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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
or by appointment

EMERGENCIES

Sacrament of Anointing

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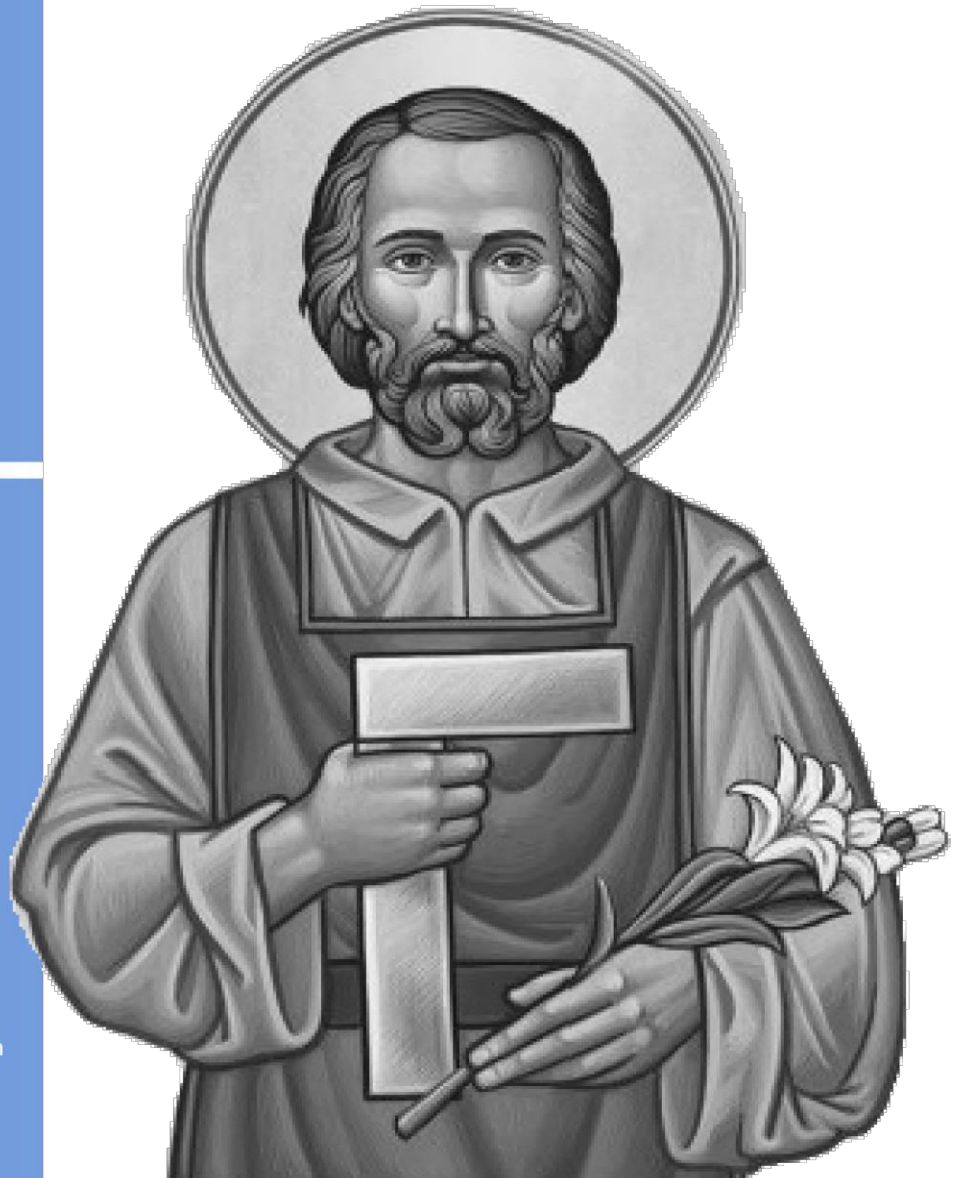
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Emergency Meals

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Fr. Hank

FHilton@loyola.edu



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Weekend Masses are at 4:45PM on Saturday and Sunday at 9:30AM & 11:30AM. Simply go to the parish web page and click away – for live streaming or for viewing an archived Mass.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

MASS INTENTIONS – Mass intentions are combined as follows:

4:45 Mass will combine the 4:45, 7:15 & 6:00 intentions..

9:30 and 11:30 will each have its own intention..

