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## MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday

8:35 AM

(Wednesday is an Enhanced-precautions mass-5' spacing and masks are encouraged.)

## Outdoor Communion Service:

Wednesday

10:00 AM

(This service is held outdoors, Attende25 remain in their car and tune into FM 88.7.)

#### Weekend Masses:

Saturday

4:45 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM

(Enhanced-precautions mass-6"

spacing and masks are encouraged.)

9:30 AM

11:30 AM

(This mass is outside under the tent/attenders may remain in their vehicle as well.)

#### Confessions:

Until further notice, Confessions are by Appointment only. Typically, Saturday morning between 10am - 12pm. Other times are possible. Email Fr. Hank at fatherhank@simillstone.com for an appointment.

#### Sacrament of the Sick

In Emergency-Please call 908-874-3141 and press 1 for a priest. Non-Emergency-Please email FatherHank@simillstone.com

### **EMERGENCIES**

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. 8:35AM Robert Woolley

R/B Catherine Woolley

Tue. 8:35AM Elena Lugo

R/B Mario Lugo

Tue. 8:35AM Christopher Palella

R/B Susan Wund

Tue. 8:35AM Rosemary Giampietro

R/B Vivian & Ronald Campbell

Wed. 8:35AM Henry Heinemann

R/B Heinemann Family

Thu. 8:35AM George & Dottie Lukazik –

60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

R/B Lukazik Family

Fri. 8:35AM Agatha Rhein

R/B Mike Rhein

Fri. 8:35AM Livio Marini

R/B Angela Stuebben

Sat. 4:35AM Amelia Yocca

R/B Susan Wund

Sat. 4:45PM Sherri Bove

R/B Kral Family

Sun. 8:00AM Benjamin Kreling

R/B Marie Hocker

Sun. 9:30AM John Love

R/B Rosemary Love

Sun. 9:30AM Giovanni Petrocelli

R/B Connie & Carl Panzera

Sun. 9:30AM People of the Parish

Sun. 11:30AM Mike DeLucia

R/B Mary Jane Veloso

## **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b Ephesians 5:21-32 John 6:60-69

## **OUTDOOR MASS & COMMUNION**

– The spike in Covid cases and the surge in the Delta variant is, understandably, concerning many parishioners. Remember that we still have outdoor services with in-car options. Sunday Mass is at 11:30 and the Wednesday Communion Service is at 10:00. Like Hosea said, "Don't let fear keep us apart."



## DIOCESAN SILVER & GOLD ANNIVERSARY PRAYER SERVICE

Sunday, October 17, 2021, at 3:30 PM at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, 548 Main Street, Metuchen, New Jersey.

The diocesan church cordially invites couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversaries in 2021 to attend this Prayer Service with Bishop F. Checchio.

Couples who celebrated their Silver or Gold Anniversary in 2020 are also invited to attend.

Registration is required to attend the Prayer Service.

Registration will close by October 7, 2021. Please go to the following site to register or for more information:

https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration

Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion.

If you have any questions, please email amarshall@diometuchen.org

## BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL CANDLES

The candles are back! It is once again time to light a candle in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Thanks in advance for leaving the chairs where they are and for using the donation box on the wall rather than those in the candle racks. Pray well.



## Healing Prayer

## Who Are We?

Healing Ministers are faith filled parishioners who offer one on one prayer for any needs you may have. They are prayerful people who listen to your request and prayerfully intercede on your behalf. *All prayer requests are completely confidential*. Bring us your requests so we can be with you in your need.

## When Does It Take Place?

Until we are back to normal, healing prayer is available every other weekend, after the 9:30 Sunday Mass. You may choose a virtual or phone option. Check the bulletin for dates.

The next dates are Sundays, August 22, September 5 & 19

## How Do I Sign Up?

For a virtual meeting, click on https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7692788835 and follow the directions. For healing prayer via phone call 1-929-205-6099 and then key in 769-278-8835#.

## PRAYER CARDS

## "Hail Holy Queen (aka "Salve Regina")

The prayer cards are on the tables in the Gathering Space. The basic plan is for each household to take one. If members of your household go to different Masses, take more than one. If we have extras after Columbus Day, you can take more. Thanks!

## **HOLY WATER DISPENSER**

Thanks to the kindness of the LoCicero family, we now have a safe way to dispense Holy Water. We have placed it in the Gathering Space, by the first door to the big closet. Make good and holy use of it. Keep in mind:

Use it only to fill Holy Water receptacles, of the sort we distributed at Easter. (If you need a Holy Water bottle, let Fr. Hank know.)

- Sanitize your hands before and after turning the nozzle. The sanitizer is right there.
- Remember to turn off the spigot it does not turn off automatically.
- If the catchment bowl is full, be extra careful when filling your receptacle.



