September 6, 2020

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MASS & CON	FESSION 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 Masses	5:
Vigil	5:00 PM
Holyday	8:35 AM & 7:00 PM
Confessions:	
Saturday	4 - 4:30 PM

4:30 PIVI or by appointment

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

Crisis Pregnancy Hotline 732-516-0911

Suicide Prevention NJ Lifeline 1-800-273TALK **Teen Crisis Text Hotline** Text 741741

Emergency Meals emergencymeals@stjosephsparish.com

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PARISH COMMUNITY OF

Saint Joseph

HILLSBOROUGH, NEW JERSEY

Priests

Prophets





Weekend Masses are at 4:45 PM on Saturday 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 & the11:30AM intentions.

MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Mon.	8:35AM Janeen Mahajan
	R/B Cusack Family
Tue.	8:35AM Marjorie Layton
	R/B Agnes & Guy Gubitosi
	8:35AM Fr. Henry Kowalczyk
	R/B Marie Paulette Matis
	8:35AM Joan Abrams
	R/B Gail Bellas
	6:30PM Communion Prayer Service
Wed.	8:35AM Giuseppe Bocchieri
	R/B Walsh Family
Thu	8:35AM Richard Braungard
	R/B Galayda Family
- ·	10:00AM Communion Prayer Service
Fri.	8:35AM Jeremy Goldstone Liiving
	Birthday Thanksgiving
	R/B Jeremy Goldstone
0-1	8:35AM 9-11
Sat.	4:45PM Marie Looney R/B Carol & Tony Guidotti
	4:45PM Josephine & Joseph Gagliardi R/B Pat & Joanne Gagliardi
	4:45PM People of the Parish
Sun.	9:30AM Andrew Kimball
oun.	R/B Betty & Griffin Family
	9:30AM Robert Hugelmeyer
	R/B MaryBeth & Brian DeLisi
	9:30AM Dorothy Dombroski
	R/B Sr. Residence EM Ministry
	9:30AM Andrew Kimball
	R/B Kimball Family

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sirach 27:30-28:7 Romans 14:7-9 Matthew 18:21-35

ENDING RACISM

On Wednesday, Sept. 9, the feast of St. Peter Claver – a Spanish priest and abolitionist who ministered to African slaves in 17th-century South America – the U.S. bishops are urging Catholics to pray and fast for an end to racism. Catholics are urged to pray and fast, either by attending a Mass in reparation for sins of racism, by praying the rosary, or by asking for the intercession of saints who fought racism in their lifetimes, such as St. Katharine Drexel or St. Peter Claver. Additional resources can be found on: USCCB.org/Racism.

SOLIDRITY FUND for the CHURCH in AFRICA

In Africa, we continue to witness the most dramatic growth of the universal Catholic Church that features abundant vocations to the priesthood and religious life as well as immense energy and enthusiasm among its youth. This vibrant and joyful church displays great promise. Yet obstacles to evangelization, such as poverty, threats to religious liberty and an aggressive proselytism by Islam and sects, present constant challenges. Sadly, in many African countries the Church lacks the resources to meet basic pastoral needs in areas like the formation of leaders, youth ministry, catechesis, and support for seminaries. As the Church in Africa confronts the growing health and economic needs brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, the pastoral needs supported by the Solidarity Fund become even more urgent and cannot be forgotten. With your support, the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa can make a real difference in the faith lives of Catholics across the African continent. To make an online donation, please visit: www.diometuchen.org/churchinafrica

> FIRESIDE PSALMS Thursday, September 10, at 8 PM Psalm 103 (one-hundred-three).



This Moment in Prayer, Service and Community

Dear All: Christ's Peace!

Last week's edition provided much news about the inspiring developments in our life of shared prayer. This week's edition provides many requests for the help we need to keep the shared prayer going!

This Moment in Prayer

HELP BRING COMMUNION TO YOUR LOVED ONES? – The pandemic has upended our ministry of bringing Communion to the homebound. We cannot expose the homebound to the EMs, and vice versa. Plan B, which might be a fine way to proceed in the future, is to train the family members of the homebound to bring Communion. If you are homebound and want us to train a member of your family to be an EM, or if you have a homebound family member and would like to bring Communion, email me at FatherHank@sjmillstone.com . Please put "HOME EM" in the subject line.

