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





Weekend Masses are at 4:45PM on Saturday and Sunday at 9:30AM & 11:30AM. Simply go to the parish web page and click away – for live streaming or for viewing an archived Mass.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

MASS INTENTIONS – Mass intentions are combined as follows: 4:45 Mass will combine the 4:45, 7:15 & 6:00

intentions.. 9:30 and 11:30 will each have its own intention..

MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Mon. 8:35AM Doris & Joseph Errico **R/B** Tom & Tina Lochmann Tue. 8:35AM Marjorie Layton R/B Bonnie & Harold Ochs 8:35AM Jerry & John (Bud) Conklin Jr. R/B Conklin Family 8:35AM Florence Szul R/B Carmela & Dan Maresca Wed. 8:35AM Alicia Glennon R/B Cathy & Dennis Hammer Thu.. 8:35AM William Glennon **R/B Glennon Family** Fri. 8:35AM Florence Szul **R/B Gail Bellas** 8:35AM Jose Luis Torres Guadalupe R/B Ron & Laura larkowski Sat. 4:45PM Terry Jackson **R/B Jackson Family** 4:45PM Frank Thomson **R/B Andrew Thomson & Family** 4:45PM People of the Parish Sun. 9:30AM Marianna Pedone **R/B** Geraci Family 9:30AM Michael Cassidy **R/B Carol Raia & Family** 9:30AM Alfred Nikko Jr. R/B Maryellen Tobia 11:30AM Louise Ferrante **R/B** Madeleine Ferrante

> READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK Isaiah 5:1-7 Philippians 4:6-9 Matthew 21:33-43





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: <u>https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration</u>. If you are unable to access, please contact your parish secretary or <u>amarshall@diometuchen.org</u>.

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.

FIRESIDE PSALMS

Thursday, October 1, at 8 PM Psalm 124 (ONE-HUNDRED-TWENTY-FOUR)

Choices Matter –

A Virtual Critical Life Issues Conference Series During October, Respect Life month, the Office of Human Life & Dignity, Diocese of Metuchen, presents "Living the Gospel of Life!". Please join us virtually on the following dates to hear these dynamic speakers: October 10 - 10:00 AM - Pam Stenzel - Parents Matter: Raising Kids with Integrity October 15 - 7:00 PM - Evan Lemoine - Amor sin Barreras (in Spanish only) October 24 - 10:00 AM - Christina Bennett -Defending Life in the Black Community October 29 - 7:00 PM - Kristen Hanson - Warriors of Hope: Fighting Assisted Suicide in America October 31 - 10:00 AM - Stephanie Connors, formerly Gray - Abortion: The Great Debate There is no fee, however, registration is required for this Virtual Conference Series. Donations are appreciated. To register: https://www.diometuchen.org/choicesmatter. You can attend one or all. Thank you!



This Moment in Prayer, Service and Community

Dear All:

One of our most imaginative and talkative senior citizens referred this week to her "Communion Strategy." The concept jarred me slightly and then warmed me. "Strategy" and "Eucharist" rarely appear in the same thought. But the thought merits consideration. These pandemic days require us to become more deliberate about receiving Communion. Our public health situation invites us to plan, to strategize, to think through how we might maintain our Eucharistic relation with Jesus, and then stick to it. If each of us is moving toward weekly reception of Communion, we need to consider the options. Do you prefer standard precautions or extra precautions? Do you want to be at a Mass at which everyone is registered, and therefore traceable, or not? Also, what fits your schedule?

In considering the options, recall that "standard precautions" means masks, social distancing, and communion while exiting. Masses with "standard precautions" do not involve assigned seats and do not require reservations but they do require sign in. "Extra precautions" means standard precautions plus temperature-taking, reservations, and sitting where the usher indicates you should sit.

