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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. Attende25 remain in their car and tune into FM 88.7.)

#### Weekend Masses:

Saturday	4:45 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM
(Enhanced	-precautions mass-ti
spacing and mo	sks are encouraged.)
	9:30 AM
	11:30 AM
(This mass is outside un	der the tent/attenders
may remain i	n 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@simillstone.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@simillstone.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







Dear All – Christ's Peace!

## This Moment in Prayer

**SCRIPTURE QUIZ- THIS WEEK'S QUESTIONS:** True or False: "Saint Paul wrote the letter to the Hebrews"

Fill in the blank: "Jesus looked at the rich, young man with

#### LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

"All other things being equal, a person who has been divorced, and not remarried outside the church, can receive Communion." TRUE

An annulment is the church's way of dissolving a valid marriage. FALSE. An annulment says that a valid church marriage, despite appearances, never existed

When you come to church this week, you will notice the plastic barriers and the fans. We had a bit more Ida damage than we originally determined, and it is now being remediated. Thanks for your patience. Except for a relatively small deductible, insurance will cover it.

. **Praying for Our Deceased Loved Ones** – All Souls Day invites us to complete several logistical details.

Add Names to the Necrology – Go to lur parish website: If you (a) have not already submitted up to six names, or (b) have registered in the parish since November 1, 2020, please add the names of your deceased loved ones. Follow the instructions.

Edit Current Entries – Some of the current entries require editing. Go to parish webpage to view the current necrology and make sure the information is correct. Then make the edits. A personal favor – if possible, edit out the use of "in-law" – e.g., change "John Doe, fatherin-law of Jane Doe" to "John Doe, father of Jim Doe."

Make Sure the Recently Deceased Are Included – It is especially important that you provide the names of people who have died since November 1, 2020. Their names will be included in the necrology AND displayed on trees in the baptismal font.

Paper Submissions – If you know a computer-shy person who wants to submit names, let them know they can fill out one of the paper forms on the table in the Gathering Space.

The new necrology will be used starting January 1, 2022. By this time next year, we will have a new practice for praying for the people whose names are submitted in the envelopes. This year, those names AND the necrology will be on the altar throughout November.

Saturday Confessions and Conversations – Because of some work going on at church, I will be hearing confessions in the usual place on Saturday morning, but only between 11:00 and noon. No appointment needed.

# This Moment in Service

**Our Advent Giving Tree** – The giving period has begun for local families and instructions are posted on our website. Beginning in November, directions will be posted for agencies in Appalachia.

**Hurricane Ida Flood Relief** is making great progress. 22 families have received help to pay for water heaters, furnaces, appliances, and reconstruction.

8 other families have been visited and the level of assistance to them will be decided next week.

4 families will be visited next week.

Several more families are expected to request help. Thanks to your extravagant generosity we have paid roughly \$58,000 of uninsured bills.

Funds will go to Feeding Hands and SHIP as well.

# This Moment in Community

**Liturgical Ministers' Sign-In** – As we make our way through this stage of the pandemic's liturgical tweaks, we are going back to a sign-in sheet for ministers at the 4:45 and the 9:30. Thanks for helping.

**Liturgical Ministries Reboots** – The lectors are now up and running in a more traditional way. Other ministries will soon make a similar move. Next up will be Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers.

**Collaborative Divorce** – Do you know someone who is going through a divorce? Let them know about "Collaborative Divorce," a tried-and-true program that keeps proceedings on the high road. Contact Fr. Hank. Order Italian Food and Help the Columbiettes – Order from Angelo's on Tuesday, October 19 (The Feast of the North American Jesuit Martyrs), let them know you are supporting the Columbiettes, and a portion of your payment will go to our Columbiettes.

**O Holy Nights** – Given the success of last year's Sunday nights in Advent, we will give it another go this year. Please mark your calendars for November 28 and December 5, 12, and 19.

**High School Youth Group** – See you Sunday at 6pm for another great night. Bring a friend for an extra entry in the MEGA PRIZE! Don't forget - we are hosting the Bishop and youth groups from all over the diocese next Saturday, 10/23. St. Joe's is the place to be.

With continued thanks and all best blessings.