HELP DIRECT TRAFFIC? – So far, we have relied exclusively on our completely benevolent ushers to direct traffic at the Communion Services. They could use some help. You don't need to be an usher to show folks where to park. Communion Services will continue to be at 10 a.m. Wednesdays. The 6:30 Tuesday evening service will soon change. Please put "CAR PARKER" in the subject line.

HELP TAKE TEMPERATURES? – Folks from our Parish Safety Committee have been doing yeoman's work. They also need help. If you could take no-contact temperatures at a Sunday Mass – either 9:30 or at the upcoming 11:30 – please email me. You guessed it. Put "TEMPERATURE TAKER" in the subject line.

HELP FIND A HORSE TRAILER OR TWO? – The extraordinary kindness of a parish family has provided the trailer we use for Communion Services. That trailer is about to find another way to serve the Lord. We need one trailer for the Communion Services and another for storage for the equipment needed for Masses under the tent. And it doesn't have to be a horse trailer. A circus wagon would do fine. Email me.

BAPTISMS – If you have tried to schedule your child's baptism, you should have heard from me this week. Let me know if you didn't. This is just the right time to schedule baptisms on Oct. 10 or 24.

This Moment in Service

PUZZLE BOOKS – You have outdone yourselves again. Thanks to all who contributed puzzle books to entertain our beloved who are isolated at home or in health care facilities. They were delighted. You delivered about 450 to our van's front seat. Another 50 came in the mail from many states. Bravo!

WHEN THE VAN ISN'T HERE – Thanks to all of you who regularly drop off food or other requested donations for our neighbors in need. Once in a while, the van is being used to transport goods or supplies. If you get here and the van is missing, please put your donation on the bench by the door to the Parish Hall. We will then move it to the van and get it to the Hillsborough Food Bank. God bless all your donors.

CATHOLIC GENTLEMEN – THINK OF JOIN-ING OUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (K of C) – Our parish is blessed with a most remarkable chapter of the K of C. They do great good and have great fun. Think about joining and if your thoughts carry you to a "yes," contact Bryan DeLisi at bryandelisi@comcast.net

This Moment in Community

PARISH RECORDS UPDATE – Remember when everyone was asked to pick up a copy of their parish records, update them and then return them? Work on that project has been proceeding steadily. Thanks to Dianne Mantilla and members of the Parish Council, we are making great strides. So far, 800 packets have been returned and the information is being updated. This is excellent news. About 1,200 packets went unclaimed. We have figured out that about 400 of them are active and the remainder are inactive. Given current ratios, this means we are pretty close to the diocesan estimate that we have almost 1700 households. The great news is, that we will soon be able to maintain ongoing communications with almost all of them.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY – We kick off the 2020/21 youth ministry season this Sunday at 6pm under the tent. If you are in high school, join us for an epic scavenger hunt around the church campus.

Have an exceptional Labor Day weekend. Since chances are pretty good that this will be our only pandemic Labor Day, be sure to take plenty of pictures and take good notes for your descendants. Stay extremely safe and have immense fun. With great gratitude and all the best blessings.

Father Hank

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SAGES CALENDAR



KICKING IT UP A NOTCH IN SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

September picnics will include live music. A few spots remain for September 10th and 17th. To register go to

https://forms.gle/jY5FswEJ9puGetz69

or reach AnnaMaria at <u>arealbuto@stjoseph-</u> <u>sparish.com</u> or 908-874-3141 ext 240

Other Fall events include Craft making, Movie night and Pumpkin decorating at one of the October picnics– all under the tent. Details and registrations coming soon.

Backyard visits continue for those not ready to venture out. if you or someone you know would like a visit contact AnnaMaria. We will also bring you lunch.

OUR CHAIR EXERCISE CLASSES continue online at www.stjosephsparish.com/sages

VOLUNTEER to MAKE POCKET ROSARIES for LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Diocesan Office of Family Life is pleased to announce the creation of the Blue Rosary Guild. The purpose of the Guild is for community members of all ages to make pocket rosaries for law enforcement officers, providing them with support and spiritual strength and promoting devotion to the rosary among all the faithful. All materials and instructions will be provided and a Zoom virtual tutorial will also be scheduled. Anyone interested should contact Cristina D'Averso-Collins, Director of the Office of Family Life at cdaverso@diometuchen.org.



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.

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

Sundays, September 6 & 20 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 at <u>annbsmith46@hotmail.com</u>.

