MARCH 31, 2024

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigi	4:45 PN	
	8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AN	
Monday-Frida	y 8:35 AN	
Holyday Vigil	7:00 PN	
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, April 1 - Sunday, April 7

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 John Rose R/B Gino & Silvia Composto 8:35AM John Peters **R/B** Dawn Bondar 8:35AM Benjamin Cortese **R/B** Robert Tortora Tue. 8:35AM Rose Everett **R/B Hilton Family** 8:35AM Steve DeStefano R/B William M. Jannone Wed. 8:35AM Joseph Errico R/B Tina & Tom Lochmann 8:35AM Carol R. Jorgensen **R/B** John Jorgensen 8:35AM Daniel Cunning. Thu. **R/B** Pam Cunning 8:35AM George Putvinski, Sr. R/B George Putvinski 8:35AM Bill Dorr **R/B** Barbara Dorr Fri. 8:35AM Living & Deceased Members of Rapp Family **R/B Ann Harris** 8:35AM Ann Diecke **R/B Millstone Valley Columbiettes** Sat. 4:45PM Jessica Kent-Watkins R/B Deb & Joe Lesky 4:45PM Grace Bertrand R/B Kim & Vince Caridi 4:45PM Rosemarie Alpaugh **R/B** Tyukody Family 8:00AM Debbie Rennie Sun. R/B Lois & Ed Jerzewaki 8:00AM People of the Parish 9:30AM Carol Jorgensen R/B Carl & Connie Panzera 9:30AM Chet Trechock R/B Jay & Mary J. Kennedy 9:30AM Msgr. William Capik R/B Fr. Hank & St Joseph Staff 11:30AM Art Fiore **R/B Robin Shaw** 11:30AM Deanna Shamy R/B Merle Brenner 11:30AM AI Scillitani R/B Elisa & Jeremy Goldstone

WEDNESDAY HOLY HOUR

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



"May you and your loved ones rejoice in God's unending love as you celebrate Christ's resurrection on this Easter Sunday. And may everything beautiful about God's love find its way into your heart all through this Easter season! Father Hank and the Parish Staff

OUR PARISH FAMILY WELCOMES YOU

Visitor or newcomer? Welcome to St. Joseph Parish Community. Although we are a diverse group of people, we aim to be a family gathered in love and mutual respect. We are so very different, yet so much alike. We are young and not so young and everything in between. We are lifelong Catholics, brand new Catholics, and some of us are still seeking a spiritual path. We are saints who often struggle. We are sinners who dare to trust in the mercy promised. But no matter how anyone may try to define you, please know that you have a place – a home here with us. We are so happy that you joined us today and hope that you will come again.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35 1 John 5:1-6 John 20:19-31

PARISH OFFICE CLOSINGS

Easter Monday, April 1 : Offices open at 12 Noon.

"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.



ATTENTION: High School Senior Catholic Girls:

The Millstone Valley Columbiettes Auxiliary is looking to nominate one high school senior Catholic girl for the **Student Good Citizen Award**. This is awarded by our State Council Columbiettes to one high school senior Catholic girl in New Jersey who demonstrates outstanding leadership and service to the community. If you are interested in applying or have any questions, please contact Michele Tuck at <u>mptuck@comcast.net</u>.

Applications must be submitted by April 1st.



SAGES ACTIVITIES

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

Exercise – We meet Thursdays at 10:00AM in the Parish Hall. Healthy Bones has ended. Drums Alive will begin on April 4.

5-year Anniversary Party – Our ministry is celebrating 5 years on solar eclipse day! Join us for lunch, comedy, rock painting and poker on Monday, April 8 at noon. Register with 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.

Homebound gifts – Our spring gift will go out the week of April 9. Please contact AnnaMaria if you know someone who is homebound and would like to receive gifts and/or Communion visits.

(Week #10, Easter Sunday) BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL STAY WITH US, LORD:

Renew our Hearts and Send Us on Mission

Jesus gave us a perfect example to follow, constantly demonstrating love and care for those around Him. Much of the work that is done through our Church to advocate for respect for life, consoling those who are in hospital or prisons, and providing for the poor and vulnerable depends on the sharing of our financial resources through the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please prayerfully consider a gift today.



