APRIL 24, 2022

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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	d-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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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon.	8:35 AM Raymond & Florence Jackson
_	R/B Ginny Jackson
Tue.	8:35 AM Donald Dillon
	R/B Helene Dillon
	8:35AM Benny Varghese
	R/B Raju Thomas
	8:35AM Annie Mathew
	R/B Shanta George
Wed	8:35AM Julie Anne Campbell Moore
	R/B Stephanie Higgins
Thur.	8:35AM Brian Lynch
	R/B Cathy & Dennis Hammer
Fri.	8:35AM Lucy Hilton
	R/B Hilton Family
	8:35AM Catherine Melillo
	R/B Robert Melillo
Sat.	4:45PM Aloysius Lindemann
	R/B Mike Lindemann
Sun.	8:00AM People of the Parish
	9:30AM Barbara Quaglietta
	R/B Patty Toste
	9:30AM Jill Stephenson
	R/B Garr Stephenson
	9:30AM Marie McQuade
	Sandy Viola & Family
	11:30AM Anna Bercarich
	R/B Walter & Florence Bercarich
	6:00 PM Joseph W. Ziznewski
	R/B Patricia Parente

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40b-41 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19

Behind the Scenes of This Week's Readings Today's Gospel – John 20:19-31

In 2000 Pope John Paul II, at the canonization mass of St. Faustina Kowalska, also designated that every year the Sunday immediately after Easter was to be observed as Divine Mercy Sunday,. St. Faustina was a Polish nun whose diaries contained descriptions of visions from Christ and his words about the greatness of God's mercy: "*My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy.*"

Every year today's gospel is repeated on the Second Sunday of Easter. This Sunday was specifically chosen because in this Gospel Reading, Christ appears to Thomas 8 days after the resurrection (John 20:26). There are various prayers including a novena associated with this day with a strong emphasis on the sacrament of Reconciliation. – *Dorothy Gearon*

BISHOP JAMES F. CHECCHIO



Christ is Risen. He is truly Risen! Easter greetings and blessings to everyone in our beautiful diocese!

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Happy Easter to you and your families! May this Solemnity of Hope help us to remember and believe that God is at work to redeem all things. As we enter into this Easter season, let us truly keep our gaze always on Jesus, who desires to be with us through the ups and downs, through the blessings and challenges we face in our lives, so that we may be people truly on fire with God's love. Know of my love and prayers for you and your families. May we together rejoice that Christ, who once was dead, is now alive and reigns!

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA Bishop of Metuchen

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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 24: Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception for their work with refuges in Poland and Ukraine.

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



ROSARY FOR LIFE Wednesday, April 27, 6:30PM in Church

The Respect Life Ministry and the Knights of Columbus will participate in a Rosary for Life as part of the Respect Life Month of April. Please join us. All are invited; bring your rosary beads.



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



- Honoring Our Graduates This June, at one of our 11:30 Masses, we will honor all who are graduating this year from high school, trade school, college, or grad school. Stay tuned for details.
- **May Crowning** Save the date Sunday, May 15, right after the 11:30 Mass. Stay tuned for details.
- **Trivia Night** Saturday, May 14 to benefit the youth and young adult service trips.
- **Financial Peace University** FPU Will be returning in the autumn. Details to follow.

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HEALING PRAYER in PERSON in CHURCH

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

Next Date: Weekend of May 7 & 8

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

SAGES ACTIVITIES

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 – Tuesday, May 17, at 11:00AM in Parish Hall.. Jeff Kampf will speak about "Weird America & Weird New Jersey"

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.

Drums Alive begins on May 12, No RSVP needed.

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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

The Neshanic Garden Club



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

The Neshanic Garden Club is a Non-Profit Organization



Tickets are available online for \$40 per person. This is a BYOB event; please bring your beverage of choice, however, you must be 21 or older to attend. Special edition IHS Jazz stemless wine glasses will be available for purchase. Dinner will be provided by Mangia Buono of Raritan. Multiple wine raffles will take place throughout the evening.

All proceeds will benefit the Sister Dolores Margaret Scholarship Fund.

To reserve your table or tickets go to <u>https://www.im-</u> maculatahighschool.org/JazzSupperClub

Any questions or concerns please email <u>pdesi-</u> <u>ena@immaculatahighschool.org</u>

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Special families begin with special husband/wife relationships. Please join us for a special weekend experience. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held April 29- May 1.

