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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 outdoor	s. Atten	dees
remain in their car and tune in	to FM 8	8.7.)

Weekend Masses:

Saturday	4:45 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM
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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

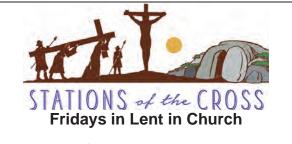






MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon.	8:35 AM Walter Gerhold
	R/B Eileen & Tim Lawless
Tue.	8:35 AM George Melillo
	R/B Robert Melillo
	8:35AM John Robert Obernauer
	R/B Lisa Cusack
	8:35AM Robert Di Simone
	R/B Mary & Jeff Lawler
Wed	8:35AM John Cooney, Jr.
	R/B Helen Dillion
Thu.	8:35AM Nick DeSibio
	R/B Valone Family
Fri.	8:35AM Josephine Lochmann
	R/B Tina & Tom Lochmann
	8:35AM Elizabeth Nawracaj
• •	R/B Terri & Peter Macor
Sat.	4:45PM Elenmarie B. Dunn
•	R/B Siobhan M. Dunn
Sun.	8:00PM People of the Parish
Sun.	9:30AM Angelo Santamaria
	R/B Geraci Family
•	9:30AM Ray larkowski
	R/B Marge larkowski 9:30AM Anna Maria Raschella-DeFina
	R/B Dentici Children & Grandchildren
	11:30AM Evelyn Zember
	R/B Susan Kimball
	6:00 PM John Lutz
	R/B Carol Matras



9:15 AM following 8:35 AM Mass Traditional Stations

and 7:00 PM Scriptural Stations The Stations on our church walls are the scriptural stations, rather than the traditional Stations. Pope John Paul II was a big proponent of this practice.

Parísh Lenten Penance Servíce Tuesday, March 29, 7:00 PM



EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWER PROGRAM

Would you like to make a donation towards our Easter Memorial Flower Program in remembrance of a deceased loved one or to honor someone? Your contributions will provide for next year's flowers – just like last year's contributions provide for this year's. The flower envelopes are now in the Gathering Space. You may drop them in the baskets on the way out of church.. *Thank you*

ATTENTION: High School Senior Catholic Girls:

The Millstone Valley Columbiettes Auxiliary is looking to nominate one high school senior Catholic girl from our parish for the **Student Good Citizen Award**. This is awarded by our State Council Columbiettes to one high school senior Catholic girl in New Jersey who demonstrates outstanding leadership and service to the community. If you are interested in applying or have any questions, please contact Michele Tuck at <u>mptuck@comcast.net</u>. Applicants must be a registered member of St. Joseph Parish.

Applications must be submitted by April 4th.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Behind the Scenes of This Week's Readings Today's Gospel- Luke 13:1-9

The common belief during the time of Jesus was that suffering and pain were signs that a person was being punished for some sin they had committed (or even that their parents had committed). Jesus mentions two examples: the Galileans who had been reputedly murdered by order of Pontius Pilate while offering their sacrifices in the Temple and the men who had been killed at the construction site of the Siloam reservoir. Jesus asks his listeners if they believe these victims were greater sinners than other people and debunks this notion stating that we will ultimately all be judged by God after death.

- Dorothy Gearon



Dear All - Christ's peace.

This Week in Prayer

Prayers for Ukraine – Thanks and blessings for all who were able to pray together on Monday night. Remember to keep praying for three causes in particular – Peace in the nation; protection for the last, the least, and the littlest; and mercy in the hearts of all combatants.

Sunday 6:00 pm Mass – It was good to be with you last Sunday at 6:00 pm. Quiet Mass is sometimes the right answer. We will continue the 6:00 pm Sunday Mass through Palm Sunday and possibly beyond.

Liturgical Ministries – We have started recruiting new Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Lectors, and Sacristans. The job descriptions will show you how easy it is to serve Jesus and your community by joining one of these ministries. No prior experience needed! Should every adult have 1 way of serving?

Your Liturgy Preferences for Worship Aids – The conversation about "worship aids" has evolved into a very enlightening conversation about missalette subscriptions. We will soon have samples of four options.

