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Daily Mass:

Monday-Saturday 8:35 AM

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:45 PM

Sunday 7:15 AM

9:30 AM

11:30 AM

6:00 PM

Holiday Masses:

Vigil 5:00 PM

Holiday 8:35 AM & 7:00 PM

Confessions:

Saturday 4 - 4:30 PM
or by appointment

EMERGENCIES

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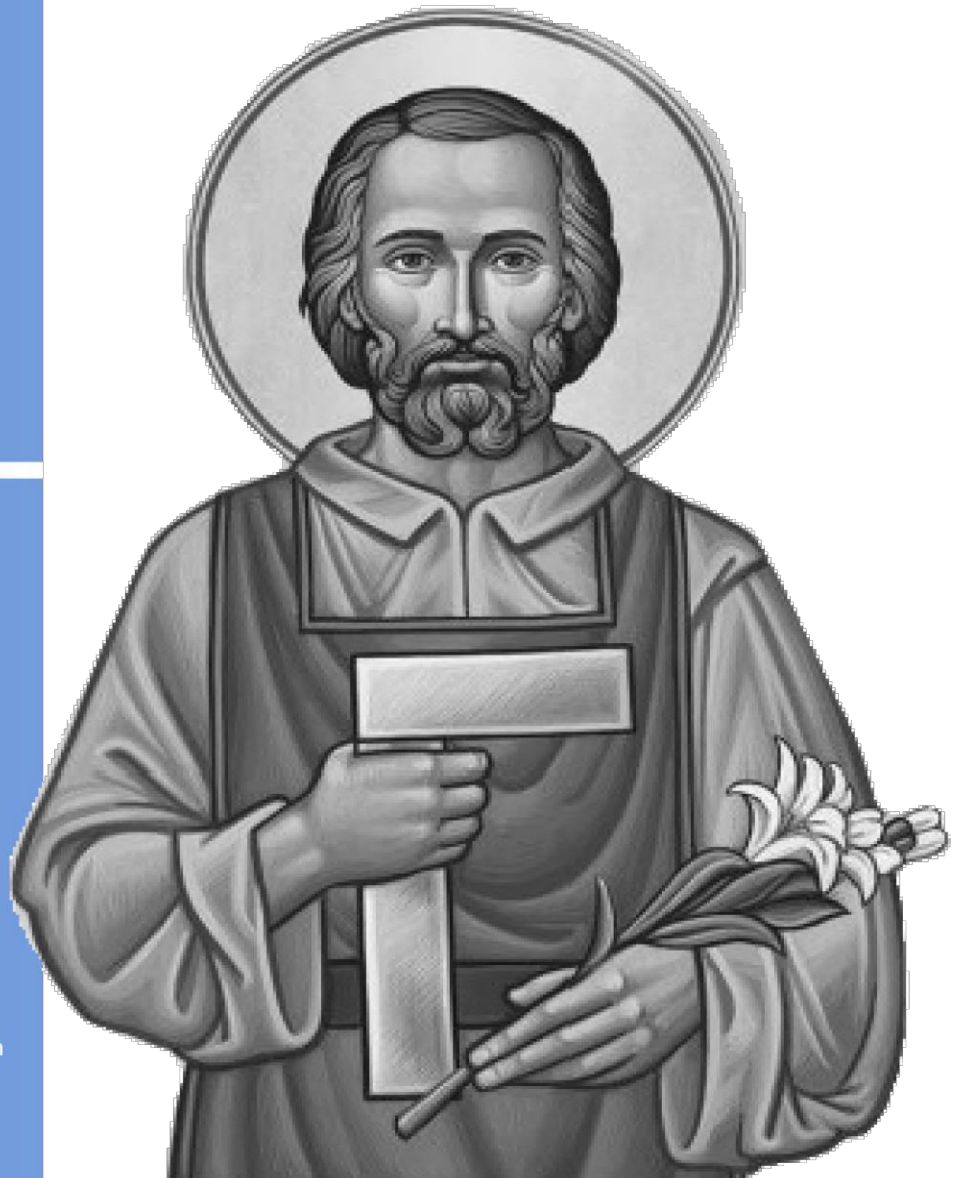
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

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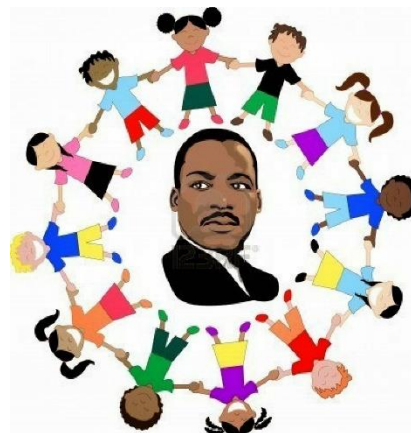
4:45 Mass will combine 4:45, 7:15 & 6:00 intentions.. 9:30 will combine 9:30 & 11:30 intentions..