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.

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

Quo Vadis Days July 19-22, 2022

Young men ages 14-17!

You're invited to spend a few days living, praying and interacting with priests, seminarians and faith-filled teens your own age. The days will include dynamic talks, a visit from Bishop Checchio, sports and activities, prayer, small group discussion and so much more. For more information, please email <u>guovadis@diometuchen.org</u>

XAVIER SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND

If you are a client or someone who needs the *Mass Propers* in braille, audio, or large print to read the readings on Sundays and special Feast Days, please reach out to our Client Services Coordinator Saul Buchalter at 212-473-7800 or email clientservices@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org

BRAILLE: Please note any of our braille titles can be sent to you electronically in .BRF (braille ready file). This saves paper, time, and keeps our embossers cool!

MAN TO MAN

Men have unique roles in life...husbands, fathers, grandfathers, the single life and religious life...We're pushed and pulled in a thousand directions by responsibilities, stress, loss and by joys. Where can we find time to reflect on the loss and gain of our lives? For all men—young, old and in between. Join our group over coffee or tea for life affirming discussions and prayer to find God in our lives and to make a difference in our own worlds.

4th Tuesday of the Month.

Next meeting: April 26th from 7-8:30 both at the House of Prayer and on Zoom, Freewill offering House of Prayer offerings can be found on our website: <u>www.msmhope.org</u>. You may also call us at 908-753-2091 or email us at msmhope@msmhope.org

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.

MOUNT SAINT MARY HOUSE OF PRAYER OFFERINGS

Information and Registration for all Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer offerings can be found on our website: <u>www.msmhope.org</u>. You may also call us at 908-753-2091 or email us at msmhope@msmhope.org.

FINDING PRESENCE IN DRUMMING

Join us for an evening of drumming, chanting and healing in words, in silence and in your chakras! Be mindful of God's presence and eliminate you MIND full of everything else!

Wednesday, May 4th from 7-9PM \$20-\$30 as you are able Presenter: Barbara Woodzell

Mercy Associate Barbara is a musical therapist who works with Seniors and Special Needs' children.

GOD'S ON-GOING CALL

God calls in different ways at different times in our lives. How do we hear the call, and how do we respond, no matter how old we are?

Wednesday, May 18th from 7-9 PM

\$20-\$30 as you are able

Presenter: Barbara Lee

Barbara Lee is a spiritual director, author and retired lawyer who has served as a member of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps.

LOURDES EXPERIENCE

Gather for fellowship and an experiential presentation on Lourdes where you will be given a glimpse into this world-wide Marian Sanctuary and learn about St. Bernadette, the messages given by Blessed Mother during the apparitions of 1858 and hear a firsthand witness of what it is like serving in the baths of Lourdes. Presentation given by Joanne Carey, member of the Hospitality Notre Dame de Lourdes, France and permanent volunteer for the Marian Sanctuary in the baths of Lourdes. Opportunity for prayer and intercession is given.

Tuesday, May 31st from 7-9 PM \$20-\$30 as you are able

Presenter: Joanne Carey

Joanne is a member of the Hospitality Notre Dame de Lourdes, France and permanent volunteer for the Marian Sanctuary in the baths of Lourdes.

SACRED TIME, SACRED SPACE

A personal, quiet day to enjoy God's presence. Day begins with communal prayer. Bring bag lunch. **Thursday, May 19th from 9:30 AM-3PM** \$20-\$30 as you are able

Sunday, Apr 24, 2022

SOLEMNITY OF THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER; DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Mercy seasons justice

Mercy is described as a double blessing in Shakespeare's famous "quality of mercy" speech delivered in *The Merchant of Venice*. Mercy blesses the giver as well as the receiver. We're blessed by being merciful since God promises to be generous to us in the same measure we use with others. Withholding compassion punishes both the denier and the denied. Saint Gertrude the Great expresses gratitude to God for how divine mercy "has led me through the many obstacles I have placed in the way of your love." Love better by loving with compassion.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 5:12-16; Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31 (45). "Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, 'Peace be with you.' "

Monday, Apr 25, 2022

FEAST OF MARK, EVANGELIST

Hear him roar

Even though the Gospel of Mark comes second in the New Testament, it was the first one written and served as source material for the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. The author of Mark was not one of the 12 apostles but was a friend of Peter, who called him "son," and Paul, with whom he had a bumpy relationship. Mark is depicted in art with the symbol of a winged lion—his gospel may be simple and to the point, but the "roar" of his words certainly took flight! Don't underestimate the power of your own words about the Lord—they too may endure!

