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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 out	doors. Attendees
remain in their car and tu	ne into FM 88.7.)

Weekend Masses:

Saturday	4:45 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM
(Enhanc	ed-precautions mass-6'
spacing and n	nasks are encouraged.)
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9:30 AIVI

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 <u>fatherhank@sjmillstone.com</u> 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





November 7, 2021

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon.	8:35 AM Marilyn Wickel R/B Dottie & George Lukazik
Tue.	8:35 AM Sherri Bove
Tue.	R/B Agnes & Guy Gubitosi
	8:35AM Salvatore Puleo
	R/B Fr. Hank Hilton
	8:35AM Ellen Donnellan
	R/B Donnellan Family
Wed.	8:35AM James X. Paterno
	R/B Barbara Paterno & Family
Thu.	8:35AM All Veterans
Fri.	8:35AM Mary Mellilo.
	R/B Robert Mellilo
	8:35AM John Jorgensen
	R/B Carol & John Jorgensen
Sat.	4:45AM Gerry Moore
	R/B Ellen Kenny
	4:45PM Christopher Blum
	R/B larkowski Family
Sun.	8:00 AM People of the Parish
Sun.	9:30AM Filomena Rossi
	R/B Carl & Connie Panzera
	9:30AM Michael Yuhasz
	R/B Cheryl Papa
	9:30AM Maureen Drechler
	R/B Shirley Santonastaso
Sun.	11:30AM Jemma Kasper
	R/B Filomena Helm

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Daniel 12:1-3 Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 Mark 13:24-32

Behind the Scenes of This Week's Readings Today's Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

Scholars believe that the treasury mentioned in this Gospel consisted of thirteen trumpet-shaped containers in the Temple into which men could deposit their contributions for various needs. Constructed of heavy material they were designed to make noise as the coins were dropped in and thus draw attention to the donor. Since women were not permitted inside the Temple, we know that Jesus was outside in the Women's Courtyard where he saw the widow make her donation in the only receptacle available to women. Widows with no remaining family to care for them were especially vulnerable in that patriar-chal society. One can only wonder why a wealthy scribe made his "noisy" donation where women, the poor and vulnerable gathered. - *Dorothy Gearon*



VIRTUAL 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 14TH

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.

(If you are unable to purchase gift card(s), but wish to participate, please consider writing a check to St Joseph MEMO: Advent Giving Tree and mail to St. Joseph Parish. The Advent Giving Tree Ministry will purchase the gift cards on your behalf.)

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. Place the envelope into the secure black box on the brick wall to the right of the Parish Center Office doors OR give them to one of our Advent Giving Tree volunteers before or after all masses on the weekends of October 30/31, November 6/7 and 13/14.

DO NOT USE THE CURB MAILBOX WHICH IS FOR OUTGOING MAIL.

ALL CARDS Due by NOVEMBER 14TH

At any time, feel free to call the parish office and dial in for the Advent Giving Tree extension: 908-874-3141 ext 225. You will receive a call back within the day. Or email one of our coordinators, Carol Jorgensen, at carolj623@comcast.net

Thank you for continuing the Christmas generosity of our parish in a new but excellent way!

November 7, 2021



Dear All – Christ's Peace!

IDA DAMAGE AT CHURCH

Our recovery from Ida's damage has made great progress this week. In our two air-handler rooms, all wallboard with visible mold has been removed. The remaining walls and surfaces have been deepcleaned, and the coils inside the air handlers have been sprayed and cleaned. The same treatment has been applied to the vents that connect the air handlers with the worship space. Every room, where Ida-caused mold could have settled, has been thoroughly cleaned. We are in very good shape.

And finally, thanks to Tim Leicht, Rich Realbuto and staff for installing an additional pump in the courtyard. The new, high-powered pump doubles our pumping capacity. The overground pipe is temporary.

This Moment in Prayer

11:30 Mass, "Post-tent." – Starting Sunday, November 21, the 11:30 Mass will be celebrated indoors. Those who have medical concerns can remain in their car, listen/watch Mass (TBD), and receive Communion.

