JANUARY 21, 2024

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

PARISH COMMUNITY OF

Saint Joseph

HILLSBOROUGH, NEW JERSEY

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January 21, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK Monday, January 22 - Sunday, January 28 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 Mary Glenn Mangam
	R/B George & Dottie Lukazik
	8:35AM Mildred Bakale
	R/B Alice Manzella
	8:35AM Adeline Carovillano
	R/B Mariann Gennaro
Tue.	8:35AM Gabe Albert
	R/B Dottie & George Lukazik
Wed.	8:35AM Anthony Maita
	R/B Monica McDevitt
	8:35AM Mary McKenna
	R/B Pete Giampietro
Thu.	8:35AM Deceased Members Hermanowski Family
	R/B Hedy Bottitta
Fri.	8:35AM Matt Doyle
0.1	R/B Linda Gallo
Sat.	4:45PM Mary & Emanuel Rossi
	R/B John & Lisa Rossi
	4:45PM RoseMarie "Rossi" Alpaugh
C	R/B George Putvinski & Donna Mortenson
Sun.	8:00AM Jean Licari
	R/B Joan Licari-Hetherington
	8:00AM James E. Koehr
	R/B Melissa, John Koehr & Family
	9:30AM Mary & Lawrence Jerzewski R/B Lois & Ed Jerzewski
	9:30AM Jeffrey Astalos R/ Christina Zavoda
	11:30AM Gary Jannone
	R/B William M. Jannone
	11:30AM Dorothy Miller
	R/B Bill & Trish Foster
	11:30AM People of the Parish

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 :1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Mark 1:21-28

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14 Easter is March 31.



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear All, Christ's Peace!

The (Fireside) Psalms Are Returning? – Remember the pandemic? Remember Fireside Psalms (FP)? We might launch a five-week, Lenten version of FP. It would be the same fun format with lots of opportunity to "dial in" via messaging. We would focus on the very fine book *101 Questions and Answers on the Mass*. You would read several assigned pages, and then we discuss – probably on Wednesday nights at 8:00 pm – probably with me and a second person (different person each week). Because the program requires commitments of time and tech, it would be good to know if there would be much interest. Please let me know..

Lenten Penance Service – Easter is way early this year. Mark your calendar for Tuesday, February 27. Ministry Recruiting – Lent will be here before you know it (Valentine's Day) and when it arrives, we will reboot ministry recruiting. If your ministry needs people, please email Suzanne at <u>skral@sjmillstone.com</u>.

The Great Christmas Put-away – Several dozen parishioners turned last Thursday into an exceptional day. About 70 people turned out to put away all the Christmas trees and decorations. Their generosity is pretty impressive. Not only did they work like pack horses, they, with great respect and kindness, undecorated several trees and carefully put the ornaments in bags that are now on the benches in the Memorial Hallway. And as I type this, another (anonymous) parishioner is feeding all the old trees into the chipper. You are one impressive group. And blessings to all who wanted to help but couldn't schedule it. You get the blessings!

Homebound Parishioners – Thank you for letting us know about those who could use a little extra TLC from the parish. On Friday, January 26 we will deliver meals from our Parish Pasta Dinner. Reach out to AnnaMaria if you know of a homebound parishioner who is not on our list and might enjoy a meal prepared by our Knights of Columbus. Email her at <u>arealbuto@sjmillstone.com</u> or call 908-864-0334. Thanks for helping us love our homebound parishioners.

With continued thanks – especially for all who helped so generously with the Christmas cleanup – and with extra blessings for you and your families in 2024t

Father Hank

January 21, 2024



SAVE THE DATE Celebration of Marriage Mass Sunday, February 11, 2024 at the 11:30 mass with light refreshments afterwards

Love Endures all things. 1 Corinthians 13:7 Please join us as we celebrate the sacrament of marriage and bless all the married couples in our parish. See the parish website for RSVP or signup after mass.

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2024 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship.

The local competition will be held on Sunday January 28th 4:30 –5:30 PM at Auten Road School Gym.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district and state level competition.

International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based on scores from state level competitions.

All boys and girls 9 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in respective age divisions. Age Eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of January 1, 2024

Last year over 120,000 sharpshooters participated in 3,600 competitions.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in this event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. The Knights of Columbus is an international, Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization with over 1.8 million members in more than 15,000 local councils. Last year, Knights donated 70 million volunteer hours and \$170 million to charitable and benevolent causes, sponsoring projects to benefit their Church, councils, communities, families, and youth.

For any additional information contact <u>domferrigno@comcast.net</u>

It's Free! It's Fun! Spread the word.'

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO THE DIACONATE?

The Diocese is looking for Spanish-speaking or bilingual men who are interested in becoming Deacons. A new diaconate formation class is about to begin. Applications for that class will be accepted this Spring; prior to applying, interested men must attend an Information Meeting. Information Meetings will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway on Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 7:00 PM and again on Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 10:00 AM. If you are between the ages of 35 and 60, and you believe you are being called to this ministry, you, your wife and your pastor are cordially invited to attend one of these meetings. If you have any questions, or wish to advise that you will attend, please contact the Diocesan Diaconate Office at (732) 562-2457 or diaconate@diometuchen.org.