PARKING LOT COMMUNION SERVICES – These occur every Wednesday morning at 10 am. We also have a service on Tuesday evening. The Tuesday service will be at 6:30 pm this week (as it has been throughout August and September) but will switch to 5:30 in October. We will then replace the Tuesday evening service, most likely, with a Saturday morning service at either 9 or 10. Let me know if you have a preference. Meanwhile, recall that these services provide just about zero chance of virus exposure.

SUNDAY MASSES – We currently enjoy two opportunities to receive Communion at Sunday Mass – at the 9:30 in church (with extra precautions) and at the 11:30 Mass under the tent (with standard precautions – see below for information regarding this week's 11:30). We will soon have congregations at the 4:45 Mass. That Mass will entail standard precautions.

WEEKDAY MASSES – As of this Thursday, October 1, we will have congregations at the daily Masses. The Masses on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday will observe standard precautions. The Wednesday Mass will practice extra precautions. The church will be fogged directly before the Wednesday Mass.

This Moment in Prayer

11:30 SUNDAY MASS – LAST WEEK— It was a great blessing, at Sunday's 11:30 Mass under the tent, to see several folks who were making their Second First Communions. What a grace it was to share that beautiful moment in that beautiful setting. Thanks to all who were patient with the opening day glitches including the FM radio glitch. We think we have them ironed out.

11:30 SUNDAY MASS - THIS WEEK AND BE-**YOND** — Last week, since it was our first time, we started small. Seating was limited to the chairs under the tent for people who had made reservations. This week moves us to the longer-term plan and its three options. First, if you want a weather-proof seat under the tent, make a reservation and we will have a chair for you. Second, if you are willing to take a chance on the weather and sit outside, no need to make a reservation. Just bring your own chair and the ushers will show you where to put it. Third, if you want to stay in your car, in one of the seven spots with direct views of the altar, make a reservation. Communion will be brought to you. RE-MEMBER – IF YOU WANT TO SIT OUTSIDE, BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR AND THE USHERS WILL SHOW YOU WHERE TO PUT IT.

FIRST COMMUNIONS – God bless the second set of 17 youngsters who made their First Communions last Sunday at the special 12:30 Mass. You were truly beautiful. The masks did not conceal your glow! Great thanks to the parents and teachers who prepared them. Special thanks to the grandparents in the background. Your First Communions are a great day for all of us.

CONFIRMATIONS – God bless the second group of 19 young people who will be confirmed tonight. Again, this is a wonderful day for all of us. Blessings too for the 20 remaining students who will be confirmed next Saturday. It is a very great blessing to welcome you to the world of Confirmed parishioners.

BAPTISMS – Once again, thanks to all the parents who have submitted all their paperwork and have now scheduled their child's baptism. Thanks too to the folks who are finishing up the paperwork and are about to schedule the baptisms. As with our First Communions and Confirmations, it is a wonderful day for you individually and a wonderful day for our parish and the Church Universal. Hosanna.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH – October is "Respect Life Month." The "Life Chain" on October 4 kicks it all off. The Life Chain will take place at Mountain and Somerset in Somerville, near Immaculate Conception, from 2:00 to 3:30 on Sunday, October 4.

This Moment in Service

PANDEMIC ECONOMIC HELP FOR PARISH-IONERS – The pandemic's economic consequences continue to evolve. Remember – if these days are getting rough for you, let me know. Your fellow parishioners have created an amply funded account to help you make ends meet. No one will know but you and me and two very reliably confidential staff members.

BISHOP'S APPEAL – Despite the pandemic, you are doing a fine job on the Bishop's Appeal. We are currently at 95% of our goal. If you haven't already made your offering, and if the pandemic or other circumstances haven't decreased your ability to do so, perhaps you could make your contribution this month. If we contribute another \$9,000, we meet our goal. Thanks for doing what you have done and can do.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH — Great gratitude to the many parish organizations that have been reaching out and those that have been making plans to.

