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MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday

8:35 AM

(Wednesday is an Enhanced-precautions mass-5' spacing and masks are encouraged.)

Outdoor Communion Service:

Wednesday

10:00 AM

(This service is held outdoors, Attende25 remain in their car and tune into FM 88.7.)

Weekend Masses:

Saturday

4:45 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM

(Enhanced-precautions mass-C

spacing and masks are encouraged.)

9:30 AM

11:30 AM

(This mass is outside under the tent/attenders 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@simillstone.com

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. 8:35AM Joe Quinn, Jr.

R/B Carolyn Krog

Tue. 8:35AM John Ostapovich, Sr.

R/B Deborah Katz

Tue. 8:35AM Florence Madonia

R/B Pat & Bob Matzek

Tue. 8:35AM John Judge

R/B Fr. Hank Hilton

Wed. 8:35AM Rosemary Giampietro

R/B Dick & Deirdre Graham

Thu. 8:35AM Vincent Fenimore

R/B Deborah Katz

Fri. 8:35AM Mike DeLucia

R/B Susan Wund

Fri. 8:35AM Anne Jawidzik

R/B Denise & Dennis Sitarik

Sat. 4:35AM Marie Looney

R/B Carol & Anthony Guidotti

Sat. 4:45PM Gloria Carfi

R/B Susan Wund

Sun. 8:00AM People of the Parish

Sun. 9:30AM Giovanna Geraci

R/B Geraci Family

Sun. 9:30AM Sylvia Grosso

R/B LoCicero Family

.Sun. 9:30AM Emily Forzano

R/B Florence & Walter Bercarich

Sun. 11:30AM James Meszaros

R/B Cridge Family

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 35:4-7a James 2:1-5 Mark 7:31-37

OUTDOOR MASS & COMMUNION

– The spike in Covid cases and the surge in the Delta variant is, understandably, concerning many parishioners. Remember that we still have outdoor services with in-car options. Sunday Mass is at 11:30 and the Wednesday Communion Service is at 10:00. Like Hosea said, "Don't let fear keep us apart."



ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, September 12

FOLLOWING 11:30 MASS on Parish Grounds

Reconnect with old friends and welcome newcomers.

Enjoy great food.

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This Moment in Prayer, Service and Community

Dear All - Christ's Peace!

TUESDAY SHUT DOWN –The last step of the generator installation requires a total shutoff of electrical power on Tuesday. We will have 8:35 Mass but we might not livestream it. It depends on the timing of the power loss. The office will be closed all Tuesday. God willing, normal hours will resume on Wednesday.

This Moment in Prayer

Prayers for the people of Haiti, Afghanistan, the Virus Hotspots, and the Wildfires – Please keep those prayers going. We will pray for all four groups of people at all Masses. Perhaps each of us could think of some small act of self-denial to offer up for each of the four groups.

Prayers for Our Departing College Students – GREAT blessings for our college students. Special blessings for the first-year students. Remember – treat the first 8 weeks like everything depends on the period's results. You will be glad you did. Study way hard. Have huge fun. And GO TO CHURCH!!!!

Certificates of Eligibility – Good for you if you have been invited to serve as a confirmation sponsor or a godparent. The hosting parish will, as always, ask you for a "certificate of eligibility" from your home parish. This is not a big deal. We issue several each week. The main requirement is that you go to Mass. If I know you from Mass, pre-pandemic or currently, I am happy to provide the certificate. There are a few other requirements that rarely get in the way. Just stop by the front office and Carol will set you up.

This Moment in Service

Diaper Donations – So far, you have contributed 3,537 diapers. This week, the shelter took in 6 new women. Each of them has an infant. For the next two weeks, all sizes are good. Sizes 1 and 2 are best.

This Moment in Community

Youth Ministry 2021-22 – The Youth Group kickoff is just around the corner. Once more, the Youth Group will launch its new year, at the Parish Picnic. The first meeting of the year will be on September 19. Expect to get messy. The full 2021-22 schedule is posted at http://sjmillstone.com/youth-ministry.

CCD News – Registration materials for the 2021-22 CCD year have been emailed. If you have not already registered, you still have time. Please do so as soon as you can so we can finalize the schedule.

THIS WEEK will be on vacation next week. Next edition will be September 10. Do what you can to let August be August. (PS – Everything between 8/1 and Labor Day is August.)

