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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 outdo	oors. Attendees
remain in their car and tune	e into FM 88.7.)

#### Weekend Masses:

Saturday	4:45 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM
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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 <u>fatherhank@sjmillstone.com</u> 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

EMERGENCIES Crisis Pregnancy Hotline—732-516-0911

Suicide Prevention NJ Lifeline—1-800-273TALK Teen Crisis Text Hotline—Text 741741

Emergency Meals emergencymeals@stjosephsparish.com

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#### INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

8:35 AM Giuseppe Cilia R/B Silvana Dudajek
8:35 AM Paul Shields
R/B Midge Guerrera & Jack Huber
8:35AM Frank Meyler
R/B Tuesday Morning Faith Sharing
8:35AM Bette Oleksey
R/B John & Carol Jorgensen
8:35AM Anthony Gubitosi
R/B Carl & Connie Panzera
8:35AM Marcel Malebranche
R/B Urma Francois Family
8:35AM Ray & Andrea Huddas
R/B Michelle Laffoon
8:35AM Fred A. Campo
R/B Fred & Laura Campo & Family
4:45PM George Matuszkiewicz
R/B Donna Komar & Family
4:45PM People of the Parish
8:00AM Josephine Donahue
R/B Alice Manzella & Family
9:30AM Millstone Valley Columbiettes
Anniversary
R/B Columbiettes
9:30AM Leonardo Pedone
R/B Geraci Family
9:30AM Wanda & Jerry Kreso
R/B Barbara Dorr
11:30AM Rudy Zuccarello
R/B Natalie & Phil Zuccarello

#### **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

Isaiah 62:1-5 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 John 2:1-11

#### Behind the Scenes of This Week's Readings

When does the Christmas Season officially end? According to the Liturgical calendar, it officially ends today on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We have now entered Ordinary Time and will be awash in the color green until Lent. But through the history of the Church there have been other opinions about when Christmas ends: January 6, the Epiphany or Feast of Three Kings which is the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas. Even February 2, the Feast of the. Purification and Presentation, which is 40 days after Christmas. A good excuse to keep your Christmas lights on during the cold, dark months ahead.



Dear All – Christ's peace!

We recently ran into a few potholes in our local information highway when the liturgical calendar became a little confused last weekend, But we are back to normal now.

**Sacrament of the Sick** – If you have a chronic condition and have not been anointed in a while, or if you have upcoming treatments or surgery, or if you had a driver's license in the days when TV stations closed for the night with the national anthem, think about getting anointed. The best way to arrange it? Email me to let me know which Mass you attend and we can arrange the anointing for right after Mass. It is a beautiful, calming sacrament with beautiful prayers and beautiful graces. If you have been putting it off, let the start of the new year be your excuse.

**Safety Precautions** – The omicron spike reminds us that we are not yet where we want to be. Thanks, as always, for being extra considerate of the people around you: When in doubt, err on the side of caution. Then, if someone does not care, no harm done. And if someone does care, you are enriching their experience of church. Most people would be surprised to learn about the number of parishioners who are medically vulnerable these days. Thanks and blessings.

**Calendars** – Our parish calendars for 2022 are here – just a little late. Please take one this weekend. For now, we need to lean on one-per-household. If we get to January 15 and have spares, I will be asking you to take more.

**New Year's Resolutions** – What resolution(s) is on your list? Whatever it/they is/are, I encourage you to take a few moments to make sure that you are connecting the dots between your resolution(s) and our pre-Mass prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ, living Son of the living God, Help me to know what You

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want, to want what You want, and to do what You want." In the very unlikely event that a frivolous resolution has made your list, efforts to connect the dots will make its goofiness apparent. In the much more likely event that your resolution is inspired, it is good to connect the dots and feel Jesus' desire to help you achieve His/your goal. Discern well! Christmas Thanks - The participation was inspired and the effort was superb. We had close to 75% of our pre-pandemic participation. We benefited tremendously from the efforts of dozens of selfless parishioners in the tech, usher, lector, EM, music and other ministries. Among the dozens who worked so very hard and very selflessly, four went way above and beyond in their preparations for the 2:00 pm Mass: Jill and Mark Dorrler who organized the ushers, Susan Wund who arranged the sacristans and the Eucharistic Ministers, and the staff who managed the music, the radio station and all the rest. It was a logistical tour de force.

With all best blessings for the New Year – and for your discernment about God's call in the new year. **Father Hank** 



### HEALING PRAYER IN PERSON RETURNS TO CHURCH

\*Healing Prayer is now back to in person healing on the second weekend of each month.

\*Virtual healing is closed.

\*Healing Prayer will take place after all masses. \*Ministers will meet parishioners in front of the altar after mass.

\*In keeping with COVID precautions, ministers will wear masks and remain 6-feet away from participants.

#### Our next Healing Sundays are January 9 (after 9:30 mass only) February 12 & 13

## SAGES ACTIVITIES

**General Information**: To learn more about SAGES and all options for our over-55 parishioners, visit our website at SAGES Senior Ministry <u>http://sjmillstone.com/sages</u> For more info contact AnnaMaria at 908-874-2141 e3xt 240 or arealbuto@stjosephsparish.com

## IN MEMORIAM

Margaret Yourkowski, 92, died on December 31.

