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| MASS & CON | FESSION SCHEDULE |
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| Daily Mass: | |
| Monday-Saturda | ay 8:35 AM |
| Weekend Mass | es: |
| Saturday | 4:45 PM |
| Sunday | 7:15 AM |
| | 9:30 AM |
| | 11:30 AM |
| | 6:00 PM |
| Holyday Masses | : |
| Vigil | 5:00 PM |
| Holyday | 8:35 AM & 7:00 PM |
| Confessions: | |
| Saturday | 4 - 4:30 PM |

or by appointment

EMERGENCIES Sacrament of Anointing Call 908-874-3141 and press 1 for a priest.

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HILLSBOROUGH, NEW JERSEY

Priests

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

| Mon. | 8:35AM John Witt |
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| | R/B Witt Family |
| Tue. | 8:35AM Thomas Sunick |
| | R/B Paulette Matis |
| | 8:35AM Mildred Bakale |
| | R/B Sarah Greene |
| | 8:35AM John Dooley |
| | R/B Suzanne & Charlie Bond |
| Wed. | 8:35AM Edward & Joseph James Bakale |
| | R/B Alice Manzella & Family |
| Thu | 8:35AM Lucian Angelo Haid |
| | R/B Joanne & Peter Haid |
| Fri. | 8:35AM Father Tom Perunilum. |
| | R/B Lois & Ed Jerzewski |
| | 8:35AM Angela Marchese |
| | R/B Marie Paulette Matis |
| Sat. | 4:45PM All Deceased Fathers of |
| | Parishioners |
| | 4:45PM People of the Parish |
| Sun. | 8:00AM All Living & Deceased Fathers |
| | 9:30AM All Living Fathers of |
| | Parishioners |
| | 11:30AM All Parishioners who are |
| | Fathers |

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Job 38:3, 8-11 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 Mark 4:35-41

HELP WITH UTILITIES

If you or your family members are having trouble paying utilities, our church can help. Carlene Thomson in our Social Ministries office is a pro at helping people find the help they need. **One of the assistance programs providing help with utility bills has an application deadline date of 6/30/21**. Check it out at

https://njdca-housing.dynamics365portals.us/en-US/#liheap

or call 211 for information. If you need help navigating the application, email Carlene at cthomson@stjosephsparish.com.



This Moment in Prayer, Service and Community

Dear All: Christ's Peace!

Friday's feast of the Sacred Heart could have been renamed "The Feast of Jesus' Real and Unimaginable Affection for You Right Now." I love this feast, though it meant not so much to me until several years ago when a series of apparently random events changed everything. My prayer for you that day was stolen right from the second reading, "I kneel before the Father . . . that you . . . may have strength to comprehend with all the holy ones what is the breadth and length and height and depth, (of) the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge."

SPECIAL SECTION: STAGE III OF OUR PANDEMIC EXPERIENCE: ADJUSTMENTS FOR EACH MASS

As we make our way through our June transitions, logistics for each Mass continue to change. **8:00 am Sunday Mass** – This Sunday we add an 8:00 am to our weekend schedule. It is an extra precautions Mass; people will sit in every third pew (as opposed to every other pew). These pews are marked with blue squares. Communion will be at the Mass' end. You do not have to register for this Mass. We cannot require you to wear masks, but I hope you will, since this Mass is intended for people with special concerns.

4:45 Saturday Mass and 9:30 Sunday Mass – As of this weekend, both Masses are "Standard Precautions" Masses. In the outside sections – Sections 1, 2, 5, 6, and 7 – you will be sitting in every other pew (as opposed to every third pew). These pews are marked with green triangles. The two center sections, sections 3 and 4, are enhanced precautions sections. In these two sections, you are to sit in every third pew, the ones marked with blue squares. In these sections, especially, it is appropriate to wear a mask.

The system might seem confusing at first. You will get used to it in no time. Your basic move: decide if

you are a blue-square person (want extra distance) or a green-triangle person (are fine with every other pew) and then look for the section that displays your symbol. All sections will be marked this weekend.

11:30 Mass – We are almost to the point of self-selected parking. Almost. If you want "general parking", please go with the major flow and turn left at the first driveway. Keep going until you see an usher waving you in. If you want either "close-in parking" or you want to stay "In car", you need to have a sign in your window indicating your desire. Only if the usher sees your sign will she/he direct you to your desired area. Otherwise, you go with the rest of the flock! Also, those of you who opted for tree-shaded spots, good for you. You have started a great trend. We will bring Communion to you as well.