This Moment in Service

Our Advent Giving Tree – 'Tis the season for us to get going on our two Christmas gift projects. St. Joe's helps support 11 local agencies by providing gift cards for their clients to use for Christmas gifts.

Gifts for Appalachia – This year we are also providing gifts for children in Appalachia. The last day to return gifts for Appalachia is Sunday, November 28.

Hurricane Ida Relief Update – 36 families have requested assistance; 33 families have been visited and assisted; 3 more families will be visited next week; 4 families are still displaced and will be helped when they are relocated. Please pray that one family we are assisting will finally get their water heater installed on Monday. Your exceptional generosity has funded \$78,895 of recovery help for parishioners and neighbors. Funding for Feeding Hands and SHIP will be figured out in the next two or three weeks.

This Moment in Community

New Parishioner Welcome and Orientation – If you have registered but not yet participated in a "New Parishioner Welcome" session, please join us Sunday, November 21, after the 9:30 Mass, in the Hospitality Room. It is a great moment for meeting other new parishioners and learning more about the parish.

Memorial Trees and O Holy Nights – Mark the bi moments on your calendar

Order Your Tree – From now until Monday, November 22 – Order your tree!

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 after Saturday, November 27 at 2 pm.

Join the fun at "O Holy Nights" – Sunday evenings, November 28, December 5, 12, & 19.

With continued thanks and all best blessings

Fr. 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.

November 7, 2021



ST. JOSEPH 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 – 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.

General Information: To learn more about SAGES and all options for our over-55 parishioners, visit our website at SAGES Senior Ministry http://sjmillstone.com/sages

For more info contact AnnaMaria at 908-874-2141 e3xt 240 or arealbuto@stjosephsparish.com

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 10 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 by contacting 908 822 5895 or by emailingsacredheartigi@gmail.com.

IN MEMORIAM

Loretta Cavanagh, 86, mother of parishioner James and mother-in-law of Jeanine, leader of our Office of Social Ministry, died on October 24..

.Alice Rose Hammer, 36, daughter of parishioners Cathy & Dennis Hammer, died on October 29.

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

5th ANNUAL INTERFAITH PROGRAM: World Religions Creating Unity and Peace in a Post-Pandemic World

Join us for a discussion with panelists representing the Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu and Buddhist Traditions. There will be time for audience questions.

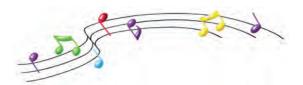
Wednesday, Nov. 10, 7--9 PM Academy Student Center (\$20-\$30 as you are able) Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer 1651 US Hwy. 22 Watchung, NJ 07069 908-753-2091 www.msmhope.org

JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION!

With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, all are invited to attend the 40th Anniversary Mass marking the establishment of the Diocese of Metuchen.

Friday, November 19, 2021, at 7 PM Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi 32 Elm Avenue, Metuchen, NJ 08840

Clergy, religious and lay faithful from all the parishes in the Diocese of Metuchen are invited to attend this historical anniversary Mass. The Most Rev. James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA, will be the celebrant and the homilist. For more information, please visit: diometuchen.org/40. Join us as we celebrate forty years of building the Kingdom of God in Central New Jersey!



ALL SINGERS INVITED TO ATTEND

Metuchen NPM's 2021 St. Cecilia Sing -Prayer from Our Souls Friday, November 12, 2021 7:PM. Rehearsal • 8:PM Prayer Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church 600 Harris Avenue Middlesex, NJ 08846 Masks are strongly recommended for all singers and will be available. Registration is required. To learn more or to register, please visit: diometuchen.org/npm.

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 onehalf 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."

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** <u>stjoebulletin@yahoo.com</u>. 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 .<u>stjoebulletin@yahoo.com</u>. Thank You.

Sunday, Nov 07, 2021

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A joyous calling

When we hear the word "vocation," the first thing that may come to mind is "sacrifice." Doesn't it imply God is asking us to give up something precious—like the rest of our lives and our freedom? No wonder we run from the idea whenever it surfaces! But if you ask a priest or religious sister or brother about what vocation means to them, words frequently uttered include *joy, meaning,* and *peace*. Listen to some who answered their inner longing speak of their joy here, and pray for vocations this National Vocation Awareness Week.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44 (155). "[This widow], from her poverty, has contributed all she had."

