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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

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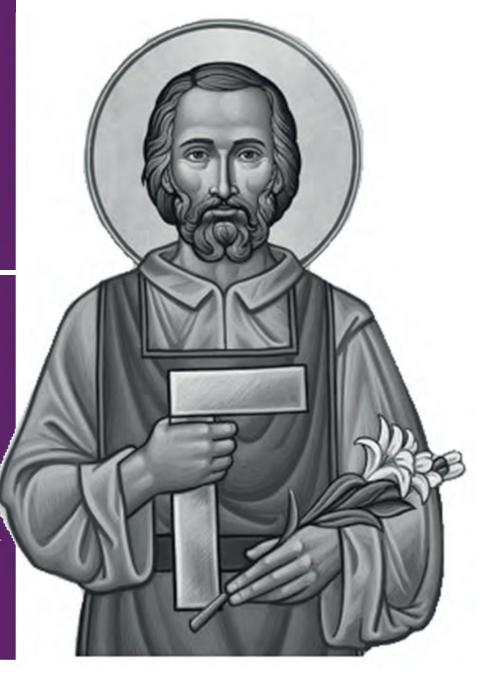
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Mon. 8:35AM Walter J. Ronchetti

R/B John & Carol Jorgensen

8:35AM Louise Mae Teakill

R/B Tiber Family

.Tue, 8:35AM Joseph Greene

R/B Sarah & Tom Greene

8:35AM Carl Jacobson

R/B Xavier Society

Wed. 8:35AM George Melillo

R/B Robert Melillo

Thu.. 8:35AM John Cooney, Jr.

R/B Helene Dillon

8:35AM Jane Glennon

R/B Sean Glennon

Fri. 8:35AM Nick DeSibio

R/B Valone Family

8:35AM Urma Francois (Living)

R/B Francois Family

Sat. 4:45PM Josephine Lochmann

R/B Tina & Tim Lochmann

4:45PM Ray larkowski

R/B Marge larkowski

4:45PM Meredith Carroll

R/B Jason Tyukody

Sun. 8:00AM John Robert Obenauer

R/B Paula Carol Obenauer

8:00AM People of the Parish

9:30AM Angelo Santamaria

R/B Geraci Family

9:30AM Mary & Stanley Trechock

R/B Chet & Gloria Trechock

9:30AM Josephine & Bob Ferro

R/B Ferro Family

11:30AM Rey Villanueva

R/B Susan Wund & Irene Palella

11:30AM Elizabeth Nawracaj

R/B Terri & Peter Macor

11:30AM Rudolph Mark Bell

R/B Laura Bell

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Ezekiel 37:12-14 Romans 8:8-11

John 11:1-45

WEDNESDAY COMMUNION SERVICE 10:00 AM PARKING LOT .

Chrism Mass with Bishop Checchio

Tuesday, April 4, 2023, 4:00 PM Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen All are encouraged to join in-person (or watch via livestream). To watch the Chrism Mass livestream, visit https://diometuchen.org/cathedral-livestream

Feast of St. Joseph

Patron Saint of Our Parish Sunday, March 19



When our new church was being designed and built twenty-five years ago, the Art & Furnishings Committee commissioned artist Alice Manzi of Porter's Corner, NY, to sculpt the statue of St. Joseph for the church. At that time, she also made a heart of clay which was placed inside the statue as a tribute to the parishioners who lovingly came together to build the church in 1998. Alice also fashioned the large, central crucifix behind the altar as well.

As we celebrate the feast of our patron saint, St. Joseph, we pray that we will always look to him as a model of the loving care and devotion we are called to share with our families, friends and all who look to us for support.

St. Joseph, pray for us.



9:05 AM following 8:35 AM Mass Traditional Stations and 7:00 PM Scriptural Stations.



EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWER PROGRAM

Would you like to make a donation towards our Easter Memorial Flower Program in remembrance of a deceased loved one or to honor someone? Your contributions will provide for next year's flowers – just like last year's contributions provide for this year's. The flower envelopes are now in the Gathering Space. You may drop them in the baskets on the way out of church.. *Thank you.*



ATTENTION:

High School Senior Catholic Girls:

The Millstone Valley Columbiettes Auxiliary is looking to nominate one high school senior Catholic girl for the **Student Good Citizen Award**. This is awarded by our State Council Columbiettes to one high school senior Catholic girl in New Jersey who demonstrates outstanding leadership and service to the community. If you are interested in applying or have any questions, please contact Michele Tuck at mptuck@comcast.net.

Applications must be submitted by April 2nd.

SUMMER APPALACHIA WORK CAMP

The next mission trip is June 10-17, 2023.

Thirteen of our parishioners will be heading to Dunlow, Kentucky to build houses for low-income people.

Learn more about the project – The project coordinators from Dunlow will be in the Gathering Space after the 11:30 Mass on March 27 to answer questions and explain their work. They will also have a replica of the house our parishioners will help to build this summer.

