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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

**Holyday Masses:**

Vigil 5:00 PM

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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 Al Wund  
R/B Taberbero Family
- Tue. 8:35AM Christina Walsh  
R/B Mom & Dad Wund
- 8:35AM Judith Hilton  
R/B Friends
- 8:35AM Al Wund  
R/B McDevitt Family
- 6:30PM Communion Prayer Service
- Wed.. 8:35AM Tony Manzella  
R/B Alice Manzella & Family
- 10:00AM Communion Prayer Service
- Thu. 8:35AM Marjorie Layton  
R/B Ed & Cheryl Kovach
- Fri. 8:35AM Jean Marie & Irma Francois (living)  
R/B Francois Family
- 8:35AM Frank & Marion Smith  
R/B Helen Campbell
- Sat. 4:45PM William & Rachel Houle  
R/B Houle Family
- 4:45PM Robert Ferretti, Sr.  
R/B Peter & Terri Macor
- 4:45PM People of the Parish
- Sun. 9:30AM Danny Yurasek-Fraser  
R/B Frank & Viola Prevette
- 9:30AM John & Mary Brechka  
R/B Shupper Family
- 9:30AM Mark Anthony Grecco  
R/B Angie Gandhi
- 9:30AM Colette Lamothe Galette  
R/B Denise & Jim Houchton

## **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

Jeremiah 20:7-9  
Romans 12:1-2  
Matthew 16:21-27



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

*Dear All: Christ's peace!*

*Saint Pope Pius X (1835-1914), changed the way we go to Communion. Before him, weekly Communion was unusual and daily Communion almost unheard of, except in monasteries and convents. Because of Pius X, frequent Communion became a regular thing. Pius also lowered the age for First Communions from 12 to 7. One of his favorite lines was "Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to Heaven." Some people say Pius and John Paul II look alike. Do you see a resemblance?*

## *This Moment in Prayer*

**FIRST COMMUNIONS** – We are now only one month away from the start of our First Communion season. Some of our First Communicants will receive the sacrament at special Masses. Others will do so at one of the regularly scheduled Masses. Please say a prayer for our very patient, very inspired group.

**CONFIRMATION** – Does anyone have reason to believe this is NOT a parish first? That is – our young people getting confirmed in the parking lot, starting September 18. It will surely be different and it will definitely be excellent. God bless all our confirmandi, those getting confirmed outside, and those who have opted for indoors. Please say another prayer for this other group of very patient and inspired young people.

**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

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Mark. When 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

**BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS** – If you had to postpone a baptism or a wedding and have not yet rescheduled it, please contact Carol Valone in our front office so we can get you scheduled.

## *This Moment in Service*

**LITURGICAL MASKS** – God bless our mask makers. Our Sewing Brigade has still been very busy making 100 patriotic masks for our Veterans for November. They are also making special masks for our celebrations of First Communion and Confirmations. That's right – white masks for the First Communicants and red ones for the confirmandi. And as if that is not enough, they are making more lip-reader-masks for Manville School's Speech Therapists.

**PUZZLE & ACTIVITY BOOKS** – This is a beautiful effort – 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.

**HIGH SCHOOL WORK CAMP** – They have been here for the last three days – all masked and socially distanced – and they have been marvelous. What a great group of young people and they have done terrific work all around the church. How blessed are we to have them, led by their indefatigable supervisors Betty Zobre, Jon Pawlowski, Peter Clarke and Ann Marie Masiello!

**PICNIC BENCHES** – Our high-school workers, like our college workers two weeks ago, spent a good deal of their time and talent building picnic benches for our many outdoor parish events. But get this, under the direction of our parish's master carpenter, Peter Hoefele, they built two terrific tables with parts of the bench missing. Why? So, people in wheelchairs (Becca's Friends or Sages) can pull up and join the party.

**ADVENT GIVING TREE** – The committee is already far down the planning road. This year's Advent Giving Tree will be you guessed it "different and excellent." Stay tuned for more details. **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.

## *This Moment in Community*

**THE FLOWER BARN** – The folks at The Flower Barn – Angelo Yaconne, his sister Rosie Tamburini, and Rosie's husband John – have been extraordinarily helpful to our parish. They deserve all the credit for the floral arrangements that enrich our prayer. They have also been wildly helpful to our parish plant and environment committee. Ang, Rosie, and John have done much to keep the inside of our church looking so good. After many

years in business, Ang and Rosie have decided to retire and close the shop. We thank them and John for all the ways they have made our community a better one. We also thank them for donating so much helpful equipment to the church. Perhaps the best piece of equipment is the new shed that now stands just to the west of our Divine Mercy garden. And as if the shed itself is not enough, John singlehandedly built the foundation and managed the pouring of the concrete slab. God bless Ang, Rosie, and John.

