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MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday

8:35 AM

(Wednesday is an Enhanced-precautions mass-6' spacing and masks are encouraged.)

Outdoor Communion Service:

Wednesday

10:00 AM

(This service is held outdoors. Attendees 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/attendees 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@sjmillstone.com

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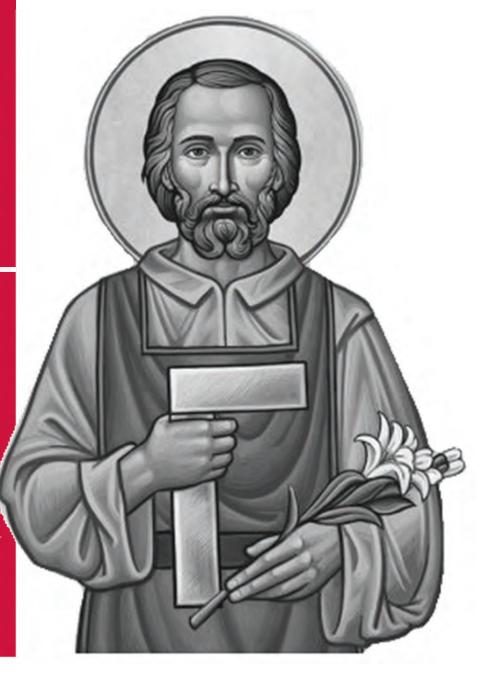
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

M – F 8:00AM The Rosary is prayed before Mass.

Mon. 8:35AM Harry, Elsie & Terry Jackson

R/B Ginny Jackson

8:35AM Kathleen Mary Reid

R/B Carl & Connie Panzera

Tue. 8:35AM Bart Ragazzo

R/B Margaret Ragazzo

8:35AM Katherine Risser

R/B Erica & Stephen Carey.

Wed. 8:35AM Agnes Brazill

R/B Patti & Pier Guidi

8:35AM Helen Campbell

R/B Respect Life Ministry

Thu. 8:35AM Laura larkowski (Living)

R/B Eileen Lawless

8:35AM Amelia Tafara

R/B Carmela & Dan Maresca

Fri. 8:35AM Vincent Ferdico

R/B Jackie Ferdico & Family

Sat. 4:45PM John D. Farmer

R/B Fr. Hank Hilton

4:45PM David Belanger

R/B Lou & Sarah Colucci

4:45PM People of the Parish

Sun. 8:00AM Pauline Brzyski

R/B Frank & Christine Brzyski

8:00AM Jacob Li Zeng & Maria Wei Huang

R/B Elizabeth Zeng

9:30AM Jim Kelly

R/B LoCicero Family

9:30AM Grace Lukas & Josephine Panzera.

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9:30AM Robert K. Conroy

R/B Garr Stephenson

11:30AM Carmel Jerzewski

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11:30AM Fred A. Campo

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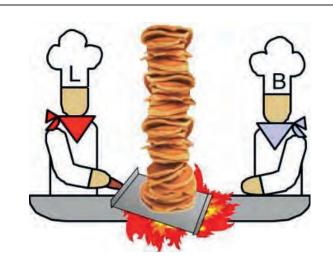
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DAILY ROSARY

Each morning, Monday-Friday, before Mass at 8 AM.in the church, we pray and meditate on the Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary. We invite you to join us whenever you are able.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 1 Corinthians 1-3 John 1:29-34



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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Save the Dates: EVENTS for PARENTS & CHILDREN

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Book Reading Sunday, January 22 from 10:45AM – 11:10AM Parish Hall

A reading of a new, soon to be published book called **CROW THE COURAGEOUS: BADGE OF COURAGE**.

It is a book where the readers becomes a part of the story by writing in their own names and using the provided stickers to complete the story and has an optional interactive board game.

Presented by Jim Samartino,. author and parishioner. This presentation is part of the opening prayer time for Sunday CCD class but the event is open to all.

Art Class for Grades 4 – 6 Sunday, February 5 from 12:15 – 2:15 PM Parish Hall

Presented by parishioner James Lew

Theme of Painting: Valentine's Day

Process: James will provide guided instruction of the picture.

