

OCTOBER 1, 2023

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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

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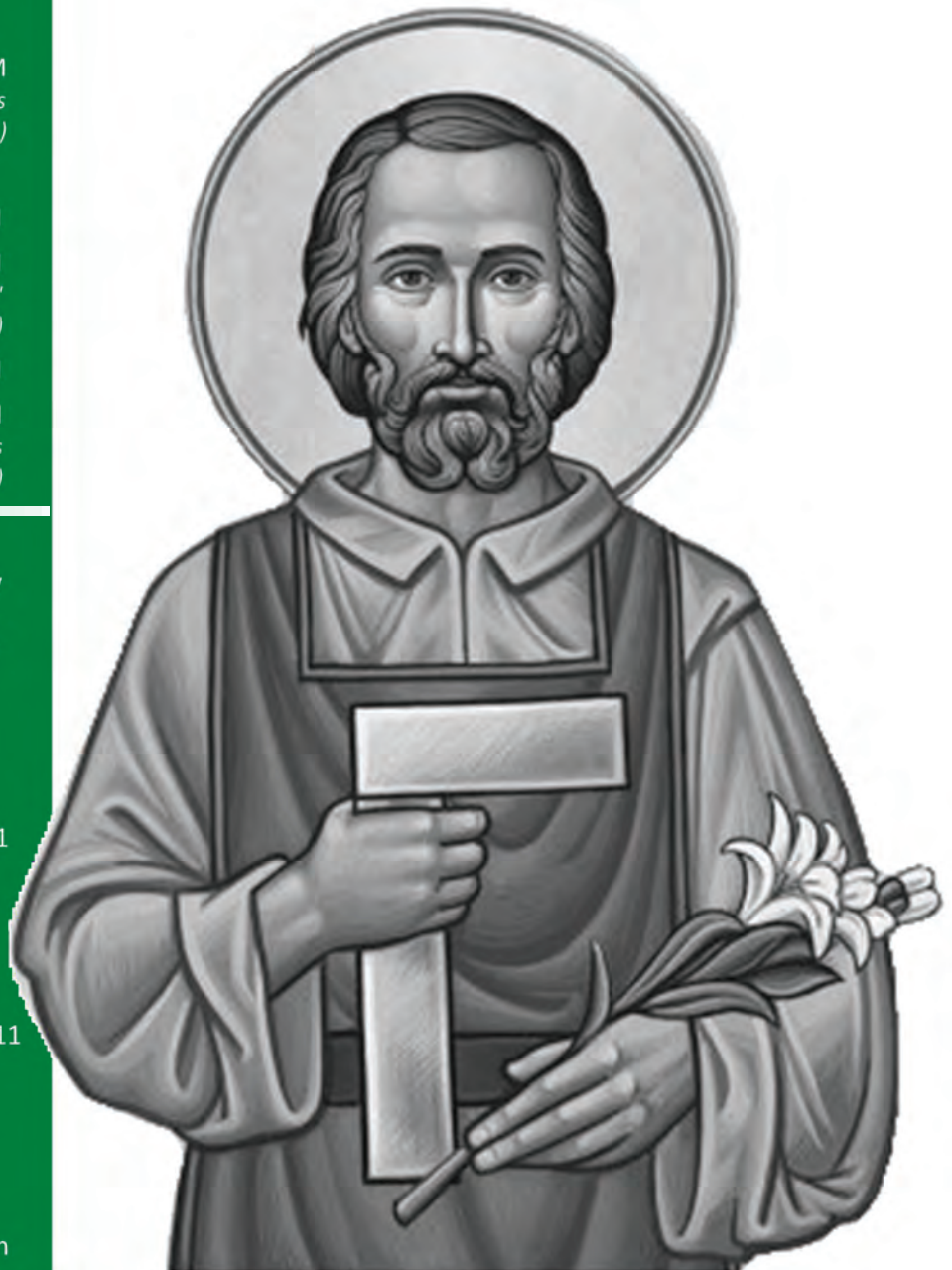
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**8:00AM The Rosary is prayed before Daily Mass.
Open to all. You are always welcome to join us.**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon. 8:35AM. Frank & Justine Thomson
R/B Andrew Thomson & Family
8:35AM Barbara Canavan
R/B Petter & Mary Tabernero
8:35AM Edward Burkowski
R/B Dottie & George Lukazik
- Tue. 8:35AM Mary Jane Kroon
R/B Hilton Family
8:35AM Frank & Janet DePrimo
R/B Maryellen Tobia
8:35AM Barbara Canavan
R/B Alice Manzella & Joyce
- Wed. 8:35AM Mary & William Matis
R/B Paulette Matis
8:35AM Barbara Jackson Canavan
R/B Dottie & George Lukazik
8:35AM Vincent Anthony Rosa
R/B Tobia & Rosa Families
10:00AM Communion Service – Parking Lot
- Thu. 8:35AM Franz Schrom
R/B Maria Meyler
8:35AM Carol Jorgensen
R/B Mary & Bill Tunke
8:35AM Albert Toni
R/B Selwa Toni
- Fri. 8:35AM Denise & Dennis Sitarik
50th Wedding Anniversary
R/B Sitarik Family
8:35AM Kenneth Morrison
R/B Barbara Morrison
8:35AM Mary Vargeese
R/B Shanta George
- Sat. 4:45PM Susan Kujowski
R/B Kujowski Family
4:45PM Patricia & Dan Cuning
R/B Pam Cuning
4:45PM Albert Missack
R/B Joanne & Ted Givand
- Sun. 8:00AM Mark Miller
R/B Tuba Guys
8:00AM People of the Parish
9:30AM Mary & Peter Tummillo
R/B Carl & Connie Panzera
9:30AM Mike Stevko
R/B Debra Miller
9:30AM Edward Nawracaj
R/B Terri & Peter Macor
11:30AM Veronica Zacharczyk
R/B Stan Zacharczyk
11:30AM Theresa McDonald
R/B Roseanne & James McDonald
11:30AM Genevieve Flysta
R/B Bob & Linda Geiger

