# MAY 7, 2023

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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 he	ld outdoors. Attende <mark>es</mark>
remain in their car c	ind tune into FM 88.7.)

### Weekend Masses:

Saturday	4:45 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM
(Enhanc	ed-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 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

Priests

Prophets





#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

M – F	8:00AM The Rosary is prayed before Mass.
Mon.	8:35AM Brian & Kevin Canavan
	R/B Ginny Jackson
	8:35AM Marie McQuade
	R/B Sandy Viola & Family
	8:35AM Linda Sterphone
	R/B Sterphone Family
Tue.	8:35AM Russell Matis
	R/B Paulette Matis
	8:35AM Albert Garlatti
	R/B AI Garlatti
	8:35AM Christopher Blum
	R/B Jim & Florence Blum
Wed.	8:35AM Margaret Madeo
	R/B Kolomatis Family
	8:35AM Mary Sweeney
	R/B Dottie & George Lukazik
Thu.	8:35AM Florence Longo
	R/B Jeanine Cavanagh
	8:35AM Mary larkowski
	R/B. Marge larkowski
	8:35AM Carol Jorgensen
	R/B Jim & Jeanine Cavanagh
Fri.	8:35AM Claire Backus
	R/B Cathy & Dennis Hammer
	8:35AM Jackie Wisbeski
	R/B Ginny & Bill Houle
	8:35AM Ronald Dobies
<b>•</b> •	R/B Tabernero Family
Sat.	4:45AM All Deceased Mothers of All Parishioners
Sun.	8:00AM All Parishioners Who Are Mothers
Sun.	9:30AM All Living Mothers of Parishioners
	9:30AM People of the Parish 11:30AM All Parishioners Who Are Mothers

#### WEDNESDAY COMMUNION SERVICE 10:00 AM PARKING LOT

#### **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Peter 2:15-18 John 14:15-21



## HEALING PRAYER in PERSON in CHURCH

# Next Weekend, May 13 & 14

Immediately after the 4:45 PM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses For more Information: Ann Smith at 908-285-6481 All conversations and prayer requests are confidential.



Dear All, Christ's Peace! BIG thanks to the dozens of parishioners who turned out for Cleanup Day. GREAT work.

Great blessings for all who have recently been confirmed and made their First Communions and similar blessings for the 100 or so young parishioners who are about to experience new sacramental graces.

Laurie Ferretti – Last weekend marked the conclusion of Laurie Ferretti's ten years of music ministry at Saint Joe's. God has used Laurie in conspicuous ways to help us pray, and the parish is better off because of Laurie's ministry. Please join me in thanking Laurie and in extending very best blessings.

Next Saturday's Ordination: Joe Ho Will Be a Deacon – Joe Ho, "our" seminarian since last summer, will be ordained a deacon next Saturday, May 13, at 10:30 am at the Metuchen Cathedral. All are invited. And then He Will Preach! – Deacon Joe will, for the

first time, serve as a deacon and preach at the 9:30 Mass on Sunday, May 14. We will have extra good donuts after that Mass – to celebrate our mothers on Mothers' Day, and to honor our brand-new deacon.

**Church Children** – I said it before and am happy to say it again. We have terrifically well-behaved children. Extra kudos to families who have really worked on getting kids to stay still and focused during the consecration. Your efforts are a gift to everyone in church, in many ways. God bless you, parents!

**Caregivers Mass and Luncheon** – Do you provide care for a loved one or professionally? Join other caregivers for Mass then lunch on Saturday, May 27 at 11:00 am. Please register at <u>mtc@sjmillstone.com</u>

**Pavilion** – If you would like to support the pavilion project, please take one of the blue envelopes from the pavilion table in the Gathering Space, enclose a donation, and put the envelope in a collection basket. Thanks in advance for providing your name and address. If you would like to donate online, please take an instruction sheet from the same table. And remember, every gift given between now and June 1 will be matched, 1:1 by an anonymous donor.

With all best blessings and continued gratitude,

### Father Hank

### Sunday, May 21, 2023

**The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord** The Feast of the Ascension (formerly Ascension Thursday) has been transferred from the Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter to the Seventh Sunday in Easter, which went into effect as of last Easter season (2022).

