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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-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

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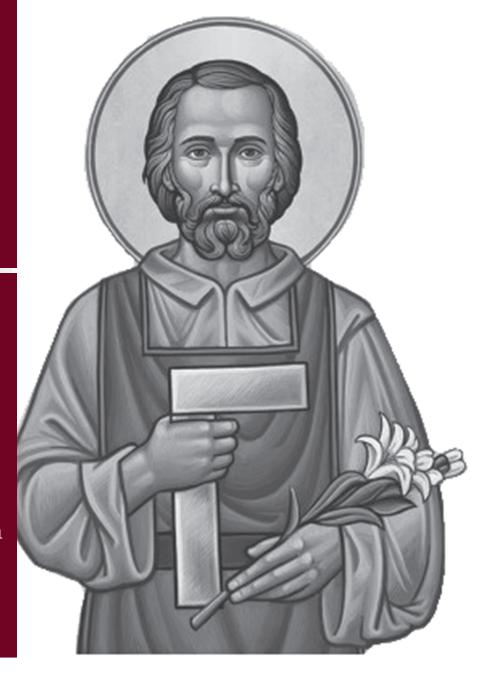
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon.. 8:35AM People of the Parish Tue. 8:35 AM Charles Kelman, Sr.

R/B MaryAnn Baranowski & Bobby Jr.

8:35AM Philip V. Russo

R/B Phil & Freda Russo

8:35AM Joe Dockery

R/B Jamie Hilton

Wed.. 8:35AM Janeen Mahajan

R/B Cusak Family

Thur. 8:35AM Peg Yourkowski

R/B Lois & Ed Jerzewski

Fri.. 8:35AM Doris Maney

R/B Colleen Mullens

8:35AM Eleanor Marshall

R/B Judy Hancock

Sat. 4:45PM Marie Looney

R/B Carol & Anthony Guidotti

4:45 PM Robert McDevitt

R/B Laurie & Bob Ferretti

Sun. 8:00AM People of the Parish

9:30AM Victims of 9-11 9:30AM Mary Campion

R/B Garr Stephenson

9:30AM John & Loretta Witt

R/B Witt Family

11:30AM Emily Forzano

R/B Walter & Florence Bercarich

The Sunday 6:00 PM Mass will resume on September 18.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-32



The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day.

Have a safe, happy and well-deserved holiday!



Dear All, Christ's Peace!

THE PAVILION

The pandemic has exposed our impressive affection for outdoor activities. Even as COVID wanes, thank God, we still like to gather outside. Attendance at outdoor Masses remains very strong. Many ministries prefer to hold their meetings under the tent. Our SAGES croupiers have learned how to deal in the breeze. Youth Ministry makes exceptional use of the tent and some of Becca's Friends' best events have taken place there. Our "O Holy Nights" events, which are fully outdoors, center in the tent space, even though our insurance policy requires us to leave the top off from mid-November until mid-April. We love the outdoors.

The tent has been a major blessing for these pandemic years. It has truly changed parish life and we are in debt to those who provided it. But the tent has a limited lifespan. And the tent would get even more use if it were larger, had better lights and power, and could stay up all year.

The pavilion, as currently envisioned, will do everything we want the tent to do. It will last, God willing, for a century or more. It will be 30 percent bigger than the tent, will be useable 12 months of the year, will have all the outlets we could need and, we hope, a huge fireplace to ground winter activities.

The pavilion promises to enrich our shared prayer, our efforts to console and challenge one another, and our experience of community. It promises to help us grow as priests, prophets, and monarchs.

Your generous contributions to the weekend collection baskets will NOT finance the project. Restricted gifts will pay for the pavilion. People who are very enthusiastic about the project have already donated about \$100,000. Others have pledged an additional \$90,000. The project is likely to cost a little more than \$300,000 and we will not start until we have all the money we need to pay for it. There will be no credit, financing, or loans. Once it is built, the operations budget will pay for the upkeep. But since there is no HVAC or plumbing, and since it will be a minimalist structure, the upkeep expenses should be quite low.

If the diocese approves our petition, and if our contractors can secure the materials, we should be able to break ground next spring. (NB – The vendors we have contacted warn us of a six-month waiting period.) The pavilion will be located between the parish offices and the rectory driveway.

Please let me know if you have any questions, concerns, or recommendations.

Fr Hank

September 4, 2022

POOR BOX

September 4 – 18 – Saint Francis Inn

Your generous donations will support **The Saint Francis Inn** which has been serving meals to the neediest individuals and families in Philadelphia since 1979. They rely on the generosity of churches and individuals to donate food so that daily meals can be served. Volunteers from our Parish travel several times a year to help cook, serve, and clean on the Mission of Mercy. This is where the iced tea and lemonade is delivered.

OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER Feeding Hands Pantry

Our good friend and neighbor, Feeding Hands Pantry, needs a few muscle people. You have to be able to lift 50 pounds. They need help on three Fridays, September 9, 16 and 23, from 8:00 to 11:00 am. Feeding Hands is on Route 22 in Bridgewater. Questions? Email Theresa D'Auria at tdauria19@gmail.com

Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry in Perth Amboy

The pantry, one of our newest apostolic BFFs, needs a few helpers to sort and bag groceries. We have increased our parish commitment from one to two Saturday mornings each month. Email Terry Lee at terrytulee25@gmail.com

HOLY CHOW

The wheels on the truck start to roll on September 13. AND the BIG unveiling will be at the parish picnic. For September, the steering committee will provide the food.

BIBLE STUDIES Women's Bible Study

Learn more about "Walking with Purpose", our terrifically blessed bible study for women. Come to one of the open houses. The first is on Monday, September 26, at 7:00 pm. The other is Tuesday, September 27, 9:15 am. Both meetings are in the Parish Hall. Questions? Email Suzanne Kral skral@sjmillstone.com

Men's Bible Study

Email Fr. Hank if you might be willing to wade into this very spirited adventure in scripture. This year we are going through all of Matthew's Gospel. We have space for about ten more guys, maybe fifteen. The sessions are via Zoom on Wednesday evenings, starting October 5. Actually, it is a fantastic bunch of guys who have a great desire to know Jesus more



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Immediately after the 4:45 PM, 9:30 AM, and 11:30 AM Masses

September 10 & 11

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



MORNING OF WELLNESS FOR ALL CAREGIVERS

Saturday, September 24, 9 AM - 1 PM

Sponsored by the Ministry to Caregivers, the theme of this event is "Put on Your Oxygen Mask First." Self-care sessions for the mind, the body, and the soul will be offered. Additionally, a complimentary lunch will be served. To register, email mtc@sjmillstone.com prior to September 20th.

Save the Date



MORRIS MUSIC MEN:

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The church will serve as a backup venue.

ALL ARE WELCOME and no registration mis required.

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 stjoebulletin@yahoo.com. Thank You

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You're Invited! Bishop Bootkoski's Silver Jubilee of Episcopal Ordination

On September fifth, our Bishop Emeritus, Bishop Paul Bootkoski, will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of his Episcopal Ordination. Bishop Bootkoski was the shepherd of our diocese for 14 years and is still offers his priestly ministry to our parishes. All are invited to celebrate with the Bishop a Mass of Thanksgiving for this special milestone on Sunday, September 11th, at 4:00 pm at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen.



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY September 18, 2022

Every year since 1935, on the third Sunday of September. the Church acknowledges and honors the dedication of the catechists in the parish community who work to share and teach their faith to our children. It is also a time to honor families and all who are committed to sharing their faith. This year the theme of Catechetical Sunday is "This is my Body given for you." This year's theme highlights the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

A big THANK YOU to all our catechists, volunteers. families and staff who work so hard for our CCD program!

988 Mental Health Hotline Now Live

If you are struggling with thoughts of suicide or experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis, **call or text 988** to be connected to trained crisis counselors who will listen to your concerns, provide support, and get you additional help if needed.

SAGES ACTIVITIES

Monday Funday: Luncheons and games return on September 19 at 12:00.

Tuesday Topics with Fr Hank: A 3-part series on economics basics you will be glad you understand. Classes will be held on Tuesdays – September 13, 20, and 27 at 11:15 in the Parish Hall.

Toning Thursdays: Begins with Lea on September 8 at 10:00AM.

Retreat: A 1-day retreat at the San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, NJ on Monday, October 3.

General Information: http://sjmillstone.com/sages
For more info or to register for an event contact AnnaMaria at 908-874-3141 ext 240 or arealbuto@stjosephsparish.com

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 14 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 via email at emailingsacredheartigi@gmail.com.

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In-person FREE classes begin Sunday, September 18, at 1:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Each class is approximately 1 hour 20 minutes. There are nine classes, taking place every Sunday through November 20 (no class November 13).

Email fpu@stjosephsparish.com to register or come a little early and sign up in person on September 18. You can also scan the QR code below to register





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 - Photobooth Before or after your face is painted?

