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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                 |
|             | ced-precoutions mass-5" |
| 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

| 8:35AM Mike DeLucia                        |
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| R/B Tabernero Family.                      |
| 8:35AM Frank, Marion & Frances Smith       |
| R/B Helen Campbell                         |
| 8:35AM Michael Greene                      |
| R/B Sarah Greene                           |
| 8:35AM Josephine Panzera                   |
| R/B Carl & Connie Panzera                  |
| 8:35AM John Cooney, Sr.                    |
| R/B Mackiw Family                          |
| 8:35AM Lucian Angelo Haid                  |
| R/B Joanne & Peter Haid                    |
| 8:35AM Joseph Errico                       |
| R/B Tina Lochmann                          |
| 8:35AM Margaret Scott                      |
| R/B Hilton Family                          |
| 4:45AM Dr. Robert Obal                     |
| R/B Marge, Children &                      |
| Grandchildren                              |
| 4:45PM People of the Paris                 |
| 8:00 AM Father Murphy                      |
| R/B Dottie & George Lukazik                |
| 9:30AM Richard L. Kinney                   |
| R/B Maryellen Tobia                        |
| 9:30AM Helen Dorr                          |
| R/B Barbara Dorr                           |
| 9:30AM Michael Polozzo<br>R/B Barbara Dorr |
| 11:30AM John Heineman                      |
| R/B Heineman Family                        |
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### **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

Numbers 11:25-29 James 5:3-6 Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

### NEW SEATING ARRANGEMENTS AT THE 4:45 AND 9:30 MASSES

Beginning this week we will start the new seating arrangements:.

Standard Practices, Sections 1 and 7 – We will use EVERY PEW and will not encourage left-toright distancing. The use of masks is not required. Standard Precautions, Sections 2, 5, and 6 – In these sections, we will sit in EVERY OTHER PEW, encourage left-to-right distancing, and encourage the use of masks.

**Enhanced Precautions**, Sections 3 and 4 the two center sections. Sit in EVERY THIRD and wear masks. Please save the seats along the back walls for people who have mobility issues.

# This Moment in Prayer, Service and Community

### Dear All – Christ's Peace! This Moment in Prayer

**WEEKLY SCRIPTURE QUIZ** – In keeping with the back-to-school season, this week we launch the weekly scripture quiz. It will be based on the preceding weekend's readings. The answers will appear next week.

The book of Isaiah contains \_\_\_\_\_\_(#?) Suffering Servant Songs. Last week we heard # \_\_\_\_\_.

Mark's Gospel contains \_\_\_\_\_(#?) Passion Predictions which appear in chapters \_\_, \_, & \_\_.

**NEW LOUDSPEAKERS** – Thanks to all the regulars in sections 6 and 7 for letting me know about the sound issues. The temporary loudspeaker, which you indicated worked quite well, has been replaced by a permanent loudspeaker. Please let me know if it is doing the job.

**SAINT IGNATIUS' "PRAYER FOR GENEROSITY"** – This week we focus on the "Labor" phrase. Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous. Teach me to serve as you deserve, To give and not to count the cost, To fight and not to heed the wounds, To toil and not to seek for rest, To labor and not to seek reward, Except the reward of knowing that I am doing your will.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – The Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study returns to our parish in early October. New members are MOST welcome. We will launch our seventh year with a social gathering. Join us in the Parish Hall on Monday evening, October 4 at 7 pm or Tuesday, October 5 at 9:30 am. Contact Mary MacPhee, marymacphee62@gmail.com or Suzanne Kral, skral@sjmillstone.com for more information.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – We are back at it, starting October 6. This year we are studying The Acts of the Apostles. We will meet every Wednesday night from October 6 through December 15. We will then resume in early January. (NB - On the fourth Wednesday of each month we will meet from 6:30-7:45 so the Knights can get to their meeting.) Unlike the women's groups (see above), there will be no social gathering. In fact, we hope to get through the entire year without ever being in the same room. Join the fracas from the comfort of your mancave. If you want to join the group, do two things. First, order "The Acts of the Apostles" by Luke Johnson. It is part of the Sacra Pagina series. Feel free to get a used and/or paperback volume if you want to save money. Second, email Father Hank to register, whether you are new or returning. Enrollment is limited to 25. Most of last year's herd is returning. If needed, I will start a second section. Probably at dinner time on Mondays.

**FIRESIDE PSALMS 2.0** – We have lots of options in store for this fall. Chances are good we will gather (virtually) on Monday nights and will consider something other than Psalms. Stay Tuned.

