CONTACT INFO

Phone: 908-874-3141 Fax: 908-874-7040

www.stjosephsparish.com

Fr. Hank FatherHank@sjmillstone.com

34 Yorktown Road Hillsborough, NJ 08844-5139

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 outdo	ors. Attendees
remain in their car and tune	into FM 88.7.)

Weekend Masses:

Saturday	4:45 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM
(Enhan	ced-precautions mass-6'
spacing and	masks are encouraged.)
	0.30 VV

11:30 AM (This mass is outside under the tent/attendees

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







INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon.	8:35 AM Peter Bellas
	R/B Gail Bellas
Tue.	8:35 AM David Jerzewski
	R/B Lois & Ed Jerzewski
	8:35AM Mary Ann Holowczak
	R/B Barbara Dorr
	8:35AM Steven & Danielle Caputo & Family (Living)
	R/B Jeff & Mary Lawler
Wed.	8:35AM Albert Toni
	R/B Selwa Toni
Thu.	8:35AM John Rockford
	R/B Rockford Family
Fri.	8:35AM Helen Nelson
	R/B Hilton Family
Nativit	y of the Lord - Holyday
Fri.	2:00PM (outside) People of the Parish
	5:00PM People of the Parish
	8:00PM People of the Parish
Sat.	8:00AM People of the Parish
	9:30AM People of the Parish
	11:30AM (hybrid) People of the Parish
Sun.	8:00AM Carlo Melia
	R/B M/M. Zwicker
Sun.	9:30AM Ray Garcia
	R/B DeLucia Family
	9:30AM Claire Stephenson
	R/B Garr Stephenson
	9:30AM Sister Marie Ann Gilbertson
	R/B Hilton Family
	11:30AM Sister Matis Kopac & Helen Matis
	R/B Paulette Matis
	11:30AM Anthony & Carmella Maita
	R/B McDevitt Family

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 Luke 2:41-52

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSINGS

The parish offices will close at 1:00 PM on Friday, December 24 and reopen on Tuesday, December 28

They will also close at 1:00 PM on Friday, December 31 and reopen on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

Have a safe and happy holiday!



CHRISTMAS MASSES CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Greetings from uncharted territory. Again. Our primary goal is to make sure that everyone who wants to be at Mass on Christmas can be at Mass on Christmas. We need to develop the Mass schedule in a way that (a) helps us reach that goal AND (b) satisfy the great need for liturgical ministers. Thanks for being very cooperative and understanding. Here is where we are.

Christmas Eve –

2:00 PM IN PARKING LOT. The altar will be in the hay wagon. You will listen in your car via 88.7 FM. Eucharistic Ministers will bring you Communion. We do not expect to reach fullest capacity.

5:00 PM & 8:00PM IN CHURCH. There will be 4 open sections (i.e., no social distancing, masks optional) and three standard precautions sections (every other pew, masks optional). There will be no enhanced precautions (blue) sections. Once we reach seating capacity, people will be seated in the Parish Hall, where Mass will be displayed on the big screen and Communion will be brought to you. There will not be social distancing in the Hall, so masks will be required.

Christmas Day -

8:00 AM IN CHURCH. This is the only Mass with enhanced precautions seating. Five sections will be for enhanced precautions (every third row, masks required) and two will be for standard precautions.

9:30 AM IN CHURCH. There will be 4 open sections (i.e., no social distancing, masks optional) and three standard precautions sections (every other pew, masks optional). There will be no enhanced precautions (blue) sections. Once we reach seating capacity, people will be seated in the Parish Hall, where Mass will be displayed on the big screen and Communion will be brought to you. There will not be social distancing in the Hall, so masks will be required.

11:30 AM Hybrid. Inside the church, there will be four open sections and three sections with standard precautions. As is now the custom at the 11:30, the Mass will be broadcast to the parking lot and Communion will be brought to the car people. There will be no overflow seating in the Parish Hall.

There will be no afternoon or evening Mass on Christmas Day.

December 19, 2021



Dear All, Christ's peace! Great thanks to all who made the Holy Nights such happy events.

This Moment in Prayer

Communion on the Tongue – If you wish to receive Communion on the tongue, you now can. Just be sure to (a) come to me for Communion and (b) be the last one(s) in line. Thanks! **6:00 pm Mass** – We will reinstate the 6:00 PM Mass on March 6, the first Sunday of Lent. Also, we are thinking it might be good to have that Mass at 6:00 PM during the days of late sunset (from spring ahead to fall back) and at 5:00 PM during the days of early sunset (from fall back to spring ahead). Sound reasonable?