# JOB OPENING PARISH CATECHETICAL LEADER

Saint Joseph Parish is seeking a Parish Catechetical Leader (PCL) who is caring, engaging, organized, and passionate about passing on the Catholic faith. Our active parish community strives to create a welcoming environment for all who seek to deepen their faith. In this role, you will partner with parish families, staff, and ministries to oversee the planning, evaluation, and management of religious education and faith formation for children in grades 1-8. You will also provide support for adult religious education and formation initiatives, including the OCIA program. If you're interested in this opportunity, visit http://sjmillstone.com/employment for more information. Submit your resume and cover letter to bobf@simillstone.com. We can't wait to hear from you! The ideal candidate will have a Bachelor's degree in a related field; Master's degree desired. Training and experience in religious education, program development, catechist development, program review, budget management, and administration.



The Knights of Columbus and The Respect Life Ministry are conducting a

# Novena for Life from May 15 to 23.

The Novena prayers may be found on the Moses Table.



**Formerly** *IHN, is* a proven and effective way for religious communities to offer shelter, meals, and assistance to homeless families. While our Parish was planning to host here at Saint Joe's the week of May 21-27, 2023, we will only be providing meals. There is only one family presently in the program and we will be hosting them at the hotel our assigned week. If you would like to assist by making a meal, please click on Signup Genius here <u>https://www.signupge-</u>



## **BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER**

The Knights of Columbus and The Respect Life Ministry are conducting a Baby Bottle Fundraiser for The Center for Great Expectation on the weekends of May 14 and 21. The bottles, with donations, should be returned on the weekends of May 28 and June 4. Thank You. . If you wish, you may make a direct credit card payment to The Center for Great Expectations following this link. http://weblink.donorperfect.com/StJoesBBB

# MAY CRIB COLLECTION

The collection crib is in the Gathering Space. Please consider donating some of the goods that new moms need most – especially bottles, diapers, baby wipes, toiletries, baby formula, and layettes. Gently used clothing is welcomed for children up to age five. Our volunteers have been enjoying sorting and distributing these wonderful items to those moms in most need.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is starting to line volunteers up for our summer Food Pantry workdays. If you are interested in volunteering, you can sign up on this google form: https://rb.gy/h0ieb **or** contact Terry Lee at <u>terrytulee25@gmail.com</u>.



**Monday Funday** – May 8. Lunch is at Noon followed by games and Line Dancing led by Georgeanne. Please register with AnnaMaria

**Exercise** – Join us Thursdays at 10:00 for SALSA DANCE classes.. No experience is necessary and options for sitting, holding the chair or standing are available.

Info: Email AnnaMaria at arealbuto@sjmillstone.com You can also call her at 908-864-0334.

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## 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 May 10 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 <u>sacredheartigi@gmail.com</u>

#### Average Weekly Collection for the Month March 2023 \$22,525

March 2023	\$22,525
March 2022	\$23,634
March 2021	\$22.029
March 2020	\$15,665

March 2023 Goal \$22,200 % of Goal 101%



Join us for a night of laughter, competition, and fundraising at our Trivia Night on Saturday, May 20. Not a trivia buff? This night is all about having a good time. Decorate your table with our "sitcoms" theme for a chance to win big! All proceeds will go towards providing scholarships for parish teens to go on a life-changing service trip.

See parish webpage for complete details or to sign up.

Interested in a girls' night out?

Why don't you join Catholic Daughters of Court Regina Coeli, #940 at one of our upcoming events on May 17 or June 21?

We are members of Catholic Daughters of the Americas and meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at St. John the Evangelist in Dunellen NJ. Our motto is **Unity and Charity** and we give back to our community through charitable works like: Habitat for Humanity, Scholarships, Great Expectations, Bottles for Babies, Seminarian support, and Catholic Outreach Box of Joy to name a few. Please consider attending our May 17 @ 7PM "Pound Auction" or our June 21 @ 6:30PM "Pot Luck & Costume Jewelry Exchange". If you would like more information please email <u>reginacoeli940@gmail.com</u> or check out our Facebook page <u>https://www.facebook.com/reginaco-</u> eli940CDA. We look forward to hearing from you!"

