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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:**

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

**MASS INTENTIONS** are combined as follows:

4:45 Mass will combine 4:45, 7:15 & 6:00 intentions.. 9:30 will combine 9:30 & 11:30 intentions..

## **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- Mon. 8:35AM Joseph Greco  
R/B Agnes & Guy Gubitosi
- Tue. 8:35AM John Cooney Jr.  
R/B Mackiw Family  
8:35AM Laurence Hunt  
R/B Kral Family  
8:35AM Joseph Greco  
R/B Chet & Gloria Trechock
- .Wed. 8:35AM Evelyn Zember  
R/B Susan Kimball
- Thu.. 8:35AM Nick DeSibio  
R/B Valone Family
- Fri. 8:35AM Josephine Lochmann  
R/B Tina Lochmann  
8:35AM Christopher Amborn  
R/B Amborn Family
- Sat. 4:45PM James H Smith  
R/B Fr Hank Hilton  
4:45PM Al Wund, Christina Walsh &  
Christopher Palella  
R/B Susan Wund  
4:45PM Nick De Sibio  
R/B Lois & Ed Jerzewski
- . 9:30AM Mary Bisson  
R/B Charles & Kathy Goszka  
9:30AM Namir Nouri  
R/B Selwa Toni  
9:30AM Mary Jane & James McCartan  
R/B Sharon Sweeny  
9:30AM People of the Parish

## **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

Isaiah 50:4-7      Philippians 2:6-11  
Mark 14:1-15:47

## **Fireside Psalms**

**Thursday, March 25**

Psalms 31 (thirty-one): Verses 13-25



# HOLY WEEK

## **PALM SUNDAY**

Saturday, March 27: 4:45PM Mass

Sunday, March 28: 9:30 AM Mass

Communion Service in parking lot at 11:30 AM.

Palms will be distributed at each liturgy.

## **HOLY THURSDAY, April 1**

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM

## **GOOD FRIDAY, April 2**

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 PM.

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM.

## **HOLY SATURDAY, April 3**

Easter Vigil at 8:00 PM.

## **EASTER SUNDAY, April 4**

Mass at 9:30 AM

Communion Service in Parking Lot at 11:30 AM

**Registration is required for each of these services** – including the 4:45 on "Palm Saturday."

To register for any of these liturgies please go to <https://sjmillstone.com/holy-week-easter-2021>

If we fill up the available slots for Easter Sunday, Fr. Hank will celebrate another Mass. Details TBA.



## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Fridays in Lent in Church**

**9:15 AM Traditional Stations**

**7:00PM Scriptural Stations**

The Friday morning Stations are also livestreamed and posted online..

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

*Dear All: Christ's Peace!*

*This past Friday was like hitting the trifecta – The Feast of Saint Joseph, in the Year of Saint Joseph, at the Parish of Saint Joseph. With the help from Saint Joseph, I hope your day was an unusually good one.*

### *This Moment in Prayer*

**Our Saint Joseph Prayer** – Thanks to Mike Reilly – a graduate of Saint Joseph University, and the proprietor of Hillsborough Funeral Home – for our Saint Joseph prayer cards. The front of the card presents the icon of Saint Joseph that hangs over our church's center door. The reverse side provides the prayer with which we will conclude every Mass between Saint Joseph's two feasts, March 19 (the Feast of Saint Joseph the Husband of Mary) and May 1 (the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker).

*Joseph be our guide and model, faithful to your sacred trust,*

*Strong protector of the Virgin, and the infant Jesus Christ.*

*Joseph firm and faithful guide us, Joseph walk the way with us.*

The prayer will surely come from a deeper part of your soul and become more engaging and efficacious if you are clear about the road on which you want Saint Joseph to walk with you. Is it a road of greater kindness? Deeper commitment? Release from bad habits? A new adventure?

**Healing Prayer** – There will be healing prayer after the 9:30 Mass this Sunday. You can connect via Zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/7692788835>) or by phone (646) 558 8656.

**Men's Bible Study** – This Wednesday, March 24, the passages from Mark are 14: 22-26 (The Last Supper) and 14: 32-42 (The Agony in the Garden).

### *This Moment in Service*

**A Slight Slip in Our Soap Situation** – After a rip-snorting opening week, our pace of soap donations

has slowed a little. Only at this parish could a week's contribution of 507 bottles be considered a slight decrease! If you can help with the soap drive, please do so. Drop off a few bottles of dish soap (32 ounces or fewer) or laundry soap (32 loads or fewer) in the van. Our campaign closes on Holy Thursday.

### *This Moment in Community*

**Gifts for Our Homebound** – Thanks to the many volunteers who helped deliver hyacinths to our parishioners who spend most of their time at home. Our hope is that the hyacinths will remind our less mobile parishioners that those who come here think of them regularly and pray for them too.

