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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-C

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@sjmillstone.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

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. 8:35AM Josephine & Joe Quinn, Sr. R/B Pat & Joanne Gagliardi.

Tue. 8:35AM Diego F. Lumauig

R/B Belle & Joel Lumauig

Tue. 8:35AM Brian Riddle R/B John Conklin

Tue. 8:35AM Diane Dianus

R/B Sarah & Tom Greene

Wed. 8:35AM Nellie Matzek

R/B Pat & Bob Matzek

Thu. 8:35AM Wesley Goldstone

R/B Dad & Eliza Goldstone

Fri. 8:35AM Fr. Tom Triggs

R/B Betty & Joe Triggs

Fri. 8:35AM Mike DeLucia

R/B Dudajek Family

Sat. 4:35AM Catherine Del Maestro

R/B DelMaestro Family

Sat. 4:45 Andrew Patano

R/B Susan Wund

Sat. 8:00PM Aida Solorzano

R/B Marc Campanale

Sun. 9:30AM Theresa D. Elia

R/B Maryellen Tobia

Sun. 9:30AM Brandon M. Russo

R/B Sal & Rosalie Leondardi

Sun. 9:30AM Mike DeLucia

R/B Mary Ann Dipolito

.Sun. 11:30AM People of the Parish

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 James 3:16 – 4:3 Mark 8:30-37

NEW ROSARY GROUP

Join with us as we gather to pray the rosary and share intentions together.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, October 4 at 6:30 PM.

This new group will meet on the first

Wednesday of every month. To learn more, email Rachel at rachelle.hanna@gmail.com. And feel free to bring your children.

Please let Rachel know if you plan to participate so she can figure out where to meet.

This Moment in Prayer, Service and Community

Dear All — Christ's Peace! Sorry for the extra-long email this week. Tons going on. Plus, you got off easy the last 3 weeks.

HELPING OUR FLOOD VICTIMS:

Helping Flood Victims: Gathering the Funds – We hope to assemble \$50,000, by 9/20, as follows.

Redeployed Covid Funds – We have \$24k of unused funds in the Covid Relief Fund. With your permission, we will transfer \$20k to the Disaster Relief Fund. NB – IF YOU DONATED TO THE COVID FUND, PLEASE EMAIL CARLENE THOMSON AND INDICATE THAT YOU ARE WILLING TO HAVE YOUR CONTRIBUTION TRANSFERRED FROM COVID TO DISASTER. WE NEED YOUR PERMISSION TO REDEPLOY YOUR GIFT. Email Carlene at cthomson@stjosephsparish.com

Social Concerns Funds – We will transfer another \$10k of unrestricted Social Ministries Funds to the Disaster Relief fund.

The Poor Box – We need to collect an additional \$20k. Of that \$20k, \$4k has already arrived. Please put your checks in the poor boxes by the church doors. Put "Ida" in the memo line. Checks are best so we can track your donation for your yearly contribution letter.

The Second Collection Next Week (9/19) – These funds will offset our donation to Catholic Charities (see below).

DISTRIBUTING THE FUND:

Catholic Charities – We will send at least \$5k to Catholic Charities. Whatever we collect in next week's second collection will go to Catholic Charities. If we do not collect \$5k, we will make it up from other sources.

SHIP (Samaritan Homeless Interim Program in Somerville) – They are one of our finest helping organizations and Ida blasted them. They lost five freezers, two fridges, their ovens, AC, furnace and most else. We will send them at least \$5k.

Feeding Hands in Raritan – Another of our best affiliates, they also took a terrible blow. We intend to give them \$5k.

Parishioners in Need – Many of our parishioners are reporting heartbreaking stories. Too many have lost appliances and incurred uninsured (surprisingly) structural damage. We will distribute

\$35k to parishioners in amounts up to \$2,500. We have already committed \$8k to allay severe emergencies. All families that need help will complete a very short, user-friendly form. A small group of staff and parishioners will review the request and decide about aid. If we have funds remaining after October 1, we will accept requests from non-parishioners.

Helping Flood Victims: Physical Assistance – Parish work crews have so far emptied six structures. Working with these generous men and women has been an amazing grace. We also contributed three truckloads of cleaning supplies to Holy Redeemer in Manville. Due to risk of moldborne illness, we will no longer send volunteers into wet basements. But we can help load your dumpster.

This Moment in Prayer

Saint Ignatius' Prayer for Generosity – For the next few weeks, we will use Saint Ignatius' "Prayer for Generosity" to lay hold of the Sunday scripture readings. Following is the prayer and the dates on which we will use each line:

Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve as you deserve,
To give and not to count the cost, (9/12),
To fight and not to heed the wounds (9/26),
To toil and not to seek for rest, (9/5),
To labor and not to seek reward, (9/19)
Except the reward of knowing that I am doing your will.

