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MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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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Fr. Hank

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Weekend Masses are at 4:45 PM on Saturday and Sunday at 9:30 AM. Simply go to the parish web page and click away – for live streaming or for viewing an archived Mass.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

MASS INTENTIONS – Until further notice we will be combining mass intentions as follows:

*at the 4:45PM Mass we will combine the 4:45PM, the 7:15AM & the 6:00PM intentions.

And **at the 9:30AM Mass we will combine the 9:30AM & the 11:30AM intentions.

MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

- Mon. 8:35AM Eric Joseph
R/B Mom & Dad Joseph
- Tue. 8:35AM Henry Heinemann
R/B Heinemann Family
- 8:35AM Robert Ferretti, Sr
R/B Avelina Garcia
- 8:35AM Frank Gawors
R/B Mackiw Family
- 6:30PM Communion Prayer Service
- Wed.. 8:35AM George & Dottie Lukazik
59th Wedding Anniversary
R/B Lukazik Family
- 10:00AM Communion Prayer Service
- Thu. 8:35AM Livio Marino.
R/B Stuebben Family
- Fri. 8:35AM Stanley Progacki
R/B Marie Paulette Matis
- 8:35AM Marge Dermsky
R/B Sharon Connors
- Sat. 4:45PM Amelia Yoccca
R/B Susan & Al Wund
- 4:45PM Yvonne Obenauer
R/B Cusack Family
- 4:45PM People of the Parish
- Sun. 9:30AM Sally Saharko
R/B Peter & Terri Macor
- 9:30AM Carol Valenza
R/B Joe & Millie Bijas & Family
- 9:30AM Frank Viola
R/B Ben & Erin Gerberville
- 9:30AM Eugene Gallo
R/B Barbara Tojeira

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 22:19-23
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20



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 and 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. If you would like more information call Ann Smith at 908-285-6481.

The members of our Healing Prayer Ministry have created a virtual option and a phone option. This option will be offered at 10:30AM after the 9:30 Sunday Mass and will take place every other weekend until we are back to normal.

Next Session:

Sunday, August 23

Healing Prayers after the 9:30 liturgy.

.Future sessions will be on

September 6 and 20 at the same time..

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#.

Go to <https://www.stjosephsparish.com/healing-prayer> for complete details

For questions please call Ann Smith at 908-285-6481 or e mail her at annsmith46@hotmail.com.



FIRESIDE PSALMS

Thursday, August 20, at 8 PM
Psalm 138 (one-hundred-sixty-eight).

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This Moment in Prayer, Service and Community

Dear All: Christ's peace!

For those of us of a certain age, Saint Maximilian was born in the era when our grandparents were born, around the turn of the last century. Saint Maximilian was a Franciscan, a bit of a brainiac, a missionary to Japan, a virulent denouncer of the Third Reich, and a completely selfless man. The Nazis came after him because he persuasively condemned their regime. They also suspected, accurately, that he was sheltering Jewish escapees. Saint Maximilian is best known for volunteering to take the place of a family man the Nazis randomly decided to murder. After surviving a two-week effort to dehydrate and starve him, the Nazis killed him by lethal injection. He is the patron saint of many, including people with addictions. A true superhero.

This Moment in Prayer

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION – Saturday was the Feast of the Assumption. Although it did not require Mass attendance this year, it does invite a few moments of reflection on Our Lady's great kindness.

DAILY MASS – Starting last week, we are welcoming two people per every Mass intention. If the daily Mass is being offered for your loved one's intentions, or if you arranged the Mass, call the front office for instructions about how to participate in the Mass.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – It will be via Zoom and will run from October through April – most likely, every other Monday night from 7:30 to 8:45, though the schedule is not finalized. The idea is to study a gospel a year, using the Sacra Pagina bible commentaries as our guide. It will be three parts scripture study and one-part prayer. This year we will work our way through either Matthew or Mark. then we finish the gospels in four years, we will move on to Acts and the epistles. I will be facilitating. If you are interested, please email Suzanne Kral at skral@stjosephsparish.com

VIRTUAL SUMMER BIBLE SCHOOL – Blessings for the 37 children, from 20 families, who participated in our 1st Summer Virtual Bible Program. A special thanks to Rachelle Hanna, Virna Borowski and Bettyann Vernaci as part of our CCD Advisory Council who researched, planned and offered this!

FIRST COMMUNIONS – For all the youngsters who, because of the pandemic, could not make their First Communions in May, we have offered two options. Many have chosen to make their First Communions at one of the specially dedicated Masses. One will be on Sunday, September 13. The other will be on September 20. Total attendance will be limited to 50. Others have chosen to make their First Communions at one of the regularly scheduled weekend Masses. Up to two families can join each of those October Masses.

CONFIRMATIONS – Like our first communicants, our confirmandi can also choose how to celebrate. Some have opted for one of the outdoor, Friday evening services. The first is on September 18 and the other is September 25. If it rains, the confirmations will occur the next day, either inside or outside. There will also be two indoor ceremonies on October 3. One at 9:00 am and the other at noon. GREAT thanks to Jim Jungels, Linda Mackiw, the CCD Board, and all others who helped figure it out. Best thanks to our confirmandi.

