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MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Daily Mass: Monday-Friday

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

Outdoor Communion Service:

Wednesday	10:00 AM
(This service is held out	doors. Attendees
remain in their car and tur	ne into FM 88.7.)

Weekend Masses:

Saturday	4:45 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM
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spacing and	masks are encouraged.)
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(This mass is outside under the tent/attendees

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

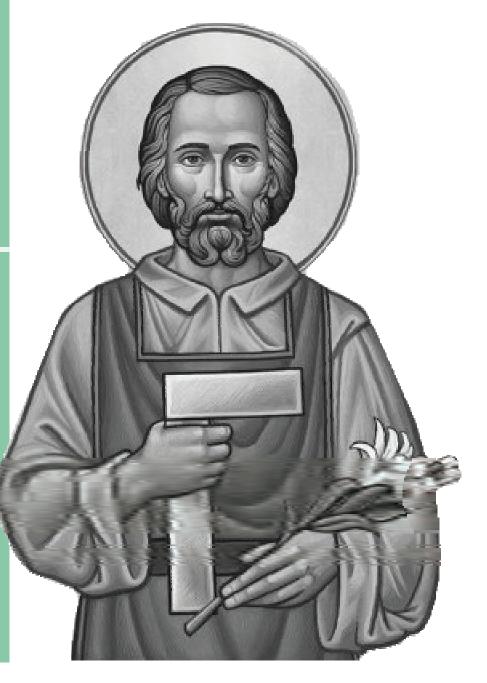
PARISH COMMUNITY OF

Saint Joseph

HILLSBOROUGH, NEW JERSEY







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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon.	8:35 AM Maria Cilia
-	R/B Silvana & Joe Dudajek
Tue.	8:35 AM Jay Roake
	R/B Anne Marie Roake
	8:35AM Zaida Adams
	R/B Koehr Family
	8:35AM William Haid
Mad.	R/B CCD Advisory Council
Wed.	8:35AM Judy Lugo
T b	R/B Mario Lugo
Thu.	8:35AM Debbie Rennie & Nick DeSibio
Fri.	R/B Ed & Lois Jerzewski
ГП.	8:35AM Christina Walsh. R/B Susan Wund
	8:35AM William Haid
Sat.	R/B Sharon Sweeney 4:45AM David Jerzewski
Jai.	R/B Ed & Lois Jerzewski
	4:45PM Christopher Blum
•	R/B Freddy Shaw & Family
Sun.	8:00 AM People of the Parish
Sun.	9:30AM Ken Lazowski
Carn	R/B Barbara Lazowski & Family
	9:30AM Carlo Melia
	R/B John & Mary Curch
	9:30AM Thomas Reardon, Jr.
	R/B John Conklin
Sun.	11:30AM Msgr. Charles Gusmer
	R/B Fred & Marilyn Schneider

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Daniel 7:13-14 Revelation 1:5-8 John 18:33b-37

Behind the Scenes of This Week's Readings Today's Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

When Jesus taught he often made references to things in nature, something his audience were familiar with and to which they could easily relate In today's Gospel he speaks of the fig tree. The fig tree is the third tree to be specifically named in the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament). The first two trees named are the Tree of Life and the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Bad (Genesis 2:9). The third is the Fig Tree (Genesis 3:7). In actuality, what gets named is the fig leaf used by Adam and Eve to clothe their nakedness before God. But what kind of tree bears fig leaves?

- Dorothy Gearon



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 until

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Instructions:

Purchase a \$1.00 reusable ShopRite grocery bag and fill with the groceries rom 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
- I 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 <u>icavanagh@simillstone.com</u> with any questions or concerns.

This Week in Prayer, Service and Community



Dear All - Christ's Peace!

This Moment in Prayer

Holy Day Masses – What a blessing it was to share the prayer with so many of you on Monday (All Saints) and Tuesday (All Souls). I cannot quite put my finger on it, but there was an especially prayerful vibe at all Masses. God bless you. The Book of Mass Intentions – The 2022 Book of Mass Intentions opens on Wednesday. Please obtain a "Mass Intention Request Form" from above the Moses Table in the Gathering Space, complete the form, and bring it to the Parish Office at one of the following times between Wednesday, November 10, and Friday, December 3. (Please come only at these times, as these are the times when the computer will be set up to record your requests.)

Sundays – 9 to 11 am

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays – 9 to 11 am, 1 to 3 pm, and 5 to 7 pm

Fridays – 9 to 11 am

Saturdays – 6 to 7 pm (after 4:45 Mass) Saturday Confessions and Conversations –

In-car at the 11:30 Mass, "Post-tent" ... Or should it be the 9:30? – I'll be taking another Horn Survey of the in-car people at the 11:30 this Sunday. What about, if this winter, we offered the in-car option (for people with significant medical concerns) at the 9:30 rather than at the 11:30? Does that work?

This Moment in Service

Advent Giving Tree – Part 1: Local Giving with Gift Cards. The due date is 1:00 PM, Sunday, November 14.