Support the project – Stay tuned for information about how to help provide building materials.

Questions? Email Jeanine at

In Memoriam

Nicholas J. Troisi, 93, died on March 6

icavanagh@simillstone.com

Diane Banino, 91, cousin of parishioners, Ellen & Don, died on March 9.

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

YOUNG FAMILIES AND NEW PARENTS FUN TEA PARTY WITH ALICE in WONDERLAND

Saturday, April 1 at 11:00 AM

Bring your family and join us for tea, pastries, cookies and more, while we enjoy the one-woman play by the "real" Alice in Wonderland and learn all about the history of this wonderful story . We are also offering the book *Alice In Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll for families to read and enjoy prior to the event! If you would like to receive a copy of this book, please use the google form to register: https://forms.gle/UR5CkNCCLVbeHnkF8. To register and arrange your complimentary book, please go to our parish webpage..

"Building a Culture of Life Post Roe"

A Critical Life Issues Conference

Saturday, March 25, 2023
St. John Neumann Pastoral Center
Opening Mass at 9 am - Bishop Checchio
Conference from 10 am to 3:30 pm
Cost \$35. (includes lunch and handouts)

Registration Information

General Admission is \$35.00 Student Admission is \$15.00 Admission includes lunch and hand-outs The day will feature: Exhibits, Eucharistic Adoration, and Confession. For questions or more information, please email amarshall@diometuchen.org



. Keep your calendars marked for **May 21-28**

when we will be hosting the entire week here at Saint Joe's and will need a ton of help! For general questions or to volunteer, please reach out to Tina Androulakis at Tina@androulakis.com or Jeanine Cavanagh at jcavanagh@sjmillstone.com. Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

Save the Date! LENTEN FISH FRY

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SAGES ACTIVITIES

Exercise — Join us Thursdays at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall. Yoga began on March 9 for 6 weeks. The Yoga class has adaptions for both Chair Yoga and Mat Yoga. If you have a mat please bring it. We will have some extra mats and yoga blocks on hand. No registration required.

Sight and Sound Theater trip to see "Moses" on Wednesday, May 24. Registration is full but you may add your name to the waiting list. Reach AnnaMaria for details.

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

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2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal Renewed and Sent on Mission by the Eucharist Week 8

This weekend, parishes throughout the Diocese of Metuchen are celebrating *Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend*. Our goal is for every family to participate. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Together, we are keeping Christ's presence alive in the world today. Thank you for actively participating in this mission by your financial support.

You can find the link to the Bishop's Annual Appeal Video by going to https://diometuchen.org/BAA.

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Visit <u>immaculatahighschool.org/openhome</u> to register and to learn more

2023 Lenten Reflection

Why Beauty Matters

How the Arts Can Manifest the Divine Beauty in Our Daily Lives Very Reverend Timothy A. Christy

Wednesday, March 22, 7:00 PM

St. Joseph Auditorium 16 E. Somerset St., Raritan

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The Catholic Spirit, the official newspaper of the Diocese of Metuchen, seeks an Editor-in-Chief to assist with the production of the monthly periodical. The ideal candidate will be responsible for planning, directing and coordinating the conception, copywriting, design, production and distribution of The Catholic Spirit. A background in communications and public relations is preferred. Interested candidates should forward their resume to

hr@diometuchen.org

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March 19, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As our national celebration of the Eucharistic Revival continues to call us to more deeply appreciate the gift of the Eucharist, it is a fitting time to reflect on the indispensable importance of the priest in the Eucharistic life of the Church. We are blessed to have many good, holy priests faithfully serving in the Diocese of Metuchen in our parishes, hospitals and other important ministries. Let us not forget that we also have a number of retired priests who have dedicated many years of devotion to God and our communities.

With the passing of time, there comes a point when we as a Church must care for the priests who first cared for us. There are currently 31 retired priests in the Diocese of Metuchen. While some priests return home to live with relatives, there are those who do not have this option and need a safe, welcoming environment in which to retire. We currently have 11 priests residing at our Maria Regina Residence for Retired Priests where these faithful men live modestly and peacefully with access to medical care. Here our retired diocesan priests live each day with dignity and the ability to practice their Catholic faith in a brotherly community. Although retired, those who are physically able continue to generously help in so many ways—offering Mass at local parishes, hearing confessions, and sharing their spiritual and administrative wisdom with their brother priests. They also spend time in prayer in their chapel praying for the needs of everyone in our diocese, including you.

Our retired priests have served so many people over the course of their ministry, nourishing our Catholic faith, educating our youth, and serving the poor and vulnerable. On the weekend, April 1 and 2, as we celebrate Palm Sunday, the faithful of the diocese will have the opportunity to gratefully acknowledge the life-long dedication of these priests by contributing to the *Annual Collection for our Retired Diocesan Priests*. All funds raised through this collection will be used exclusively to assist our retired priests by subsidizing the Maria Regina Residence.

