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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
Holyday 8:35 AM & 7:00 PM

Confessions:

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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 FOR THE WEEK

- Mon. 8:35AM Deceased Members of Figorotta & LoFaso Family
R/B Frank & Lia Figorotta
- Tue. 8:35AM Judy Lugo
R/B Mario Lugo
8:35AM Jay Roake
R/B Roake Family
8:35AM Gertrude Rogers
R/B Filomena Heim
- Wed. 8:35AM John Martin Driscoll
R/B Driscoll Family
- Thu.. 8:35AM Filomena Frisoli
R/B Carol & Artie Valone
- Fri. 8:35AM Pauline Nerette
R/B Senior Residence EM Ministry
8:35AM Joseph Quinn
R/B George & Dottie Lukazik
- Sat. 4:45PM Christina Walsh
R/B Mom & Dad Wund
4:45PM Al Wund
R/B Bogado Family
4:45PM People of Our Parish
- Sun. 9:30AM Theresa D'Elia
R/B Maryellen Tobia
9:30AM Robert Hugelmeyer
R/B Lavern & Sean Clemens
9:30AM Florence Clark
R/B Sandy Viola & Family
11:30AM Michael Virgona
R/B Mom & Dad Virgona

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
1TCorinthians 15:20-26, 28
Matthew 25:31-46

FIRESIDE PSALMS

Thursday, November 19, at 8 PM
Psalm 35 (THIRTY-FIVE).

This Moment in Prayer, Service and Community

Dear All: Christ's Peace!

O HOLY NIGHTS

The planning for O HOLY NIGHTS made great strides this week. We can now share more details about church events that, we trust, will insert marvelous, unforgettable lights into our jumbled pandemic Christmas.

Weekly "Candle" Lighting and Prayer – We will gather at 4:30 every Advent Sunday, near the flagpole, to light the week's five-foot Advent "candle". The prayer service will last for a little more than 10 minutes. It will include some socially distant caroling, a bit of scripture, a bit of reflection and some more singing.

Weekly Special Events. – Following the Candle lighting, each week will offer one special event.

November 29 – The Grand Lighting of our 101 (+ a few more) sponsored trees.

December 6 – The walk in the woods, along our illuminated Prayer Path, to a life-sized creche.

December 13 – Outdoor caroling, and all the Christmas gladness that entails.

December 20 – The live creche and other Joyful Mysteries – with live farm animals.

Weekly Regular Events – For each of these four evenings, there will be winter refreshments served from the parish food truck. Also, the 101 trees will be illuminated every Sunday night. You will want to mosey along the tree row to take in the decorations and the dedications.

Our 101 Trees – We were able to settle on several important dates this week.

Tree Installation – Thanks to the many who have agreed to help install the trees. We will roll up our sleeves on Saturday, November 28 at 9 am. There will be two work teams. One that meets from 9 to noon. The other works from noon to three. The goal is to pound the rebar into the ground, attach the trees to the rebar, and get the power to each tree. Please email Bob Ferretti or use this form to sign up for one of the work teams.

Tree-light Installation – With luck, this will happen on the afternoon of Saturday the 28th. Each tree will get four strings of lights – white or colors, depending on the request.

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Sign installation – Also scheduled for November 28 – signs indicating each tree’s sponsor.

Tree decorating – Decorate your tree whenever it is convenient to do so – any time after 3 pm on Saturday the 28th. Remember, the Grand Lighting is the next day at 4:45.

Other Christmas Topics –

Special Access – Yes, we will set up times and ways for special access. People who need to stay in their cars will be able to take it all in. The one exception is the Walk in the Woods.

Books – Yes, through the generosity of two folks, we will be giving out another book this year.

Santa’s Village – Yes, there will be all sorts of Santa stuff on each Sunday night. A lot.

Holy Family – We will have a fun, low-key special family event after the 11:30 Communion Service Mass on Sunday, December 27 – The Feast of the Holy Family

Epiphany – We will also do something fun after the 11:30 Communion Service on Sunday, January 3, the Feast of the Epiphany. The event will involve at least one of the following – gold, frankincense, myrrh, camels.

This Moment in Prayer

ADDED PRECAUTIONS AT THE 9:30 – Thanks to everyone who does their bit to keep the 9:30 Mass a “Seraphim Mass” with enhanced precautions. The 9:30 will stay that way. Thanks for understanding.

One of those added precautions . . . there is no moving about once you sit. If you need to leave your chair, which I hope you do not, you need to leave the church. People on chemo and other vulnerable folks like knowing that no one will walk near them during Mass. We can understand their concerns.

Remember that the 11:30 is standard precautions and the 4:45 will be too. If you or your children might need to move around, you will for sure be more at home at the 4:45 or the 11:30.

One of our parishioners tested positive two days after being at last Sunday’s 9:30. That parishioner wore a mask the entire time, stayed socially distant at every moment, and never moved around during Mass. There is no reason to suspect that the person was a danger to anyone in church. I thank that person for honoring the enhanced precautions/Seraphim guidelines.

On Wednesday, the church was again deep cleaned and chemically treated. The process kills the virus on hard surfaces and lasts for three

months. In addition, we are fogging the church after each Mass.

