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MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE		
Daily Mass:		
Monday-Saturd	ay 8:35 AM	
Weekend Mass	es:	
Saturday	4:45 PM	
Sunday	7:15 AM	
	9:30 AM	
	11:30 AM	
	6:00 PM	
Holyday Masse	s:	
Vigil	5:00 PM	
Holyday	8:35 AM & 7:00 PM	
Confessions:		
Saturday	4 - 4:30 PM	

or by appointment

EMERGENCIES Sacrament of Anointing Call 908-874-3141 and press 1 for a priest.

Crisis Pregnancy Hotline 732-516-0911

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon.	8:35AM Evan & Anna Bakale
	R/B Alice Manzella & Family
Tue.	8:35AM Eugene Gottlick
	R/B Laura larkowski & Family
	8:35AM Angela Marchese
	R/B Carol Valone
	8:35AM Skip Simons
	R/B Sarah Greene
Wed.	8:35AM Carolyn Byington
	R/B Cathy & Dennis Hammer
Thu	8:35AM Tony Manzella
	R/B Alice Manzella & Family
Fri.	8:35AM Joe Quinn Jr.
	R/B Pat & Joanne Gagliardi
	8:35AM Geraldine Moore
	R/B Friends in Plant Ministry
Sat.	4:45PM Suzanne Kujawski
	R/B Kujawski Family
	4:45PM Gina Mascolo
	R/B Zuccarello Family
	4:45PM People of the Parish
	9:30AM Gaetano Geraci
	R/B Geraci Family
	9:30AM Anita Benedue
	R/B DelMaestro Family
	9:30AM Gwen Peters
	R/B Dawn Bondar
	11:30AM Lorenzo Lanza
	R/B Cridge Family

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Ezekiel 17:22-24 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 Mark 4:26-34

Fireside Psalms

Thursday, June 10 - Psalm 23 (Twenty-Three) **FirePIT Psalm – This** will be the last day of Fireside Psalms for this season. We will conclude the season with a picnic dinner and "Firepit Psalms" at 7:00. We will be "broadcasting" the psalms from the firepit. Please register if you intend to join the Firepit Psalm Night or want to provide feedback



This Moment in Prayer, Service and Community

Dear All: Christ's Peace!

SPECIAL SECTION: STAGE III OF OUR PANDEMIC EXPERIENCE: ADJUSTMENTS FOR EACH MASS

As we transition into Stage III of our pandemic management, our goal remains unchanged – to maximize the number of people who come to church and receive Communion. That now requires us to reduce many restrictions while maintaining practices that enable the "moderately concerned" and the "very concerned" (60% of all parishioners) to participate serenely in Mass. The current state of the art involves ...

Enhanced Precautions Masses – We will now have two Enhanced Precautions Masses each week. They will be at 8 am Sunday (starting June 13) and 8:35 Wednesday. Those Masses will NOT require pre-registration. At these Masses, people will sit in every third pew, there will be no singing, people will be expected to wear masks, and Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass.

Two Types of Sections – Weekend Masses, except the 8:00, will provide Standard Precautions Sections and Enhanced Precautions Sections. The number and location of these sections will change as we gauge demand for each option. Thanks in advance for your cooperation as we find our way. And thanks for understanding that everyone has their reasons for the choices they make. Let everyone feel at home here.

Enhanced Precautions Sections –In the Enhanced Precautions Section, people will sit in every third pew. In these sections, people are to **SIT IN THE PEWS MARKED WITH BLUE SQUARES**. People who sit in these sections are also expected to maintain side-to-side distance between bubbles and wear masks.

Standard Precautions Sections – In the Standard Precautions Sections, people will sit in every other pew. People are to SIT IN THE PEWS MARKED BY GREEN TRIANGLES. By sitting in these sections, people are doing the parish a favor by providing more seats at each Mass. My personal preference is that you only sit in this section if you are vaccinated. So too, for the first few weeks, perhaps until July 4th, it would also be good if you wear masks. Again, neither the ushers nor I can lean on you to do so.

4:45 PM – We can now ease a few of the 4:45's pandemic restrictions. People can choose to sit in either enhanced precautions sections or standard sections. Communion will be received at the regular, pre-pandemic time. There will be no sign-in. For now, the collection will be after Mass in the Gathering Space. Also, if all the stars align, Jason will be serving this week, albeit with modified duties.

