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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

In Emergency- Please call 908-874-3141 and press 1 for a priest.

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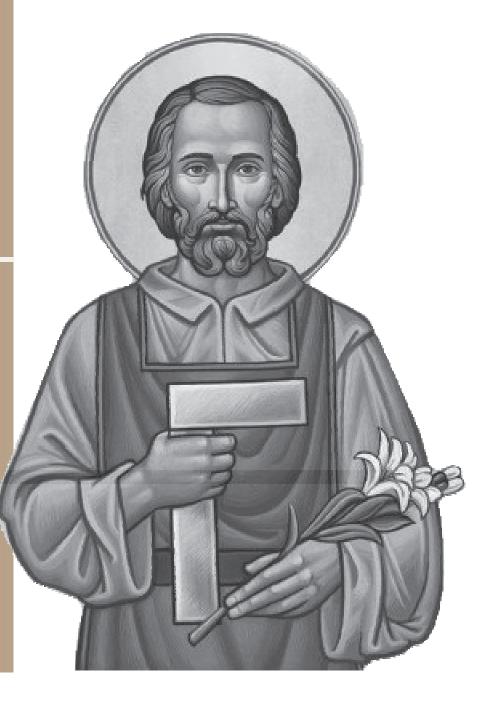
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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. 8:35 AM Jody Cummings

R/B Jeff & Mary Lawler

Tue. 8:35 AM Dr. Declan O'Scanlan

R/B Hilton Family

8:35AM Jeanette Williams

R/B Lorraine Walkiewicz

8:35AM Margaret Testrane

R/B Maria Meyler

Wed. 8:35AM John Nouri

R/B Selwa Toni

5:00PM Thanksgiving Blessings

Thu. 8:35AM Thanksgiving Blessings

Fri. 8:35AM Anna & Alexander Perfinowicz.

R/B Paulette Matis

8:35AM Peg Anderson

R/B Don Anderson & Family

Sat. 4:45AM Christopher Blum

R/B Tabernero Family

4:45PM Karen & Robert Shupper –

60th ng Anniversary R/B Shupper Family

Sun. 8:00 AM Joseph & Philomena Rubino

R/B Joseph LoGuilo

Sun. 9:30AM Loretta Witt

R/B Witt Family

9:30AM Margaret Olsson

R/B Rosemary Love

9:30AM People of the Parish

Sun. 11:30AM Sophie T. Campo

R/B Fred & Laura Campo

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Jeremiah 33:14-16 1 Thessalonians 3:12–4:2 Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Behind the Scenes of This Week's Readings Today's Gospel: John 18:33b-37

In 1925 Pope Pius XI designated that the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year (church calendar) is to be celebrated as "Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe." More commonly referred to as the Feast of Christ the King, this feast is a fitting closure to a year that began with readings that spoke of waiting for a Messiah and followed with the birth of Jesus, his life, teaching, passion, death, resurrection and ascension into heaven where we believe he reigns over the entire universe. The Feast of Christ the King is also celebrated by many Protestant churches including Anglicans and Lutherans. - Dorothy Gearon



Advent Giving Tree Part 2 – Appalachia Gift Tags

Gifts are due by Noon on Sunday, November 28.

This year we will once again collect gifts for Appalachia.

Advent Giving Tree gift tags for Appalachia are available on tables in the Memorial Hallway.

Please remember, when you take a tag, you must bring back a gift which matches the tag. If possible, please include a gift receipt for gifts of clothing or footwear.

Directions:

- **Please DO NOT WRAP gifts.
- **Attach the gift tag you took securely to the gift.
- **<u>Gifts are due back by Noon on Sunday,</u> November 28.
- **Please purchase gifts at Walmart or Walmart.com. If an exchange is necessary, Walmart is the only store available to the recipients in the Appalachian Region.

If you have any problems or questions, please contact:

Carol Jorgensen – <u>carolj623@comcast.net</u> Dianne Speronello – <u>dtspero@gmail.com</u>

Thank you in advance of your continued support of the Advent Giving Tree Ministry. Your generosity and kindness will again bring Christmas to the people of Appalachia.

This Week in Prayer, Service and Community



Dear All, Christ's Peace!

This Moment in Prayer

The Book of Mass Intentions – To arrange Mass intentions for 2022, come to the Parish office, through Friday, December 3, at any of the following times – except for Thanksgiving Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Sundays – 9 to 11 am
Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays:9 to 11 am, 1 to 3 pm, and 5 to 7 pm
Fridays – 9 to 11 am
Saturdays – 6 to 7 pm (after 4:45 Mass)

Christmas Flower Envelopes – Thanks in advance for helping. Last year, the pandemic got in the way of collecting help for the Christmas flowers. This year, we have some catching up to do. The envelopes will be available from this weekend until New Years on the Moses Table and can be dropped in the collection baskets.

