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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](mailto: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](mailto:FatherHank@sjmillstone.com)

## EMERGENCIES

**Crisis Pregnancy Hotline**—732-516-0911

### Suicide Prevention

NJ Lifeline—1-800-273TALK

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### Emergency Meals

[emergencymeals@stjosephsparish.com](mailto:emergencymeals@stjosephsparish.com)

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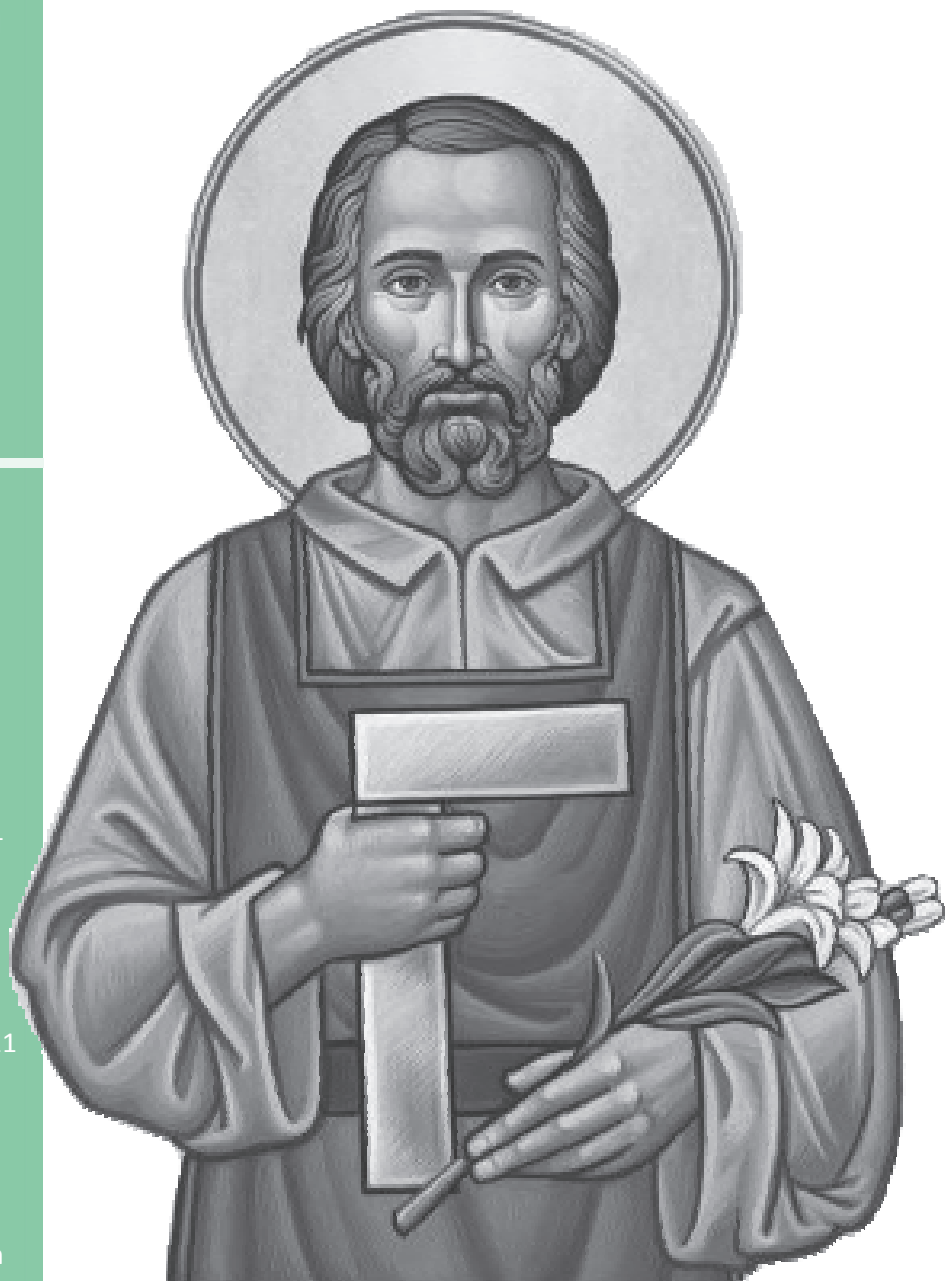
# Saint Joseph