IN GOD'S IMAGE

In God's Image, in its 14th year, 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 September 9 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 emailing<u>sacredheartigi@gmail.com</u>.

LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS FALL RETREAT

Life-Giving Wounds, a Catholic apostolate dedicated to the spiritual healing of adult children of divorce or separation, will host an online retreat this Fall. Taking place over seven Thursday evenings, from Oct. 1 to Nov 12, the retreat will include six live presentations, guided small group discussions, and an evening of live-streamed Eucharistic Adoration with live music. Retreatants will also receive a Retreat Guide and Retreat Journal. \$75 earlybird, \$100 after Sept. 20, \$50 college students. More information and registration here:

https://www.lifegivingwounds.org/onlineretreat

IHNSC RAFFLE Benefits Homeless Families

Be the difference to a family struggling with housing and food insecurity. Tickets are on sale now for the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Somerset County's annual fundraiser. The Holiday Calendar Raffle draws seven winners each week in November and December 2020, and January 2021.

All tickets are reentered for each weekly drawing, giving ticket holders multiple chances to win! Each day of the three-month period has a designated value of \$30 to \$100. Winners will receive a check in the mail after each drawing.

Tickets are \$10 and are available by calling 908-704-1920 or emailing Karen@ihnsc.org. You may also stop by the office, 98 West End Avenue in Somerville, during regular business hours, or learn more at our website www.ihnsc.org.

IHNSC provides emergency shelter, transitional housing and support services to families throughout Somerset County, and is supported by a network of volunteers from 30 religious congregations in the County.



Celebrating Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversaries

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary by receiving a congratulatory message from Bishop James F. Checchio. Registration is required to receive your message by mail. Please register online at: https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-andgold-anniversary-celebration. If you are unable to access, please contact your parish secretary or amarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on October 15, 2020.

Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online or emailing amarshall@diometuchen.org.

CARE OF GOD'S CREATION BEAUTY CONTEST

At the beginning of the summer we celebrated the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si: On Care of Our Common Home, in which our Holy Father calls us to join with others to address environmental challenges that face our planet and the people who live in it. The encyclical also reminds us that nature is a constant source of wonder and awe. During the Season of Creation which spans 5 weeks starting September 1 (World Day of Prayer for Creation) and ending on October 4 (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) we are encouraging parishioners and students to take time to experience the awe and wonder all around us with the "Season of Creation Challenge." Parishioners and students are asked to survey their parish and photograph the most beautiful outdoor area and then submit photos with parish/school name and a brief description to: communications@diometuchen.org. The photos will then be displayed on the diocesan website and on social media.

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During this year's Season of Creation, Catholic Climate Covenant is pleased to host a five-part webinar series, "**On the Common Good & Our Common Home**," for U.S. Catholics to:

- Understand how Catholic social teaching (CST) and creation care are essential to the *fullness of faith* and the Church's mission;
- *Facilitate* courageous conversations about climate change and Catholic civic participation;
- *Apply* Catholic Social Teaching, including creation care, to form one's conscience ahead of the 2020 elections.

The Season of Creation (celebrated annually between September 1 and October 4) is a special time for Christians. As we are called to renew our faith in the God of all creation and join in prayer and action for the care of our common home, this webinar series will help us on our journey of love in action.





ON THE COMMON GOOD & OUR COMMON HOME

Webinar #1: Thursday, September 10, 3:00-4:00 PM EST

The first webinar of the series is "<u>Catholic Social Teaching</u>, <u>Politics</u>, <u>and the Fullness of Faith</u>." This will be the foundational webinar outlining the virtue of political participation and the foundations of Catholic social teaching as essential to the fullness of faith. When you register you will automatically receive a link to the recording.

Webinar #2: Monday, September 14th, 3:00-4:00 PM EST

The second webinar in the series, "<u>Climate Change, Our Faith Values, and 2020</u>", is hosted by Interfaith Power & Light, Catholic Climate Covenant, and Young Evangelicals for Climate Action. This webinar will equip attendees on how to effectively hold 'courageous conversations' with your faithful family, friends, and colleagues about the importance of caring for Creation and voting our values.

Register for Climate Change, Our Faith Values, and 2020 at

www,CatholicClimateCovenant,org

Stay tuned for more information on webinars 3-5! Details coming soon and visit <u>www.CatholicCli-</u> <u>mateCovenant.org</u> for the latest. When you register for the first webinar, you will automatically receive more details on the other webinars in the series as they are announced.



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