

March 14, 2021

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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

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For live streaming or for viewing an archived Mass simply go to the parish web and click away.

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 Al Wund
R/B Susan Wund

Tue. 8:35AM Joseph Cicoria
R/B Cicoria Family

8:35AM Joseph Greco
R/B Kral Family

8:35AM Carol & Jim Horling
R/B Dorothy Gearon

.Wed. 8:35AM Aniello Maresca
R/B Carmela & Dan Maresca

Thu.. 8:35AM Alex Marion
R/B Ginny Jackson

Fri. 8:35AM Joseph Merkert
R/B Karam Family

8:35AM Walter Ronchetti
R/B Carol & John Jorgensen

Sat. 4:45PM Frank Guidotti
R/B Carol & Anthony Guidotti

4:45PM Francis J MacNamara
R/B Jill & Eric Hannum

4:45PM People of Our Parish

9:30AM Angelo Santamaria
R/B Geraci Family

9:30AM Namir Nouri
R/B Selwa Toni

9:30AM Deacon George Skip LaPolice
R/B Mackiw Family

9:30AM AnnaMaria Raschella-Defina
R/B Dentici Children & Grandchildren

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrews 5:7-9
John 12:20-33

Fireside Psalms

Thursday, March 18
Psalm 31 (thirty-one): Verses 1-12

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH MARCH 19



This Moment in Prayer, Service and Community

Dear All: Christ's Peace!

How are your Lenten (spiritual) renovations coming along? I am making some progress, though not as much as I had originally hoped. Maybe a C+ or a B-. Certainly not an A. You?

This Moment in Prayer

Our Intra-Feast Prayer – During this year of Saint Joseph, we will pursue a few spiritual adventures to honor Saint Joseph and deepen our connection with him. Our first undertaking will be a prayer after each Mass. We will start praying the brief prayer on March 19, the Feast of Saint Joseph the Husband of Mary, and continue through May 1, the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker. The prayer comes from a very old hymn:

*Joseph be our guide and model, faithful to your sacred trust,
Strong protector of the Virgin, and the infant Jesus Christ.
Joseph firm and faithful guide us, Joseph walk the way with us.*

Family-Bubble Eucharistic Ministers – If a member of your quarantine bubble is stuck at home

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and would like to receive Communion, we can train you and set you up to be that family member's EM. Please contact AnnaMaria Realbuto at arealbuto@stjosephsparish.com or 908-874-3141 x 240 to arrange the brief training and the visit.

4:45 Seating – Participation at the Saturday 4:45 has been increasing steadily. It is a beautiful increase to behold. We are not there yet but, in order to maximize seating, we might soon need to have the ushers direct people to the best available seats so that, e.g., spaces for 4 are not occupied by one person and spaces for 2 are not jammed with 4. Stay tuned.

This Moment in Service

Progress Report on our 2000 Bottles of Soap

– You are doing a terrific job and we are making great progress. Barely one week into our four-week campaign, we are almost half-way there. We have already delivered 500 bottles, have about 500 more in the Memorial Hallway, and need to collect about 1000 more between now and April 2. Leave it to you. Your generosity is thrilling the folks at the Feeding Hands Pantry.

Hillsborough Food Bank – At Tuesday night's Parish Council meeting, we heard more great news about your generosity to the Hillsborough Food Bank. Last week we delivered six shopping carts of food. Keep up the great work. Most of you who give, give regularly. Know that you are removing heavy dread from the lives of many of God's beloved. If, as they weather this tough period, the food bank beneficiaries could not obtain the food you give, their families' difficulties could easily move toward catastrophic. God bless you.

Help with Utilities – If you or members of your immediate family are having trouble paying utilities, church can help. Carlene Thomson in our Social Ministries office is a pro at helping people find the help they need. One particularly useful program, one through which the state assists with electric and gas bills, ends on March 15. Check it out at <https://njdca-housing.dynamics365portals.us/en-US/#/iheap> or call 800-510-3102. If you need help navigating the application, email Carlene at cthomson@stjosephsparish.com

This Moment in Community

Gifts for the Homebound – Our parish Ministry to the Homebound takes to the road this week. They will deliver gifts – in honor of Saint Joseph's

Feast and Easter – to 100 of our homebound parishioners. Please let AnnaMaria know if you are aware of any parishioner who is homebound but is not yet on our list. Email AnnaMaria at arealbuto@sjmillstone.com or call her at 908-874-3141 x 240. Thanks for helping us to assure that every parishioner continues to feel connected to the parish, no matter what.

Mark Your Calendars

K of C Crab Cake Takeout – Friday, March 26. Ordering available until Sunday, March 21.

Parish Spring Clean Up – Saturday, April 24. Rain date, May 1. There is a job for everyone.

