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MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday 8:35 AM

(Wednesday is an Enhanced-precautions mass-6' spacing and masks are encouraged.)

Outdoor Communion Service:

Wednesday 10:00 AM

(This service is held outdoors. Attendees remain in their car and tune into FM 88.7.)

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:45 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM

(Enhanced-precautions mass-6' spacing and masks are encouraged.)

9:30 AM

11:30 AM

(This mass is outside under the tent/attendees may remain in their vehicle as well.)

Confessions:

Until further notice, Confessions are by Appointment only. Typically, Saturday morning between 10am - 12pm. Other times are possible. Email Fr. Hank at fatherhank@sjmillstone.com for an appointment.

Sacrament of the Sick

In Emergency- Please call 908-874-3141 and press 1 for a priest.

Non-Emergency-Please email FatherHank@sjmillstone.com

EMERGENCIES

Crisis Pregnancy Hotline—732-516-0911

Suicide Prevention

NJ Lifeline—1-800-273TALK

Teen Crisis Text Hotline—Text 741741

Emergency Meals

emergencymeals@stjosephsparish.com

PARISH COMMUNITY OF

Saint Joseph

HILLSBOROUGH, NEW JERSEY

Priests

Prophets

Kings



October 31, 2021

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS – Holyday

Mon. 8:35 AM Mary & Peter Tummillo
R/B Carl & Connie Panzera
7:00 PM All Parishioners

ALL SOULS' DAY

Tue. 8:35 AM All Souls
7:00 PM All Souls

Wed. 8:35AM Albert Toni

R/B Selwa Toni

Thu. 8:35AM John M. Ragazzo

R/B Margaret Ragazzo

Fri. 8:35AM Sarah Jerzewski.

R/B Lois & Ed Jerzewski

8:35AM Christopher Blum

R/B Laurie & Bob Ferretti

Sat. 4:45AM Edward Tu

R/B Terry Lee & Family

4:45PM Carlo Melia

R/B Colleen Kolibas

Sun. 8:00 AM People of the Parish

Sun. 9:30AM Nina Santamaria

R/B Geraci Family

9:30AM John Peters

R/B Dawn Bondar

9:30AM Albert Toni

R/B Rosalie Leonardi

Sun. 11:30AM Milton Poulos

R/B Fr. Hank & Staff

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

1 Kings 17:10-16

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

Behind the Scenes of This Week's Readings

Today's Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

When we hear Jesus speak in today's Gospel, we hear the same words that the Scribe heard him say. He realizes that Jesus is actually quoting two different laws of Moses to the Israelites. First Jesus quotes the *Schema*, the prayer that all observant Jews recite to this day twice daily, "The Lord, Our God, is Lord" (Deuteronomy 6:2). Then Jesus adds love of neighbor (Leviticus 9:18). The Scribe understands that Jesus is combining both of these laws into "one commandment no greater than these"

Dorothy Gearon

You're Invited to Become a Member
of the Columbiettes



MILLSTONE VALLEY COLUMBIETTES INITIATION CEREMONY

Wednesday, November 3, 7:00 PM
St. Joseph Parish Hall

By attending this ceremony, completing the Application & Code of Conduct and paying your \$25 fee & annual dues*, you will officially become a member of the Millstone Valley Columbiettes.

Let us know if you will come
RSVP by November 2 to
thebove528@hotmail.com

Family, friends & children (age 10+) are welcome to attend the ceremony and witness your initiation.

*pay via check made out to Millstone Valley Columbiettes.



IRENA GUT, ONLY A GIRL

One-Woman Play

With Janet Rodgers

Monday, November 8, 12:30 PM, under the tent.

All adult parishioners of all ages are welcome.

*** Sages attending the Nov. 8th luncheon: you already have a seat for the performance if you wish to stay.

This remarkable play, about a Catholic Polish nurse who rescued 12 Jewish people in Nazi Europe, lasts for 50 mesmerizing minutes.

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Dear All – *Christ's Peace!*

Bishop Checchio will be celebrating the 9:30 Mass here on Sunday, November 21.