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon. 8:35AM All Souls
7:00PM All Souls
- Tue. 8:35AM James Weidenfeller
R/B George & Dottie Lukazik
8:35AM Joe Quinn
R/B Dan & Carmela Maresca
8:35AM Robert Ferretti Sr.
R/B Bob & Susan Pristas
- Wed. 8:35AM Florence Szul
R/B St Joseph Plant Ministry
- Thu.. 8:35AM Grace Lukas
R/B Connie & Carl Panzera
- Fri. 8:35AM Edward Tu
R/B Iarkowski Family
8:35AM Joseph Lodato
R/B Maryellen Tobia
- Sat. 4:45PM Beth Hyde-Rossi
R/B Molly & Tony Colalillo
4:45PM Kyler Griffin
R/B Griffin Family
4:45PM People of the Parish
- Sun. 9:30AM John & Louise Polazzo
R/B Barbara & Bill Dorr
9:30AM Veronica Zittel
R/B Maryellen Tobia
9:30AM Jason Zujkowski
R/B Elaine Solarek & Family
11:30AM John Richard Peters
R/B Dawn Bodnar

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Wisdom 6:12-16 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

**Thanksgiving Food Drive & Virtual Advent
Giving Tree Info on page 5.**

FIRESIDE PSALMS

Thursday, November 5, at 8 PM
Psalm 76 (Seventy-Six)



PRAYER BEFORE OUR ELECTION

*Lord God,
as the election approaches,
we seek to better understand the issues and
concerns that confront our nation,
and how the Gospel compels us to respond
as faithful citizens in our community.*

*We ask for eyes that are free from blindness
so that we might see each other
as brothers and sisters,
one and equal in dignity,
especially those who are victims
of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.*

*We ask for ears that will hear the cries of
children unborn and those abandoned,
men and women oppressed because of race or
creed, religion or gender.*

*We ask for minds and hearts that are open to
hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us
closer to your Kingdom.*

*We pray for discernment so that we may
choose leaders who hear your Word,
live your love,
and keep in the ways of your truth
as they follow in the steps of Jesus
and his Apostles and guide us
to your Kingdom of justice and peace.*

*We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus
Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
(USCCB) offers this preceding prayer to be prayed be-
fore an election

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This Moment in Prayer, Service and Community

Dear All:

Christ's Peace!



This pandemic jumble calls for a singularly excellent Christmas. We can make that happen.

We – the parish staff, parish councils, 101 volunteers, and I – want every parishioner to recall the pandemic Christmas as one of the best Christmases ever. Not a half-baked Christmas. Not an OK Christmas. Not pretty good, given the pandemic. No. Let it be one of the best Christmases ever.

Let Christmas 2020 be brilliant. Let it be the one we recall as the Christmas of astonishing lights – physical lights and spiritual lights – that enabled each of us to celebrate, superbly and safely, the truths that He is one of us and is loving us through this profound jumble. Let it be oh so different and oh so excellent. Let it be all about the lights and their power to re-convince us that Jesus Christ is our eternal light and that His light “shines in the darkness and the darkness does not overcome it” (Jn 1:5).

“Oh, Holy Nights: Celebrating Christ's Light in Our Pandemic Jumble”

You want to be a part of it. More details will follow, but here is what you need to know now:



101 Brilliant Trees: 101 cut trees will stretch from the solar panels to the rectory driveway. Adopt one for \$100 – and if money is tight, let me know. We supply the tree and the lights (white or colors) and the volts. You do the rest. If you cannot decorate your tree, we can take care of that too. Do it as a

memorial for a deceased loved one or just as a fun family contribution to the light. The great tree lighting will occur on Sunday, November 29 at 6:00. . Go to www.stjosephsparish.com and click on the box that says “Sponsor a Tree” for details.



Giant Advent Candles: The area in front of the flagpole will host the biggest “Advent candles” you have ever seen. We will pray and sing, safely and happily, from 5:30 to 5:40 every Sunday night in Advent and then light the next candle. Cider and cocoa will follow.

Weekly Light Events: “Oh Holy Nights” runs from November 29, the first Sunday in Advent, through January 3, the Feast of the Epiphany. Every Sunday evening, from 5 pm to 7 pm, will include a very memorable light event, winter refreshments, great family fun, safe fellowship, and a chance to sing and pray.

We will also set aside a time each week to share it all – the lights, the prayer, and the fun – with folks who need to stay in their cars. “Oh, Holy Nights” is for everyone. Let it be an amazing Christmas for everyone.

This Moment in Prayer

CHRISTMAS MASSES – Great news! The bishop has just given us permission to start Christmas Eve Masses at 2 pm. And that is what we will do. The following schedule might enable you to plan ahead. The Days before Christmas – We will have a “Christmas Eve Mass” at 7 pm, M-W 12/21-23.