MASKS – Get this . .our mask-makers have provided more than 1,400 masks & nearly 900 earsavers to 5 area hospitals, 2 social service agencies, 2 school districts, 1 senior housing development, & many parishioners. More than 20 people sewed and crocheted. Special thanks to staff-member Carlene Thomson for coordinating it all.

GREETING CARDS – A wonderful coalition of our Sunshine Ministry and many devoted parishioners have delivered yet another round of beautiful, hand-made cards to people who are isolated in nursing homes. Another round of cards went to the facilities' staff. Special thanks to Lois Jerzewski for orchestrating this beautiful effort.

CONSOLATION MEALS – The food keeps shipping out! Blessings for the staff members and

volunteers who have provided comfort food. Our parish has provided meals to area grave-diggers and funeral home managers, to several front line workers, and most recently to the State Police barracks in Bridgewater (since Millstone doesn't have a police department, the state's keeps an eye on us). The responses from all recipients have been heartwarming.

PRAYER HELPS – Parishioners continue to donate religious goods for our next "Artifacts Road Show" – through which we deliver religious goods to needy parishes in U.S. cities and in foreign countries. Two beautiful chalices were recently added to the collection. Also, big cheers for our Knights and Columbiettes who recently provided home-made rosaries to the Hillsborough Police while joining them in a few moments of beautiful prayer.

ADVENT GIVING TREE – This year's Advent Giving Tree will be different and excellent. The plans have been made and the implementation awaits. This year's giving will be all about gift cards – and the distribution plans are extremely impressive. Stay tuned . . . it starts soon.

This Moment in Community

YOUTH GROUP – Forget the Hufflepuffs, Slytherins, Gryffindors, and Ravenclaws. Very twodecades-ago. The new way is under the banners of Ignatius, Therese, Maximilian, and Joan. The organizing principles for this year's Youth Group are pretty astounding. If you have not already joined one of these groups, get to Youth Group NEXT Sunday, October 4 at 6:00. Light food available. More information is available at http://SJMillstone.com/youth-ministry. If you feel shy or weird about joining, get over it. Youth Group welcomes you. Period.

YOUNG ADULTS — Too old for Youth Group and need additional seasoning before you can join the Sages? Starting this Sunday at 7:00 PM we will get together under the tent. Half bible study, half fellowship, this is a great way to get to meet some other young Catholics. Email Bob Ferretti at bobb@sjmillstone.com for more information or click here to let me know you are coming! Open to anyone 21 - 35.

Blessings for you and your first days of October – the month that IMHO, has the best collection of saint days. Meanwhile, I look forward to seeing you at church.

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 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 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, October 4 & 18

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#.

If you need healing prayers before the Sunday dates please contact Ann Smith at 908-285-6481 or at

annbsmith46@hotmail.com.

Champions for Catholic Charities Virtual Gala Thursday, October 22 ~ 7:00 p.m. Our 2020 Champions for Catholic Charities will be celebrated through a Virtual Gala-a prerecorded video scheduled to premiere on Thursday, October 22nd at 7:00 p.m. There is no fee to join the celebration and viewers will have the opportunity to submit supportive messages via livechat during the event which will feature testimonials from a few of the people whose lives have been transformed by Catholic Charities. We rely upon the generosity of our faithful supporters so that we can together fulfill the mission of Catholic Charities. For donations, sponsorship opportunities and links to the October 22nd Virtual Gala premiere, go to www.diometuchen.org/champions. Questions: champions@diometuchen.org or 732-562-2432...

PARISH PICNICS

October 10 & 11

Think of it as a combination of the Annual Parish Picnic AND a congregational reunion. It has been six months since you have seen many of your pewmates, fold-mates and Mass-mates. Plan to come to whichever picnic you prefer – Saturday 10/10 or Sunday 10/11, both days from 1-3 – but keep in mind that our hope is that Saturday will be primarily for folks from the 4:45, 7:15 and 11:30. For the Sunday picnic, the hope is to have as many as possible from the 6:00 and the 9:30. If you can, come on the day your regular Mass group is coming. If that doesn't work, come the other day. The liquid menu promises to be very fun, like the entertainment for the youngsters. **MASKS WILL BE WORN AT ALL TIMES'**

Starting Monday, you can RSVP for your preferred picnic. The process resembles the 11:30 Mass process. If you want a guaranteed space under the tent, make a reservation. If you are the adventurous type, are willing to take a chance on the weather, and are willing to forsake a spot under the tent if it rains, you do not need to make a reservation – but you do need to bring your own chair, lawn blanket, whatever.

