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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 hel	d outdoors. Attendees
remain in their car a	nd tune into FM 88.7.)

Weekend Masses:

Saturday	4:45 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM
(Enhanc	ed-precautions mass-6'
spacing and i	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

PARISH COMMUNITY OF

Saint Joseph

HILLSBOROUGH, NEW JERSEY

Priests

Prophets





MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	8:35AM Mary & Peter Tummilo
	R/B Connie & Carl Panzera
All Sai	nts - Holyday
Mon:	7:00PM William Donohue & Catharina Heinemann.
	R/B Pat Heinemann
Tue.	8:35AM All Saints
	7:00PM All Saints
All So	uls
Wed.	8:35AM All Souls
	7:00PM All Souls
Thu	8:35AM Jean & Charles Goldstone & Edgardo Bernal
	R/B Elisa & Jeremy Goldstone
Fri.	8:35AM Albert Toni
	R/B Selwa Toni
	8:35AM Phyllis Kearns
o (R/B Clementine Fasbender
Sat.	4:45PM AI Wund
C	R/B Susan Wund
Sun.	8:00AM John Peters R/B Dawn Bondar
	9:30AM Nina Santamaria
	R/B Geraci Family
	9:30AM Theodore Wetzel
	R/B Ken Wetzel
	9:30AM Caroline Ronchetti
	R/B John & Carol Jorgensen
	11:30AM People of the Parish
	6:00PM Robert McDevitt
	R/B Paulette Matis

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14 2 Thessalonians 2:16 – 3:5 Luke 20:27-38

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Setting Up the Christmas Trees

Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 26 This day is turning into a terrific tradition at church. It is

when we set up the 200 outdoor trees and enjoy the grilled cheese and tomato soup the Knights cook for all of us. Watch for more details

O Holy Nights!

The fun will be back in full swing this Advent. Sunday Nights, November 27, December 4, 11 & 18



Dear All, Christ's Peace, **The Hymnals Are Coming** – The new "Glory and Praise" hymnals should be here for the first Sunday of Advent. They provide the readings and the music. As such, we will no longer need the paperback missals or hymnals. Early in the new year, we will gather your opinions about what type of music helps you to pray.

What's in Your House? – The new liturgical year starts late next month. This is a good time to check on your domestic scripture situation. Do you have a revised version of the New American Bible in a conspicuous place? Are you set up with readings for Mass either through your own subscription to a missal service or through an e-link to the U.S. bishops' web page? A bit of prep and a bit of follow-up really enrich the experience of the readings at church.

The Mass Book – The book for arranging Mass intentions for 2023 will open in early November.

Act of Spiritual Communion – We are still praying the "Act of Spiritual Communion" at the 8:35, 4:45 and 9:30. Most of it is good preparation for communion for inperson folks. The second part ("Though I cannot now receive you sacramentally") is mostly for live-streamers but is good for in-person folks to pray in solidarity.

Holy C.H.O.W! Orientations – Thanks to the 20 people who joined in Thursday night's orientation session for Holy C.H.O.W! volunteers. Want to do an orientation and serve as a volunteer? Email Michelle at mclaffoon@comcast.net.

Hearing Issues – We want everyone to hear what is happening in Mass. If your hearing is not what it once was AND if you want to hear better at Mass, be sure to connect with the "Listen Everywhere" system in church. Many people have been using it for months and praise it profusely. The system puts the sound into your smartphone or your Bluetooth-enabled hearing aids. Out of concern for all in church, we ask that you listen through hearing aids or headphones. If you must listen through your smartphone speaker, please check before Mass that it is soft enough that those sitting near you cannot hear it. Finally – we will be distributing earphones before Thanksgiving. Again, the goal is for everyone to stay connected.

TECH Your Thing? – Perhaps you can help us keep the livestream streaming? Or maybe you could serve in one of the Tech Ministry's other efforts? Please email Sarah Desmond at <u>sdesmond@sjmillstone.com</u>

I hope this finds you and your loved ones fully enjoying the spectacular days autumn is serving up. With all thanks and best blessings.

Father Hank

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VETERANS

Because you served... the community of St. Joseph Parish would like to **Thank You**.

