FEBRUARY 18, 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

VARIA

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

PARISH COMMUNITY OF

Saint Joseph

HILLSBOROUGH, NEW JERSEY

Priests

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK Monday, February 19 – Sunday, February 25

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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Mon.	8:35AM Valerie Hendrickson
	R/B Carol & Arthur Valone & Family
	8:35AM John Stanovich, Sr.
	R/B Patricia Ostapovich
	8:35AM Emma Catherine Ostapovich
-	R/B Patricia Ostapovich
Tue.	8:35AM Annamma Palamthattel
	R/B Raju Thomas
	8:35AM Joseph Manuelli
	R/B Delle Grotti & Russo Families
Wed.	8:35AM Iwanna Mackiw
	R/B Linda & Myron Mackiw
	8:35AM Wayne Hisko
	R/B Jerry & AnnaMarie Lunemann
Thu.	8:35AM Marge Demsky
	R/B Bernie Demsky
	8:35AM Anne Wasilco
	R/B Michelle Laffoon
Fri.	8:35AM Wesley Goldstone
	R/B Jeremy & Elisa Goldstone
	8:35AM Elizabeth Ann Fowler
	R/B St. Joseph Staff
	8:35AM Frederick Janeski
	R/B Phillip & Freda Russo
Sat.	4:45PM Elizabeth & Alfred Bergner
	R/B Lisa & John Rossi
	4:45PM Anthony Palombo
	R/B Fortunata Palombo
	4:45PM Georg Komar
	R/B Tyukody Family
Sun.	8:00AM People of the Parish
	9:30AM Maureen McHale
	R/B Scillitani Family
	9:30AM Sue Capozzi
	R/B Ann & George Sanders
	9:30AM Joseph A, Cresho &
	Maryann Cresho Comiskey
	R/B Mary Ann Cresho
	11:30AM William McKeon &
	Betty McKeon (Living)
	R/B Debbie Muller
	11:30AM Mary Mazzola
	R/B Robin, Robert & Freddy Shaw
	11:30AM Joseph Manuelli
	R/B Millstone Valley Columbiettes

WEDNESDAY HOLY HOUR

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Romans 8:31b-34 Mark 9:2-10



First Sunday of Lent



STATIONS OF THE CROSS Fridays in Lent in Church

9:05 AM, immediately after Daily Mass And at 7:00 PM

The Stations are a devotion intended to help us follow Jesus on his way to Calvary. By accompanying him on the Way of the Cross, we see ourselves mirrored in him, gain his courageous patience, & learn to trust God who is with us no matter what we have to go through. Please join us in this ancient prayer of the Church

PARISH LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE Tuesday, February 27, at 7:00 PM



:Back by popular demand and as good as ever!

The Little Black Books will be in baskets in the Gathering Space.

- PLEASE take one per household for now even if that means you must share!
- ALSO if you take Communion to a homebound parishioner, please take one for that person as well. With any luck, we will be able to reconsider the quotas next week.

This Week in Prayer, Service & Community

Dear All, Christ's Peace!

A Tabernacle in Church – After much conversation with many parishioners, in light of the Year of Eucharistic Renewal, we are putting a tabernacle in church, starting the first Sunday in Lent. We are doing this on an experimental basis. If most people find that it helps them to pray, we will probably keep it. So – starting Sunday, February 18, it will be appropriate to genuflect when entering and leaving your pew.

God Bless Our Eucharistic Ministers – Holy Moses! Have you ever answered the call. Like so many around here, you are terrifically generous and kind. Following the request for EMs for Ash Wednesday services (it takes a small army), we had all the help we needed for all the services. Moreover, you have already agreed to provide all the help needed for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter. Who is as good as you?

Fireside Faith: The Mass – "Fireside Faith," the updated version of "Fireside Psalms" begins at 8:00 pm on Wednesday, February 21. We will use Kevin Irwin's *The Mass: 101 Questions and Answers.* You can buy the book in the Gathering Space this weekend for \$20.

Deacon Ordination – Have you ever been to a priestly ordination? A deacon ordination? You have a unique chance to do so. On Thursday, February 22, at 7:00 pm – right across town at Mary Mother of God Church – Randy Espinoza, currently in his fourth year of theology, will be ordained a deacon. It will be beautiful, and you are invited. No need to RSVP. Just go and pray.

The Sneaker Collection – for Gigi's Playhouse – I am not exactly sure how it works, but I know it will work. You donate lightly worn sneakers; Gigi's Playhouse gets rewarded. Gigi's is Hillsborough's beloved activity center for people with Down Syndrome. The collection runs from March 1 through March 24.

With great thanks, continued best blessings and an extra prayer for your journey through Lent,

Father Hank

In Memoriam

Mary Howard, 101, aunt of parishioner, Joanne Mitchell, died on February 4.

Christine Hearn, 73, died on February 5. Chris worked at our parish for several years as Pastoral Associate.

