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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	d tune into FM 88.7.)

Weekend Masses:

Saturday	4:45 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM
(Enhar	ced-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

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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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

8:00AM The Rosary is prayed before Mass. M - F8:35AM Robert Heiss Mon. **R/B Marilyn Heiss** 8:35AM John Michael Cleary **R/B** Diane Clearv 8:35AM Carter Childs **R/B Colleen Mullens** Tue. 8:35AM Antonetta Fiore **R/B** Jeanne Zydallis 8:35AM Anthony Jichetti **R/B** Carol Jichetti 8:35AM Douglas Anderson R/B Don Anderson Wed.. 8:35AM Norman Rodriguez R/B Dianne Mantilla 8:35AM Marie Lanier R/B Denise & Dennis Sitarik 8:35AM Mitchell D. Korman **R/B Maureen & David Korman** Thu... 8:35AM Joan Rapp **R/B Ann Harris** 8:35AM Brian Derrick **R/B Cleary Family** 8:35AM Gerard Salvatore R/B Tom & Donna Greco Fri.. 8:35AM George Putvinski, Sr. **R/B George Putvinski** 8:35AM Zena Pringle **R/B Delroy McKenzie** 8:35AM John Witt **R/B Witt Family** Sat. 4:45PM Carmine Geraci **R/B** Geraci Family 4:45PM Fred Matuszkiewicz R/B Donna Komar & Family 4:45PM Paul Gubitosi R/B Agnes & Guy Gubitosi 8:00AM Valerie Hendrikson Sun. R/B Carol & Artie Valone & Family 8:00AM Eileen Schach Scholl R/B Mahalsky Family 8:00AM People of the Parish 9:30AN Elenmarie B. Dunn R/B Siobhan Dunn 9:30AM Emma Catherine Ostapovich **R/B** Patricia Ostapovich 9:30AM John Ostapovich R/B Patricia Ostapovich 11:30AM Thomas (TJ) Pope R/B Jeff & Kathy Pope 11:30AM Judith Begraft R/B Catherine Wilbur 11:30AM Denny Vincent Ayres **R/B** Cicoria Family

Dear All, Christ's Peace!

Preparing for Lent – Ash Wednesday is one week from this Wednesday. (How did that happen?) This is the time to sort through the prospects for your Lenten practice. I encourage you to use the season as a holy excuse to end a bad habit or start a good habit - to start a longlasting change you suspect Jesus wants you to make. You might want to wonder about habits of prayer, service. and building community. Think big and maybe try, "Lord Jesus Christ, living Son of the living God, please help me to know what You want, to want what You want, and to do what You want this Lent."

Reading the Sunday Readings - Remember, the new hymnals include the readings for each Sunday Mass. If reading them during the readings helps you, by all means, read along. The lector will announce the number assigned to the day's readings so you can find them in the hymnal. And maybe wonder about using Lent to deepen your habit of reading the readings before Mass?

Free Copies – "The Word Among Us" – I am not sure why, but we received a box of "The Word Among Us" for Lent. If you don't already subscribe to Mass readings, take one of these from the Moses Table.

Christmas Appalachia Video - Your robust support of the Appalachia Christmas project has enriched many lives. Check out the video of the difference you make on our website.

Caregivers - Do you provide care, full-time or parttime, to a loved one? Are you a professional caregiver? Do you know someone who is any of the above? Email Sharon at mtc@simillstone.com to learn more about our Ministry to Caregivers and the support the ministry offers.

Saint Francis Mission in Philly – Mark Your Calendar - Our next service/immersion mission to the Saint Francis Inn in Philly is April 14-16. Questions? Email Jeanine at Jcavanagh@sjmillstone.com.

Pasta Night – Greatest blessings and thanks for all who made it happen. It was over-the-top great. The food, the music, and the vibe were all superb. Special thanks to the Knights and their meatball-makers. Extra kudos for our CCD students who kept the tables clean and the mood delightful.

Our Artists and Our Homebound - GREAT blessings for the many Little Kids and Kids who created the cards that will go out with our Valentine gifts to 70 homebound folks. You make people very happy.

