## MARCH 3, 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

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## HILLSBOROUGH, NEW JERSEY

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## March 3, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK 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 Chris Thomas
	R/B Janice and Maikisch & Heck Family
	8:35AM Mary Barrett & Ron D'Aoust R/B Anne Jadwin
	8:35AM Rosemary Hansen
	R/B Laurie Wells
Tue.	
rue.	8:35AM Maureen Capece R/B Carol Matras
	8:35AM Jean Hamilton
	R/B Fr. Hank Hilton
	8:35AM Jerry Horn
\\/ad	R/B Carmela & Dan Maresca
Wed.	8:35AM Rey Villanueva
	R/B Rachelle Hanna
	8:35AM Joseph Shaoping Zeng
	& Chelcheng ZiYing Cheng
	R/B Brian & Elizabeth Williams
	8:35AM Bob, Anna & John Reedy
	R/B John Conklin
Thu.	8:35AM Deceased Members of Stuebben Family
	R/B Stuebben Family
	8:35AM Mary Margaret Greene
	R/B Sarah & Tom Greene
Fri.	8:35AM Doris Errico
	R/B Tina & Tom Lochmann
	8:35AM Claire Backus
	R/B Cathy & Dennis Hammer
	8:35AM Tessie Barbella
	& Catherine & Angelo Leonardo
-	R/B Zuccarello Family
Sat.	4:45PM Peter Tafara
	R/B Carmela & Dan Maresca
	4:45PM Joan Perullo
	R/B Susan Kimball
	4:45PM Frank Guidotti
-	R/B Carol & Anthony Guidotti
Sun.	8:00AM Nick Troisi
	R/B Dorothy Martinetti
	8:00AM People of the Parish
	9:30AM Ronald Weller
	R/B Jeanne Mundhenk
	9:30AM Claire Tyrrell Stephenson
	R/B Garr Stephenson
	9:30AM Tjong-Hian Goei
	& Deceased Members of Goei Family
	R/B Evie Goei
	11:30AM Rafael Diaz
	R/B Ingrid Diaz
	11:30AM Amelia Marcasciano
	R/B Carmel Cicchiaro
	11:30AM Candy McKeon & Betty McKeon (Living)
	R/B Debbie Muller



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



## 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

#### **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 Ephesians 2:4-10 John 3:14-21

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## LITTLE BLACK LENTEN BOOKS

We still have a few. Please take one for someone who would use it. If you take Communion to a homebound parishioner, please take one for that person as well.

## "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 on our parish webpage and it will appear in your email each Friday. Go to www.sjmillstone.com to sign up.

## This Week in Prayer, Service & Community

Dear All, Christ's Peace!

I hope your season of heightened prayer, reasonable fasting, and reflective almsgiving are going well. I also hope you are considering our March 8 Fish Fry (with Irish dancers), Fireside Faith (Wednesdays at 8:00 pm), Stations of the Cross (every Friday morning and evening), and the Ministry Recruiting (all Lent).

**The Tabernacle** – Special thanks and blessings for the parents who, because of the tabernacle in our worship space, are providing inspired answers to their children's questions about the Blessed Sacrament and about why we genuflect on the way in and the way out of our pew. Great stuff.

Ash Wednesday Participation – 1,340 people came for ashes. That is (a) just short of pre-pandemic numbers and (b) well above our usual weekend Mass attendance of about 800, which is 80 percent of pre-pandemic attendance. We are doing well and can do even better. More about numbers in a few weeks.

**The Sneaker Collection – for Gigi's Playhouse** – Save your sneakers for the collection, March 1 – 24. **Sneaker Counters** – Can you help count and bag those sneakers? Sign up on parish webpage.

With blessings for the new folks and with continued prayers for every parishioner's days of Lent,

## Father Hank



## Prayer Partners (Healing Prayer) Next Weekend - March 9 & 10

Immediately after 4:45PM, 9:30AM & 11:30AM Masses For more Information: contact Ann Smith at 908-285-6481.

All conversations and prayer requests are confidential

## GREAT NEWS! Introducing PRAYER PARTNERS

As of March 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 Prayer, will be available the second weekend of the month after mass**.

