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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 hel	d outdoors. Attende25
remain in their cor a	nd tune into FM 88.7.)

Weekend Masses:

Saturday	4:45 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM
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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 <u>fatherhank@sjmillstone.com</u> 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







MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon.	8:35AM William & Rachel Houle
	R/B Houle Family
Tue.	8:35AM Joseph Cicoria
	R/B Cicoria Family
Tue.	8:35AM Tony Manzella
	R/B Alice Manzella & Family
Tue.	8:35AM Raymond Iarkowski
	R/B Ron larkowski & Family
Wed.	8:35AM Judith Hilton
	R/B Hilton Family
Thu.	8:35AM John Ostapovich
	R/B Denise & Dennis Sitarik
Fri.	8:35AM Mike DeLucia
	R/B Alice Manzella & Family
Fri.	8:35AM Margaret Rose Philbin
	R/B Sarah & Tom Greene
Sat.	4:35AM Ithmar Francois (Living)
	R/B Mom & Dad
Sat.	4:45PM Christina Walsh
	R/B Susan Wund
Sun.	8:00AM Virginia & Frank Peluso
	R/B Kathy & Dana Robitz
Sun.	9:30AM John & Jeanette Pulero
	and Thomas Cetnar
	R/B Antoinette Brilliant
Sun.	9:30AM Virginia Maria Peluso
	R/B Linda Obernauer-Kutner
Sun.	9:30AM People of the Parish
Sun.	11:30AM Rosemary Giampietro
	R/B Ann & Bob Spitzer

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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."

This Moment in Prayer, Service and Community

Dear All – Christ's Peace! Are you doing your best to let August be August?

This Moment in Prayer

Prayers for Haiti and Afghanistan – Not quite sure how to pray for the people of Haiti and Afghanistan? The Jesus prayer offers a great way to start: Lord Jesus Christ, Living Son of the Living God, please (insert your most fervent desire for the people of both countries). Lots of prayers are in order for the people of both countries.

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!!!!

Grateful Ushers – The ushers continue to express their great gratitude for your great cooperation. They share our single goal – to provide comfortable, safe seating for as many as possible. A gentle reminder, if you want to sit in your favorite seat, you need to arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass.

This Moment in Service

Diaper Donations – Thanks to the many parishioners who have already contributed diapers for the Ozanam Family Shelter..

This Moment in Community

Youth Ministry 2021-22 - The Youth Group kickoff is just around the corner! We'll be starting our year off, as always, at the Parish Picnic on Sept. 12 and our first meeting of the year will be September 19. Prepare to get messy! The full 2021-22 schedule is posted on the Youth Ministry webpage 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, please do so as soon as you can so we can finalize the schedule.

Remember, you still have 11 days left to let August be August – for the glory of God, for your good, and for the benefit of your family and friends.

Father Hank



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-goldanniversary-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

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. Check the bulletin for dates.

The next dates are Sundays, August 22, 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#.

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.

IN MEMORIAM

Catherine Shore, 85, died on August 13, 2021.

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

HOLY WATER DISPENSER

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. We will let you know when you have only three weeks left to drop things off. We will probably make the delivery right after Labor Day.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Our Homebound Ministry will be delivering gifts to our homebound folks before Labor Day. If you know someone that should be on our list please reach AnnaMaria Realbuto at arealbuto@sjmillstone.com or 908-874-3141 ext. 240.



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. The diapers should fit toddlers (sizes 3-5) and 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.

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. 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.

PRAYER CARDS

"Hail Holy Queen (aka "Salve Regina")

The prayer cards are on the tables in the Gathering Space. The basic plan is for each household to take one. If members of your household go to different Masses, take more than one. If we have extras after Columbus Day, you can take more. Thanks!



ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC Sunday, September 12 the Sunday after Labor Day Following the 11:30 Mass

Mark your calendar. The party starts in a few weeks. The food and fun will be better than ever. The water slide will be back. So will the ponies (from 2-3 for the little kids). We will also have live music for three hours and the croquet match will be featured at OTB and ESPN with impartial referees supplied by the Knights of Columbus..



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

MEN'S RITE OF PASSAGE RETREAT

A retreat to help Men on their Spiritual Journey created by Fr. Richard Rohr O.F.M More info at

https://www.illumandc.org/mrop-2021 Wed., September 29 - Sun., October 3, 2021. 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 NOW. CONTACT US WITH YOUR QUESTIONS:

Forward your questions to: John Ball, ILLU-MAN DC Convener – <u>johnball0450@gmail.com</u>

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@embarqmail.com</u>

RENTAL ASSISTANCE and EVICTION PROTECTION

Legislation has been signed introducing critical protections to renter households who experienced economic hardships during the pandemic and the CDC has separately issued a temporary eviction moratorium. To take advantage of state and federal protections, you should complete both the State's selfcertification form and the CDC declaration at **covid19.nj.gov/renter**.

