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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
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

MASS INTENTIONS are combined as follows:

4:45 Mass will combine 4:45, 7:15 & 6:00 intentions.. 9:30 will combine 9:30 & 11:30 intentions..

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. 8:35AM Norman Rodriguez
R/B Dianne Mantilla

Tue. 8:35AM Lawrence Jerzewski Sr.
R/B Lois & Ed Jerzewski
8:35AM Jack Hurley
R/B Garr Stephenson
8:35AM George Wallingford
R/B Stevens Family

.Wed. 8:35AM John Ostapovich
R/B Denise & Dennis Sitarik

Thu.. 8:35AM Paul Gubitosi
R/B Gubitosi Family

Fri. 8:35AM Lou Laffoon
R/B Laffoon Family
8:35AM Arthur Redondo
R/B Vincent & Suzanne Kral

Sat. 4:45PM Elenmarie B. Dunn
R/B Siobhan Dunn
4:45PM Linda Watts
R/B M/M Michael Valenzano
4:45PM People of Our Parish

Sun. 9:30AM Edward Szczepanski
R/B Barbara Dorr
9:30AM Jim Kelly
R/B LoCicero Family
9:30AM Nick Voglio
R/B Walter & Florence Bercarich
9:30AM Dorothy Prymak
R/B Terri & Peter Macor

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Genesis 9:8-15
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:12-15

Fireside Psalms

Thursday, February 18
Psalm 53 (fifty-three)



FEBRUARY 17

DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

PLEASE NOTE – THE ONLY TIME YOU NEED TO REGISTER IS FOR THE 5:00 PM SERVICE.

- After the 8:35 M Mass in Church (This will be a regular precautions Mass. Thursday, 2/18 will be the “seraphim” Mass for the week.

The following will be distributed outdoors and will involve no person-to-person contact:

- After the 10:00 AM Communion Service in the parking lot
- During the 5:00 PM Service of Ashes in the parking lot (**registration required**)
- Between 7:00 and 8:00 pm, by Fr. Hank, in front of the church, drive-up

Also, at every service, ashes will be distributed with Q-tips, not with thumbs. There will be no person-to-person contact



LITTLE BLACK LENTEN BOOKS

Our LBBs are flying off the shelves. God bless all those people in our parish history who helped make them a parish thing. What a consolation it is to think that so many parishioners share the Lenten experience. :

There are still 3 ways to obtain one:

- **After Indoor Mass** – Take one from the table in the Gathering Space (limit 2 per household)
- **After Communion Services** – Ushers will give you one when you park
- **Stay Home** – If you received a Christmas gift from the parish, you are on the “delivery list” and a copy of the book will be brought to your home. If you were expecting a home delivery and have not received one, let Fr. Hank know. Please also let Fr. Hank know if someone who should be on our home delivery list is not yet on it.

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This Moment in Prayer, Service and Community

Dear All:
Christ's Peace!

Get ready to say goodbye to the green. Wednesday moves us into 40 days of purple. Then comes fifty days of white. We return to the green on Monday, May 24. It will surely be a different world.

This Moment in Prayer

Our Lenten Conversions – What positive habit is God asking you to embrace? What negative habit is God asking you to abandon? Have you had a chance to think through how you might use Lent to launch these changes? Perhaps you can relate to my pattern of having lots of good ideas and then suddenly it is Ash Wednesday. We still have a few days. And maybe let pandemic experiences influence your choices.

Prayer to Saint Joseph – Pope Francis has announced the year of Saint Joseph. Since he is our parish patron, this is an extra-special time for us. Between March 19 (The Feast of Saint Joseph the Husband of Mary) and May 1 (The Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker), we will say a brief prayer to Saint Joseph after each Mass. But here is the problem; I cannot recall the very pithy Saint Joseph prayer of my youth. We want to keep it short so that we can remember it and use it when we need it. We are less on the search for something like the Memorare and more on the search for something like “Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, Bless the bed that I lay on, and if I die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take.” Suggestions?

