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Saturday 4:45 PM Sunday 7:15 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM 6:00 PM

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. 8:35AM Menita Vasquez

R/B Avelina Garcia

Tue. 8:35AM Jay Roake (1A)

R/B Ann Marie Roake

8:35AM Robert Townsend

R/B West Family

8:35AM Chrissy Hensler

R/B Hilton Family

.Wed. 8:35AM Paul Jackson

R/B Ginny Jackson

Thu.. 8:35AM Joseph "Mac" McCormick

R/B John Conklin

Fri. 8:35AM Roseann Scotillo

R/B Dottie & George Lukazik

8:35AM Becca Laffoon

R/B Laffoon Family

Sat. 4:45PM George Matuszkiewicz

R/B Donna Komar & Family

4:45PM James Keating

R/B Shari & Michael Arcuri

4:45PM Felicia Coria

R/B Jeanne & Felix Zydallis

Sun. 9:30AM Joan F. Rosa

R/B Mayellen Tobia

9:30AM Mary Tluczek

R/B Bonnie & Harold Ochs

9:30AM Diane Peterson

R/B Tony & Yvonne Comito

9:30AM People of Our Parish

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

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

Fireside Psalms

Thursday, January 28 Psalm 48 (Forty-Eight)



This Moment in Prayer, Service and Community

Dear All:

Christ's Peace!

Last week's events invite us to pray our three discernment petitions in an especially profound way. Martin Luther King's birthday does that. So does Inauguration Day. Today's Day of Prayer for the Protection of the Unborn also stirs us to speak those three petitions:

Lord Jesus Christ, Living Son of the Living God, help me to know what You want . . . to want what You want and . . . to do what You want.

This Moment in Prayer

Our Parish Necrology – Thanks to all for editing their entries. Every name that is already in the necrology can be edited as needed. New names can be added by any registered parishioner. Remember that we list only parishioners' parents, children, grandchildren (not grandparents), spouses, and siblings. We also make room for one BFF for each parishioner. Be sure to provide the beloved's exact date of death. Gigantic thanks to Sean Glennon for taking on the gigantic task of creating and updating our necrology. Go to our parish website and click on Necrology to provide updates and additions.

Confirmation News – Bishop Checchio let us know that he will be granting permission for pastors to celebrate Confirmations. We will be ready to announce dates as soon as I gather input from the Religious Ed Advisory Board and from Linda Mackiw, Jim Jungels, and the confirmandi and their families. The celebrations will surely resemble last year's different and excellent mix of outdoor and indoor options.

First Communions – The news about Confirmations (see above) simplifies our efforts to arrange

First Penance and First Communions. Since we can now figure out Confirmation dates, we can also figure out the rest of the calendar. Last year's First Communions taught us how to make pandemic First Communions safe and excellent. We celebrated last year's First Penances just before the shutdowns. That means we have not yet figured out pandemic First Penance but, with God's great help, we surely will. BTW – outdoors is always an option. Some of my best experiences of the sacrament, on both sides of the proverbial screen, have been outdoors.

Pandemic Lent? – We will soon start to pray our way through a masked, socially distanced Lent, Holy Week and Easter. It will be . . . you guessed it . . . different AND excellent. We will pray the outdoor stations a few times each week. We can use all our outdoor spaces, our food truck, our tech abilities, and many other gifts. What do you suggest?

The Year of Saint Joseph – The pandemic will surely influence our ways of celebrating the "Year of St Joseph," but celebrate we will. The "year" began on December 8. But we still have plenty of time to invoke, learn from and honor our patron. Suggestions are welcome.

This Moment in Service

Our January Lull – Our January lull continues and that is not a bad thing. We will soon be into Lenten service projects. Have you had a chance to start wondering about your Lenten service projects?

Our Tech Ministry – The pandemic pushed us into the livestreaming we had been contemplating for a while. Since March 19, our patron's feast, we have had 717,406 "views." Repeat, 717,406. Our parish YouTube channel now has 4,500 subscribers. Our Tech Ministry is serving both parishioners and our far-flung sisters and brothers. Our thanks to Bob Ferretti, Sarah Desmond, who manages the Tech Ministry, John Demetrio, who represents Tech for Buildings and Grounds, Bill Gibson, who has been upgrading our tech for a very long time, Kevin Buist, who managed our most recent migrations, and to the 15 people who staff the tech booth at every event. It is a great service. And to Dotty and George Lukazik, who gave us the cameras, thank you.

