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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

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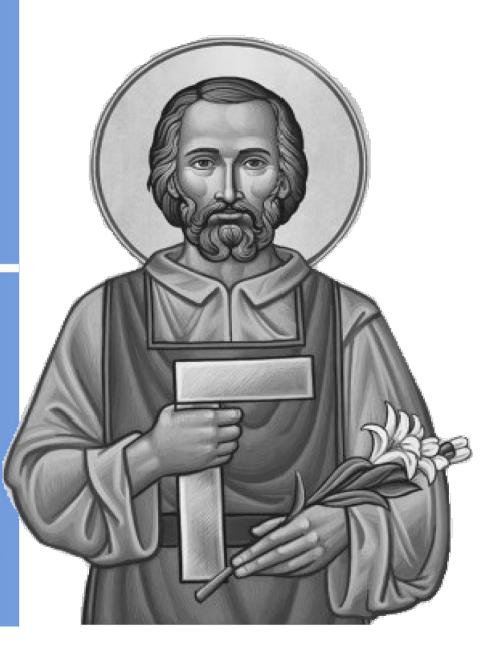
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Weekend Masses are at 4:45PM on Saturday and Sunday at 9:30AM & 11:30AM. Simply go to the parish web page and click away – for live streaming or for viewing an archived Mass.

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 FOR THE WEEK

Mon. 8:35AM Joe Quinn

R/B Gail Bellas

Tue. 8:35AM Deceased Members Hilton Family

R/B Friends

8:35AM Matthew Kuzhiveli

R/B Shanta George

8:35AM Florence Clark

R/B St Joseph Music Ministry

Wed. 8:35AM Albert Hutkowski

R/B Len & Helene Caliguari

Thu.. 8:35AM Walter Novak

R/B George & Dottie Lukazik

Fri. 8:35AM Michael Zylka

R/B Marie Paulette Matis

8:35AM Joseph Lodato

R/B Maryellen Tobia

Sat. 4:45PM William E. Donohue

& Catherine Heinemann R/B Heinemann Family

4:45PM Sally Ann Rhein

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R/B Mike Rhein

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R/B McDevitt Family

Sun. 9:30AM Ulrich Kleck

R/B Mantilla Family

9:30AM Robert Quinn

R/B Sean & Keelin Glennon

9:30AM Charles Coffaro

R/B Tony & Yvonne Comito

11:30AM People of the Parish

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12a

Thanksgiving Food Drive & Virtual Advent Giving Tree Info on page 5.

FIRESIDE PSALMS

Thursday, October 29, at 8 PM Psalm 80 (Eighty)



PRAYER BEFORE OUR ELECTION

Lord God,
as the election approaches,
we seek to better understand the issues and
concerns that confront our nation,
and how the Gospel compels us to respond
as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) offers this preceding prayer to be prayed before an election

This Moment in Prayer, Service and Community

Dear All: A word of thanks from me . . .

Monday's Feast of the North American Martyrs blessed me with a good dose of wanderlust. For the first time in decades, on the feast itself, I was within reach of the Shrine of the North American Martyrs and had no carved-in-stone evening duties. Google Maps told me it was 213-miles away. The prospect of a 426-mile afternoon made me pause. But the better angels then prevailed. I hit the road right after lunch

My first stop was a very brief hello at the Jesuit house in Cornwall, New York, "The Retreat of Saint Isaac Jogues". I shared a very cheery hello — masked and socially distant — with the great Jesuit pals I had not seen since before the pandemic closed their house to outsiders. The drive from Cornwall to Auriesville could not have been nicer. I reached the Ravine, for me the holiest ground at the Shrine, well before sunset.

Why am I using space in "This Week" to recount all this? Because it was a moment of peak gratitude for the privilege of being your pastor. Life at Saint Joe's generally leaves me feeling like the luckiest of ducks. Down in the Auriesville Ravine, reading Isaac's 1645 letters, re-experiencing his devotion, using his words to connect with Christ while, in the same moment, recalling the overwhelming goodness of our parishioners, especially during the pandemic, the sense of gratitude tilted my "thanks meter." I thank you for that. Truly.

This Moment in Prayer

CALLING EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – The job descriptions for all ministries have been up for grabs since the pandemic started. Most sacristans serve as EMs. Ushers serve as sacristans. Everyone serves as a pack mule. Please email me if you can serve as an EM at the 11:30 Sunday Communion Services that start on November 22. It requires you to walk from car to car but does NOT require direct contact with communicants. Thanks in advance for the help.

ARRANGING MASS INTENTIONS – If you have lost a child, you get to the front of the intentions line. If you have suffered this tragedy, and

would like to arrange a Mass, for your child's birthday or anniversary of death, please contact Carol in the front office next week. The Mass book will then open to all parishioners on November 3, the day after All Souls' Day.

BAPTISMS – Saturday, October 24 – was another joyful day of baptisms. We welcomed six more babies into the faith. God bless all of them and their families.

CONFESSIONS (OR CONVERSATION) – Tomorrow's day of baptisms means that appointments for confession or conversation will get back on track next Saturday, October 31. No costumes required.

LITURGY SCHEDULE – UPCOMING CHANGES:

Parking Lot Communion Services – The Wednesday morning, 10 am, will continue through the winter. This Tuesday, October 27, will be the last Tuesday evening service. That service will relocate to Sunday at 11:30 am.

Masses – The 9:30 Sunday Mass will not change. It will remain a "Seraphim/added precautions" Mass. The 11:30 outdoor Sunday Mass will be celebrated through November 15. We will take the roof off the tent the following day. Instead of that Mass, we will have an 11:30 Communion Service. The 4:45 Saturday Mass will resume on November 21 and will be a "Cherubim/standard precautions" Mass. The 8:35 Daily Mass will continue as is. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, it is a Cherubim/standard precautions Mass. Wednesday, it is a Seraphim/extra precautions Mass. Call Carol in the front office to reserve a seat for Wednesday.