LITURGY SCHEDULE – UPCOMING

CHANGES – Our weekend schedule remains unchanged this weekend (11-14/15). Starting next weekend, Saturday 11/21, we will have Mass on Saturday at 4:45 (standard precautions/Cherubim) AND Sunday at 9:30 (enhanced precautions/Seraphim). Starting 11/22, we will also have a Communion Service in the parking lot at 11:30.

This Moment in Service

OUR ADVENT GIVING TREE – The drive ended last night, and by all indications, it was a great success. Think for a moment of how good you are. You recognized the need and responded. The new system required you to adjust and you did so beautifully. Who is better than you? Great big thanks to our Advent Giving Tree Ministry. Your dedication and ingenuity enable all of us to help those who need it most.

OUR THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION –

The Thanksgiving giving has begun! The van and the Memorial Hallway are filling up quickly. If you are still planning to give, go to our parish website, find the turkey icon, print the Thanksgiving grocery list, go shopping, and place your bag in the gray van in the parking lot. If you can attach a ShopRite card of \$10 to 25 to the bag, great thanks. If you do not attach a gift card, the ministry still loves your bag and will provide the gift card. Our youth ministry will manage the bags and help deliver them to Catholic Charities in Bridgewater and St. Peter’s University Health Center on How Lane.

This Moment in Community

CELEBRATING OUR VETERANS – Our annual celebration to honor our veterans takes place this Sunday, November 15, starting with the 1:30 Communion Service. Thanks in advance to the Columbiettes for putting this together. Thanks to our knitting ministry for creating the gifts. And thanks to our veterans for all you have done to serve the country we all love so well. God bless all of you.

REACHING ISOLATED PEOPLE – Please let me know if you are aware of any parishioner, former parishioner or would-be parishioner who is feeling isolated. We want to reach out to all of them. “Let no one walk alone” – especially at this time of year.

With continued gratitude and all the very best blessings.

Father Hank

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CHRISTMAS MASSES

MASSES – We will celebrate our Christmas Masses in the parking lot and in church. The parking lot can accommodate 100s of people (who will stay in their cars). The church can accommodate 104.

Christmas Eve –

Mass in the parking lot, 2 pm; Mass in church, 5 pm and 8 pm

Christmas Day –

Mass in the parking lot, 11:30; Mass in church, 9:30

December 21-23 (M-W) –

8:35 am Mass in the church, using the readings of the day.

7:00 pm, using the readings for Christmas midnight (Bethlehem, etc.)



ADVENT WREATH MAKING –

In lieu of our annual wreath-making gathering, this year we are offering grab-and-go wreath supplies. So, sign right up and arrange your supplies. Go to our wreath website to order your supplies, which you can pick up on November 29, right after the Grand Lighting of our 101 trees. Each kit costs \$10, and contains candles, greens, florist wire, colored balls, ribbon, and pinecones. You can choose from two color schemes –

(i) blue and silver or (ii) red, gold, and green. You can also order metal rings if you need one.

Questions? contact Linda Mackiw at lmackiw@stjosephsparish.com or 908-874-3141 x227.

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, November 15 & 29 December 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#.

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

annsmith46@hotmail.com.

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From the Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Child and Youth Protection:.

The findings of the investigation into the Diocese of Metuchen's files regarding McCarrick and other information about the measures in place to combat abuse in the diocese, can be found here: diometuchen.org/healing.

Anyone who has been harmed in any way, by any member of clergy, employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church, is encouraged to notify law enforcement by calling 1-877 NJ ABUSE and is also urged to reach out to the Diocese of Metuchen's Director of Child and Youth Protection at (908) 930-4558..



ST. JOSEPH THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

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 Caritas Food Pantry of Manville.

*You are asked to donate one (1) filled bag and bring to our St. Joseph' gray van (used for the food bank) in the parish parking lot between

November 8 – 20, 2020.

Purchase a \$1.00 reusable ShopRite grocery bag and fill with the groceries from the following list:

- *One large box of instant potatoes or rice
- *3-4 cans of vegetables, e.g. Green Beans, Yams, Spinach, Lima Beans, Carrots, Corn, and Peas
- *2 boxes or jars of Gravy
- *1 can Glory Fried Apples or applesauce
- *1 can Cranberry Sauce
- *1 box Stuffing Mix
- *1 Cake or Brownie Mix
- *1 bag of Candies
- *Beverages: Juices, Hot Chocolate, Tea or Coffee

Please consider adding a \$10 or \$25 ShopRite Gift Card. Place your SR card in an envelope and staple it to the inside top of the Shop Rite bag. The ShopRite card will be used for meat, pie, fresh vegetables, rolls or other family desires.

Please put your bag in the van and label it Thanksgiving.

We are not accepting any frozen or fresh items this year such as turkeys, other meats, potatoes, vegetables, bread, rolls or pies.

The Youth Group will NOT be sorting this year so it's important that each bag contains a full Thanksgiving Meal.

These bags will be taken out of the van daily and be ready to go to each family the 2 weeks before Thanksgiving.

Thank you for your support!

*More Info or to print out the shopping list click Thanksgiving box on www.stjosephsparish.com

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