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION – 7TH GRADERS – THOSE SCHEDULED TO BE CONFIRMED IN 2022 – Those planning to be confirmed in 2022, and their families, should plan to participate in an orientation, via Zoom, on Monday, August 17 or Tuesday, August 25 at 7pm. Please use the "Sign up Genius" to register for one of the sessions. A Zoom link will then be sent to confirm enrollment.

This Moment in Service

HIGH SCHOOL WORK CAMP – The group was scheduled to start working around the parish on Tuesday. The start date has been pushed off to Wednesday. We made this decision when Bob Ferretti, our Youth Minister, experienced mild symptoms that are sometimes associated with COVID. Neither he nor his doctor believe that Bob has the virus, but in keeping with Bob's nature and our parish policy of maximum caution, the work will not start until Bob gets a negative result from the rigorous test. That could be as late as Tuesday.

HILLSBOROUGH FOOD BANK – Great thanks to the many who continue to bring food to the van for drop off at the Hillsborough Food Bank. Your generosity makes a big difference in many lives. *Remember, if you are anywhere near the ocean this weekend, you have an obligation to get wet, three times, up to your derriere. Either way, have a blessed feast and a fine weekend.*

Fr Hank

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SAGES CALENDAR

Our Chair Exercise Classes are online at www.stjosephsparish.com/sages.



In the Meantime,...

- 'Tis the season for socially distant picnics!

BACKYARD VISITS –

For those of you who are not quite ready to go out but would like a socially distant backyard visit, please reach AnnaMaria at arealbuto@stjosephsparish.com or 908-874-3141 ext 240..

SAGES PARKING LOT PICNICS – There are still openings at our socially distanced picnic on **August 27 11AM-1PM in the church parking lot.**

Groups will be kept to a safe max of 25. masks are a must and we will provide you one if needed. Please register with AnnaMaria at arealbuto@stjosephsparish.com or 908-874-3141 ext 240 or.



**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
in the Diocese of Metuchen
ARE STILL ENROLLING!**

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Metuchen will safely welcome students back to school and are now enrolling for fall 2020. With small class sizes and a sensible approach, Catholic schools in the diocese are ready to shift, no matter what the school year may bring. For more information about enrolling your child or to find a Catholic school near you, please visit diometuchen.org/schools or call (732) 562-2446.

2020 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Stepping Forward in Faith: Grace in Action

Thank you to all who have so generously given to the 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal! Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps support initiatives, services and the spiritual needs of all, among them, the work of Catholic Charities and the needs of those impacted by COVID-19. Through prayer and reflection, please consider a sacrificial gift to this year's appeal and give to the best of your means. With many people impacted by COVID-19, it is important to bring people the opportunity to grow closer to Christ and see the work of God in their midst. All funds raised through the Bishop's Annual Appeal are used to support the ministries and programs of the Diocese of Metuchen. There is still an opportunity to participate by responding to the most recent mailing or by making an online pledge at <https://diometuchen.org/ways-to-give>.

STAYING INFORMED

As Catholics, we have an obligation to consider public policy issues in light of the Gospel and the moral and social teaching of the Church. As faithful citizens, we are called to respond in both prayer and action and consider how public policy can impact our communities, nation and world in the context of Catholic teaching. To provide the faithful of the Diocese of Metuchen with information and resources about issues affecting public policy and to highlight our lifelong responsibility as Catholics to form our own consciences in accord with the Church's teaching, the diocese has launched a new webpage:

<https://diometuchen.org/issues-and-action>.

There you can sign up to receive action alerts directly from the diocese or sign up to receive alerts directly from the New Jersey Catholic Conference and the USCCB. Visitors to the page can also take action on current pending legislation and can see the latest news affecting public policy in our state, nation and world.

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RESTORE...REKINDLE...RENEW



What have you done for your marriage lately?

Most couples lead very busy lives, even during this time of sheltering at home. Jobs and family responsibilities often lead to a full calendar with not enough time to get it all done, let alone time for each other. For this reason, we've developed an alternate marriage enrichment format designed for those who are not able to commit to a weekend away.

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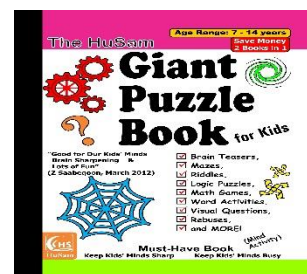
**Mondays and Thursdays
from August 31 to September 24
(due to Labor Day, one session will be on
Tuesday, September 8).**

The only requirement is a computer, iPad or tablet with access to the internet. No prior knowledge of Zoom is necessary. Workbooks and hand-outs will be sent to you before the start of the series.

Married couples, priests and religious can register for this program at aweekendforyourmarriage.org or by calling Tom and Ruth DeFalco at 732-904-9636. A \$50 application fee covers most of the cost, however, you will be invited to make a good faith offering at the end of the program.

IN GOD'S IMAGE

In God's Image, in its 14th year, 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 9 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.



PUZZLE & ACTIVITY BOOKS NEEDED

... to bring some gladness to the hearts of people isolated in health care facilities. Please order or go buy 5-10 of these books and put them on the passenger seat of the church van before August 24. Thanks to the many who are making this happen.



BINGO originally scheduled on Wednesdays and Saturdays at St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, Brooks Blvd. in Hillsborough has been indefinitely

CANCELED

Gov. Murphy has reversed the number of participants at indoor gatherings and bingo is canceled due to the number allowed in the hall. As soon as he increases the number allowed we will resume Bingo.

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