

SEPTEMBER 24, 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

NJ Lifeline—1-800-273TALK

Teen Crisis Text Hotline—Text 741741

Emergency Meals

emergencymeals@stjosephsparish.com

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September 24, 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. Anthony & Antonetta Fiore
R/B Jeanne Zydallis
- 8:35AM Joy Straub
R/B Sara Horwitz
- Tue. 8:35AM John Heinemann
R/B Pat Heinemann
- 8:35AM Natividad Umali do Los Santos
R/B Manny Umali DeLos Santos
- 8:35AM Paul Frank
R/B Anne & Stephen Frank
- Wed, 8:35AM Thomas DeLucia
R/B Michael DeLucia
- 8:35AM Stanley Rygiel
R/B Walt & Chris Rusak
- 10:00AM Communion Service – Parking Lot**
- Thu. 8:35AM Barbara Canavan
R/B Massone Family
- 8:35AM Gabe Popper
R/B Mary Downie
- Fri 8:35AM Paul G. Susi
R/B Danita Susu
- 8:35AM Barbara Jackson Canavan
R/B Anne & Stephen Frank
- 8:35AM Jack Turcan
R/B Dottie & George Lukazik
- Sat. 4:45PM Michael Cassidy
R/B Dianne Mantilla
- 4:45PM Karen Schmidt
R/B Stevens Family
- 4:45PM Fr. Hank Hilton (Living)
R/B A Friend
- Sun. 8:00AM Barbara Jackson Canavan
R/B Respect Life Group
- 8:00AM People of the Parish
- 9:30AM Marianna Pedone
R/B Geraci Family
- 9:30AM Mary J. Craig
R/B Fr, Hank & St. Joseph Staff
- 9:30AM Donna M. Rosa
R/B Maryellen Tobia
- 11:30AM Donna Saunders Lochow
R/B Maureen Matson
- 11:30AM MaryAnn Comiskey
R/B Comiskey & Cresho Families
- 11:30AM James Francis Lawlor
R/B Garr Stephenson



Dear All, Christ's Peace!

Great big blessings for all who made the parish picnic huge fun despite the rain. The rain seemed to add a very fun twist to the whole enterprise.

Thanks – Extra thanks to the Knights who outdid themselves preparing all the great food and thanks to the family that supplied the ice-cream truck. Thanks to Sister Carol for the amazing magic and thanks to the “Saint Joseph’s Annual Picnic Band” for the superb Beatles songs and other music. Thanks to the many helpers who made the day excellent. And thanks to everyone who seized the chance to meet new people and enjoy old church friends.

N.B. – Of all the fun that was great to watch, it was particularly great fun to watch the little ones in the Gathering Space. The bouncers in the bounce house, the tattoo kids, the rosary kids, the bubble machine and race-car kids – all of it was huge fun to observe. And of course, who could keep from grinning at the adventurers on the Big Kahuna. My kinda’ kids! Thanks mostly to all the parents who brought the children who supplied the joy.

Ministry Morning of Recollection – If you participate in any parish ministry, mark your calendars for Saturday, November 4 for our Ministries Morning of Recollection. You will soon be hearing from your ministry leaders about RSVP. It is a great morning of prayer and fellowship.

Pray Here with the Nuns and the Sisters – The omen religious of the diocese will be gathering here four times in the next two years for mornings of recollection. The first session is Saturday, December 9. Mark your calendar. The theme is “Living Mary’s Everyday Virtues.” The sisters welcome all parish women.

M.O.M.S. Squad – This inspired and inspiring bunch of young moms and moms of young children meets on Wednesday mornings. Join? Questions? Email Liz at eloughlin@sjmillstone.com

With extra blessings for all who are returning to school and all who are returning from summers away.

Father Hank

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Ezekiel 18:25-28
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 21:28-32

**Beginning This Wednesday, September 27
HOLY HOUR
WILL MOVE TO WEDNESDAYS
After the 8:35AM Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
On the Main Altar of the Church**

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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, skral@sjmillstone.com for more information



ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED! SIGN UP- THIS WEEKEND & NEXT

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.**



HEALING PRAYER October 7 & 8

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

Average Weekly Collection for August 2023

2020	\$18,073
2021	\$21,708
2022	\$21,364
2023	\$20,634

Goal for August 2023	\$22,200
% of Goal	93%



YOU'RE INVITED

The Center for Great Expectations

would like to invite you to join us at our

Hope Lives Here

25th Anniversary Gala

on Friday, October 6

at the Marigold in Somerset.

For more information, please contact
Laurie Lachs 732-247-7003 x336

IN MEMORIAM

William Keenan, 98, father of Kathleen Keenan, died on September 13.

Joan Michalak, 94, mother of parishioner Marty Michalak, died on September 1.

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



SAGES ACTIVITIES

Exercise – Thursdays 10:00 AM. Join us for Drums Alive with Pamela. Silver Sneakers on October 12. 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 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.

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IN GOD'S IMAGE

In 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 October 11 and will be both in person and online. 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 the group via email at sacredheartigi@gmail.com.

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.

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: <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 ammarshall@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.



Marriage Encounter Weekend

Please join us for a special weekend experience to enrich your marriage. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held October 20 - 22.

Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

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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.

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PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer

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1. 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

2. 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.

3. 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

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.