## HILLSBOROUGH, NEW JERSEY

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# February 20, 2022

## INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon. 8:35 AM Leo Bergin  
R/B Scillitani Family
- Tue. 8:35 AM Marge Demsky  
R/B Bernie Demsky
- 8:35AM Patricia Devlin  
R/B Sarah Greene
- 8:35AM Francois Family (Living)  
R/B Urma Francois & Family
- Wed. 8:35AM Wesley Goldstone  
R/B Jeremy & Elisa Goldstone
- Thu. 8:35AM John & Lynn Parry  
R/B Michelle Laffoon
- Fri. 8:35AM Marie Gerhold  
R/B Tim & Eileen Lawless
- 8:35AM Brendan Glennon  
R/B Sean Glennon
- Sat. 4:45PM Allison Rose Hammer  
R/B Lois Gross
- 4:45PM People of the Parish
- Sun. 8:00AM Bernie Mueller  
R/B Mario Lugo
- Sun. 9:30AM Edward Golden  
R/B DeLisi Family
- 9:30AM Annette Viola  
R/B Sandy Viola
- 9:30AM Edward Szczepanski  
R/B Barbara Dorr
- 11:30AM Linda Miholics  
R/B Robin Shaw & Family

## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sirach 27:4-7  
1 Corinthians 15:54-58  
Luke 6: 39-45

### Behind the Scenes of This Week's Readings Today's Gospel- Luke 6:27-38

In his teaching on loving your enemies Jesus says "...and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic" (v.29). Jewish men wore two main garments, a tunic which was an under garment that covered the entire body and a cloak which was an outer garment worn over the tunic. The cloak was an essential item of personal property, not only because of its cover and warmth but also because it could be used as a blanket or, if one found himself without shelter, he could construct a small tent with the cloak. In reality, the cloak was so important that its ownership was protected by Jewish law. Should a creditor or adversary take your cloak as repayment for a loan, he was obliged to return it before sundown so that you would not suffer even more from lack of shelter or warmth during the night. (Ex. 22:26-27 and Dt. 24:12-13)

-Dorothy Gearon



Dear All – Christ's peace!

### *This Week in Prayer*

**Lent Is Almost Here** – Ash Wednesday is March 2. Now is a good time to wonder about your Lenten program. What might God be asking you to give up and what might God be asking you to take up this Lent? How might Jesus be asking you to up your game as priest, prophet, queen/king?

**Friday Night Stations of the Cross** – Great big thanks to Ed and to Sharon for volunteering to organize Friday night Stations of the Cross. We are very grateful to Peggy and Richard and bless their new adventure.

**This Week's Liturgy Question** – I hope you will, for the next few weeks, take a moment to answer a few quick questions about your liturgical preferences. The questions will be about missalettes, adoration, the tabernacle, music, and a few other topics. This week's question is about missalettes. We eliminated them in the pandemic's worst days. Some hope we will not bring them back. Others hope we will. Still others suggest other ways to achieve the same end.

### *This Week in Service*

**This Week's Poor Box** – This week's contributions to the Poor Box will help support the Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry in Perth Amboy. It is a terrific operation. Also, one of their lead volunteers, Jerry Yaros, came over and lugged Christmas lights for us last week.. Great guy! Plus, he and the pantry have gone out of their way to make sure our volunteers there are welcomed heartily. Help if you can. And big thanks to all who supported the Catholic Press. GREAT results.

**Calling a Transportation Maven** – We, all who love our Parish Youth Group, need help. We need a transportation coordinator for the bus that will take our 36 youth and chaperones to, around, and from Nashville. It is a volunteer job and will take about 30 hours total over the next few months. We need to find the best of all deals for this most expensive part of the project. You will need to shop around for comparable bids and negotiate a little. This could also be a good job for one of our far-away, virtual parishioners. If you have any relevant experience and might manage the bus project, please email Bob at bobf@sjmillstone.com

# February 20, 2022

**New Liturgical Ministers** – You will soon hear more about the usual spring recruiting for new liturgical ministers – Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Sacristans, Musicians, the whole bit. Time for you to join?

## *This Week in Community*

**Annual Financial Summary** – See our parish webpage to see the one-page summary of our annual audit. The link also takes you to a one-page letter from me that looks at our collections, overall expenses, PPP experience, Total net income, and cash balances. Thanks to God's grace, and your generosity, the news is more than good.

