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**Daily Mass:**

Monday-Saturday 8:35 AM

**Weekend Masses:**

Saturday 4:45 PM

Sunday 7:15 AM

9:30 AM

11:30 AM

6:00 PM

**Holiday Masses:**

Vigil 5:00 PM

Holiday 8:35 AM & 7:00 PM

**Confessions:**

Saturday 4 - 4:30 PM  
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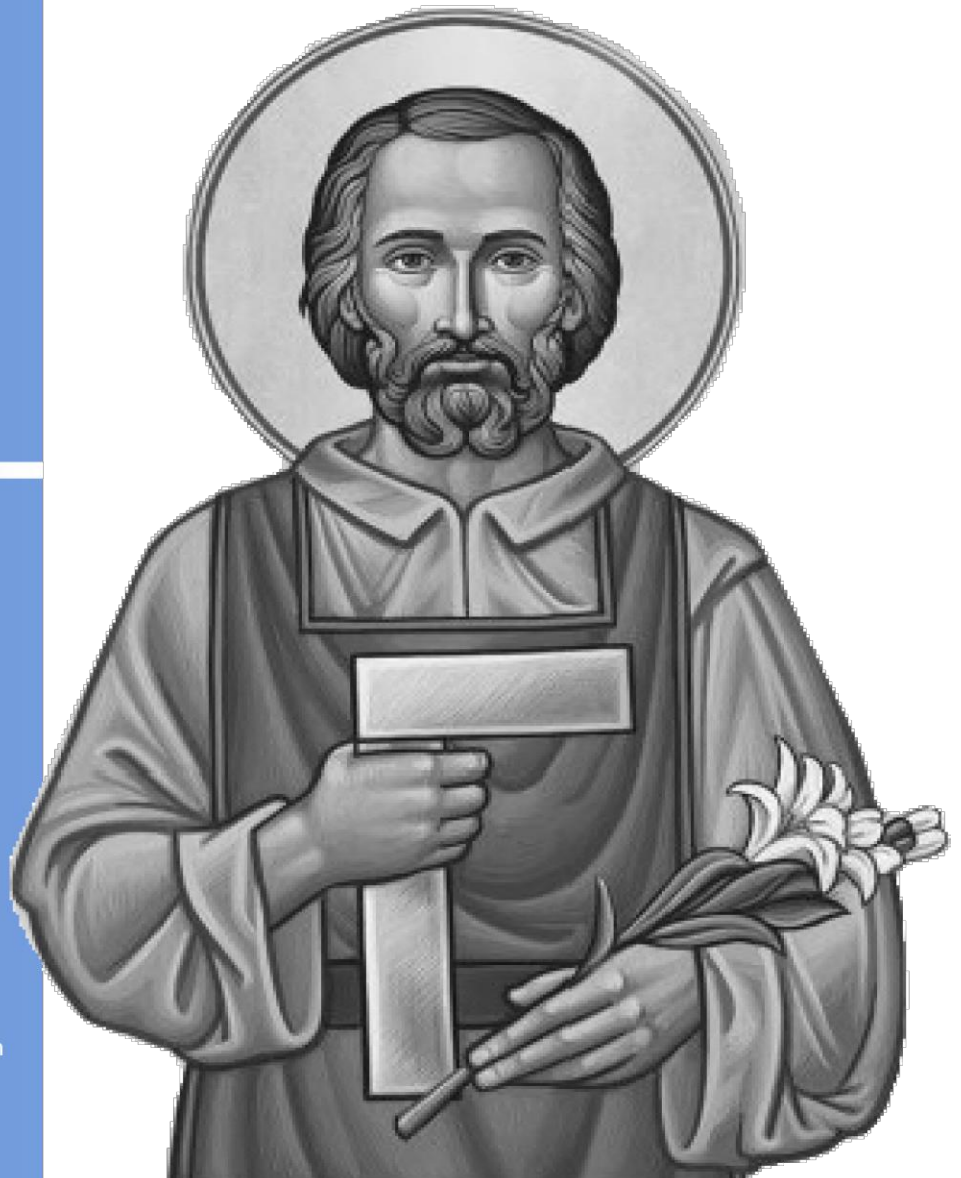
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For live streaming or archived Masses simply go to the parish web and click away.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