This Moment in Prayer

IDA DAMAGE AT CHURCH

As reported last week, rain from Hurricane Ida infiltrated the rooms that hold the air handlers, the giant-sized blowers that push the heated air, the cooled air, and the fresh air into and out of our worship space. Small patches of mold have started to grow on the walls in those rooms. The air-handler rooms are situated beyond the utility rooms behind sections 1 and 7. They are accessible only from outside. We are now in the process of resolving the issue and reducing to zero the possibility that you will inhale airborne mold. I will keep you posted about the progress on all fronts.

This Moment in Prayer

Updating Our Parish Necrology – Our parish necrology serves as the foundation of our prayers for our beloved dead. Please update or edit the names by referring to the directions in the October 17 bulletin.

11:30 Mass, "Post-tent." – Starting Sunday, November 21, the 11:30 Mass will be an outside/inside liturgy. Mass will be celebrated at the main altar. As with the 4:45 and the 9:30, indoor participants can choose one of three types of seating area – open seating, standard precautions, enhanced precautions. Participants can also choose to stay in their cars. We are currently determining whether to connect with the in-car folks via radio, Livestream, or both. Communion will be brought to people in their cars.

The 6:00 p.m. Mass – If all goes according to plan, we will reactivate the 6:00 pm Sunday Mass on Sunday, March 6, 2022 – the first Sunday of Lent.

This Moment in Service

Hurricane Ida Update – Your remarkable generosity has funded \$68,895.00 of help for parishioners and neighbors. Applications continue to arrive. All the people who have been visited express expansive gratitude for your compassion and prayers..

Our Advent Giving Tree – The giving period has begun for local families and instructions are posted on our website. Beginning in November, directions will be posted for agencies in Appalachia. See page 4.

This Moment in Community

O Holy Nights, the Dates – Building on last year's great experience and momentum, we are making ready for this year's "O Holy Nights," four wonderful Sunday evenings of pre-Christmas parish community. Please keep the following dates in mind:

Order Your Tree – From now until Monday, November 22 – Order your tree online on our parish website. This year we will set up 70 additional trees on the north side of Yorktown Road.

Install the Trees – Saturday, November 27 – 10 am to 2 pm – all hands-on deck to set up the trees. Grilled cheese, tomato soup, and loads of sugar and great fun will be available all day.

Decorate your Tree – Do it up any time between Saturday at 2 pm and Sunday, November 28 at 6 pm, when we celebrate the Grand Lighting! Of course, you can decorate your tree any time before the trees come down in early January. Just sayin'. (NB – There is a good rumor going around that we will have competitions and prizes for many classes of tree decoration – as well as prizes for the decorations at Tailgate Caroling.)

O Holy Nights – Sunday evenings, November 28, and December 5, 12, and 19.

O Holy Nights, the Help Needed – Next week's "This Week" will list many of the jobs that need doing for O Holy Nights. Pre-notice notice: We need folks to organize and support each night's food, entertainment, safety, and a few other things. Because we can have less Covid protection than last year, there will be just one session for each night. The Live Nativity on December 19 is the only event that will require registration.

A "Veterans Book of Remembrance", located in the Gathering Space at the sign-up table. We encourage you to take a card to add names of Veterans you would like remembered at the Mass. Return the card to the book so that we can include all names.

Liturgical Ministries Reboots – The lectors are now up and running in a more traditional way. Other ministries will soon make a similar move. Next up will be Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers.

Disinfectant Spray – As of last weekend, we are no longer spraying the pews before certain Masses.

Homebound Parishioners – Gifts go out next week. Do you know of someone who is not on our list?

With continued thanks and all best blessings,

Father Hank

IN MEMORIAM

Loretta Roberts, 70, spouse of Richard. died on October 14.

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

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ST. JOSEPH THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

Providing food for families who need it. More specifically, we will help families that rely on Saint Peter's University Hospital, Catholic Charities and the Christ the Redeemer Food Bank in Manville. You are asked to donate one (1) filled bag and bring it to weekend Mass and place it in our Memorial Hallway or on weekdays to our St. Joseph gray van in the parish parking lot. We will be collecting Thanksgiving Food Bags between the dates of **November 6 – 18, 2021.**

Instructions:

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
- Beverage: Juice, Hot Chocolate, Tea or Coffee.

