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MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE	
Daily Mass:	
Monday-Saturd	ay 8:35 AM
Weekend Mass	es:
Saturday	4:45 PM
Sunday	7:15 AM
	9:30 AM
	11:30 AM
	6:00 PM
Holyday Masse	s:
Vigil	5:00 PM
Holyday	8:35 AM & 7:00 PM
Confessions:	
Saturday	4 - 4:30 PM

or by appointment

EMERGENCIES Sacrament of Anointing Call 908-874-3141 and press 1 for a priest.

Crisis Pregnancy Hotline 732-516-0911

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PARISH COMMUNITY OF

Saint Joseph

HILLSBOROUGH, NEW JERSEY

Priests

Prophets Kings



4:45 PM and Sunday at 9:30 AM. Simply go to the parish web page and click away – for live streaming or for viewing an archived Mass.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

MASS INTENTIONS – Until further notice we will be combining mass intentions as follows: *at the 4:45PM Mass we will combine the 4:45PM, the 7:15AM & the 6:00PM intentions. And **at the 9:30AM Mass we will combine the 9:30AM & the11:30PM intentions.

MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

8:35AM William Matis Mon. **R/B Marie Paulette Matis** Tue. 8:35AM Robert Ferretti Sr. **R/B Keelin & Sean Glennon** 8:35AM AI Wund R/B George & Dottie Lukazik 8:35AM Frank Hoh R/B George & Dottie Lukazik 8:00PM Communion Prayer Service Wed., 8:35AM Fr. Tom Perunilam **R/B Carol & Mario** 10:00AM Communion Prayer Service Thu. 8:35AM Robert Schuler R/B Schuler Family Fri. 8:35AM Anne Kramer R/B Patti, Pier & Chris Guidi 8:35AM William Dorr R/B Linda Calamusa Sat. 4:45PM Ithamar Francois (Living) R/B Mom & Dad Francois 4:45PM Pegge Macor R/B Terri & Peter Macor 4:45PM John Patrick Cronin R/B Jeanne & Bill Krause & Family Sun. 9:30AM Reina Carbonaro R/B Dorisann Kalescky 9:30AM Gerri Rubino R/B Rossi Family 9:30AM Christian Mezzacappa R/B Marybeth & Bryan DeLisi 9:30AM People of the Parish

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 55:1-3 Romans 8:35:37-39 Matthew 14:13-21

FIRESIDE PSALMS

Thursday, July 30, at 8 PM Psalm 145 (one-forty-five).



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 and 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. If you would like more information call Ann Smith at 908-285-6481.

The members of our Healing Prayer Ministry have created a virtual option and a phone option. This option will be offered at 10:45 after the 9:30 Sunday Mass and will take place every other weekend until we are back to normal.

This Sunday, July 26th there will be Healing Prayers after the 9:30 liturgy. .Future sessions will be on August 9 & 23 at the same time.

To participate in the virtual 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#.

Go to <u>https://www.stjosephsparish.com/heal-ing-prayer</u> for complete details

For questions please call Ann Smith at 908-285-6481 or e mail her at <u>annbsmith46@hot-mail.com</u>.

WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

July 30

Please pray for victims, survivors, and all working to end this injustice



This Moment in Prayer, Service and Community

Dear All: Christ's peace!

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE 4:45 MASS -

We have no need to worry. But we almost did. On Tuesday, July 21, two weeks after being somewhat near Tom, Jane and John learned that Tom had the Corona virus. Jane and John were tested twice the next day. In the morning testing, John was negative and Jane was positive. In the evening testing, both were negative.

Meanwhile, on Saturday, July 18, before learning of their possible exposure, Jane, John, and their son Jim attended the 4:45 Mass. They wore masks the entire time they were in church. They also strictly honored social distancing requirements and made no contact with the person who gave them Communion.

As soon as they received the test result, the Does informed the parish. Along with members of our Safety Committee, I gathered all the details that were, in turn, delivered to the NJ State Department of Health. The Department then informed us that, based on all the facts, they saw no reason for anyone to quarantine.

This experience, which ultimately endangered no one, affirms our policy of maintaining great caution. Please remember that **YOU MUST REGISTER FOR MASS IN ORDER TO ATTEND MASS.** No one who has not registered will be admitted to church. Please recall the requirement that you wear a mask whenever you are out of your car on church property. Please remember too that social distancing requirements are in effect even when you are wearing masks. With all that in place, even if someone were to discover that they had been here while infected, we would all be safe. And don't forget – **STAY HOME if you are in doubt.**

THIS MOMENT IN PRAYER

FIRST COMMUNIONS AND CONFIRMA-TIONS – Check your email today for available dates and times. And yes, outdoor Confirmations could be a beautiful thing, as could the options for First Communions.

