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MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

EUCHARIST 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 Teen Crisis Text Hotline - Text 741741

PARISH COMMUNITY OF

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May 5, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK Monday, May 6 - Sunday, May 12

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

Mon.	8:35AM Christine DeLisi
	R/B Bryan DeLisi
	8:35AM Jill Stephenson
	R/B Garr Stephenson
	8:35AM Thomas Guzzardi
_	R/B St Matthew's St Vincent DePaul Society
Tue.	8:35AM Robert McDevitt
	R/B Carol & Artie Valone
	8:35AM Michael Spedaliere
	R/B Gino & Sylvio Composto
	8:35AM Mark Janeski
	R/B Fr Hank & Parish Staff
Wed.	8:35AM Francis M. Felice
	R/B Helen Felice
	8:35AM Rita Johnson Abraham
	R/B Sharon Sweeney & Jane Conlon
Thu.	8:35AM Russell Matis
	R/B Paulette Matis
	8:35AM Jamie DeLos Santos
	R/B DeLos Santos Family
	8:35AM Stuart B. Meisenzahl
	R/B Garr Stephenson
Fri.	8:35AM Mary larkowski
	R/B Marge larkowski
	8:35AM Margaret Madeo
	R/B Kolomatis Family
Sat.	4:45PM All Deceased Mothers of Our Parishioners
	4:45PM People of the Parish
Sun.	8:00AM All Parishioners Who Are Mothers
	9:30AM All Living Mothers of Our Parishioners
	11:30AM All Deceased Mothers of Our Parishioners

WEDNESDAY HOLY HOUR

after 8:35AM Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament On the Main Altar of the Church.



CHILDREN'S MAY CROWNING This Sunday, May 5 at the 9:30 Mass For all children,

especially our First Communicants.

First Communicants are invited to wear their Communion outfits. All children who want to process in, will line up in the Gathering Space at 9:15 and will be given a flower to take to the Statue of Mary.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:17-23 Mark 16:15-20

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD Sunday, May 12

Effective since 2022, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord has been permanently transferred from Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter to the following Sunday, the Seventh Sunday of Easter, in all Catholic dioceses in New Jersey. <u>This year, the Solemnity of</u> <u>the Ascension of the Lord will be observed on</u> <u>Sunday, May 12</u> This liturgical observance is an integral dimension of the completion of Our Lord's paschal mystery and, after much discussion, the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey collectively discerned that the transferring the observance to the following Sunday would allow for greater participation among the faithful.



Prayer Partners Next Weekend May 11 & 12

Immediately after 4:45PM, 9:30AM & 11:30AM Masses For information contact Ann Smith at 908-285-6481. All conversations and prayer requests are confidential. **Update**: If you are looking for a Prayer Partner, they can be found at the foot of the altar right after mass. They are available as long as people are in line or until the church has emptied.

Please note we are still in need of team members, especially at the 4:45 and 11:30 masses. To sign up call Ann at 908-285-6481.

This Week in Prayer, Service & Community

Dear All, Christ's Easter Peace!

Giant thanks to all who participated in Spring Cleanup Day. We crossed many items off the parish-do list and had significant fun in the process. Extra thanks to the smallest members of the team. You were great.

About the livestream glitches – fingers crossed. We think we have isolated the problem and have fixed it. Score one big W for us over the tech gremlins. (We hope.)

Bishop Checchio Is Coming to Dedicate the Pavilion – Mark your calendars for the 11:30 Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 19 at 11:30. And pray for good weather!

Our First Sunday Pavilion Mass – A little chilly? Even I will admit it. But it was a great blessing to celebrate our first Sunday Mass on April 21. BIGGEST thanks to the many people from many ministries who made it happen. Most of all, thanks to John Cavanaugh for getting the pavilion over the finish line. May the structure enrich our efforts to know and want and do what God asks of us as priests, prophets, and monarchs.

St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry – The St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry Ministry (Perth Amboy) needs extra help this summer, when it is harder to round up volunteers to assist our food-insecure neighbors. Can you help the pantry once or twice? Please email Terry at terrytulee25@gmail.com.

Young Families UPCOMING – Mark your calendars for our next two "Growing Families" gatherings: Saturday, May 18 for sunflower planting and garden exploration, and Saturday, June 8 for garden work and craft day. Stay tuned for details. Questions? Email Liz at eloughlin@sjmillstone.com.

CCD Teachers Rock! – What a blessing it was to see so many CCD teachers at the appreciation brunch. We Donut think we would be able to have CCD without any of them! This coming week marks the end of the CCD year. We thank parents, teachers, and especially students, for all their hard work throughout the year. Mr. Craigle also wants to extend a special thanks for making his first year on the job so joyous.