I send this with great thanks and great blessings. Father Hank.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Leviticus 10:1-2, 12-18 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 Matthew 5:38-48

POOR BOX DONATIONS

2/5 - 2/26 Saint Vincent de Paul Society

This charity provides food for an average of 186 clients a week. Volunteers manage the pantry every Saturday from 9:30am to 12:45pm and our parishioners are a part of this volunteer base.

GREAT job with the Poor Box in January for the Random Acts of Kindness. You donated almost \$1,600. That impressive total will enable our young people to reach out to many who are alone and needy.



HEALING PRAYER Immediately after 4:45PM, 9:30AM & 11:30AM Masses This Weekend - February 11-12 For more Information :contact Ann Smith at 908-285-6481. All conversations and prayer requests are confidential.

Next Dates: March 11-12

Save the Dates: BECCA'S FRIENDS SOCIALS

March 10, 6:30 -8:30 PM April 28, 6:30 -8:30 PM



SAGES ACTIVITIES

Exercise: Drums Alive class Thursdays, at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall. No registration required. **No class on February 16**. After Drums Alive, we will switch to Yoga (floor or chair) followed by 6 weeks of Salsa lessons.

Moses Is Coming – to Lancaster in May – Join us for *Moses* at Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster on Wednesday, May 24. Stay tuned for details and registration.

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



FEBRUARY 22 DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES Will take place at the following times:

8:35 AM Mass in Church 10:00 AM Communion Service in Parking Lot 5:00 PM Communion Service in Parking Lot 7:00 PM Mass in Church

In addition, there will ne Walk-in hours from 11 AM to 4 PM. Staff members will distribute ashes during this time.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS Fridays in Lent in Church 7:00 PM

.The Stations are a devotion intended to help us follow Jesus on his way to Calvary. By accompanying him on the Way of the Cross, we see ourselves mirrored in him, gain his courageous patience, & learn to trust God who is with us no matter what we have to go through. Please join us in this ancient prayer of the Church

YOUTH MINISTRY

Adult Volunteers Welcome! – Might you have what it takes to help our young people become the priests, prophets and kings/queens/monarchs that God is inviting them to become? Contact Bob Ferretti to learn more about the many opportunities we have for you to help some of New Jersey's best youth.

Summer Work Trips – Registration is now open for the 2023 Catholic Heart Work Camp. The trip runs from Sunday, July 16 to Saturday, July 21.



FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

Twelve boys and girls from the Hillsborough Area, aged 9 to 14, were named local champions of the 2023 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship and have earned the right to compete next level.

The Millstone Valley Council 11415 in East Millstone sponsored the local competition at Auten Rd School. All youngsters from ages 9 to 14 were eligible to participate.

Isabella Castro was the winner of the 9-year-old girls division and Benjamin Arana was the winner of the 9-yearold boys' division.

Gabriella Petrillo was the 10-year-old girls' champion and Gerard Gillio was the winner of the 10-year-old boys' division.

In the 11-year-old bracket of the competition Cici Cuaresma was the girls' champion and Kevin Karatz was the boys' champion.

Twelve-year-old winners in the girls and boys' divisions were Carmela Arana and Dylan Castro.

The thirteen-year-old girls was won by Nevya Loniewski and thirteen-year-old boys winner was Traxyn Loniewski

The fourteen-year winners were Jules DiNuzzo girl's winner and Brian Burke as the boy's winner.

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all of the youngsters who participated in the competition and all of the volunteers who make this a successful event.

2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal Renewed and Sent on Mission by the Eucharist Week 3

Our diocese has been blessed in recent years with an increased number of vocations and, thanks be to God, we presently have 21 seminarians studying for the priesthood. A large portion of our seminarians' education is being funded by the Bishop's Annual Appeal, for which they are extremely grateful. Your gift also supports a wide array of diocesan programs that foster vocations and provide ongoing formation for those called to both ordained and lay leadership roles within the Church. Your generosity also ensures that our retired priests who have served so faithfully receive the care they deserve in their later years. Please be as generous as your means allow.