In-car at the 11:30 Mass, the survey showed that 11:30 is the more convenient time for those who, for health reasons, want an in-car option. Hence, starting 11/21, the 11:30 Mass will be indoors AND will be broadcast on the parish radio station (88.7 FM). Communion will be shared with in-car people, who will be parking in rows 14-19.

This Moment in Service

Advent Giving Tree – Part 1: Local Giving. Thanks and blessings for all who have responded so graciously.

Advent Giving Tree – Part 2: Children in Appalachia. Gifts due by November 28.

Our Thanksgiving Food Collection – You did a remarkable job of providing for nearby folks who need help to have a Thanksgiving dinner.

This Moment in Community

The Parish Survey – As mentioned, the Parish Council has identified "encouraging people to return to church" as one of its three goals for this year. Good information will enable us to make that happen. It will take you 8-11 minutes to complete the survey that will arrive in your email next week. Please have every confirmed member of your household complete the survey. Thanks. The more we know, the better we can serve.

New Parishioner Welcome and Orientation – The new parishioner welcome and orientation sessions are a great thing for those who have registered but not yet participated in a New Parishioner Welcome Session. If you missed this week's session, please watch for the dates of our future sessions.

The Bulletin is Back – After a hiatus of many months, hard copies of the bulletin are again available. Take one from the round table in the middle of the Gathering Space.

Irena Gut: Only a Girl – Thanks to Janet Rogers for the oh-so-moving performance, to Phyllis Marganoff for putting us in touch with Janet, and to the 120 parishioners who gathered on Monday. What a blessing.

The Air Test – The industrial hygienists tested the worship space air. We are officially OK.

With terrific gratitude, great gladness, and sincere blessings, **Father Hank**



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As we joyfully celebrate our 40th
Anniversary and launch into this
celebratory year, we ask for your
continued prayers for our diocese and for
the great Mission which has been
entrusted to us. May Our Lady of
Guadalupe, through whom our diocese was
consecrated, continue to intercede for us
as we work to build the Kingdom of God
here in this beautiful diocese



SAGES ACTIVITIES

Picnic Luncheons

Our outdoor picnics will resume in the Spring.. We are now moving indoors for other activities..

Drums Alive - Exercise Class:

Thursdays, through December 9, at 10 AM. No reservations required.

Winter Monday Fundays begin on November 15 from 1:30- 3:30 PM in Parish Hall. Various activities including movies, poker, board games and mahjong, etc.

Christmas Crafts – December 6– with Corks Plus, poker, mahjong, board games and other Christmas fun.

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

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

JN MEMORJAM

Robert Emmett McDevitt, 85, father of parishioner Brendan and father-in-law of Monica, our Business Administrator, died on November 7.

Please pray for his eternal rest and for all who mourn his death.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

We are back on schedule with paper bulletins. 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. Full page announcements must be submitted at least 3 weeks in advance and although we try our best, they are subject to space restrictions. Contact Dorothy at stjoebulletin@yahoo.com. Thank You.



MEMORIAL TREES

Order Your Tree – by Monday, November 22 on our parish webpage. It's a terrific way to honor a loved one and to share in the parish' Christmas fun.

Install the Trees – Saturday, November 27, 10 AM to 2 PM. Sign up[on the parish webpage. There are options for heavy-duty work (e.g., pounding the rebar or moving the trees) and light-duty work (e.g., hanging the lights on the short trees). The Knights and their helpers will be serving grilled cheeses and tomato soup. Perfect.

Decorate your Tree – Decorate your tree – What do you have in mind for your tree this year? Make it happen any time after 2:00 PM on installation day (Saturday, November 27).

Join the fun at "O Holy Nights

Keep your eye peeled for opportunities to help. In addition to installing the trees, there are lots of jobs each night. We will also need people with chainsaws, weed whackers, and blowtorches (maybe) to spruce up the Prayer Path. And cooks!



O HOLY NIGHTS!

Sunday, November 28, 5 PM, Grand Lighting 200 Christmas Trees, 50,000 lights, music, fun.

Sunday, December 5, 5 PM, Tailgate Caroling Music, tailgate decorating contest, Tik Tok. Warm yourself at the fire drums.

Sunday, December 12, 5 PM, Shepherds Path Test Your Knowledge; Stroll the path and encounter our young shepherds

Sunday, December 19, 4 PM, LIVE NATIVITY Drive thru' and experience the true meaning of Christmas. Registration Required.

The big finale presented by the youth group starts at 4:00 pm (so people who don't drive at night can visit). **Sign-up times will be required** and refreshments will flow.

All evenings will feature Christmas cookies and the World's Best St. Joe Cocoa.



LECTIO DIVINA SCRIPTURE SHARING

You are invited to share scripture with a small group of people on Monday mornings 11-11:30AM. We reflect and share on the Gospel of that day. It is an investment of only one-half hour of your time, and we can assure you that the fruits of that one-half hour will be abundant.

Make a commitment for just one Monday, and if you like it, come back the next Monday. Start your week with prayer, community, and hope. We look forward to sharing this time with you! Bring your bible with you!