Adding More Liturgical Ministers – Our transition into Stage III allows us to include more liturgical ministers at every Mass. Thank heaven! The transition will occur gradually and steadily. The demand for lectors, servers, sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, ushers, musicians, and singers is on the rise. Stay tuned.

This Moment in Prayer

Expiration of the Pandemic Dispensation – The pandemic dispensation for Sunday Mass expired last weekend. Of course, we still encourage livestream participation for those who have been recently exposed to the coronavirus or other serious illness; those who are confined to their home, a hospital, or nursing facility; or those with serious underlying health conditions.

FirePIT Psalm – And a fine evening it was. Greatest thanks to all who put it together and all who participated – especially those who (a) managed the tech, (b) brought food and (c) came from beyond Somerset County. It was a terrific grace to be with you. Last night was wrapped in the sort of beauty we want to recall when winter feels brutal or faith feels strained. It will be good to re-e-convene in the fall.

This Moment in Service

The Bishop's Annual Appeal – We have surpassed the 98% mark. Almost there. Thanks!

Hillsborough Food Bank – The pandemic launched the project and your kindness sustains it. The folks at the food bank continue to lavish grateful praise on all the parishioners who continue to give so generously. The church van continues to serve as the drop-off point for the Tuesday noon deliveries.

Youth Group Summer Work Trips – Stay tuned for more information about this summer's adventures.

Social Ministries Funding – Many of you gave very generously to our fund to help parishioners who were feeling the economic hardship of the virus. The giving was exceptional. The immediate requests for money were far less than we expected. Other churches have had similar experiences. We expect, however, that demand for help will increase with the expirations of the eviction moratorium and the end of controls on utility-bill collections. We will keep you posted about the use of those funds.

This Moment in Community

Trivia Night –The last one was such fun.. It truly was a great time. All proceeds benefit our Youth Ministry Summer work projects. Trivia starts at 6pm under the tent!

Mimosas for Young Adults – Thanks to all who organized last Sunday's meet-and-greet. Given my age, I only stopped by for a minute, but it was plain to see that the vibe was great and our Young Adult Community has a great future. Given Bob Ferretti's age, he should have followed my lead, believing that, as always, "Short visits make long impressions." Either way, thanks to Bob and the team leaders for putting it together.

SAGES – What a blessing it was to see the "Drums Alive" people last week, the birthday folks on Tuesday, and the picnic folks on Monday. It was most excellent to see the poker games reconvened. Just one thought for the gamblers. The guy who rang the dumb-priest bell so much is the guy who holds your bank. Just sayin'. Meanwhile, it is time to check out several other upcoming events.

God Bless Cliff Radziewicz – Last Thursday marked Cliff's 20th year as head of the ushers' ministry. Cliff really is every pastor's dream for a ministry leader and every parish's best-case-scenario for ministry leadership. Remember to thank and congratulate Cliff when you see him.

Remember to take a few minutes, or a few hours, to do something that makes you particularly glad to be alive. Best blessings,

Fr Hank



SAGES ACTIVITIES

Picnic Luncheons Next one is Monday, June 28, 12-2PM. Join us for Bocce, Musical games and movement. Registration required. Please let AnnaMaria know if you will play Poker so enough tables are set up. We will also play BLANK SLATE, Rummicube, Scrabble and checkers/chess. Bring any other board game to share that are not listed. It will be nice to know that the person sitting next to you is vaccinated so we will do a 1-time check for these games.

Drums Alive, Thursdays, 10AM (June 10-July 15) 6-week course. **This class is Full**. Let AnnaMaria know if you want to be placed on a waiting list

WALKING GROUP, Every other Wednesday, 11 AM. Next walk is June 16th AWAY at Colonial Park Rose Gardens.

Wednesday, June 30, 11AM, **HOME** at the parish. Meet under the tent..

HEALTHY BONES will resume July 22. No RSVP required.

For more info contact AnnaMaria at 908-874-2141 e3xt 240 or arealbuto@stjosephsparish.com

THE JOY OF LOVE AND FAMILY

The Diocese of Metuchen, in collaboration with the other four Roman Catholic Arch/Dioceses in New Jersey will sponsor this conference series in celebration of the Year of the Family as declared by Pope Francis.