Cost: Nominal Cost to cover the materials and pizza Both of these events will have a Sign-Up Genius go out in January. For more information, please contact Jim Jungels at 908-864-0369.

APPALACHIA SUMMER MISSION

Thursday, January 19 at 7:00 PM

Join us for an informative meeting
To learn about how you can be a part of
our parish mission scheduled in June.
Questions? Email Jeanine at
JCavanagh@sjmillstone.com



Healing Prayer This Weekend Immediately after 4:45PM, 9:30AM & 11:30AM Masses January 7-8

For more Information :contact Ann Smith at 908-285-6481. All conversations and prayer requests are confidential.

Next Dates: February 11-12



NOVENA FOR LIFE PRAYER

The Knights of Columbus and Respect Life Ministry are sponsoring a Novena for Life prayer from January 19 to January 27. A Parish prayer to promote life from conception to natural death. Copies will be available on Moses Table from January 8 to January 15. They are also available at this web site.

https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life



BECOME A MEMBER OF THE MILLSTONE VALLEY COLUMBIETTES

Wednesday January 25, 2023, at 7:00 PM Hospitality Room

The Columbiettes are an organization of Catholic women. As a charitable, not-for-profit organization we support many different charities and are involved in community activities, as well as working collectively with our Brother Knights of Columbus to promote faith and unity. We also have many social events as well as our religious and charitable works where you will have the opportunity to meet other women who share your interest.

Millstone Valley Columbiettes are active with St. Joseph Parish and continually reach out to the community. We also incorporate ongoing events throughout the year including our Book Club, Crafting with Purpose, Food by the Pound Competition and more!

The Millstone Valley Auxiliary meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM at the parish.

If you are interested in joining this magnificent group who strives to serve God through Faith, Hope & Charity, please come on Wednesday, January 25 to complete an application, learn more about our history and take our pledge to officially become a Columbiette.

Contact President, Erica Ruffer at thebove528@hotmail.com, Vice President, Linda Chemidlin at (908) 874-6189 or Past President, Ginny Bove at (908) 829-3918 with any questions, concerns or to confirm your plan to attend on January 25.



SAGES ACTIVITIES

COMING IN JANUARY

Exercise: Drums Alive class begins Thursday, January

12 at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall

Tuesday Topics: Meet Joshua O'Neill, the new Eldercare educator at The Office of Aging and Disability Services on January 17 at 11:15 AM. He will discuss services and workshops offered by the county.

Monday Funday: Join us January 23 at noon for lunch, games and a movie. Details and registration to follow

Info: Email AnnaMaria at arealbuto@sjmillstone.com You can also call her at 908-864-0334.

SURVIVING DIVORCE

For men and women seeking healing from separation or divorce.

This 12-week program, while based on the teachings of the Catholic Church, is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after a divorce.

Meetings will be held on

Thursdays 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM beginning March 2, 2023

at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ For more information or to register contact Ro Bersch at 908-313-5947

IN MEMORIAM

Bohdan Georg Komar, husband of Donna, died on December 24..

Helene M. Saladini, 87, wife of Salvatore, died on December 23.

Gloria Guarino (Zimmerman) 91, died on December 21.

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



Hillsborough Band Parents Association Clothing Drive Saturday, January 14, 2023 from 10AM - Noon

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2023-2024 TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at https://online.factsmgt.com/aid. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than **March 31**, **2023.** Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please send info for the bulletin no later than Friday, 8 days prior to the weekend you want the article to appear, directly to stjoebulletin@yahoo.com.



2022 Christmas Flower Offerings - Part 1

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To Be Continued.

Sunday, Jan 08, 2023

Bless this mess

Do a perimeter walk of your home. What do you see? Each room tells a story, every corner contains a chapter about who lives here and what happens between these walls. *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers* recommends we bless our homes annually on Epiphany in imitation of the wise ones who once followed the divine presence to a humble dwelling. What sort of blessing might each area need? What requires a blessing: the kitchen table, living room sofa, or home office desk? A child's room or elder's sickbed? Don't forget the front door—the passageway to every other story that involves us.