## Mass & Rally for Life in Trenton Save-the-date: June 24, 2023

To mark the first anniversary of the *Dobbs* decision which overturned *Roe v. Wade*, there will be a Mass & Rally for Life in Trenton on Saturday, June 24, 2023. The Diocese of Metuchen will be running a bus from the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway. Mass will be at 9:30 am at St. Mary of the Assumption in Trenton and the Rally will begin at 11 am at the Statehouse. For more information, call Angela at 732-562-1543.

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#### RETREAT for Adult Children of Divorce or Separation June 3, 2023

The Life-Giving Wounds retreat is a unique opportunity for young adults (18+) and adults with divorced or separated parents to reflect intentionally on the wounds caused by their family's breakdown, together with others who know this pain and are knowledgeable, compassionate retreat leaders.

When: June 3, 2023 from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Where: The Shrine of St. Joseph, 1050 Long Hill Rd, Stirling, NJ General Admission is \$75.00, Student Admission is \$25.00. To register visit: www.diometuchen.org/familylife If you have any questions, please contact: <u>cdaverso@diometuchen.org</u> or amarshall@diometuchen.org

## Mount St. Mary House of Prayer Upcoming programs

Information and Registration for all Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer offerings can be found on their website: <u>www.msmhope.org</u>. You may also call at 908-753-2091 or email at <u>msmhope@msmhope.org</u>. Registration for all offerings is required 10 days in advance to avoid the program being cancelled. You can register and pay for any program at <u>www.msmhope.org</u>.

#### Wednesday, May 10, 7-9 p.m. HYBRID MENTAL HEALTH AND SPIRITUAL WELLBEING: It Is Well With My Soul

Is it well with your soul? How would you answer that question? The challenges we face in life can make it hard to say yes. This workshop will consider what factors lead us toward or away from wellness. Those who attend will learn: to identify causes and symptoms of depression and anxiety, what scripture has to say about mental wellness, and consider how our relationship with God can lead to say, "It is well with my soul." (\$20-\$30 as you are able)

### 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

## CATHEDRAL CONCERTS

St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral, Metuchen



# The Philippine Madrigal Singers Sunday, May 14, 2023 at 4 PM

A benefit concert featuring the world-renowned choral as it serenades the audience with music of celebration, thanksgiving, and love on this special Mother's Day. Your attendance and generosity will support the vital programs of the Diocese of Metuchen Filipino Apostolate (DMFA), St. Francis Cathedral of Filipino Americans (SFCCFA), and the National Association of Filipino Priests - USA (NAFP). Tickets are \$45 General Admission; \$100 (Limited) Preferred Seats w/ Meet and Greet.

To Purchase Tickets Online: <u>https://dmfa.tick-etspice.com/2023madz</u> or call JoJo at 732-742-1854

## MOZART FESTIVAL Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 7 PM

Come and hear the brand-new St. Francis Chamber Orchestra under the baton of Maestro Christopher M.C. Deibert perform Mozart's Symphony #40, Symphony #41 plus his Bassoon Concerto in B-flat featuring bassoonist Timora Thurston.

\$20. suggested donation.



## **EUCHARISTIC ADORERS WANTED**

Please consider promoting this important apostolate in your parishes. Now that the pandemic is over, Bishop Checchio would like to offer Eucharistic adoration at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Monday through Friday, from 9:00-11:45 a.m. As St. Pope John Paul II noted. "The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic adoration." Anyone who is interested in signing up should contact Angela Marshall at <u>amarshall@diometuchen.org</u>

#### Sunday, May 07, 2023

#### Appointed to the task

We see them in some of our parishes standing near the presider at Mass: men dressed sort of like priests but with a diagonal or odd-looking stole. What are deacons for, we may wonder? Deacons assist priests in visiting the sick and provide service in the parish community. They can preach, witness marriages, perform Baptisms, and preside at funeral services outside of Mass. While they're ordained clergy, they may also be married and serve without pay. The permanent diaconate is a special call for those "filled with the Spirit and wisdom." Know someone who fits this description? Encourage him to apply.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12 (52). "Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task."

