

JANUARY 28, 2024

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#### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil** 4:45 PM  
**Sunday** 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM  
**Monday-Friday** 8:35 AM  
**Holyday Vigil** 7:00 PM  
**Holyday** 8:35 AM & 5:00 PM

*Our church has seven seating sections. Every Mass has two social distance sections. One of those sections requires masks.*

#### EUCCHARIST OUTDOORS

**Summer Sundays** 11:30 AM is out doors.

**Non-Summer Sunday** 11:30 AM Mass has an in-car option. Congregants park in the designated area, listen to Mass on the parish radio station, and receive Communion in the car.

**Wednesday** 10:00 AM 20 minutes  
Communion Service in the parking lot, sometimes led by lay minister.

#### CONFESSIONS:

**Saturday Mornings** Drive-up Confessions are offered every Saturday morning, typically between 10:00 and 11:00 AM. Always check the "This Week" email to learn if the time has been changed to accommodate funerals or baptisms.

**By Appointment** Email Father Hank for an appointment if you cannot come on Saturday.

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

**After Mass - Individuals** - If you have surgery or a serious diagnosis, please request anointing after Mass.

**After Mass - Group** - There is a group anointing every month after one Mass. Call the office for information.

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

**Hospital** - Contact the hospital chaplain as soon as possible.

**Home or Nursing Home** - Call Fr Hank at 908-874-3141 and press 1.

**Emergency** - Call Fr Hank at 908-874-3141 and press 1.

#### BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, FUNERALS

Please see information pamphlets in the Gathering Space

#### NEW PARISHIONERS

Please see information pamphlets in the Gathering Space

#### VARIA

**Suicide Prevention Hotline** - Call 1-800-273-TALK

**Teen Crisis Text Hotline** - Text 741741

## PARISH COMMUNITY OF

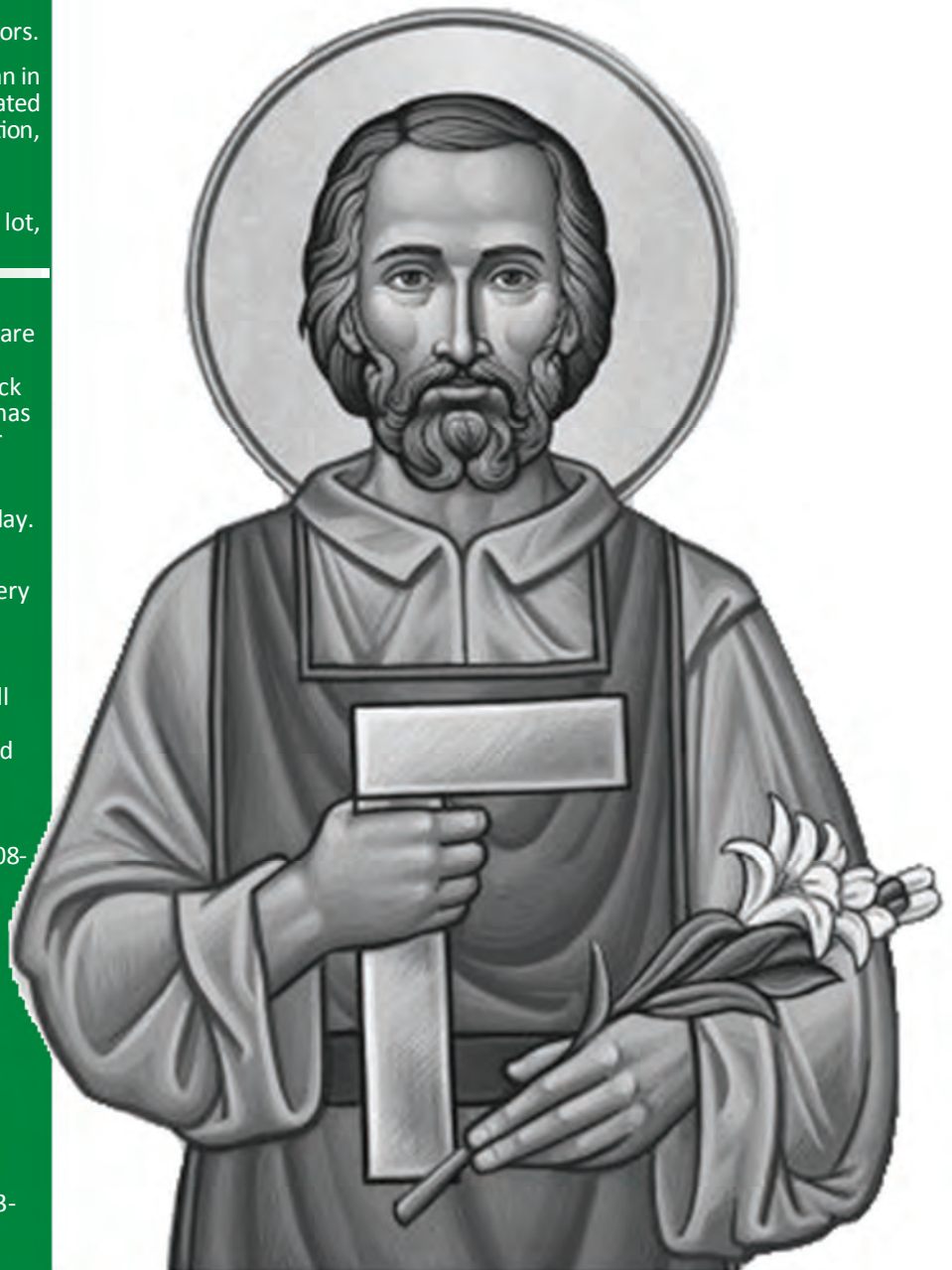
# Saint Joseph

## HILLSBOROUGH, NEW JERSEY

Priests

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# January 28, 2024

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 29 - Sunday, February 4

8:00AM The rosary is prayed before Mass.

Open to all. You are always welcome to join us.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon. 8:35AM Joan F. Rosa  
R/B Maryellen Tobia
- Tue. 8:35AM Adeline Carovillano  