Spring Sacraments — We are ready to get going! It will be different and oh-so-excellent and grace-filled.

First Penance – We have 39 students making First Penance – in small groups, with their parents, on Saturday mornings in March.

First Communions – We have 46 youngsters making their First Communions in late April and early May. Most will be at special Masses. A few will be at regularly scheduled Masses.

Confirmations – In early June, on Friday nights and/or Saturday mornings, I will have the privilege of confirming 79 young people.

Once again, it will be a season of remarkable and very memorable graces.

Our Parish Necrology – If you didn't get a chance to submit your edits, no big worries. We will be updating every year. Meanwhile – HUGE thanks to Sean Glennon for getting it all done. It takes the skill and generosity of a Saint Peter's Prep guy to do this!

Youth Group Rosary — on Sunday evening Feb 21 the youth group will be saying the rosary together and offering up intentions for the people of the parish. After the praying, they will “party like it's 2021”...socially distant...with chicken and sides from TLG.

This Moment in Service

1000 Bottles of Soap on the Wall, a Thousand Bottles of Soap – (dish soap and laundry soap, that is) – It is once again time for our early Lent effort to help the Feeding Hands Food pantry. (N.B. – The pantry recently moved from Somerville to larger quarters in Raritan.) Our goal is to provide 1,000 bottles of laundry soap and 1,000 bottles of dish soap. Thanks to our Knights for organizing this project and for clarifying the guidelines:

Every bottle should contain 32 or fewer ounces

Make your contribution between Sunday, March 7 and Good Friday, April 2

Put your contributions in the specially marked bins in the church van

If the van is out delivering food, leave the bottles in the bin on the bench by the door

Send up a prayer for the recipients when you buy the soap, when you drop it off, or both.

Hillsborough Food Bank – Thanks to all who inquired this week about last week's announcement concerning package size. Once again, you are doing a terrific job, and everyone involved appreciates your effort to obtain and contribute smaller packages.

Valentines for Parish Caregivers – So many of our parishioners give themselves selflessly to caring for loved ones who need extra help. Our parish's Ministry to Caregivers serves these folks in

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wonderful ways. Most recently the ministry sent them Valentine's care packages that included candy, hand-written messages on hand-made cards, and Little Black Books. Students from our upcoming confirmation classes, chauffeured by their parents, delivered the packages to caregivers in Hillsborough, Manville, and Somerset. Team effort!

Learning about Service – Our 2022 confirmandi learned much on Monday night as they listened to three Zoom presentations about local service opportunities. Lois Bennett described Feeding Hands Pantry. Jeanine Cavanagh taught them about Christmas in Appalachia. Terry Lee spoke of Elijah's Promise and about Saint Vincent de Paul in Perth Amboy. GREAT thanks to our presenters, our confirmandi and their families.

This Moment in Community

Sunday's Celebration of Marriage –

HUGE blessings for the 25-year couples: Chris and Tina Androulakis, Pat and Lisa Cusack, Steve and Maria LoCicero, and Rich and Anna Maria Realbuto.

Doubly huge blessings for the 50-year couples: Walt and Florence Bercharich, Terry and Barbara Golda. John and Carol Jorgensen, Jerry and Debbie Katz, Thaddeus and Patricia Mroz, Frank and Viola Prevete, Sam and Ardina Racela, and John and Rosie Tamburini. Your whole parish thanks you, blesses you and celebrates with you.

Parish Finances – Thanks to all who were able to review last week's financial updates. If you have not yet had a chance to review them, please do so. The reports are posted on the website and can be viewed whenever you have a minute or ten. NB – I apologize for the persistent typo. Grace's last name is SIGNAIGO (pr: sig – NAY – go). I somehow typed it as "Signano." Bad form.

Looking forward to seeing you in church – and with all best blessings,

Father Hank

IN MEMORIAM

Robert J. Ciano, Sr., father of parishioner Robert Ciano, Jr., died on February 5.