This Moment in Community

HELLO VETERANS – Our blessed tradition will not waiver! We will again honor all parish veterans in prayer and (appropriate) fellowship. We will celebrate a parking lot Communion Service at 1:30 pm on Sunday, November 15th. After Communion, we will continue the tradition of calling the roll. We will also distribute some very excellent knit goods that parishioners have been crafting since June. Since we cannot all eat together, you will receive gift certificates for some very high-quality take-out.. More info on page 3. Of all the things we cannot let the pandemic interrupt, our Veterans' ceremony is high on the list. Please be sure to register, even if you cannot come.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Our CCD program entered its next phase of distance learning and all seems to have gone very well. Great thanks to the

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parents who have graciously and competently answered the call to assume new catechetical rolls. Thanks too to the teachers and committee members who are managing all this transition. The homework has been flowing in and looks very good. Three cheers for you.

REACHING ISOLATED PEOPLE – If you or any member of your family or extended community is feeling a bit isolated, please let me know. We want no one to enter the colder, darker months feeling alone. Are you aware of an older person who came to church all the time before the pandemic but is now staying home? Let me know. We want to reach out. Are you aware of an older person who has drifted away from church in recent years and is now spending most hours alone? Let me know. The response will be low-key and welcoming. PLEASE help us help folks find a deeper sense of community during the pandemic.

THE iPAD PROJECT – Tremendous thanks to all who donated used iPads. We now begin the task of showing isolated parishioners how to use them. This is a big deal. We asked for a few more than we currently need, precisely so we could help previously unknown people stay connected to church. Please let me know if you are aware of anyone who would like to come (virtually) to Mass and all else that goes on here.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – We start exploring Mark's gospel on Wednesday, November 4 at 7:30 pm. If you have expressed an interest in joining this adventure, you should have heard from Suzanne Kral, who is managing the roster. Please let me know if you have not contacted her. It should be a very good class.

FOGGING MINISTRY – Think "Ghostbusters." It's a pretty fun look. Get in on the project. We could still use a few folks to fog the church after Mass – especially after the 4:45, once it gets going. If you can spare the half-hour to perform this mission-critical task, please email Bryan DeLisi at bdelisi@stjosephsparish.com.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS – Sneak preview announcement Save your Sunday nights – from November 29 through January 10. Church will be the only place you really want to be.

VOTE – Remember – the whole system is different this year. Plan now if you haven't already.

With continued gratitude – huge doses of gratitude – and all best blessings, Fr Hank



VETERANS

Because you served...the Community of St. Joseph Parish would like to **Thank You**. Join fellow Veterans and guests on

Sunday, November 15, 2020 at 1:30 PM For a Veterans Service Honoring our Service Men & Women

The service will take place outdoors in the St. Joseph Parish parking lot. Plan to arrive between 1:00 and 1:20 PM when parking lot attendants will direct you to your parking spot. Veterans and their guests will remain safely in their cars while they tune to FM radio station 88.7 during the 30-minute service and roll call. Communion will be distributed. Spouses and/or family members of deceased or active duty service members are also especially invited.

Registration is required. Please go to www.stjosephsparish.com and click on the Veterans Service box to sign up by filling in then attached form by November 8th.

Please complete this form by November 8th - Veterans Sign up 2020 for roll call and to receive a small gift of remembrance (even if you are unable to attend).

If you are having trouble completing the form or if you have questions, please contact Gail Bellas at gbellas@stjosephsparish.com or 908-240-2031.

IN GOD'S IMAGE

In God's Image, 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 November 11 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

emailingsacredheartigi@gmail.com.

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 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!

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 1, 15, & 29

To participate in the virtua 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.

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 25 from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm. To pre-register please visit our website:

www.stjoes.org

There will be a Virtual Open House in November as well. We look forward to seeing you on campus!

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.

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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
- *I 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 <u>full Thanksgiving Meal.</u>

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



VIRTUAL ADVENT GIVING TREE

The St. Joseph Advent Giving Tree Ministry is continuing our parish's generous spirit of providing Christmas gifts for many community members by collecting gift cards this year in lieu of actual gifts. This will be in keeping with our ministry members group decision and the requests of the agencies we serve.

DUE DATE FOR ALL GIFT CARDS IS NOVEMBER 9TH

. Dates are early this year so cards can get to the agencies for their distribution timeline.

Go to www.stjsoephsparish.com and click on the Advent Tree Giving Box.

PLEASE REVIEW THE DIRECTIONS BEFORE REGISTERING FOR THE VIRTUAL ADVENT

GIVING TREE.

(If you are unable to purchase gift card(s), but wish to participate, please consider writing a check to St Joseph's MEMO: Advent Giving Tree and mail to St. Joseph's Parish. The Advent Giving Tree Ministry will purchase the gift cards on your behalf.)

Select a retailer(s) from the ticket list. Click the \$25 gift card donation entering 1 or more

Enter your email information and finish the registration.

You will receive an email confirming your selection.

Purchase your cards through a retail location or website (For example: Kohl's or Amazon).

Place your cards in an envelope and return them to the secure black box on the brick wall to the right of the Parish Center Office doors.

DO NOT USE THE CURB MAILBOX

At any time, feel free to call the parish office and dial in for the Advent Giving Tree extension: 908-874-3141 ext 225. You will receive a call back within the day. Or email one of our coordinators, Carol Jorgensen, at carolj623@comcast.net

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