Christmas Eve at 2 pm – 2 pm is the new 4 pm. Mass in the parking lot. Kids music?

Christmas Eve at 5 pm and 8 pm – Mass in the church.

Christmas Day at 9:30 – Mass in the church.

Christmas Day at 11:30 – Mass in parking lot.

HEALING PRAYER – Healing Prayer is this Sunday, November 1st after the 9:30 Mass. For contact information, please click here. If you do not have a computer call 1-929-205-6099. Then enter our ID 769-278-8835#. If you are not available on Sundays but are in need of healing prayer, call or

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email Ann Smith at 908-285-6481 or annb-smith46@hotmail.com.

OUR PARISH "MASS BOOK" – ARRANGING MASS INTENTIONS – The Mass book opens Tuesday, November 3, at 9 am. Between then and January 1, you can arrange up to six Masses. After January 1, you can arrange more Mass intentions.

BAPTISMS – Blessings for the six babies baptized last Saturday. What a fantastic day for the parish. Blessings too for the families who had to wait so long and so patiently. Your choices glorify God.

LITURGY SCHEDULE – UPCOMING CHANGES – We are just about ready to carve this in stone.

Parking Lot Communion Services – The Wednesday morning, 10 am, will continue through the winter. Tuesday, October 27, was our last Tuesday evening Communion Service of the season. Sunday Morning Communion Services – Will start on Sunday, November 22 at 11:30.

Masses – The 9:30 Sunday Mass will not change. It will remain a "Seraphim/added precautions" Mass for the foreseeable future. The 11:30 outdoor Sunday Mass will be celebrated through November 15. The 4:45 Saturday Mass will resume on November 21 and will be a "Cherubim/standard precautions" Mass. The 8:35 Daily Mass will continue as is. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, it is a Cherubim/standard precautions Mass. Wednesday, it is a Seraphim/extra precautions Mass. Call Carol in the front office to reserve a seat for Wednesday.

This Moment in Service

OUR ADVENT GIVING TREE (AGT) – The new system for the AGT is working out beautifully.

Thank you for all you are doing to provide Christmas for folks who otherwise might not have one. **ONE CAUTION** – the Walmart cards that disallow purchases of alcohol tobacco and firearms cannot be used for online purchases. While we certainly hope and trust people will not use the cards to buy cigarettes, whisky or guns, those cards become very complicated very quickly. If you are giving Walmart cards, maybe get the kind that can be used online. Big thanks to folks who have already given and blessings in advance for folks who are getting ready to do so. The deadline for drop off is next Monday, November 9 (at 11:59 pm?).

OUR THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION (TFC) – The TFC starts next weekend. It runs

through Friday, November 20. The new system, designed to simplify giving in the pandemic, is very user friendly. .

HILLSBOROUGH FOOD BANK – Keep up the excellent work. Dozens of families who have become regular donors are doing an excellent job of supporting our needy neighbors. God bless YOU!

This Moment in Community

HELLO, VETERANS AND WIDOWS/WIDOWERS OF VETERANS – Our annual celebration to honor our veterans will occur on Sunday, November 15. The ceremony begins with a Communion Service in the parking lot at 1:30. It will be followed by a roll call and distribution of gifts. If you are a veteran, please sign up – even if you cannot participate in the service – so that we can deliver the gifts to you. And remember, if you were married to a deceased veteran, we want you there too.

REACHING ISOLATED PEOPLE – If you or any member of your family or extended community is feeling a bit isolated, please let me know. We want no one to enter the colder, darker months feeling alone. Are you aware of an older person who came to church all the time before the pandemic but is now staying home? Let me know. We want to reach out. Are you aware of an older person who has drifted away from church in recent years and is now spending most hours alone? Let me know. The response will be low-key and welcoming. PLEASE help us help folks find a deeper sense of community during the pandemic.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – We start exploring Mark's gospel on Wednesday, November 4 at 7:30 pm. If you have signed up, you will be hearing from me in the next day or three. Meanwhile, make sure you have the "Mark's Gospel" book, by Harrington and Donahue, from the Sacra Pagina series. It will be a fine class.

FOGGING MINISTRY – We could still use an additional fogger or two, especially after the 4:45, once it gets going. If you can spare the half-hour to perform this mission-critical task, please email Bryan DeLisi at bdelisi@stjosephsparish.com .

VOTE – Remember – the whole system is different this year. Plan now if you haven't already. With continued gratitude, all best blessings, and a sincere reminder to pray extra for your deceased loved ones on Monday, November 2, All Souls' Day. Mass will be at 8:35.

