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MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Daily Mass:

Monday-Saturday 8:35 AM

Weekend Masses:

 Saturday
 4:45 PM

 Sunday
 7:15 AM

 9:30 AM
 11:30 AM

Holyday Masses:

Vigil 5:00 PM Holyday 8:35 AM & 7:00 PM

Confessions:

Saturday 4 - 4:30 PM

or by appointment

6:00 PM

EMERGENCIES

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

Crisis Pregnancy Hotline 732-516-0911

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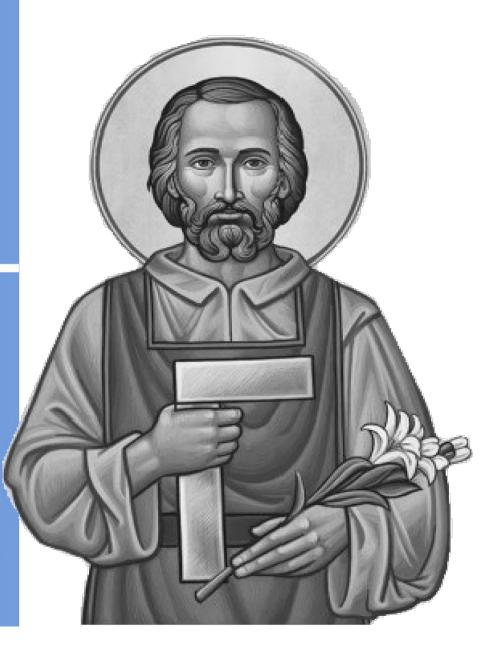
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Weekend Masses are at 4:45PM on Saturday and Sunday at 9:30AM & 11:30AM. Simply go to the parish web page and click away – for live streaming or for viewing an archived Mass.

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 Peter Caliguari

R/B Len & Helene Caliguari

Tue. 8:35AM Ann Axelson

R/B Sarah & Hank Hilton

8:35AM Belinda & Paolina Panzera

R/B Connie & Carl Panzera

8:35AM Greg Garley

R/B Conklin Family

Wed. 8:35AM Mary Varghese

R/B Shanta George

Thu.. 8:35AM Ed Nawracaj

R/B Terri & Peter Macor

Fri. 8:35AM Florence Szul

R/B Kral Family

8:35AM Bill Dorr

R/B Barbara Dorr

Sat. 4:45PM Susan Kujawski

R/B Kujawski Family

4:45PM Beth Heyde

R/B Jane & Ron Rossi

4:45PM Robert Ferretti Sr.

R/B McDevitt Family

Sun. 9:30AM Eleanor Szczepanski

R/B Barbara & Bill Dorr

9:30AM Zaida Adams

R/B Melissa & John Koehr

9:30AM People of the Parish

11:30AM Stephen Matras

R/B Carol Matras & Children

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 25:6-10a Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 Matthew 22:1-14

Important information about emergency rental relief can be found on page 6.

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'

You can now RSVP for your preferred picnic. The link appears at the top of our parish webpage. 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.

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.di-ometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-cele-bration. If you are unable to access, please contact your parish secretary or amarshall@diometu-chen.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.

FIRESIDE PSALMS

Thursday, October 8, at 8 PM Psalm 72 (SEVENTY-TWO)



This Moment in Prayer, Service and Community Dear All:

Christ's Peace! Keep working on your Communion Plan and remember to sign up for one of next weekend's parish picnics (see both further below)!

This Moment in Prayer

TUESDAY NIGHT'S COMMUNION SERVICE -

Tuesday night's Communion Service earned several parishioners' nominations for the parish hall of fame. If you were one of the Eucharistic Ministers, one of the Ushers, one of the members of the Parish Safety Committee, or one of the Tech Folks, give yourself three cheers. The rain did not keep you away. Neither did the early sunset. Several communicants commented later that they were feeling deeply their need for Communion and feared the service might be called off. Your generosity enabled those people to receive. One car included a man who wanted nothing more than to receive Communion on his birthday. You enabled him to do so – on his 97th birthday. His daughter emailed after the service to praise each of you for completing your duties with grace and style. God bless you! And see you this week. (NB - the Communion Services will continue through the winter and are basically weatherproof - unless it is a severe rain or snow event.)