**LABOR DAY PICNIC** – Also under the heading of "different and excellent," we find our annual parish picnic. For a slew of reasons, we will not hold the picnic on Labor Day. Instead, it is increasingly likely that we will hold more than one picnic on Columbus Day Weekend. Details to follow. Stay tuned. Also, since croquet is already a socially-distanced game, we hope to hold another championship round. If not, the record will simply show that Zylas Loniewski and I were the champions for 2019-20 and 2020-21. Just sayin'.

## **THE PASTOR'S BRAG**

*I have been hoping to revitalize the "Pastor's Brag" for just about ever. Yesterday's big news proved irresistible. If you know of parishioners who are doing great things, please let me know. I am sure that with the Covid situation, we have tons of folks about whom we can brag. But it is not all about Covid of course.*

**BASEBALL CHAMPS** – Congratulations to three of our very own parishioners who are part of the Hillsborough Baseball League's 11 and under Travel Team. These fine young fellows – Connor Emich, Gavin Ross, and Kyle Simonitis – are part of the team that, as of last week, is the champion of the Northern New Jersey State Champions! God bless all you guys, and your families and coaches, for using your gifts for God's glory. Onward!

*Remember – God wants you to stay safe AND to enjoy yourself enormously as we celebrate these precious days between the Assumption and the Triumph of the Cross. God bless you.*

**Fr. Hank**

## *IN MEMORIAM*

Patrick Moore, 55, brother of parishioner Mary MacPhee, died on August 13, 2020. .

*Please pray for his eternal rest and for consolation for his family and for all who mourn his death.*



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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 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.

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, September 6**

**Healing Prayers after the 9:30 liturgy.**

**There will be another session**

**September 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](mailto:annsmith46@hotmail.com).



## FIRESIDE PSALMS

Thursday, August 27, at 8 PM

Psalm 67 (sixty-seven).

Yes, we have done it before.

And yes, there is more to be gained!

## SAGES CALENDAR



### MORE PICNICS ADDED

Our picnics continue to be a victory for masked, socially distanced *bonhomie*,, and so

**The fun continues into September.**

**SAGES PARKING LOT PICNICS** – There are now openings at our socially distanced picnics on September 10, 17 and 24 in the church parking lot.. **New start time is 11:30AM.**

**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](mailto:arealbuto@stjosephsparish.com) or 908-874-3141 ext 240 or at.**

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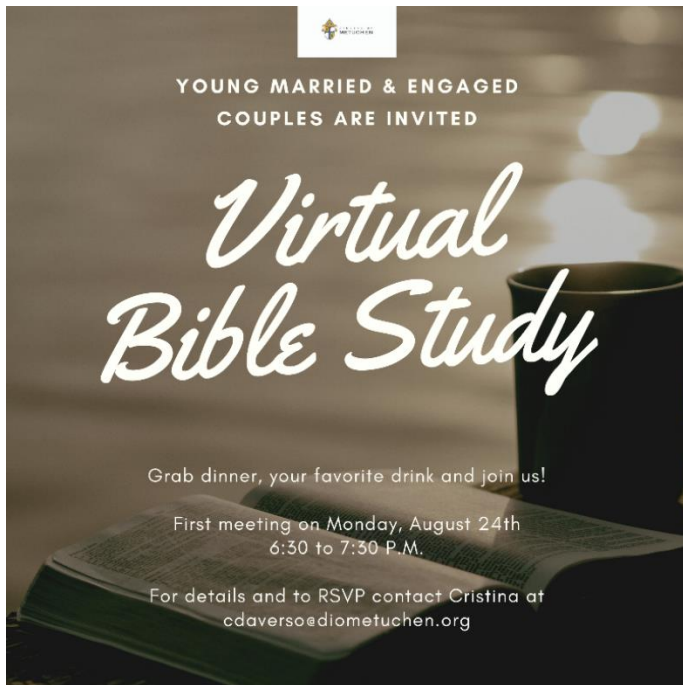
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## IN GOD'S IMAGE

*In God's Image*, in its 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sacredheartiqi@gmail.com).

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## IHNSC RAFFLE

### Benefits Homeless Families

Be the difference to a family struggling with housing and food insecurity. Tickets are on sale now for the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Somerset County's annual fundraiser.

**The Holiday Calendar Raffle draws seven winners each week in November and December 2020, and January 2021.**

All tickets are reentered for each weekly drawing, giving ticket holders multiple chances to win! Each day of the three-month period has a designated value of \$30 to \$100. Winners will receive a check in the mail after each drawing.

Tickets are \$10 and are available by calling 908-704-1920 or emailing [Karen@ihnsc.org](mailto:Karen@ihnsc.org). You may also stop by the office, 98 West End Avenue in Somerville, during regular business hours, or learn more at our website [www.ihnsc.org](http://www.ihnsc.org).

IHNSC provides emergency shelter, transitional housing and support services to families throughout Somerset County, and is supported by a network of volunteers from 30 religious congregations in the County.

## 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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Join us from the comfort of your home via Zoom for eight evening sessions presented on

**Mondays and Thursdays  
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(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](http://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.



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