Join fellow Veterans and guests on Sunday, November 13 at 11:30 PM for a Veterans' Mass & Luncheon

Veterans and their guests can choose to attend inside the church or remain in their cars while they tune to FM radio station 88.7. Veterans are welcome to wear their uniform or some part of it. Veterans, their guests and spouses or family members of deceased or active-duty service members are all invited. A <u>luncheon in the Parish Hall</u> for Veterans and spouses of deceased Veterans and their guests will follow <u>immediately after mass</u>

Registration is required for this event.

For more information and to sign up, use the on-line form (found on our parish website www.sjmillstone.com) or visit the table in the Gathering Space. **Deadline to sign-up is November 6th (even if you are unable to attend).**

If you would like to honor a Veteran family member or friend who is not a parishioner, visit the sign-up table in the Gathering Space to write their name in our Veterans' Book of Remembrance. If you have questions, please contact Jeanine Cavanagh at jcavanagh@sjmillstone.com or 908-864-0221.

POOR BOX

Week of October 30: Your generous donations will support Samaritan Homeless Interim Program, (SHIP), a faith-based, interfaith and community funded, assisted and supported, grassroots organization. The clients are the homeless, near homeless, working-poor families, and individuals in Somerset County Regions who are not able to obtain assistance from government or other private agencies and are therefore denied an opportunity to receive the basic humane assistance they need and deserve.



WHAT IS HEALING PRAYER?

Throughout our Catholic history, we have cared for the sick using both prayer and medical knowledge. Today we see our hospitals using medical science as well as chaplains, healing prayers, and the Sacrament of the Sick. Both Scientific and Religious types of medical care work together to do God's will.

- Healing Prayer is a prayer of Petition with a member of the prayer team for healing or a special intention. It can be requested by a person, their family, or a friend.
- It is a type of prayer Christians have been making since New Testament times.
- It expects God will heal, although God may not heal what we expect.
- It is not limited to physical healing, but can heal mind, body, spirit and/or soul.
- It may be repeated.
- It often includes a prayer for help and guidance for family members, friends or medical personnel.
- It does not replace normal medical care.
- It is not a sacrament, but a sacramental (like the rosary or benediction).

You are welcome to request healing prayer at our monthly sessions after mass on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

Next Healing Prayer

Immediately after the 4:45 PM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM and 6:00 PM Masses

November 12-13

For more Information :contact Ann Smith at 908-285-6481. All conversations and prayer requests are confidential.



Can you help? Hillsborough Reformed Church (HRC) is hosting November 13-20.

Sign up for November hosting or hosting going forward by reaching out to Jeanine at <u>jcavanagh@sjmillstone.com</u> or Tina at tina@androulakis.com



TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

If you have registered in the last 6 months or plan to register soon, please join us for our

New Parishioner Welcome on Sunday, November 6 in the Hospitality Room right after the 11:30 mass (approx. 12:30).

Come and meet your fellow parishioners, enjoy a lite lunch, listen to a brief information session, and find ways to become an integral member of our parish community. Future dates: Sundays, February 5, May 7, & August 6.

And God Bless our Newest Parishioners!

Thanks to all parishioners of longstanding – for welcoming and praying for our newest parishioners. May our newest parishioners experience great graces of prayer, service, and community during their years at our parish.

> Anthony and Janine Akey Diane Banino **Bill and Janet Brown** Dennis and Mary Callahan Verton and Mary Escoffery Elijah & Liam **Helen Felice** Kevin and Ann Fitzsimmons Joseph and Deborah Lesky Eduard and Emilia Marti Ballbe Pau, Santi & Jan Kinner and Nelly Mesen Kinner Claire McCarthy Anthony and Maryjean Nicoli Lillian Peetz **Richard Pisano** Michael Pisano John and Lauren Powers Madeline Alex and Maury Rodriguez-Barcena Elizabeth & Daniel Gary and Judy Rymer George and Sally Shamy

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>. **Please watch for early deadlines during November and December.**



SAGES ACTIVITIES

Monday-Funday: November 7 Toning Thursdays: Healthy Bones. Sages Christmas Party & Talent Show: Save the date: Wednesday, December 14 at 12:00. Please contact AnnaMaria if you would like to register for the Talent show.

General Information: <u>http://sjmillstone.com/sages</u> For more info or to register for an event contact AnnaMaria at 908-864-0334 or <u>arealbuto@stjosephsparish.com</u>

Collection of Toddler Clothing for Pregnancy Aid and Information Center.