Father Hank



Healing Prayer

Who Are We?

Healing Ministers are faith filled parishioners who offer one on one prayer for any needs you may have. They are prayerful people who listen to your request and prayerfully intercede on your behalf. *All prayer requests are completely confidential*. Bring us your requests so we can be with you in your need.

When Does It Take Place?

Until we are back to normal, healing prayer is available every other weekend, after the 9:30 Sunday Mass. You may choose a virtual or phone option.

Next dates are Sundays, September 5 & 19 How Do I Sign Up?

For a virtual meeting, click on https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7692788835 and follow the directions. For healing prayer via phone call 1-929-205-6099 and then key in 769-278-8835#.



DIOCESAN SILVER & GOLD ANNIVERSARY PRAYER SERVICE

Sunday, October 17, 2021, at 3:30 PM at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, 548 Main Street, Metuchen, New Jersey.

The diocesan church cordially invites couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversaries in 2021 to attend this Prayer Service with Bishop F. Checchio.

Couples who celebrated their Silver or Gold Anniversary in 2020 are also invited to attend.

Registration is required to attend the Prayer Service.

Registration will close by October 7, 2021. Please go to the following site to register or for more information:

https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration

Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion.

If you have any questions, please email amarshall@diometuchen.org

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL CANDLES

The candles are back! It is once again time to light a candle in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Thanks in advance for leaving the chairs where they are and for using the donation box on the wall rather than those in the candle racks. Pray well.

HOLY WATER DSPENSER

Thanks to the kindness of the LoCicero family, we now have a safe way to dispense Holy Water. We have placed it in the Gathering Space, by the first door to the big closet. Make good and holy use of it. Keep in mind:

Use it only to fill Holy Water receptacles, of the sort we distributed at Easter. (If you need a Holy Water bottle, let Fr. Hank know.)

- Sanitize your hands before and after turning the nozzle. The sanitizer is right there.
- Remember to turn off the spigot it does not turn off automatically.
- If the catchment bowl is full, be extra careful when filling your receptacle.



ARTIFACTS ROAD SHOW

Yes, it is once again time to gather up those religious artifacts that need a good home. Don't know what to do with some of your deceased relatives' statues, devotionals, rosaries, etc.? Bring them to church and we will bring them to the place near Lancaster, Pennsylvania that ships things to missionary lands where the goods are in short supply. There is a drop-off table in the church's northeast corner, by the statue of the Holy Family.

Parishioners will be able to select from among the contributions on the weekend of September 18.

The rest goes to PA two weeks later.



OZANAM BABY GOODS NEEDED

Thanks in advance for helping us help the Ozanam Family Shelter. The shelter, which is part of Catholic Charities, provides shelter for 16 single women and 26 families. Our friends at the shelter have asked us to help provide diapers and booster seats. All sizes of diapers are good for the next two weeks. The booster seats should be for use at the table, rather than in cars. The blue bin by the Gathering Space bulletin boards will be there for diaper drop-off through Labor Day. If you can provide a booster seat, please leave it next to the bin. Thanks for doing what you can.





SAGES ACTIVITIES

Picnic Luncheons

Will resume on Monday, September 20. August is being used for planning. Art classes, seminars, Yoga (chair and standing) and more are in the works for Fall.

Toning Thursdays.

10am INDOORS in the Parish Hall. We will rotate the classes from Healthy Bones, Choreography Chair movement and Chair

Yoga. NO RSVP, just come.

Painting class:

Monday, September 27 at 2pm Under the tent. Registration in early September.

Medicare Seminar:

Tuesday, October 5th. Learn about the coverage options for 2022. Details to follow.

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



NEW ROSARY GROUP

Join with us as we gather to pray the rosary and share intentions together.

First Meeting:

Wednesday, September 1 at 6:30 PM. under the tent

This new group will meet on the first Wednesday of every month. To learn more, email Rachel at rachelle.hanna@gmail.com. And feel free to bring your children. Please let Rachel know if you plan to participate so she can figure out where to meet.