Please consider adding a \$10 or \$25 ShopRite Gift Card. Place your Shop Rite 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 needs. If you cannot purchase food items, please consider donating a Shop Rite gift card to substitute for nonperishable items. We can do the shopping for you!

If you are unable to fill a bag with requested items you are welcome to donate miscellaneous nonperishable food items for our local food banks.

We are not accepting any frozen or fresh items this year such as turkeys, other meats, potatoes, vegetables, bread, rolls or pies. Thank you and God bless you for your support! Please email jcavanagh@sjmillstone.com with any questions or concerns.



VETERANS

Because you served...
the community of St. Joseph Parish would like to
Thank You.

Join fellow Veterans and guests on
Sunday, November 14 at 2 PM
for a Veterans' Mass

Mass will be celebrated under the tent in the St. Joseph's Parish parking lot. Veterans and guests can choose to be seated under the tent during the Mass or remain in their cars while they tune to FM radio station 88.7. Communion will be distributed and Roll Call will be announced. Veterans are welcome to wear their uniform or some part of it. Refreshments and snacks will be served under the tent immediately following the Mass. Spouses and/or family members of deceased or active-duty service members are also especially invited.

Registration is required for this event.

For more information and to sign up, visit the table in the Gathering Space or complete the form on the parish website by **November 2nd** (even if you are unable to attend). If you are having trouble completing the above form or if you have questions, please contact Jeanine Cavanagh at jcavanagh@sjmillstone.com or 908-874-3141, ext 225.

A Veterans Book of Remembrance

is now located in the Gathering Space at the sign-up table. You are encouraged to take a card and add the names of Veterans you would like to be remembered at this Mass. Please return the card to the book so that all these Veterans will be remembered at this Mass.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please send info for the bulletin no later than Thursday, 9 days prior to the weekend you want the article to appear, **directly to stjoebulletin@yahoo.com**. Full page announcements must be submitted at least 3 weeks in advance and although we try our best, they are subject to space restrictions. Contact Dorothy at stjoebulletin@yahoo.com. Thank You.

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SAGES ACTIVITIES

Picnic Luncheons

November 8: Last picnic before tent comes down. Moving indoors on November 15 for other activities like movies, poker, etc.

Drums Alive:

Thursdays, now running.

Monday Fundays will continue again this year.

General Information: To learn more about SAGES and all options for our over-55 parishioners, visit our website at SAGES Senior Ministry <http://sjmillstone.com/sages>

For more info contact

AnnaMaria at 908-874-2141 e3xt 240 or arealbuto@stjosephsparish.com

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 10 and will be both in person and online. 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.

5th ANNUAL INTERFAITH PROGRAM:

**World Religions Creating Unity and Peace
in a Post-Pandemic World**

Join us for a discussion with panelists representing the Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu and Buddhist Traditions. There will be time for audience questions.

Wednesday, Nov. 10, 7--9 PM

Academy Student Center

(\$20-\$30 as you are able)

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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 with our online Advent Gift Card Program.

ALL GIFT CARDS ARE DUE BY NOVEMBER 14TH

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 MEMO: Advent Giving Tree and mail to St. Joseph Parish. The Advent Giving Tree Ministry will purchase the gift cards on your behalf.)

Directions for our Online Gift Card Christmas Giving Program:

- 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 into an envelope and return them to St. Joseph Parish Center
- Write "Advent Giving Tree" on the envelope. Place the envelope into the secure black box on the brick wall to the right of the Parish Center Office doors OR give them to one of our Advent Giving Tree volunteers before or after all masses on the weekends of October 30/31, November 6/7 and 13/14..

DO NOT USE THE CURB MAILBOX WHICH IS FOR OUTGOING MAIL.

ALL CARDS Due by NOVEMBER 14TH

Click the GREEN register button in the top right corner to Get Started!

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

Thank you for continuing the Christmas generosity of our parish in a new but excellent way!

Sunday, Oct 31, 2021

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Now and at the hour of our death

All Hallows' Evening (contracted to Hallowe'en) begins the liturgical period of All Hallowtide, when saints, martyrs, and the departed in general are kept in special memory. Hallowed means consecrated, as the souls of the dead are in God's hands. All of the holy and troubled souls who have gone before us—represented by trick-or-treaters dressed as superheroes or vampires among others—are worthy of our mindful recollection and prayers.

