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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

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon.	8:35AM Matthew Kuzhiveli
	R/B Shanta George
Tue.	8:35AM Deceased Hilton Family Membe
	R/B Friends
	8:35AM Sarah Crowley
	R/B Dianne Mantilla
	8:35AM Sherri Bove
	R/B Dottie & George Lukazik
Wed.	8:35AM John Hilton
	R/B Hilton Family
Thu.	8:35AM Carmen Jorgensen
	R/B Carol & John Jorgensen
Fri.	8:35AM AI Wund.
	R/B Susan Wund
	8:35AM Suzanne Lindemann
	R/B Mike Lindemann
Sat.	4:45AM Mike DeLucia
	R/B Lois & Ed Jerzewski
	4:45PM Aldo Guerra
	R/B LoCicero Family
Sun.	8:00 AM Charlotte Politi
	R/B Robert & Lucia Engle
Sun.	9:30AM Michael DeLucia
	R/B Sacred Spaces Group
	9:30AM Helen & Roman Wroblewski
	R/B Wroblewski Family
	9:30AM People of the parish
Sun.	
	& Catherine Heinemann
	R/B Heinemann Family

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Deuteronomy 6:2-6 Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 12:28-34

Behind the Scenes of This Week's Readings Today's Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

When Jesus asks Bartimaeus what he wants him to do, the blind man responds, "Master, I want to see." The title "Master" is used to address Jesus only two times in the New Testament writings. The second time occurs when Mary of Magdala encounters Jesus outside the empty tomb where he had been buried after his crucifixion. Jesus calls her by name, she recognizes him and responds by calling him "Master" (John 20:16). - *Dorothy Gearon*



Dear All – Christ's Peace!

Great news today – Bishop Checchio just let us know that he will be celebrating the 9:30 Mass here on Sunday, November 21.

This Moment in Prayer

SCRIPTURE QUIZ- THIS WEEK'S QUESTIONS:

Fill in the blank (with "sympathize" or "empathize") "Strictly speaking, Jesus can _____ with us when we endure temptation and _____ with us when we turn from sin to Him."

The "sons of Zebedee" are the apostles _____ and _____. LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS::

True or False: "Saint Paul wrote the letter to the Hebrews" FALSE

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

IDA DAMAGE AT CHURCH

Yesterday delivered some unwelcome news: rain from Hurricane Ida infiltrated the rooms that hold the air handlers, the giant-sized blowers that push the heated air, the cooled air, and the fresh air into and out of our worship space. Small patches of mold have started to grow on the walls in those rooms. The air-handler rooms are situated beyond the utility rooms behind sections 1 and 7. They are accessible only from outside. We are now reducing to zero the possibility that you will inhale airborne mold. This requires three steps: first, immobilize the mold; second, eliminate and encapsulate it; third, prevent future growth.

First, we immobilized the airborne mold by turning off the air handlers. They will remain off until the mold is eliminated or encapsulated. That work should be completed tomorrow. If not, the air handlers will stay off and there will be no heat or AC. If temperatures drop tonight, please bring a sweater this weekend.

Second, the elimination and encapsulation work are happening right now (i.e., Friday morning) in the air-handler rooms. Workers are scouring and coating hard-toreach places. In the worship space, they are cleaning all pews and floors to eliminate any mold that might have drifted in. The air coils in the air handlers will be cleaned, and the filters will be replaced with filters that have the highest possible MERV ratings.

Third, we are preventing future growth by removing and replacing all damp insulation and wallboard, even if it shows no evidence of mold growth. That work should occur in the next three weeks.

With the air-handlers off, no mold particles can be pushed from the air-handler rooms into the worship space. When the elimination and encapsulation processes are complete, hopefully by day's end, there will be no exposed mold for the air-handlers to move. When the damp materials are removed, there will be no chance of future growth. We brought in a highly regarded industrial hygienist who signed off on our response. He assures us that our three steps – immobilization, elimination and encapsulation, and prevention – will eliminate potential harm. I will keep you posted about the progress on all fronts.

We are currently evaluating the flood damage to the under-floor channels and obtaining advice about best next steps. Finally, we are installing a third pump in the courtyard garden and seeking advice about a once and for all answer to the drainage problem. We will soon solicit bids for roof replacement.

This Moment in Prayer

Updating Our Parish Necrology – Our parish necrology serves as the foundation of our prayers for our beloved dead. Please update or edit the names by referring to the directions in the October 17 bulletin.

