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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 Joseph Greco.  
R/B Houle & Veras Families
- Tue. 8:35AM Annie Matthew  
R/B Shanta George  
8:35AM Leo Webb  
R/B Koehr Family  
8:35AM Albert Toni  
R/B Selwa Toni
- Wed, 8:35AM Gene Macor  
R/B Terri & Peter Macor
- Thu. 8:35AM Joseph Cicoria  
R/B Cicoria Family
- Fri. 8:35AM Joseph Greco  
R/B Mario Lugo  
8:35AM William Pearson  
R/B Lorraine Carniglia
- Sat. 4:45PM Joseph Longabardi  
R/B Adeline & Edmund Wierzbicki  
4:45PM Francis J. MacNamara  
R/B Meghan & Ed Knapp  
4:45PM Robert Ferretti Sr.  
R/B Ed & Lois Jerzewski
- Sun. 9:30PM Elizabeth Suzanne Mundhenk  
R/B Mundhenk Family  
9:30P Robert Melillo  
R/B Rosalie Leonardi  
9:30PM Gerri & Al Maier  
R/B Carol Matras & Eileen Sanderson  
9:30PM People of the Parish

## **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

I John 3:1-2                      John 10:11-18

**Fireside Psalms**  
**Thursday, April 22**  
Psalm 13 (thirteen)



## *This Moment in Prayer, Service and Community*

*Dear All: Christ'[s Peace!*

### *This Moment in Prayer*

**Holy Water at Home** – As you refill your home font, what should you do when holy water in the bottle starts to run out? I rely on you to update me here, but the following matches my understanding. Bottom line? Add bits of water along the way, well before your bottle gets to the 50 percent mark:

The common custom (though not officially recognized) is that so long as the water added to the holy water does not amount to half the amount of the holy water then all water in the container is considered blessed water.

**11:30 Mass: Seating** – With glory and thanks to God, we resume the “11:30 Tent Mass” on Sunday. You do not need to register for this Mass. There will be three seating options: under the tent (the weather-proof seats), in the outdoor enclosure (the sunny seats), and in your car (the radio seats). All seats will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis.

**11:30 Mass: Parking** – You can park in one of four places. **PLEASE PRINT – LOUD AND CLEAR ON BIG PAPER – which of the following you prefer. AND SHOW IT TO THE USHER ON THE WAY IN.** By making your word visible to the folks at the gate, you will speed things along and reduce the probability of mishaps!

**Volunteer:** You park next to the tent in rows 1-4.

**In-car:** If, for health reasons, you choose to remain in your car, you will be parking in rows 5-9, on the church side of those rows, facing the tent. Cars will be arranged “checkerboard style” to facilitate the distribution of Communion. Since the altar is under the tent, you will not see as much as you did at the Communion Services. But the audio will be just as good. Tune in to 88.7 FM. If you are staying in your car because you are lazy, shape up and relocate!

**Close:** If you will be sitting in the tent or the enclosure, but have mobility issues, you will be parking in rows 5-9, on the flagpole side of the lot. That puts you very close to the tent.

**General:** If you are none of the above, you will park in rows 10-19, anywhere you would like. And

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for being so easy, your car will be simonized and tire-shined when you return. (Actually, that is not true.) It would be great if you walk to the tent on the driveway by the church.

We are doing our best to accommodate as many as possible. We will live and learn and adjust our tactics as needed.

**11:30 Mass: Communion** – If you are sitting in the tent or the enclosure, you will receive Communion on your way out. We might start from the back. Or from the front. Stay tuned. Safety is the goal. If you are in your car, for health reasons, a Eucharistic Minister will come to your car after everyone else has received Communion. Please open your window, make sure your mask is in place, extend your arms as far as possible, and form your palms into a deep bowl to receive the Body of Christ.