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 3rd Wednesday of February at 7:00PM. Our next meeting is February 15 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 via email at <u>sacredheartigi@gmail.com</u>.



Thank You!

Please accept our sincere appreciation for your assistance in a very successful Pasta Night. Below are some high-level unofficial numbers:

Take-out orders (could be more than one meal to an order) 152 Prepaid Dine-in attendees 141 plus 52 paid at the door. 41 gallons of Tomato sauce 84 lbs. of Pasta 1040 Meatballs

It took an army---

29 Knights assisted either at the event, organizing, shopping, organization of entertainment, meatball making, kitchen staff, servers, 50:50 management, clean parking lot logistics and curbside pick-up 14 Columbiettes-- Par cookers of pasta, table set-

up/decorations, food servers and cleanup

More than a dozen CCD students did a remarkable and polite job of bussing the tables, serving beverages and dessert as well as breaking down the tables at the end. Several of the parish staff providing support for online ordering, financial logistics and parish bulletin announcements.

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.

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>.

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP The Pregnancy Aid Center

The center, located in Raritan, serves needful women and families. Our parishioners help two Wednesdays each month by sorting, organizing, and packing donations. Questions>

Email Marianne at mgenn.3@gmail.com or Jeanine at jcavanagh@sjmillstone.com

Food Pantry

Our parishioners also provide logistical support, once a month, for the food pantry in Perth Amboy. Might this be a good job for you? Email Terry at

terrytulee25@gmail.com

OASIS '23

DAY OF PRAYER FOR WOMEN April 22, 2023 9:30 AM-3:00 PM

Villa Walsh, Morristown, NJ Spend a day of spiritual reflection and renewal with women from all over New Jersey. The day includes: Mass, Reconciliation. Rosary and /or Stations and Eucharistic Adoration

Bring your own lunch. Beverages will be available throughout the day. Villa Walsh is handicapped

accessible. There is also a Religious Gift Shop. Registration Fee: \$15.00 For More Information, contact: Sr. Alice Ivanyo MPF sralicei@gmail.com 732-238-9222

2022 Christmas Flower Offerings - Part 5

Georg Komar from Donna Komar & family Fred Matuszkiewicz from Donna Komar George & Marie Matuszkiewicz from Donna Komar & family Deceased members of the Quinn & Gagliardi Families from Pat & Joanne Gagliardi Antoinette & Anton Illein from the Illein Family Perfecto & Petra Bernardo from Lucita B. Pascual In loving memory of the Tucciarone & Quarto families from Mr. & Mrs. Sal Tucciarone Doris & Joseph Errico from Tina & Tom Lochmann Ellen Marie B. Dunn from Siobhan Dunn

Offerings were also made by the Giacobbe Family, Barbara & Gordon Ur, Dennis Sitarik, J. Kowalski, Hedwig Bottitta and the Lucash Family.

There were also 5 Anonymous Donations.

Sunday, Feb 12, 2023

Create a genuine love story

No one ever said relationships were easy. Commitments, whether in marriage, religious life, or elsewhere, take spiritual insight to discern, patience to maintain, time to mature, and a whole lot of love to keep the engine moving on the tracks. Today's celebration of World Marriage Day is meant to support the development of a culture of life and love within our most fundamental relationships. As Pope Francis declared in *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love): "The welfare of the family is decisive for the future of the world and that of the church." Take the journey to joy and love. Work to make each relationship life-giving.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37 (76). *"We speak a wisdom to those who are mature, not a wisdom of this age."*

Monday, Feb 13, 2023

Make a petition, not a deal

It can be tempting, especially when we're desperate, to try to bargain with God: "If you do this one thing for me, I'll quit a bad habit forever and never miss Mass again." But that's not how our relationship with God works. For starters, Jesus told us not to bargain, but to simply ask for what we need (Matthew 7:7-11). God already knows what we need better than we do but wants us to ask anyway, persistently even—because a willingness to be vulnerable and share intimacy are central to any healthy relationship. For that reason, petitionary prayer isn't always easy. Open up with your longings and offer God your trust, rather than a deal.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 4:1-15, 25; Mark 8:11-13 (335). "Amen, I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation."