**The Crab Cakes Are Coming!** – You still have 2 days to order the makings for your at-home crab party. In a first for our parish, our Knights of Columbus are organizing a crab-cake-take-out. The crab cakes will need to be re-heated. The crab soup and the crab critters will require microwaving. Check out the menu and give it a try. And be sure to specify your pick-up time. If you ordered prior to today, one of our cheerful Knights of Columbus will be reaching out to you to set your pick-up time. <https://sjmillstone.com/crab-cake-sale>

**Parish Spring Clean-Up** – Can you and your family members, or friends, join the effort on Saturday, April 24 from nine until noon? There is a job for just about everyone. The list of chores will come out just after Easter. You can then sign up for whichever project appeals to you most. The rain date is Saturday, May 1.

**The Bishop's Annual Appeal** – The letters are in the mail. Thanks in advance for doing what you can to help this very worthy cause.

*With continued blessings for your Lenten adventures,*

**Father Hank**

*PS – My favorite in this week's LBB entries – the bits about The Philippines and Ireland. Yours?*

## **IN MEMORIAM**

**Rosemary McKenna Giampietro, 73**, spouse of parishioner Pete, died on March 16.

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

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## 1000 BOTTLES OF SOAP

### To Help the Feeding Hands Food Pantry

Our goal is to provide 1,000 bottles of laundry soap and 1,000 bottles of dish soap. Thanks to our Knights for organizing this project and for clarifying the guidelines:

- Every bottle of **dish soap** should contain **32 or fewer ounces**.
- Every bottle of **laundry soap** should **supply 32 loads of laundry (usually 50 or 60 oz. bottles)**.
- **Make your contribution between Sunday, March 7 and Good Friday, April 2**
- Put your contributions in the specially marked bins in the church van
- If the van is out delivering food, leave the bottles in the bin on the bench by the door
- Send up a prayer for the recipients when you buy the soap, when you drop it off, or both.

## SAGES ACTIVITIES

### Walking/hiking group: .

After our first walk this group will be meeting every other Wednesday at various parks beginning March 24. We will call it Walking Wednesdays. .

**Sages Picnic Luncheons** will resume bi-weekly under the tent beginning on Monday, **April 19 from 12-2pm**. Registration to follow.

Thursdays, beginning **April 22 at 11am** will be **Toning Thursdays** under the tent. We will resume with our Healthy Bones chair exercise class for 8 weeks, followed by 6 weeks of Drums Alive.

Please reach AnnaMaria with any questions or to be added to the Sages email calendar [arealbuto@stjo-sephsparish.com](mailto:arealbuto@stjo-sephsparish.com) or 908-874-3141 ext. 240.



## 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 & 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, March 21  
April 11 & 25**

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#.

## 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

March 21, 2021

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

It has been a challenging year, but one that we have not been left alone to face. The pandemic has caused much uncertainty and we have all been impacted. I know I join you in praying for brighter days ahead for us all, even as we particularly remember all those who are sick, have lost loved ones or have felt the economic impact of the pandemic.

I have often heard from you throughout this year about how grateful you are for your priests who have striven to serve you throughout this pandemic in creative ways. I am so grateful for them, and all who have collaborated with them to continue to shepherd our beautiful flock in our four counties. In addition to your pastors and parochial vicars, our diocese has 31 retired diocesan priests and more approaching retirement this summer. At the retirement age for the majority of our diocesan priests at 75, their administrative responsibilities end, but their pastoral and sacramental ministry continues. Although retired, as long as they are physically able, I have seen this group so generously continue to help in so many ways. We are fortunate to have been the beneficiaries of their sacred ministry: countless Holy Masses, baptisms, weddings and confessions. They have brought us the healing hand of Christ at the hour of death and they have mourned and prayed with us when we buried our dead. Where would our diocese be without their sacrificial gift of their lives and their spiritual and pastoral leadership? Indeed, their ongoing generosity, even during the pandemic, is nothing but inspirational. The retired priests, who for health reasons cannot minister in the parishes, also are asked to continue to support our local Church through their prayers, sacrifices and example.

We are now asked to share our blessings bestowed upon us so that our retired priests can enjoy their retirement even while continuing as able to celebrate public Mass and assist in your spiritual care. Next weekend, March 27 and 28 we celebrate Palm Sunday, and the faithful of our diocese will have the opportunity to acknowledge these priests by responding to the ***Annual Collection for our Retired Diocesan Priests***. All funds raised through this collection will be used exclusively to support our retired priests.

Your generous response to next week's special collection is a practical way to convey your personal appreciation to our retired priests for their many years of service. Thank you for your continued generosity and grateful heart. Know of my love, prayers and gratitude for you, and asking you to continue to pray for vocations from our local Church to the holy priesthood for service in our diocese!

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA  
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