**The Heat Is On, Almost** – Sorry about the false start. One thing I love about this job is all the stuff I learn about all aspects of church life. Seriously. It is very fun. Last week, I learned plenty about "activator switches" and what was wrong with ours, and why it made the heater go off and on literally every 20 seconds. It is now fixed and I hope there are no more lessons to learn this week! Thanks for your patience.

**Mark Your Calendars** – Parish Cleanup Day – Spring starts next month! It will soon be time to clean up the property and repair some winter damage. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 23 with Saturday, April 30 for a rain date. There is a job for everyone. I am pretty sure there will be lots of donuts.

**Thanks Again to Our World-class Luggers** – Greatest thanks to the 20 or so folk who turned out to pack up all the Christmas goods. The weather cooperated and the workers, including a few good-natured bucket brigades, knocked it off in well under an hour. Thanks for making it such great fun.

*With all best blessings!*

**Father Hank**



## HEALING PRAYER

### in PERSON in CHURCH

**Second Weekend of Each Month**

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

**Next Date: Weekend of March 12 & 13**

For more information contact Ann Smith  
at 908-285-6481

All conversations and prayer requests are confidential.

## SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Jeanine Cavanagh, Director of Social Ministries  
jcavanagh@sjmillstone.com

### NEW ADVENTURES

Learn more about the upcoming service-immersion trips for parish adults. The schedule currently calls for four trips. Two are for weekends and the other two are for a longer period of time. Get all the details at an

### Information Meeting

**Thursday, March 10 at 7:00 PM  
in the Parish Hall.**

Trips scheduled include

April 22-24 (weekend), Saint Francis Inn, Philadelphia (Soup Kitchen and Outreach)

June 11-18 (weeklong), Wayne County Workcamp, West Virginia (Home building)

September 16-18 (weekend), Saint Francis Inn, Philadelphia (Soup Kitchen and Outreach)

December 14-18 (part of a week), Dunlow, West Virginia (distributing parish Christmas gifts)

To learn more information about the Saint Francis Inn and Appalachia, go to our parish webpage and click on Social Concerns.

Jeanine Cavanagh, Director of Social Ministries  
jcavanagh@sjmillstone.com

### POOR BOX DONATIONS

Contributions will fund the following:

**2/20/2022 Saint Vincent DePaul Food Pantry**

**This week the Poor Box, through your generous donations will support St Vincent de Paul Perth Amboy Food Pantry.** This charity provides food for an average of 186 clients a week. Volunteers manage the pantry every Saturday from 9:30am to 12:45pm and our parishioners are a part of this volunteer base.

**2/27, 3/6 & 3/13/2022 Becca's Friends**

During these weeks the Poor Box, through your generous donations will support **Becca's Friends**, established by our Parish. The Becca's Friends Ministry offers monthly social events for the adult special needs community of Saint Joseph's and surrounding Hillsborough area since the Spring of 2013.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Carmel Jerzewski**, 88, sister-in-law of parishioners Lois & Ed Jerzewski, died on February 5.

**Veronica (Ronnie) Wronski**, 89, died on February 10..

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

# February 20, 2022



## SAGES ACTIVITIES

### Winter Mondays –1:30-3:30 PM

February 28 – Movie and games.

March 7 – Movie and games.

March 21 – Line Dancing and Games.

Please register for any you wish to attend..

**Chair Exercise** – Thursdays, 10AM, Parish Hall

No registration required but new participants should bring their vaccine card.

### Sight & Sound Theatre Trip to see “David”

Tuesday, April 15, 11AM Show

Details, cost of trip and registration coming soon.

**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](mailto:arealbuto@stjosephsparish.com)

Week 3:

## 2022 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

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Our diocese has been blessed in recent years with an increased number of vocations and, thanks be to God, we presently have 21 seminarians studying for the priesthood. A large portion of our seminarians' education is being funded by the Bishop's Annual Appeal, for which they are extremely grateful. Your gift also supports a wide array of diocesan programs that foster vocations and provide ongoing formation for those called to both ordained and lay leadership roles within the Church. Your generosity also ensures that our retired priests who have served so faithfully receive the care they deserve in their later years. Please be as generous as your mean allow.