# Father Hank

### INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon.	8:35AM Basil Albury R/B George & Dottie Lukazik
Tue.	8:35AM Marge Demsky
rue.	R/B Bernie Demsky
	8:35AM Livio Marini
	R/B Angela Stuebben
	8:35AM John Penska
	R/B Greco Family
Wed.	8:35AM Marilyn Wickel
wea.	R/B Helen Campbell
Thu.	8:35AM Richard Gottlick
THG.	R/B Laura Iarkowski & Family
Fri.	8:35AM Rosalie Cooney.
	R/B Mackiw Family
	8:35AM Christopher Blum
	R/B Agnes & Guy Gubitosi
Sat.	4:45AM Anthony & Jane Dunelewicz
	R/B Janet Robinson
	4:45PM People of Our Parish
Sun.	8:00 AM Jacque Faryna
	R/B Pat & Bob Matzek
Sun.	9:30AM Robert Peters
	R/B Dawn Bondar
	9:30AM Domenico DeFina
	R/B Dentici Children & Grandchildren
	9:30AM Amedeo Forzano
_	R/B Florence & Walter Bercarich
Sun.	11:30AM Joseph Giorgianni
	R/B Darlene & Rick Barona

## **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

Jeremiah 31:7-9 Hebrews 5:1-6 Mark 10:46-52

#### Behind the Scenes of This Week's Readings Today's Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke are often referred to as the synoptic gospels because they narrate the life of Jesus in a similar fashion, often with the same sequence of events. Despite this similarity or approach, some of their details may differ. For example, in todays' gospel Mark tells how the sons of Zebedee, James and John, ask Jesus for a place of glory in the coming kingdom. Matthew tells the same story (Mt.20:20) but in his version, it is their mother who asks Jesus for a place of glory for her sons. No matter who does the asking, however, Jesus" answer is the same. *– Dorothy Gearon* 



# THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

Providing food for families who need it. More specifically, we will help families that rely on Saint Peter's University Hospital, Catholic Charities and the Christ the Redeemer Food Bank in Manville. You are asked to donate one (1) filled bag and bring it to weekend Mass and place it in our Memorial Hallway or on weekdays to our St. Joseph gray van in the parish parking lot. We will be collecting Thanksgiving Food Bags between the dates of **November 6 – 18, 2021.** 

### Instructions:

Purchase a \$1.00 reusable ShopRite grocery bag and fill with the groceries rom the following list:

- One large box of instant potatoes or rice
- 3-4 cans of vegetables, e.g., Green Beans, Yams, Spinach, Lima Beans, Carrots, Corn, and Peas
- 2 boxes or jars of Gravy
- I can Glory Fried Apples or applesauce
- 1 can Cranberry Sauce
- 1 box Stuffing Mix
- 1 Cake or Brownie Mix
- 1 bag of Candies
- Beverage: Juice, Hot Chocolate, Tea or Coffee.

Please consider adding a \$10 or \$25 ShopRite Gift Card. Place your Shop Rite card in an envelope and staple it to the inside top of the Shop Rite bag. The ShopRite card will be used for meat, pie, fresh vegetables, rolls or other family needs. If you cannot purchase food items, please consider donating a Shop Rite gift card to substitute for nonperishable items. We can do the shopping for you!

If you are unable to fill a bag with requested items you are welcome to donate miscellaneous nonperishable food items for our local food banks.

We are not accepting any frozen or fresh items this year such as turkeys, other meats, potatoes, vegetables, bread, rolls or pies. Thank you and God bless you for your support! Please email <u>icavanagh@simillstone.com</u> with any questions or concerns.



# SAGES ACTIVITIES

#### **Picnic Luncheons**

November 8: Last picnic before tent comes down. Moving indoors on November 15 for other activities like movies, poker, etc.

### Drums Alive:

Thursdays, beginning October 28 for 6 weeks. **Monday Fundays** will continue again this year. **General Information**: To learn more about SAGES and all options for our over-55 parishioners, visit our website at SAGES Senior Ministry http://simillstone.com/sages

# For more info contact

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# IRENA GUT, ONLY A GIRL

# **One- Woman Play**

With Janet Rodgers Monday, November 8, 12:30 PM Under the tent.

## All adult parishioners of all ages are welcome.

\*\*\* Sages attending the Nov. 8th luncheon: you already have a seat for the performance if you wish to stay

This remarkable play, about a Catholic Polish nurse who rescued 12 Jewish people in Nazi Europe, lasts for 50 mesmerizing minutes.