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



HOME, an organization made up of area churches, provides temporary housing for homeless families. Our parish has a long history with this organization, and we currently collaborate with the Millstone Reformed Church when they house families at their church. The Reformed Church is hosting HOME families the week of March 3. If you can help with any part of the effort (i.e., making meals, evening hosting, or overnight hosting), please email Tina Androulakis at tina@androulakis.com.

GREAT NEWS! Introducing PRAYER PARTNERS

As of March 10th, what is formerly the Healing Ministry will become a new ministry called "Prayer Partners". A transition from strictly healing prayer to general intercessory prayers. You are encouraged to bring anything that you pray for to the team, for "wherever two or more are gathered in my name there I am." The team will also pray that God's blessings of love, healing, comfort, and consolation will be yours. Prayer partners, as before with Healing ,will be available the second weekend of the month after mass.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

Hard to imagine but CCD is already over halfway through the school year. We have some exciting stuff coming up! Our Second Graders are preparing for First Reconciliation. With many already mastering their prayers. Our confirmation students recently completed their Saint posters which you can find in the gathering space hallway. If any of the Saint posters match your own confirmation saint we would love for you to pray for them. There are forms near the folders for you to fill out to let the students know that you are praying for them and gives you the chance to leave a brief message. Once completed drop them off in the manila envelope.

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 Dorothy at <u>stjoebulletin@yahoo.com</u> Thank You

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Weekly Collection Report for January

January 2021	\$17,503
January 2022	\$22,434
January 2023	\$22,099
January 2024	\$20,927

January 2024 Goal \$22,200 % of Goal 94%



SAGES ACTIVITIES

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

Exercise: Thursday at 10AM in Parish Hall. Healthy Bones, with our certified instructor and parishioner Lorraine, began on February 15. The benefits of this class are good posture, strong muscles, confident balance and flexibility, which enables you to walk more easily and helps prevent a fall. We provide all the equipment you may need. No registration needed.

Trip to Sight and Sound Theater: We have tickets to see "DANIEL" on May 22 at 11:00 am and then have lunch at Bird-in-Hand in Lancaster, PAj. Tickets ae on sale now. Scholarships are available.

Homebound Gifts – Our current gift went out for Valentine's Day. If you are homebound and would like the parish to reach out six times a year or you know someone who could use a little TLC, please reach out to AnnaMaria at 908-864-0334.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL STAY WITH US, LORD: (Week #4) Renew our Hearts and Send Us on Mission

"Were not our hearts burning within us while He spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:32) Just as the two disciples on the Road to Emmaus "set out at once" to share their experience of the Risen Lord with others, we too are inspired to go out into the world and tell everyone we meet of His love and grace. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports the work of the Vicariate for Evangelization and Communication. Responsible for our website, social media platforms, videos, podcasts and written content about our Catholic faith, the Evangelization & Communication ministry is essential to how we expand our effort to share the Gospel message and make His love known to all. More and more, we have come to understand that these tools are necessary for reaching people where they live and work. A gift of any amount is important and greatly appreciated.

Thoughts From God's Garden

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



What We Give Up ... Is Made Holy

Giving up something for Lent is a solidly established custom. It is seen as a good spiritual practice that detaches us from something that we cherish to help us focus on Jesus. We give up something we like to focus on the one we love.

But the phrase "to give up" doesn't just mean doing without. It also means, quite literally, to give upward, to hand something up to God, and to hand something up to God is to make it holy, for God sanctifies everything He touches.

So when we have given up chocolate or coffee or our cellphone or the internet or whatever it is that we have sacrificed for Lent, it might be surprising to realize that when God gives it back to us it has become holy, for that is what it means to sacrifice: *sacrum facere*, to "make something holy".

Visit our Monastery at www.flemingtoncarmel.org

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship Results

Eleven boys and girls from the Hillsborough Area, aged 9 to 14, were named local champions of the 2024 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship and have earned the right to compete next level.

The Millstone Valley Council 11415 in East Millstone sponsored the local competition at Auten Rd School. All youngsters from ages 9 to 14 were eligible to participate.

Michael Lento was the winner of the 9-year-old boys' division.

Ashley Chung was the 10-year-old girls' champion and Michael John Ranges was the winner of the 10-yearold boys' division

In the 11-year-old bracket of the competition Norah Hoyt was the girls' champion and Gerard Gillio was the boys' champion.

Twelve-year-old winners in the girls' and boys' divisions were Kenzie Reigrod and Zylas Loniewski

The thirteen-year-old girls was won by Madison Chung and thirteen-year-old boys' winner was Anthony Zaliwski

The fourteen-year winners were Jordan Reigrod girl's winner and Saksham Khanna as the boy's winner.

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all the youngsters who participated in the competition and all of the volunteers who make this a successful event.