Please pray for his eternal rest and for consolation for his family and for all who mourn his 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 & 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, February 21
March 7 & 21**

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#.

SAGES

Blessings for all who picked up your parish calendars. Our distribution team loved seeing you here. Remember that the tent goes back up in fewer than 12 weeks, and the fun will then re-begin!

Meanwhile, email AnnaMaria if you want to join the **Sages Hiking Group**
first outing is March 19, our Patron's feast.

Details to follow.

arealbuto@stjosephsparish.com.



CRAB-CAKES, Friday, March 26

Friday of Palm Sunday weekend will be when we discover if local crab cakes can compare to the best from Baltimore. Either way, the contest will be delicious. Mark your calendar!

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LENTEN OBLIGATIONS

So that the Church of Metuchen may be spiritually one in a common observance of Lent, the following days of fast and abstinence are to be observed by all Catholics of the Diocese who enjoy the blessings of good health:

1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.
3. From the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday until the celebration of the Easter Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday, the Easter fast should be observed so that, with uplifted and welcoming hearts, we may be ready to celebrate the joys of the Resurrection.

This ancient tradition, intimately connected with the Rites of Holy Week and the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, is encouraged, especially in those places baptizing catechumens at the Easter Vigil.

The obligation to fast applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. To fast in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal during the day so as to experience hunger.

The obligation of abstinence affects all Catholics who have reached the age of 14. Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat. The obligation of fast and abstinence, as a whole, is a serious obligation. While failure to observe any penitential day in itself may not be considered serious, the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of them without good cause, would be considered a grave matter. Those unable to abstain for a valid reason on any given Friday of Lent are asked to perform some other penitential act, or to abstain on another day.

PRAYING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS In the YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

The series will guide you through spiritual reflection on the Stations of the Cross with themes relating to St. Joseph. Presented by Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University, a reflection will be delivered each weekday delivered via e-mail. The series will run Monday, March 1, through Friday, March 19, the feast of St. Joseph. If you would like to subscribe, please visit the Lenten Series registration page at: www.shu.edu/lentenseries.

DIOCESAN LENTEN PROGRAMS

Virtual on Zoom

Register for any or all by visiting: www.diometuchen.org/evangelization

WOMEN'S LENTEN GROUP

All women are invited to join in a virtual Lenten spirituality group **beginning on Sunday, February 21 on Zoom**. The group will meet each Sunday of Lent at 2:30 p.m. using the Ascension Press "Lenten Companion" book. For more details or to join, please contact Cristina D'Averso-Collins, Director of Family Life, at cdaverso@diometuchen.org.

MEDITATING TOGETHER IN LENT

Join Allan Caballero, Director of Evangelization, and Megan Vanslot, Director of Youth Evangelization, in a virtual Lenten meditation group **beginning on Tuesday, February 23**. The group will meet on Zoom each Tuesday of Lent at 7:00 p.m. using "The Tears of Christ," a book from the Augustine Institute. Register and receive a free book. Space is limited. For more info email acaballero@diometuchen.org.

LIVING LENT AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

Join Rev. Timothy Christy, Vicar General of the Diocese of Metuchen, for a talk and reflection on our journey during these 40 days of Lent. Through this talk, to be held virtually on **Thursday, February 25 at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom**, you will be invited to follow Jesus into the desert – in a spiritual sense. This spiritual journey takes people away from the commotion of the world to a quiet place where we can hear God and be purified and prepared by Him for Easter and the mission He is calling us to. The journey involves temptations, prayer, fasting and almsgiving, but also, freedom and grace through detachment.

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Sunday, February 27, 8:45AM-12:30PM

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A LA Lenten Day of Reflection on how to personally experience the Word of God with your entire self

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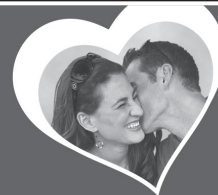
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