R/B Sue Cheh
- Wed. 8:35AM Richard Edward Zupko, Sr.  
R/B Paulette Matis
- Thu. 8:35AM Gabe Albert  
R/B Margaret VanAllen
- 8:35AM Bayardo Pena  
R/B Soraya Simone
- 8:35AM Mary Ann Pocchia (Living)  
R/B Joe Pocchia
- Fri. 8:35AM Bridget & Pasquale Gagliardi  
R/B Pat & Joanne Gagliardi
- 8:35AM Peter Madeo  
R/B Kolomatis Family
- Sat. 4:45PM Susan Kujawski  
R/B Kujawski Family
- 4:45PM Andrew Kimball  
R/B Kimball Family
- 4:45PM Marie & Ed Looney  
R/B Carol & Anthony Guidotti
- Sun. 8:00AM Mary Ann Greene  
R/B Tom & Sarah Greene
- 8:00AM People of the Parish
- 9:30AM Antonio Jose Simoes  
R/B Steven & Janice Maikisch  
Wendy Heck & Family
- 9:30AM Amalia LoFaso  
R/B Susan Wund
- 9:30AM Chet Trechock  
R/B Gubitosi Family
- 11:30AM Joseph Bercarich  
R/B Walter & Florence Bercarich
- 11:30AM Norma Diaz  
R/B Ingrid Diaz
- 11:30AM Margaret Ann Savage-Kukla  
R/B Kim Kukla-Harris

## WEDNESDAY HOLY HOUR

after 8:35AM Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
On the Main Altar of the Church.

## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

:1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Mark 1:29-39

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Dear All, Christ's Peace!

**The (Fireside) Psalms Are Probably Returning – sort of** – Think you might be interested in joining an online group to learn more about the Mass? It will follow the format of “Fireside Psalms,” except no fireplace and no psalms. Other than that, you can’t tell them apart. Let us know if you think you might be interested in joining us for some or all of the five Wednesday night sessions.

**Lent** begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14.

**Lenten Penance Service** – Easter is way early this year. Mark your calendar for Tuesday, February 27.

**Stations of the Cross** – I get that the Christmas decorations are still not put away, but this is one of those years when Lent and Easter start very early. Mark your calendars now for both options for Stations of the Cross. We will once again pray the stations twice each day. We will pray the traditional Stations on Friday mornings after the 8:35 Mass. We will pray the scriptural Stations on Friday evenings at 7:00. Plan on it.

**The Sneaker Drive Is Coming** – Save your still useable sneakers for the March sneaker drive. It will benefit Gigi’s Playhouse – our town’s beloved activity center for people with Down Syndrome.