Prayer Partners April 13 & 14

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 10th, what was formerly the Healing Ministry became 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**.



EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWER PROGRAM It's Not Too Late!

Would you like to make a donation towards our Easter Memorial Flower Program in remembrance of a deceased loved one or to honor someone? Your contributions will provide for next year's flowers – just like last year's contributions provide for this year's. The flower envelopes are now in the Gathering Space. You may drop them in the baskets on the way out of church.. *Thank you*

In Memoriam

John Murphy, Jr., 102, father of parishioner, John Murphy III, died on March 16.

Please pray for his eternal rest and for consolation for all who mourn his death.

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



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



Three Times a Charm!

St. Joseph Outreach Social Ministries has served the people of Appalachia by volunteering our talents to build and repair homes for those in need. For the third year in a row, we will again partner and travel with Mary Mother of God Parish to Wayne County in West Virginia.

- Our week of service will begin on July 13 and return on July 20.
- We invite anyone who is interested to attend an information session on April 18, 2024 at Mary Mother of God, 157 So. Triangle, Road, Hillsborough.

Further details about this project and the time of this meeting will be forthcoming, Please contact John Seber with any questions at johnseber@msn.com.



Congratulations to our young parishioners who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on March 22, 2024.

Daniel Agnone Thomas Balucha Sarah Buist Joseph Cridge Jack DeAntonio Lilliana Desrosiers Maggie Dudek Sophia Franciscus Emily Gengler Marcello Guzman Julia Kowalczyk Gianna Lomelo Jacob Maroon Christian McGirr Abigail Mundhenk Aydin Rahman Gavin Ross **Nicole Schmitt** Isabella Shimalla John Toth Sydney Vamos Anthony Zaliwski

Chloe Baginski Luke Barry **Emily Cace** Olivia Czechowicz Isabella Del Priore Connor DiBenedetto Michael Esposito Matthew Gagliardi Matthew Geraci Megan Kelly Amanda Kusterer Abigail Lott Konrad Matejczyk Luke Miladinov Joseph Pocchia Dean Rosado Ava Saraco Mya Schulte Andrew Taras **Stephanie Vamos** Preston Vera Brody Zaliwski

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and kindle in them the fire of Thy love. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

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, Piscataway Fee: \$15 for all 10 Classes To register visit: www.diometuchen.org/faith-formation For more information email amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543



PARISH CLEANUP DAY

Saturday, April 20 Mark your calendars and recruit your family members. There is work for everyone. Details to follow.



Preschool & Kindergarten Enrichment NOW ENROLLING FOR 2024/2025

CALL/EMAIL NOW TO SCHEDULE A TOUR Mary Mother of God Pre-School & Kindergarten Enrichment 157 S. Triangle Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844 908-874-8489 preschool@marymotherofgod.org

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The Neshanic Garden Club



Invites you to join us for our SPRING LUNCHEON

Basket Raffle, 50/50 Thursday, April 18th, 2024, 12:00 – 4:00 PM Somerville Elks Lodge 375 Union Ave. Bridgewater, NJ 08807 Special Guest Speaker Tania Gindilis of Pensive Weeds "Sustainable Container Gardening" Ticket Price: \$40.00

For tickets call: Barbara Devitt 908-782-6595 or bdevitt42@gmail.com

The Neshanic Garden Club is a Non-Profit Organization neshanicgardenclub.org

ADULT CHILDREN WITH DIVORCED PARENTS

San Alfonso retreat house in Long Branch is providing a weekend retreat for adults with divorced parents. The retreat runs from Friday, August 23 through Sunday, August 25. The cost is \$300 and – if money is tight and you are a parishioner who could benefit from this retreat – your parish can help you with the cost. Questions? Email Cristina at cdaverso@diometuchen.org.

UNION CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

1600 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076 SPRING OPEN HOUSE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024 AT 7:00 PM Ready, Set, Soar!