Monday, Nov 08, 2021

Mary, all the way

Nuestra Señora de los Treinta y Tres, or Our Lady of the Thirty-Three, also known as the Liberator of Uruguay, is the patron of that country. The image of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary was venerated by a group of 33 revolutionaries whose actions led to the founding of modern Uruguay, and there are still pilgrimages every November to the cathedral where this image is enshrined. Mary helps all of us along the way, on the pilgrimage of life, to the liberation of her son. Honor her on her feast day today by offering prayers of praise to the one who set us free from sin.

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 1:1-7; Luke 17:1-6 (491). "If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him."

Tuesday, Nov 09, 2021

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

We gather together

Saint Paul says we're each a temple of the Holy Spirit. Saint Peter calls us the "living stones" of the church. But having a physical place to gather and worship is of practical importance, too; it's where we forge the bonds of Christian community and celebrate Christ's Incarnation. And so, after Emperor Constantine's edict in 313—allowing persecuted Christians to come out of hiding and be public in their practice—it's significant that he gifted a young church with the Lateran properties. How can you help your own parish maintain Christian community, knowing COVID has kept many from physically gathering?

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22 (671). *"No one can lay a foundation other than the one that is there, namely, Jesus Christ."*

Wednesday, Nov 10, 2021

MEMORIAL OF LEO THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Follow the good doctor's advice

The Latin word "doctor" means teacher, and so we have a number of them within the church to whom we look for inspiration and guidance on matters of significance of faith and belief. Leo the Great, whose feast we celebrate today, is one of those "doctors" whose teachings have helped form the foundation upon which we stand today as Catholic Christians. In Saint Leo's case, it was his defense of the doctrine of Christ's Incarnation—that Jesus is fully human and fully divine—that won him fame as a stalwart of the faith. Honor Leo by living fully the divine love showered upon you. TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19 (493). "Authority was given you by the Lord and sovereignty by the Most High, who shall probe your works and scrutinize your counsels."

Thursday, Nov 11, 2021

MEMORIAL OF MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP

Give us wisdom to confront and ease poverty

Saint Martin of Tours, today's saint, is famous for tearing his cloak in two to give half to a beggar. With poverty entrenched in our world, knowing how to overcome it ourselves or how to help those who are afflicted is a constant. Perhaps the Wisdom of God, uplifted in the first reading for today, can give guidance. In the footsteps of Saint Martin, we Christians turn to "Wisdom a spirit intelligent, holy, unique" to respond to the many kinds of pain inflicted by poverty.

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 7:22b—8:1; Luke 17:20-25 (494). "For behold, the Kingdom of God is among you."

Friday, Nov 12, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JOSAPHAT, BISHOP, MARTYR

Don't let passion trump compassion

Saint Josaphat, Basilian monk and church reformer, born around 1580, worked to consolidate the Eastern and Western Christian Churches and was part of the "uniat" camp in Lithuania that supported union with Rome. Try as he might, Josaphat couldn't persuade all of his compatriots of the value of a unified Catholic Church, and his detractors claimed he had "gone Latin." Those against the union eventually stormed the bishop's residence and murdered him. Passions run deep when it comes to religion and politics, but, like Josaphat, never lose sight of the ultimate commandment for Christians: to love neighbor, friend, and enemy alike.

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37 (495). "If they so far succeeded in knowledge that they could speculate about the world, how did they not more quickly find its Lord?"

Saturday, Nov 13, 2021

MEMORIAL OF FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI, FOUNDER

Celebrate a saint for immigrants

As we wrap up National Vocation Awareness Week, we celebrate one of the truly great American vocations of the 20th century, Frances Xavier Cabrini. Mother Cabrini was the first U.S. citizen to be made a saint. She came to the United States from Italy in 1889 to help the flood of immigrants coming to America. Starting with nothing, she founded schools, orphanages, and hospitals to provide support for her fellow immigrants. In her spirit, reach out to immigrants in need—documented or otherwise—they are everywhere to be found these days.

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Luke 18:1-8 (496). "Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?"

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



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