SAGES CALENDAR

Thursday, October 8, 6:30PM **Movie Night Under the Tent** Join us for **The 100 Foot Journey** Comedy Rated PG. Arrive early for seating BYOB – Bring your own blanket Reach AnnaMaria to register <u>arealbuto@stjo-</u> sephsparish.com or 908-874-3141 ext.240

Wednesday, October 14, 12-2PM Last Sages Picnic with singer Bob Marino To register contact AnnaMaria or https://forms.gle/a8rieiUtXzjJ1vos8

October 27, 2PM **Pumpkin decorating &** carving. Details and registrations to follow

OUR CHAIR EXERCISE CLASSES www.stjosephsparish.com/sages

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.

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 <u>Karen@ihnsc.org</u>. You may also stop by the office, 98 West End Avenue in Somerville, during regular business hours, or learn more at our website <u>www.ihnsc.org</u>. The 20th Annual Anne Drummey O'Callaghan Lecture on Women in the Church

Showing Up: The Radical Work of Commitment in Uncertain Times Sr. Colleen Gibson, SSJ

Wednesday October 7, 2020 5 p.m.

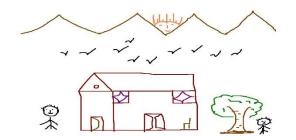
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IMMEDIATE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Volunteers are vital to the ministry of Catholic Charites, Diocese of Metuchen as they continue to offer assistance and create hope for those in need during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Social Service Center, 387 South Main Street, Phillipsburg is seeking volunteers to be salespersons in the Thrift Store. The main components of the job description include service to customers and sorting and arranging donated items for sale. Help is needed Monday through Friday from 10:00AM-4PM. The days and times you are able to serve as a Thrift Store Volunteer are flexible. Safety precautions recommended by New Jersey and the CDC for retail businesses have been implemented for the Thrift Store. Please call 908-859-5447, if you require more information or wish an application.



Emergency Rental Relief

Did you have a COVID-related financial impact that left you unable to pay your rent since April 2020?

If so, you may be eligible for assistance to pay the rent that is owed to your landlord from the

SOMERSET COUNTY CDBG-CV EMERGENCY RENTAL RELIEF PROGRAM

In order to be eligible, you must:

• Be a resident of any Somerset County municipality (except Franklin Township) and have a current lease or rent agreement.

• Have a household income that is less than the following income limits, based on family size: 1 Person \$66,900 2 People \$76,500 3 People \$86,100

4 People \$95,600 5 People \$103,200 6 People \$110,900•

*Be able to prove that your rent payments were current as of March 2020. • Provide documentation of a COVID-related loss of income after March 9, 2020.

Examples include:-

Layoff or Reduced work hours -

Unpaid leave to take care of children due to school and daycare closure -

Self-quarantine for 14 days resulting in a loss of income –

Other consequence of the virus that led to a reduction of income

In order to receive assistance, you must submit an application. You can complete and submit the application and required documentation online by visiting the following link: https://www.co.somerset.nj.us/CDBG-CVERROn most web browsers, the County link provides full translation features: at the top right of each County webpage bring cursor to "translate tab" and user will be able to choose to read page content readily translated into various different languages. You can also print the application from that link and submit the printed copy via email to: commdevelop@co.somerset.nj.us You can request a paper copy of the application to be mailed to you by using the email address or by calling the Community Development Office at:908-541-5756.



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