## ARTIFACTS ROAD SHOW

Yes, it is once again time to gather up those religious artifacts that need a good home. Don't know what to do with some of your deceased relatives' statues, devotionals, rosaries, etc.? Bring them to church and we will bring them to the place near Lancaster, Pennsylvania that ships things to missionary lands where the goods are in short supply. There is a drop-off table in the church's northeast corner, by the statue of the Holy Family. We will let you know when you have only three weeks left to drop things off. We will probably make the delivery right after Labor Day.

## HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Our Homebound Ministry will be delivering gifts to our homebound folks before Labor Day. If you know someone that should be on our list please reach AnnaMaria Realbuto at <a href="mailto:arealbuto@simillstone.com">arealbuto@simillstone.com</a>

or 908-874-3141 ext. 240.



## **OZANAM BABY GOODS NEEDED**

Thanks in advance for helping us help the Ozanam Family Shelter. The shelter, which is part of Catholic Charities, provides shelter for 16 single women and 26 families. Our friends at the shelter have asked us to help provide diapers and booster seats. The diapers should fit toddlers (sizes 3-5) and the booster seats should be for use at the table, rather than in cars. The blue bin by the Gathering Space bulletin boards will be there for diaper drop-off through Labor Day. If you can provide a booster seat, please leave it next to the bin. Thanks for doing what you can.

## **SHEPHERDS NEEDED**

Or is it "Beadles Needed"? – You might end up being known as a "shepherd." Then again, maybe "beadle" is the better word (i.e., "a ceremonial officer of a church, college, or similar institution"). You will be hearing more about the effort to identify one person in each section at each Mass who will help us welcome new parishioners to that section. And maybe a few more duties. Stay tuned.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Bernard Pesci,** 81, spouse of parishioner Joanne,, died on August 5, 2021.

.Please pray for his eternal rest and for consolation for his family and for all who mourn his death.



## ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

Mark your calendar. The new and improved parish picnic will be on Sunday, September 12, the Sunday after Labor Day. There will be a new menu and all will be served safely, including the soft ice cream. The water slide is all lined up and yes, you still have time to practice your croquet game before going up against the reigning champ.



## SAGES ACTIVITIES

## **Picnic Luncheons**

We will resume our picnics in September. August will be used for planning. Art classes, seminars, Yoga (chair and standing) and more are in the works for Fall.

## Toning Thursdays.

10am INDOORS in the Parish Hall.
We will rotate the classes from Healthy Bones,
Choreography Chair movement and Chair
Yoga. To keep the group safe indoors, we will
do a 1-time vaccination check. NO RSVP, just
come.

## Painting class:

Monday, September 27 at 2pm Under the tent. Registration in early September.

## **Medicare Seminar:**

Tuesday, October 5th. Learn about the coverage options for 2022. Details to follow.

For more info contact AnnaMaria at 908-874-2141 e3xt 240 or arealbuto@stjosephsparish.com

## DIOCESAN FAMILY PHOTO ALBUM



As we celebrate the Year "Amoris Laetitia Family," the diocesan Office of Communications and Public Relations is compiling a digital family photo album. We invite you to share a photo of your family – a photo of your domestic church by which our local Church of Metuchen is constantly enriched. Please consider sharing your family's photo with us by sending your photo to communications@diometuchen.org, so we can together bear witness to the love of God through our "family of families."



## THE JOY OF LOVE & FAMILY

The Diocese of Metuchen, in collaboration with the other four Roman Catholic Arch/Dioceses in New Jersey, will sponsor "The Joy of Love & Family," a conference series in celebration of the Year of the Family as declared by Pope Francis. The series of free talks will premiere over six months, covering topics for every stage of family life. More information, including the full speaker line up and talk titles, is available on <a href="https://www.lightingheartsonfire.org">www.lightingheartsonfire.org</a>, where you can also sign up to receive notifications. Stay tuned to diocesan social media pages @diocesemetuchen for continued updates!

## MEN'S RITE OF PASSAGE RETREAT

A retreat to help Men on their Spiritual Journey created by Fr. Richard Rohr O.F.M

More information can be found at https://www.illumandc.org/mrop-2021

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**CONTACT US WITH YOUR QUESTIONS:** 

Forward your questions to: John Ball, ILLU-MAN DC Convener – <u>johnball0450@gmail.com</u>

**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 <a href="mailto:godspell@embarqmail.com">godspell@embarqmail.com</a>



## VOLUNTEER TO MAKE POCKET ROSARIES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Office of Family Life is pleased to announce the creation of the Blue Rosary Guild. The purpose of the Guild is for community members of all ages to make pocket Rosaries for law enforcement officers, providing them with support and spiritual strength and promoting devotion to the Rosary among all the faithful. All materials and instructions will be provided and a Zoom virtual tutorial will also be scheduled. Anyone interested should contact Cristina D'Averso Collins, Director of the Office of Family Life at cdaverso@diometuchen.org.