SUNDAY MASS – OUTDOORS – Through the extraordinary generosity of a parish family, the parish now owns a 40x60 frame tent. It will be used to host meetings and gatherings that, in non-pandemic times would take place indoors. We expect to start celebrating Mass in the tent shortly after Labor Day.

THIS MOMENT IN SERVICE

YOUR HOUSE? YOUTH GROUP SERVICE PROJECTS – Might our Youth Group's summer workers help you or someone you know with an outdoor repair project? If you have a good idea, please contact Bob Ferretti or AnnaMaria Realbuto.

HIGH-SCHOOLERS — register for our Summer Service Week, August 18-21. We will be completing a lot of service projects here at the church as well as in the community. Click here to complete the registration form.

YOUTH-GROUP ALUMS — our collegelevel service week is almost here. The projects are lined up, the entertainment is booked and your help is needed. Click here to register for our Young Adult Service Week August 3-7.

Enjoy the heat as much as you can. And for you sky-watchers, enjoy all the great celestial activity. Be assured of my blessings and gratitude for all of you. Stay holy, happy, and hydrated.

Fr Hank

(More from Fr. Hank on page 4.)

SAGES CALENDAR Our Chair Exercise Classes are online at www.stjosephsparish.com/sages.



In the Meantime,...

-'Tis the season for socially distant picnics!

BACKYARD VISITS –

We are really enjoying the backyard visits! For those of you who are not quite ready to go out but would like a socially distant backyard visit, please reach AnnaMaria at

arealbuto@stjosephsparish.com or 908-874-3141 ext 240. We will also bring you the lunch and the social distancing.

SAGES PARKING LOT PICNICS -

Join us for a socially distant picnic right in our parish's parking lot from 11AM-1PM on either August 13, 20 or 27. We will provide the shade, tables, and chairs - ALL socially distant – plus individually wrapped sandwiches.

Groups will be kept to a safe max of 25. Masks are a must and we will provide you one if needed.

Please register with AnnaMaria at arealbuto@stjosephsparish.com or 908-874-3141 ext 240.

RESPONDING TO PUBLIC POLICY

As Catholics, we have an obligation to consider public policy issues in light of the Gospel and the moral and social teaching of the Church. As faithful citizens, we are called to respond in both prayer and action and consider how public policy can impact our communities, nation and world in the context of Catholic teaching.

To provide the faithful of the Diocese of Metuchen with information and resources about issues affecting public policy and to highlight our lifelong responsibility as Catholics to form our own consciences in accord with the Church's teaching, the diocese has launched a new webpage: https://diometuchen.org/issues-and-action.

There you can sign up to receive action alerts directly from the diocese or sign up to receive alerts directly from the New Jersey Catholic Conference and the USCCB. Visitors to the page can also take action on current pending legislation and can see the latest news affecting public policy in our state, nation and world.

NEW DEACONS

Please pray for the following seminarians who took the next step in their journey toward the priesthood on Saturday, July 25, when they were ordained as deacons by Bishop James F. Checchio during a Mass of the Rite of Ordination. Please pray for:

Jun Joseph "Jay" Alquiros, Ariel Bautista, Jr., Timothy Eck II, and Gregory Zanetti.

The ordination was livestreamed from the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen. You can watch the recording of the ordination which is posted at

https://diometuchen.org/ordinations

FAITHFUL RECOVERY in a TIME of CLIMATE CHANGE

presented by the Catholic Climate Covenant **Webinar on Thursday, July 30 from 2-3 PM.**

We are in the midst of two interconnected global crises: the Covid-19 pandemic and climate change. Both have enormous economic, social, and health consequences, especially on the world's most vulnerable populations.

This webinar will explore:

How we recover from the immediate Covid-19 pandemic in a manner that is faithful, sustainable, and just.

The pandemic's far-reaching impacts and how the U.S. Catholic Church is responding to

its enormous economic and social impacts as we also deal with climate change. We will especially focus on the immediate human and environmental needs that U.S. disaster and aid agencies are seeing on the ground and how they are helping.

The principles, efforts, and strategies that U.S. Catholic agencies such as Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Charities USA, and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops are advocating and promoting for a sustainable long-term recovery for the future.