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Knights Korner www.kofc11415.org

The Knights of Columbus was founded by Father Michael J. McGivney on Feb. 6, 1882 with a mission of charity. Over the past 142 years the Knights have continued to provide for the needs of communities worldwide. We continue to carry out the legacy. We come from many places, backgrounds, and stages in our lives, but we are all of one faith.

The world needs more Knights! We need men like you! This weekend is the first of two recruiting events for the Millstone Valley Council. If you or someone in your family has been considering a way to give back to the community, share your talents and meet others in the parish, contact us and we can talk about what we are, what we do, and how you can have an impact.

Our motto, "Give what you, when you can" offers you the flexibility to choose when, where, and how much you get involved. Visit our website to learn more.

<u>Upcoming Events</u> Recruiting Weekend - Mar 2nd & 3rd Fish Fry – March 8th



The Millstone Valley Knights of Columbus Facebook Page offers you a great way to see the Knights in Action. Scan the QR Code to go the Council's page.

Contact: Peter Ciccotelli, Grand Knight Email: kofc11415@gmail.com

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.



LENTEN OBLIGATIONS

So that the Church of Metuchen may be spiritually one in a common observance of Lent, the

following days of fast and abstinence are to be observed by all Catholics of the Diocese who enjoy the blessings of good health:

1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

3. From the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday until the celebration of the Easter Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday, the Easter fast should be observed so that, with uplifted and welcoming hearts, we may be ready to celebrate the joys of the Resurrection. This ancient tradition, intimately connected with the Rites of Holy Week and the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, is encouraged, especially in those places baptizing catechumens at the Easter Vigil.

The obligation to fast applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. To fast in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal during the day so as to experience hunger.

The obligation of abstinence affects all Catholics who have reached the age of 14. Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat. The obligation of fast and abstinence, as a whole, is a serious obligation. While failure to observe any penitential day in itself may not be considered serious, the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of them without good cause, would be considered a grave matter. Those unable to abstain for a valid reason on any given Friday of Lent are asked to perform some other penitential act, or to abstain on another day.



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

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WORD OF THE WEEK

Papacy \'pā-pə-sē\

The office of the bishop of Rome, familiarly known as the pope; the term of a pope's reign; a succession of popes; the church's system of government with the pope as first among equals with authority over all other bishops.

Pronunciation: https://tinyurl.com/Take5-papacy

CONTEXT

One of the main challenges of the **papacy** is to judge all tasks in the light of the gospel to avoid transforming ecclesiastical jurisdiction into political power.

-Father Jean-Marie Tillard, O.P.

We cannot dispute that the **papacy** itself, purely as a human institution, is unique.

-Paul Johnson in The Papacy

Since God has given us the **papacy**, let us enjoy it. —Attributed to Pope Leo X, known for lavish living, patronage of the arts, and abuse of papal power

WHY IT MATTERS

Since the first century, the bishop of the local church in Rome has been understood to possess the "Chair of Peter," which endows great authority and carries the role of special keeper of the church's mission.

The power of the **papacy** stems from Jesus' choice to set Peter in authority over the rest: "You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church." (Matthew 16:18). Papal primacy and the role of the pope as Vicar of Christ and pastor of the whole Church, with "full, supreme and universal power over the Church" was confirmed at numerous ecumenical councils, including Vatican II (*Lumen gentium*, 22).

RELATED WORDS

Pope | Pontiff | Vicar of Christ | Curia | Hierarchy

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What are the qualifications for being pope?

The vast majority of popes were ordained. Priesthood is a plus, topped off with a hearty Roman education at a pontifical institute. Doing time in highly visible chanceries in large cities increases your chances. Attaining the status of bishop and cardinal tremendously increases your odds even though neither position is canonically required.

Medieval and renaissance popes had the advantages of coming from princely or aristocratic Roman families, but never mind if you don't have a fine pedigree. Sixtus V was the son of a laundress, and Pius X the child of a seamstress. A few popes were renowned preachers like the Franciscan Sixtus IV, and others were lawyers, professors, and poets. But just as many had their beginnings as monks, anchorites, and even a hermit (Celestine V, but he abdicated to return to his hermitage after six months).

Though being extraordinarily wicked hasn't always been a deal-breaker, more than a few popes were martyred or popularly acclaimed as saints. Holiness is a great asset. Wanting to be pope probably isn't.

—Alice Camille, from Questions Catholics Ask http://tinyurl.c om/QCA-papal-qualifications

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

CHAIR OF PETER, APOSTLE (FEBRUARY 22)

Power well exercised

The feast of the Chair of Peter honors the unity of the worldwide church and its teaching authority. This authority has given popes the ability to speak out for human rights and against injustice, which they have done with increasing frequency in the past century.

READINGS: 1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19 (535 https://bible.us ccb.org/bible/readings/022224.cfm). "Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven."

FAITH IN ACTION

Dip into the social teachings from recent popes_<u>http://tinyurl.c</u> <u>om/social-encyclicals</u> and be amazed by their thinking on labor, preferential option for the poor, human dignity, economic justice, and care of creation.

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