### Sunday, Aug 15, 2021

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

### Some assumptions prove true

Catholicism acknowledges twin sources in scripture and tradition. While our faith is biblically rooted, we embrace an expanding truth discerned by saints and mystics, church doctors, and popes. Mary's Assumption isn't narrated in the gospels and wasn't taught dogmatically until 1950. It evolved from the second-century appreciation of Mary as the New Eve: preserved from sin at conception and therefore not subject to sin's effects in death. Liturgists, saints, and theologians promoted the Assumption for centuries, and devout Catholics championed this understanding. Finally, Pope Pius XII bowed to the "sense of the faithful" and made it official in 1950.

TODAY'S READINGS: Vigil: 1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; 1 Corinthians 15:54b-57; Luke 11:27-28 (621); Day: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56 (622). "A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon beneath her feet."

## Monday, Aug 16, 2021

MEMORIAL OF STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

### Concern yourself with the greatest Kingdom

Royal families are typically concerned about succession and making sure they have an heir. They want their lineage to survive them. Many monarchs eventually failed at that, including King Saint Stephen I of Hungary, who founded the country in the year 1000 and made it Christian. Only one of his sons lived to adulthood but died before Stephen did. What Stephen did leave behind is a country that is still majority Catholic. We might not be remembered for sowing faith long into the future here on Earth—but if we remain faithful, we could end up with royal treasure in heaven.

TODAY'S READINGS: Judges 2:11-19; Matthew 19:16-22 (419). "Teacher, what good must I do to gain eternal life?"

## **Tuesday, Aug 17, 2021**

## Pray for the persecuted

On this day in 1798, Our Lady of La Vang first appeared to Vietnamese victims of persecution. When Vietnam's emperor outlawed Catholicism, inciting brutality and martyrdom, believers fled to the rain forest of La Vang. They sought Mary's consolation, gathering beneath a large tree to pray the Rosary. They began seeing an apparition of Mother and Child, flanked by angels. She comforted them and is said to have pointed out nearby healing plants. Our Lady of La Vang is honored in the United States with a chapel at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Ask her to intercede for victims of racist hate.

TODAY'S READINGS: Judges 6:11-24a; Matthew 19:23-30 (420). "We have given up everything and followed you."

## Wednesday, Aug 18, 2021

### Let's work on making work better

The U.S. Catholic Bishops have spoken on *The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers*, saying in part: "The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living . . . . If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected—the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages . . . ." Food for thought at a time when workers' reluctance to return to low-paid, unfulfilling

jobs is much in the news. Is the problem with the worker—or the workplace?

TODAY'S READINGS: Judges 9:6-15; Matthew 20:1-16 (421). "'Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

## **Thursday, Aug 19, 2021**

MEMORIAL OF JOHN EUDES, PRIEST

#### Take this devotion to heart

The Sacred Heart of Jesus image is ubiquitous in the Catholic world, and today we celebrate one of the people who helped create a devotion to it, John Eudes, a French priest (1601-80), who also founded the Eudists, the Congregation of Jesus and Mary. The Sacred Heart image is a heart encircled by a crown of thorns often depicted with radiating rays of light and placed on the chest of Jesus. The image is physical and mystical, a reminder of Christ's bodily sacrifice and mysterious in its supernatural appearance. Seek out this image and allow it to shape your prayer today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Judges 11:29-39a; Matthew 22:1-14 (422). "Everything is ready; come to the feast."

### Friday, Aug 20, 2021

MEMORIAL OF BERNARD, ABBOT, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

#### All hail Doctor Mellifluous

No, Mellifluous is not the newest superhero villain; it's a title for one of the greatest heroes of the Roman Catholic faith. Bernard of Clairvaux earned the nickname because his writings were eloquent, as suggested by the Latin root of his nickname: "flowing honey." This gift was founded on his deep love of God, scripture, and the church's tradition. His description of the Holy Spirit as the "kiss" between God the Father and Jesus the Son gives us a beautiful example of how to image the relationship of love among the three persons of the Trinity. Following in the good doctor's footsteps, how have you experienced the kiss of the Holy Spirit in your own relationships?

TODAY'S READINGS: Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Matthew 22:34-40 (423). "For wherever you go, I will go, wherever you lodge I will lodge, your people shall be my people, and your God my God."

### Saturday, Aug 21, 2021

MEMORIAL OF PIUS X, POPE

## The year of living humbly

Prior to COVID-19, plagues mentioned in history books seemed like remote disasters that only happened in times and places where rats roamed streets filled with sewage. Now that we've been humbled by our continued vulnerability to unseen agents of disease and death, perhaps we can bring a renewed appreciation to Pius X, who endeared himself to the people of northern Italy because of his efforts tending the sick during the cholera plague of the early 1870s. Take a moment this week to thank someone who has tended the sick during our very modern plague.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Matthew 23:1-12 (424). "The greatest among you must be your servant."

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



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