Sunday, Sep 04, 2022

Value life above all

What does it mean to renounce possessions? Monastic tradition recognizes that even owning a spoon is spiritually dangerous if the spoon possesses us back. Most of us own far more than utensils. We might consider the example of Lutheran humanitarian Dr. Albert Schweitzer. He wasn't a perfect man nor a flawless theologian. Schweitzer got a lot wrong about his medical mission in Africa. But he got one thing very right: Reverence for life is paramount, and society's resources should serve life as its primary ethical foundation. Place your worldly treasure at the service of life.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 9:13-18b; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33 (129). "Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

Monday, Sep 05, 2022

Home is where the charity is

Today's commemoration of International Day of Charity got its start in Hungary to memorialize the death of Saint Mother Teresa (who died in 1997); the United Nations took it worldwide in 2012. The Missionaries of Charity, the order Mother Teresa founded with 12 members in 1950, continue her legacy by serving the "poorest of the poor." Now in 139 countries, the more than 5,000 sisters run orphanages and homes for those dying of AIDS, and care for refugees, the blind, disabled, aged, alcoholics, the poor and homeless, and victims of floods, epidemics, and famine. Despite the breadth of these efforts, Mother Teresa always said, "Love begins at home." Start your charitable activity there and watch where it takes you.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11 (437). "I ask you, is it lawful to do good on the sabbath rather than to do evil, to save life rather than to destroy it?"

Tuesday, Sep 06, 2022

Let the children come

With Labor Day ending the summer, today is the first day of classes for millions of U.S. schoolchildren. Christian fantasy writer Madeleine L'Engle—who died on this day in 2007—once made a keen observation, which is helpful as children's faith formation classes begin anew: "No wonder our youth [are] confused and in pain; they long for God, for the transcendent, and they are offered, far too often, either piosity or sociology, neither of which meets their needs." They encounter churches "which have become buildings that are a safe place to go to escape the awful [awesome] demands of God." Pray for parish religious ed programs today.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Luke 6:12-19 (438). "Everyone in the crowd sought to touch him."

Wednesday, Sep 07, 2022

Honor those who preserved the treasure

On this day in 1303, Pope Boniface VIII was attacked in his hometown of Anagni, Italy, where he was sought out for his refusal to grant favors to the French monarchy. He briefly escaped with the help of the townsfolk, but died three weeks later in Rome, refusing to back down in the face of the monarch's attempts to

control the church. Pray for all those who have faced persecution and even death so that we could worship freely and without fear.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26 (439). "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man."

Thursday, Sep 08, 2022

Born free

Catholics have dozens of ways to honor Mary, and today's celebration of her birth fits into that larger picture of love and reverence. Today's date is nine months after the December 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception and is also meant to celebrate Mary's sinless condition from her very beginning. Today's feast day tends to fly below the radar in the U.S. church, but in Mangalore, India, Catholics hold flower-festooned processions, pray novenas, and prepare festive meals. It's a good day anywhere to consider Mary's radical embrace of her calling and ask her help to do the same in our lives.

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF MARY TODAY'S READINGS: Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 (636). "She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

Friday, Sep 09, 2022

Check for blind spots

Saint Peter Claver, S.J. (1580-1654) spent most of his life in Cartagena, Columbia ministering to enslaved people arriving at the ports. He left a lasting legacy that inspired the formation of the Knights of Peter Claver, the largest African-American Catholic fraternal order in the United States; the Apostles of the Sea, who continue to minister to seafarers around the world; and the Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver, who serve the poor, particularly in Africa. However, like any of us—even saints—Peter had his blind spots. Though he worked tirelessly to serve those arriving in shackles, he himself enslaved people. Many Catholics at the time spoke out against slavery; Peter did not, nor did the majority of the Catholic hierarchy. Enlightenment takes time. Like Peter Claver, show compassion as you strive for clearer vision.

MEMORIAL OF PETER CLAVER, JESUIT PRIEST TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27; Luke 6:39-42 (441). "Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?"

Saturday, Sep 10, 2022

Help the pain

Since 2003, World Suicide Prevention Day has been observed by dozens of countries. Hosted by the International Association for Suicide Prevention, the World Federation for Mental Health, and the World Health Organization, today is marked by activities designed to make people aware of the human cost of suicide and the means of prevention. For instance, by some estimates, 22 American service veterans take their own lives every day. We've got to do everything in our power to help these souls who have been so damaged by the horror of war. Check with your local VA to see how you can help.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Luke 6:43-49 (442). "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' but not do what I command?"

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



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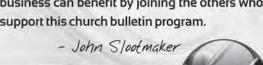




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