9:30 AM – We will make similar changes at the 9:30 on June 13. As we will be having an 8:00 Mass that practices enhanced precautions, the 9:30 will revert to standard precautions.

8:00 AM – Sorry for the uncertainty. The 8:00 starts on June 13. No registration. Enhanced precautions.

This Moment in Prayer

Confirmations – On Friday we celebrated the first of our four confirmation liturgies. God bless our confirmandi, their families, their catechists, and all who will benefit from our confirmandi's ministries.

Expiration of the Pandemic Dispensation – Our New Jersey bishops have announced the end of the pandemic dispensation concerning Mass attendance. As of this weekend "(we) are lifting the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Days Mass obligation . . . We welcome the Christian faithful to return to the regular participation in the Sunday Eucharist, the source and summit of our Catholic faith. . . This obligation does not apply to those who are ill; those who have reason to believe that they were recently exposed to the coronavirus or another serious or contagious illness; those who are confined to their home, a hospital, or nursing facility; or those with serious underlying health conditions. One should consult the local pastor if questions arise about the obligation to attend Mass (canon 87)."

This Moment in Service

The Bishop's Annual Appeal – We have surpassed the 90% mark. Thank you for your help.

Religious Education Service Projects – Great thanks to the religious education families who ended the 2021 school year helping to satisfy the needs of our surrounding community. We helped: Pregnancy Aid Center in Raritan, with a toddler clothing collection; Great Expectations, with a collection of diapers and a generous offering from our parish donations; and Catholic Relief Services, with a generous check, also from parishioner donations, to their Rice Bowl Lenten program. Thanks also to LJ's Boardwalk of Manville owned by parishioners, the Jeremiah Family, who provided delicious ice cream cups and sandwiches for the religious education winner of the CRS Rice Bowl Contest, and to our confirmation program.

Becca's Friends Herbal Garden and Signage – If you are driving – or Sage-walking! – on the fire road behind the parish, slow way down to take a good long look at the Herb Garden and the finished Fence Sign that the BF Gang planted and painted. Thanks to all who contributed to our lively and growing project!

Prayer Shawls! – God bless our knitters, quilters, and crocheters (is that a word?) for their impressive production of 50 blankets, shawls, and baby coverings to St. Peter's University Care Center. Unbelievable all the caring SJ hands that continue to make these prayer blankets. Special thanks to the secret trio that quilted 60 lap blankets for an upcoming and special event. You rock the thread world.

Youth Group Summer Work Trips – Stay tuned for more information about this summer's adventures.

this Moment in Community

Physical Plant – Our supremely devoted Buildings and Grounds Committee met on Tuesday. They reported that their long list of recent accomplishments includes: the planting of the memorial trees, the restoration of the chapel's stained-glass windows, the restoration of the baptismal font, painting the Memorial Hallway, and five outdoor projects. Work on the generator and the ailing windows starts next week. Also, after nearly two years of backstory work, the installation of our parish security camera system, funded by a grant from NJ Homeland Security, began this week. Extra special thanks to the B&G tech group for that.

June Birthdays – The fun starts right after Mass on Tuesday. If you were born in June, stop by for some ... memorable singing. And if you were not born in June, stop by and sing – and eat and drink – safely.

Phishing – Two people notified me this week that they had received a request, allegedly from me, asking for gift cards and an immediate reply. I have not ever and will not ever do that – unless God tells me to. But I know of no recorded cases of God ordering someone to request gift cards via email. Please ignore any email requests from me seeking immediate financial help.

Hoping your pre-summer summer is off to a rollicking great start – and looking forward to seeing you this weekend, I send this with gratitude and great blessings

Father Hank

IN MEMORIAM

Thomas Pope, 32, died on May 26..

Emilio Pumaren, 69, brother of parishioner Carmen Vallejo, died on May 30.

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

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 June 9 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.



SAGES ACTIVITIES

Picnic Luncheons Next one is Monday, June 7, 12-2PM. Join us for Bocce, Musical games and movement. Registration required.

Drums Alive, Thursdays, 10AM (June 10-July 15) 6-week course.

We only have equipment for 20 people. Let AnnaMaria know if you want to register for this class. (We will resume Healthy Bones on July 22.

WALKING GROUP, Every other Wednesday, 2pm at our parish. Next walk is June 16th. Meet under the tent @ 2pm.