Bereavement Group - Daniele Velona, one of our best parishioners-in-law, will soon be co-leading a bereavement group at the Metuchen Cathedral. Danielle and her husband Rob lost Giuliana, the youngest of their four children, to cancer in 2014. They are an amazing pair and have learned priceless lessons about how to help people grieve and heal, in the context of a traditional bereavement group. They will meet every Wednesday night from September 15 through November 3. If you have lost a parent, spouse, child, BFF, or a dear one of any sort, check it out. I wish I had had something like this when Judith died. Also, there will be once-a-month follow-up meetings after November. Your non-Catholic friends and relatives are encouraged to join. Call Danielle at (732) 763-0972. Jessie Flynn, another remarkable apostle, (732) 895-2563, will be the other co-leader. There is no fee but registration is required.

This Moment in Service

The Diaper Derby – You win. No one delivers diapers like you deliver diapers. As of today, our month-long diaper drive has provided to the Ozanam Shelter – 6,897 diapers, 2000 wipes, and nine booster seats. That translates into many drybottomed happy babies and moms with much less stress to manage.

Our Dead Deer Disaster – If you came to church earlier this week, you smelled it – an 8-point buck that met its grief, and started to decompose, in our backyard. We had several hours of tough sledding/breathing. GREAT thanks to Ken Scherer of Hillsborough Irrigation – and big thanks to his two helpers and their frontend loader that gave our deer a proper burial. They finished their ugly chore just before this week's bride arrived!

Helping Our New Afghan Arrivals – We are currently focusing on helping our flood victims. In early October, we will clarify our efforts to assist our refugees coming through Fort Dix.

This Moment in Community

Millstone Merchants – We will be staying in touch with the folks at Millstone Getty, Stop Buy, and Millstone Liquors to learn when they will reopen and how we might extra-patronize their businesses.

Becca's Friends – It was a beautiful scene in the Parish Hall last week as Becca's Friends booted off the Fall Season – with a (carefully masked) cookie-baking project. Thanks to all the program volunteers and to the program participants. With all the turmoil around us, your presence makes this place feel safe and sound!

New Seating Sections at 4:45 &11:30 Masses

– Starting next week, you will have three seating options: Standard Practice (no spaces between parishioners, masks optional), Standard Precautions (every other pew, masks optional,) and Enhanced Precautions (every third pew, masks required) Stay tuned.

Youth Ministry 2021-22 – Kickoff is just around the corner. The first meeting of the year will be on September 19. Expect to get messy. Full schedule is posted at http://sjmillstone.com/youth-ministry.

Maybe every pastor feels this way? But I am really feeling it, post-flood; being with you makes me feel like the luckiest duck I know. My natural reaction is thanks, great affection, and boundless blessings,

Father Hank



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.

Next date is Sunday, September 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#.

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.

Parishioners will be able to select from among the contributions on the weekend of September 18.

The rest goes to PA two weeks later.

IN MEMORIAM

Robert Spitzer, 78, spouse of parishioner Ann, died on September 1.

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



SAGES ACTIVITIES

Picnic Luncheons

Monday, September 20.

Toning Thursdays.

10am INDOORS in the Parish Hall.

We will rotate the classes from Healthy Bones, Choreography Chair movement and Chair Yoga.

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 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...

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

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



19TH ANNUAL BLUE MASS for LAW ENFORCEMENT

Wednesday, September 29 – 10:30AM
Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen
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mass with local, county, state and federal law
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All are welcome to attend. More information is
available on the diocesan website:
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Life Chain ~ Sunday, October 3, 2021 2:00 – 3:30 PM (Rain or shine)

LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 90 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by participants of all faiths, especially the Christian community, that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

Somerville

Somerset Street & Mountain Avenue Contact: Kevin Dugan (908) 788-7736

For more information contact the Office of Human Life and Dignity, Diocese of Metuchen

<u>amarshall@diometuchen.org</u> <u>www.diometuchen.org</u>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Database Coordinator Office of Stewardship and Development Piscataway, NJ

The Diocesan Office of Stewardship and Development is currently seeking a full time Database Coordinator. Working with the Director of the Office of Stewardship and Development and the Director of Stewardship, this position is an integral part of the Office of Stewardship and Development as well as the diocesan team.

Job responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Responding to donor inquiries via phone calls, emails, mail by providing exemplary customer service and donor relation skills.

Maintaining and managing the 400,000 + constituents in the database, facilitating updates and changes on a regular schedule.

Providing data/donor record management and general assistance to support the Development Office's efforts in coordinating and implementing fundraising appeals or events that include and not limited to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, Champions for Catholic Charities, Capital Campaigns, Planned Giving and various development initiatives.

Conducting donor base analysis to support the donor segmentation process, manage and effective touchpoint system and enable tracking of segment and donor giving behavior in response to fundraising appeals, campaigns and events.

Ideal candidate qualifications and requirements:

B.A. or B.S. or equivalent experience

Minimum of 3-5 years of non-profit development experience including primary experience in Database Management, Prospect and Donor Analysis.

ParishSoft and RaisersEdge experience preferred. Must be willing to attend ongoing training.

Technical proficiency with industry database software such as CRM's, Microsoft office suite products and the internet.