11:30 Mass, "Post-tent." – Starting Sunday, November 21, the 11:30 Mass will be an outside/inside liturgy. Mass will be celebrated at the main altar. As with the 4:45 and the 9:30, indoor participants can choose one of three types of seating area – open seating, standard precautions, enhanced precautions. Participants can also choose to stay in their cars. We are currently determining whether to connect with the in-car folks via radio, Livestream, or both. Communion will be brought to people in their cars.

The 6:00 p.m. Mass – If all goes according to plan, we will reactivate the 6:00 pm Sunday Mass on Sunday, March 6, 2022 – the first Sunday of Lent.

This Moment in Service

Hurricane Ida Update – Your remarkable generosity has funded \$68,895.00 of help for parishioners and neighbors. Applications continue to arrive. All the people who have been visited express expansive gratitude for your compassion and prayers..

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.

This Moment in Community

O Holy Nights, the Dates – Building on last year's great experience and momentum, we are making ready for this year's "O Holy Nights," four wonderful Sunday evenings of pre-Christmas parish community. Please keep the following dates in mind: **Order Your Tree** – From now until Monday, November 22 – Order your tree online on our parish website. This year we will set up 70 additional trees on the north side of Yorktown Road.

Install the Trees – Saturday, November 27 – 10 am to 2 pm – all hands-on deck to set up the trees. Grilled cheese, tomato soup, and loads of sugar and great fun will be available all day.

Decorate your Tree – Do it up any time between Saturday at 2 pm and Sunday, November 28 at 6 pm, when we celebrate the Grand Lighting! Of course, you can decorate your tree any time before the trees come down in early January. Just sayin'. (NB – There is a good rumor going around that we will have competitions and prizes for many classes of tree decoration – as well as prizes for the decorations at Tailgate Caroling.) **O Holy Nights** – Sunday evenings, November 28, and

December 5, 12, and 19. **O Holy Nights, the Help Needed** – Next week's "This Week" will list many of the jobs that need doing for O

Week" will list many of the jobs that need doing for O Holy Nights. Pre-notice notice: We need folks to organize and support each night's food, entertainment, safety, and a few other things. Because we can have less Covid protection than last year, there will be just one session for each night. The Live Nativity on December 19 is the only event that will require registration.

A "Veterans Book of Remembrance", located in the Gathering Space at the sign-up table. We encourage you to take a card to add names of Veterans you would like remembered at the Mass. Return the card to the book so that we can include all names.

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.

Disinfectant Spray – As of last weekend, we are no longer spraying the pews before certain Masses. **Homebound Parishioners** – Gifts go out next week. Do you know of someone who is not on our list? *With continued thanks and all best blessings,*

Father Hank

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.

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ST. JÖSEPH 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@sjmillstone.com</u> with any questions or concerns.



VETERANS

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.

A Veterans Book of Remembrance

is now located in the Gathering Space at the sign-up table. You are encouraged to take a card and add the names of Veterans you would like to be remembered at this Mass. Please return the card to the book so that all these Veterans will be remembered at this Mass.



The Advent Giving Tree Is Coming! Watch for more information.

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 Min-

istry http://sjmillstone.com/sages

For more info contact

AnnaMaria at 908-874-2141 e3xt 240 or arealbuto@stjosephsparish.com

You're Invited to Become a Member Of the Columbiettes



MILLSTONE VALLEY COLUMBIETTES INITIATION CEREMONY Wednesday, November 3, 7:00 PM St. Joseph Parish Hall

By attending this ceremony, completing the Application & Code of Conduct and paying your \$25 fee & annual dues*, you will officially become a member of the Millstone Valley Columbiettes.

> Let us know if you will come RSVP by November 2 to thebove528@hotmail.com

Family, friends & children (age 10+) are welcome to attend the ceremony and witness your initiation. *pay via check made out to Millstone Valley Columbiettes.

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

Be sure to join us and meet some of the people whose lives have been transformed by the services of Catholic Charities. Hear inspiring stories of the courage, creativity and compassion of our Catholic Charities 'heroes' as they continue to provide uninterrupted service to those hit hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic. Please prayerfully consider becoming a *Champion for Catholic Charities* by making a gift of any amount in support of the services and programs for the most vulnerable. Links for the Virtual Gala and donations can be found at <u>www.diometuchen.org/champions</u>. Questions, call 732-562-2432.