Thoughts From God's Garden

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

So What's New?

It's a new year. We have a whole new calendar, and we make mistakes with the date all the time, as

we try to realize that we are now in 2024. But what else is new? Do we have a new situation in life? Some of us do, but probably most of us don't. Do we have new friends and relations? Maybe, or maybe not. Has much, if anything, actually changed since we moved forward from last year?

There is a proverb that I like: you never wade in the same river twice. I may enter the river at the same place on the same day, but already the water has flowed on from when I last entered it. The place of the river is the same, the water is different. The situation of my life may be the same, but I have changed. My work may be the same, the people I meet may be the same persons that I already know, but whether they realize it or not, they have changed during the past year and so have I. None of us can stand still in life.

Jesus said, "I make all things new." He changes everything because He changes us from within. What is outside me may be the same, but I am made different by Him, and that makes for a new world for me and for those around me.

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

The Christmas Flower Offering List will continue next week. Thank you for your patience.

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SAGES ACTIVITIES

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 arealbuto@sjmillstone.com. 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.

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.

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

Lectio Divina for Couples & Families

Two Thursdays per Month at 6:30pm on Zoom

Couples and families are welcome to join in praying Lectio Divina (a meditative reading of a short scripture passage).

Contact <u>cdaverso@diometuchen.org</u> with any questions and for more details.

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.

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.



St. Joseph Parish ANNUAL FAMILY PASTA NIGHT

Friday, January 26, 2024

Live Entertainment



Chris Jago sings Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and "Rat Pak" tunes

Advanced pre-paid ordering for curbside pick-up and in-house dining required

Curbside Pick-Up Time 4:00 PM – 6:45 PM Indoor seating in the Parish Hall- 5PM - 8:30 PM

To schedule your pick-up time and select your meal options or purchase indoor meal tickets, please visit our home page on the parish website: <u>www.sjmillstone.com</u> Note: Pay at the door is an option for Dine-in Only

> Menu Rigatoni, Meatballs, Penne Vodka, Dinner Rolls Gluten Free Penne with Vodka Sauce In-house meals include salad, beverages and dessert. BYOB





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

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WORD OF THE WEEK

Metanoia \me-tə-'noi-ə \

Greek word in the New Testament translated as "change of mind" or "change of heart." It corresponds with the Old Testament word for repentance and the Latin *conversio*, turning or returning, from which derives the idea of *conversion*. *Turning* is key, assuming we have lost our way or gone off course.

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

CONTEXT

Community takes transformation. Being people of communion requires **metanoia** that results from encounter and dialogue.

—Sister Nicole Trahan, F.M.I.

Far from being a demand to feel lousy about our screw-ups, **metanoia** invites us to radically transform the way we perceive others, ourselves, and the world. —*David Anderson*

Metanoia invites us to meet all situations, however unfair, with understanding and an empathetic heart. —*Father Ronald Rolheiser, O.M.I.*

WHY IT MATTERS

The willingness to change is a crucial ingredient in a life of integrity. On the journey through the years, we will all be confused or misdirected and swerve off the path of truth. **Metanoia** is the much-needed spiritual course correction. Consider **metanoia** the vital summons to recalculate where we're headed and what needs to change for us to get there.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church: Jesus' call to conversion and repentance, does not aim first at outward works, but at the *conversion of the heart, interior conversion*. [H]owever, interior conversion urges expression in visible signs, gestures, and works of penance (1430).

RELATED WORDS

Conversion | Penance | Contrition | Transformation

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What does it mean to repent?

Repentance doesn't necessarily require falling on our knees and beating our breasts, though sometimes that may be the appropriate response—as it was for skeptical Thomas, when the resurrected Lord whom he'd doubted stood before him. Basically, to repent means to change course. That can mean movement if we've been standing still, or stopping if we've been in frantic motion. It can mean changing our minds or our hearts, our direction or our behavior.

The word has several important root meanings. The earliest is the Hebrew word t'shuvah: return. It's a crucial concept to prophets like Amos, Hosea, and Jeremiah. Their fellow citizens have wandered far from God's ways, and it's time for them to return home. Metanoia is the New Testament Greek term that carries a similar meaning. John the Baptist first issues the call to change direction, signaled by Baptism. Jesus uses this term when he invites his listeners to change their dispositions-to turn their hearts and lives around-in response to his teaching. Repentance carries the additional meaning of expressing regret for past actions and attitudesalong with the expectation that real change is forthcoming. In addition, the word conversion means turning around, implying a reorientation of intentions and actions. In the sacrament of Reconciliation, we include the stipulation of "making reparation" for what we've done or failed to do that has caused harm.

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

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE (JANUARY 25)

Take the next turn toward truth

The amazing thing about Saint Paul's conversion was that he went from persecutor of Christians to a devout Christian himself. The change in him was so incredible not everyone believed it at first. His turnaround was a complete about-face toward Jesus.

READINGS: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18 (519 http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/012518.cfm). "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

FAITH IN ACTION

With God's help, you can bring about conversion in your own life. Start with a simple act of forgiveness.

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