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12 (20). "Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come."

Monday, Jan 09, 2023

Be a carrier of peace

Pigeons and doves are different species within the same family of birds. The homing pigeon, also called the mail or carrier pigeon, is a variety bred for its ability to find its way home over extremely long distances of up to 1,000 miles or more. Because of this skill, they were used to carry messages throughout history. The dove, of course, is a symbol of peace and hope, and famously carried an olive branch to Noah on the Ark after the great flood. If you want to send a similar message, you don't have to go nearly as far. Just extend peace and hope across the dinner table or over the neighbor's fence.

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17 (21). "He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him."

Tuesday, Jan 10, 2023

Give peace every chance

On this day in 1920, the Treaty of Versailles formally ended World War I. On this same day in 1946—following World War II—the UN General Assembly met for the very first time, gathering on church property at the Methodist Central Hall in London. And on January 10, 1984 the United States and Vatican City re-established full diplomatic relations after 117 years. It's not enough for Christians to worship the Prince of Peace. "We must work tirelessly to avoid war between nations and peoples," writes Pope Francis in *Fratelli Tutti* (On Fraternity and Social Friendship). "There is a need to ensure ... tireless recourse to negotiation, mediation, and arbitration." Learn more at Pax Christi USA.

FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 2:5-12; Mark 1:21-28 (306). "The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes."

Wednesday, Jan 11, 2023

Measure with mercy

On this day in 314—or the day before; the history is unclear—Pope Saint Miltiades died after a life of historic twists and turns that would help define the Early Church. Born to North African parents, Miltiades was the second of the Catholic Church's three African popes, having been elected in 311, shortly after the end of the persecutions of Emperor Diocletian. As pope, Miltiades was most famous for rejecting the Donatists, who argued that apostates who

repent needed to be re-baptized (and re-ordained, if priests). In an age of manifestly imperfect priests, may we model Pope Miltiades' mercy and forgiveness for all the fallen—starting with ourselves!

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 2:14-18; Mark 1:29-39 (307). "They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up."

Thursday, Jan 12, 2023

Pull back the curtain with contemplative prayer

Fans of *The Wizard of Oz* relish the moment when a curtain is drawn and the Great and Terrible Oz is shown to be an ordinary man. In a way, the tradition of contemplative prayer is an attempt to pull back the curtain but with reverse results. Instead of seeing the wonderous as ordinary, contemplation is meant to move people to see the depth and intricacy and wonder *of* the ordinary. In other words, contemplative prayer wants us to see God's face everywhere. Consider the times when God's presence became tangible for you. Build a time into today to seek that presence.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 3:7-14; Mark 1:40-45 (308). "Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched the leper, and said to him, 'I do will it. Be made clean."

Friday, Jan 13, 2023

The word is out

Saint Hilary, born in Poitiers in southwest France in 315, had a learned education but was not raised Christian. Able to read the biblical languages, however, he was drawn to Christianity by the beauty and power of the prologue of the Gospel of John (John 1:1-18) and spent his life in strong defense of the divinity of Jesus, a controversial subject at the time. Recognition of his tireless efforts eventually earned him the high title of doctor of the church. Perhaps John's prologue has a word to speak to you as well. Why not dip into its powerful language today?

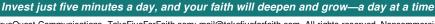
MEMORIAL OF HILARY, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Mark 2:1-12 (309) "Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk'?"

Saturday, Jan 14, 2023

Accepted unconditionally

Levi was an outcast of his people. Because of his position at the Roman customs post, not only he but also his family were held in disdain. His alliance with the Romans was considered treasonous and his wealth ill-gotten. Levi had many character flaws, yet Jesus chose him as a disciple, and he accepted. This is good news for the outcasts of our generation, the people our society and sometimes our church counts as unacceptable. It's good news for all of us, to be honest, as we all fall short in one way or another. Thankfully, Jesus sees past our shortcomings. Imitate Jesus before judging others.

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 2:13-17 (310). "I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."





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