# This Moment in Service

FLOOD RELIEF - GATHERING THE FUNDS -

THE POOR BOXES – To meet our overall goal of \$50,000, we needed to collect \$20k in the poor box. As of last night, you had put \$37k in the poor box. If you have not yet contributed to the fund, please do not do so until further notice. (See below re: 2nd collection)

**REDEPLOYED FUNDS** – WE STILL NEED PERMISSIONS TO REDEPLOY COVID FUNDS TO THE IDA FUND. If you have not already given permission, please either (a) email Carlene at cthomson@stjosephsparish.com or (b) fill out a permission slip (from the gathering space table) this weekend and hand it to me after Mass. Thanks..

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK – FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES (9/26) is what we call a "pass through collection." Everything that comes in that collection goes right to the diocese and Catholic Charities. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "THE DIOCESE OF METUCHEN" AND PUT "IDA" IN THE MEMO LINE. We consider these donations to be a part of our overall goal, so if you have already given to flood victims, no need to give next week. If you have not yet made a donation, I suggest either (a) give to the Catholic Charities collection or (b) await further suggestions on how to help.

**DISTRIBUTING THE FUNDS** – Two parish families experienced mind-boggling losses amid personal tragedy. We have wasted no time in helping them and will continue to help them. They exceed the \$2,500 standard limit. We have received 10 more applications from families in very difficult circumstances. Following a home visit and request review, we will decide the grant amount. Many requests have come from outside the parish. We are working with those families to get their requests finalized. After October 1, we will rank the requests. Our first priority will be to help people from Holy Redeemer Parish in Manville. We are also figuring out how to help owners of ruined businesses.

Please encourage parishioners in tough financial straits to apply for a flood-relief parish grant. We want to help families with genuine need. Also, please provide permission to redeploy your Covid gifts.

LECTORS NEEDED – We need more lectors, especially for our daily Masses. A very small group of lectors has been doing most of the weekday reading for the last 18 months. We also have a need for weekend readers. Are you a reader who has been on sabbatical? Reenlist! Are you a confident speaker who might be able to help? Join up! Training will be provided. Please contact Suzanne at skral@sjmillstone.com.

**JOIN THE "SAINT JOE'S HELPERS GUILD**" Our efforts to assist flood victims have reminded me that I need one big email list of people who might be able and willing to help in a hurry. As it is now, I email members of various ministries to seek help with last-minute requests. My hope is to gather names of about 100 people who might spend 4-6 hours per year helping with chores, either at church or nearby. Check here for more information https://forms.gle/WB4bYf7iHDcbMc4e6.

### HELPING OUR NEW NEIGHBORS FROM

**AFGHANISTAN** – We are currently focusing on helping our flood victims. In early October, we will clarify our efforts to assist our refugees coming through Fort Dix.

### This Moment in Community

**PARISHIONERS' PICK – ARTIFACTS ROADSHOW** GREAT thanks to Cathy, John, Hedy and the many members of the 8:35 group who lugged and re-arranged all the donations. This week is "Family and Friends" weekend. Stop by the Memorial Hallway and take something for yourself or a loved one. One take per person. God bless John and Carol J for arranging to get it to the missions.

**YOUTH MINISTRY** – High School Youth Ministry kicks off this Sunday at 6pm. Come hungry, eat pizza and enjoy pie (as in pie-in-your-face trivia). All high-school youth are energetically welcome! Download the full Youth Ministry schedule at http://sjmillstone.com/youthministry. Contact bobf@sjmillstone.com for more info.

**NEW PARISHIONERS** – We will re-start meetings for new parishioners in November. Meanwhile, we thank God for our new parishioners and pray for each household, that their life in this community may be a source of amazing grace.

**THE PARISH PICNIC – PART ONE** – THANKS – Let's thank God for each of the gifts and the people who made the day such a brilliant success. Thanks to Mike DeLucia, Bryan DeLisi and all the Knights and Columbiettes who organized and prepared the food; to the Youth Group for face painting; to staff who did so much of the setup and cleanup.; to the people at the welcome table; to the benefactor (currently anonymous but I hope not for long) who provided the ice cream trucks and 427 ice creams; to . to Anthony Monticchio for the pony rides; to the water-sliders for the great displays of fun and goofiness; to every parishioner who multiplied the joy. Above all, thanks to God for all the gifts – including the weather – that made the day so excellent.

