

NOVEMBER 20, 2022

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:emergencymeals@stjosephsparish.com)

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# November 20, 2022

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon. 8:35AM Gabe & Michael Popper  
R/B Mary Downie
- Tue. 8:35AM Margaret Madeo  
R/B Kolomatis Family
- 8:35AM Onofrio & Grace LoFaso  
R/B Lia & Frank Figorotta
- 8:35 AM Angela Laurenzi  
R/B Delores DiNardo
- Wed. 8:35 AM Thanksgiving Blessings
- Thu.. 8:35AM Thanksgiving Blessings
- Fri. 8:35AM Raymond Elepano  
R/B Rachelle Hanna
- 8:35AM Robert J. Watters  
R/B St. Joseph Music Ministry
- Sat. 4:45PM Deceased Members of Matis &  
Perfinowicz Families  
R/B Paulette Matis
- Sun. 8:00AM Robert M. Heiss  
R/B Florence & Walter Bercarich
- 9:30AM Vincent Cantania  
R/B Karen Galanowsky
- 9:30AM Dorothy Staubach  
R/B Robin Shaw
- 9:30AM Robert Spitzer  
R/B Norene Lynch
- 11:30AM Jack Cavanagh  
R/B Jim & Jeanine Cavanagh
- 6:00PM People of the Parish

## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 2:1-5  
Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 24:32-44

## Behind the Scenes of This Week's Readings Feast of Christ the King

In 1925 Pope Pius XI designated that the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year (church calendar) is to be celebrated as "Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe." More commonly referred to as the Feast of Christ the King, this feast is a fitting closure to a year that began with readings that spoke of waiting for a Messiah and followed with the birth of Jesus, his life, teaching, passion, death, resurrection and ascension into heaven where we believe he reigns over the entire universe. The Feast of Christ the King is also celebrated by many Protestant churches including Anglicans and Lutherans.  
- Dorothy Gearon

**PARISH ADVENT SERVICE**  
**Tuesday, November 29, 7 PM**



*Dear All, Christ's Peace,*

Our Thanksgiving Food Drive – Thanks to God and thanks to you, we have reached and exceeded our goal. We aimed for enough food to provide 120 Thanksgiving dinners but had enough to provide 160. God bless you!

Holy C.H.O.W! Progress and Helpers – Last week marked our ninth mission to Manville. So far we have provided 432 meals and have learned much about how to "grow the business." The people served are very grateful to you. If you would like to commit a few Tuesday evenings to the project, come to the next orientation session on December 1. Questions? Email Michelle Laffoon at [mclaffoon@comcast.net](mailto:mclaffoon@comcast.net).

Help the Homeless through HOME at HRC – Thanks for caring the way you do. We are now assisting at Hillsborough Reformed Church (HRC) this week. All shifts for hosting, providing meals, and overnight hosts are covered. Please keep an eye out for volunteering again in January!

BLUE STORM Basketball – Registration is now open for St. Joseph's Blue Storm Basketball! Boys and girls in grades 1 through 12 are invited to sign up at the Blue Storm website [StJoesCYMBasketball.com](http://StJoesCYMBasketball.com). Come join the fun!

*With thanks and blessings and joining you in prayer, throughout November for your deceased loved ones,*

**Father Hank**



## THANK YOU!

Fr. Hank and the Parish Staff  
Thank you for the blessing you are and the blessings you bring to our parish and community.  
*Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving!*

## PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

Wednesday, November 23, 1:00PM  
Thursday & Friday, November 24 & 25  
Offices will reopen on  
Monday, November 28 at 9:00 AM

# November 20, 2022

## POOR BOX

**November 20: Pregnancy Aid & Information Center (PAIC)** Your generous donations will support PAIC which is a grass roots agency. It is an all-VOLUNTEER organization dedicated to helping women in crisis pregnancies. Through pregnancy testing, medical referrals, housing, and financial help, adoption information, clothing, and equipment they have helped many hundreds of women choose alternatives to abortion.

### Collection of Toddler Clothing for Pregnancy Aid and Information Center.

The PAIC is in dire need of gently used winter clothing for toddlers 3 -6 and size six diapers. We encourage you to bring gently used baby and toddler clothing to PAIC throughout the year. They are in Raritan, and you can arrange drop off times by calling 908 526-8121. Our parishioners volunteer there every other Wednesday and do such excellent work

## HILLSBOROUGH FOOD BANK

Thanks for packing the van with much needed items for this outreach. We continue to collect throughout the year, and as of late the foodbank's organizers have indicated they could use more mac'n'cheese, deodorant, applesauce, hair conditioner, fruit (cups or dried), rice (boxed or bagged), dish soap, and dishwasher soap.