The PAIC is in dire need of gently used winter clothing for toddlers 3 -6 and size six diapers. We encourage you to bring gently used baby and toddler clothing to PAIC throughout the year. They are in Raritan, and you can arrange drop off times by calling 908 526-8121. Our parishioners volunteer there every other Wednesday and do such excellent work.

GIFTS FOR APPALACHIA



Advent Giving Tree – Part II

As we have in recent years, we will once again provide actual gifts to the children served by our Appalachia Ministry. Watch for details coming soon!

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 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00PM. Our next meeting is November 9 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 emailingsacredheartigi@gmail.com.



ONLINE ADVENT GIVING TREE

The St. Joseph Advent Giving Tree Ministry is continuing our parish's generous spirit of providing Christmas gifts for many community members with our online Advent Gift Card Program.

All GIFT CARDS ARE DUE BY NOVEMBER 13TH

Go to <u>www.stjsoephsparish.com</u> and click on the Advent Tree Giving Box. PLEASE REVIEW THE DIRECTIONS BEFORE REGISTERING FOR THE VIRTUAL ADVENT GIVING TREE.

Directions for our Online Gift Card Christmas Giving Program:

- Select a retailer(s) from the ticket list.
- Click the \$25 gift card donation entering 1 or more
- Enter your email information and finish the registration.
- You will receive an email confirming your selection.
- Purchase your cards through a retail location or website (For example: Kohl's or Amazon).
- Place your cards into an envelope and return them to St. Joseph Parish Center
- Write "Advent Giving Tree" on the envelope and return to any weekend mass where a volunteer and an Advent Gift Box will be in the Gathering Space.
- You can come back online at any time to edit your selection and/or amount.

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Due date for all cards is November 13th. Dates are early so gift cards can be delivered to the agencies before Thanksgiving.

Questions or Concerns:

At any time, feel free to Jeanine Cavanagh at the Parish Office at (908) 864-0221 OR Email Carol Jorgensen at <u>carolj623@comcast.net</u>

Agencies we are supporting with gift cards:

- Arc Family Support
- Catholic Charities of Bridgewater
- Caritas Food Pantry of Manville
- Centerbridge Elders
- Ozanam Family Shelter
- Safe and Sound
- Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Center in Camden
- Welcome Home Jersey City
- St. Joseph Parishioners
- St. Peter University Health Care Center
- Vision and Pathways



ST. JOSEPH THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

We are requesting your help in providing 120 Thanksgiving Food Bags for 100 families. Donate one (1) filled bag per family Bring to our St. Joseph Memorial Hallway before Mass or during work hours (or place in the gray van used for the food bank if the office is closed) in the parking lot **Dates of acceptance: 10/29/2022 through 11/15/2022.**

Please purchase the following items and fill the bag with the following items for one family of four.

\$1 Reusable Grocery Bag
1 large box instant potatoes or rice
3-4 canned vegetables: 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
Beverages: Juices, Hot Chocolate, Tea or Coffee
Please consider adding a \$10 or \$25 local grocery store
Gift Card
Place your grocery store card in an envelope and staple
it to the inside top of the reusable bag

Please put your bag in the Memorial Hallway or van and label "**Thanksgiving**".

The grocery store gift card will be used for meat, pie, fresh vegetables, rolls, or other family needs. We are not accepting any frozen or fresh items this

year such as turkeys, other meats, potatoes, vegetables, bread, rolls or pies.

We will be helping families through Catholic Charities in Bridgewater and Flemington, Christ the Redeemer Foodbank in Manville, and St. Peter's University Hospital Family Center on Howes Lane.

Thank you for your continued support to assist *the least of these.* God bless you!

Thank you and God Bless!

Sunday, Oct 30, 2022

Small is beautiful

"I am only one person," we hear people say. "I'm nobody special. I don't have any power over what happens." We can all summon up plenty of reasons why our contribution to creating a more just global society is withheld. Mother Teresa of Calcutta had a different perspective. "There are no great things, only small things with great love," she said. "Happy are those." A little man named Zacchaeus once climbed a tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus. Take the small step of lifting your vision just a little higher today and you may encounter love.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 11:22—12:2; 2 Thessalonians 1:11—2:2; Luke 19:1-10 (153). "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house."