HOLY HOUR
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
On the Main Altar of the Church
WEDNESDAYS - After the 8:35AM Mass

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK
Isaiah 5:1-7 Philippians 4:6-9
Matthew 21:33-43



HEALING PRAYER

Next Weekend October 7 & 8

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

All conversations and prayer requests are confidential.
For more Information: Ann Smith at 908-285-6481



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Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and **the first Sunday of October** is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between.

WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC? KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT?

Our parish's Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (now "OCIA," formerly known as "RCIA"), is now welcoming two types of people to the process:

- adults who were baptized (as Catholics or in any Christian denomination) but did not pursue later sacraments or religious formation,
- and (b) people who have not been baptized but want to become Catholics.

Perhaps you or someone you know may be this person? Email Suzanne Kral, skral@sjmillstone.com for more information

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FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OCTOBER 4

Dear All, Christ's Peace!

Eucharistic Revival – We start in earnest this Sunday, October 1. The homilies in October, Advent, Lent, and June will connect the gospels with communion. Please keep wondering: “What do I mean when I say ‘Amen’ at communion?” In addition to the homilies, much will be offered to help deepen your “Amen.”

Memorial Mass – Save the Date for November 2 – We were thinking of November 17, but have decided on All Souls Day – for the 7:00 pm Mass at which we pray, by name, for (a) all who have died since October 1, 2022 and (b) all deceased children and grandchildren of parishioners.

Sacrament of the Sick – WOW – The recent group anointings – after Saturday’s 4:45 and Wednesday’s Communion Service – were experiences of truly amazing grace. Your faith, sincerity, and witness stop me in my tracks. Thank you for the extraordinary privilege of praying with you. Special thanks to those who have labored to put down perceptions of “The Last Rites” and embrace perceptions of “The Sacrament of the Sick.”

Holy C.H.O.W! – Our efforts to assist food-insecure people in the Manville area continue to enjoy great blessings. Because of so many casserole-makers and other volunteers, God is doing great things through Holy C.H.O.W!

Join the Crew? – Our food truck crews would be glad to have you join. If you would like to learn more, come to the information meeting on Thursday, October 5 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Hospitality Room. If you think you will be there, email Michelle at mclaffoon@comcast.net.