4:45 Mass will combine 4:45, 7:15 & 6:00 intentions.. 9:30 & 11:30 each has its own.,

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- Mon. 8:35AM Margaret Madeo.  
R/B Kolomatis Family
- Tue. 8:35AM Elenmarie B. Dunn  
R/B Siobhan Dunn
- 8:35AM Margaret Yuhasz  
R/B Cheryl Papa
- 8:35AM Antonio D'Amato  
R/B Dottie & George Lukazik
- Wed. 8:35AM Anthony Caruso  
R/B Dennis & Denise Sitarik

### **ASCENSION THURSDAY - Holyday**

- Wed. 5:00PM People of the Parish
- Thu 8:35AM People of the Parish  
7:00PM People of the Parish
- Fri. 8:35AM Debbie Rennie  
R/B Valone Family
- 8:35AM Antoinette LoGullo  
R/B Joseph LoGullo
- Sat. 4:45PM Rose & Anna Losquadro  
R/B Carol & Anthony Guidotti
- 4:45PM Debbie Rennie  
R/B Lois & Ed Jerzewski
- 4:45PM Angela Marchese  
R/B Religious Ed Advisory Council
- 9:30AM Janeen Mahajan  
R/B Mahajan Family
- 9:30 Margherita and Joe Vaccaro  
R/B Veronica Wronski
- 9:30AM People of the Parish
- 11:30AM Walter & Florence Bercarich  
50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
R/B Bercarich Family

### **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26  
I John 4:11-16  
John 17:11b-19

### **Fireside Psalms**

Thursday, May 13 Psalm 5 (Five)



**St. Joseph Parish**

## **Trivia Night**

**Friday, May 21, 2021, 6 PM**

**UNDER THE TENT**

**\$125 per table**

**(3-5 people)**

**(Adults 21+ Only)**

Trivia Night is sponsored by the St. Joseph Youth and Young Adult Ministries to raise money for the summer service trips.

**Doors open at 5:00 PM.**

This night is our big fundraiser for the year. Now is your chance to prove just how smart you really are. It's the opportunity you've been looking for to show off all that (useless) knowledge stored up in your brain.

There will be games and prizes throughout the night - with the big prizes going to the top table AND a special prize for the best-themed table. That's right, decorators - there is a prize meant JUST FOR YOU!!!

Special note for Covid-19: This year we will be only selling tables of 3-5 persons to allow you to come with persons in your 'bubble'. We will be selling a maximum of 18 tables.

Bring your own bottle and food. Decorate your table. Choose your friends wisely!

**Reserve your table** for \$125.

If you have any questions, please email [bobf@sjmillstone.com](mailto:bobf@sjmillstone.com).

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## *This Moment in Prayer, Service and Community*

Dear All: *Christ's Peace!*

## *This Moment in Prayer*

**Chris Blum's Funeral** – Please pray for Chris' parents, Jim and Florence, and for his sister, Laura. Please pray too for recent college grads and Chris' other peers for whom Chris' untimely death is particularly heart-shattering. Pandemic restrictions limit the number of seats at the funeral to 125. We will set up a few dozen chairs outside, weather permitting. As you think through your effort to pray with and for Chris and his family, please keep in mind that the funeral will be livestreamed – at 10 am on Tuesday morning.

**Survey** – Thank you in advance for completing the "Chapter III Survey." As we make our way from the second to the third chapters of our pandemic experience, we need your input. Our goal is, as always, to enable as many people as possible to receive the Body of Christ, regardless of their level of virus concern. Your input helps. If you have not already completed the survey, please do so. It takes four minutes to complete.

**11:30 Mass** – We are making great strides in our efforts to accommodate the wide variety of needs that parishioners have for safety. Thanks to all. The ushers are especially grateful and send three reminders:

**Communion** – The last shall be first . . . For the tent people, those in back go to Communion first and those in front follow. Please maintain social distance while in line. The car folks will receive after

the tent people. Thanks to the car folks for staying put until signaled to leave.

