JANUARY 15, 2023

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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 an	d tune into FM 88.7.)

Weekend Masses:

Saturday	4:45 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM
(Enhance	ed-precautions mass-6'
spacing and n	nasks 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

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

PARISH COMMUNITY OF

Saint Joseph

HILLSBOROUGH, NEW JERSEY

Priests

Prophets





MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

M - F	8:00AM The Rosary is prayed before Mass.
Mon	8:35AM App C. Dorea

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	R/B Fran Fierst
Tue.	8:35AM Deceased Members Boardman Family
	R/B Fr. Hank Hilton
	8:35AM Ann Donohue
	R/B Pat Heineman.
	8:35AM Elenmarie Broderick Dunn
	R/B Siobhan Dunn
Wed.	8:35AM Josephine Nouri
	R/B Selwa Toni
Thu.	8:35AM Deceased Members Bottitta &
	Hermanowski Families
	R/B Hedy Bottitta
	8:35AM Joseph Shao Ping Zeng &
	Chelcheng Zi Ying
	R/B Elizabeth Zeng
	8:35AM Rosemary Dressler
	R/B Amato, DellaFave & Peluso
	Families
Fri.	8:35AM Agnes Brazill
	R/B Toni Prowse
	8:35AM Robert Fagan Jr.
	R/B Houle & Vera Families
Sat	4:35PM Yocca Family
	R/B Susan Wund
	4:45PM Paul Gubitosi
	R/B Gubitosi Family
	4:45PM Edna Basquill
	R/B Lou & Sarah Colucci
Sun.	8:00AM People of the Parish
	8:00AM Teng Ma & Lan Zhu
	R/B Elizabeth Zeng
	9:30AM Leonardo Pedone.
	R/B Geraci Family
	9:30AM Fr. Paul McCarthy
	R/B Kathleen Galli
	9:30AM Paolo Marino
	R/B Geraci Family
	11:30AM Living & Deceased Members of
	Millstone Valley Columbiettes
	R/B Millstone Valley Columbiettes
	11:30AM Kathleen Reid
	R/B St. Joseph Building & Grounds
	11:30AM Wayne Parisi
	R/B Gloria Stuart

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3 1 Corinthians 1-10-13, 17 Matthew 4:12-23

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.



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. <u>A Parish prayer to promote life from</u> <u>conception to natural death</u>. Copies will be available on Moses Table until January 15. They are also available at this web site. <u>https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life</u>



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.

January 15, 2023

EVENTS for PARENTS & CHILDREN

open to all parents and children including those who do not attend CCD.

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 James will provide guided instruction for the Valentine themed 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



Exercise: Drums Alive class Thursdays, 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.



Chris Jago singing songs from Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and "Rat Pak" tunes

Advanced pre-paid ordering for curbside pick-up and in-house dining required. Curbside Pick-Up Time 4:00 PM – 6:45 PM Indoor seating in Parish Hall- 5PM-8:30 PM

To schedule your pick-up time and select your meal options or purchase indoor meal tickets, please visit our home page on the parish website: <u>www.simillstone.com</u>

Menu Rigatoni, Meatballs, Penne Vodka, Dinner Rolls Gluten Free Penne, Gluten Free Meatballs In house meals includes salad, beverages and desert. BYOB

Proceeds from this event will support the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative Program that provides ultrasound equipment for Pro-Life pregnancy centers. Our goal is \$2,500.



Save the Dates: BECCA'S FRIENDS SOCIALS

January 20, 6:30 -8:30 PM February 3, 6:30 -8:30 PM March 10, 6:30 -8:30 PM April 28, 6:30 -8:30 PM

January 27 Count Graham Zoom Dance 7 - 8 PM

January 27 Pasta Dinner at St. Joseph's, hosted by Knights of Columbus where we often reserve tables for Becca's Friends to socialize



FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2023 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship.

> The local competition will be held Sunday January 29th 3:30 –4:30 PM at Auten Road School Gym.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district and state level competition.

International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based on scores from state level competitions.

All boys and girls 9 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in respective age divisions. Age Eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of January 1, 2023

Last year nearly 120,000 sharpshooters participated in 3,600 competitions.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in this event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent.

