

November 22, 2020

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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
Holyday 8:35 AM & 7:00 PM

Confessions:

Saturday 4 - 4:30 PM
or by appointment

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Weekend Masses are at 4:45PM on Saturday and Sunday at 9:30AM. 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 will combine the 9:30 & 11:30 intentions..

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon. 8:35AM Joseph Quinn
R/B 8:35 AM Mass Friends
- Tue. 8:35AM John Nouri
R/B Selwa Toni
8:35AM Anne Fegan
R/B Paul Manajan & Family
8:35AM Joseph Blahut
R/B Terri & Peter Macor
- Wed. 8:35AM Paul Roberts
R/B Reid Family
- Thu.. 8:35AM Blessings for All Parishioners
- Fri. 8:35AM Margaret Anderson
R/B Don Anderson
8:35AM Jeanne C. Krause
R/B Lynne Biegel
- Sat. 4:45PM Loretta Witt
R/B Witt Family
4:45PM Robert Ferretti Sr.
R/B Sandy Viola & Family
4:45PM People of Our Parish
- Sun. 9:30AM Ken Lazowski
R/B Barbara Lazowski & Family
9:30AM Ronald Cooke
R/B Susan & John Young
9:30AM Frank Kloepping Sr
R/B Terri & Peter Macor
930AM Walter Wronski
R/B Maryann & Richard Talbot

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:33-37

THURSDAY'S FIRESIDE PSALM

Fireside Psalms is taking a break on Thanksgiving. See you on December 3 – when our psalm will be Psalm 36 (thirty-six).



This Moment in Prayer, Service and Community

Dear All:

Christ's Peace!

How good are you? Remarkably so. Be sure to let several of the following updates remind you of that. Also, be sure to check out the new schedule that comes into play this weekend – and remember you need to make reservations for Sunday's Communion Service. This week only, you can do that until Saturday night.

This Moment in Prayer

The New Liturgy Schedule – Our winter schedule begins this weekend. Our goal is to provide a safe, welcoming way for every parishioner to come together to hear the Word and receive Christ's Body. We strive to provide something for every variety of concern about the virus. The same is true for confessions.

Confessions – Parking Lot: Saturday morning by appointment with Fr Hank. Easily arranged.

(NB – On Thanksgiving weekend, confessions will be on Friday morning rather than Saturday morning, because the trees are being installed.)

Seraphim Mass/Enhanced Precautions – Every Sunday at 9:30, in church. Reservations are required. Temperatures are taken. Everyone, regardless of age, is required to stay in her or his chair throughout Mass. All standard precautions are also in place (masks, social distancing, Communion at departure). The Wednesday weekday Mass also uses enhanced precautions.

Cherubim Mass/Standard Precautions – Every Saturday at 4:45, in church. Neither temps nor reservations are involved. Masks, social distancing, and Communion at departure are required. The

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Mon, Tue, Thu and Fri daily Masses use standard precautions.

Communion Services – Every Wednesday at 10 and Sunday at 11:30 – For the foreseeable future, we will offer Communion Services at these two times. **For now, reservations are required.** We might drop that practice in a few weeks. Everyone stays in their cars. There is no contact with other parishioners. The day's gospel and the rest of the sound come through your car's FM radio. Ministers bring Communion to your car. NB – This weekend we switch from facing south toward the trailer to facing north toward our newly renovated prairie schooner (to be named soon). Thanks for always cooperating with our traffic folk. The service takes 15-20 minutes. Distribution of Communion takes another ten.

O Holy Nights

The Trees – You sponsored all 100+ of them and then some. Quickly. Wow.

Installation – You have answered the call. We need only a few more helpers in the afternoon of Saturday, Nov 28.

Tree Decorating – ANY time after 3 pm on Saturday 11/28. Do it up!

The Grand Lighting – Sunday, 11/29, right after the 4:30 Prayer Service. Be there!

Outdoor Advent Prayer Services – Every Sunday at 4:30. NB – Traffic stops during the 15-minute Service. It includes a bit of scripture, song, reflection, and connection despite the distances.