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES to HEAR
THE WORD and RECEIVE COMMUNION with
OTHERS – Our efforts to provide something for
everyone continues, with God's great grace, to
push forward. Some want assurances of extra
safety. Some want to stay in their cars. Some prefer
the outdoors. Some feel more at home if they do
not have to register for Mass. Whatever it takes to
keep you connected to Christ, while staying safe, is
what we will continue to do.

9:30 Sunday Mass in Church – This will continue to be our extra-precautions/Seraphim Mass.

Reservations are required. Ushers will guide you to the next available seat.

11:30 Sunday Mass – For now, this will continue to be our standard-precautions/Cherubim Mass. You need reservations if (a) you want a weather-proof seat under the tent or (b) you want one of the "infield parking spaces." You DO NOT need a reservation if you are willing to bring your own chair and sit in one of the specially reserved outdoor spots. (We only had a few people choose this option last week. I thought it would be crowded with people who wanted the altar before them and the sunshine on their shoulders.

8:35 daily Mass – No RSVP required M, Tu, Th, & Fri. Just show up, sign in, and find a socially distant seat.

Tuesday Evening (5:30) Communion Services — The least worrisome way to hear the Word and receive the Body of Christ. N.B. — The Tuesday evening service switches to 5:30 for the month of October and then moves to Saturday morning for November through April.

Wednesday Morning (10:00) Communion Services – This service is staying put at 10:00 am until the pandemic ends.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES to HEAR THE WORD & RECEIVE COMMUNION with OTHERS

 In addition to our current offerings, we hope to provide options that make it even easier to get to church.

4:45 Saturday Mass in Church – As soon as we get all caught up on First Communions, Confirmations, and Baptisms, we will again welcome a congregation back to the 4:45 Mass. October 24 currently stands out as the most likely date to resume this Mass, again. It will be a standard-precautions/Cherubim Mass. Two large unknowns are shaping the outlook for this Mass. First, will there be sufficient demand to justify the number of helpers required? (I hope so.) Second, can we round up enough helpers?

WE NEED "CHURCHWARDENS" – Our Anglican brethren and sistren have an effective monopoly on the term but we can borrow it for a bit and tweak it. We need people who, during the pandemic, can help us do some of the extra work that the pandemic requires. When the pandemic ends, the position will cease. Right now we need parishioners who can: (a) help to direct traffic at the upcoming Saturday morning Communion Services, (b) help people find seats at the 11:30 and, even more so, at the 4:45, (c) run the fogging machine after every Mass (takes two people who can spare 30-40 minutes), and (d) help move equipment back and forth before and after the 11:30 Mass. This

does not involve a long-term commitment to join a particular ministry. It means being one of the extra sets of hands we need while the pandemic continues. If you can help, please email Suzanne Kral at skral@stjosephsparish.com Thank you very much.

CONFIRMATIONS – God bless the 14 young people who will be confirmed at tomorrow morning's two services – one at 9 and one at 12. God bless you, your parents, your sponsors, and your teachers.

BAPTISMS – We are almost there. We have almost all the waiting babies scheduled for baptisms on Saturdays, October 10, and October 24.

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

THANK YOU FROM THE SMALLEY SCHOOL IN BOUND BROOK — The youngsters in Mr. Anthony Melesurgo's 4th, 5th, and 6th-grade classes sent us a beautiful poster to thank our mask-makers for making the masks on which the students, teachers, and teachers' aides now depend. God bless our mask-makers.

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.

This Moment in Community

BECCA'S FRIENDS – GREAT blessings for all who provided the utterly excellent painting party for the members of our Becca's Friends Ministry. The afternoon was beautiful and the outcomes were excellent. God bless all of you who painted and all who helped the painters.

YOUTH GROUP – Forget the Hufflepuffs, Slytherins, Gryffindors, and Ravenclaws. Very two-decades-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 this Sunday at 6:00. Light food available. If you feel shy or

weird about joining, get over it. Youth Group welcomes you. Period.