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

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- Contact the Admissions Office at 908-889-1600, ext. 302 or email jbowman@unioncatholic.org
- Schedule a time to meet with a member of the Admissions Team in person or via zoom.
- Schedule an in-person tour
- Take a Virtual Tour
- Connect with Union Catholic High School on social media (Instagram, Twitter, Facebook)

OPEN HOUSE & INFO SESSIONS:

Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth grade students are invited to join us for a look at Union Catholic

FALL OPEN HOUSES

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 - 7 PM

Saturday, November 4, 2023 - 12 noon

Register to attend Fall Open House here: https://union-catholic.schooladminonline.com/portal/public-calendars/calendar_1

Sunday, Sep 24, 2023

At home in the world

Free to leave, free to stay. Liberty of movement is a right most of us take for granted. Have you resided in more than one place? On this 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis asks us to imagine a world in which everyone has the option to stay or go as they please. It necessitates a world in which staying is safe: free from discrimination, violence, and dire poverty. All would have the protection of equal rights and respect, and could reach their potential in their present circumstances. Until that day, welcoming the stranger is our sacred obligation.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16a (133). *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord."*

Monday, Sep 25, 2023

Be creative for the sake of creation

The Season of Creation, an annual ecumenical celebration of prayer and action for our common home, began on September 1 (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and ends on October 4 (the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi). There is still more than a week left for you, your family, your cohort of friends, your school, and your parish to renew your relationship with the Creator and with creation, through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. How? Pray. Read Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato si'*. Coordinate a cleanup project or other sustainability effort. Use your voice and advocate for climate justice. Best idea yet? Come up with one no one has thought of!

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18 (449). *"No one who lights a lamp conceals it ... rather, he places it on a lampstand so that those who enter may see the light."*

Tuesday, Sep 26, 2023

Freely share the gifts you've been given

Cosmas and Damian were legendary. Many churches have been built in their honor, and their names make the short list of saints enshrined in Eucharistic Prayer I, used during the Mass. During the final years of Rome's brutal persecution of Christians, the twin physicians lived in Syria—then an eastern province of the Roman Empire. Not only were they gifted healers, but they refused to charge for their services. As they explained, "We treat the infirm by the power of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and take no payment for rendering aid to the sick, because our Lord commanded His disciples, 'Freely have you received, freely give.'" How have you been blessed by God, and how can you share that with others?

MEMORIAL OF COSMAS AND DAMIAN, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21 (450). *"My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it."*

Wednesday, Sep 27, 2023

Now on tour

Today is World Tourism Day. According to the United Nations, the tourism sector employs one in every 10 people on Earth, and millions more benefit economically from tourism, though the wealth generated isn't always shared equitably. For tourists, exploring new places and enjoying favorite ones can be exhilarating—but bad behavior can ruin a trip. Keeping an attitude of openness and gratitude, as well as respect for local people and customs while on

vacation or a tour can transform the experience. Archbishop Rino Fisichella of the Vatican's Dicastery for Evangelization wrote in anticipation of today's observance, "A tourism that respects the person and the environment opens the way to perceiving the goodness of the Father who reaches out to everyone with his love." It's hard to imagine a better souvenir than that.

MEMORIAL OF VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6 (451). *"Then they set out and went from village to village proclaiming the good news and curing diseases everywhere."*

Thursday, Sep 28, 2023

Lighten the load

You may have heard the old English Christmas song about a Bohemian king who became Saint Wenceslaus, in part because of his great charity. The most famous tale from the charitable king's life was recorded in the carol "Good King Wenceslaus." The king helps a poor man keep from freezing by trodding a path in the snow for him, easing the man's journey to shelter. It ends with an admonishment to do likewise for anyone who suffers and "[you] shall yourselves find blessing." Do a favor for someone in need today, and like Wenceslaus, you will find blessing.

MEMORIAL OF WENCESLAUS, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9 (452). *"Who then is this about whom I hear such things?"*

Friday, Sep 29, 2023

Entertaining angels

Care for strangers has always been a strong imperative in Christianity. Yet in today's highly politicized environment, it is challenging to reach out to strangers who some have deemed to be threats—people like refugees and other marginalized communities. Scripture is clear: "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." Angels? It's far easier to see angels from the safety of a holy card or a statue. But think for a moment and see if you have at some point encountered an angel through the presence of a stranger.

FEAST OF MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12ab; John 1:47-51 (647). *"How do you know me?"*

Saturday, Sep 30, 2023

Christianity, by the book

As early Christianity distanced itself from Judaism, Christians began to lose touch with their faith's deep Jewish roots. Saint Jerome (born around 340) helped to reestablish the link. He learned Hebrew from a Christian monk who had converted from Judaism. More unusual for the time, he studied with Jewish rabbis to gain a better understanding of Hebrew scripture. He then spent 15 years producing the foundational Latin translation of the Hebrew Bible, which we know as the Old Testament. He later said, "For if, as Paul says, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God, and if the man who does not know Scripture does not know the power and wisdom of God, then ignorance of Scriptures is ignorance of Christ." Crack open the Good Book today, in honor of a key figure who helped shape it.

MEMORIAL OF JEROME, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45 (454). *"Jesus said to his disciples, 'Pay attention to what I am telling you.'"*

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



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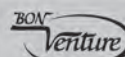
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