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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
(Enhance	ed-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. 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

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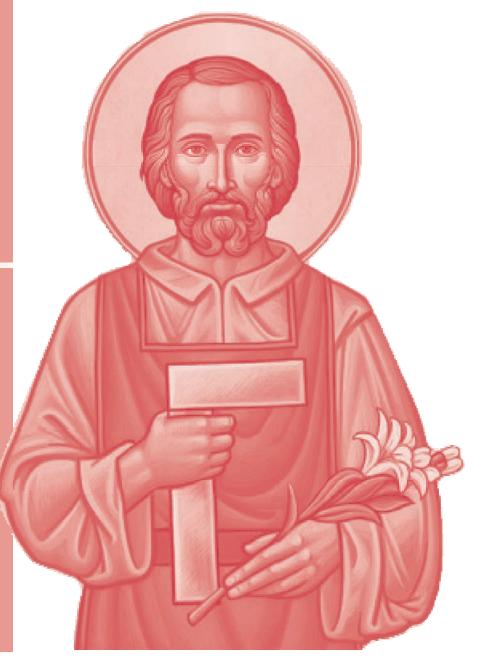
Saint Joseph

HILLSBOROUGH, NEW JERSEY

Priests

Prophets





MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon.	8:35 AM Pasquale & Bridget Gagliardi
	R/B Pat Gagliardi
Tue.	8:35 AM Mauro Villanueva
	R/B Rachelle Hanna
	8:35AM Laura Ann Rossi
	R/B John & Lisa Rossi
	8:35AM Robert Law
	R/B Father Hank & Staff
Wed	8:35AM Gary Jannone
	R/B Bill Jannone
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Holy Thursday

8:35AM No Mass 7:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday

8:35AM No Mass 3:00PM Passion of the Lord

7:00PM Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

8:35AM No Mass 8:00PM Easter Vigil People of the Parish

Easter Sunday

8:00AM People of the Parish 9:30AM People of the Parish 11:30AM People of the Parish 6:00 PM No Mass

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a. 37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9



BEHIND THE SCENES

During this coming Holy Week our eyes will be especially drawn to the crucifix. Many images of the crucifix depict Jesus after he has died – his head is down and blood runs down his side after his chest has been pierced by the Roman soldier's spear. When our new church was built in 1998, artist Alice Manzi was commissioned to design the large central crucifix behind the altar. She chose to depict Jesus in his very last moments before his death. His eyes are looking up toward heaven and one can imagine him saying his last words, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Notice, too, his hands. Our Faith teaches us that Jesus was both human and divine. The artist depicted this truth through the way she fashioned his hands: The left hand, open and reaching to heaven, depicts the Divine Nature of Christ. The right hand depicts his human nature. With his clenched hand Jesus is clinging to the precious gift of earthly life he shared with all of us.



HEALING PRAYER in PERSON in CHURCH

Immediately after the 4:45 PM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM & 6:00 PM Masses

This Weekend, April 9 & 10

Next Date: Weekend of May 7 & 8

For more Information :Ann Smith at 908-285-6481 All conversations and prayer requests are confidential.

BLESSING OF FOOD 9:00 AM - HOLY SATURDAY – HOSPITALITY ROOM

The blessing of food at Easter time is an ancient custom.

The food blessed on Holy Saturday is eaten the next day to celebrate the new life that Jesus brings us.



HOLY THURSDAY, April 14

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM - Live Streamed Adoration to follow immediately after Mass.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 15

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 PM (Also Live Streamed) Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM.

HOLY SATURDAY, April 16

Blessing of Food at 9:00 AM Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 PM.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 17

8:00 AM Mass 9:30 AM Mass (Also Live Streamed) 11:30 AM Mass (Hybrid) No 6 PM Mass .



Dear All - Christ's peace.

This Week in Prayer

Penance Service – The turnout was terrific and the (near) silence was terrific and a blessing. I apologize to those who waited 75 minutes for confession. The maximum wait should be 45 minutes at a service like that. That is on me. I should have lined up two more priests. Next time . . .

Prayer for Peace in Ukraine – Blessings for all who participated in the prayer service for Ukraine. Blessings for all who wanted to but could not. Special thanks to Jill, Pete, Bob, and AnnaMaria for leading the Rosary. And yes, I too wonder how we might build benediction into our parish prayer rhythms.

This Week in Service

Assisting Ukrainian Refugees in Poland – As of last week, it seems we will assist the war's victims by helping the refugees in Poland. We are close to working out a deal with a congregation of religious women, who live in Poland near the Ukrainian border, and are currently doing amazing work helping refugees. If it works, we will start collecting donations on Easter.

Our Parish Food Truck Ministry – Can you help with our new food truck ministry? It will provide meals to people who need them. We need folks to help plan the ministry, others to cook, and still others to staff the truck. Please contact Jeanine at jcavanagh@sjmilltone.com **Food Pantry Ministry** – Blessings for our many parishioners who helped at Perth Amboy's Saint Vincent De-Paul Food Pantry. They served 191 families in one day! If you would like to join the ministry, please email Terry Lee at terrytulee25@gmail.com. The next scheduled Food Pantry service day on April 23 will be covered by our high school youth ministry teens. (Also Parish Cleanup Day!)