The Knights of Columbus is an international, Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization with over 1.8 million members in more than 15,000 local councils. Last year, Knights donated 70 million volunteer hours and \$170 million to charitable and benevolent causes, sponsoring projects to benefit their Church, councils, communities, families and youth.

For any additional information contact

domferrigno@comcast.net

Please Spread the Word !!! It's Free and It's Fun! Please join us on January 29th

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 <u>https://online.factsmgt.com/aid</u>. 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.

YEARLY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

It's that time again for year-end statements. We will mail a statement for donors who gave \$100 or more for the 2022 year. If you want us to email them, please send email to <u>mmcdevitt@sjmillstone.com</u> and

Include your name and address.

We expect to have all statements in the mail by the end of the month.

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

You're invited!

Life Choices Resource Center's Annual Charity Banquet



Sunday, February 19, 2023, 4 to 8 pm Pines Manor, Edison, NJ \$75 per person, includes dinner Tricky Tray and 50/50

Please join us in a celebration for LIFE! Come and witness God's love in action at Life Choices Resource Center as we "Walk with Moms in Need". Enjoy a night filled with the Love of those who join in our mission of saving babies and helping families when the world tells them something different. Please call us for reservations or donations For more information: (732) 516-0911. R.S.V.P. by 2/10/23

www.LifeChoicesRC.com

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ShareFair

Bringing Neighbors and Community Resources Together

Saturday, January 21, 2023 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM Weston Elementary School, Manville, NJ

Princeton Justice Initiative In partnership with AmeriCorps Seniors invite you to this Community Resource Fair Here, you can access community resources, vaccines, pro bono civil legal advice, Online search help, and more. To learn more visit ShareFair.PJIHelps.org

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

41 Mountain Avenue, Somerville (908) 725-6516 | www.icsschool.org

OPEN HOME

Sunday, January 29, 10AM – 1:00PM WHERE FAITH MEETS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE Full-day Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8 Safe, Nurturing, Christ-Centered Learning Environment Challenging Curriculum and Accelerated Classes Competitive Sports and Co-curricular Activities

Register Online: www.icsschool.org/open-home

POOR BOX DONATIONS

- 1/1/23 Elijah's Promise
- 1/8/23 Catholic Press Month; The Catholic Spirit
- 1/15/23 Random Acts of Kindness (YM)
- 1/22/23 Random Acts of Kindness (YM)
- 1/29/23 Random Acts of Kindness (YM)

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 <u>stjoebulletin@yahoo.com</u>.



Diocese of Metuchen Office of the Bishop

January 15, 2023

FOUNDATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION Annual Collection January 21/22, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The value of Catholic education cannot be overstated. Our schools continue to be places where faith, academic excellence, athletics, and service combine to provide a rich educational experience that helps to form the next generation of leaders for our Church and civic communities. Every time I visit our Catholic schools and witness firsthand the dedication of the teachers, administrators and principals, I am filled with great joy and hope for the future. Invariably, I find a nurturing environment where our students are challenged and encouraged to meet the highest of standards through Christian discipleship.

We strive to keep Catholic education affordable and accessible for all families who want their children to have the advantage of a Catholic school education. For families unable to afford the entire cost, help is available through the Foundation for Catholic Education, which was established to provide financial support to aid low- and moderate-income families.

The Annual Collection for the Foundation for Catholic Education will be taken next weekend, January 21/22, 2023. By helping to provide tuition assistance for children attending our diocesan Catholic schools, your gift will make a tremendous impact and offer the promise of a better future to many deserving young students. Please consider supporting this effort and be as generous as your means allow. Thank you!

With renewed best wishes, I remain yours in

Christ,

+James F. Checchio

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA Bishop of Metuchen

P.S. We celebrate the ministry of Catholic Education during *Catholic Schools Week*, January 28 through February 3, 2023. If you are interested in giving your children or grandchildren the benefit of a great Catholic education, please visit our website at www.diometuchen.org.