IN GOD'S IMAGE

In God's Image, the Catholic Faith Sharing Group for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people at Church of the Sacred Heart, South Plainfield, meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00PM. Our next meeting is September 8 and will be both in person and online. Please email for more information. The group is open to LGBTQ adults, 18 and over, and their families. All are welcome for faith sharing, prayer, conversation and support. For more information, contact Fr John at 908 756 0633, ext 125 or the group may be reached by contacting 908 822 5895 or by emailingsacredheartigi@gmail.com.

Sunday, Aug 29, 2021

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Purity is not an abstinence test

Many of us who grew up in a moralizing culture were taught to imagine purity as having mainly to do with chastity. In which case, our aim was higher than the almost-but-not-quite perfection you might get from Ivory Soap, which years ago advertised itself as 99 and 44/100 percent pure. We may therefore be astonished that, according to the apostle James, purity in religion has something to do with how we respond to the abandoned in this world. Think charity, not chastity, to bump up your purity percentile.

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (125). "Religion that is pure . . . is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction."

Monday, Aug 30, 2021

Remember your name

After being baptized with water, Catholics are anointed with oil and these words are said over them, "As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of his body . . ." That means we share in those offices of Christ. Those are big roles—how to live up to them? Priests worship and make offerings to God, prophets speak the truth and live the gospel, royalty leads and takes care of others. If you remind yourself regularly of the sacred titles you were given at Baptism, how might that help you fulfill your promise?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30 (431). "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

Tuesday, Aug 31, 2021

Hope works

Today, in Poland, it's the Day of Solidarity and Freedom—a modern Independence Day celebration after years of oppressive Soviet rule. In the 1980s, labor activist Lech Walesa helped stoke the flames of democratic social change. But it was Poland's favorite son, Pope John Paul II, who provided the spark. In his 1979 papal visit, John Paul II gave the people an electric hope that change was possible. "Let the Spirit descend and renew the face of the Earth. This Earth," he said. With Labor Day nearly here, remember how solidarity and workers' rights are cornerstones of Catholic Social Teaching.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11; Luke 4:31-37 (432). "They were all amazed and said to one another, "What is there about his word?"

Wednesday, Sep 01, 2021

Living waters run deep

The annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation celebrated today "offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation," says Pope Francis, who elevated this day in 2015 with the publication of his encyclical on the care of creation, *Laudato Si'*. As we move past August, Water Quality Month, be particularly mindful of your stewardship over the precious resource of clean drinking water. May all of us "come to the water" together as we care for our common home.

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44 (433). "I must proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God, because for this purpose I have been sent."

Thursday, Sep 02, 2021

Get unstuck

In today's gospel Simon Peter is so overcome by his own sinfulness, he tells Jesus to go away from him. What exactly is "sinfulness"? Lots of actions and inactions fall into that category, but the essence of Catholic teaching on sin is that it separates us from God. Selfishness, violence, and other sins drive a wedge between us and God. Peter knew that instinctively. Remove that wedge by asking God for forgiveness, and ponder what you can do to free yourself to reconcile a relationship that has become estranged.

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11 (434). "Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.'"

Friday, Sep 03, 2021

MEMORIAL OF GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Keep it all in balance

It's never easy to find the right balance between sitting quietly and attentively on the sidelines and joining in the scrum of life's adventures. Our life of prayer helps us to discern how best to hold these together and to respond with love for ourselves and the common good. Gregory was a Benedictine monk of the late sixth century and loved his life as a contemplative. Yet, when called upon to take the helm of a church suffering from the fall of Rome and the plague, he stepped up and found his calling expressed in new ways through prayer, caring for those in need, and leading compassionately. Find the right balance between action and contemplation.

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 5:33-39 (435). "In him all the fullness was pleased to dwell."

Saturday, Sep 04, 2021

The fruits of creation for all of creation

It's interesting to note that in the story of Jesus' hungry disciples eating the grain from a farmer's field, the objection raised by the Pharisees is not that they took the grain, but that they did so on the Sabbath. In fact, eating grain or produce from a neighbor's farm while passing through was permitted by Jewish law (Deuteronomy 23:25-26), provided one did not carry off any surplus. It was considered a common courtesy and obligation of charity to share the abundance of creation with one's neighbor. Perhaps we can embrace that same ethic in our own stewardship of the abundance God has entrusted to us.

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5 (436). "While Jesus was going through a field of grain on a sabbath, his disciples were picking the heads of grain, rubbing them in their hands, and eating them."





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