### 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 [stjoebulletin@yahoo.com](mailto:stjoebulletin@yahoo.com).

Questions? Contact Dorothy at [stjoebulletin@yahoo.com](mailto:stjoebulletin@yahoo.com). Thank You.



## SCRIPTURE SHARING

You are invited to share scripture with a small group of people on Monday mornings from 11-11:30 AM. 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](http://diometuchen.org/onechurchtogether)

## SURVIVING DIVORCE

Surviving Divorce – For men and women seeking healing from separation or divorce. This 8-week program, while based on the teachings of the Catholic Church, is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after a divorce.

Meetings will be held on Wednesdays 7– 8:30 p.m. beginning March 16, 2022

at St. Francis Cathedral Parish Center,

45 Library Place in Metuchen, NJ.

For more information or to register contact Ro Bersch at 908-313-5947.

**Registration deadline is March 7, 2022.**

## SYNOD INPUT

### Synod 2023 - Listening Sessions Online Questionnaire Now Available

Due to ongoing concerns about the Covid-19 pandemic, the Synod 2023 Listening Sessions have been postponed. More information and the new date(s) for the Listening Sessions will be announced in the coming weeks. In the meantime, you **are invited to visit the Diocese of Metuchen's website, [diometuchen.org/synod2023](http://diometuchen.org/synod2023), to share your feedback by completing the online questionnaire.**



*ASH WEDNESDAY*  
*March 2*



February 20, 2022



### DRIVERS NEEDED

#### Catholic School Transportation

A shortage of bus drivers and the pandemic have combined to create a limit on the number of students on buses, due to the distance required for student seating. The capacity for buses has been cut by almost 50%, thus creating a situation by which private contractors can no longer transport many nonpublic school students for the \$1,000 per-pupil amount because of the fewer number of students on a route. Please consider serving our Catholic school students by getting your CDL.

Learn more by visiting: [state.nj.us/mvc/drivertopics/gettingcdl.htm](http://state.nj.us/mvc/drivertopics/gettingcdl.htm).

### NOW HIRING!

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### HOW TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

If you were sexually abused by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or you know of someone who was, you are encouraged to report that abuse to local law enforcement, the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency at 1-877-NJ ABUSE (652-2873) or 1-800-835-5510 (TTY/TDD for the deaf), and also the Diocesan Response Officer at (908) 930-4558 (24 hours/7 days a week). For more information on how to report abuse, visit our diocesan website: [diometuchen.org/healing](http://diometuchen.org/healing).

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### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR HOMEOWNERS

On Tuesday, February 8th, the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (NJHMFA) opened the application portal for the Emergency Rescue Mortgage Assistance program (ERMA) to help protect thousands of homeowners from foreclosure.

This program will provide up to \$35,000 in assistance to cover mortgage arrearages, delinquent property taxes, and other housing costs for eligible homeowners negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

NJHMFA will also provide free housing counseling services to help New Jersey homeowners apply for this program, guide them through all available options, and even work with their loan servicers to achieve the best outcome available for their families. These counselors will also ensure that the process is accessible to those without access to internet or anyone needing assistance with the application.

The ERMA application portal is open now. Visit NJHMFA's ERMA page to review program eligibility and sign up for program updates.

## Sunday, Feb 20, 2022

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### It's a long road to freedom

Justice feels good—if we're on the side of the angels when it's meted out. Which means in most cases, the struggle for justice will cost us. This was certainly true for Frederick Douglass (1818-95), born enslaved yet becoming the first black American to gain a vote for president of the United States. As he wrote in his 1852 July Fourth speech: "The . . . conscience of the nation must be roused . . . the hypocrisy of the nation must be exposed; and its crimes against God and man must be denounced." On this World Day of Social Justice, consider the price you're willing to pay for justice.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38 (81). *"Do to others as you would have them do to you."*

## Monday, Feb 21, 2022

MEMORIAL OF PETER DAMIAN, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

### Turn toward the good

Saint Peter Damian had two brothers—one bad, one good. The first treated him like a servant, the second had him educated, which led to Peter becoming a Benedictine monk. Humble and pious, he only reluctantly accepted when his community chose him to be their leader—and he was so good at it that some of those he directed became saints themselves. It was said of him that "his genius was to exhort and impel to the heroic, to praise striking achievements and to record edifying examples—an extraordinary force burns in all that he wrote." Like Peter, we've all encountered people who hold us down and others who lift us up. Which influence do you allow to shape you?