Learn more about how to join this meeting by visiting: diometuchen.org/onechurchtogether



DIOCESAN FAMILY PHOTO ALBUM

As we celebrate the Year "Amoris Laetitia Family," the diocesan Office of Communications and Public Relations is compiling a digital family photo album. We invite you to share a photo of your family – a photo of your domestic church by which our local Church of Metuchen is constantly enriched. Please consider sharing your family's photo with us by sending your photo to communications@diometuchen.org, so we can together bear witness to the love of God through our "family of families."

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Sunday, Nov 21, 2021

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

A game of 20 questions

Actually, only 11 questions are exchanged in the fateful interview between Pilate and Jesus. Pilate asks 10, the most famous being, "What is truth?" Equally significant, however, is Pilate's other inquiry, "Are you the King of the Jews?" To which Jesus replies with his own bold interrogation: "Are you saying this on your own or have others told you about me?" It remains a significant inquiry. On this day when the church honors Jesus as King of the Universe, we might ponder the question ourselves: Does Jesus rule our hearts? Or is his authority just something we hear tell about?

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37 (161). "Pilate said to Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?'"

Monday, Nov 22, 2021

MEMORIAL OF CECILIA, MARTYR

Sing out your life

Saint Cecilia is the patron of music and musicians—because as she was wed against her wishes to a nobleman of no particular faith, she sang in her heart to God. (Her husband ended up becoming Christian and both were martyred by the Romans.) Her patronage of music has created an immense legacy as musical institutions all over the world are named after her, and concerts and festivals are held today on her feast day—all because of a sweet, simple, silent song of fidelity to the Lord. You may not be blessed with musical talent, but God loves to hear your heart-song nonetheless.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Luke 21:1-4 (503). "I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest."

Tuesday, Nov 23, 2021

MEMORIAL OF COLUMBAN, ABBOT

Take the gospel everywhere

After years of studying scripture in an Irish monastery, Saint Columban sought permission at age 40 to depart for Europe with a boatload of companions. Their mission: to preach the gospel everywhere they went, proclaiming Christ after barbarian invasions collapsed the Western Roman Empire. Pray some of Columban's eloquent words to begin your day: "Lord, may everything we do this day begin with your blessing and continue with your help. May everything we say this day begin with your love and continue with your grace. May everything we plan this day begin with your inspiration and continue with your peace."

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11 (504). "The God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed."

Wednesday, Nov 24, 2021

MEMORIAL OF ANDREW DÜNG-LAC, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Make me an instrument of your peace

The Catholic church has a long and complex history in Vietnam, going back to the first European missionaries in the 15th century. Over the centuries, church-state intrigue and foreign colonial interests competed with genuine pastoral work, and Catholic missionaries often were caught in the crossfire. The martyrs remembered today suffered during a particularly difficult period when Catholic families were broken apart and some were branded on the forehead with the Vietnamese words for "false religion." Church-state relations have gradually improved in recent decades

as wounds from the past heal. May we all learn the lessons history offers, so that our witness may be a reconciling one.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Luke 21:12-19 (505). "I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute."

Thursday, Nov 25, 2021

MEMORIAL OF CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, MARTYR; THANKSGIVING DAY

Attitude of gratitude

Truth will out. As we give thanks this day for blessings in our lives, let's treasure the gift of faith, of truth. Little is known of the life of Catherine of Alexandria, whose memorial is today—perhaps not surprising given she was born quite early in Christian history, around 287. Nonetheless, the legends surrounding this early saint demonstrate her persistence in sharing the truth of her faith in Christ. Roman authorities expended great energy in killing those she converted and finally in killing her, but her truth, the Christian gospel, still shines brightly. Let's give thanks for it.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 6:12-28; Luke 21:20-28 (506). "When these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."

Friday, Nov 26, 2021

NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK

The source of our "inspo"

The Bible has been and continues to be a treasure of inspiration (or "inspo" to the younger set), guiding us through the difficult, ordinary, and joyful moments of everyday life. Instead of tweets, there are verses; instead of hashtags, there are the great biblical themes of creation, love, mercy, and faithfulness. #awesome Even better than tweets and hashtags, however, is the fact that inspo for Christians is not just a feel-good motivation; it is also a real-time experience of God. God *inspires*—"in-spirits"—us. God breathes God's very spirit with us. What does or could this inspo mean for you today?

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33 (507). "Know that the Kingdom of God is near."

Saturday, Nov 27, 2021

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Every day a new challenge

Seems lately that every day is D-Day: division, disease, disaster. The news can be overwhelming, and the temptation, which Jesus warned against, is to pull the covers over our heads and sleepwalk through life. Call on the courageous example of Mary, who faced challenges few of us can imagine as she carried out her mission and trusted the Word living within her. We share in that mission to bring God into the world. Trust and stay strong in the storm!

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36 (508). "Jesus said to his disciples: 'Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy Be vigilant at all times.' "

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



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