Thank you for your continued generosity. Please keep all of our priests in your daily prayers. Please also continue to pray for vocations from our local Church to the holy priesthood for service in our diocese.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

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

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Sunday, Mar 19, 2023

Step out of the spotlight

They called her the "Pearl of the Antilles" for her uncompromising care of the sick. In Cuba, the Dominican Republic, and her original home in Puerto Rico, Mother Maria Soledad Sanjurjo Santos and the Servants of Mary she led were there to help. Mother Maria made it her signature to be hidden so Christ could be made visible. Her humility in service illuminates what Saint Paul means by living as children of light. If we insist on the spotlight, all that people see is us. If we wear a cloak of invisibility in practicing our good works, Christ alone lights up the darkness.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY)
TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ephesians 5:8-14;
John 9:1-41 (31). "Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness."

Monday, Mar 20, 2023

Pull a chair up to the table

On the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, it is the custom in some places, especially Italy, to bless bread, pastries, and other food and give it to the poor. Legend has it that the tradition started in the Middle Ages after Sicilians prayed to Saint Joseph to end a terrible drought. After rain finally came and produced a bountiful harvest, the food was shared with everyone in need. Saint Joseph's Table is now an annual celebration, where some wealthy Italian families invite the public to huge buffets and no one is turned away. What a festive tradition to start in your parish or home! Show your gratitude for the blessings you've received by renewing your devotion to this special saint—a foster father to Jesus and us all. Here is the Blessing of Saint Joseph's Table Prayer.

SOLEMNITY OF JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a (543). "When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him."

Tuesday, Mar 21, 2023

Nothing so beautiful as a tree

The U.N. declares today the International Day of Forests. Trees happen to be the most frequently mentioned living things in the Bible, aside from people and God of course. From the Garden of Eden to the cedars of Lebanon, trees represent God's provision. They provide food to eat and medicine to heal. Olive trees growing in the Garden of Gethsemane are estimated to be 900 years old. Little surprise, then, that trees—and the modern-day scourge of deforestation—appear in Pope Francis' environmental encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. The global loss of trees contributes to climate change. It leads to soil erosion and flooding, particularly for vulnerable indigenous populations. Visit the Interfaith Rainforest Initiative to find a "Catholic toolkit" that features *Laudato Si'* and beautiful prayers.

LENTEN WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16 (245). "Trees of every kind shall grow; their leaves shall not fade, nor their fruit fail."

Wednesday, Mar 22, 2023

Sabbath prayer

Biblically speaking, there are many reasons to celebrate the sabbath. First, a sabbath rest brings to mind God's rest after the great act of creation. Second, we recall God's liberating action in

our own lives, freeing us from the bonds of sin just as Jews were freed from bondage in Egypt. Finally, the great victory of Jesus over sin and death is cause for a sabbath celebration. Sabbath shouldn't be reduced to outward observances, but rather as a perspective that places God's accomplishing activity front and center. We rest and rise again to carry on that liberating work to help bring about the reign of God.

LENTEN WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30 (246). "My Father is at work until now, so I am at work."

Thursday, Mar 23, 2023

Defend against injustice

Turibius of Mogrovejo was a highborn Spanish bishop in Peru during the late 1500s, a period of intense violence as the Spanish forcibly colonized the native people. Although many of the colonizers considered indigenous to be less than fully human, Turibius learned their languages and fought for their rights. Who is vulnerable in your community? Is God calling you to take steps on their behalf?

MEMORIAL OF TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO, BISHOP TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47 (247). "How can you believe, when you accept praise from one another and do not seek the praise that comes from the only God?"

Friday, Mar 24, 2023

Let's not turn our gaze away

We join with the international community today in remembering Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero, archbishop of El Salvador, assassinated on this day in 1980 by a paramilitary member because he was an advocate for the poor and condemned military and landowner violations of basic human rights. Honoring Romero, the United Nations proclaimed this day the International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims. Let us pray Romero's own words: "Let us be today's Christians. Let us not take fright at the boldness of today's church. With Christ's light let us illuminate even the most hideous caverns of the human person: torture, jail, plunder, want, chronic illness." Saint Oscar, pray with us.

LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 (248). "So Jesus cried out in the temple area as he was teaching."

Saturday, Mar 25, 2023

Hear ye! Hear ye!

There is a tendency to put Mary on a spiritual pedestal and thereby distance her from the lives the rest of us live. But the point of Mary's exaltation is to point toward what all of us are called to, and capable of—a complete and radical response to our divine calling. Mary was fully human, and her response to God's call sets the standard to which we can all aspire. God has some work to announce to each of us, our own annunciation. Claim your spot on the pedestal with your response!

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38 (545). "May it be done to me according to your word."

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



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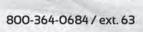
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