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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

6:00 PM

Holiday Masses:

Vigil 5:00 PM

Holiday 8:35 AM & 7:00 PM

Confessions:

Saturday 4 - 4:30 PM
or by appointment

EMERGENCIES

Sacrament of Anointing

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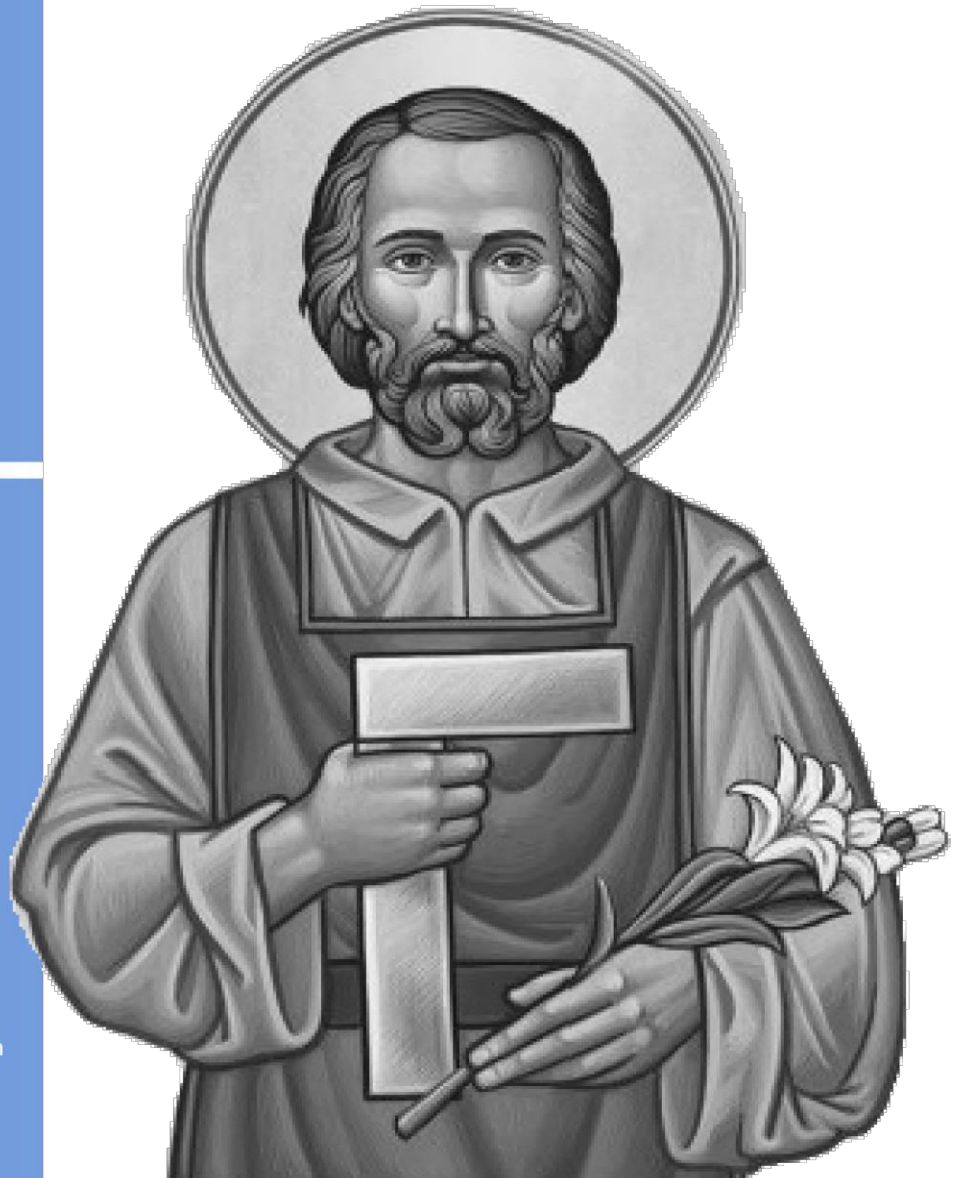
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Emergency Meals