Because you served... the community of St. Joseph Parish would like to Thank You. Join fellow Veterans and guests on

## Sunday, November 14 at 2 PM for a Veterans' Mass

Mass will be celebrated under the tent in the St. Joseph's Parish parking lot. Veterans and guests can choose to be seated under the tent during the Mass or remain in their cars while they tune to FM radio station 88.7. Communion will be distributed and Roll Call will be announced. Veterans are welcome to wear their uniform or some part of it. Refreshments and snacks will be served under the tent immediately following the Mass. Spouses and/or family members of deceased or active-duty service members are also especially invited. **Registration is required for this event**.

For more information and to sign up, visit the table in the Gathering Space or complete the form on the parish website by **November 2nd** (even if you are unable to attend). If you are having trouble completing the above form or if you have questions, please contact Jeanine Cavanagh at jcavanagh@sjmillstone.com or 908-874-3141, ext 225.

#### CHAMPIONS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES VIRTUAL GALA & 50/50 RAFFLE Thursday, October 28 ~ 7:00 PM

To recognize the efforts of our parishes, the Gala will continue the tradition of honoring individuals with the **Spirit of Saint Francis Award**. The recipients of the award, who will be announced at the virtual gala, were chosen for having carried out the virtue of charity by encouraging a sense of community among the forces that shape society and for their proven ability to promote a sense of Catholic social teaching in the wider community. To learn the names of this year's honorees, tune in to our Champions for Catholic Charities Gala on Thursday, October 28th at 7:00 p.m. Links can be found at <u>www.diometuchen.org/champions</u>. For more information call 732-562-2432.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2021 Gather at 11:00 AM Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi 32 Elm Avenue, Metuchen and celebrate 12:00 NOON MASS

Celebrant: Bishop James Checchio Reverend John G. Hillier, Director Most Rev. Timothy Christy, Rector

For more information or questions about the event and service hours or to register, please call (732) 243-4583

# AGREEING TO DISAGREE

How Jews and Christians **Read the Same Texts Differently** Wednesday, October 20, 7-9 PM \$25 per person Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer 1651 US Hwy. 22, Watchung, NJ 07069 908-753-2091 www.msmhope.org Although Jews and Christians share common books-the Jewish Tanakh and the Christian Old Testament—we are not guite reading the same texts, for we have differences in translation, punctuation, definitions, theology, emphasis and even canonical order. What prompts these differences, how can we learn to see through each other's lenses, and what might such new vision suggest about Jewish and Christian identity? Speaker will be on Zoom and we will gather in Mercy Hall. "AJ" is Rabbi Stanley M. Kessler Distinguished Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Hartford Seminary and University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies Emerita as well as Mary Jane Werthan Professor of Jewish Studies Emerita at Vanderbilt.

# CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

## IMMACULATA HIGH SCHOOL 240 Mountain Avenue Somerville, NJ 08876 908-722-0200, Ext. 1218

# FALL OPEN HOME:

Sunday, October 24

Middle school students and their parents are invited to attend this premier Fall admissions event.. Whether this will be your first time on our campus or you have visited us before, we are confident you will find our Open Home to be informative, engaging, and full of Spartan Spirit! For more information and to register, please visit <u>www.immaculatahighschool.org/openhome</u>

### UNION CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL 1600 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

### **VIRTUAL DAY OF HOPE & INSPIRATION**

Wednesday, October 27, 4-5 PM Current 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students are invited. To register, contact Admissions Office at 908-889-1600 x 328 **GENERAL INFORMATION SESSION:** Tuesday, November 9 – 7:00 PM **FRESHMAN FOUNDATIONS PROGRAM** Information Session - Tuesday, October 26, 7:PM.

For additional information, or to reserve your spot, visit our website at www.unioncatholic.org or call 908-889-1600, ext. 302

## In this Season of Harvests & Thanksgiving.

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God's love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from "I want more" to "thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share". This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others. Pray daily to become less self-centered and to become more God-centered. (from the Metuchen Diocesan Stewardship Office)

#### Sunday, Oct 17, 2021

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Come face-to-face with Jesus

Spiritual truths often sound mysterious and paradoxical. God is a Trinity; Jesus is human and divine; the last will be first. But not everything in the life of faith is a mystery. Take poverty. It's where Jesus said we'd always see him face to face. Poverty's roots are well understood: malnutrition, limited healthcare, unsafe housing, dangerous work conditions, unequal access to justice, and no political voice. In founding today's Poverty Eradication Day, French priest Joseph Wresinski dared us to rewrite these terms of modern civilization. Pray the Rosary's Sorrowful Mysteries and commit to undercutting poverty's roots.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45 (146). "Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant."