First Confessions – BIG blessings for our 35 youngsters who are making their First Confessions this month and their First Communions in May. It is a blessing to be with these children and their parents.

This Week in Service

. **Pregnancy Aid Center** – Our Wednesday morning efforts to help the Pregnancy Aid Center, by organizing the donations they receive, is really catching on. If you want to join the project, email Marianne Gennaro at mgenn.3@gmail.com or email or call Jeanine Cavanagh at jcavanagh@sjmillstone.com or at 908-874-3141.

This Week in Community

BIG Sheets of Cardboard – Our Youth Group's annual "30 Hour Famine" is almost upon us. One of the exercises requires gigantic boxes – for refrigerators, big TVs, etc. If you have a big box or some big stretches of cardboard to offer up for the cause, please contact Bob Ferretti at bobf@sjmillstone.com Thanks! **Save the Date for Father Ray** – This spring marks the 50th anniversary of Fr. Ray's ordination. The parish will honor Fr. Ray at and after the 4:45 Mass on Saturday, May 21. Details to follow.

Thanks for the Baby News – The turnout has been excellent. We are blessed to announce the births of several new babies into the families of our parishioners. The first notice came out last Wednesday and notices will come out every Wednesday. We will also pray for the young ones at weekend Masses. It is a blessing to be reminded that the miracles continue!

I send this with great gratitude and blessings – and with hopes for your Lenten disciplines. And right, it is a drag to lose that hour of sleep but, oh, what a blessing to come out of 6:00 pm Mass to see daylight!

Father Hank



TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

God continues to bless us powerfully with new parishioners. To all listed below and to all other new parishioners, may God use Saint Joe's to bless you abundantly and, through you, may God bless the parish abundantly. A special welcome to:

> Bill and Susan Craig LiSi, Olivia Alex Esolda John and Trish Kelly Karen Liss Stephanie Petrosino Elizabeth Radziszewski

HEALING PRAYER in PERSON in CHURCH

Immediately after the 4:45 PM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM & 6:00 PM Masses **Next Dates: Weekend of April 9 & 10** For more Information :Ann Smith at 908-285-6481 All conversations and prayer requests are confidential.

LITTLE BLACK BOOKS

Please feel free to take as many books as you need for your family members if you have been sharing one book. (Providing, of course, there are any books left.)

SERVING THE CHURCH AS A DEACON

A new diaconate formation class is being formed in our diocese. Faith-filled, holy men who can serve the Church as leaders are encouraged to consider this possible calling to be a Deacon.

Basic requirements for a man to enter into diaconate formation include:

- Must: be a baptized Catholic for at least five years.
- Be between the ages of 35 and 60.
- be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident.
- have completed high school (though a college degree is preferred).
- if married, be in a stable marriage preferably for at least five years (if there was a prior marriage, there must be proof of annulment).
- if single, be willing to take the vow of celibacy.
- be a resident of the diocese.
- have some degree of financial security.
- and generally give evidence of good repute and moral character.

A key requirement for a married man is that he must have the support and consent of his wife to enter formation. A key requirement for any candidate is that he have the support of his pastor.

If you think the Holy Spirit is calling you to prepare for this ministry or to find out more, please contact Fr. Hank by March 21. An information meeting will be held at the diocese for potential candidates at the end of March..

Week 7

2022 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL Celebrating 40 Years—

Continuing to Fan the Flame of Faith into Service

If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so next weekend, March 26/27, which has been designated as **Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend**. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal to help our parish reach its goal. If we can exceed our goal, 50% of the amount collected over goal will be returned to us in the form of a parish rebate. Just as important as our financial goal is our goal of reaching **100% participation**. Every gift, <u>no matter the size</u>, is important and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

IN MEMORIAM

Otilia Nieto, 90, mother of parishioner Maria Zezas, died on March 7.

Please pray for her eternal rest and for all mourn her death.



Winter Mondays -1:30-3:30 PM

March 21 – Line Dancing and Games. Please register for any you wish to attend as seating is limited until April 15 when the tent is back up.. **Chair Exercise** – Thursdays, 10AM, Parish Hall No registration required but new participants should bring their vaccine card.