**Safe Departures** – from the 10:00 Wednesday Communion Services and 11:30 Sunday Masses – I apologize again to those at whom I have barked! And remember, the barking will continue until the stopping stops! I am more eager than you can imagine to connect with each of you, as I was able to do pre-pandemic in front of the church. Regrettably, there is no safe way for you to slow or stop to chat on the way out. That is why, when you stop and roll down your window, I respond with “Keep Moving!” If you have something to deliver or a message to share, just wait in your space until everyone has left, then we can gab it up! Thanks.

**Upcoming Mass Changes** – Once again, with glory and thanks to God, the number of people attending Mass in-person is rising steadily. I believe that the current setup – 4:45 Saturday (standard precautions), 9:30 Sunday (enhanced precautions) and 11:30 Sunday (outdoors) – will enable everyone who wants to go to Mass to go to Mass. The story might change by the time Pentecost rolls around. Expect some tweaks.

**Honor Thy Ushers** – Thanks over and over and over for your exemplary cooperation. Since God enabled us to reopen our church, you have been great sports. In the next few weeks, so we can accommodate increasing numbers of people, the ushers will gradually become a bit more directive and will rely, even a bit more, on your good natures. Please keep the following guidelines in mind:

**Assemble Outdoors** – If you and your intended pew-mates are coming in separate cars, meet each other outside and then come in. The ushers seat people in order of arrival.

**Stay put at the 9:30** – The 9:30 is meant to accommodate people who have health concerns but

want to come to Mass indoors. People who are particularly vulnerable feel safer when they minimize exposure. So, if you need to leave your seat at the 9:30, feel free to stay in the Gathering Space to participate in the rest of the Mass. Folks at the 9:30 enjoy just one arrival at their seats!

**Keep Cooperating with the Ushers** – You have been doing a terrific job of staying focused on the common good. Now, as we head slowly out of the pandemic and, as pandemic fatigue increases, it is understandable that people want to return to pre-pandemic autonomy. That will happen. As we find our ways toward that old way, I very much appreciate your cooperation with the ushers, especially as they direct you to seats that might not be your first choice. They are responsible for keeping people safe and maximizing numbers. I am grateful for your suggestions and for your willingness to share them with me rather than via the ushers.

## *This Moment in Service*

**The Soap Project** – Kudos to all who voted to stay the course until we met our goal. Special thanks to all who delivered this week and to Tom L., one of our “streamers,” for funding the final purchases. As of today, our contribution to Feeding Hands is 1017 bottles of dish soap and 1048 jugs of laundry detergent. Three cheers for you!

## *This Moment in Community*

**COVID Funeral Funding** – Please call Carol in our front office if you have lost a loved one to COVID. She can help you connect with government agencies that help pay for the funerals.

**Sister Colleen Gibson, SSJ**, daughter of Kathy & Bill Gibson, has received the top award from the Associated Church Press, the Award of Excellence, for her series of columns in the *Global Sisters Report*. The judges called her work “a raw and honest exploration of faith within the Catholic tradition that celebrates both its richness and challenges from an engaged feminist perspective.” Sr. Colleen has also published articles in *America*, *Commonweal* and the *National Catholic Reporter* and has her own blog, *Wandering in Wonder*. She is presently the coordinator of services at the Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Center in Camden, NJ. Our parish helped their clients through donations to the Advent Giving Tree. You can read some of her columns at [www.globalsistersreport.org](http://www.globalsistersreport.org)

Enjoy spring!

**Fr. Hank**



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## 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, April 25  
May 9 & 23**

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#.



## ATTENTION

### HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR CATHOLIC GIRLS

The Millstone Valley Columbiettes Auxiliary is looking to nominate one high school senior Catholic girl from our parish for the Student Good Citizen Award. This is awarded by our State Council Columbiettes to one high school senior Catholic girl in New Jersey who demonstrates leadership, service, dependability and patriotism at home, school and the community. The award recipient will be invited to the NJ State Convention in June to receive a monetary gift and certificate. If you are interested in applying or have any questions, please contact Michele Tuck at [mptuck@comcast.net](mailto:mptuck@comcast.net) or [mvcjawardsgmail.com](mailto:mvcjawardsgmail.com). Applicants must be a registered member of St. Joseph Parish. **Applications must be submitted by April 23rd.**



## PARISH SPRING CLEAN-UP

**Saturday, April 24, 9AM**

Please meet under the tent where projects will be assigned and great rewards promised..