## 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 March 13 and will be both in person and online. Please email for more information. 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 Fr John at 908 291 1194 or the group may be **reached via** email at <u>sacredheartigi@gmail.com</u>

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL** STAY WITH US, LORD: (Week #6) Renew our Hearts and Send Us on Mission "But they urged Him, 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over.' So He went in to stay with them." (Luke 24:24) Jesus "stays with us" in an intimate way in the Eucharist. We want to share His love with those we meet along the way, accompanying them on the path of life, as Jesus did on the Road to Emmaus. One important way we can share our faith, encourage and assist our fellow travelers is by participating in the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Through our shared support, we touch the lives of thousands of people each year through the tangible services and programs we offer. Together we walk side by side with those who are suffering today, those who are ill or fearful, and those who are poor and vulnerable. Through our ministries, we bring them the reassuring presence of the Lord.

## In Memoriam

Al Scillitani, 57, brother of parishioner Gerry (Allison), died on February 16..

Vilma Fabbro, mother of parishioner Janet Pescinski.

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

#### **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

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2024-2025 TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION Must be submitted by March 31, 2014 to https://online.factsmgt.com/aid.

## March 3, 2024



## TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

A great welcome to the newest people in our community. May your time at Saint Joe's be full of grace.

Larry & Debbie Beck Jennifer & Nicole Susan Bilotta Douglas & Rita Bonanomi Dylan Chris & Kylyn Chipa Cole **Christopher & Diane LaMorticella** Nico & Joseph Frank & Frances LaPorta Louis & Jennifer Loria Dominic & Mava Matthew & Christina Marino Maverick Joseph & Erin Mleczko Charlotte & Samuel Steven & Carmela Palantone Salvatore & Cynthia Perone Brianne Pizzigoni Heather Yacone Gracie **Rocco & Krystina Santacroce** Isabella **Charles & Genna Santiago** Miles **Daniel & Lauren Sletvold** Connor Jerald & Nancy Stanislaus Joel & Juvana

### WORLD RELIGIONS ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Sponsored by the Diocese of Metuchen 10 Classes April 18 – June 27, 2024 Thursdays 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Fr. Comandini, S.T.D. will teach about Hinduism -Buddhism - Judaism - Christianity – Islam St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway Fee: \$15 for all 10 Classes To register visit: www.diometuchen.org/faith-formation

For more information email <u>amarshall@diometuchen.org</u> or call 732-562-1543



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

**St. Patrick's Day Party** - Mark your calendar and celebrate with us on Monday, March 18. Details to follow. **Exercise** – We meet every Thursday at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall. Healthy Bones continues until March 21. No class on Holy Thursday. Drums Alive will begin on April 4.

**Tuesday Topic** – Mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 12 at 2:00pm for a great talk on Auto Insurance. **Trip to Sight & Sound Theater** - Our trip on May 22 to see "Daniel" is sold out. If you would like to be added to the wait list please contact AnnaMaria

**Trip to San Alfonso Retreat House** - Mark your calendars for Monday, September 30. We look forward to this prayerful day in Long Branch. The retreat theme is "The Eucharist and the Hungers of the Human Heart." More details to follow.



## Knights Korner www.kofc11415.org

#### JOIN US!

If you are a practicing Catholic man at least 18 years old, you are eligible to become a Knight. If you know someone who meets these criteria, share this information with him. Meeting the qualifications is one thing, but we find that knowing more about what the Knights are, what we do, and what is expected of members has more to do with the decision to become a Knight. To learn more about what we are and what we do, look at our website. Included below are a few highlights of what is expected when you become a Knight:

- Business Meetings occur once a month (second Wed) try to attend as often as possible.
- Social gatherings occur once a month (fourth Wed) a great opportunity to get to know others and get out of the house.
- Opportunities to serve the needs of the community with your time and talent do what you can when you can. The number of programs we support is growing and we need help to meet the demand.

Have questions or want to get your journey started? Contact us by email.

Upcoming Events

Confirmation Interview Support – March 4<sup>th</sup> / 5th Fish Fry – March 8th

Contact: Peter Ciccotelli, Grand Knight Email: <u>kofc11415@gmail.com</u>

## March 3, 2024



Hillsborough Band Parents Association Saturday, March 16, 2024 from 10 AM - Noon Front Entrance, Hillsborough High School, Raider Blvd.

**We need clothing** - usable and wearable for all seasons, all ages, all sizes including shoes. No items are shredded. We need accessories - pocketbooks, hats, scarves, gloves, ties, backpacks.

We need home goods - blankets, sheets, bedspreads, pillows, comforters, tablecloths, curtains, towels. We need soft toys (2 feet or smaller) - stuffed animals, rag dolls, beanie babies.

