Heaven if I were concerned only about myself," she wrote. Dudzik started the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago in 1893, the first order of religious women founded in Chicago. The community devoted itself to aiding the elderly and those in need. She received the honorary title of "Mother" in 1948 and is now a candidate for sainthood. Learn more about Venerable Mary Theresa Dudzik and her heroic virtue.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 3:14-16; Luke 7:31-35 (445). "To what shall I compare the people of this generation?"

Thursday, Sep 21, 2023

Witness value

When the name Saint Matthew comes up, many people recall him as the tax collector apostle who wrote the Gospel of Matthew. Modern scholarship has challenged the belief that Matthew the apostle wrote the gospel with his name on it, and other details of Saint Matthew's death by martyrdom cannot be definitively proven. Maybe having precision about all aspects of Matthew's life is not the most important factor in this feast, however. The church celebrates Matthew for being a faithful apostle and evangelist, things to which every Christian can aspire. Does your life evangelize, that is, bear witness to your belief?

FEAST OF MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13 (643). "Live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience."

Friday, Sep 22, 2023

Delve into fresh spiritual classics

The Spirit dwells in each of us and is expressed in myriad ways. The church treasures this rich diversity as "refractions of the one pure light of the Holy Spirit," as the Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it. Too often erased historically, the experiences of women haven't always been allowed to shine as brightly, however. And so we lift up writers such as Monica Coleman, Gloria Anzaldúa, Mary Oliver, Jung Eun Sophia Park, and Phyllis Tickle, renowned spirituality author who died on this date in 2015. Read one of these or another author whose particular "refraction" resonates with your own.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3 (447). "Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness."

Saturday, Sep 23, 2023

The essentials of sainthood

Controversy shadowed the life of the mystical Padre Pio, as Pius of Pietrelcina was known. He was said to bear the stigmata, or wounds of Christ, though detractors claimed he manufactured the wounds with carbolic acid. However one views such claims and counter claims, the undeniable fact is that he was a compassionate counselor to the thousands who came to see him during his lifetime, a tireless servant who lived a simple life. At Padre Pio's canonization Mass in 2002, Saint John Paul II said: "The life and mission of Padre Pio testify that difficulties and sorrows, if accepted with love, transform themselves into a privileged journey of holiness, which opens the person toward a greater good, known only to the Lord." You don't have to be a mystic or stigmatist to mirror the ministry of Christ in your own life —all you need is a kind heart and generous spirit.

MEMORIAL OF PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15 (448). "And some seed fell on good soil, and when it grew, it produced fruit a hundredfold."



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

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