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

## **CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES**

Thanks in advance for helping. Last year, the pandemic got in the way of collecting donations for the Christmas flowers. This year, we have some catching up to do. The envelopes will be available from this weekend until January 10 on the Moses Table and can be dropped in the collection baskets.

#### **BULLETIN DEADLINE**

We are back on the regular schedule with paper bulletins. Please send info for the bulletin no later than Friday, 8 days prior to the weekend you want the article to appear, directly to <u>stjoebulletin@yahoo.com</u>.

Questions? Contact Dorothy at <u>stjoebulletin@yahoo.com.</u> Thank You.

#### **TOGETHER IN CHARITY COLLECTION**

This weekend this annual collection will be taken up at all Masses. The proceeds of this collection help to fund Catholic Charities' Parish Assistance Program, which provides 24 hour / seven-day-aweek assistance to parishes faced with individuals and families with serious and urgent financial, housing or medical needs. In 2021, over 43% of the parishes in the Diocese availed themselves of this program. Please give generously to this collection and contribute to making this a blessed new year for a family or individual in crisis.

## 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 January 12 and will be both in person and online. 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 <u>emailingsacredheartigi@gmail.com</u>.

### RALLY FOR LIFE BUS TRIP TO TRENTON Friday, January 14, 2022

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Human Life and Dignity will run a bus trip to the Rally for Life in Trenton, NJ, on Friday, January 14, 2022. Passengers will board the bus at the Diocesan Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, at 9:30 a.m. The Rally at the State House will begin at 11 a.m. and end at 1 p.m. The bus will then bring participants back to the Diocesan Center between 2 - 2:30 p.m. The bus ride is free of charge, but registration is required. To reserve a seat, please visit: **diometuchen.org/humanlifeanddignity**. If you have any questions, please email amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1990 exts. 1543 or 1629.

#### SYNOD 2023 Eucharistic Forty Hours and Listening Sessions

In each of the eight deaneries in the Diocese of Metuchen, a Eucharistic Forty Hours will be held, beginning on Sunday, January 23, and ending on Tuesday, January 25, with a Synod Listening Session to follow from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. This opportunity for prayer, to listen to what the Lord is asking of us, will set the tone for our listening sessions. Registration is requested for the listening sessions. To view the list of hosting parishes and to register, visit: diometuchen.org/synod2023.

## JOURNEYING TOGETHER: SYNOD 2023

The entire Catholic Church is called to participate in the upcoming Synod of Bishops! The upcoming Synod is entitled: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission." Synod is a Greek word (synodos) meaning a meeting or assembly. The two Greek words that make up Synod are syn meaning together and hodos meaning way or journey. Pope Francis has called the entire People of God to journey together! This Synod is not just another meeting with oral presentations and written reports. This Synod is a process of journeying together.

As the Church, we will listen to each other, dialogue with each other, Discern together and make decisions together for the purpose of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world! Pope Francis is asking each local diocese to gather together- clergy, religious and laity- to first listen to each other's joys and hopes, and griefs and anxieties (c.f. Gaudium et Spes no. 1). After we listen to each other, we are called to dialogue together on ways we can accompany each other as we seek to grow in holiness. Listening and speaking within the Church always involves prayer.

We are listening, dialoguing and praying together so that we can hear the voice of the Holy Spirit. The "goal" of this journeying together is not to create a new vision or pastoral plan with objectives. Rather, the goal of our journeying together is to be present with one another, to listen and learn with each other, and to grow closer to the Lord and His Church.

Visit: https://www.diometuchen.org/synod2023, for more information.

#### How to Report Sexual Abuse

If you were sexually abused by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or you know of someone who was, you are encouraged to report that abuse to local law enforcement, the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency at 1-877-NJ ABUSE (652-2873) or 1-800-835-5510 (TTY/TDD for the deaf), and also the Diocesan Response Officer at (908) 930-4558 (24 hours/7 days a week). For more information on how to report abuse, visit our diocesan website: diometuchen.org/healing.

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#### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER February 4-6, 2022

For a truly meaningful Christmas present, one that lasts long after the decorations have been put away, why not give your spouse the gift of a Marriage Encounter Weekend?

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held February 4 - 6.

Please apply ASAP as space is limited.

Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco).

Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

#### RETROUVAILLE February 25 – 27, 2022

#### **Stress In Your Marriage?**

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?

- Have you thought about separation or divorce?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?

RETROUVAILLE is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ.

RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions.

The upcoming weekend is February 25 - 27, 2022. All inquiries are confidential. For further information, please contact Rich Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Annette

Colasuonno 732-672-0748 or email 3024@helpourmarriage.org.