**Ministry Recruiting** – Lent will be here before you know it (Valentine’s Day) and when it arrives, we will reboot ministry recruiting. If your ministry needs people, please email Suzanne at [skral@simillstone.com](mailto:skral@simillstone.com).

**School Summer Service Trip - Catholic Heart Workcamp (CHWC)** - Registration is open for all high school-aged teens who want to join us for CHWC. This year’s trip is to Niagara Falls, NY from July 21 to July 27. The cost is \$600 per person. For detailed information, please go to our parish webpage.

**Young Adult Ministry: Service Trip to Juneau Alaska** – All young adults are invited to join us on our service trip to Juneau from July 3 to July 10. If you are between the ages of 18 and 40, you are considered a young adult. The cost is \$1,000 and includes airfare, food and lodging. To learn more please go to our parish webpage.

**Calendars Have (Finally) Arrived** – Take one from the Gathering Space tables.

*With continued thanks and all best blessings for you and your loved ones,*

**Fr. Hank**

# January 28, 2024



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Celebration of Marriage Mass**  
**Sunday, February 11, 2024**  
at the 11:30 mass  
with light refreshments afterwards

*Love Endures all things.* 1 Corinthians 13:7  
Please join us as we celebrate the sacrament  
of marriage and bless all the married couples  
in our parish.

See the parish website for RSVP  
or signup after mass.

## **FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP**

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate  
in the local level of competition for the 2024 Knights of  
Columbus Free Throw Championship.

The local competition will be held on Sunday January  
28<sup>th</sup> 4:30 –5:30 PM at Auten Road School Gym.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is  
sponsored annually, with winners progressing through  
local, district and state level competition.  
International champions are announced by the K of C  
international headquarters based on scores from state  
level competitions.

All boys and girls 9 to 14 years old are eligible to  
participate and will compete in respective age divisions.

**Age Eligibility is determined by the age of the  
contestant as of January 1, 2024**

Last year over 120,000 sharpshooters participated in  
3,600 competitions.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their  
participation in this event. Participants are required to  
furnish proof of age and written parental consent.

The Knights of Columbus is an international, Catholic,  
family, fraternal, service organization with over 1.8  
million members in more than 15,000 local councils.  
Last year, Knights donated 70 million volunteer hours  
and \$170 million to charitable and benevolent causes,  
sponsoring projects to benefit their Church, councils,  
communities, families, and youth.

For any additional information contact  
[domferrigno@comcast.net](mailto:domferrigno@comcast.net)

***It's Free! It's Fun! Spread the word.'***

## **ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO THE DIACONATE?**

The Diocese is looking for Spanish-speaking or bilingual  
men who are interested in becoming Deacons. A new di-  
aconate formation class is about to begin. Applications  
for that class will be accepted this Spring; prior to apply-  
ing, interested men must attend an Information Meet-  
ing. Information Meetings will be held at the St. John  
Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway on Wednesday,  
January 31, 2024 at 7:00 PM and again on Saturday,  
February 3, 2024 at 10:00 AM. If you are between the  
ages of 35 and 60, and you believe you are being called  
to this ministry, you, your wife and your pastor are cordi-  
ally invited to attend one of these meetings. If you have  
any questions, or wish to advise that you will attend,  
please contact the Diocesan Diaconate Office at (732)  
562-2457 or [diaconate@diometuchen.org](mailto:diaconate@diometuchen.org).

## **WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS**

If you have registered in the last 6 months or plan to reg-  
ister soon, please join us for our New Parishioner Wel-  
come on Sunday, February 4 in the Hospitality Room  
right after the 11:30 mass (approx. 12:30). Come and  
meet your fellow parishioners, enjoy a lite lunch, listen to  
a brief information session, and find ways to become an  
integral member of our parish community.

Future date: May 5, 2024



## **SAGES ACTIVITIES**

For more information or to register for events contact  
AnnaMaria at [arealbuto@sjmilltone.com](mailto:arealbuto@sjmilltone.com)  
or 908-864-0334.

**Monday Fundays** – January 29, 12 Noon for lunch,  
poker and Bingo..

**Tuesday Topic**, February 6 at 2:00 John Rossi will give  
a presentation on Scams targeted at seniors. Specifi-  
cally, he will discuss Financial Fraud: how to identify it  
and stay safe.

Valentine's Party: Monday, February 12 at 12:00. Join  
us for a hot lunch, line dancing, poker and card making  
for the homebound.