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Fr. Hank

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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 John Corvelyn
R/B George & Dottie Lukazik
- Tue. 8:35AM Florence Szul
R/B 8:35 Group
8:35AM Stevie DeStefano
R/B George & Dottie Lukazik
8:35AM Robert Ferretti Sr.
R/B St Joseph Music Ministry
- Wed. 8:35AM Josephine Panzera
R/B Connie & Carl Panzera
- Thu.. 8:35AM Florence Szul
R/B Susan Wund
- Fri. 8:35AM Jay Roake
R/B Roake Family
8:35AM Salvatore Benedetto
R/B M/M Sam & Serina Inquanti
- Sat. 4:45PM Edgar Bengermينو
R/B Kathleen Keenan
4:45PM Joseph Mattina
R/B McDevitt Family
4:45PM People of the Parish
- Sun. 9:30AM Darlene Mecca
R/B Connie & Carlo Melia
9:30AM Robert Francis Peters
R/B Dawn Bondar
9:30AM Stephen Pultorak
R/B Leoni Family
11:30AM Amedeo Forzano
R/B Walter & Florence Berçarich

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Matthew 22:15-21

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

CHOICES MATTER

A Virtual Critical Life Issues Conference

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 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!

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-and-gold-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.

FIRESIDE PSALMS

Thursday, October 15, at 8 PM
Psalm 81 (Eighty-One)

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This Moment in Prayer, Service and Community

Dear All: Christ's Peace!

This Moment in Prayer

BAPTISMS – Great days for our parish. Five families are having their babies baptized this weekend and six more will be baptized on the 24th. A few others will be baptized at various times in November. Every baptism is a wonderful day for our parish and the church universal.

FIRST COMMUNIONS – Blessings for the four young people receiving their First Communions this weekend. They join the ranks of the thirty others who expected to receive their First Communions in May but have done so this fall. Several more will receive their First Communions at upcoming weekend Masses. I don't recall ever seeing such a well-focused batch of First Communicants. You have been excellent.

CONFIRMATIONS – Saturday's two celebrations got us all caught up on Confirmations. Everyone who was to have been confirmed last spring is now confirmed. We had two outdoor celebrations on beautiful Friday evenings in September. We then had two indoor celebrations on Saturday morning. Congratulations and the very best blessings for those confirmed. You are great additions to the ranks of varsity apostles. And big thanks to your families, especially the helpful grandparents, who brought you to this moment. With any luck, this spring's confirmations will occur at their anticipated time.

CONFESSIONS – The celebrations of Baptisms and Confirmations have tweaked the schedule for Saturday morning confessions. Thanks to those who have arranged other times and blessings for those who are holding off for the next available Saturday morning in the parking lot. BTW – this deal of scheduled, twenty-minute slots in the parking lot might be the way of the future. NB – Next Saturday,

October 17, the feast of the OTHER Saint Ignatius is all blocked out for confessions. Only a funeral, mine or another parishioner's, would get in the way. Email your RSVP on the feast of Saint Teresa of Avilla or on the feast of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque. (Go ahead. Look them up even if you aren't coming to confession).

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK – What a blessing and a gift it has been to anoint so many of you as you head into the operations and the treatments that the pandemic delayed. Remember – you or your loved one should receive the sacrament's gifts if (a) you have just been diagnosed with a significant illness, (b) you are heading into a procedure that requires general anesthesia or (c) you are living with a chronic condition or are feeling the weight of the years. If you are hospitalized unexpectedly, call the hospital chaplain's office immediately to arrange anointing by their staff priest. Do not wait. And NO – you cannot request anointing because you have to live with a spouse/child/in-law/out-law or whomever, who is making you a little cuckoo in the pandemic.

COMMUNION SERVICES – Thanks to all who joined in singing "Happy Birthday" to Frank D on Tuesday as he continued to celebrate his 97th birthday. What a special evening. Remember, we only have three more Tuesday evening communion services (now at 5:30). Starting on November 1, the services will be on Wednesday morning at 10 and Saturday morning at 9 (most likely). The praises for all who help at the Communion Services continue to pour in. You are greatly appreciated.

SUNDAY MASSES – You have been pretty darned good about playing along with the guidelines. The 9:30 will continue to be our "enhanced-precautions/Seraphim" Mass. That means reservations, temperature-taking and sitting where you are assigned – as well as wearing masks and staying socially distant. The 11:30, soon to be joined by the 4:45, are/will-be "standard-precautions/Cherubim" Masses.

8:35 MASS – It has been a great gift to have some of the faithful remnant back at daily Mass.

This Moment in Service

The pandemic has tweaked our ways of serving each other and serving our local and global communities. You have been excellent. Your ways of supporting the Hillsborough Food Bank have been particularly inspiring. There will also be some tweaking in our Advent Giving Tree and our Thanksgiving Food Collection.