#### Monday, May 08, 2023

#### Sanctity can't be rushed

Of the approximately 10,000 canonized saints, there are only 11 from the United States, and only three of those were U.S.-born. Of course, part of the reason is that the United States is a relatively young country. Give it time, Blessed Teresa Demjanovich would likely say, because she believed her calling was to remind everyone that they are called, regardless of vocation, to be a saint. Born in New Jersey in 1901, Demjanovich is one of a growing list of American candidates for sainthood and the first to be beatified on American soil. She was a Sister of Charity for only two years before dying at the age of 26. Take to heart her message that everyone is called to a life of holiness and aspire to join her on that list.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26 (285). "We will come to him and make our dwelling with him."

#### Tuesday, May 09, 2023

#### Advantage from adversity

On this day in 328, 30-year-old Saint Athanasius was elected the new bishop of Alexandria. If that seems young, it was. Even though he helped win the day at the Council of Nicea—taking on Arius and others who denied Christ's full divinity—his elevation as bishop instigated years of struggle with political and ecclesial foes. At issue: Athanasius' stubborn refusal to water down anything in the Nicene Creed. Thus, in the 45 years Athanasius served as bishop, he was exiled a total of five times, 17 years in all. May Athanasius provide a lesson for us all about turning adversity into advantage. While in exile, he did much writing—including a definitive biography of Saint Anthony that would influence other future saints, including Augustine.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a (286). *"It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God."* 

#### Wednesday, May 10, 2023

#### A mighty pen

On this day in 1990 the famed Southern writer Walker Percy died, one of the clarion voices of reason in the troubled climate of his day. He lived through Jim Crow, being born near the height of it, and wrote with the power of his deep Catholic faith to issues of the day. A graduate of medical school, Percy would in the end become one who probed minds and hearts with the pen—including his own. He famously said, "A fine writer's thoughtful analysis of his own trials and errors is valuable indeed." May we emulate his admirable introspection.

#### EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8 (287). "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing."

#### Thursday, May 11, 2023

#### Rejoice and be glad!

Doesn't everyone seek a bit of joy? Jesus tells his disciples, "Remain in my love ... so that ... your joy may be complete." Our tradition uplifts those who are joyful even amid setbacks. The concept of the Paschal Mystery points to resurrection—joy hidden in even the darkest times. Pope Francis often encourages church leaders to show some joy, and he reminds the faithful that God "created us because he wants us to be happy." Jesus' first miracle enabled wedding guests to drink wine and celebrate. Does your faith in God bring you joy? Let others see it.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11 (288). "I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete."

#### Friday, May 12, 2023

#### Here's to good friends

Saint Teresa of Ávila had a deep understanding of the value of friendship, not only with God but with one another. "What a great favor God does to those he places in the company of good people," she wisely wrote. Negative people can actually affect your well-being on every level: spiritually, mentally, emotionally and physically. Numerous studies conclude that surrounding yourself with good people boosts self-esteem, helps you bear stress and grief more effectively, encourages healthy behavior, and increases your chances for a longer and happier life. Your time is a valuable—and limited—resource. Surround yourself with friends and associates who will do you good. Then return the favor.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17 (289). "I have called you friends."

#### Saturday, May 13, 2023

#### Holy East and West

When's the last time you called a priest "Swami" instead of "Father"? If the priest was today's commemorative, Benedictine Father Bede Griffiths, you would be correct using the title. Griffiths (1906-93), a British-born priest, was sent to India in 1955 to establish a Benedictine monastery. There he studied Indian spirituality and incorporated into the monastery cultural elements of a Hindu ashram. He became known to his congregants as Swami Dayananda, a name that means "bliss of compassion." Watch a three-minute trailer of the film documentary of Father Bede's life and teaching, *A Human Search*.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21 (290). "Because you do not belong to the world, and I have chosen you out of the world, the world hates you."



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

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