Exercise: Salsa continues until February 8. Healthy  
Bones begins February 15 with Lorraine. No registration  
needed.

Trip to Sight and Sound Theater: We have tickets to see  
"DANIEL" on May 22 at 11:00 am. Tickets go on sale at  
the Sages Valentine party.

Reach out to AnnaMaria to register for all events above

# January 28, 2024

## 2024 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

**STAY WITH US, LORD:**

### ***Renew our Hearts and Send Us on Mission***

Please watch your mailbox for a letter from Bishop Checchio coming to you this week announcing the 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Our parish can share in a successful Appeal by earning a rebate of 50% of the amount collected over goal.

Through your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal you help those in our diocese whose needs are the greatest—the poor, the homeless, and those struggling with illness or grief. Among other needed pastoral ministries, your gift also supports the formation of seminarians and many other vital services. The many pastoral, educational and charitable ministries of the Diocese of Metuchen would not be possible without a generous contribution from every household. Please be as generous as your means allow.

### **CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS BY EMAIL**

Monica is all geared up to send out your 2023 contribution statement. We have discovered in recent years that things go exceptionally well when Monica sends those statements via email. If you have already signed up for e-delivery, great. If you want to sign up now, email Monica at [mmcdevitt@sjmillstone.com](mailto:mmcdevitt@sjmillstone.com). She will need your name, address and envelope number. (If you cannot recall your envelope number, no sweat. Monica can find it.) You can also leave Monica a message at 908-864-0979. If you prefer, you may also receive your statement as a hard copy in the surface mail.

### **Stress In Your Marriage?**

- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
- Have you thought about separation or divorce?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?

RETROUVAILLE is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ.

RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with four follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is **February 2 – 4, 2024**. All inquiries are confidential. For further information, please contact Rich Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno 732-672-0748 or email [3024@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:3024@helpourmarriage.org)

### **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](mailto:stjoebulletin@yahoo.com) Thank You



## **Knights Korner**

*Welcome to the first installment of the new bulletin feature - Knights Korner*

Interested in becoming a Knight? Scan code.



The Millstone Valley Knights of Columbus Council was established 30 years ago. We are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect and defend. As Knights, we share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors and role models and to put charity and community first. We are proud to be an integral part of the St. Joseph Parish Community.

Visit our webpage & scan code below.



### Upcoming Events

Free Throw Contest – January 28

Fish Fry – March 8

### Business Meeting

2nd Wednesday

### Social Meeting

4th Wednesday

## **CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2024-2025**

### **TUITION ASSISTANCE**

### **ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN**

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than March 31, 2024. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

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## CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS – PART 3

*In Memory of*

**Frank Viola** *from Sandra Viola*

**Ken Morrison and the Morrison & Nelson Families** *from Barbara Morrison*

**Julie Ciampa Farndy** *from Jean Ciampa*

**Husband John M. Fischer, Charles & Naomi Yeoman, John & Isabel Fischer** *from Diane Y. Fischer*

**Jolen M. Cleary** *from Diane Cleary*

**John Cleary** *from Diane Cleary*

**Arthur Palumbo** *from Eileen Palumbo*

**Dr. N.J. George** *from Shanta George*

**Roger Lih** *from Arleen Lih*

**Richard Wright** *from Jeffrey & Jennifer Wright*

**Pasquale & Rose Verni & Bob Spitzer** *from Ann Spitzer*

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**Mary Kaufman, Leo Kaufman** *from Gary & Judy Rymer*

**Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Smith** *from Tom & Debbie McCann*

**The Tucciarone & Quarte deceased family members** *from Mr. & Mrs. Sal Tucciarone*

**Robert Spitzer** *from Ann Spitzer*

**Joseph A. & Clara F. Scott** *from Joseph & Patricia Mignon*

**Graham T. Ross** *from the Ross Family*

**Henry J. Izzo** *from Mark and Jeannette Izzo*

**Michael DeLucia Jr.** *from Nina DeLucia*

**Helen Liedl, Clara Gentile, John Liedl and John Gentile** *from Phil Gentile*

**Joseph D. Whiteside** *from Norma Whiteside*

**Seth Newton** *from Kathleen Newton*

**Mary N. Bisson & Edna M. Goszka** *from Mr. & Mrs. Charles Goszka*

**Monica R. McKenzie, Alice McKenzie, Rudolph McKenzie and Monica G. McKenzie** *from Delroy McKenzie*

**Zena Pringle, Neville Gibbs** *from Delroy McKenzie*

**Mom, Dad, James Jr. & Christine** *from Anonymous*

**The Geraci/Pedone Families** *from F. Geraci*

**Mitchell Korman** *from Maureen & David Korman*

**Tom McCarthy** *from Claire McCarthy*

**Eric Joseph** *from Mom & Dad*

**Deceased members of the Tranzillo & Durante Families** *from MaryJane Tranzillo*

**The Santostefano Family** *from Michael Santostefano*

**The Spsychalski & Gorecki Families** *from Tom Spsychalski*

**Mary Ann & Richard Plisco** *from Carol Goodman*

**Dora & Dan Pingaro** *from Christine Leiter*

**Kelly and Bohan Families** *from Mr. & Mrs. John Kelly*

**Charles F. Bruno, Robert Murphy, Phyllis Murphy** *from JoAnne Bruno*

**Eileen Cinquemane** *from Charlie & Eileen Trapp*

**Deceased members of the Kimball Family** *from Susan Kimball*

**Joseph Ahern** *from Diane Ahern*

**TO BE CONTINUED**



Invest time each week to expand your vocabulary and deepen your faith.

28 January 2024

## WORD OF THE WEEK

### Benedictus \be-nə-'dik-təs\

From Latin meaning "blessed," the hymn sung by Zechariah, John the Baptist's father, an elder priest, who became mute on learning that he and Elizabeth would become parents late in life. After John's birth, Zechariah's tongue is loosed and he praises God with this canticle beginning: "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has come to his people and set them free" (Luke 1:68).

Pronunciation: <http://tinyurl.com/Take5-benedictus>

### CONTEXT

Since the early centuries, the **Benedictus** has been sung in the morning prayer of the church's liturgy because of its praise for the coming of the Redeemer and its allusion to Christ coming as the dawn to give light to those in darkness. —Stephen J. Binz

May I have the courage today/ To live the life that I would love,/ To postpone my dream no longer,/ But do at last what I came here for/ And waste my heart on fear no more. —John O'Donohue, **Benedictus**: A Book of Blessings

### WHY IT MATTERS

The **Benedictus** is one of four canticles sung at the start of Luke's gospel, including Mary's Magnificat, (*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord*), the song of the angels to the shepherds (*Glory to God in the highest!*), and Simeon's prayer at the presentation of Jesus in the temple (*Lord, now you let your servant go in peace*). Together these songs remind us that, in the face of good news, the most reasonable response is to sing. Joyful people know this. It is the most natural response to the graciousness of God who truly has "come to the people and set them free!"

From The General Instruction on the Liturgy of the Hours: The Gospel canticles, the *Benedictus*, the *Magnificat* and the *Nunc dimittis*, should be accorded the same solemnity and dignity as is usual for the hearing of the Gospel (138).

### RELATED WORDS

Magnificat | Nunc dimittis | Beatitudes

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

### Why do we sing at Mass?

Saint Augustine, who said many things well, insisted: "Singing is for one who loves." This is the same Bishop Augustine who considered banning music from his church altogether. In the end he adhered to an older proverb: "Whoever sings well plays twice over." So pass out the song sheets.

Saint Paul was an earlier proponent of church music, back when church still gathered in somebody's house. He advocated that believers sing "psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God" (Col. 3:16). While Augustine got it right that singing is for lovers, happy people in general whistle while they work, and grateful people know they have something to sing about. This may explain why some folks in church are reluctant to sing. Without a significant increase in the spirit of joy and gratitude, don't expect an increase in responsive singers. Yet to those who love, feel joy, and are grateful, a little frivolity in public is in order.

—Alice Camille, from *Questions Catholics Ask* <https://tinyurl.com/QCA-sing-Mass>

## REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (FEBRUARY 2)

### Listen to your elders

Mary and Joseph were faithful Jews and desired their son to be raised in the faith that had sustained them. They took Jesus to the Temple to be consecrated and presented to God, where they met Simeon and Anna, elders of the community. The elders immediately recognized Jesus as the Messiah, the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

READINGS: Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40 (524 <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/020224.cfm>). "My eyes have seen your salvation."

### FAITH IN ACTION

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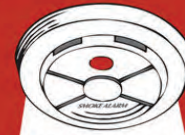
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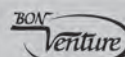
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