## PRE-CHRISTMAS APPALACHIA MISSION

This is the trip that delivers and distributes the gifts to two places in Appalachia. It runs from Thursday, December 15 through Sunday, December 18. Can you go? Questions? Email Jeanine at Jcavanagh@sjmillstone.com.

## MASS INTENTIONS

The book for arranging Mass intentions for 2023 is now open. You will be able to arrange up to five (5) intentions. After the First Sunday of Lent, you can arrange more. You can arrange Masses at several times throughout the following days.

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays:  
9:00-11:30 am; 1:00-3:00 pm, and 6:45-9:00 pm  
Fridays: 9:00-11:00 am  
Saturdays: After the 4:45 Mass until 6:30 pm  
Sundays: 10:30-11:30 am

These hours will be in effect through Sunday, December 4. Please check for any last-minute changes in the schedule.

Before you come to the office, you can complete one of the "2023 Mass Intention Forms" that are available at the Moses Table.



## SAGES ACTIVITIES

**Toning Thursdays:** 10 AM in Parish Center.

Healthy **Bones** continues until December 1.

**Sages Christmas Party & Talent Show:**

Wednesday, December 14 at 12:00.

Join us for a special hot lunch, Talent show and Christmas festivities.. The poker group has the option to play after the talent show. Registration required.

Our programs will take a break for the holiday season and return on January 12.

Info: Email AnnaMaria at arealbuto@sjmillstone.com You can also call her at 908-864-0334.



## NEXT HEALING PRAYER

**December 11-12**

Immediately after the 4:45 PM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses.

## GIFTS FOR APPALACHIA



As we have in recent years, we will once again provide actual gifts to the children served by our Appalachia Ministry. The gift tags are available on the tables in the Memorial Hallway the weekends of November 5/6, 12/13 and 19/20. **Deadline to Return Gifts -November 27**

## BULLETIN



### EARLY THANKSGIVING DEADLINE

All info for the November 27 (first Sunday of Advent) bulletin must be submitted by Tuesday, November 15 to [stjoebulletin@yahoo.com](mailto:stjoebulletin@yahoo.com).

# November 20, 2022

## CHANGES IN THE MASS SCHEDULE

### Sunday 6:00 PM Mass

This Sunday, November 20, will be our last 6:00 pm Mass. We have been averaging 40 people and most of the regular parishioners have indicated they can participate at another Mass. The change will eliminate significant pressure on those who schedule the ushers, sacristans, and lectors. The change also enables us to schedule special occasion Masses at that time – e.g., for the Youth Group, the SAGES, Social Ministries, etc. Thanks to all who have supported the 6:00 pm effort.

### Saturday at 8:35 AM

Our pre-pandemic schedule included Saturday morning Mass. During the pandemic, we started having confessions, anointings, and “open office hours” at that time. The new system works very well and we will stick to it. People who feel invited to receive Eucharist every day can still receive on Saturday evenings.

### Multiple Mass Intentions at Every Mass

By the grace of God, parishioners are becoming even more attentive to the needs of deceased loved ones. Over the last several years, requests for Mass intentions have risen from about 500 to more than 800. The schedule fills by early spring and we must turn people away for the next eight or nine months. We can arrange Mass intentions in the missions, and many people are fine with that. Still, many parishioners want to arrange Masses here. We have increased the number of Mass intentions by offering three intentions for the Masses on 8:35 Tuesday and 9:30 Sunday. We are now adding more. As of January 1, every Mass will allow up to three intentions. With the changes in the Mass schedule (see above), we are expanding the annual number of Mass intentions from roughly 800 a year to 1400 each year. We will try it for 2023 and assess the changes at this time next year. I hope this allows us to accommodate every request for a Mass intention for a loved one.



## RESPECT LIFE MASS

Sunday, January 22, 2023,  
12:00 Noon

### Cathedral of St. Francis Assisi, Metuchen

Please consider joining us for the Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass. Bishop James F. Checchio will be the celebrant. Youth who have been active in pro-life volunteering will be recognized. There will be a light reception immediately following the Mass. All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org) or 732-562-1543.



## NESHANIC GARDEN CLUB IN-PERSON GREENS WORKSHOP.

Monday December 5, 2022 at 7:99 PM

Hillsborough Municipal Building

Cost - \$45

The workshop will be conducted in memory of “Butterfly” Barb Majewski (a recently deceased long-time member of the Neshanic Garden Club).

At the workshop, instructions and materials are provided for up to 74 participants to make one of the designs.. The four design choices can be viewed on FaceBook or on line at [www.neshanicgardenclub.org](http://www.neshanicgardenclub.org).

**The deadline for registrations is**

**Tuesday, November 22.**

The Greens Workshop sells out very quickly.