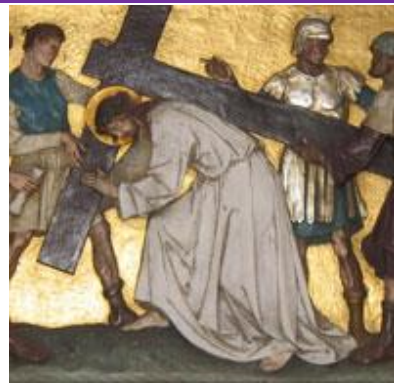
SAGES Walk – Friday, March 19, our parish feast. Contact AnnaMaria to join the adventure. 908-874-3141 ext 240 arealbuto@stjosephsparish.com

Bishop's Annual Appeal – The letters are in the mail. Please help as you can.

I trust and pray that your Lent is going well. If it needs a reboot, this is a good week for rebooting.

Father Hank

PS – In this week's LBB entries, I completely enjoyed the ones about Evelyn Waugh and the Three Temples. You?



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays in Lent in Church

9:15 AM Traditional Stations

7:00PM Scriptural Stations

(as they appear in back of our Church)

The Friday morning Stations are also livestreamed and posted online..

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IN MEMORIAM

Michael A. DeLucia, 55, spouse of parishioner Nina, died on March 6.

Joseph Bianchini, 72, former parishioner, died on March 6.

Charlotte Politi, 97, mother of parishioner Paul, died on March 8.

Please pray for their eternal rest and for consolation for their families and for all who mourn their deaths.



1000 BOTTLES OF SOAP

**To Help
the Feeding Hands Food Pantry**

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 of **dish soap** should contain **32 or fewer ounces**.
- Every bottle of **laundry soap** should **supply 32 loads of laundry (usually 50 or 60 oz. bottles)**.
- **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.



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, March 21
April 11 & 25**

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 ACTIVITIES

Walking/hiking group: Kick off meeting and walk on the Feast of St Joseph, **March 19 at 2PM**. Let's meet under the tent for a brief meeting and then head out for our first walk on our very own parish campus.

After our first walk this group will be meeting every other Wednesday at various parks beginning March 24. We will call it Walking Wednesdays. .

Sages Picnic Luncheons will resume bi-weekly under the tent beginning on Monday, **April 19 from 12-2pm**. Registration to follow.

Thursdays, beginning **April 22 at 11am** will be **Toning Thursdays** under the tent. We will resume with our Healthy Bones chair exercise class for 8 weeks, followed by 6 weeks of Drums Alive.

Please reach AnnaMaria with any questions or to be added to the Sages email calendar arealbuto@stjosephsparish.com or 908-874-3141 ext. 240.

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2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Transformed by Christ

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The global pandemic has challenged us to evolve in how we share and communicate the Gospel message, but the message remains the same and it is worth sharing. So, we must continue to journey with others, even if we are physically apart, to make the Good News and His love known to all because that is what will see us through. While our discipleship is to always find new ways to bring His love and the Good News of Jesus Christ we are now called to do more for the Lord and each other. This year, we have seen a large increase in the use of virtual means to connect and engage with one another. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports essential role of the **Vicariate for Evangelization and Communication** as we expand our efforts to share the Gospel message and make His love known to all.

Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal impacts the lives of so many and supports such vital ministries as the formation of our seminarians and deacons, outreach to our youth and young adults, and programs to assist couples through marriage preparation. Our ongoing efforts in evangelization and catechesis, advocacy for human life and dignity, and effectively ministering to people of varied ethnicities and languages all depend on your generosity. In addition, \$1.7 million has been earmarked for our Catholic Charities which is dedicated to providing basic needs and counseling services for those struggling with the hardships of life.

To learn more about the impact of your gift, view the Bishop's Annual Appeal video by going to <https://diometuchen.org/BAA> or scan the QR code below. This year, the BAA video is being produced in a series of 4 (approximately one per month), so be sure to check it out frequently.



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REGISTRATION IS OPEN ~ SIGN UP TODAY:
CONTACT US WITH YOUR QUESTIONS: Forward your questions to: John Ball, ILLUMAN DC Convener – johnball0450@gmail.com

OR

If you or someone you know is interested and would like to know more information about the retreat you may contact parishioner Anthony Monticchio at godspell@embarqmail.com.

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<https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) **no later than March 31, 2021**

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Friday, March 19 at 5 PM

Cathedral of St. Francis Assisi, Metuchen

Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate at this Mass.

Seating is limited so registration is required. Please visit www.diometuchen.org/evangelization to register. Face coverings and social distancing are required. **The Mass will also be livestreamed here:** <https://www.stfranciscathedral.org>

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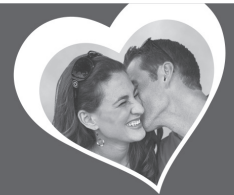
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