APRIL 2, 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 and	d tune into FM 88.7.)

Weekend Masses:

Saturday	4:45 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM
(Enhai	nced-precautions mass-6'
spacing and	d 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

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M - F	8:00AM The Rosary is prayed before Mass.
Mon.	8:35AM Joseph Errico
	R/B Tina & Tom Lochmann
	8:35AM Donna Saunders Lochow
	R/B Maureen Matson
,	8:35AM George Putvinski, Sr.
	R/B George Putvinski
Tue.	8:35AM Dan Cunning
	R/B Pam Cunning
	8:35AM Sally Sabo.
	R/B Robin Shaw
	8:35AM Bill Dorr
	R/B Barbara Dorr
Wed.	8:35AM Grace Marie Bertrand
	R/B Kim, Vince Caridi & Family
	8:35AM Deron Drumm
	R/B Judy Hancock
	8:35AM Felice DeLucia
	R/B Michael DeLucia

Holy Thursday

8:35AM No Mass 7:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper All Parishioners .

Good Friday

8:35AM No Mass 3:00PM Passion of the Lord All Parishioners 7:00PM Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

8:35AM No Mass 8:00PM Easter Vigil All Parishioners

Easter Sunday

8:00AM All Parishioners 9:30AM People of the Parish 11:30AM All Parishioners

WEDNESDAY COMMUNION SERVICE 10:00 AM PARKING LOT

Sacrament of the Sick – Wednesday of Holy Week – At the end of the Communion Service on Wednesday, April 5, Fr. Hank will anoint anyone who wants to be anointed.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9

PARISH OFFICE CLOSINGS

Good Friday: Parish Offices will close by 3:00 PM. Easter Monday: Offices open at 12 Noon.



BEHIND THE SCENES

During this coming Holy Week our eyes will be especially drawn to the crucifix. Many images of the crucifix depict Jesus after he has died – his head is down and blood runs down his side after his chest has been pierced by the Roman soldier's spear. When our new church was built in 1998, artist Alice Manzi was commissioned to design the large central crucifix behind the altar. She chose to depict Jesus in his very last moments before his death. His eyes are looking up toward heaven and one can imagine him saying his last words, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Notice, too, his hands. Our Faith teaches us that Jesus was both human and divine. The artist depicted this truth through the way she fashioned his hands: The left hand, open and reaching to heaven, depicts the Divine Nature of Christ. The right hand depicts his human nature. With his clenched hand Jesus is clinging to the precious gift of earthly life he shared with all of us.



HOLY THURSDAY, April 6 Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM (Live Streamed)

GOOD FRIDAY, April 7 Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 PM (Live Streamed) Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM.

HOLY SATURDAY, April 8

Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 PM. (Livestreamed)

EASTER SUNDAY, April 9 8:00 AM Mass 9:30 AM Mass (Live Streamed) 11:30 AM Mass (Hybrid) .

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Dear All, Christ's Peace!

Banking Error - We are blessed with excellent, cooperative collection counters, bankers and financial staff. They move our collections from the baskets to the bank with remarkable accuracy and speed. The system rarely, if ever, involves a wrinkle. This Christmas, however, we experienced a wrinkle. One of the 12 deposit bags - the one containing the Christmas collection envelopes from the 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass (i.e., not the one containing contributions to that day's Sunday collection) did not made it into our account. The error involves 24 checks with a total value of \$4,300.00. It also includes \$663.55 in cash. Fortunately, there was no complication with the other eleven deposit bags and rest of the Christmas collection, which now stands at \$74,622. Please email Monica at mmcdevitt@stjosephsparish.com if you (a) attended the 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass, (b) wrote a check for the Christmas collection and (c) have noticed that that check has not yet cleared. We appreciate your help in our effort to figure this out.

We notified the diocese in early February, as soon as we realized there had been an error. We have reviewed all relevant security tapes at the parish and feel quite sure that the bag made it into the container in the Parish Hall, the container that holds all deposit bags until they go to the bank. We are also quite sure the container and the 12 bags made it into the main safe on December 26. I, along with another employee (standard practice) took the money to the bank on Tuesday, December 27. The bank has reviewed its security tapes and sees no evidence of a bag on the ground. We continue to explore all leads.