Participants should indicate both a first and second choice of designs when making their reservation with Marion Nation at [mrsnation@gmail.com](mailto:mrsnation@gmail.com) or call Marion at 908-359-6317. Bring clippers and gloves to workshop.



## ADVENT EVENING OF RECOLLECTION

Dinner Included.

Wednesday, November 30, 5:30-9 PM

(\$50-\$60 as you are able)

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## THE BUSY PERSON'S GAME PLAN FOR A BLESSED ADVENT:

Come Let Us Adore Him...or too overwhelmed by Christmas? **This Advent can be different** with insights and Saints to support our holy waiting, prayerfully discern our priorities, and offer home keeping advice as we prepare for Christ to be born in our families, homes, celebrations and every heart. Dinner is included.

Information and Registration for all Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer offerings can be found on our website: [www.msmhope.org](http://www.msmhope.org). You may also call us at 908-753-2091 or email us at [msmhope@msmhope.org](mailto:msmhope@msmhope.org).

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## THE UNION CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP EXAM FOR 8TH GRADE STUDENTS

Union Catholic offers 8th grade students the opportunity to compete in the annual Scholarship Testing Program.

Over \$120,000 in scholarship monies will be awarded based on the results of this exam.

The Scholarship Exam for the Class of 2027 will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 9 am and Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 12 noon.

Any student wishing to take the Scholarship Exam who may have a conflict with December 3<sup>rd</sup> or December 4<sup>th</sup>, is invited to take the Exam on Monday, December 5, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.

Students entitled to Extended Time Testing must submit a copy of their IEP/ISP/504 Plan prior to the testing day.

To register for the Scholarship Exam, go to:

<https://www.unioncatholic.org/apps/pages/scholarship/>

## CHAMPIONS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Champions for Catholic Charities is a community of individual and corporate benefactors who support the vital services for our neighbors in need provided by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen. Catholic Charities serves over 56,000 people each year through more than 100 programs in the New Jersey counties of Hunterdon, Middlesex, Somerset and Warren.

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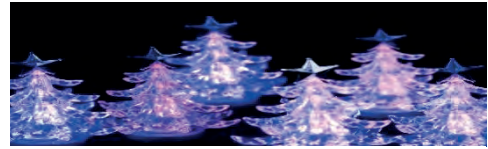
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## DOWNIZING?

Cleaning out the basement or attic?

Have furniture or household items, in good shape, that need a new home?

RISE, an Interfaith Organization in Highland Park, provides services to refugees, immigrants and people seeking asylum. Since October 2021 they have helped to set up over 200 apartments with home set-up and contributions of furniture and housewares. If you are interested in donating, please email [furniture@interfaith.org](mailto:furniture@interfaith.org) with a description and contact info. They will get back to you asap. Please do not bring or leave items at our church or parish center.



## O HOLY NIGHTS!

HOLY C.H.O.W! will be fully staffed each night with providers of cookies and the World's Best Cocoa **Please go to [www.sjmillstone.com](http://www.sjmillstone.com) to register for each evening and to secure your place.**

### Thanksgiving Saturday, November 26 –

We put up the 200 trees today. The Knights will make a mountain of grilled cheese sandwiches and many barrels of tomato soup. The carols play and the Yuletide vibe begins. People can decorate trees that afternoon.

### Sunday, November 27, 5 PM, Grand Lighting

The lighting of the 200 trees is magnificent. This year's tailgate theme is "Our Favorite Carols". Creativity, interactivity, and fun will win the prizes! Tailgaters should arrive by 4:30 PM. The GRAND lighting is at 5:00 and the tailgating lasts all evening. Awards are at 6:45. You can also pick up your family's Advent wreath and decorate it there (outdoors!) or take it home.

### Sunday, December 4, 5 PM, Singing & Dancing

The caroling comes first, with a great big screen to provide the words so you can sing along with the many musicians. Then comes the line dancing. Everyone is invited to learn the parish's Christmas line dance. Then we can start the competition and let Santa decide which group rocks it best. We will hand out lots of bells, hats, and glow-in-the-dark goodies. If you have a Christmas costume, wear it! The more singing and dancing Santas, Mrs. Clauses and Elves the better!

### Sunday, December 11, 5 PM, Shepherds Path

Come and play St. Joseph's Reindeer Games. There is a new path, closer to the tent and shepherds along the way will quiz you on your knowledge of Jesus' birth. We will provide Christmas Carnival Games for the little ones and a chance to visit Santa and Mrs. Claus. AND FOR THE FIRST TIME – WE ARE BRINGING IN AN ICELESS SKATING RINK. WE ALSO PROVIDE THE SKATES. Skating for young families will go from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. Open skating goes from 5:15 to 7:00PM.