Presenters:

Kim Burgo, Vice President of the national Disaster Operations office for Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA)

Marilyn Shapley, Senior Policy and Legislative Specialist with Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

Ricardo Simmonds, Environmental Policy Advisor and Consultant, US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

The webinar will be recorded and a link to the recording will be sent to all who register. For more information contact Paz Artaza-Regan at

Paz@CatholicClimateCovenant.org.

More from Father Hank:

SUNDAY MASS - THANKS – What a grace it was to share Mass with you – in person. Greatest blessings for all who participated and greatest thanks to all the volunteers who made it happen. Thanks to the members of the Parish Safety Committee who took temperatures and managed the registration lists. Thanks to the ushers who, while having to improvise on the run, kept smiling and showing people the way. Thanks to the tech folks who enabled our livestreamed congregation to participate and thanks to the sacristans, liturgical ministers, and staff who did so much work. Because of all of you, we are off to a greatly blessed start.

SUNDAY MASS – TWEEKS – Our list of "opportunities to improve" seems a little short. Consider six:

Temperature-taking – There is a good chance we will switch over to taking your temperature while you are still in your car, as you drive in. Stay tuned for more details.

Registration – Everyone, including volunteers/ministers, needs to register for the Mass.

Usher visibility – During the pandemic, while ushers are assigning seats, we might use special usher shirts.

RSVP deadline – We will leave the registration process open until 24 hrs.before Mass.

Arrival time – For the 4:45, please arrive between 4:15 and 4:40. For the 9:30, please arrive between 9:00 and 9:25.

Music – The music will start in church 20 minutes before the weekend Masses.

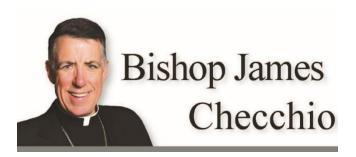
THIS MOMENT IN SERVICE

HILLSBOROUGH FOOD BANK (HFB) – Thanks to all who continue to donate so gener-

ously. If you have been thinking about donating, now is a great time to start. Vacations tend to reduce donations a little.

THIS MOMENT IN COMMUNITY

VIRTUAL YOUTH GROUP — High schoolers are invited to join us every Sunday evening for VYG. The summer theme is "Catching Fire". Go to http://sjmillstone.com/youth-ministry for Zoom login information.



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we continue to respond to the global pandemic of COVID-19 and its impact on our health and our economy, the social disease of racism in our country has also come to light in a compelling way. During this already difficult time, confusion, mistrust, anger and anxiety have all helped to bring to light an extremely contagious and dangerous outbreak of hate.

We are all equally made in the image and likeness of God. Racism occurs when this fundamental truth is ignored. It denies the teaching of Jesus and our common, created humanity. Racism is a sin that divides the human family.

Sadly, over the past few months, with the spread of the coronavirus, we have seen this division. Members of the Asian-American community became targets of hate and scapegoating, blamed for bringing and spreading the virus to the United States. There have been reports of verbal harassment, shunning and discrimination against Asians and people of Asian descent across the country, as well as around the world.

The pandemic has also laid bare the structural inequities in healthcare, economics and the criminal justice system all at once. This is evidenced by the disproportionate number of COVID-19 deaths among African Americans, Latinos and Native Americans. For instance, while African Americans make up only about 13 percent of the population, they represent nearly one-third of U.S. deaths from the virus.

The tragic killing of George Floyd, points to a growing number of injustices against people of color and highlights the need for systemic reform and an end to discriminatory practices.

In November 2018, in response to the persistent evil of racism in our country, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a pastoral letter entitled, "Open Wide Your Hearts — the Enduring Call to Love." Recognizing that racism still profoundly affects our culture, the pastoral letter is a call to a "genuine conversion of heart, a conversion that will compel change, and the reform of our institutions and society." The document calls each of us to spend time understanding our role in enabling racism to continue to impact our communities and prompts us to take action.

We need to address this national plague with the same intensity we are using in our efforts to eradicate the COVID-19 virus. The root of racism is never "someplace else" but rather it lies within the human heart. We each can contribute to a civilization of love or of hate. Racial healing begins by a greater acceptance of our own humanity as a gift from the Father, and then, a recognition that every person is a child of the One Father. Let us turn to Our Blessed Mother and ask her for the graces needed to overcome the evil of racism and build a just society. Let us ask that prejudice and animosity no longer infect our hearts or minds but be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person.