CALLING ALL USED BUT FUNCTIONING IPADS – We have just completed a pilot program and it worked beautifully. Two of our tech-resistant senior citizens, who swore they would never join the virtual world, were coaxed into it and LOVE it. They now have an iPad and easy access to daily Mass and much that goes on around here. Next step - enlarge the program. Too many of our seniors are still too isolated by the pandemic and are facing a rough winter. Our goal is to collect 25 used iPads, clear them out, reprogram them, and teach the seniors how to stay connected to St Joe's. If you have an iPad that is collecting dust, tell AnnaMaria Realbuto. Also, if you have any super ideas about low-cost Wi-Fi for these folks, tell AnnaMaria that too! Call or 908-874-3141 ext.240 or

Blessings for you and yours. Father Hank

email arealbuto@stjosephsparish.com

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!

IN MEMORIAM

Barbara Mae Quaglietta, 80, mother of parishioner Patty Toste, died on September 16, 2020. *Please pray for her eternal rest and for consolation for her family and for all who mourn her death.*

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.



Thursday, October 8, 6:30PM

Movie Night Under the Tent

Join us for The 100 Foot Journey

Comedy Rated PG. Arrive early for seating

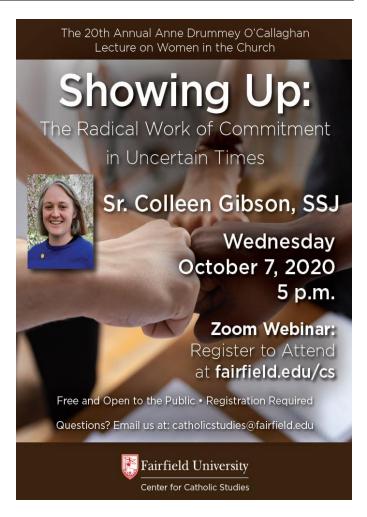
BYOB – Bring your own blanket

Reach AnnaMaria to register arealbuto@stjosephsparish.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



Champions for Catholic Charities Virtual Gala Thursday, October 22 ~ 7:00 p.m.

The COVID-19 pandemic has increased the number of people seeking assistance and no one is ever turned away. The ministry of Catholic Charities has remained uninterrupted throughout these unprecedented times providing basic necessities of food, clothing and housing for those hit hardest by the economic downturn. In addition, curbside visits and tele-health services are now available for those in need of counseling or struggling with addictions. Programs for youth, affordable childcare, maternity and immigration services continue to serve thousands of men, women and children each day.

By entering our Champion 50/50 Raffle, you are helping our neighbors in need and you just may win one of the two grand prizes. *The prize for our last year's raffle was \$26,800 each for two lucky winners.* With your participation, we are hoping for even greater success this year. Tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased by downloading a raffle form at www.diometuchen.org/champions and mailing it in with your payment. Thank you and good luck!



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.

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.

CARE OF GOD'S CREATION BEAUTY CONTEST

At the beginning of the summer we celebrated the

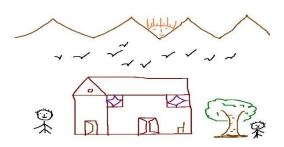
fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si: On Care of Our Common Home, in which our Holy Father calls us to join with others to address environmental challenges that face our planet and the people who live in it. The encyclical also reminds us that nature is a constant source of wonder 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.

Immaculata High School FALL ADMISSIONS EVENTS

Fall is typically the time for 7th and 8th grade students and their families to visit the high schools they are considering. And while we are looking forward to personally welcoming you to Immaculata High School as soon as we are able, for now, we are reimagining our traditional in-person Fall Open Home into a virtual event so that we can bring the Spartan experience to you. Beginning with our Open Home Week Kick-off Event on Sunday, October 25 and continuing with sessions focusing on Academics, Athletics, Arts, and Campus Ministry throughout the week, you won't want to miss a moment! For more information on this and our other Fall events, please visit www.immaculatahigh-school.org/connectwithus.





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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