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 8th Grade Students are invited. To register, contact Admissions Office at 908-889-1600 x 328

GENERAL INFORMATION SESSION:

908-889-1600, ext. 302

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

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Adopt an attitude of gratitude

Here's an intriguing take on a familiar commission: Thankful people become missionaries. "To be 'in a state of mission' is a reflection of gratitude," Pope Francis declares on this World Mission Sunday. Yet this "state of mission" belongs to the whole church, not just to those brave souls who pack up and go off to foreign lands. Jesus commissions his friends to take the Good News wherever we go. Grateful folks do this cheerfully. How can we keep from singing, when a song's been placed in our hearts? Pray the Rosary's Glorious Mysteries and live the mission of gratitude.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52 (149). "Immediately [the blind man] received his sight, and followed Jesus on the way."

Monday, Oct 25, 2021

Good for what ails you

Research suggests that regular meditation may help reduce blood pressure, digestive problems, anxiety and depression, and insomnia, among other ailments. Prayerful meditation also heals your soul. Catholics have a lot of help at their disposal here—from the Rosary to *Lectio Divina*. "There are as many and varied methods of meditation as there are spiritual masters. Christians owe it to themselves to develop the desire to meditate regularly," says the catechism. "But a method is only a guide; the important thing is to advance, with the Holy Spirit, along the one way of prayer: Christ Jesus." Take the best medicine of all!

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 8:12-17; Luke 13:10-17 (479). "Woman, you are set free of your infirmity."

Tuesday, Oct 26, 2021

Care for the caregivers, too

In November 2017 European members of the World Medical Association convened at the Vatican for a conversation on ethical issues surrounding palliative care. Nearby, the International Confederation of Catholic Health Care Institutions was meeting to discuss inequalities in health care. Pope Francis addressed them all: "The categorical imperative is to never abandon the sick." No matter the graveness of the medical condition, "we are called to show love and closeness." Recognizing that "visit the sick" is one of the seven corporal works of mercy, how can you show or send care today—perhaps by supporting Catholic chaplains during this Pastoral Care Week?

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 8:18-25; Luke 13:18-21 (480). "Sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us."

Wednesday, Oct 27, 2021

Gentle reminder: Pray today

Benedictine monk Father Godfrey Diekmann, O.S.B., a pillar of the liturgical movement of the last century, tells the story of picking watercress one day on his monastery's grounds and landing in a swamp. Try as he might he couldn't extricate himself. He was eventually rescued by his fellow monks. He wrote of the incident: "What now bothers me is that during the entire ordeal of about 25 minutes I didn't have a single pious thought! What does that say of my more than 50 years of monastic life? Do I have to start all over

again?" Forgetting to pray happens to the best of us. But it is never too late to start. A simple prayer of blessing, petition, intercession, thanksgiving, or praise will suffice. Better yet, start with *Veni*, *Sancte Spiritus!*, "Come, Holy Spirit!"

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 8:26-30; Luke 13:22-30 (481). "The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought."

Thursday, Oct 28, 2021

FEAST OF SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES Strive for decreasing returns

Saints Simon and Jude have countless images and namesakes, yet we know almost nothing about these apostles whose feast day is today. They were among the 12 apostles, and tradition has it they spread the Good News in Persia. We honor their memory anyway, knowing that for the faithful, "He must increase, and I must decrease," as John the Baptist put it. To be remembered after death as a faithful apostle is not a bad legacy for any Christian! Do one small act today that makes you recognizable as a faithful apostle.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16 (666). "Jesus went up to the mountain to pray, and he spent the night in prayer to God."

Friday, Oct 29, 2021

Tender mercies

Depression, anxiety, profound sadness, or grief—these can sometimes make us feel like we're no good or God has abandoned us. But it is at these times especially when God tenderly draws close to us. Though it may be difficult to lift our hearts in prayer when we are suffering, we can pray this prayer for ourselves and one another (attributed to Saint Augustine): "Watch, O Lord, with those who wake or watch or weep tonight, and give your angels and saints charge over those who sleep. Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ. Rest your weary ones. Bless your dying ones. Soothe your suffering ones. Pity your afflicted ones. Shield your joyous ones. And all for love's sake." Amen!

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 9:1-5; Luke 14:1-6 (483). *"I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart."*

Saturday, Oct 30, 2021

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Room to grow

We've all heard that the "humble will be exalted." Sounds nice, but where can we look for examples, for a role model? Look no further than Mary, Mother of God. Saturday is the traditional day of the week to recall Mary's example of exalted humility. Mary was humble enough to "make room" for God—literally, in her womb. She was willing to trust God with everything—her reputation, her envisioned marriage, her very body. Do you trust enough to make room so that God can be born in you?

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29: Luke 14:1, 7-11 (484). *"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."*



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

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