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

AnnaMaria at 908-874-3141 ext 240 or arealbuto@stjosephsparish.com

SOCIAL CONCERNS

EMERGENCY MEALS

Calling all Cooks – Sometimes we have plenty of cooks. Sometimes not so much. This is one of those notso-much times. We have more parishioners than usual coming through a rough patch, medically or otherwise. You can pick the days you want to help. Email Jeanine for more info jcavanagh@sjmillstone.com.

FOOD BANK MINISTRY

Are you interested in helping out at this new ministry? Email Terry Lee terrytulee25@gmail.com for more information.

POOR BOX DONATIONS

Contributions will fund the following: March 20, 27 & April 3 Welcome Home.

Your generous donations will support Welcome Home Jersey City, a community-based nonprofit organization that provides educational, employment and material support for refugees, asylees and asylum-seekers in the Jersey City area. Welcome Home operates from the philosophy that all people deserve the dignity of a decent home, and the resources they need to make a better life for themselves. Welcome Home believes that our community needs to help our new neighbors adjust to their new environment.

For more info about any program contact Jeanine Cavanagh, Director of Social Ministries jcavanagh@sjmillstone.com

MEN'S RITE OF PASSAGE RETREAT

A retreat to help Men on their Spiritual Journey created by Fr. Richard Rohr O.F.M More information can be found at https://www.illumandc.org/mrop-2022 Tuesday, May 3 through Saturday, May 7, 2022 Our venue is the Johnsonburg Camp & Retreat Center in Johnsonburg ,NJ – a beautiful environment in nature, a short distance from the Delaware Water Gap.. REGISTRATION IS OPEN ~ SIGN UP TODAY:. CONTACT US WITH YOUR QUESTIONS: Forward your questions to: John Ball, ILLUMAN DC Convener - johnball0450@gmail.com OR If you or someone you know is interested and would like to know more information about the retreat you may contact parishioner Anthony Monticchio at godspell@embargmail.com

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Immaculata High School Monday, March 28, 7:00 PM RSVP www.immaculatahighschool.org/hourimmaculata.

> Union Catholic High School Wednesday, April 6, 2022 - 7:00 PM For info, call 908-889-1600, ext. 302



WOODS ROAD FIRE COMPANY HILLSBOROUGH # 3

FISH BUFFET DINNER

Friday, April 1, 2022 4:30 PM – 7:30 PM Baked Tilapia Fried Cod Fish Fried Clams Fried Shrimp Chicken Fingers Pierogies Vegetable French Fries Coleslaw Salad Desserts Coffee-Tea-Cold Drinks Adults - \$ 15.00 Senior Citizens (62 and Up): \$ 14.00 Children (5 to 12 years old) \$ 10.00 Children 4 and under: Free **TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR** 324 Woods Road, Hillsborough Fire House Phone: 908-359-3333

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>. Questions? Contact Dorothy at <u>stjoebulletin@yahoo.com</u>. Thank You. Knights of Columbus

CURBSIDE PICK-UP April 8 CRAB CAKE SALE



Order on the Parish Website:

www.stjosephsparish.com

- 3/21 Ordering Begins Monday 8:00 AM
- 4/3 Ordering Ends Sunday 6:00 PM
- 4/8 Parishioners Pick up orders at St. Joseph's 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

MENU:

Crab Cakes - 4-Pack --> \$26.00 Crab Cakes - 6-Pack --> \$37.50 Crab Cakes - 12-Pack --> \$72.00 Crab Critters (Frozen Appetizer) --> \$16.00 Maryland Crab Soup (1 quart) --> \$12.00

All proceeds will be used to support the Knights of Columbus charitable endeavors

Sunday, Mar 20, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT; FIRST SCRUTINY OF THE ELECT

Something to smile about

The International Day of Happiness celebrated today isn't about wearing a smiley face. This U.N.-sponsored observance has concrete aims: to end poverty, reduce inequality, and protect the planet. Certainly that would bring happiness, but how do we attain such lofty goals? Consider 19-year-old Catherine Spaulding (1793-1853), who led six women in the forming of the Sisters of Nazareth in Kentucky. Ready or not, Catherine ran a school, orphanage, and nursed the sick during epidemics. Neither age nor inexperience deterred her sisters from answering the needs of their society. Answer this generation's call and discover a reason to smile.