Monday, Oct 31, 2022

Hallowed be the Eve

Given its association with witches, goblins, and the like, it might seem strange that Halloween is actually a Catholic holiday. Halloween, or Hallowe'en, is an abbreviation for "All Hallows Eve," a celebration the night before All Saints' and All Souls' Days (November 1 and 2). Just like on the night before Christmas or before Ash Wednesday, people make merry on October 31—with costumes and parties for kids and adults alike—before the more solemn days to come. Take a cue this week from Mexican culture's festive *Día de los Muertos* (Day of the Dead) to pay respects with a joyful heart to those who have gone before us.

TODAY'S READINGS: Philippians 2:1-4; Luke 14:12-14 (485). "When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you."

Tuesday, Nov 01, 2022

It's the company you keep

"It is the example of the righteous that we must make our own," instructed Pope Clement of Rome. "Seek the company of the saints, for those who seek their company shall be sanctified." Catholics believe in the communion of saints: all who have attained a place at the heavenly banquet—and from whom we seek inspiration, example, and intercession. They include Saint Francis as well as someone's Uncle Frank, Saint Gertrude the Great along with a great many grandmas. Images of both famous and ordinary saints informed the work of artist John Nava for the stunning Communion of Saints tapestries at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles; let them grace your prayer today.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a (667). *"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven."*

Wednesday, Nov 02, 2022

Dressing for the dearly departed

All Souls' Day is celebrated in many different ways, depending on one's culture. Some celebrate the season by dressing up. Others honor *Día de los Muertos* by having feasts at cemeteries, where stories are told and gifts are offered to the ancestors. Some spend

the day with doors and windows wide open as a symbol of welcoming the dearly departed. In all different ways, life is celebrated, the life we shared with loved ones who have died, and the life we continue to share with them and one another in new ways. What will be your All Souls' Day custom today?

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11 or Romans 6:3-9; John 6:37-40 (668). "The souls of the just are in the hand of God."

Thursday, Nov 03, 2022

The struggle for racial justice continues

In 1947, the Catholic Interracial Council of Los Angeles sued the state of California to challenge the law that prohibited interracial marriages. At the time laws in 30 states made interracial marriages illegal. The challenge cited Catholic teaching to argue that racism is inherently evil and irrational. The lawsuit succeeded, a step along the long road to racial justice. Peruvian Saint Martin de Porres, born out of wedlock in 1579 to a Spanish nobleman and a formerly enslaved African woman, is patron of mixed-race people and all those seeking racial harmony. Ask Saint Martin to help us keep up the fight for racial justice.

MEMORIAL OF MARTIN DE PORRES, DOMINICAN BROTHER TODAY'S READINGS: Philippians 3:3-8a; Luke 15:1-10 (488). *"He, the LORD, is our God; throughout the earth his judgments prevail."*

Friday, Nov 04, 2022

An inspiration in trying times

Many lessons can be drawn from our experience these difficult years of the epidemic. Foremost among them is that we have to be there for each other. During the 1576-78 Plague of Milan, when many city officials fled the scene, Archbishop Borromeo stayed the course, not only organizing a wide-ranging clerical response to the temporal and spiritual needs of the people, but even selling his own possessions and borrowing funds to care for the many hungry, homeless, and dying souls. Dismissing concerns over infection, he made visitations across the diocese and personally ministered to the sick. What can we do today to honor his memory and serve those in need?

MEMORIAL OF CHARLES BORROMEO, BISHOP TODAY'S READINGS: Philippians 3:17—4:1; Luke 16:1-8 (489). "Prepare a full account of your stewardship."

Saturday, Nov 05, 2022

Loosen that grip

Imagine going through an entire day having left your wallet or purse at home, carrying no money of any kind (cash, credit card, or otherwise). Now imagine going through your entire life that way! More than likely, that's how Jesus lived. He had a lot to say about money, especially our relationship to it, but we never read of Jesus carrying any himself. When he's challenged about paying taxes, he asks to be shown a coin in order to respond, so he likely wasn't carrying any of his own. While Jesus did not command us to live without money, he cautioned us to use it ethically and to be careful how tightly we hold it in our hands—and our hearts.

TODAY'S READINGS: Philippians 4:10-19; Luke 16:9-15 (490). "If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?"



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

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