We need bicycles - all sizes in working order. Please NO books, VCR tapes, DVDs, large outdoor toys, hard toys, board games, or puzzles.

Proceeds will be used to enhance all aspects of our Band and Guard program and will provide our students with opportunities to learn musicianship, teamwork and leadership. Donations are welcome and may be tax deductible. Receipts are available upon request. Questions, contact Paula Obenauer, <u>pcobenauer@gmail.com</u> or (908) 230-2398.



## Hillsborough High School Mattress Sale Fundraiser

Saturday March 16, 2024 Time: 10AM-5PM Where: High School Commons

## Every Purchase Benefits Hillsborough BAND Program

Name Brands All sizes & types available. All mattresses are brand new with full factory warranty. Financing available Cash, Check or Credit Card Lay-away & Delivery Available



Friday, March 8 4:30PM –8:00PM

Adults:\$15 Seniors:(65+):\$12 Children:(5-12):\$7 Children under 5:FREE Takeout:\$13 **No Reservations Required!** 

> IRISH STEP-DANCING PERFORMANCES 5:30 PM & 7:00 PM

## MENU

Tilapia -Butter and Lemon Cod -Breaded Fried Fried Clams Popcorn Shrimp Fish Sticks Macaroni & Cheese Mozzarella Sticks **Rice Pilaf French Fries Onion Rings** Vegetable Medley Coleslaw Garden Salad Dinner Rolls Iced Tea, Lemonade Coffee, HotTea Cake



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

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## WORD OF THE WEEK

# Anointing of the Sick

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A sacrament for the recovery and salvation of a critically ill or injured person formerly called Extreme Unction ("last **anointing**"). No longer reserved for those near death, one may be **anointed** before surgery, in extreme age or illness, after losing consciousness, or when no longer coherent.

Pronunciation: https://tinyurl.com/Take5-anointing-the-sick

### CONTEXT

Anointing of the Sick permits us to touch with our hands God's compassion for humanity.

—Pope Francis

When the church **anoints** a sick person, it **anoints** a member of its own body. *—Sister Susan Wood, S.C.L.* 

By the grace of the sacrament of **Anointing of the Sick**, the sick person receives the strength and the gift of uniting more closely to Christ's Passion.

-Catechism of the Catholic Church

#### WHY IT MATTERS

The mercy of God extends to the body as well as soul of each person. Jesus ministered to the sick and suffering both physically and spiritually. The church continues this ministry in its care for the whole person.

From Rites of the Catholic Church as revised by Decree of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council: The Church obeys Jesus' command to care for the sick by visiting those in poor health but also by raising them up through the **sacrament of Anointing** and by nourishing them with the Eucharist during their illness. The church offers prayers for the sick to commend them to God, especially in the last crisis of life.

#### **RELATED WORDS**

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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#### What is the Anointing of the Sick?

One of the seven sacraments of the church, **Anointing of the Sick** recalls the healing presence and power of Jesus when we touch our mortality most vulnerably. From ancient times oil was valued for its healing and beautifying properties and in preparing bodies for burial.

The ordinary minister of the sacrament is the priest. However, it's presumed that others share the event: family, friends, caregivers. Elements of the ritual include prayers, scripture, laying hands on the recipient, and **anointing** of the head and hands. A water sprinkling rite may be included, and affected areas of the sick person's body may also be **anointed**. When in danger of death, additional sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion (*viaticum*, or "on the way with you") are also administered.

—Alice Camille, from Questions Catholics Ask http://tinyurl.c om/QCA-anointing-the-sick

## **REFLECTION OF THE WEEK**

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MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN OF GOD, RELIGIOUS (MARCH 8)

#### Power players in prayer

When it comes to your health, you can always turn to the saints for help. Feeling sick? Ask Saint John of God, patron of the sick and hospitals, to intercede on your behalf. Suffering from arthritis? Invoke Saint Alphonsus Ligouri. Have a headache? Entreat Saint Teresa of Ávila. Catholics also have the sacrament of **Anointing of the Sick**, to bring further healing.

READINGS: 1 John 3:14-18; Matthew 25:31-40 (539 https://bible. usccb.org/bible/readings/0308-memorial-john-god.cfm). "Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth."

#### **FAITH IN ACTION**

No matter the physical outcome, remember that the primary purpose of our petitionary prayer is to draw us closer to God, which will truly and wholly heal us.

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