**The Collection** – The tent people should, when going to communion, put their envelopes in the baskets near the exits. Ushers will come to the car people during the announcements.

**Indicator Signs** – Thanks for making your indicator signs (General, In-Car, Close In) obnoxiously legible. Thanks too for holding them upright so the ushers can read them.

Thanks to everyone at the 11:30 for the esprit de corps. It makes a great difference.

**First Communions** – GREAT blessings for those youngsters who will be making their First Communions this weekend. You and your families, especially your grandparents, are a major blessing.

## *This Moment in Service*

**Enormous Thanks to all Cleanup Volunteers** – I apologize for falling down on the job last week. My word to the 75 folks who volunteered for cleanup day was inadequate. I hope each of you knows that the magic was not just in the "task-done" list. It was in the kindness and connections. Greatest thanks.

## *This Moment in Community*

**The Bishop's Annual Appeal** – The letters are in the mail. Thanks for doing what you can.

**Network Administrator Needed** – If you or someone you know has what it takes to keep our computer systems healthy, and would like to work 3-5 hours per week, please check out the job posting at <https://sjmillstone.com/employment>

**Becca's Friends** – The Becca's Friend gathering for this week has been switched from 11 to noon. Email Janet Pescinski [jpescinski@gmail.com](mailto:jpescinski@gmail.com) or Michelle Laffoon [mlaffoon@stjosephsparish.com](mailto:mlaffoon@stjosephsparish.com) to clarify. Thanks.

**SAGES** – We could fill this entire newsletter with information about SAGES' remarkable offerings. See the latest list of life-enhancers for our over 55 crowd on the next page.

**Trivia Night** – Get your team of 3-5 people together and show everyone how smart you are on Friday, May 21 from 6-9pm! Prizes for the top-scoring table, best-themed table, and more! Register your team at <http://sjmillstone.com/trivia>. This year's event will be held under the tent!

*With great blessings and great thanks,*

**Father Hank**

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## HEALING PRAYER

Healing Prayer invites anyone who is ill, facing surgery, hurting, anxious, burdened or worried to seek prayer for themselves or others. Jesus working through the minister will bring healing, glory and grace to your soul. God's love guides the ministers as they pray. All sessions are private & confidential.

Healing prayer requests can be not only for yourself but also for family and friends. Requests may cover healing of body, mind and spiritual issues.

Members of our Healing Prayer Ministry have created a virtual option and a phone option which is offered at 10:30AM after the 9:30 Sunday Mass and takes place every other weekend until we are back to normal.

**Sundays, May 9 & 23**

To participate in the virtual meeting, click on <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7692788835> and follow the directions. You can also engage the healing prayer over the phone by calling 1-929-205-6099 and then the ID number key in 769-278-8835#.



## SAGES ACTIVITIES

**Picnic Luncheons**

**Next one is Monday, May 17.**

**Healthy Bones:** Thursdays 11AM until June 3.

**Drums Alive,** Thursdays, 10AM (June 10-July 15)

For more info or to sign up contact

AnnaMaria at

908-874-3141, extension 240, or email her at

[arealbuto@stjosephsparish.com](mailto:arealbuto@stjosephsparish.com)

## IN MEMORIAM

**Sherry Diane Valko, 76,** mother of parishioner Stephanie Nolan, died on April 26.

**William Haid, 90,** father-in-law of parishioner Joanne Carey, died on May 1.

**Christopher Blum, 23,** son of parishioners James and Florence, died on May 2.

**Lillian D'Auria, 85,** mother of parishioner Paul (Theresa), died on May 3.

*Please pray for their eternal rest and for consolation for their families and for all who mourn their deaths.*



## LOOKING AHEAD

Our Parish Office of Religious Education is already looking ahead to the future and making plans for CCD classes beginning in September 2021. Dealing with all the precautions from the pandemic caused some setbacks this past year and we're hoping to do everything we can to be better prepared for the new school year.