Sunday, Jan 15, 2023

Tend your inner lamp

Why do we take so many pictures of sunsets and sunrises? Why fill our homes with chandeliers, lamps, and candles? To the eye, light is incredibly attractive. It illuminates all that surrounds it, offering us not simply its own glow, but redeeming the whole environment swallowed by darkness and delivering it back to us. People who carry an inner light are similar. We're attracted to their aura, but even more so to how clear and bright reality appears when we're in their company. Saints attract others with their light long before the church bestows on them the customary halo. Let your light shine!

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34 (64). *"I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."*

Monday, Jan 16, 2023

Help the dream awaken in all hearts and minds

Many people have today off from school and work in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Why not make it a "day on" instead? Spend at least a little time working for peace and justice today, as King did every day. This is the only federal holiday that is also designated by Congress as a national day of service. The Catholic Church has embraced King's call for racial equality. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "Racism and every form of discrimination ... must be curbed and eradicated as incompatible with God's design." Lift a hand to help in your community, and pray that love banish hate.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22 (311). "The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them."

Tuesday, Jan 17, 2023

Make space for silence

The Apophthegmata Patrum is a 1,600-year-old collection of writings known as the Sayings of the Desert Fathers. These texts record the teachings of the earliest Christian monks, who congregated in the desert of Egypt. The wisest among these monks was Anthony the Abbot. He wrote: "Just as fish die if they stay too long out of water, so the monks who loiter outside their cells or pass their time with men of the world lose the intensity of inner peace." When Christianity became politically accepted—and martyrdoms ceased—Anthony sought the desert to experience a different kind of sacrifice. There he found silence and solitude, too. Seek God in silence today.

MEMORIAL OF ANTHONY, ABBOT

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 6:10-20; Mark 2:23-28 (312). *"Have you never read what David did when he was in need and he and his companions were hungry?"*

Wednesday, Jan 18, 2023

There's room in this big tent

Every camper knows that it's a stretch of the imagination to think that a four-person tent can really fit four people! You're lucky if two people and a backpack fit! In Catholic circles, however, tents have a different meaning. Instead of being short on space, this tent is expandable, able to include everyone, not just one or two. This image is core to the church's "Synod on Synodality" in which all Catholics, including the marginalized, give voice to their experience and together discern God's call. If you want more specs on this big tent, have a look at the USCCB website.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Mark 3:1-6 (313). "[Jesus] said to the man with the withered hand, 'Come up here before us.' "

Thursday, Jan 19, 2023

Come in from the cold

Christmas is over and Epiphany has faded. In much of the Northern Hemisphere, the days are cold and dark. This is when the warmth of the Christian tradition is more important than ever. Pope Francis has often encouraged Christians to practice their faith in warmth and kindness: "Let us light fires of fraternity around which people can warm themselves," he said at a 2022 meeting with migrants in Malta. That's advice we can all take to heart—and to hearth. Can you find a word or gesture today to add positive warmth to a wintery world?

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 7:25—8:6; Mark 3:7-12 (314). "He had cured many and, as a result, those who had diseases were pressing upon him to touch him."

Friday, Jan 20, 2023

Twelve is enough

Twelve months of the year. Twelve inches in a foot. Twelve numbers on the face of a watch. We certainly like our twelves. So does the church. The most famous of course is the 12 apostles, often simply called the Twelve. There's also the 12 days of Christmas and 12 fruits of the Holy Spirit. It's not just that 12 is a handy number for grouping things, it also carries symbolic value. It signifies completion or fullness. Twelve eggs, for example, means you have a full carton. And 12 apostles means the church has everything it needs to preach the Good News. Count your spiritual blessings—by the dozen!

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 8:6-13; Mark 3:13-19 (315). "He appointed Twelve, whom he also named Apostles."

Saturday, Jan 21, 2023

No has always meant no

As a young girl of 13 or 14, Agnes refused all suitors because she had betrothed herself to Christ. As punishment, she was taken to a brothel. One man attempted to violate her, only to be mysteriously struck blind—until Agnes restored his sight. Historical or not, this story reminds us that the scandal of child sex trafficking has always been, and still is, very much with us. Millions of girls and boys are kidnapped, bought and sold, exploited and violated for profit every year. You can help end childhood sex trafficking at the Save the Children and United Nations websites. Act in honor of courageous Agnes.

MEMORIAL OF AGNES, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14; Mark 3:20-21 (316). "Cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God."



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

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