Self-motivated and able to demonstrate individual initiative and offer recommendations; able to manage projects and move forward on several priorities simultaneously.

Strong analytical skills; comfortable with technical challenges.

Highly developed ability to work well under deadlines and initiate, supervise and complete projects with minimal guidance.

Supports the mission, philosophy, objectives and policies of the Diocese of Metuchen.

Interested candidates should email their resume to hr@diometuchen.org

Or by mail to:

Office of Human Resources 146 Metlars Lane Piscataway, NJ 08854

Diocesan Know your Rights Workshop Saturday, September 18, 2021 9 AM. - 12 PM. Holy Trinity Church - Basement 315 Lawrie Street, Perth Amboy, NJ Livestream on Zoom

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Sunday, Sep 12, 2021

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From generation to generation

Loving grandparenting is a special gift to those children who receive it. Some of us were raised by generous elders. Others recognize our grandparents as the folks who cherished us just for showing up—something our parents couldn't always manage to do! Nine-year-old Russell Capper first wrote President Nixon in 1969 with the idea of honoring grandparents with their own day. It would take another decade and another president, Jimmy Carter, to make Grandparents Day official on the Sunday after Labor Day. Reach across the generations today and close the gap of understanding by listening to each other's stories, dreams, and hopes.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 50:5-9a; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35 (131). "See, the Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong?"

Monday, Sep 13, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Preach often—use words when necessary

Glossophobia—fear of public speaking—is one of the most common forms of anxiety, affecting a sizeable portion of the population. Saint John Chrysostom was not a sufferer. His name means "golden-mouthed"—and was he ever. Renowned as a preacher, his sermons could last up to two hours. (Think about that the next time your pastor runs a bit long!) Few of us are that eloquent as speakers, but all of us are called to be witnesses to our faith in words and deeds. There's no need to impress—let your actions speak for you. Never fear living your discipleship humbly and sharing what's in your heart. The truth always speaks volumes.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 7:1-10 (443). "Say the word and let my servant be healed."

Tuesday, Sep 14, 2021

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Lift high the cross

After ending Christian persecutions in 313, Constantine sent his mother, Helena, to the Holy Land where her team is said to have unearthed Christ's tomb. Here, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was built. Excavations also reportedly unearthed the three crosses of Mount Calvary, the wood of the "True Cross" being the instrument of Jesus' Crucifixion and associated with miraculous healings. Whether it's the crucifix, the Jerusalem cross, Maltese cross, Celtic cross—or countless others—no other symbol represents Christian faith better. And so we pray: "We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world."

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17 (638). "He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross."

Wednesday, Sep 15, 2021

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

She's with him

Being a strong companion or having great compassion is essential for discipleship. Mary had both. Notice the "com-" prefix of those qualities, which means "with." Under the title Our Lady of Sorrows, Mary is the first witness of the church and stood with Jesus through his pain and glory—his life, death, and Resurrection. The

church uses "sorrows" here not so that we would be sad and weighed down but to lift up what it means to really be "with" another person and to share deeply their joy and sorrow. Mary continues to stand alongside us. How do you experience Mary's companionship and compassion in your own life?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 3:14-16 (445); John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35 (639). "Woman, behold, your son."

Thursday, Sep 16, 2021

MEMORIAL OF CORNELIUS, POPE, AND CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYRS

The cost of discipleship can be high

Saints Cornelius and Cyprian were friends during the 200s, a period when Christians were persecuted by the Roman Empire. Today a number of countries continue to oppress, harass, and even kill Christians. There is pressure today, as there was in the era of the early martyrs, to deny the faith in order to survive. With Cornelius and Cyprian in mind, stand in solidarity with courageous Christians everywhere. Learn what their needs are and how the worldwide church can help.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 4:12-16; Luke 7:36-50 (446). "[Jesus] said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Friday, Sep 17, 2021

MEMORIALS OF ROBERT BELLARMINE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH AND HILDEGARD OF BINGEN, VIRGIN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Listen to your doctors

Jesus' ministry was simple: He went from town to town telling people that they were loved. The mantle, picked up by the doctors of the church, including those we honor today, was to interpret Jesus' message for subsequent generations. Saint Robert Bellarmine's *Catechism* clarified the Catholic understanding of faith and reason, and Saint Hildegard of Bingen's songs, such as "O virtus sapientie," helped unlock the mysteries of Divine Love and the Trinity. The Good News is meant for you. Find a way to hear it.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3 (447). "Jesus journeyed from one town and village to another, preaching and proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom of God."

Saturday, Sep 18, 2021

Take the lesson to heart

On the eve of Catechetical Sunday, it's good to reflect on our task of teaching the next generation matters of the Spirit. One comment heard too often when bad things happen is that "God must have a reason for doing this." Or, "It must be God's will." Looking at the biblical testimony, however, leads to the realization that most of the bad things that happen are not God's will at all but the work of sinful people. God says, "Feed the hungry" and children starve. God says, "Do not kill" and people murder. Let's teach our kids what's on God, and what's on us.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15 (448). "[T]he Devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts."





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