## SURVIVING DIVORCE

Surviving Divorce – For men and women seeking healing from separation or divorce. This 8 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 Wednesdays 7– 8:30 p.m. beginning March 16, 2022 at St. Francis Cathedral Parish Center, 45 Library Place in Metuchen, NJ. For more information or to register contact Ro Bersch at 908-313-5947. Registration deadline is March 7, 2022.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2022-2023 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, 2022. 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

#### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Crematory Technician - Jamesburg, NJ Presently, the Diocese of Metuchen is seeking a Crematory Technician. The individual will perform daily scheduling and activities for the crematory and perform routine maintenance and care of crematory related equipment. Must have a valid driver's license.

Interested candidates should email their resume to <u>hr@diometuchen.org</u>. Or mail to:

Human Resources Director, Diocese of Metuchen

PO Box 191

Metuchen, NJ 08840-0191

To view all job listings in the Diocese of Metuchen, visit: https://diometuchen.org/employment-opportunities

#### Sunday, Jan 09, 2022

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD Tell it like it is

The hidden days are over. When the Spirit descends on Jesus and the heavenly voice proclaims him beloved, Jesus is effectively outed as the Divine Son. Did Jesus know this was the hour when his private life would come to an end? When any dreams he may have had for a quiet domestic existence were surrendered for good? The underlying truth is that on the day of our Baptism, we each surrender the notion of a private world that's all about us. As Pope Francis puts it, "Immersing us in Christ, Baptism also makes us members of his body, which is the Church, and participants in its mission in the world." Be the beloved. Share the love.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11; Acts 10:34-38 or Titus 2:11-14; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 (21). *"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."* 

#### Monday, Jan 10, 2022

#### Give every child a chance

According to the National Center for Child Poverty, about 15 million children in the United States—21 percent of all children live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line. The Christ Child Society seeks to address the critical needs of these children. U.S.-born Servant of God Mary Virginia Merrick, who died on this day in 1955, founded the Christ Child Society in 1887 at the age of 20—despite being paralyzed from a childhood injury. Today, its 6,000 members volunteer nearly 400,000 hours and serve more than 75,000 children and their families annually. You may find a chapter—or start one—at nationalchristchild.org.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 1:1-8; Mark 1:14-20 (305). "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

#### Tuesday, Jan 11, 2022

#### Pray the way to a more perfect union

Dom Lambert Beauduin, a Belgian Benedictine monk, died this day in 1960—but not without influencing the way we pray at Mass. As a liturgical scholar, Beauduin championed—years before Vatican II—the idea of worshipers actively participating in the Mass rather than sitting in pews to pray their private devotions. He promoted the idea of congregants literally "being on the same page," able to follow along with the Latin by using worship aides to translate the words of priests and prayers. "Beauduin had an insatiable thirst for unity," notes a biographer. Pray for greater unity in our church today.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28 (306). "On the sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught."

#### Wednesday, Jan 12, 2022

#### Here I am, Lord

Jesus saw his healing ministry of the sick and spiritually oppressed as a call from God. It is the same call each of us receives, not only to serve God and his people but to serve ourselves—to be our best selves, which will bring us the greatest joy. Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, known as an apostle of love, explains the profound grace that comes with responding to God's call in his "Jesus, the very thought of thee" hymn: "... how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!/ But what to those who find? Ah, this No tongue nor pen can show;/ The love of Jesus, what it is None but His loved ones know."

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39 (307). "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come."

#### Thursday, Jan 13, 2022

MEMORIAL OF HILARY, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

#### In defense of the faith

Saint Hilary (d. 468) was a bishop during a time of great contention in the early church. He was popularly selected to lead, and he undertook scholarship that continues to be recognized today. His informal title, "Hammer of the Arians," has a violent ring to it, but in fact, he defended the Trinity against the Arian heresy through his writing, even though his opponents used the more forcible method of exile. Living a truly Christian life—loving those who oppose you, forgiving wrongs, turning the other cheek—has often been ridiculed by those who prefer the use of force. You can "defend" the faith by the way you choose to live.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45 (308). "A leper came to him and kneeling down begged him and said, 'If you wish, you can make me clean.' "

#### Friday, Jan 14, 2022

#### I feel your pain

Healing gospel-style involves assessing the physical, mental, and spiritual health of the ill person. As Pope Francis says, Jesus asks us: "To stop and listen, to establish a direct and personal relationship with others, to feel empathy and compassion, and to let their suffering become our own as we seek to serve them." This holistic approach is slowly being embraced by Western physicians. Today's healthcare providers are encouraged to use such tools as the FICA method to assess a patient's *faith*; its *importance* in their decision-making; their connection to a *community* of like-minded believers; and the recommended *action* related to the spiritual assessment. We're all commissioned to be healers to some extent; the next time someone comes to you in pain, remember this compassionate approach.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; 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 15, 2022

#### The stone rejected

In our continued observance of the Amoris Laetitia Family Year, we are reminded by Pope Francis to consider the complexities of people's lives when we're tempted to judge their family or marital situation. "It can no longer simply be said," writes the pope, "that all those living in any 'irregular situation' are living in a state of mortal sin." Non-traditional families need to be offered "understanding, comfort, and acceptance." We need to stop applying moral laws as if they were, in the pope's words, "stones to throw at a person's life." Consider today the grace of God's mercy, compassion, and forgiveness operating in your own life.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Mark 2:13-17 (310). "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."



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

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