We can use plenty of helping hands.

**Let's hope for good weather.**

## SAGES ACTIVITIES

**Walking/hiking Group:**

**Wednesday, April 21 at 2 PM at church, under the tent.** We have a 1-mile route mapped out around our campus and you can walk it as many times you like. We will also discuss the location of our next AWAY walk. All are welcome. Just show up and AnnaMaria will have paperwork handy for new participants.

**Healthy Bones Exercise Class**

**Thursday, April 22 at 11 AM under tent.**

No registration necessary. Paperwork will be available on site.

**Sages Picnic Luncheons**

This week's first bi-weekly picnic is full, **Next one is Monday May 3.** Watch for details.

For more info contact at AnnaMaria at 908-874-3141, extension 240, or email her at [arealbuto@stjosephsparish.com](mailto:arealbuto@stjosephsparish.com)

## MENTAL HEALTH AND COVID-19

**Wednesday April 28, 2021, 7:00 to 8:00 PM**

Join us for an exclusive, virtual presentation featuring Atlantic Health System Behavioral Health **experts who will discuss the significant impact of COVID-19 on children, adolescent and adults.**

**REGISTER NOW**

For Additional information or to register by phone, please contact Sunanda Sharma at 908-204-8846

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## LOOKING AHEAD

Our Parish Office of Religious Education is already looking ahead to the future and making plans for CCD classes beginning in September 2021. Dealing with all the precautions from the pandemic caused some setbacks this past year and we're hoping to do everything we can to be better prepared for the new school year.

*Do you love children?*

*Do you love your Faith?*

Here is an opportunity to share your Faith with children and WE NEED YOU to consider volunteering to be a CCD TEACHER.

The Metuchen Diocese is providing a workshop to give you more information about this calling from God.

### **The Vocation of Catechist 101**

**When: April 27 & 28**

**Where: Virtual Workshop (registrants will receive a link via email)**

**Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. both nights**

**This course will be presented LIVE VIA ZOOM.**

Participants will explore their call to serve in catechetical ministry, have the opportunity to learn more about what catechesis is, and consider the vocation of catechist. They will learn to see themselves as a "teacher" of the faith and as a missionary disciple who witnesses their faith and relationship with Jesus in word and deed.

We will share how we can create an environment with young people and families that can encounter the Lord, lead others effectively to prayer and creatively engage our young people in ways that are also adaptable in virtual learning environments. Time will be allotted for personal prayer and reflection.

**Presenters:** Carol Mascola Director, Office of Discipleship the Formation, Diocese of Metuchen and Candi Gonzalez, Parish Catechetical Leader, Our Lady of Peace Parish, Fords

**There is no charge for these workshops.**

You may also call Jim Jungels at our parish for more information

Join us for a **Virtual** Evening with  
**Father James J. Martin, SJ**  
**"LEARNING TO PRAY"**

Many of us struggle with prayer. Nothing seems to happen, or we get distracted, or we're not even sure how to do it.

*What is prayer? What are some ways to do it?*

*And what happens in prayer?*

Everyone can pray, that includes you!

Enter into a deeper relationship with God, who desires to meet you in prayer.

**Wednesday, May 5, 2021, 7-9 PM**  
**\$25 per person -Registration Required**

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## CLIMATE CHANGE: SOLVING THE PROBLEM FROM THE INSIDE OUT VIA ZOOM

Starting with a deeper understanding of our own relationship with God's Creation, environmental scientists will discuss the problem, consequences, possible political and technical responses to this global reality. **Wednesday, April 21, 7-9PM**

(\$20-\$30 as you are able)

Presenters: Gerard McKenna and Dr. Harry Allen  
*Gerard McKenna is an environmental scientist and teacher. Dr. Harry Allen is an environmental Scientist.*

To register:: Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer  
908-753-2091 or [www.msmhope.org](http://www.msmhope.org)

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