GREAT BIG CARDBOARD BOXES – In addition to monetary support, the Youth Group's 30-Hour Famine needs GREAT BIG (and regular big) CARDBOARD BOXES and great big sheets of cardboard for our shelter project. You can drop them off during office hours until April 13. Info? Email Bob at bobf@sjmillstone.com.

Congratulations to our Basketball Champions – Our diocese's March Madness has reached a remarkable end! Our eighth-grade girls have won the diocesan championship. They went 12-0 during the regular season and, in the league finals, won against the undefeated team from Immaculate Conception in Somerville. Many of the girls on this team have been playing together since first grade and have learned teamwork, sportsmanship, and fair play during their time together. They support each other on and off the court and are as compassionate as they are competitive.

Congratulations to all the team members and greatest blessings for coach Dawn Loniewski and assistant Hugh Roarty. These coaches are a true inspiration to many.

With blessings for you and your loved ones as we approach Lent's final days, *Father Hank*

Chrism Mass with Bishop Checchio Tuesday, April 4, 2023, 4:00 PM

Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese when they all make a Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His People; the Bishop and all Priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support.

The Bishop will also bless and consecrate the Holy Oils, which each parish receives for the rites of anointing. The Oil of Catechumens is used to anoint infants and adults before their Baptism; the Oil of the Sick is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and Sacred Chrism is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of *confirmandi*, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches.

All are encouraged to join in-person (or watch via livestream). To watch the Chrism Mass livestream, visit https://diometuchen.org/cathedral-livestream



HEALING PRAYER Easter Sunday, April 9 Immediately after the

9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses For more Information :Ann Smith at 908-285-6481 All conversations and prayer requests are confidential.

Healing Prayer invites anyone who is ill, facing surgery, hurting, anxious, burdened or worried to seek prayer for themselves or others. Jesus working through the minister will bring healing, glory and grace to your soul. God's love guides the ministers as they pray. All sessions are private & confidential.

Healing prayer requests can be not only for yourself but also for family and friends. Requests may cover healing of body, mind and spiritual issues.

BLESSING OF FOOD HOLY SATURDAY, April 8, 9:30 AM HOSPITALITY ROOM

The blessing of food at Easter time is an ancient custom. The food blessed on Holy Saturday is eaten the next day to celebrate the new life that Jesus brings us.



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 <u>mptuck@comcast.net</u>.

Applications must be submitted by April 2nd.

YOUTH GROUP 30-HOUR FAMINE

Our Youth Group's annual 30-Hour Famine will take place April 14 and 15. We will be raising money for (a) World Vision's work to bring clean water to the poorest of communities around the world and (b) a local food pantry - Feeding Hands Pantry. Support the effort by contributing to the Poor Box starting April 8 and 9.

In Memoriam

Patricia Lorenzetti, 89, mother of parishioner, Anita (Robert)t Ciano, died on March 13.

John E. Moore, 85, father of parishioner Mary McPhee, Died on March 19.

Genevieve Flysta, 90, mother of Linda Geiger, died on March 20.

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

JOB OPENING PARISH CATECHETICAL LEADER

Saint Joseph Parish is seeking a Parish Catechetical Leader (PCL) who is caring, engaging, organized, and passionate about passing on the Catholic faith. Our active parish community strives to create a welcoming environment for all who seek to deepen their faith. In this role, you will partner with parish families, staff, and ministries to oversee the planning, evaluation, and management of religious education and faith formation for children in grades 1-8. You will also provide support for adult religious education and formation initiatives, including the OCIA program. If you're interested in this opportunity, visit http://simillstone.com/employment for more information. Submit your resume and cover letter to bobf@sjmillstone.com. We can't wait to hear from you! The ideal candidate will have a Bachelor's degree in a related field; Master's degree desired. Training and experience in religious education, program development, catechist development, program review, budget management, and administration.



SAGES ACTIVITIES

After Easter Monday Funday – Mark your calendars for Monday Funday April 17. We will decoupage flowerpots with beautiful, patterned napkins. If you have a favorite pattern, bring it! We will also supply a variety of napkins to choose from. The poker game will also be on! Registration to follow.