This Moment in Service

Put your Feet Up – As mentioned recently, you have completely outdone yourselves. In most remarkable ways, you came to the aid of our flood victims - our fellow parishioners, our neighbors, our friends from CTR Parish in Manville, as well as Feeding Hands and SHIP. Then you turned out in a most marvelous way to provide Thanksgiving dinner for tables that would be empty. Then you supplied Christmas for area residents who were heading into a non-Christmas Christmas. You kept going and you produced Christmas for many families in Appalachia. A time for every purpose under heaven ... maybe this is a time to count your blessings and the blessings God has shared through you. Stay Tuned – Come early January, you will be reading more about a new Food Pantry Ministry and about some possibilities for service immersion experiences for adults.

This Moment in Community

Tailgate Caroling – Could we have hoped for more? Thanks to the many people who festooned their Fords and holidayed their Hondas. It was HUGE fun. Special thanks to the Russo/Adubato family for all you did to win the grand prize. Thanks to the choir members who led us in song, to Kira and Abby who taught us the Tik Tok drill, and to all who stoked the fires and supplied the world's best cocoa and those crazy good cookies.

The Live Nativity – Sunday, December 19. This is the only "O Holy Nights" event for which you need to register. Check out the parish webpage to get going. The registration is simply to prevent traffic jams and waiting.

I think that is it for today – but I will probably recall some missing thing three minutes after I hit "send". Thanks for your patience and for all the inspiration you continually provide. With all best blessings,

Father Hank



World's Best St. Joe Cocoa.

HEALING PRAYER IN PERSON RETURNS TO CHURCH

*Healing Prayer is now back to in person healing on the first weekend of each month.

*Virtual healing is closed.

*Healing Prayer will take place after all masses.

*Ministers will meet parishioners in front of the altar after mass.

*In keeping with COVID precautions, ministers will wear masks and remain 6-feet away from participants.

Our next Healing Sundays are January 11 &12 (We are skipping New Year's Weekend) February 5 & 6

SAGES ACTIVITIES

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



CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES

Thanks in advance for helping. Last year, the pandemic got in the way of collecting donations for the Christmas flowers. This year, we have some catching up to do. The envelopes will be available from this weekend until January 10 on the Moses Table and can be dropped in the collection baskets.

HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE Info for the January 2 bulletin must be sent by Tuesday evening, December 21

Please send all information directly to <u>stjoebulletin@yahoo.com</u>

Welcome! OUR PARISH FAMILY WELCOMES YOU

Visitor or newcomer? Coming home? Welcome to St. Joseph Parish Community. Although we are a diverse group of people, we aim to be a family gathered in love and mutual respect. We are so very different, yet so much alike. We are young and not so young and everything in between. We are lifelong Catholics, brand new Catholics, and some of us are still seeking a spiritual path. We are saints that often struggle. We are sinners who dare to trust in the mercy promised. But no matter how anyone may try to define you, please know that you have a place - a home here with us. Join us as we celebrate God's redemptive love in the Mass. Join us as we create new friendships in our Spirituality, Bible Study and Prayer Groups. Join us in serving the needs of our brothers and sisters here and wherever God calls us. We are so happy that you joined us today and hope that you will come again. We are all eager to greet and welcome you. Many Christmas Blessings from Father Hank & the Parish Staff!



Listen EVERYWHERE Assisted Hearing

1. Connect to the ListenEverywhere WiFi Network* Go to Settings > WiFi > Select the ListenEverywhere wireless network



2. Open the ListenEverywhere app on your phone.*



3. Press the Play button

4. Listen through your headphones or Bluetooth enabled hearing aids connected to your phone.*

* If you have not already done so:

- 1. Turn on WiFi
- 2. Turn on Bluetooth
- 3. Download the Listen EVERYWHERE app to your phone.



Scan to Open/Download the ListenEverywhere app on your phone



Sunday, Dec 19, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (O FLOWER OF JESSE'S STEM)

Your place on the tree

Family trees are an endless source of fascination. Whether you've explored yours through DNA tests or old photo albums and family stories, you know that a ragtag line of other people's chances and choices contribute to who you are. The Advent Jesse Tree teaches children about many risk-takers and seekers throughout biblical history who contributed to the arrival of Jesus. Folks like Jesse himself, the father of David who contributed to the lineage of the kings of Israel and, without suspecting it, the future King of the Universe. What might your legacy be, and how do you claim your place in the great story?