CALLING ALL GARDENERS!

If you are interested in helping keep our grounds beautiful please reach Jo-Ann Delasko. She is looking for a few helpers. jo7delasko@outlook.com

If you are interested in the first post-pandemic poker game (the oldest established, permanent, floating card game in Millstone). SAGES Senior Ministry — St. Joseph Church (sjmillstone.com)

For more info contact AnnaMaria at 908-874-3141, extension 240, or email her at arealbuto@stjosephsparish.com



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, June 6 & 20

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#.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES HOPE & HEALING PROGRAMS

For information about crisis counseling pertaining to COVID-19, call 732-204-6510 or email <u>hopeandheaing@ccdom.org</u>

A complete calendar is available.



A-MIMOSA-AFTER-MASS-EVENT FOR YOUNG ADULTS 21-40

Sunday, June 6, immediately after 1130 Mass Hosted by the St. Joe's Young Adult Ministry Please join us in creating a community centered around faith, service, and good company! To attend, simply meet at the patio behind the parish hall at 12:30 Mimosas will be provided (please bring ID). Fill out form on our web page so we can be sure we have enough for everyone.

– It was great fun for the folks to gather (safely) under the tent and propose answers that seemed so right in the moment! Big blessings to all who multiplied the fun and thanks to the members of our Youth Ministry who, once again, completely took care of business. It was so much fun that we're doing it again. Reserve your table today before they sell out! You UTES are a blessing for all of us.

Back by Popular Demand!



Trivia Night 2

Friday, June 12,2021, 6 PM UNDER THE TENT \$125 per table (3-5 people) (Adults 21+ Only)

Sponsored by the St. Joseph Youth and Young Adult Ministries to raise money for the summer service trips.

Doors open at 5:00 PM.

This night is our big fundraiser for the year. Now is your chance to prove just how smart you really are. It's the opportunity you've been looking for to show off all that (useless) knowledge stored up in your brain.

There will be games and prizes throughout the night - with the big prizes going to the top table AND a special prize for the best-themed table. That's right, decorators - there is a prize meant JUST FOR YOU!!!

Special note for Covid-19: This year we will be only selling tables of 3-5 persons to allow you to come with persons in your 'bubble'. We will be selling a maximum of 18 tables.

Bring your own bottle and food. Decorate your table. Choose your friends wisely! <u>Reserve your table</u> for \$125.

If you have any questions, please email **bobf@sjmillstone.com**.

ICONS:

AN INVITATION TO MYSTICAL PRAYER Wednesday, June 15, 2021 7-9 PM Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer

Recently there has been an increase in the popular and ecumenical appeal of icons. How do we add icons to our prayer and contemplation? Come learn to expand your spiritual experience to encompass the entire Christian spiritual legacy. Presenter: Sr. Antonia Cooper, OSF Sister Antonia has been working with icons for vears..

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

\$20-\$30 as you are able Jody Richdale, Administrative Assistant 1651 US Hwy. 22, Watchung, NJ 07069 908-753-2091

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DIOCESAN ORDINATIONS

Four men are scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood and one to the transitional diaconate, on June 19 at 11 a.m., at the National Blue Army Shrine, Washington, N.J. Access to the livestream and updates about the ordinations can be found on the diocesan website: <u>diometuchen.org</u>.

Please pray for the following men who are scheduled to be ordained by Bishop James F. Checchio: Rev. Mr. Jun Joseph Querubin Alquiros, Rev. Mr. Ariel Robles Bautista Jr., Rev. Mr. Timothy M. Eck II, and Rev. Mr. Gregory J. Zannetti. Seminarian Ronal Vega-Postrana is scheduled to be ordained to the transitional diaconate.

Quo Vadís?

Where are you going?