Exercise – Join us Thursdays at 10:00 for YOGA classes. Salsa Dance class begins April 27. No experience is necessary and options for sitting, holding on to the chair or standing are available. **There will be no class on Holy Thursday.**

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



Housing Outreach Multifaith Empowerment

May 21-28

W 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 Jeanine Cavanagh at <u>jcavanagh@sjmillstone.com</u>. Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

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SUMMER WORK TRIPS

.There are still a few openings to volunteer on one of our summer service trips.

High School Students: Catholic Heart Workcamp (CHWC)

Registrations are due for our annual summer service week to CHWC, open to all students who will be in high school as of September 2023. Limited spots are still available. Questions? Email Bob at bobf@sjmillstone.com

Young Adults Service Week at Texas' Rio Grande Valley Humanitarian Respite Center

If you are a young adult (18-40 years old) and are interested in joining us, you may register on our parish webpage, Questions? Email Bob at bobf@sjmillstone.com

Adults

Summer Appalachia Work Camp

In early summer, thirteen of our parishioners will head to Dunlow, West Virginia to repair and build houses for the area's low-income residents.

For information about how to provide building materials or with any other questions, contact. Jeanine at jcavanagh@sjmillstone.com

Hillsborough Band Parents Association Clothing Drive

Saturday, April 15, 2023 from 10 am - Noon Front Entrance, Hillsborough HS, Raider Blvd.

This is the LAST clothing drive for this school year. We need clothing - usable and wearable for all seasons, all ages, all sizes including shoes. No items are shredded. We need accessories - pocketbooks, hats, scarves, gloves, ties, backpacks. We need home goods - blankets, sheets, bedspreads, pillows, comforters, tablecloths, curtains, towels. We need soft toys (2 feet or smaller) - stuffed animals, rag dolls, beanie babies. We need bicycles - all sizes in working order. We need car seats with base. Please NO books, VCR tapes, DVDs, large outdoor toys, hard toys, board games, or puzzles. Proceeds will be used to enhance all aspects of our Band and Guard program and will provide our students with opportunities to learn musicianship, teamwork and leadership. Donations are welcome and may be tax deductible. Receipts are available upon request. Questions, contact Paula Obenauer, pcobenauer@gmail.com, (908) 230-2398.

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

HOLY C.H.O.W. INFORMATION & TRAINING SESSION Thursday, April 13, 7:00 PM

Save the date. The ministry continues to grow and could use even more hands. Want to volunteer? Come to this meeting for all the details.



NOW ENROLLING FOR 2023/2024

***Preschool, Pre-K & Kindergarten Enrichment Programs ***Preschool & Pre-K Lunch ***Brunch and Pre--K Extended Day

***Kindergarten Enrichment to Supplement Half-day Kindergarten.

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The Neshanic Garden Club



Invites you to join us for our SPRING LUNCHEON

Basket Raffle, 50/50 & Door Prizes Thursday, April 27th, 2023 12:00 – 4:00 PM Somerville Elks Lodge 375 Union Ave. Bridgewater, NJ 08807 Special Guest Speaker Anthony Lund - Bartletts Tree Experts "How Drought Conditions & Common Pests affect your Landscape."

For tickets call: Barbara Zielsdorff 908-229-8148 or <u>BZielsdorff@gmail.com</u> Ticket Price: \$40.00

The Neshanic Garden Club is a Non-Profit Organization neshanicgardenclub.org

Sunday, Apr 02, 2023

Duty calls

Catherine de Hueck Doherty founded Friendship House to foster interracial understanding. Her spirituality was centered on the "duty of the moment," which she described as "what you should be doing at any given time, in whatever place God has put you. . . . If you have a child, your duty of the moment may be to change a dirty diaper. So you do it. But you don't just change that diaper, you change it to the best of your ability, with great love for both God and that child. . . . [T]he duty of the moment is the duty of God." This Passion Week, do your duty.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

TODAY'S READINGS: Procession: Matthew 21:1-11 (37); Mass: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14—27:66 (38). "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will."