Advent Giving Tree – Part 2: Children in Appalachia. Due date is 1:00PM, Sunday, November 28. Hurricane Ida Relief Update – Beyond the big news last week, of the amazing help you have provided to 36 households of fellow parishioners and neighbors, we are in the process of helping four more families.

This Moment in Community

New Parishioner Welcome and Orientation – The new parishioner welcome and orientation sessions are a great thing for those who have registered but not yet participated in a New Parishioner Welcome Session. Please join us Sunday, November 21, after the 9:30 Mass, in the Hospitality Room.

The Bulletin is Back – After a hiatus of many months, hard copies of the bulletin are again available. Take one from the round table in the middle of the Gathering Space.

Ida Damage at Church — We are now in the process of determining next steps. Most next steps require input from our restoration folks, the insurance company, the diocese, our Buildings and Grounds Committee, our Finance Council, and a few generous experts who supply their opinion. The chaotic period is behind us.

With ever-growing gratitude & profound blessings, **Father Hank**



ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Order through November 17

- Order your Advent Wreath supplies and they will be available on November 28th at our tree lighting.
- Each kit contains candles, greens, florist wire, colored balls, ribbon and pinecones.
- Two color schemes to choose from blue/silver or red/gold/green.
- Metal rings available to order separately limited quantity.
- Weather-permitting, you can take advantage of our picnic area on the evening of our tree lighting and assemble/decorate your Advent Wreath with your family and friends.

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Advent Gívíng Tree Part 2 – Appalachia Gift Tags

This year we will once again collect gifts for Appalachia.

Advent Giving Tree gift tags for Appalachia are available on tables in the Memorial Hallway.

Please remember, when you take a tag, you must bring back a gift which matches the tag. If possible, please include a gift receipt for gifts of clothing or footwear.

Directions:

**Please DO NOT WRAP gifts.

**Attach the gift tag you took securely to the gift.

**<u>Gifts are due back by Noon on Sunday,</u> <u>November 28.</u>

**Please purchase gifts at Walmart or Walmart.com. If an exchange is necessary, Walmart is the only store available to the recipients in the Appalachian Region.

If you have any problems or questions, please contact:

Carol Jorgensen – <u>carolj623@comcast.net</u> Dianne Speronello – <u>dtspero@gmail.com</u>

Thank you in advance of your continued support of the Advent Giving Tree Ministry. Your generosity and kindness will again bring Christmas to the people of Appalachia.



SAGES ACTIVITIES

Picnic Luncheons Our outdoor picnics will resume in the Spring..

We are now moving indoors for other activities.. **Drums Alive – Exercise Class**:

Thursdays, through December 9, at 10 AM. No reservations required.

Winter Monday Fundays begin on November 15 from 1:30- 3:30 PM in Parish Hall. Various activities including movies, poker, board games and mahjong, etc.

Christmas Crafts – December 6– with Corks Plus poker, mahjong, board games and other Christmas fun.

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



MEMORIAL TREES and O HOLY NIGHTS

Order Your Tree – From now until Monday, November 22 on our parish webpage. Way more than half of the trees have already been spoken for. It would be great if you could act now if you hope to arrange a tree in honor of a loved one – or even a tree just for fun!

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 after 2PM on Saturday, November 27.

Join the fun at "O Holy Nights" – Sunday evenings, November 28, December 5, 12, & 19.

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JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION! With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, all are invited to attend the 40th Anniversary Mass marking the establishment of the Diocese of Metuchen.

Friday, November 19, 2021, at 7 PM Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi 32 Elm Avenue, Metuchen, NJ 08840

Clergy, religious and lay faithful from all the parishes in the Diocese of Metuchen are invited to attend this historical anniversary Mass. The Most Rev. James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA, will be the celebrant and the homilist. For more information, please visit: diometuchen.org/40. Join us as we celebrate forty years of building the Kingdom of God in Central New Jersey!

LECTIO DIVINA SCRIPTURE SHARING

You are invited to share scripture with a small group of people on Monday mornings 11-11:30AM. We reflect and share on the Gospel of that day. It is an investment of only one-half hour of your time, and we can assure you that the fruits of that onehalf hour will be abundant.

Make a commitment for just one Monday, and if you like it, come back the next Monday. Start your week with prayer, community, and hope. We look forward to sharing this time with you! Bring your bible with you!

Learn more about how to join this meeting by visiting: diometuchen.org/onechurchtogether

VIRTUAL COMFORTABLE CUP OF TEA

Join us on Zoom for an hour of *lectio divina* prayer, conversation and small group sharing. **First and Third Thursdays of each month** Freewill offering

Registration and Zoom link are on the website.

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer 1651 US Hwy. 22, Watchung, NJ 07069 908-753-2091 www.msmhope.org



DIOCESAN FAMILY PHOTO ALBUM

As we celebrate the Year "Amoris Laetitia Family," the diocesan Office of Communications and Public Relations is compiling a digital family photo album. We invite you to share a photo of your family – a photo of your domestic church by which our local Church of Metuchen is constantly enriched. Please consider sharing your family's photo with us by sending your photo to communications@diometuchen.org, so we can together bear witness to the love of God through our "family of families."