This Moment in Service

ADVENT GIVING TREE – You tilted the kindness meter. Severely. Per requests from the agencies we help, we needed 650 gift cards. You either donated or funded 862. This means an extra pair of boots for a youngster in the Appalachians, a complete Christmas dinner for a family in Camden, a real wool coat for a resident of an Arc group home in New Brunswick. You get it. Your gifts will provide Christmas for old people who are alone, young people living in poverty, people with significant disabilities, people recovering from addictions, families escaping abuse, and on and on. God bless every last one of you who helped. God bless each who wanted to help but was not in a position to do so this year. And gigantic thanks to Carol Jorgensen and Dianne Speronello who, along with our Social Ministries staff, managed the project. You did a superb job.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE – As of Thursday, you had provided Thanksgiving dinners for over 200 families. The Memorial Hallway, lined with a triple row of shopping bags from end to end, has never looked more inspiring. Compared to the Advent Giving Tree cards, the food is dispersed over a relatively small area. Folk in our county and immediately adjacent counties will benefit the most. Warning – start wondering how you will react when Christ our King looks at you and says, “when you did it for the least of mine, you did it for me.” Parishioners from our Youth Ministry and our Social Ministries groups have been organizing and distributing the food and the gift cards.

BECCA'S FRIENDS - For information about joining the group, contact Janet Pescinski at: jpescinski@gmail.com.

This Moment in Community

OUR VETERANS' CELEBRATION – This was another extraordinary moment of people figuring it out. We wanted to continue our annual celebration, to thank our veterans for their service, but the pandemic wanted to put the kibosh on our hopes – until we figured it out. Greatest thanks and blessings for our Columbiettes, our Knitting Ministry, our Youth Ministry, our Ushers, our Tech Ministry, our Sacristans and Eucharistic Ministers, our Music Ministry, and the saints and angels who intervened to make Sunday afternoon's celebration such a remarkably uplifting and memorable one. Most of all, thanks to our veterans for serving our country, and for giving us the privilege of thanking you.

REACHING ISOLATED PEOPLE – Please let me know if you are aware of any parishioner, former parishioner or would-be parishioner who is feeling isolated. We want to reach out to all of them. “Let no one walk alone” – especially at this time of year.

NECROLOGY – The pandemic has complicated our efforts to edit and update the parish necrology. Great thanks to Sean Glennon for assembling our current edition. It seems that, with all we have going on right now, it might be better to wait until after Christmas to update the necrology. Stay tuned.

With more than a little awe as I consider your goodness, with continued gratitude for the privilege of being your pastor, with great hopes for our pandemically-jumbled-but-filled-with-lights Advent and Christmas, and with blessings for you and your loved ones as you celebrate Thanksgiving,

Father Hank

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CHRISTMAS MASSES

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.)



ADVENT WREATH MAKING –

In lieu of our annual wreath-making gathering, this year we are offering grab-and-go wreath supplies. So, sign right up and arrange your supplies. Go to our wreath website to order your supplies, which you can pick up on November 29, right after the Grand Lighting of our 101 trees. Each kit costs \$10, and contains candles, greens, florist wire, colored balls, ribbon, and pinecones. You can choose from two color schemes –

(i) blue and silver or (ii) red, gold, and green. You can also order metal rings if you need one.

Questions? contact Linda Mackiw at lmackiw@stjosephsparish.com or 908-874-3141 x227.

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 29 December 6 & 20

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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From the Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Child and Youth Protection:.

The findings of the investigation into the Diocese of Metuchen's files regarding McCarrick and other information about the measures in place to combat abuse in the diocese, can be found here: diometuchen.org/healing.

Anyone who has been harmed in any way, by any member of clergy, employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church, is encouraged to notify law enforcement by calling 1-877 NJ ABUSE and is also urged to reach out to the Diocese of Metuchen's Director of Child and Youth Protection at (908) 930-4558.

IN MEMORIAM

Elisabetta Amato 43, spouse of parishioner Frank, died on November 16, 2020.

Joyce E. Glennon, 71, spouse of parishioner Anthony and mother of parishioner Tony, died on November 17.

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



WEEKLY "CANDLE" LIGHTING AND PRAYER

We will gather at 4:30 every Advent Sunday, near the flagpole, to light the week's five-foot Advent "candle". The prayer service will last for a little more than 10 minutes. It will include some socially distant caroling, a bit of scripture, a bit of reflection and some more singing.

Weekly Special Events. – Following the Candle lighting, each week will offer one special event.

November 29 – The Grand Lighting of our 101 (+ a few more) sponsored trees.

December 6 – The walk in the woods, along our illuminated Prayer Path, to a life-sized creche.

December 13 – Outdoor caroling, and all the Christmas gladness that entails.

December 20 – The live creche and other Joyful Mysteries – with live farm animals.

Weekly Regular Events – For each of these four evenings, there will be winter refreshments served from the parish food truck. Also, the 101 trees will be illuminated every Sunday night. You will want to mosey along the tree row to take in the decorations and the dedications.

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