Beginning in June, the series of free talks will premiere over six months, covering topics for every stage of family life. More information,

including the full speaker line up and talk titles, will be available in the coming weeks, so stay tuned to the diocesan social media pages @diocesemetuchen for updates and visit www.lightingheartsonfire.org to sign up to receive notifications.



HEALING PRAYER

Healing Prayer invites anyone who is ill, facing surgery, hurting, anxious, burdened or worried to seek prayer for themselves or others. Jesus working through the minister will bring healing, glory and grace to your soul. God's love guides the ministers as they pray. All sessions are private & confidential.

Healing prayer requests can be not only for yourself but also for family and friends. Requests may cover healing of body, mind and spiritual issues.

Members of our Healing Prayer Ministry have created a virtual option and a phone option which is offered at 10:30AM after the 9:30 Sunday Mass and takes place every other weekend until we are back to normal.

Sunday, June 20, July 11 & 25

To participate in the virtua meeting, click on https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7692788835 and follow the directions. You can also engage the healing prayer over the phone by calling 1-929-205-6099 and then the ID number key in 769-278-8835#.

DIOCESAN ORDINATIONS

Four men are scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood and one to the transitional diaconate, on June 19 at 11 a.m., at the National Blue Army Shrine, Washington, N.J. Access to the livestream and updates about the ordinations can be found on the diocesan website: diometuchen.org.

Please pray for the following men who are scheduled to be ordained by Bishop James F. Checchio: Rev. Mr. Jun Joseph Querubin Alquiros, Rev. Mr. Ariel Robles Bautista Jr., Rev. Mr. Timothy M. Eck II, and Rev. Mr. Gregory J. Zannetti. Seminarian Ronal Vega-Postrana is scheduled to be ordained to the transitional diaconate.

Quo Vadís?

Where are you going?

Quo Vadis a Latin phrase which translates to *Where are you going?* is an opportunity for young men between the ages of 14 - 17 to hear from priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Metuchen and to engage in fellowship as they discern their own vocational calling in life. This year's event will be held virtually from June 22 - 24 and will conclude with an in-person Mass celebrated by Bishop James F. Checchio. For more information, visit, www.diometuchen.org/quo-vadis

ICONS:

AN INVITATION TO MYSTICAL PRAYER Wednesday, June 15, 2021, 7-9 PM Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer

Recently there has been an increase in the popular and ecumenical appeal of icons. How do we add icons to our prayer and contemplation? Come learn to expand your spiritual experience to encompass the entire Christian spiritual legacy. Presenter: Sr. Antonia Cooper, OSF Sister Antonia has been working with icons for years..

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

\$20-\$30 as you are able Jody Richdale, Administrative Assistant 1651 US Hwy. 22, Watchung, NJ 07069 908-753-2091

www.msmhope.org

GRIEF RECOVERY

Learning a process to deal with grief

The afternoon will offer a gentle 4-step experiential process for resolving grief caused by loss.

Sunday, June 27, 1-5 PM

Facilitator: Mary Jo Kearns, RSM She is a certified spiritual director with certificates in Ministry to the Bereaved, Bereavement & Grief Counseling and Advanced Skills of Pastoral Bereavement Counseling.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

\$50-\$60 as you are able) Jody Richdale, Administrative Assistant 1651 US Hwy. 22, Watchung, NJ 07069 908-753-2091 www.msmhope.org

WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL SPA DAY Saturday, July 10, 11AM – 4PM Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer

This nourishing retreat day will include various forms of prayer and mindfulness meditation. We will come together to practice breathing techniques, gentle movement, eating, walking, art and journaling. Lunch is included.

Presenter: Isabel Gachko

Isabel has been practicing mindfulness meditation for over 10 years and is pursuing her mindfulness meditation teacher's certification. She is also a certified yoga instructor

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MEN'S RITE OF PASSAGE RETREAT A retreat to help Men on their Spiritual Journey created by Fr. Richard Rohr O.F.M

Coming to NJ for the first time this Fall.. More information can be found at

https://www.illumandc.org/mrop-2021

SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, September 29 through Sunday, October 3, 2021. **CHECK OUT OUR SITE:** Our venue is the Johnsonburg Camp & Retreat Center in Johnsonburg, NJ – a beautiful environment in nature, only one hour from Newark Airport.