Hot Sauce – Mission Possible – How about another fun way to support this summer's Youth and Young Adult Service trips? Check out our "Mission Possible Sriracha" hot sauce, made from peppers grown in Hillsborough. 100% of the sales of this premium hot sauce will go to offsetting the costs of Catholic Heart Work Camp and the Young Adult Service Trip. Questions? Go to <u>https://sjmillstone.com/youth-young-adult-service-tripregistrations/mission-possible-sriracha-hot-sauce</u> With great thanks and all best blessings,



BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

The Knights of Columbus and The Respect Life Ministry are conducting a Baby Bottle Fundraiser for The Center for Great Expectation on the weekends of May 5 and 12. The bottles, with donations, should be returned on the weekends of May 19 and 26. You may also donate directly using this QR code. Thank You.



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 May 8 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 732 790 3136 or the group may be reached via email at sacredheartigi@gmail.com.



MAY CRIB COLLECTION

The collection crib will be in the Gathering Space from May 11 - June 2. Please consider donating some of the goods that new moms need most – especially bottles, diapers, baby wipes, toiletries, baby formula, and layettes. Toddler clothing (may be gently used) is greatly needed for children up to age five. Our volunteers have been enjoying sorting and distributing these wonderful items to those moms in most need. Thank you!

Father Hank

May 5, 2024

AVERAGE WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR MARCH

March 2024	\$23,675
March 2023	\$22,525
March 2022	\$23,634
March 2021	\$22,029
March 2024 Goal	¢22.20

March 2024 Goal \$22,200 % of Goal 107%

PRAYER DAY FOR SENIORS

See the "SAGES" section below for details about the Day of Recollection on September 30 at San Alfonso, on the ocean in Long Branch. You do not have to be a SAGE to go.



For more information or to register for events contact AnnaMaria at <u>arealbuto@sjmilltone.com</u> or 908-864-0334.

Exercise – We meet Thursdays at 10:00AM in the Parish Hall. Drums Alive will end on May 9. Chair Yoga begins on May 16, both sitting and standing options. No registration required. We provide all equipment.

The Chosen – For all of you who love the TV series based on the life of Jesus, join us Friday, May 17 at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall for episodes 3 and 4 of Season 2. No registration is needed.

Monday Funday with The Full Monte Uke Band – Join us Monday, May 20 at noon for lunch, poker and ukulele concert. Weather permitting, we will be under the pavilion. The concert and poker begin at 1:00. To register, contact AnnaMaria..

Trip to San Alfonso Retreat House –Monday, September 30. We look forward to this prayerful day in Long Branch. The retreat theme is "The Eucharist and the Hungers of the Human Heart." More details to follow. **Homebound gifts**. Please contact AnnaMaria if you know someone who is homebound and would like to receive gifts and/or Communion visits.

In Memoriam

Edna L. Stashek, 93, mother of parishioner Karen Jurgensen, died on April 19.

Daniel L. Maresca, 83, spouse of Carmela, died on April 27.

Please pray for eternal rest for them and for consolation for their families and all who mourn their deaths..



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The Knights Need Your Help!

...The Millstone Valley Knights of Columbus is seeking additional members. As we begin plans for the next fraternal year (starts July 1) it is ideal if we can take on more programs and increase the great work we already do. This can only happen if we have more members to help expand our reach.

We need more men to answer the call to serve. Being part of the Knights is one of the easiest ways to give back to the community and to respond to that desire to volunteer. The level of commitment is not defined by the Council. We ask that you give what you can, when you can.

JOIN US!

Visit our website today to learn more about us and to start your service journey.

Contact: Peter Ciccotelli, Grand Knight Email: kofc11415@gmail.com



This is a great time to reserve your table for the fun and frolic on Saturday, May 18. This year's theme: "80's Music - Rock Your Neon!" Go to <u>https://simillstone.com/trivia</u> for more details and to reserve your spot! All proceeds support the service trips for the Youth Group and Young Adults.

May 5, 2024

ENGAGING NONVIOLENCE

Upcoming Program

Mount St. Mary House of Prayer in Watchung Information and Registration can be found on their website: <u>www.msmhope.org</u>. Call 908-753-2091 or email us at <u>msmhope@msmhope.org</u>. You can register and pay at <u>www.msmhope.org</u>.

Wednesdays, May 15, 22, 29 & June 5, 12, 19. <u>A Six Week Online Course</u> 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM EST Cost: \$50 for the series Must Register by May 6 Details...