TODAY'S READINGS: Year C: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9 (30). "God called out to him from the bush, 'Moses! Moses!' He answered, 'Here I am.'"

Monday, Mar 21, 2022

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Commit to a better world

The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is observed annually on this, the anniversary of police in South Africa killing 69 people at a peaceful demonstration against apartheid in 1960. All these decades later, the violence of racial discrimination continues. The catechism instructs Catholics that racism "must be curbed and eradicated as incompatible with God's design." This year's theme is "Youth standing up against racism" with a focus on how the pandemic has especially hindered the education and employment prospects of young people from minority backgrounds. No matter your age, make a commitment this Lent to

backgrounds. No matter your age, make a commitment this Lent to help put a stop to racism once and for all.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Luke 4:24-30 (237). "When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury."

Tuesday, Mar 22, 2022

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Let living waters flow

It's World Water Day. This U.N. observance shines a light not only on the critical importance of a clean and adequate water supply so essential, it's a basic human right—but also how it's endangered. In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis identifies no less than five serious threats to our planet's water supply, some impacting our world right now, particularly among the poor. The 2005 murder of Sister Dorothy Stang, SNDdeN, an environmental martyr for her fierce protection of the Amazon and its people, highlights that the global "water wars" have already begun. Visit the website of the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns for ways you can help.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35 (238). "Deliver us by your wonders, and bring glory to your name, O Lord."

Wednesday, Mar 23, 2022

MEMORIAL OF TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO, BISHOP

Time is of the essence

Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo was a defender of the voiceless. A Spanish missionary to Peru who became archbishop of Lima, he defended the rights of the indigenous people who suffered terribly during Spanish colonization. His favorite saying was, "Time is not our own and we must give a strict account of it." Many times, it can be easy to overlook those who are voiceless, to pass them on the street without a second thought. But as Saint Turibius taught, our time on Earth is limited, and we should spend it on the things that matter and can make a difference. Today, notice those around you who may not have a voice and reflect on how you can help them to be heard. Take a step toward doing so.

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19 (239). "Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the Kingdom of heaven."

Thursday, Mar 24, 2022

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Live your truth

Truth-telling is a central tenet of Judeo-Christian ethics. Today is World Day for Truth Concerning Human Rights, a focus that is essential because the loss of human rights is often built on lies stripping a group of people of their God-given dignity. Like so many Christian virtues, truth and honesty in the social sphere begin in small ways, with individuals living lives of personal integrity and then expecting the same of their leaders. As Saint Augustine says, "The greatest kindness one can render to any person is leading him to truth."

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23 (240). "Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters."

Friday, Mar 25, 2022

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD; NO ABSTINENCE REQUIRED **Pregnant with possibilities**

Mary's pregnancy seems to get the fast track: Annunciation, Visitation, and then boom, it's Christmas. But the Solemnity of the Annunciation is exactly nine months before Christmas, honoring the natural process of pregnancy. There are not many visibly pregnant Marys in Catholic iconography, but a few stand out. In the Americas, there's Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, with Mary wearing a black sash customary for pregnant indigenous women. In Europe, you'll find Madonna del Parto, often depicted with a book on her belly, an illusion to the Word of God embodied in her womb. These images have been open to many interpretations from the truth of the Incarnation to the important role of women in salvation history. What do the images of Mother Mary inspire in you?

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38 (545). *"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son."*

Saturday, Mar 26, 2022

LENTEN WEEKDAY

The heart of mercy

We hear a lot about sacrifice during Lent. Not so much about mercy. Yet as the Lord reminds us in today's responsorial psalm (51), "It is mercy I desire, and not sacrifice." In a sense, mercy requires its own "giving up" activity. Giving up on getting our way, on keeping score, on getting even. Saint Thomas Aquinas defined mercy as the "compassion in our hearts." Let mercy, the love beating within, be your Lenten offering.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14 (242). "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."



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

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