Monday, Apr 03, 2023

Final accounting

The seventh corporal work of mercy is to bury the dead. Everyone deserves a dignified burial, and anyone who has lost a loved one knows how many arrangements go into caring for the body of the deceased until they are interred and making sure their soul is commended to God. The process is an act of love. It can go beyond the burial too—ongoing prayer for the deceased, visiting the gravesite, and even disposing of their material things. If you're skilled with numbers and transactions then helping to sell a person's home and volunteering for the stressful task of settling their finances—which can take months or years—can be a special kind of charity.

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11 (257). "Mary took a liter of costly perfumed oil made from genuine aromatic nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and dried them with her hair."

Tuesday, Apr 04, 2023

Practice extreme love

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. died this day in 1968. On the night before his assassination, King gave his famous "I Have Been to the Mountaintop" speech. But it's King's words in "Letter from Birmingham Jail" that provide a lens to the Lord's Passion this week. "Though I was initially disappointed at being categorized as an extremist," King wrote, "I gradually gained a measure of satisfaction from the label. Was not Jesus an extremist for love: 'Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.'" How will you acknowledge God's extreme love this week?

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38 (258). "Jesus answered him, 'Where I am going, you cannot follow me now, though you will follow later."

Wednesday, Apr 05, 2023

Keep moving toward justice

On this day in 1968, the Catholic mayor of Chicago, Richard J. Daley, infamously authorized his police department to use lethal force in the riots following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. the previous day. The event would lead to a national uproar and also to the founding two weeks later of the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus, an organization that persists to the present day. The organization's leaders would play a pivotal role in what is now known as the "Black Catholic Movement," integrating black spirituality into

their liturgies and practice of the faith. As we remember the life and legacy of Dr. King and so many other freedom fighters, let us also make use of our faith in the holy struggle for justice and solidarity. WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25 (259). "Who disputes my right? Let him confront me. See, the Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong?"

Thursday, Apr 06, 2023

Break bread together

The Eucharist, instituted at the Last Supper, which we commemorate today, is called the "source and the summit of Christian life" (*Lumen Gentium* 11). The idea is that we become what we eat, that we take on the characteristics of Jesus by consuming his body. Because of the centrality of the Eucharist—and to uplift its unifying force—the U.S. bishops have organized a Eucharistic Revival that includes a Eucharistic Congress this July, to be followed by a "year of mission." As these sacred days unfold, allow the Eucharist to unite you to Christ and your sisters and brothers.

THURSDAY OF HOLY WEEK (HOLY THURSDAY); EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15 (39). *"If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet."*

Friday, Apr 07, 2023

Words count

"It is finished" is among the final phrases of Jesus found in the four gospels, collectively known as the "Seven Last Words." The others are "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." "Truly, I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise." "Woman, behold your son. [Beloved disciple], behold your mother." "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" "I thirst." "Father, into your hands I commend your Spirit." Taken together these words tell us everything about who Jesus was, why he lived and died, and what he calls his disciples to do. "Who will we be if we listen to the lessons of the Last Words of Jesus?" Alice Camille asks and answers in her brilliant little book *Seven Last Words.* "People of love and joy, ready to forgive, buoyed by hope." May we be such people.

FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION (GOOD FRIDAY); DAY OF ABSTINENCE

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1—19:42 (40). "When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, 'It is finished.' And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit."

Saturday, Apr 08, 2023

Silent emptiness

Christ has died. The church is empty. The altar is bare. The tabernacle is vacant. The Real Presence feels like the Real Absence. Following an ancient tradition, the church does not celebrate the sacraments on this day. For that reason, Holy Saturday is a great time to visit your church and meditate on the emptiness and silence of the building. Our experience of God often seems empty and silent, with no outward sign of the divine help we always need. All we have is our faith, hope, and trust in God's abiding attendance in our lives.

HOLY SATURDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Vigil: Genesis 1:1—2:2; Genesis 22:1-18; Exodus 14:15—15:1; Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Isaiah 54:5-14; Isaiah 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Romans 6:3-11; Matthew 28:1-10 (41). *"His appearance was like lightning and his clothing was white as snow."*

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



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