Gratefully, there have been some very good pastoral responses in our diocese to the wound of racism. As you know, we have gathered as a diocesan family in a time of sustained prayer as our first greatest strength. Pope Francis at a recent general audience in Rome asked us to turn to the "the Divine Heart, full of peace and love where we can entrust all the anxieties of our hearts and our imperfect love. From the pierced heart of the Savior flows, for all humanity, the source of all consolation and the ocean of Divine Mercy. Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make our hearts like yours!"

In this month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we in our diocese have dedicated each Friday for special livestreamed prayer for justice, peace and healing in our nation. We began with a livestream prayer service from Holy Family Parish in New Brunswick at the Sacred Heart worship site. Our Director of Vocations, Father Mauricio Tabera-Vasquez, presided. Father Alphonsus Kariuki, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Dunellen and coordinator of the African Apostolate, presided there at our second prayer service. I presided at the next livestreamed service on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, June 19, at our Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen. Our Vicar General, Father Timothy Christy, will preside at the final prayer service on the last Friday of the month, June 26. It will be livestreamed from The Church Sacred Heart of Jesus in South Plainfield.

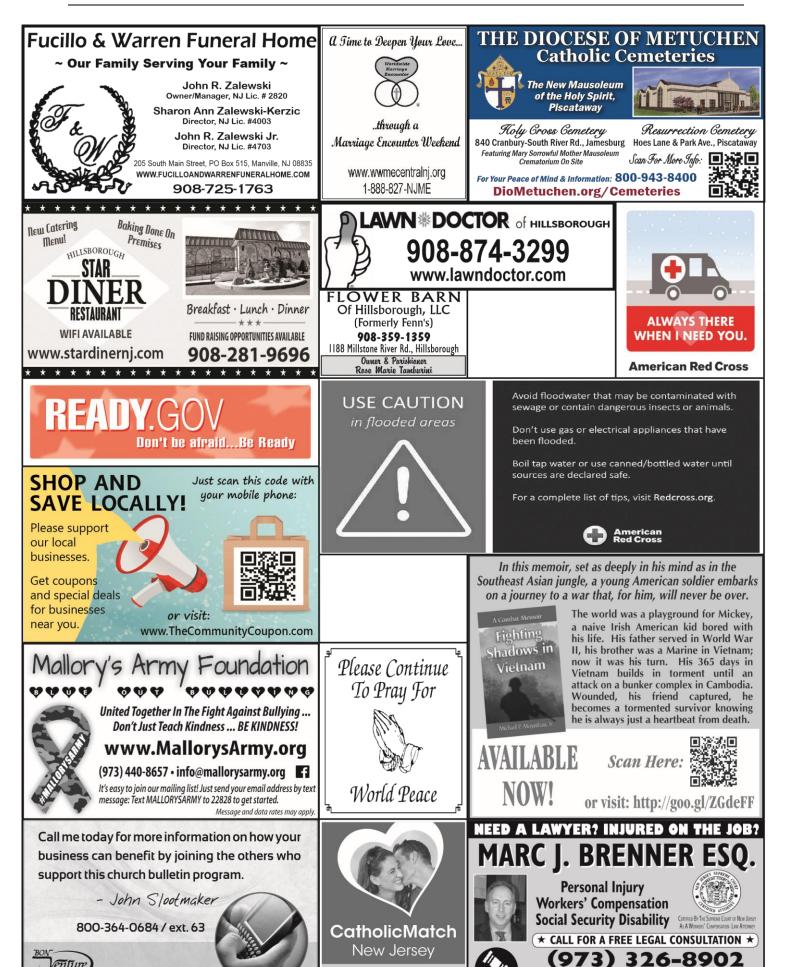
I am grateful, too, that all our parishes are participating in a novena to St. Katherine Drexel, the patron saint of racial justice; the saint we pray to for an end to racism. This began June 19 and will end June 27. Sustained prayer will pave the way to peace and justice in our land.

In addition to our livestreamed prayer services, I have also held a listening session with some of our black students from our Catholic high schools. It was enlightening but painful to listen to how racism has affected their lives. They also expressed hope as the response by so many, uniting together to address this scourge, has been inspirational to them. We are blessed by our youth, again!

Please know of my love and concern for all of you. At its foundation, racism is a spiritual problem. We cannot overcome it by our determination alone but need God's help. We are blessed with the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Penance to assist us. As the world at times seems to be moving further away from God, we all must recommit ourselves to seeing with eyes of faith. God our Father looks with love at each of us. May we have His vision, the vision of the Kingdom of God.

+James F. Checchío

The Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA Bishop of Metuchen





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