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OUR ADVENT GIVING TREE – Our Advent Giving Tree Ministry will continue to provide Christmas gifts to the community in a different but, as usual, excellent way. They have developed brilliant ways to enable you to support those who, were it not for you, might not have much of a Christmas, especially this year. Here is how it will work, in a year when physically gathering and distributing gifts is highly problematic. It is a year of new ways.

(i) New Agencies – We have added two local organizations and now serve 14 agencies.

(ii) New Gifts – In lieu of giving requested gifts, we will be giving gift cards.

(iii) New Schedule – In order to distribute the cards on time, the giving needs to be done a bit earlier – this year from October 16 to November 9.

(iv) New Drop Off System – Parishioners will indicate, electronically, what they intend to give and then purchase the cards and place them in the parish drop box.

Watch for a link to the detailed directions in next week's THIS WEEK and on the parish web site. Thank you in advance for your flexibility. You have established a most impressive history of giving. I suspect that you will do another great job this year – putting a very cheerful Christmas light in some very troubled jumbles.

THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION – We will continue to provide food for families who need it, this year more than ever. More specifically, we will help families that rely on Saint Peter's University Hospital, Catholic Charities and the Center in Manville. Look for new and detailed directions in THIS WEEK October 16 and on the St. Joseph's website.

This Moment in Community

CALLING ALL USED BUT FUNCTIONING IPADS – 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 email aralbuto@stjosephsparish.com

Have a terrific weekend. I look forward to seeing you at Mass or a Communion Service. With love and blessings

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 18
November 1, 15, & 29**

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

annsmith46@hotmail.com.



SAGES CALENDAR

Wednesday, October 14, 12-2PM

Last Sages Picnic with singer Bob Marino

All the spots are currently claimed – but contact AnnaMaria to be added to the waitlist or <https://forms.gle/a8rieiUtXzj1vos8>

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

MOVIE NIGHT was great fun. Blessings for those who enjoyed the movie under the tent last week. Bundling up made it even more memorable. We look forward to more outdoor movies next spring.

OUR CHAIR EXERCISE CLASSES
www.stjosephsparish.com/sages

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WILL YOU BE A CHAMPION?

Meet some of the people whose lives have been transformed by the services of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen.

Hear inspiring stories of the courage, creativity and compassion of our Catholic Charities 'heroes' as they continue to provide uninterrupted service to those hit hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Join us for the

2020 Champions for Catholic Charities Virtual Gala on October 22.

Watch with us, make a donation, or purchase a raffle ticket by visiting: diometuchen.org/champions

2020 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL *Stepping Forward in Faith:* *Grace in Action*

Thank you to all who have so generously given to the 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal! Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps support initiatives, services and the spiritual needs of all, among them, the work of Catholic Charities and the needs of those impacted by COVID-19. Through prayer and reflection, please consider a sacrificial gift to this year's appeal and give to the best of your means.

With many people impacted by COVID-19, it is important to bring people the opportunity to grow closer to Christ and see the work of God in their midst. All funds raised through the Bishop's Annual Appeal are used to support the ministries and programs of the Diocese of Metuchen. There is still an opportunity to participate by responding to the most recent mailing or by making an online pledge at <https://diometuchen.org/ways-to-give>.



BUS DRIVERS WANTED

St. Thomas Aquinas High School is looking for qualified bus drivers. Must have a CDL License along with a S and P Endorsement. We are located at One Tingley Lane, Edison. For more information, please call Ilona Kuntar at (732) 549-1108 X641

FALL ADMISSIONS EVENTS

Immaculata High School

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.

Saint Joseph High School, Metuchen

Outdoor Open House event
on Sunday, October 18 from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm.
To pre-register please visit our website:
<https://www.stjoes.org/apps/forms2/index.jsp?f=11730>
There will be a Virtual Open House in November as well. We look forward to seeing you on campus!

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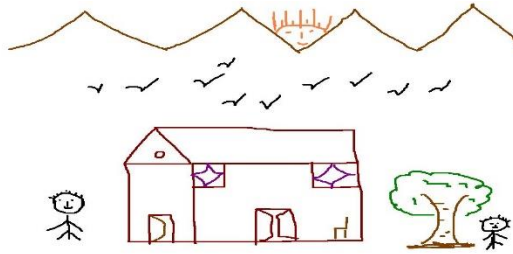
Be the difference to a family struggling with housing and food insecurity. Tickets are on sale now for the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Somerset County's annual fundraiser.

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.

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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-CVERROR> On 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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