TODAY'S READINGS: James 3:13-18; Mark 9:14-29 (341). *"Everything is possible to one who has faith."*

## Tuesday, Feb 22, 2022

FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF PETER THE APOSTLE

### Please be seated

The topic of papal infallibility relates to today's feast. A pope only makes infallible statements of faith when he speaks *ex cathedra*—Latin for "from the chair." *Cathedra*, from which we also get the word "cathedral," refers to a bishop's throne, a visual symbol of authority and governance harkening back to monarchical times. It's symbolic of a bishop being the seat of government for a particular locality. In this case, the pope is actually bishop of Rome, as Saint Peter was . . . and the Roman Catholic Church recognizes Rome's bishop as having authority over all the rest. Pray for Peter's successor today.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19 (535). *"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church."*

## Wednesday, Feb 23, 2022

MEMORIAL OF POLYCARP, BISHOP, MARTYR

### Make our mark

Saint Polycarp was born around the year 69, and it is said he was a direct student of Saint John, the evangelist, and may have compiled, edited, and published many of the texts now found in the New Testament. He helped advance recognition of Paul as an apostle and the now common practice of biblical interpretation. He suffered a martyr's death by proclaiming a higher authority than the Roman emperor. His dying prayer included the words: "Lord

God Almighty, I bless you, for having made me worthy of this day and hour." Let the breadth and strength of Polycarp's faith be an inspiration as you strive to trust in the Lord during challenging times.

TODAY'S READINGS: James 4:13-17; Mark 9:38-40 (343). *"There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me."*

## Thursday, Feb 24, 2022

### Take a step toward wholeness

Today's gospel refers three times to Gehenna. Typically, Gehenna is interpreted as another term for hell. Who is in hell? Can we go to hell after we die? These questions have puzzled believers and scripture scholars for centuries, and the living cannot answer them from direct experience. The church teaches in the catechism that "this state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed is called 'hell.'" We know what separates us from God, and we know what unites us with God. Take a step today, no matter how small, to unite yourself with God.

TODAY'S READINGS: James 5:1-6; Mark 9:41-50 (344). *"Salt is good, but if salt becomes insipid, with what will you restore its flavor? Keep salt in yourselves."*

## Friday, Feb 25, 2022

### When together forever is causing real harm

Sometimes relationships don't work out. In the case of marriage, the Catholic Church urges reconciliation and offers pastoral help. But sometimes even reconciliation is impossible, especially when harm is present. That is why the church encourages people not to enter into marriage lightly, or any life commitment for that matter. The tools of discernment, prayer, spiritual reading, and seeking wise counsel can help you as you determine your best path. If you or a loved one need more information about beginning or ending a marriage or other life vocation, seek out the church's help.

TODAY'S READINGS: James 5:9-12; Mark 10:1-12 (345). *"The Lord is compassionate and merciful."*

## Saturday, Feb 26, 2022

### Learn some childish ways

The question of how children were viewed and treated in biblical times is a complicated one, but it seems safe to say they were often not extended the full rights and protections we assume for them today. The fact that Jesus treats them as fully formed persons, in fact as possessing qualities of innocence and trust that are essential for a full embrace of his saving message, would have struck his followers as remarkable. But Jesus has a way of turning our expectations upside down. What can you learn from the little persons in your own life?

TODAY'S READINGS: James 5:13-20; Mark 10:13-16 (346). *"Whoever does not accept the Kingdom of God like a child will not enter it."*

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



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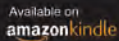


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- 1 Salad - Garden or Caesar
- 1 Tray Pasta - Penne Vodka, Baked Ziti or Fusilli & Broccoli
- 1 Tray Chicken - Parmigiana, Francese or Marsala)
- 1 Tray Sausage & Peppers or Meatballs
- 1 Tray Breadsticks and Garlic Knots

**Small - Only \$99 (\$140 Value)**  
Feeds approximately 16 people

**Large - Only \$199 (\$260 Value)**  
Feeds approximately 36 people

Sales tax or delivery charges not included. Take out or delivery only. Additional \$5 for each warming stand combo. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Expires 07/31/21.

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**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BUSINESSES**

- Be understanding of changes in hours and services
- Stock up at local stores and businesses
- Order food for takeout or delivery
- Donate to charities with items from local stores
- Say thank you and spread the word!



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