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 <u>godspell@embargmail.com</u>

Sunday, Jun 13, 2021

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Surprising yields ahead

Many have been glad to shake off the past year with good riddance. We're quick to write off difficult situations as sinkholes of our personal efforts, with nothing to show for our suffering. Every plague, war, and famine of history has caused its multitude of lost lives, endless grief, and economic devastation. Yet Jesus promises us that underneath the soil of human experience, the kingdom of God is always at work, pushing new life and fresh hope into existence. Many are working hard right this moment to promote a new vision for humanity. Commit to the new seed of Kingdom Coming.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34 (92). "And through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how."

Monday, Jun 14, 2021

Make an offering

It is fitting that today is both Flag Day in the United States and World Blood Donor Day. Many have shed their blood for the ideals a flag represents, and while most of us are not called to make the ultimate sacrifice for our country, many of us can make the small sacrifice of donating blood to save the lives of others. In some areas, the blood supply has become low because of fewer blood donations during the pandemic, and blood donation remains essential everywhere. If you are able to donate, or be supportive of someone who can, it will contribute to our much-needed healing in these hurting times.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Matthew 5:38-42 (365). "Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow."

Tuesday, Jun 15, 2021

With respect to elders

It's World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Pope Francis marked the observance last year by describing a shameful and painfully obvious truth: "The COVID-19 pandemic has shown that our societies are not organized well enough to make room for the elderly, with proper respect for their dignity and frailty. When the elderly are not cared for, there is no future for the young." Eighty percent of COVID deaths have been people 65 or older. What does your parish or local community do to support and engage seniors? If programs are not in place, can you help initiate them?

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Matthew 5:43-48 (366). "I say this not by way of command, but to test the genuineness of your love by your concern for others."

Wednesday, Jun 16, 2021

Be well intentioned

Jesus' admonition to perform good deeds in private and pray alone in our rooms can be difficult to figure out when we belong to a church that calls the community's public gathering for Mass the "source and summit of faith." So here's the deal: Jesus isn't telling us to hide our faith but instead to check out *why* we do what we do. He frowns on giving alms to get attention or making a big public display of our prayer, as if to prove we are closer to God than our neighbor. Instead, we are called to pray, fast, and give alms simply to draw closer to our Lord. In public or private, let's pray with the best of intentions.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 (367). *"When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites."*

Thursday, Jun 17, 2021

Time to move beyond temptation

The Lord's Prayer, introduced in today's gospel, is the best-known Christian prayer the world over. Two years ago, a change in the way French Catholics say the prayer made headlines. The new translation avoids "lead us not into temptation" in favor of "do not let us fall into temptation." The point is that God doesn't lead us to sin. Rather, God gives us the strength to resist it, overcome it, learn from it, move beyond it. The next time you pray the great prayer, picture the Creator extending a hand to pull you away from sin into grace and light.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 11:1-11; Matthew 6:7-15 (368). "This is how you are to pray: 'Our Father who art in heaven . . . ' "

Friday, Jun 18, 2021

Get some rest

Saint Augustine of Hippo captures the human condition perfectly when he says in his *Confessions*: "Lord, . . . our heart is restless until it rests in you." Christian prayer practices are designed to protect us from spirit-dulling anxiety and bring us to the peace of Christ. Try meditating on these words from Saint Francis de Sales for starters: "The same Eternal Father who cares for you today will take good care of you tomorrow and every day of your life. Either he will shield you from suffering, or he will give you the unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then and put aside all useless thoughts, vain dreads, and anxious imaginations."

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30; Matthew 6:19-23 (369). *"Store up treasures in heaven."*

Saturday, Jun 19, 2021

MEMORIAL OF ROMUALD, ABBOT A simple practice for inner peace

Romuald was a 10th-century Italian monk and teacher. He started life as a wealthy aristocrat but soon found his life of pursuing comfort and pleasure unsatisfying. He sought refuge in a monastery and discovered peace as a monk. Wishing to help others achieve fulfillment, he founded the Camaldolese Order of monks and established several monasteries, instructing the monks to practice intellectual stillness and interior receptivity in meditation. "Take every opportunity you can to sing the Psalms in your heart," he wrote in his rule, "and to understand them with your mind." Take a moment today and give it a try.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Matthew 6:24-34 (370). "Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself."



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

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