Tuesday, Feb 14, 2023

Speak the language of love

More than 1,000 years before Vatican II—with its directive to translate the Latin liturgy into the vernacular—two missionary siblings, Cyril and Methodius, got the blessing of their pope to do the same for the Slavic people. In doing so, they created the Cyrillic alphabet. And as Pope John Paul II noted, they impacted not only the "history of the church, but also the civil and the political history of a great part of the European continent. . . . Cyril and Methodius [are] not only the apostles of the Slavic peoples but also the fathers of their culture." On this Valentine's Day, how can you translate love into your vernacular?

MEMORIAL OF CYRIL, MONK, AND METHODIUS, BISHOP TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mark 8:14-21 (336). "Do you not yet understand or comprehend? Are your hearts hardened?"

Wednesday, Feb 15, 2023

A pioneer priest who broke a color barrier

On this day in 1880, Augustus Tolton departed the United States on a holy mission: to enter a Catholic seminary as an African American. After several years of trying to become a priest stateside and experiencing rejection due to racism, Tolton's friends and allies successfully arranged for his passage to study at the Urban College in Rome, where he was ordained as the world's first openly African-American Catholic priest in 1886. He would return to his home state of Illinois, eventually settling in Chicago where he founded the city's first black parish. He died of heat stroke in 1897 at the young age of 43 and has since been on the path to sainthood. In these times of continuing anti-black discrimination, may we look to his witness for hope and sustenance. Venerable Father Tolton, pray for us!

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22; Mark 22-26 (337). "My vows to the LORD I will pay in the presence of all his people. Precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones."

Thursday, Feb 16, 2023

Take the path of Saint Francis

Christian theology has often encouraged human domination over creation. Saint Francis of Assisi had another view, one that has become more prominent in the church as the climate crisis intensifies. Franciscan Sister Rose Dowling expresses one facet of it: "The Earth with which we are so intimate is our primary teacher about who God is and how God wants to relate with us... I see a God who has set into being a creation that continues to grow, evolve, become more conscious, become more complex. I see that as a human I, like the rest of creation, have the potential to grow and become *more* ..." How will you become more conscious of all of creation today?

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 9:1-13; Mark 8:27-33 (338). "Peter said to him in reply, 'You are the Christ.' "

Friday, Feb 17, 2023

To Mary, in times of sorrow

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order were 13th-century Florentine cloth merchants who banded together in prayer, solace, and community during politically tumultuous times. From the beginning, the Servites dedicated themselves to Mary, the Sorrowful Mother. Today their mission is to "gather in fraternal communion to be with those suffering and sorrowful." The Servites developed the three most common devotions to Our Lady of Sorrows, namely the Scapular of the Seven Dolours of Mary, the Novena to Our Sorrowful Mother, and the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows. In the closing prayer of the Rosary chaplet, we say, "Pray for us, O most sorrowful Virgin. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ." That is certainly a prayer to remember as we face each day's trials.

MEMORIAL OF THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 11:1-9; Mark 8:34—9:1 (339). "Whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the Gospel will save it."

Saturday, Feb 18, 2023

Good to be here

Were you ever so enamored of something that you just wanted it to last forever? That's what Peter was experiencing on the Mount of Transfiguration. But Jesus and his inner circle had to move on. They had to come down the mountain. There was more that needed to be done, people who needed to be served. In his 1967 encyclical, *Populorum Progressio* (On the Development of Peoples), Pope Paul VI wrote, "Genuine progress . . . consists in an economic order designed for the welfare of the human person, where the daily bread that each [one] receives reflects the glow of love and the helping hand of God." Pray that we become enamored by justice and help transfigure the world in Jesus' image!

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 11:1-7; Mark 9:2-13 (340). "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents."



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

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