Blankets Plus – Great blessings for our Prayer Shawl Ministry. While they continue to knit up clouds of prayer shawls and baptism blankets, they are also knitting hats and scarves for the low-in-

come folk who rely on Saint Peter's Family Services in New Brunswick and on Saint Joseph's Community Center in Philadelphia, a ministry managed by parishioner Sister Colleen Gibson, SSJ. And let's not forget all the hats they made for our veterans and for the members of our Youth Group. Our knitters are unstoppable – pandemic or not!

Caregivers – Our ministry to caregivers is moving into post-Christmas motion. They are currently mapping out their strategy for supporting caregivers – in and out of the parish. The pandemic has made their efforts extra important.

CCD Service Activities – I understand how it works but I cannot explain it. Suffice it to say that all our CCD students will be following a calendar of daily challenges to think of those in need – and to do something about it. The program is high-tech, low-maintenance, and of great potential benefit.

Saint Vincent de Paul – Kudos for Terry Lee and her team of cooks and servers. The pandemic closed them out of Elijah's Kitchen, but they have found a way to serve at Vincent de Paul in Perth Amboy.

This Moment in Community

Youth Group - Congratulations to Delanev Smith and Mia Pinto, recipients of the St. Timothy Award from the Diocese of Metuchen. The St. Timothy Award is given to high school students who have shown leadership in the parish and a commitment to their faith. It is good to know that Delaney, Mia and the rest of our Youth Group members will be staying safely together this winter in the planned hiking trips, prayer experiences, Zoom get-togethers, service opportunities, and fun competitions. We are all indebted to the members of our Youth Ministry for making "O Holy Nights" so prayerful, safe, and fun. The leaders of our Youth Ministry will soon be announcing the plans for 2021 summer service opportunities for high school students and college students.

Next Week's Edition will focus on parish financial matters. (NB – We are on solid ground, but I want you to know the details.)

I leave for 8 days of silent retreat on Monday, January 25. Hard to imagine it has been nearly a year since I last spent a night away. Say one for me. I will be loving you and praying for you – and thanking God profoundly for the grace of being with you, especially this year.

Father Hank



HEALING PRAYER

Healing Prayer invites anyone who is ill, facing surgery, hurting, anxious, burdened or worried to seek prayer for themselves or others. Jesus working through the minister will bring healing, glory and grace to your soul. God's love guides the ministers as they pray. All sessions are private & confidential.

Healing prayer requests can be not only for yourself but also for family and friends. Requests may cover healing of body, mind and spiritual issues.

Members of our Healing Prayer Ministry have created a virtual option and a phone option which is offered at 10:30AM after the 9:30 Sunday Mass and takes place every other weekend until we are back to normal.

Sundays, January 24 February 7 & 21 March 7 & 21

To participate in the virtua meeting, click on https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7692788835 and follow the directions. You can also engage the healing prayer over the phone by calling 1-929-205-6099 and then the ID number key in 769-278-8835#.

IN MEMORIAM

Philip V. Russo, **87**, father of parishioner Philip E. Russo (Freda), died on January 17.

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

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Pasta Night Friday, February 12

. We still have time to Neither sleet nor snow nor pandemic threat can keep our Knights from their appointed noodles. Pasta Night goes on – in a new and different way that will be quite excellent. The sign-up forms for the pasta orders will go online next week. You can specify your preference for the meal and the pick-up time. Knights will then roller-skate your meal(s) from the stove to your car when you pull up by the Parish Hall. (Disclaimer: Not all the Knights have yet agreed to deliver on roller skates, but we still have time to train them.)

Celebration of Marriage Sunday, February 14, 1:00PM

We have had to tweak a few aspects of our upcoming Celebration of Marriage because of initial of concern about capacity. So, rather than add the marriage folks to the already sizeable crowd at the 11:30 Communion Service, we are having two Communion Services. The 11:30 am service will be the regular prayer. The 1:00 pm will be a special prayer for married couples. Be sure to click here to reserve your spot at the 1:00 pm service. And if you are celebrating a 25th or 50th anniversary, be sure to say so on the form.

Crab-Cakes! Friday, March 26

Friday of Palm Sunday weekend will be when we discover if local crab cakes can compare to the best from Baltimore. Either way, the contest will be delicious. Mark your calendar!

SAGES

Blessings for all who picked up your parish calendars. Our distribution team loved seeing you here. Remember that the tent goes back up in fewer than 12 weeks, and the fun will then re-begin!

Meanwhile, email AnnaMaria if you want to join the Sages Hiking Group first outing is March 19, our Patron's feast.

Details to follow.

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Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

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 February 10 and will be on Zoom. 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 908 756 0633, ext 125 or the group may be reached by contacting 908 822 5895 or by emailingsa-credheartigi@gmail.com.



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Friday, January 29, 1:00 PM Main Street, Woodbridge

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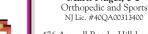




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