Nonviolence is a way of life, a set of principles, a collection of practices for navigating conflict, and a toolbox for making change. This 6-week online course is a basic introduction to principled and strategic nonviolence using Pace e Bene's Engaging Nonviolence Study Guide. Together, participants will discover the many dimensions of active nonviolence from inner practices to tools for interpersonal conflicts to actions for social change. Using discussions, small group conversations, and participatory exercises, facilitators Rivera Sun and Nina Koevoets will guide the group through explorations of how nonviolence relates to our lives, spirits, and communities. This course is designed to be accessible, fun, friendly, and fearless.

Weekly Themes: Understanding Nonviolence, Exploring Nonviolence, Principles of Nonviolence, Nonviolence, Emotions, and Inner Awareness, Conflict & Community, Building a Culture of Nonviolence

Facilitators

Rivera Sun is a nonviolence trainer with Pace e Bene. She is the Program Coordinator for Campaign Nonviolence and the Nonviolent Cities Project. She is the editor of Nonviolence News and has also written many books, novels, and articles that are published in journals nationwide.

Nina Koevoets has a bachelor's in psychology and two master's degrees in conflict resolution, governance, and global studies. She did several internships and training in Israel-Palestine, India, The Netherlands, and the USA. In 2015, she started her training course "Towards a Nonviolent World."

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer will order the Engaging Nonviolence Study Guide for all participants. The Zoom link will be sent directly from Pace e Bene.

Question? Contact us. (908) 753-2091 www.msmhope.org Easter Flower Offerings 2024 -Part 4



Donations without Memorials

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Back to the Garden Songs of Hope & Concord

Raritan Valley Choral Society in Concert

Sounds in full bloom, including music of Leonard Bernstein, Jean Sibelius, George Harrison, and Joni Mitchell. A harvest of tunes to feed our souls.

May 19, 2024 at 3:00 PM Hillsborough High School All Tickets \$10 at door.

Made possible by funds from the Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission, a partner of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.



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

05 May 2024

WORD OF THE WEEK

Ascension \a-,sen(t)- shan\

The act of **ascending**, or rising upward. The final earthly manifestation of the Risen Lord after the Resurrection. Jesus is lifted up and taken from view, transferred to the realm of the divine.

Pronunciation: https://tinyurl.com/Take5-ascension

CONTEXT

In the Scriptures, many ancient holy figures were said to be taken up to heaven, especially Enoch and Elijah.... Thus, **ascension** to the heavens came to be expected of holy and great persons; it indicated divine approval of them as well as their accession to heavenly power.

-Father Jerome Neyrey, S.J.

The **ascended** Christ, far from being absent, fills the whole cosmos in a new way.

—Sister Brid Long, S.S.L.

His **ascension** is our glory and our hope. —*Saint Augustine*

WHY IT MATTERS

The **Ascension** establishes the christ's universal rule and the church as the visible Body of Christ, equipped with the power and courage for mission. It assures us of our destiny to be with Christ now and on the last day. As Saint Augustine says, "While in heaven, he is also with us; and while on earth, we are with him."

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 667): Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

RELATED WORDS

Assumption | Resurrection | Pentecost | Epiphany

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What is Christ's Ascension?

Ascension seems like a feast designed to resolve a mystery: after Easter, where did Jesus go? Answer: back to his Father. Yet Ascension stories don't exactly provide a snapshot of Jesus leaving town. Luke says Jesus was removed to heaven from Bethany on the day of his Resurrection. Acts of the Apostles reports this event 40 days later, from the Mount of Olives. Mark agrees that it happened on Easter—but while Jesus was at table with his disciples. Houston, we have a problem.

Or maybe not. Saint John Chrysostom insisted **Ascension** simply conveys the final exaltation of Christ after the humiliation of the cross. Saint Augustine viewed the **Ascension** as the glorification of us all: where Jesus went, we too might go. Theologians distinguish between "passive" assumptions and the active **Ascension** of Jesus. Another unique element of the **Ascension** is that while Jesus is physically gone, he remains present in a new way. The church becomes the visible Body of Christ on Earth, bearing his Spirit and sharing his Eucharist. In short, Jesus lifts up the church to where he is.

—Alice Camille, from Questions Catholics Ask http://tinyurl.c om/QCA-ascension

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (MAY 12)

Unlimited energy supply

All is not lost when Jesus leaves the disciples. In fact, nothing is lost because his Spirit remains—his essence, his energy, the fullness of his love for God and for us. Jesus is with us always through the power of the Holy Spirit. Each day, in every moment no matter what the circumstance, that power is yours to draw on. You are never alone. Nothing can separate you from the love—or the power—of God.

READINGS: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20 (58 https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/051224-Ascension.cfm). "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you."

FAITH IN ACTION

Don't waste energy trying to go it alone. Draw on God's power—it's free and totally renewable.

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