This Week in Community

Eligibility Certificates – God bless all the folks who have been asked to serve as godparents and as confirmation sponsors. The number one requirement for obtaining an eligibility certificate is that you go to church. If you will be needing a certificate and if I don't know you (not terribly likely), please make yourself known to me, before or after Mass, well before the certificate is needed. Thanks! And be a great sponsor!

With all best blessings for you in Holy Week.

Father Hank



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*

SOCIAL CONCERNS

ST. JOE ON THE GO MOBILE UNIT

Our new Mobile Food Truck Ministry is a mobile soup kitchen that will run in conjunction with Samaritan Homeless Interim Program, SHIP. This food truck is part of our effort to reduce hunger and homelessness. By providing tangible emergency food relief, on an ongoing basis, to this identified high-risk populations in our county we provide nourishment on many levels and provide great hope to individuals served. All food served off of the Food Truck will be prepared and donated by the people and community of Saint Joseph Church. If you are interested in becoming a part of the organizational Team to get the truck rolling, please reach out to Jeanine at jcavanagh@sjmilltone.com

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:

April 10, 17, & 24: Youth Group 30 Hour Famine All donations made these weeks will go to the Feeding Hands Pantry and the Samaritan Homeless Interim Program in Somerville. The 30 Hour Famine exists because one in nine people in the world don't get enough to eat. That's why St. Joe's Youth Group partners with World Vision to address immediate food needs — but also to equip them to grow food

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



FINAL GENTLY USED COLLECTION

Saturday, April 23, 10 AM – 12 Noon Hillsborough High School Main Entrance

The Hillsborough High School Band/Guard will be holding their SIXTH and FINAL gently used collection for this school year for clothing, working bikes and scooters, strollers, car seats (with base), household items, toys, stuffed animals. Proceeds will be used to enhance all aspects of the Band/Guard programs and will provide members with opportunities to learn musicianship, teamwork, and leadership. Donations may be tax deductible and a donation receipt will be available upon request. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Questions, please contact Paula Obenauer, (908) 230-2398, pcobenauer@gmail.com



Monday Fundays – The fun recommences on April 25 at noon under the tent. It will include lunch and games. Details and registration to follow

Topic Tuesdays – we are pleased to announce the return of our educational seminars from May through July. Topics will range from Nutrition to Estate Planning (and maybe Father Hank's "Supply and Demand for Poets"). Details to follow.

Exercise Class, Thursdays at 10:00 AM. Healthy Bones class will continue for a few more weeks. Join us any Thursday at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall. No RSVP needed.

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@stiosephsparish.com



MILLSTONE VALLEY COLUMBIETTES Cash for Gold & Silver Fundraiser

Wednesday April 27, 2022 6:15 PM - 9:00 PM (No need to be present the whole time - Come & go anytime that works for you) St. Joseph Hospitality Room

The Millstone Valley Columbiettes are hosting a fundraiser to help put cash in your wallet! A specialist from PRS Gold Buyers Inc. will be coming to weigh your gold, silver, platinum and diamonds and offer you a check right on the spot. They will accept any jewelry (broken or intact), coins, dental gold and silver flatware. For more information please contact Ginny Bove (908) 829-3918 or ginnybove100@gmail.com



EASTER BUNNIES & CANDY

Did you know that some chocolate is still produced by using illegal child labor? Shop for *fair trade chocolate* ... Stand up for people and the planet by choosing certified chocolate products. For more information please visit: <u>www.fairtradeamerica.org > fairtrade-products</u> or vision.ucsd.edu/.../stop**chocolates**lave

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.

The Neshanic Garden Club



Invites you to join us for our SPRING LUNCHEON Basket Raffle and Door Prizes

Thursday, April 28, 2022 12:00 – 4:00PM

Somerville Elks Lodge 375 Union Ave. Bridgewater, NJ 08807 Special Guest Speaker Thuy Anh Le "How Climate Change Affects Gardening and How to Adapt"

For tickets call: Robin Shaw Parishioner – 908-281-8077- robinshaw@mindspring.com Ticket Price: \$35.00

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Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

HOLY WEEK

....The most important days of our faith are here. Let's all try to set those days aside for the Lord and for ourselves as well. By resolving to do only what we absolutely have to, we can make these days into a personal retreat. What a tremendous feeling if we simply let ourselves "BE" with the Lord as we enter this spiritual journey with him..... Come celebrate the mysteries of our faith. Only the most serious of obligations should keep us from being with the Lord and the community during this holy time.

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@embarqmail.com

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF METUCHEN

Looking for meaningful employment? Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen is hiring for various positions, among them: clinicians; psychiatrists; peer counselors; substance abuse counselors; case managers; crisis intervention specialists; childcare workers/supervisors; and clinical supervisors. Consider serving your neighbors in need and carrying out the words and deeds of Christ professionally. Employees have the benefit of medical, dental, vision and prescription plans, as well as a retirement plan, pension, employee discounts and a generous vacation and sick time package. For more information and to apply, visit: ccdom.org/careers.