Religious Education (CCD) – GREAT to have the halls filled again with our CCD students and teachers. The place is way more fun, and feels way more holy, when you are around.

Confirmation Date – The date is now set. The chancery has confirmed March 22.

Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry (SVFP) – Can you help one Saturday morning a month at the Perth Amboy SVFP? Questions? Email Terry Lee at terrytulee25@gmail.com. It is a great group and a fine project.

With extra blessings for you in this most beautiful of months,

Fr. Hank

Average Weekly Collection for August 2023

2020	\$18,073
2021	\$21,708
2022	\$21,364
2023	\$20,634

Goal for August 2023	\$22,200
% of Goal	93%

Getting Ready for Christmas?



ADVENT GIVING TREE 2023

GIFT CARDS ONLINE:

As we have been doing for the past few years, The Advent Giving Tree Ministry will again provide gift cards for the local agencies we serve.

The Website will be available on Friday, October 13
Gift Cards are due back to St. Joseph Church by November 12.

GIFT ITEMS FOR APPALACHIA:

We will also provide gift items for the children served by the Appalachia Ministry.

· **Gift tags will be available at Masses on November 4 & 5.**

· **Gifts for Appalachia are due back to St. Joseph Church on November 26.**

Full information about these programs to follow.



ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

SIGN UP THIS WEEKEND

September 30 & October 1

In Gathering Space After Mass

The pandemic wiped us out. We need to reboot and recover. Youngsters in grades 4-12 make excellent servers and learn much from serving. (They also get a great view of Mass!) If you are in grades 4-12, or if you have children in grades 4-12, or influence people in that category, PLEASE help us rebuild the ranks of white-robed apostles. Siblings and cousin combos can form some especially great memories.

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YOU'RE INVITED

The Center for Great Expectations

would like to invite you to join us at our

Hope Lives Here

25th Anniversary Gala

on Friday, October 6

at the Marigold in Somerset.

For more information, please contact

Laurie Lachs 732-247-7003 x336



SAGES ACTIVITIES

Monday-Funday, October 9

Join us for lunch, poker and the Jesuit acclaimed movie, *Black Robe*. Fr Hank will give a 15 talk about the movie before lunch. To register, please contact AnnaMaria

Exercise – Thursdays 10:00 AM. Drums Alive with one class of Silver Sneakers on October 12. Chair and Floor Yoga begins November 2. No registration is required.

Tuesday Topics–

October 17 - Medicare Options for 2004 at 2PM in Parish Hall.

October 24 – Whatever Happened to Leaded Gasoline by Fr Hank at 2PM in Parish Hall.

Please register with AnnaMaria.

Homebound Gifts – Fall gifts from the parish will go out in late September. Know of someone who should be on the list? Please contact AnnaMaria at arealbuto@sjmillstone.... or at 908-864-0334. Our gifts help the homebound feel connected to their parish.

For more information or to register for events contact AnnaMaria at arealbuto@sjmilltone.... or 908-864-0334.

IN MEMORIAM

Victoria Matons, 94, mother of Jim, Elisabeth, Judy, Anthony and Augustus (pre-deceased), died on September 18.

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

#2

Be a Champion for Catholic Charities and Put Mercy into Action

50/50 RAFFLE DRAWING ~ NOVEMBER 1, 2023

We might never know the recipients of our Works of Mercy or the impact our financial gift had on their lives. Consider the family that was helped by Catholic Charities during a period of unemployment and is now on the path to self-sufficiency or, the person whose struggle with addictions is being alleviated through our Catholic Charities' counseling services. Who would guess that becoming a Champion for Catholic Charities by purchasing a raffle ticket could have such far-reaching results. When a community responds in generosity, that is exactly what happens.

By entering our Champions 50/50 Raffle, you are helping our neighbors in need and you just may win one of the two grand prizes. ***Over the years, the prize for this raffle has reached as high as \$40,000 each for two lucky winners!*** With your participation, we are hoping for even greater success this year. Tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased by [downloading a raffle form](#) at www.diometuchen.org/champions and mailing it in with your payment or by calling 732-562-2432. Thank you and good luck!