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20 (555). "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature."

Tuesday, Apr 26, 2022

EASTER WEEKDAY

Martyrs for the poor

On this day in 1998, Guatemalan Bishop Juan Gerardi Conedera was bludgeoned to death for daring to defend the nation's indigenous people. Conedera was not the first Latin American religious leader—nor the last—to be martyred for championing the "least of these" as Jesus did. But the fate of all such martyrs shines a bright light on Catholic Social Teaching as it emerged from pivotal gatherings of Latin American bishops, for instance the Medellín (1968) and Puebla (1979) conferences. Quoting Puebla, how can you make a "preferential option for the poor" today?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15 (268). "So must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

Wednesday, Apr 27, 2022

EASTER WEEKDAY

The light outshines the darkness

Holocaust Remembrance Day begins at sundown this evening. The Holocaust was one of the darkest moments in human history. It seemed that evil might triumph over good, darkness over light. The Catholic Church of times past sadly watered the deadly seeds of anti-Semitism. Thankfully that has changed in recent decades. Pope John Paul II was instrumental in his visits to

synagogues and reinterpreting the New Testament to avoid the anti-Jewish implications that dominated for centuries. Pope Francis has prayed at the Western Wall and Yad Vashem, denouncing anti-Semitism, standing up for Jews when anti-Semitism occurs. Just as Easter Sunday comes after the horror of Good Friday, the light does indeed prevail. We are an Easter people.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21 (269). "But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God."

Thursday, Apr 28, 2022

MEMORIAL OF PETER CHANEL, PRIEST, MARTYR

The stuff that healers are made of

The martyrdom of Marist priest Father Peter Chanel, S.M. on the South Seas island of Fortuna could be an action movie. There's a disgruntled king. A bloody fight. Peter Chanel, healer, steps in to treat the injured man, his enemy by any definition. Chanel momentarily turns, and the enemy rises up and strikes him dead. Chanel's murderer much later undergoes a conversion himself and becomes Christian, as does most of the island. One of Chanel's catechumens had said of him, "He loves us. He does what he teaches. He forgives his enemies. His teaching is good." Your personal battles may be less cinematic, but in the communion of saints, Chanel is available to inspire right action against the odds.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36 (270). "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life."

Friday, Apr 29, 2022

MEMORIAL OF CATHERINE OF SIENA, LAY DOMINICAN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH **Grounded in love**

Saint Catherine of Siena, O.P. models for us balance in our life of prayer and social commitment. Early in her life, she stayed at home and focused fervently on prayer. But God had other plans. Catherine had a vision in which Christ reminded her of the call to love God *and* neighbor. Catherine's spiritual director wrote that God spoke the following to Catherine: "It is the justice of these two commandments that I want you now to fulfill. On two feet you must walk my way; on two wings you must fly to heaven."

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15 (271). "A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick."

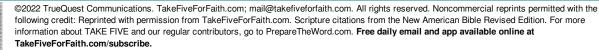
Saturday, Apr 30, 2022

EASTER WEEKDAY

John Dear is a Catholic priest and longtime peace activist, having been arrested more than 75 times in acts of nonviolent civil disobedience. But it wasn't always that way. When he entered priestly formation, he couldn't imagine himself as an activist. His inspiration was Father Daniel Berrigan, S.J., renowned peace activist, poet, and Jesuit priest who died on this day in 2016. Dear writes: "I first met Dan . . . in the early 1980s . . . I remember asking him how in the world I could ever work for peace. 'What are you afraid of?' he asked me. 'Don't be afraid. Don't live in fear. Live in faith and hope and peace.' I was shocked. No one ever said such things to me. I decided then and there to give it a try. Later, I realized: we all need a teacher who tells us not to be afraid." Whatever your particular calling, don't let fear keep you from being your fullest, Christ-like self.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21 (272). "They saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they began to be afraid. But he said to them, 'It is I. Do not be afraid.' "

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





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