Quo Vadis a Latin phrase which translates to *Where are you going*? is an opportunity for young men between the ages of 14 - 17 to hear from priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Metuchen and to engage in fellowship as they discern their own vocational calling in life. This year's event will be held virtually from June 22 - 24 and will conclude with an in-person Mass celebrated by Bishop James F. Checchio. For more information, visit, www.diometuchen.org/quo-vadis

Sunday, Jun 06, 2021

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

Remember those who must fast

Many faithful Catholics have been unable to approach the Eucharist in person for many months. Age and health, coupled with necessary protocols, have made this pandemic an unanticipated time of spiritual fasting. The words of the ancient sequence Laud, O Zion sung on this solemnity are especially poignant this year: "Thousands are, as one, receivers,/ One, as thousands of believers." Those with access to the sacraments receive them for all of us. Those who embrace a spiritual communion continue to find ways to be the grateful "receivers" of a wondrous mystery: Christ's life dwelling in us.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 24:3-8; Hebrews 9:11-15; Lauda, Sion; Mark 14:12-16, 22-26 (168). *"Take it; this is my body."*

Monday, Jun 07, 2021

Don't rule it out

Rules are restrictive, right? Or can they be liberating? The word "rule" comes from the Greek word for "trellis," and a trellis supports living things so they can grow up and out and bloom. The best rules create space for your priorities, turn your values into practices, and give you the freedom to live intentionally with God at the center. Why not create your own "rule of life" that helps you do that? Many Christians do. Monastic orders, starting with the Benedictines, began this tradition and all follow a rule of life to govern every aspect of life, including prayer, work, and community interaction. Rules of life can also address diet, exercise, recreation, relationships, and mental stimulation. The point is healthy balance. Thankfully, there are no rules to creating a rule of life—it's up to you and God to decide.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 1:1-7; Matthew 5:1-12 (359). "Rejoice and be glad; for your reward will be great in heaven."

Tuesday, Jun 08, 2021

SOS: Save our seas!

In the beginning, says Genesis 1, God not only created the seas but made the "waters teem with swarms of living creatures." Today, designated World Oceans Day by the United Nations, we're reminded that God's creation is in real danger. As Pope Francis writes in his 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si'*, these formerly teeming waters are increasingly a graveyard, "due largely to pollution which reaches the sea as the result of deforestation, agricultural monocultures, industrial waste and destructive fishing methods," all of it "aggravated by the rise in temperature of the oceans." Visit the Laudato Si' Movement for ways to make a difference.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Matthew 5:13-16 (360). "Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds."

Wednesday, Jun 09, 2021

Faith fulfills life

The definition of *fulfill* is "to put into effect, to convert to reality." Jesus teaches that the best way to bring the Kingdom into effect is to practice mercy and humility, to hunger and thirst for righteousness, to work at making peace, and to understand that

persecution can befall those who preach and live his message. In Jesus, the law of the prophets was not abolished but fulfilled. How do you choose to live your faith in a fulfilling way?

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 3:4-11; Matthew 5:17-19 (361). "I have come not to abolish but to fulfill."

Thursday, Jun 10, 2021

Mercy me

It is hard to overstate the centrality of forgiveness within the Christian tradition: both God's forgiveness when we do wrong and our forgiveness when others hurt us. Forgiveness is so foundational, we have a sacrament for it; it's in our creed; it's part of The Lord's Prayer; Pope Francis declared 2016 the Year of Mercy; and the list goes on. Do you need to forgive or be forgiven, or perhaps both? Now is the acceptable time to seek or extend mercy.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 3:15—4:1, 3-6; Matthew 5:20-26 (362). "Leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother."

Friday, Jun 11, 2021

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Promise with all your heart

The devotion to the Sacred Heart, which dates back centuries, includes consecrating oneself to, and benefiting from, the promises of the Sacred Heart. In honor of today's feast, consider committing to the following: Consecrate all your actions to glorify the Sacred Heart; consecrate all your weakness within the strength of the Sacred Heart; consecrate all your confidence in the faithfulness of the Sacred Heart. Do this and the peace of Christ, who is our peace, will be with you.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Ephesians 3:8-12, 14-19; John 19:31-37 (171). *"For this reason I kneel before the Father . . . that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith."*

Saturday, Jun 12, 2021

MEMORIAL OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY May your heart be on fire with love

Yesterday we celebrated the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and today we commemorate the Immaculate Heart of Mary: two hearts on fire with love and made one in suffering. The Sacred Heart symbolizes the love of God for people, pierced by the thorns of rejection. The Immaculate Heart symbolizes the love of people for God, wounded with a sword of suffering in solidarity with Christ. Remembering that Jesus identified with the struggles of the least of our sisters and brothers, today we can pray for those refugees driven from their homes by violence and poverty and waiting for help at our southern border.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Luke 2:41-51 (364; Gospel 573). *"His mother kept all these things in her heart."*



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time

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