If you need help paying for your rent, apply for the <u>COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance</u> <u>Program</u>. This program provides rental arrears and temporary rental assistance to low-and moderate-income households that have had a substantial reduction in income, have qualified for unemployment benefits, incurred significant costs, or experienced a financial hardship due, directly or indirectly, to the COVID-19 pandemic. By August 31st, 2021, the rental assistance program will expand its scope of eligible applicants to include additional middleincome households. Landlords may apply on behalf of tenants, with the tenant's permission.

Sunday, Aug 22, 2021

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Who do you serve?

Songwriter Bob Dylan had a come-to-Jesus moment in 1978 in a hotel room in Tucson, Arizona. More accurately, it seemed like Jesus came to him, as he felt "a presence in the room that couldn't have been anybody but Jesus." For four years, Dylan wrote songs critics panned as "God-awful gospel," and fans mourned the loss of what they'd come to expect from him. By 1981, Dylan had returned to his Jewish and folk-rock roots. Yet he never retracted his vision: "Well, it may be the devil, or it may be the Lord, but you gotta serve somebody." The choice remains ours.

TODAY'S READINGS: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69 (122). "If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve."

Monday, Aug 23, 2021

MEMORIAL OF ROSE OF LIMA, VIRGIN

Family finesse

Parents have expectations of their kids, and kids want to make their own choices—it's part of the painful growing-up process. Rose of Lima was like a lot of teenagers who clashed with her parents about her future, and she was like a lot of saints who rankled family by refusing to marry. They never let her join a convent, but they didn't force her to wed either, finally relenting to her choice of chastity. She lived out her brief life as she had wished, in prayer and penance. She is the patron saint of family problems. Everyone has them, so ask Rose for help.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10; Matthew 23:13-22 (425). *"One who swears by heaven swears by the throne of God."*

Tuesday, Aug 24, 2021

FEAST OF BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

Play a stirring role

Bartholomew, also called Nathanael, was one of the original 12 apostles and later, a traveling missionary. He embodied what it means to become a missionary disciple—one who, upon being led to Jesus, wishes to lead others to him, too. As the U.S. bishops say in *Go and Make Disciples*, Jesus "gave the Church the unending task of evangelizing as a restless power, to stir and to stimulate." Where can you stir interest in Jesus today?

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51 (629). "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel."

Wednesday, Aug 25, 2021

The past is present

Today, we are becoming aware of the deep truth that wrongs committed in the past, even generations ago, can still perpetuate evil. Such is the sin of racism, which the U.S. Catholic Bishops have repeatedly called "an evil which endures in our society and in our Church" (*Brothers and Sisters to Us*). Each of us is called to help dismantle racism, to reject profiting from the oppression of others, and to listen to the voices of those who have been silenced too long—for the sake of our past, present, and future.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:27-32 (427). "You are like whitewashed tombs."

Thursday, Aug 26, 2021 Be alert!

Wakefulness is a term often used in spiritual writing. In today's gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, "Stay awake! You do not know on which day your Lord will come." The Catechism of the Catholic Church contains at least 20 references to being awake, usually in regard to "awakening faith." The church wants its members to be vigilant and tells us in the catechism that the "Holy Spirit constantly seeks to awaken us to keep watch!" Ask the Holy Spirit to help you awaken to God's presence today.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Matthew 24:42-51 (428). "Jesus said to his disciples: 'Stay awake!"

Friday, Aug 27, 2021

MEMORIAL OF MONICA

Hang in there

Sometimes it feels like all of our small choices and actions will never amount to anything. Go big or go home, we're told. Yet the stuff of transformation, healing, and love is knitted together one small thing at a time. Our call is to have faith and persist. Take a look at Saint Monica, a laywoman from North Africa, who day in and day out offered "small" acts of kindness, love, and care for her beloved yet wayward son Augustine. She never tired of believing in him, even storming heaven on his behalf. Persisting in the small things that are good, beautiful, and true can make a big difference. What small things are you called to persist in?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 25:1-13 (429). "Stay awake."

Saturday, Aug 28, 2021

MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Let happiness be your song

Like all larger-than-life historical figures, Saint Augustine and his legacy are subject to debate. Some find in his vast work reason to take a pessimistic view of humanity. But he was quite life-affirming in his conviction that the happiness found in following God is indeed the only worthy and lasting happiness. "Happy is [the one] who has God," he succinctly put it. To "have" God for Augustine meant to love God, citing Psalm 72: "For me it is good to cling to God." Or, as Pharrell Williams put it in his blockbuster song "Happy" a few years back, "Clap along if you feel like happiness is the truth."

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Matthew 25:14-30 (430). "You yourselves have been taught by God to love one another."

Take Five for Faith

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

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