TODAY'S READINGS: Micah 5:1-4a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45 (12). *"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."*

Monday, Dec 20, 2021

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O KEY OF DAVID)

He's on his way

Today's Great Antiphon—the fourth of seven ancient prayers said during Advent vespers leading up to Christmas Eve—is "O Key of David, come and free us!" Each Antiphon is a call to Christ using a messianic title from prophecy, and today's reminds us that we are captives liberated by God's grace. The answer to our cries is embedded in the titles themselves. The seven titles in Latin —Sapientia, Adonai, Radix Jesse, Clavis David, Oriens, Rex Gentium, and Emmanuel—in reverse order form the acrostic ERO CRAS, which means "I am coming soon."

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38 (196). "The Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever."

Tuesday, Dec 21, 2021

MEMORIAL OF PETER CANISIUS, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH (O RADIANT DAWN)

Let the light shine

The Protestant Reformation was an age of strife and contestation, especially in Germany, ground zero of the upheaval in 1517. Into the morass stepped a learned Jesuit scholar, amazing preacher, and gifted writer—Peter Canisius, whose rational arguments in support of Catholicism proved quite persuasive. Peter's three written catechisms were so effective, German-born Pope Benedict XVI told a papal audience in 2011, that later generations of Germans simply referred to them as "the Canisius." On what's the longest night of the year for many, tap the faith of Peter Canisius to reflect upon the ways that Jesus is our Radiant Dawn.

TODAY'S READINGS: Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45 (197). "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

Wednesday, Dec 22, 2021

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O KING OF ALL NATIONS)

God of surprises

God acts in ways we least expect. The long-awaited Messiah was expected to be a military leader who would lead his people, Israel, to victory and out of oppression. Instead, he was born in a stable to a young woman of the village and a carpenter who would be his foster father. Today that young woman makes a bold proclamation, "He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones but lifted up the lowly." As we come closer to Christmas, ask God to help you look for him in the unexpected so that he might refashion you. After all, history is full of unexpected saints—why not you?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56 (198). "[God] has looked upon his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed."

Thursday, Dec 23, 2021

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O EMMANUEL)

Hear our plea

What is more poignant than an expression of heartfelt longing? Today anyone taking part in the longstanding tradition of Evening Prayer, or vespers, sings, "O Emmanuel, come to redeem us!" It's a plea of yearning. For centuries on this day near Christmas, Catholics have opened their hearts and prayed for a savior. Let this vulnerable prayer of hope and desire for all that Christmas represents—light, life, salvation—be a kind of mantra as you go about your day.

TODAY'S READINGS: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66 (199). "When the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her child she gave birth to a son."

Friday, Dec 24, 2021 ADVENT WEEKDAY

Thanksgiving on Christmas Eve

For many Catholics, Christmas Eve is brimming with meal preparation, cleaning, wrapping last-minute stocking stuffers, and Midnight Mass. It can also be a difficult day for those missing loved ones. In whatever situation you find yourself, take a moment and join the church in praying the Canticle of Zechariah, also known as the Benedictus. As he awaited the birth of his son John (later known as the Baptist), Zechariah sang a canticle of gratitude to God for setting us free from all that binds. May this prayer bring freedom and joy to us all!

TODAY'S READINGS: Morning: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Luke 1:67-79 (200). "In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness."

Saturday, Dec 25, 2021

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

The weary world rejoices

The efforts of people of goodwill everywhere in the quest for peace and justice continue, and our leader is born anew today! Spiritual author and priest Henri Nouwen put it well: "The world is not whole.... But it is into this broken world that a child is born, who is called Son of the Most High, Prince of Peace, Savior. I look at him and pray, 'Thank you, Lord, that you came.... Your heart is greater than mine.'" Our hope and our hearts increase today. Rejoice!

TODAY'S READINGS: Night: Isaiah 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14 (14); Day: Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18 (16). "And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us."

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



©2021 TrueQuest Communications. TakeFiveForFaith.com; mail@takefiveforfaith.com. All rights reserved. Noncommercial reprints permitted with the following credit: Reprinted with permission from TakeFiveForFaith.com. Scripture citations from the New American Bible Revised Edition. For more information about TAKE FIVE and our regular contributors, go to PrepareTheWord.com. Free daily email and app available online at TakeFiveForFaith.com/subscribe.



FOR ADVERTISING INFORMATION CALL: (800) 364-0684 • BON VENTURE SERVICES, LLC • P.O. Box 850, Flanders, N.J. 07836 inside