**THE PARISH PICNIC – PART TWO** – THE FALL OF THE GIANTS – Sunday was a huge day in sports history. Novak Djokovic didn't complete the Grand Slam. and Father didn't secure his third consecutive croquet championship. He actually took second in his prelim – defeated by Jack, the super-gifted 12-year-old in a very close shoot out at the final wicket. Michael Lanahan, swinging his custom-made mallet, won the final round in a runaway and was subsequently awarded the Golden Mallet. On receiving words of consolation from another challenger at the finals, Jack admitted he did not mind losing to Michael since "All I wanted to do was take out Fr. Hank and I did that." The boy is going places. God bless all 30 players, the finalists, and Michael, the reigning champion.

With thanks and all great blessings, 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 19 and October 3 & 17 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#.



## Life Chain ~ Sunday, October 3, 2021 2:00 – 3:30 PM (Rain or shine) At Immaculate Conception Church 35 Mountain Avenue, Somerville

Participants are part of a nation-wide moment of peaceful prayer for an end to abortion. Last year, 15 parishioners joined the event. It would be great to have even more this year. You can either drive there yourself or carpool from church (leaving at 1 pm). For more information, email Carl Panzera at carl.panzera@gmail.com

# IN MEMORIAM

**Maryann Tomko, 84,** aunt of parishioner Ron Iarkowski and sister-in-law of Marge Iarkowski, died on August 25.

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

# CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

The CCD season officially gets under way this Sunday. All classes will meet via Zoom this week and in person after that. The theme for Catechetical Sunday is "Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed." The theme for our kickoff Zoom sessions is the Year of St. Joseph. A big shout out to all our catechists who volunteer so many hours, not only in the classroom, but behind the scenes preparing for classes. Thank you to the many other volunteers who support and assist our teachers. BRAVO!

Please say a prayer for them and their students.



# SAGES ACTIVITIES

**Picnic Luncheons** Monday, September 20. - Full. Next picnic October 4. Registration Required. Toning Thursdays. 10am INDOORS in the Parish Hall. NO RSVP, just come. Painting class: Monday, September 27 at 2pm Under the tent. Only 4 spots open. Registration required, Medicare Seminar: Tuesday, October 5th. Learn about the coverage options for 2022. Details to follow. General Information: To learn more about SAGES and all options for our over-55 parishioners, visit our website at SAGES Senior Ministry http://sjmillstone.com/sages For more info contact AnnaMaria at 908-874-2141 e3xt 240 or arealbuto@stjosephsparish.com



**LAUNDRY SOAP** – Our friends at Feeding Hands Pantry in Raritan have asked us to help them satisfy the overwhelming demand for laundry soap. Bins are set up in the Memorial Hallway for your donations. Thanks!

# September 19, 2021



# 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...

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

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



# 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BLUE MASS for LAW ENFORCEMENT

Wednesday, September 29 – 10:30AM Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, patron saint of police officers Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate this mass with local, county, state and federal law enforcement officials. We will honor and pray for those law enforcement officials of all faiths, who live and work in the Diocese of Metuchen.. All are welcome to attend. More information is available on the diocesan website: www.diometuchen.org/bluemass.

## LIFE CHOICES ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE

Saturday, October 23, 2021 9AM- 12 Noon Rain or Shine Merrill Park, Iselin, NJ

Students are invited to be there and help support LIFE. The Walk raises money and awareness of the services Life Choices provides to families in crisis. (Visit www.lifechoicesrc.com for more information on the FREE services offered.) Interested students can support LIFE by walking and/or helping with the event's Funtivities. Students can obtain 3 or more service hours for confirmation or community hours by participating!

• The Walk for Life is a family event! • There are no distance or time requirements. Walk as little or as far as you like! • DJ, games, refreshments and hearty snacks for the duration of the event. Walkers can complete the Registration portion of the Pledge Form and bring it to the event, along with any donations from sponsors. OR complete the online registration at https://lifechoicesrc.com/walk-for-life-2021, where you can form a team and send out a link to ask others to sponsor you.

Helpers can call 732-516-0911 or email Christine at lifechoices@optonline.net to sign-up for helping with the Funtivities.

Contact Jim Jungels for more info.

## CHAMPIONS FOR CATHOLIC CHARIITIES Virtual Gala Thursday, October 28 ~ 7:00 PM

In place of the traditional dinner, our **2021 Champions for Catholic Charities** will again be celebrated through a *Virtual Gala*—a pre-recorded video scheduled to premiere on Thursday, October 28th at 7:00 p.m. There is no fee to join the celebration and viewers will have the opportunity to hear testimonials from a few of the people whose lives have been transformed by Catholic Charities. We rely upon the generosity of our faithful supporters so that we can together fulfill the mission of Catholic Charities.