#### Monday, Oct 18, 2021

FEAST OF LUKE, EVANGELIST

#### First in line for Marian devotion

As the author of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, Luke the Evangelist penned over a quarter of the New Testament —more than anyone else. The Virgin Mary has a special place in his gospel—it is only here that we find the story of the Annunciation, her visit to Elizabeth, the Presentation of the infant Jesus in the temple, and the finding of the child Jesus preaching in the temple. In art, Luke is sometimes depicted painting images of Mary (and he is the patron saint of painters). Revisit the richness of what we know about Mary thanks to Luke by giving his gospel

another good read. TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9 (661). "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."

#### Tuesday, Oct 19, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JOHN DE BRÉBEUF AND ISAAC JOGUES, PRIESTS, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

#### Learn the language of God's love

In 1642, Jesuit missionary John de Brébeuf penned "The Huron Carol." Drawing from the experience of indigenous Americans, it lauds a babe born into modest means—wrapped in a "ragged robe of rabbit skin." Instead of shepherds and Magi, Native American hunters and chiefs arrive to pay homage to "Jesus, your King." While the famous Canadian carol comes under some cultural scrutiny in modern times, it also gets credit for preserving the Huron/Wendat language it was written in. Mostly, it reminds us to speak other people's languages—figuratively, if not literally—when sharing the Good News.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Luke 12:35-38 (474). "Where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more."

#### Wednesday, Oct 20, 2021

MEMORIAL OF PAUL OF THE CROSS, PRIEST Need some passion in your life?

#### "Descion" is figure with a site

"Passion" is a fiery word with various meanings, from an intense love relationship to an activity that we give our all to. Christians also have a unique understanding of "passion" as the suffering and death of Jesus. Saint Paul of the Cross was so fired up by this that he founded a religious community dedicated to the Passion of Jesus. But wait a minute, how did we get from intense love to suffering? Paul makes the connection for us—the Passion is about Jesus' great love, a love so great that he was willing to suffer and die for us. Take a moment to reflect anew what you live—or would die—passionately for.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 6:12-18; Luke 12:39-48 (475). "But thanks be to God that . . . you have become obedient from the heart."

#### Thursday, Oct 21, 2021

#### God at work

Summer vacations are now a faded memory as workplaces and schools operate at full swing. The Catholic Church has a rich tradition of seeing work as more than a necessity and duty. Through work we transform nature—a creative act, just as God's ongoing creation of the world is a creative act. A job that contributes to well-being can also be a path toward personal fulfillment. Whatever your work involves today, offer it up to God and take note of how God is able to work through you.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 6:19-23; Luke 12:49-53 (476). "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!

#### Friday, Oct 22, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JOHN PAUL II, POPE

#### **Reasonable faith**

In this era of "alternative facts," it is challenging to find the truth. Saint John Paul II gave us good counsel on seeking truth. In the encyclical letter *Fides et Ratio* ("Faith and Reason") he wrote, "... believers do not surrender. They can continue on their way to the truth because they are certain that God has created them 'explorers,' whose mission it is to leave no stone unturned, though the temptation to doubt is always there. Leaning on God, they continue to reach out, always and everywhere, for all that is beautiful, good and true." How might you be an "explorer" in situations where truth is difficult to find?

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 7:18-25a; Luke 12:54-59 (477). "Why do you not judge for yourselves what is right?"

#### Saturday, Oct 23, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF CAPISTRANO, PRIEST

#### You get as good as you give

Jesus, his disciples, and the early evangelists were all clear about one thing: "the wages of sin is death." Beyond physical death, the selfishness of sin cuts off our relationship with God and the opportunity for true peace and joy. Paying attention to the needs of others as well as yourself keeps us alive in Christ. Study after study shows that happiness comes from social connectedness and a spirit of generosity. Franciscan Saint John Capistrano says of the faithful: "The brightness of their wisdom must make them like the light of the world that brings light to others." Ponder the ways that you can acquire wisdom to share with others.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 8:1-11; Luke 13:1-9 (478). "The concern of the flesh is death, but the concern of the spirit is life and peace."



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

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