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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 4:45PM 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 Beth Hyde-Rossi
R/B Mario, Cheryl, Joe & Bruce
- Tue. 8:35AM Mary Matis (100th birthday)
R/B Marie Paulette Matis
8:35AM Dominick Minni
R/B Marie Paulette Matis
8:35AM Thomas Fred Uebel
R/B Dianne Mantilla & Friends
- Wed. 8:35AM James X, Paterno
R/B Wife & Family
- Thu.. 8:35AM Mary Melillo
R/B Son Robert
- Fri. 8:35AM Anne Zikos
R/B George & Dottie Lukazik
8:35AM Danny Fraser
R/B Holly Yurasek
- Sat. 4:45PM Greg Rymer
R/B Jerry & Marion Myerhoff
4:45PM Richard Braungard
R/B Galayda Family
4:45PM Zaida Adams
R/B Melissa & John Koehr
- Sun. 9:30AM Darlene Mecca
R/B Connie & Carlo Melia
9:30AM Marjorie Layton
R/B George & Sharon Connors
9:30AM People of the Parish
11:30AM Maria Cilia
R/B Silvana Dudajek & Family

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

1Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25:14-30

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

This Moment in Prayer, Service and Community

Dear All: Christ's Peace!

To help you make your Christmas plans, this week's letter starts with a special Christmas section. Remember, our pandemic Christmas has all the makings of being extraordinarily grace-filled.

CHRISTMAS

Expect Christmas 2020 to be one of our best ever Christmases at church. Expect it to be one when marvelous lights – physical lights and spiritual lights – renew our conviction 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).

MASSES – We will celebrate our Christmas Masses in the parking lot and in church. The parking lot can accommodate 100s of people (who will stay in their cars). The church can accommodate 104.

Christmas Eve –

Mass in the parking lot, 2 pm; Mass in church, 5 pm and 8 pm

Christmas Day –

Mass in the parking lot, 11:30; Mass in church, 9:30

December 21-23 (M-W) –

8:35 am Mass in the church, using the readings of the day.

7:00 pm, using the readings for Christmas midnight (Bethlehem, etc.)



O HOLY NIGHTS! – Your response has been even stronger than expected.

Our 101 Trees, Sponsorship— Our 101 trees are almost fully subscribed. As of this writing, about 15 are still available. Also, if this is a rough financial period for you, let me know. We can arrange a fee-free one for you and your family, anonymously of course.

Our 101 Trees, Installation – We will need many parishioners – of all shapes, sizes and ages – to

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set up the trees for parishioners to decorate. Current best guess – the morning and early afternoon of Saturday 11/28. Please email me if you might be able to help.

Evening Gatherings—Like your response to the trees, your responses to the programs have been marvelous. Many of the excellent suggestions are being incorporated. More details will soon appear, but for now, count on coming to church around 5 pm on Sundays 11/29-12/20. Each evening's mix will begin with the lighting of our quite oversized Advent Candles – and a very few minutes of prayer and song to go with it. Each evening will also provide interesting and warm beverages that I will not be cooking.

This Moment in Prayer

ARRANGING MASS INTENTIONS – Thanks to all who have wanted to arrange more than six intentions and did not gripe about the temporary limit of 6. We arranged the better part of 300 intentions this week. If we had no limit, we would already be near the yearly limit of 780 – which would prevent us from accepting requests later in the year.

Thanks for understanding.

LITURGY SCHEDULE – UPCOMING

CHANGES – Our weekend schedule remains unchanged this weekend (11-7/8) and next (11-14/15). Starting Saturday 11/21, we will have Mass on Saturday at 4:45 (standard precautions/Cherubim) and Sunday at 9:30 (enhanced precautions/Seraphim). Starting 11/22, we will also have a Communion Service in the parking lot at 11:30.

This Moment in Service

OUR ADVENT GIVING TREE (AGT) – Great thanks to all who have helped move this project so close to the finish line. We are committed to giving 750 cards and you have, so far, donated more than 600. Good for you! For a whole gaggle of reasons, **we are extending the return date for gift cards and checks to Wednesday, November 11 at 7 PM.** Checks are also most welcome as they help us fill whatever holes remain.

OUR THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION (TFC) – The giving begins this week! Go to our parish website, find the turkey icon, print the Thanksgiving grocery list, go shopping, and place your bag in the gray van in the parking lot. If you can attach a ShopRite card of \$10 to 25 to the bag, great thanks. If you don't attach a gift card, the ministry still loves your bag and will provide the gift card. Our youth ministry will manage the bags and help deliver them to Catholic Charities in Bridgewater

and St. Peters University Health Center on How Lane.

This Moment in Community

HELLO VETERANS AND WIDOWS/WIDOWERS OF VETERANS – Our annual celebration to honor our veterans will occur on Sunday, November 15. Please see complete details on next page.. 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.

About the election – remember, whether you lean blue or red, as Christians we are all called to green, our current liturgical color and the color of hope, the hope that comes with faith and charity. Each of us can relax in the truth that we are Christian first and all else second. Stay close to the green amid the blue and red.

Father Hank

HEALING PRAYER

Healing Prayer invites anyone who is ill, facing surgery, hurting, anxious, burdened or worried to seek prayer for themselves or others. All sessions are private and confidential and can be for yourself or others.

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 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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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.

IN MEMORIAM

Albert Toni, 91, spouse of parishioner Selwa. died on November 1, 2020.

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

FIRESIDE PSALMS

Thursday, November 12, at 8 PM

Psalm 18 (eighteen).

It is a very long psalm, and worth the prayerful read.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen

IMMIGRATION SERVICES PROGRAM CITIZENSHIP DAY

Are you interested in applying for your U.S. Citizenship and meet one of the following requirements:

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**OR Have been a lawful permanent resident of the United States for at least 3 years and obtained residency through a U.S. citizen spouse?

Call 732-324-8200 to schedule an initial consultation. **SPACE IS LIMITED.**

Initial consultations will establish eligibility and provide a document checklist.

**Appointments are available in
Perth Amboy or New Brunswick
On November 17
November 20
And December 15**

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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 11TH, 7PM**

. 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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