BULLETIN DEADLINE

We are back on schedule with paper bulletins. Please send info for the bulletin no later than Friday, 8 days prior to the weekend you want the article to appear, **directly to** <u>stjoebulletin@ya-</u> <u>hoo.com</u>. 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.



EARLY THANKSGIVING DEADLINE All info for the November 28 (first Sunday of Advent) bulletin must be submitted by Monday, November 15.

Sunday, Nov 14, 2021

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The poor have a gift for you

Charity presupposes a giver and a receiver, Pope Francis reminds us this fifth annual World Day of the Poor. This division poses a spiritual danger: tempting the giver to view the poor as a "category" outside our community, to which we may choose to offer our generosity. This perception gratifies the giver and demeans the receiver. Francis observes that "the poor, always and everywhere, evangelize us"—revealing the suffering Christ to us. Charity is occasional and voluntary; mutual sharing, however, is enduring. The real invitation of the poor is this: to share the burden of Christ until we can alleviate it.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32 (158). "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

Monday, Nov 15, 2021

MEMORIAL OF ALBERT THE GREAT, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Head in the clouds but feet on the ground

Albert the Great was a Renaissance man—but he lived in the Middle Ages. He was a German theologian, but he also wrote voluminously about botany, zoology, music, astronomy, and law to name just a few of his studies of interest. He never let his head full of knowledge go to his head, though, and one of the ways this Dominican friar and bishop stayed humble was by only traveling by foot. Are there lifestyle changes you can make or privileges you can shed to keep yourself down-to-earth?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Luke 18:35-43 (497). "When they saw this, all the people gave praise to God."

Tuesday, Nov 16, 2021

MEMORIAL OF GERTRUDE, MYSTIC

God's love conquers all

Orphaned during the Middle Ages, Gertrude the Great grew up in a Benedictine monastery and became a brilliant scholar. Like her teacher, Saint Mechtilde of Helfta, Gertrude also became wellknown as a mystic, experiencing—and transcribing—vivid visions of God's boundless love. Let Gertrude's encounters with Divine Love calm any worries today: "Joy and gladness be to thee from that sweetest heart, my one refuge and shelter in my exile, from that heart so full of tender care for me, whose love is so set on me that it cannot rest till it hath received me into itself for evermore."

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10 (498). "But he could not see him because of the crowd."

Wednesday, Nov 17, 2021

MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, RELIGIOUS

Keep the faith under pressure

Faithfulness unto death is the great rallying cry of the Christian. Without this in mind, today's saint, Elizabeth of Hungary, might at first seem an odd pairing with the readings about martyrdom and divine retribution. With it, however, we see that Saint Elizabeth's firm resolve to serve the poor, despite being a princess with access to enormous privilege, is precisely the kind of behavior God wishes to see in his children. It is precisely the use of the "talents" to which Jesus referred in the parable from today's gospel. Remember, then, that whenever we die to ourselves and devote our lives to Christian charity, we become common martyrs and fulfill the law of God.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28 (499). "He, in his mercy, will give you back both breath and life, because you now disregard yourselves for the sake of his law."

Thursday, Nov 18, 2021

MEMORIAL OF ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE

Perseverance please!

Life can sometimes beat a person down, and when that happens, the beautiful tradition of praying for saints to intercede for us can provide communion and solace. Today's saint, Philippine Duchesne, was a nun who survived the upheaval of the French Revolution and combined both a strong devotion to prayer and a passion for missionary life in the American frontier, with its many hardships. Because perseverance was a major theme in her life, she is a patron saint of perseverance in adversity. Saint Philippine, pray for us!

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44 (500). "If this day you only knew what makes for peace."

Friday, Nov 19, 2021

Act on memory

Dedications in memory of fields where lives were lost or sacred places defiled have been a mainstay since biblical times. By remembering the horror of death and destruction, we hope to redeem the site and make it holy again. But as Abraham Lincoln stated on this day in 1863 in his *Gettysburg Address*, honoring a Civil War battlefield: "We cannot dedicate—we cannot consecrate —we cannot hallow—this ground the living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it." Our role, says Lincoln, is "to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced." It is for us to "highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain." Lincoln's words echo Jesus' call to his disciples to "do this in memory of me." Become the body of Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45-48 (501). "The days of the dedication of the altar should be observed with joy and gladness."

Saturday, Nov 20, 2021

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY God of the living

The Bible's Second Book of Maccabees, composed about a hundred years before Christ, introduced the ideas of resurrection from the dead, the intercession of the saints in heaven, and the responsibility of the living to offer prayers and sacrifices for the dead. The Sadducees of today's gospel episode rejected these ideas while Jesus obviously embraced them. Resurrection, praying for the souls in Purgatory, and the intercession of the saints all have become part of what the church believes. Every Saturday we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, the greatest saint in heaven, and ask her intercession for the souls of our departed relatives and friends.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40 (502). "[God] is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."



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

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