In our co-educational, faith-based environment you will reach your greatest potential. Join us and discover for yourself why Union Catholic High School is so special! Visit our website to reserve your seat or call us at 908-889-1600, ext. 302

Thoughts From God's Garden

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



Easter North and South

Our community has a special relationship with several other Carmels, and one of these is at the opposite end of the earth. We are good friends with

the Carmel in Launceston, Tasmania, in Australia. Our Sisters there often share with us and other Carmels various aspects of their life and these will often surprise us! They sing the same, familiar Christmas carols, but of course, Down Under in Australia, Christmas takes place in summer, and though they sing "Good King Wenceslaus", they also sing "Our wattle trees shall shower their gold In tribute to our King!

In a similar shift of seasons, while our Easter here in the northern hemisphere takes place in the spring, theirs takes place in the autumn. We sing about the flowers springing to life under Jesus's feet as he comes forth from the tomb, while there, they are harvesting the fields and orchards. The freshness of spring, that illustrates our experience of Easter here, is a past event down there. But they can give us an insight into the meaning of Easter that we may not have thought of before. Jesus' resurrection is the beginning of new life, yet it is also the harvest of his long and painful battle against evil. He has risen to newness of life, and he can now give us the first fruits of that life as he harvests the result of his death on the cross! Easter is the fulfillment of his struggle, and we are the richer for that victory.



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

31 March 2024

WORD OF THE WEEK

Octave \'äk-tiv\

From the Latin for "eighth," a group of eight; in music, the eighth note; in the liturgical year, an eight-day celebration of the highest-ranking feasts, or solemnities, of Christmas and Easter. The **Octave** of Easter is followed by the Easter season, which lasts 50 days and ends with the feast of Pentecost.

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

CONTEXT

During the eight days that make up the **Octave** of Easter, the liturgy never ceases to remind us of the great mystery of the Resurrection of Christ!

—Hozana.org

Each day of the Easter **octave** is treated like a repeat of Easter Sunday, with all the feasting and liturgical trimmings. *—Brother Conor McDonough, O.P.*

The eighth Sunday of Easter, or Pentecost Sunday, concludes what has been called the great **octave** of eight Easter weeks. *—Richard McBrien*

WHY IT MATTERS

Some feasts are so central to our Christian faith that a single day of celebration isn't adequate. The Incarnation of Jesus and his Resurrection are crucial to the story of our salvation. Both declare that, body and spirit together, humanity is significant to God and worthy of redemption in Christ. The Christmas and Easter **octaves** give us time to ponder the greatest mysteries and joys of our faith.

From *The Modern Catholic Encyclopedia*: During an **octave**, the feast being observed takes precedence over any other feast that may occur.

RELATED WORDS

Solemnity | Pentecost | Resurrection | Nativity

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Why is Easter Season so long?

The Easter Season is determined by the eight weeks it takes to get from the Resurrection to Pentecost. In Lent, we embrace penitential practices in anticipation of Jesus' Resurrection. What happens next is nothing less than the birth of the church. Easter itself is an **octave**, or eight-day feast. In liturgical practice, the **Octave** of Easter is like a week of Easters as we light the Paschal candle, sing the Gloria, and continue to contemplate the wonder that death has a door. Jesus passed through it, and so will we. Is a week too long to ponder this?

After Easter, Jesus continues to appear, teaching them more about God's kingdom for 40 days, a sacred number symbolizing completeness. Then Jesus returns to his Father in the Ascension. The disciples devote themselves to prayer from that hour until Pentecost, when the Spirit comes and the church is launched into prime time. What should we be doing from Easter through Pentecost? Imitating the disciples: celebrating, contemplating, learning, and praying to prepare for the mission ahead.

-Alice Camille, from Questions Catholics Ask http://tinyurl.c om/QCA-easter-octave

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (EASTER SUNDAY) (MARCH 31)

Wide-eyed wonder

Today you witness something that opens your eyes to the power and glory of God's love in a way no other event could. Jesus raised from the dead? How is it possible? Only through the love of God, which makes all things possible. Spend this glorious day in fascination at the miracle you are witnessing.

READINGS: Mass of Easter Day: Acts 10:34a, 37-43: Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9 (42 https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/03 3124.cfm). "When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory."

FAITH IN ACTION

Continue to keep your eyes and heart open, and you will see that God never tires of loving you and raising you up. What a miracle!

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