### Sunday, December 18 – Drive-thru Live Nativity

presented by our Youth Ministry. Listen on the parish radio station while soaking up the view of the Annunciation, the Birth of Christ, and more holy moments. Register at [www.sjmillstone.com](http://www.sjmillstone.com) for your preferred time, between 4:00 and 6:30 PM..

**Sunday, Nov 20, 2022**

### **Suffer the little children to enter paradise**

Jesus promises Paradise to a man dying in disgrace next to him on the cross. Today, on World Children's Day, we can bring Paradise a little closer by contemplating 10 principles the United Nations calls the "Rights of the Child," including: Every child without exception should have a name and nationality; access to physical, mental, moral, spiritual, and social development; food, housing, and medical care; love and understanding; education and moral guidance; protection from exploitation and discrimination. Our Catholic preferential option for the poor and respect for life fully embraces the welfare of children.

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 5:1-3; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43 (162). *"Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."*

**Monday, Nov 21, 2022**

### **Ready for the ride of your life?**

Just as Catholics celebrate the conception, birth, and presentation in the temple of Jesus, we celebrate the same events in the life of Mary. God's plans (for all of us) begin and unfold before anyone's understanding of them. The story of Mary's presentation in the temple comes from a non-biblical text that says Mary's parents consecrated her to God at a very young age. With her Immaculate Conception, God set her on the path to a pivotal role in salvation history, but it required dedication and preparation nonetheless—culminating in her immortal "yes" at the Annunciation. Life hands us circumstances, and sometimes decisions are made that are beyond our control—have you considered how those might shape your purpose? Commit to following where the Spirit might lead you.

MEMORIAL OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5; Luke 21:1-4 (503). *"She, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood."*

**Tuesday, Nov 22, 2022**

### **Speak up**

Once Saint Paul's letters were collected in the third century, he got heat from Christians for "Wives, be submissive to your husbands"—adding that neither should they speak in church. For the third century also saw the martyrdom of Saint Cecilia. Paul's critics pointed out that Cecilia's eloquent words persuaded her husband and led him (and others) to convert. As for not speaking in church? It was Cecilia who allowed an underground church to worship in her home. Cecilia's story is told in Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, recounted by a nun who praises her for evangelizing with both words and example. Men *and* women of faith, glorify God today with your own words and example!

MEMORIAL OF CECILIA, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11 (504). *"Reap the harvest, for the time to reap has come."*

**Wednesday, Nov 23, 2022**

### **We owe You**

We naturally think of Saint Paul when we think of letters written to the early Christians in Corinth, but Saint Clement I—a disciple of the apostles and later a pope—had occasion to write to the Corinthian church as well. From one of those letters comes advice

that's fitting for Americans celebrating Thanksgiving tomorrow: "If you are wise, then display your wisdom by good deeds; and if you are modest, let others speak of your modesty instead of proclaiming the fact yourself. To God we owe everything, and therefore on every count we are under obligation to thank him."

MEMORIAL OF CLEMENT I, POPE, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19 (505). *"I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking."*

**Thursday, Nov 24, 2022**

### **Saved in the cloud**

Thanksgiving is a time to recall the blessings in our lives. Most who are reading these words can give thanks to God for the freedom to worship, something absent for the saints and martyrs memorialized on this date. Today's memorial is unusual in that it honors 117 Vietnamese martyrs, the "companions" of Father Andrew Dũng-Lạc. In fact, those 117 actually represent the 100,000 to 300,000 Vietnamese Christians killed or severely persecuted for their faith between the 17th and 19th centuries. May your actions of gratitude today give honor to this "cloud of witnesses."

MEMORIAL OF ANDREW DŨNG-LẠC, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Luke 21:20-28 (506). *"Then [Jesus] said to him, 'Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.'"*

**Friday, Nov 25, 2022**

### **Called to speak out**

The early church was a place of great religious fervor and danger. Prior to 313 Christianity was outlawed, and many adherents were put to death. This was the age of the martyrs, including Catherine of Alexandria. Catherine was well educated and known for her keen intellect. As she grew in the faith, she became an outspoken critic of the dominant religion of the Roman empire. Though given many unconscionable "outs" to avoid death, Catherine held firmly to her beliefs and continued to speak out. What compels you to speak out, even when it costs you?

MEMORIAL OF CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Luke 21:29-33 (507). *"I also saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God."*

**Saturday, Nov 26, 2022**

### **The last day**

It's the last day of the year—the liturgical year, that is. Tomorrow is the beginning of a new liturgical year, a new cycle of readings, and a new season of joyful hope. Good thing, because the readings for the past few weeks, like today's, have been words of warning and apprehension regarding the "eschaton," which means the end of the world. It all sounds terrifying, but it is good news, for however you prefer to interpret it, literally or figuratively, unless this world passes away in some way, the kingdom Jesus preached isn't fully realized. Pray God's kingdom come!

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36 (508). *"Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations."*

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



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