OUR PARISH FAMILY WELCOMES YOU

Visitor or newcomer? 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 Small Church 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.

Sunday, Apr 10, 2022

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Revealing companions

Today the church follows Luke's narrative of the Passion, where participants are revealed by the company they keep—or avoid. Most of Jesus' followers flee his side, fearing to share their teacher's fate. Meanwhile, the Roman governor Pilate makes a strange alliance with local puppet-king Herod, a man he despises. Both agree on one thing: Holding onto power is their highest priority. Then Simon, a Jew from the African dispersion, finds himself forced to carry Jesus' cross: something the disciples were terrified of doing. Tradition holds this Cyrenian and his family later joined the early church. Whose company are we keeping?

TODAY'S READINGS: Procession: Luke 19:28-40 (37); Mass: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14—23:56 (38). "As they led him away they took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian . . . laying the cross on him."

Monday, Apr 11, 2022

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

What's your pet project?

Everyone knows Saint Francis of Assisi loved animals—but so did many other saints. Saint Basil the Great urged Christians to see animals as our brothers. Saint Cuthbert made friends with birds. Saint Giles was a vegetarian. And Saint Gertrude of Nivelles, the patron saint of cats, is known for feeding and loving the strays around her monastery. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that "God surrounds animals with His providential care" and Catholic moral theology and ecology have always insisted that it is an act of cruelty to abuse an animal. Today is National Pet Day, a chance to thank God for all creatures—as well as advocate for their welfare.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11 (257). "You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Tuesday, Apr 12, 2022

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Reoiled and ready to serve

During this Holy Week your diocese will celebrate its annual Chrism Mass. Diocesan priests join their bishop as he mixes and blesses a year's supply of sacred oils to be used across the diocese for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (Oil of Catechumens), the Anointing of the Sick (Oil of the Infirm), and the sanctification of those who receive Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders (Holy Chrism). We are anointed for a noble purpose and receive a healing balm. Give glory to God who seals us with inherent dignity and makes us whole.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38 (258). "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him."

Wednesday, Apr 13, 2022

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Cinema that inspires

On this day in 1964, Sidney Poitier became the first African American to win the Academy Award for Best Actor for his performance in *Lilies of the Field*. The moment was also notable in that Poitier was an immigrant from the Bahamas and a black Catholic—bringing two marginalized groups together in one historic personage. His role was also unique, that of a handyman who helps a group of nuns—immigrants themselves—with their aging farm property. With its vision of interracial harmony and positive portrait of the church, the film attained legendary status. May we all aspire to live out the call of unity.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25 (259). "I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame."

Thursday, Apr 14, 2022

HOLY THURSDAY; EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Lean into the Real Presence

Do we ever plumb the depths of what the Eucharist means in our lives? Christ present. Blood poured out for the world. Unifying meal. The many ways to understand what Jesus gave to us on Holy Thursday may take more than a lifetime to truly grasp. Some of the deepest truths of faith are those that we cannot completely unlock intellectually. Perhaps today is a moment to let go and just relax into Jesus as we receive him at Mass. "He is present for your happiness," Saint Francis de Sales tells us. "Welcome Him as warmly as possible, and behave outwardly in such a way that your actions may give proof to all of His Presence."

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15 (39). *"This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*

Friday, Apr 15, 2022

FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION (GOOD FRIDAY); DAY OF ABSTINENCE

You were there for the long haul

Good Friday, called "Long Friday" in some cultures, marks the close of the long fast of Lent. The word *Lent*, itself, derives from Old Germanic words for long, or lengthening, days, likely referring to spring. Regardless of what we call this day or the season that brought us here, it has indeed been a long fast. Have you spent these 40 days the way you had intended? Or did you perhaps pass the cup of self-sacrifice early on? Not to worry. In the end, it is more about quality than quantity. As Doctor of the Church Saint John Chrysostom says, "No matter how much time you spend fasting, no matter how much you sleep on a hard floor and eat ashes and sigh continually, if you do no good to others, you do nothing great."

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1—19:42 (40). *"See, my servant shall prosper, he shall be raised high and greatly exalted."*

Saturday, Apr 16, 2022

HOLY SATURDAY; EASTER VIGIL

Experience the real absence

Today the church is silent, the altar is bare, the tabernacle is empty. Holy Saturday is observed without ceremony of any kind. The Easter Vigil does not start until the sun goes down. Before the kindling of the Easter fire, Holy Saturday remains a blank spot in the church's calendar signifying the real death of Jesus. Perhaps it is a good time to visit your church and experience our lifeless Lord. If you get there before the hubbub of Easter preparation begins, you can keep vigil in the quietude of a church reflecting on its beloved Christ, crucified.

TODAY'S READINGS: Vigil: Genesis 1:1—2:2; Genesis 22:1-18; Exodus 14:15—15:1; Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Isaiah 54:5-14; Isaiah 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Romans 6:3-11; Mark 16:1-7 (41). *"Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?"*



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

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