For donations, sponsorship opportunities and links to the October 28th Virtual Gala premiere, go to <u>www.diometuchen.org/champions</u>. Questions may be directed by email to <u>champions@diometu-</u> <u>chen.org</u> or by phone to 732-562-2432

### Sunday, Sep 19, 2021

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Let the Good News resound

Religion is often reduced to its most visible aspect: Sunday worship. But the church's ministry includes service, evangelization, healing, and teaching. On Catechetical Sunday we celebrate our mutual call to educate and instruct. "Catechize" means to echo or resound. Saint Paul once modeled for the Corinthians this task of "re-sounding" the Good News when he wrote: "I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you." Does your Catholic faith steer you when making decisions and weighing values? Does it bring consolation? Does it challenge you to sacrifice? Echo these riches to those you love.

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16—4:3; Mark 9:30-37 (134). *"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me."* 

### Monday, Sep 20, 2021

MEMORIAL OF ANDREW KIM TAE-GÖN, PRIEST, AND PAUL CHÖNG HA-SANG, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

### Sound the depths of your faith

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, the first native-born Korean priest and patron saint of Korea. He was one of an estimated 10,000 who were martyred for their Christian faith in Korea in the 19th century. The theme of the bicentenary celebration is "Are you Catholic?" because Andrew's "yes" to that question during interrogation cost him his life. The bishop of the Korean city of Daejeon said the theme "calls us to reflect seriously on our identity and our consistency as Catholics." Take this opportunity to consider what your Catholic identity means to you.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18 (449). "No one who lights a lamp conceals it with a vessel or sets it under a bed."

### Tuesday, Sep 21, 2021

FEAST OF MATTHEW, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST

### Let peace begin with me

The United Nations designates today as the International Day of Peace. It's also the feast of Saint Matthew—the evangelist whose list of Beatitudes includes the words "blessed are the peacemakers." According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the "Beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus' preaching." They "shed light on the actions and attitudes characteristic of the Christian life" and are the "paradoxical promises that sustain hope in the midst of tribulations." Matthew must have experienced such tribulations when he, as a hated tax collector, joined the other apostles. Be a peacemaker today, especially among people you're nearest to.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13 (643). "I desire mercy, not sacrifice."

### Wednesday, Sep 22, 2021

#### Share the wealth

Power sharing and collaborative ministry are thorny questions within church circles and many faith communities. Jesus can be our model and our guide, in this as in all questions. When he sent the apostles out he did so in pairs and "gave them power and authority." Add it up and it equals shared, collaborative ministry. Those who are sure of their own authority are able to share it freely and without fear. More ministries and leadership positions will open up in the church when those with power learn to trust the faith community the way Jesus did.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6 (451). "He sent them to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick."

### Thursday, Sep 23, 2021

MEMORIAL OF PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST

### Be an everyday mystic

In a secular world that prizes material possessions, the mystical aspect of the church can captivate. Saint Padre Pio (1887-1968) certainly drew attention for his mystical attributes. A relatively obscure Italian Capuchin priest, he gained fame for reportedly displaying the wounds of Christ, called stigmata, and for his insightful (some called it psychic) abilities as a confessor. He spent up to 10 hours a day with people who sought guidance and forgiveness in Confession. Only a few of us become mystics, but all can seek holiness and insight. Today meditate and act on the path to holiness that God has placed before you.

TODAY'S READINGS: Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9 (452). "Herod said, 'John I beheaded. Who then is this about whom I hear such things?"

### Friday, Sep 24, 2021

#### Grounded in a sense of belonging

In our Western mindset, we often think of land as "property," owned and available for human use. But if we hope to stem climate change, we need to realize it's really the other way around. The land doesn't belong to us; we belong to the land. Writes Pope Francis in his encyclical on caring for creation, *Laudato Si':* "Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change. We lack an awareness of our common origin, of our mutual belonging, and of a future to be shared with everyone." How will you commit to the care of this land that sustains us in so many ways?

TODAY'S READINGS: Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22 (453). "In this place I will give you peace."

### Saturday, Sep 25, 2021

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

#### Ripe with possibilities

Jesus was born to Mary "in the fullness of time," as one scripture passage puts it. This rich metaphor of time ripening rings true to human experience. Think of the blessings in your own life, and how they have developed often from small beginnings or mere glimmers of hope: deep and lasting relationships, hard-earned insights, lifelong achievements and legacies. Good things take time, patience, perseverance, courage, and perhaps most of all, trust. Think of Mary's journey of trust in response to God's call, and make it your own. And may the blessings in your own life ripen in the fullness of time!

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45 (454). "Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion! See, I am coming to dwell among you, says the LORD."



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

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