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28b-34 (152). *"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone!"*

Monday, Nov 01, 2021

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Keep on marching

There are more than 10,000 saints venerated by the Catholic Church. (The exact number is a little unclear since some early saints may be more legendary than historical.) A lot of them are fairly new—Pope John Paul II (himself a saint) canonized more saints than all the popes in the previous 500 years combined. What does it mean to be a saint? A saint is anyone in heaven, whether canonized or not, and could include your own late family and friends. It doesn't mean they were perfect in life, but that they kept trying to live a holy life. Saints form the "great cloud of witnesses" and they're all cheering for you as you strive to be a saint, too.

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a (667). *"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."*

Tuesday, Nov 02, 2021

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)

Knock, knock, knockin' on heaven's door

From the earliest days of Christianity—as believers shared Eucharist in the catacombs, alongside the dead—we Catholics have woven prayers for our dearly departed into many observances: every celebration of the Mass, praying the Rosary, annual parish-wide remembrances of the dead throughout November—even incorporating elements of Día de los Muertos from Latino tradition. We pray so that all souls who've been detoured through purgatory might, with our prayerful help, enjoy triumphant entry into heaven. As you remember your own dearly departed today, celebrate in Día de los Muertos style: Pray with their photos, visit their graves, enjoy their favorite foods.

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11 or Romans 6:3-9; John 6:37-40 (668). *"Everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life."*

Wednesday, Nov 03, 2021

MEMORIAL OF MARTIN DE PORRES, RELIGIOUS

United in our diversity

Born in colonial Peru in 1579 to a mix of Spanish, African, and indigenous ancestors, Martin de Porres was barred from full membership in a religious order in his racially stratified society. Martin was not deterred, however, and his gifts as a healer and spiritual leader elevated him to a position of great renown and respect within the Dominican order and Peruvian society. Today,

there is a 61 percent chance that two people selected at random in the United States will be of different racial or ethnic backgrounds, according to the 2020 Census. As patron saint of race relations and those of diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds, Martin offers inspiration to all of us to work for social justice in our increasingly diverse nation.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33 (487).

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

Thursday, Nov 04, 2021

MEMORIAL OF CHARLES BORROMEO, BISHOP

Times that try our souls

It's a tricky business to take stock of the "signs of the times," as Vatican II urged us to do. One person who was good at assessing the strengths and flaws of his culture was Saint Charles Borromeo (1538-84), a reformer who used his education and power as bishop to heal and repair the church. Pray that the Holy Spirit give us wisdom to perceive how God is present today, and to help bring about that presence where it seems to be lacking.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 14:7-12; Luke 15:1-10 (488). *"There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people."*

Friday, Nov 05, 2021

What would Jesus not do?

It's easy to understand why evangelism is so compelling. We can't wait to share the awesome news of finding our heart's treasure in Jesus the Christ and the Catholic faith. But we must also take great care in evangelism so that we do not end up "colonizing" others, that is, assuming there is nothing good or godly in another person or group and imposing our own "enlightened" ways upon them. Jesus certainly does not do this. Instead, he shows by his own life the love of God and he looks where God already is in the world and in people's lives. In what ways can we safeguard respect for others and God in our own call to be evangelists?

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8 (489). *"I will not dare to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me."*

Saturday, Nov 06, 2021

Inspiration knows no bounds

Jesus' life and ministry broke open the "old wineskins" of religious and social customs. Inspired by his example, the early church was remarkably diverse and creative, and women played key roles every step of the way. Priscilla (or Prisca, her formal name), along with her husband, Aquila, were companions of Saint Paul and prominent leaders in the early church—and Priscilla's name usually appears first when they are mentioned in the New Testament, a hint of her esteemed position. She instructed the learned Apollos, and some commentators think she may have had a hand in authoring the epistle to the Hebrews. Raise a glass to new wineskins—may they continue to pour out the Spirit!

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Luke 16:9-15 (490). *"Greet Prisca and Aquila, my co-workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their necks for my life."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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