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 October 11 and will be both in person and online. 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 the group via email at sacredheartigi@gmail.com.

FEMININE GENIUS BRUNCH

Saturday, October 14, 2023, 9:30AM – 12:30PM

**At the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center,
146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway**

Come join us for a beautiful morning set aside to marvel at the mystery of God and His plan for each of us! This event includes a presentation and book signing by Shannon Whitmore, author of the new book, "See Yourself as God Does: Understanding Holy Body Image through Catholic Scripture" (Ascension). The morning will include prayer and reflection, brunch and a review of some service ideas for women to get more involved in ministry. This event is for women of all ages and will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM. For more information and/or to register please visit www.diometuchen.org/familylife or call 732-562-1543.

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PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer

1651 US Hwy. 22, Watchung, NJ 07069
908-753-2091 or www.msmhope.org

10th ANNUAL MAJOR SPEAKER

Sr. Helen Prejean

Wednesday, October 18, 7-8:30 pm Hybrid

Sr. Helen Prejean, world-acclaimed author and speaker, will share with us how she woke up to poor people and those condemned to die. After witnessing the death row inmates of Patrick Sonnier and Robert Lee Willie, Sister Helen realized that this lethal ritual would remain unchallenged unless its secrecy was stripped away, so she sat down and wrote her first book, *Dead Man Walking*, which later became a world-acclaimed movie. Sr. Helen Prejean is known around the world for her tireless work against the death penalty. She has been instrumental in sparking national dialogue on capital punishment and in shaping the Catholic Church's vigorous opposition to all executions.

Sr. Helen will be on Zoom; limited in person participation is available.

Monthly Series: Contemplative Nonviolent Prayer & Practice - Introduction to Contemplation and Contemplative Living

Tuesday, October 3, 7-8:30 pm Hybrid

Today the words "Contemplative Living" are popular, but what do these words mean? This monthly series explores in depth ways to nurture our prayer life and how to live the abundant, holistic life that Jesus has promised us. First Tuesday of the month, 7-8:30 pm

(Per session—\$20-30 as you are able)

Presenter: Rev. Joseph Kerrigan



Marriage Encounter Weekend

Please join us for a special weekend experience to enrich your marriage. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held October 20 - 22.

Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

The following high schools are hosting various opportunities to visit the school or participate in activities designed to learn more about the school.

Please contact the school directly to register or for more information.

IMMACULATA HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

October 22 – 2-5 PM

October 23 – 6-8PM

Join us either day to take a tour, meet our faculty and staff, and visit our Academic and Activity Expo.

Register at: immaculatahighschool.org/openhouse.

Saint Joseph High School, Metuchen

145 Plainfield Avenue

Metuchen, NJ

Open House:

Sunday, October 15, 2023 from 11:30 - 2 p.m.

Go to www.StJoes.org/openhouse

to pre-register.

If you have any questions, contact

admissions@stjoes.org.

UNION CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 - 7 PM

Saturday, November 4, 2023 - 12 noon

Register to attend Fall Open House here: https://union-catholic.schooladminonline.com/portal/public-calendars/calendar_1

PAINT & SIP

A Night of Painting & Fun

Led by local artist, Hal Vandermark

Friday, October 13, 2023

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please send info for the bulletin no later than Friday, 8 days prior to the weekend you want the article to appear, directly to stjoebulletin@yahoo.com Thank You.

Sunday, Oct 01, 2023

Seamless unity

We work best when we work together. A society pulling in opposite directions tears itself apart. The final prayer Jesus offers at the Last Supper is for unity among his friends. Saint Paul likewise implores his communities to be of one heart. Today, on Respect Life Sunday, we soberly confess that we can't both honor the sacred gift of life and allow poverty, injustice, exclusion, and indifference to remain unchallenged. Coincidentally, it's the International Day of Older Persons, in a world where people over 60 outnumber children under 5. Make this world a welcome place for everyone.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32 (136). *"Complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing."*

Monday, Oct 02, 2023

Watching over us

What exactly does the church teach about angels? "The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls 'angels' is a truth of faith," says the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The church venerates angels as servants and messengers of God. And one is particularly looking out for you. But, as Pope Francis says, not just to protect but to prod: "The angels help us; they push us to continue on the journey [of life]." These pure spirits who are in communication with God encourage us to "be not afraid" and take risks. Join the church in welcoming these—and your—special guardians.