*Do you love children?*

*Do you love your Faith?*

Here is an opportunity to share your Faith with children and WE NEED YOU to consider volunteering to be a CCD TEACHER.

Please contact Jim Jungels for more information.

## 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 12 and will be on Zoom. 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 emailing [sacredheartiqi@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartiqi@gmail.com)

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**PROGRAM OFFERING:**  
TBD if via Zoom or in house

## **PLANTING SEEDS OF GRACE**

**“God seeds grow into God.” - Meister Eckhart**

Anyone who has sown seeds knows that it is not only important to use viable seeds, but to sow in the right type of soil, to water and weed the seeds to grow, for the plant to flourish. We will explore these images using scripture and reflect on how we can prepare ourselves for The Seeds of Grace that The Sower continues to lavish upon us.

**Wednesday, May 19, 7-9 PM**

(\$20-\$30 as you are able)

Presenter: Mary Pollini

*Mary is a spiritual director who offers directed retreats and individual spiritual direction. She presents programs and days of reflection for her home parish in Whitestone, NY.*

To register or for more info, please contact Jody Richdale,, Administrative Assistant Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer 1651 US Hwy. 22, Watchung, NJ 07069 908-753-2091



***Come, Holy Spirit, Come!***

**Diocesan Pentecost Vigil**

**Saturday, May 22, beginning with 5 PM Mass**

Seeking to be renewed and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, the Diocese of Metuchen will again host a Pentecost Vigil, which will be held in person this year at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen and celebrated by Bishop James F. Checchio. All are invited to attend in person, though the Vigil Mass will also be livestreamed for those unable to be physically present. Following the Mass, all will be invited to remain in the Cathedral for prayer, worship and confession. There will also be an opportunity to hear many talks and witnesses throughout the evening. While the Pentecost Vigil will go from 5 PM until midnight, participants are welcome to come and leave at any time or to stay for the entire event. More information and the full schedule can be found by visiting [www.lightingheartsonfire.org](http://www.lightingheartsonfire.org).

## **JOB OPENING:**

**Administrative Assistant - Jamesburg, NJ –  
Office of Cemeteries**

Presently, the Diocese of Metuchen is seeking an Administrative Assistant who will be responsible for completing the administrative tasks for the Cemetery Office operations. This position reports to the Director of Cemeteries; primary duties and responsibilities include the following:

- Analyzes and organizes office operations and procedures such as bookkeeping, information management, filing systems, requisition of supplies and other functions.
- Posts cash receipts into HMIS (cemetery software) and the recording of financed contracts.
- Maintains records and HMIS (cemetery software) application accurately with respect to inventory of crypts and graves, Prepares and delivers data reports utilizing HMIS application.
- Receives calls from funeral directors and schedules burials and entombments.
- Works closely with the Director, Cemetery Superintendent and maintenance staff to arrange the scheduling of burials; confirms arrangements with funeral directors.
- Collects, records and deposits all monies (burials, letterings, vases, emblems, payments on graves and crypts).
- Answers calls; Refers service requests and customer complaints to the respective member of staff.
- Processes account payable bills for payment.
- Demonstrates appropriate consolation and empathy to callers and visitors, representing the Diocese in a caring manner.
- Supports, organizes and officiates events such as but not limited to open house weekends.
- Performs other duties as required.

The ideal candidate will possess strong interpersonal and customer service skills, be highly proficient in the use of technology (MS Office applications and HMIS), and demonstrate a high degree of accuracy with respect to recordkeeping. Additional qualifications include the following:

- Must be a Roman Catholic who upholds the teaching and traditions of the Catholic Church.
- Bachelor's Degree

Compensation includes a competitive salary and a comprehensive benefits program. Interested candidates should submit a resume and salary requirements via e-mail to: [HR@diometuchen.org](mailto:HR@diometuchen.org)

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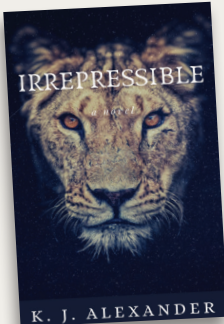


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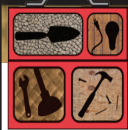
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