Father Hank

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VETERANS

Because you served...the Community of St. Joseph Parish would like to **Thank You**. Join fellow Veterans and guests on

Sunday, November 15, 2020 at 1:30 PM
For a Veterans Service
Honoring our Service Men & Women

The service will take place outdoors in the St. Joseph Parish parking lot. Plan to arrive between 1:00 and 1:20 PM when parking lot attendants will direct you to your parking spot. Veterans and their guests will remain safely in their cars while they tune to FM radio station 88.7 during the 30-minute service and roll call. Communion will be distributed. Spouses and/or family members of deceased or active duty service members are also especially invited.

Registration is required. Please go to www.stjosephsparish.com and click on the Veterans Service box to sign up by filling in then attached form **by November 8th**. **Please complete this form by November 8th - [Veterans Sign up 2020](#)** for roll call and to receive a small gift of remembrance (even if you are unable to attend). If you are having trouble completing the form or if you have questions, please contact Gail Bellas at gbellas@stjosephsparish.com or 908-240-2031.

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 November 11 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 sacredheartigi@gmail.com.

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.

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, November 1, 15, & 29

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#.

If you need healing prayers before the Sunday dates please contact Ann Smith at 908-285-6481 or at

annsmith46@hotmail.com.

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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. 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.

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ST. JOSEPH THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

To provide food for families who need it, this year more than ever. More specifically, we will help families that rely on Saint Peter's University Hospital, Catholic Charities and Caritas Food Pantry of Manville.

*You are asked to donate one (1) filled bag and bring to our St. Joseph' gray van (used for the food bank) in the parish parking lot between

November 8 – 20, 2020.

Purchase a \$1.00 reusable ShopRite grocery bag and fill with the groceries from the following list:

- *One large box of instant potatoes or rice
- *3-4 cans of vegetables, e.g. Green Beans, Yams, Spinach, Lima Beans, Carrots, Corn, and Peas
- *2 boxes or jars of Gravy
- *1 can Glory Fried Apples or applesauce
- *1 can Cranberry Sauce
- *1 box Stuffing Mix
- *1 Cake or Brownie Mix
- *1 bag of Candies
- *Beverages: Juices, Hot Chocolate, Tea or Coffee

Please consider adding a \$10 or \$25 ShopRite Gift Card. Place your SR card in an envelope and staple it to the inside top of the Shop Rite bag. The ShopRite card will be used for meat, pie, fresh vegetables, rolls or other family desires.

Please put your bag in the van and label it Thanksgiving.

We are not accepting any frozen or fresh items this year such as turkeys, other meats, potatoes, vegetables, bread, rolls or pies.

The Youth Group will NOT be sorting this year so it's important that each bag contains a full Thanksgiving Meal.

These bags will be taken out of the van daily and be ready to go to each family the 2 weeks before Thanksgiving.

Thank you for your support!

*More Info or to print out the shopping list click Thanksgiving box on www.stjosephsparish.com



VIRTUAL ADVENT GIVING TREE

The St. Joseph Advent Giving Tree Ministry is continuing our parish's generous spirit of providing Christmas gifts for many community members by collecting gift cards this year in lieu of actual gifts. This will be in keeping with our ministry members group decision and the requests of the agencies we serve.

**DUE DATE FOR ALL GIFT CARDS IS
NOVEMBER 9TH**

. Dates are early this year so cards can get to the agencies for their distribution timeline.

Go to www.stjosephsparish.com and click on the **Advent Tree Giving Box.**

PLEASE REVIEW THE DIRECTIONS BEFORE REGISTERING FOR THE VIRTUAL ADVENT GIVING TREE.

(If you are unable to purchase gift card(s), but wish to participate, please consider writing a check to St Joseph's MEMO: Advent Giving Tree and mail to St. Joseph's Parish. The Advent Giving Tree Ministry will purchase the gift cards on your behalf.)

Select a retailer(s) from the ticket list.

Click the \$25 gift card donation entering 1 or more

Enter your email information and finish the registration.

You will receive an email confirming your selection.

Purchase your cards through a retail location or website (For example: Kohl's or Amazon).

Place your cards in an envelope and return them to the secure black box on the brick wall to the right of the Parish Center Office doors.

DO NOT USE THE CURB MAILBOX

At any time, feel free to call the parish office and dial in for the Advent Giving Tree extension: 908-874-3141 ext 225. You will receive a call back within the day. Or email one of our coordinators, Carol Jorgensen, at carolj623@comcast.net

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