MEMORIAL OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 8:1-8 (455); Matthew 18:1-5, 10 (650). *"I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."*

Tuesday, Oct 03, 2023

The Lord loves justice

Mother Theodore Guerin, whose feast is today, was a missionary to the United States who established schools, a pharmacy, and orphanages. But her love of Christ made her denounce injustices, too. She described a slave auction: "These Americans, so proud of their liberty, thus make game of the liberty of others. Poor negroes! I would have wished to buy them all that I might say to them, 'Go! Bless Providence. You are free!'" Her mission continues today with her Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, who strive for peace and justice, particularly in the area of racial equality and equity, criminal justice reform, human trafficking, and immigration. Take to heart Mother Guerin's words as you work to transform the world: "Above all things; justice, justice. If any preference may be shown let it be to the poorest or most abandoned."

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56 (456). *"Every nationality, speaking different tongues, shall . . . say, 'Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.'"*

Wednesday, Oct 04, 2023

Make mercy your song to all creation

The feast of Saint Francis of Assisi is a great date to reflect on one's care for creation, as we are often wont to think all that matters in the spiritual life is our connection to God and other humans. The great Franciscan founder showed us by his life, including preaching to the creatures of the air and the field, that all of creation is listening to hear what we have to say. Is our

message that of compassion and prudence, or rather convenience and the "throwaway culture"? Perhaps God himself is choosing to lend an ear by means of all God's creatures, great and small.

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI

TODAY'S READINGS: Nehemiah 2:1-8; Luke 9:57-62 (457). *"Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head."*

Thursday, Oct 05, 2023

Mercy prevails

Saint Faustina Kowalska is one of a long list of saints who held low status but whose intense relationship with God fueled a power that gained attention. A peasant who became a nun assigned low-level jobs, Faustina's mystical visions of Jesus—at first doubted by church authorities—eventually were embraced widely. They are the foundation of Divine Mercy Sunday, characterized by an image of Jesus with rays of mercy emanating from his heart. Faustina's focus on God's mercy is a message that helped her native Poland through harrowing years of war and repressive government, and it continues to inspire. Commit yourself to an act of mercy today.

MEMORIAL OF FAUSTINA KOWALSKA, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Luke 10:1-12 (458). *"Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.'"*

Friday, Oct 06, 2023

Leading indicators

The stories of the founders of religious institutes most often begin with reluctant souls who feel unworthy to accept such an important task. But, luckily for the church and all blessed by their service and legacy, they eventually take up the mantle of leadership. The decision is not without its benefits, according to Saint Bruno, founder of the Carthusians: "God gives his athletes the reward they desire: a peace that the world does not know and joy in the Holy Spirit." And, for Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, founder of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, prayer is key to finding the answers you seek when unsure of next steps: "I suggest that you pray to Our Lord that He assist you and give you the direction you need." Gain strength from the witness of these two great leaders.

MEMORIALS OF BRUNO, PRIEST; BLESSED MARIE ROSE DUROCHER, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16 (459). *"Whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."*

Saturday, Oct 07, 2023

By any name

Today's celebration has seen a lot of changes over the centuries. It started out as the Feast of Our Lady of Victory to commemorate the Christian defeat of the Turkish army on this date in 1571. A few years later Pope Gregory XIII changed the name to the Feast of the Holy Rosary. Pope Clement XI in 1716 changed the date to August 5. Pius X changed it back to October 7. John XXIII changed the name to the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Rosary. Then Paul VI changed the name to Our Lady of the Rosary. However you name it, today's Joyful Mysteries invite you to celebrate Christ in your life.

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

TODAY'S READINGS: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Luke 10:17-24 (460). *"I have given you the power 'to tread upon serpents' and scorpions and upon the full force of the enemy and nothing will harm you."*

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



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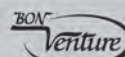
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