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon. 8:35AM Kathy Tarby
R/B George & Dottie Lukazik
- Tue. 8:35AM Josephine Nouri
R/B Selwa Toni
- 8:35AM Mary Strain
R/B Sarah Greene
- 8:35AM George Lukas
R/B Carl & Connie Panzera
- .Wed. 8:35AM Helen Maresca
R/B Carmela & Dan Maresca
- Thu.. 8:35AM Paul Gubitosi
R/B Gubitosi Family
- Fri. 8:35AM John Nouri
R/B Selwa Toni
- 8:35AM Lori Donahue
R/B Donahue Family
- Sat. 4:45PM Elenmarie B. Dunn
R/B Siobhan Dunn
- 4:45PM Anthony Maita
R/B McDevitt Family
- 4:45PM People of the Parish
- Sun. 9:30AM Anita Giordano
R/B DeLucia Family
- 9:30AM Roseann Scotillo
R/B Millstone Valley Columbiettes
- 9:30AM Helge Henrickson
R/B Lou & Maritza Arango
- 9:30AM Christine Boehler
R/B Ridi & Frank

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20



This Moment in Prayer, Service and Community

Dear All:

Christ's Peace! After several weeks of special editions and atypical formats, this week's letter returns to the standard order. It will probably stay this way until Lent begins. That happens one month from Wednesday. How did that happen?

This Moment in Prayer

Our Parish Necrology – Thanks to all who, last year, submitted the names and dates of death of your most beloved. Many of you have recounted the great consolation you experience when you hear your loved ones' names included in the Prayers of the Faithful on the anniversaries of their deaths. Our collective thanks go out to Sean Glennon for converting all the names you submitted into a necrology.

As with every publication, edits are inevitable. Please go to our parish webpage and click on **NECROLOGY** to see the necrology. Then, please check the names you submitted and check if their names, dates, and relationships are accurate. If edits are required, use the form on the Necrology page. Please select "EDIT" and fill out all the fields on the form. The deadline for submission is 11:59 pm on Mardi Gras, Tuesday, February 16. We will make all the edits, post the edited version, and give you a few days to sign off.

After we complete the edits, we will add the names of the recently deceased.

Regrettably, owing to the size and the beauty of the project, we only accept requests from registered parishioners. (N.B. – This does not mean your loved ones have to have been parishioners – just that the requester is a parishioner.)

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Spring Sacramental Celebrations – GREAT thanks to all who have inquired about our upcoming celebrations of First Penance, First Communion, and Confirmation. The good news: we have learned much about how to make these celebrations beautifully prayerful and terrifically safe. The less good news: we have not yet received directives about how we are to proceed. If I were the wagering type, I would speculate that this year's celebrations will resemble last year's. Much could change. We are working on it!

Pandemic Lent? – Every indication is that we will be praying our way through a masked, socially distanced Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. It will be . . . you guessed it . . . different AND excellent. We will pray the outdoor stations a few times each week. We can use all our outdoor spaces, our food truck, our tech abilities, and many other gifts. What do you suggest?

The Year of Saint Joseph – The pandemic will surely influence our ways of celebrating the “Year of St Joseph,” but celebrate we will. The “year” began on December 8. But we still have plenty of time to invoke, learn from and honor our patron. Click on <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-12/pope-francis-proclaims-year-of-st-joseph.html> to learn more. Suggestions are welcome.

This Moment in Service

Thanks to the “Schlep-herds” – Great thanks to all who showed up on Saturday morning to pack up Christmas. It was a giant undertaking and every one of you made it fun and efficient. After prayerful reconsideration, I have mellowed a little. For all who helped last week, I will offer a significant discount off my standard rate for instructing people how to back up a trailer. And those of you who are still jealous, remember jealousy is a sin.

Our January Lull – This happens every January. The agencies we assist are recovering from Christmas and gearing up for a new year. This is not a time for them to undertake new adventures. Hence it is also a slightly slow time for us. We continue to address every need that seems to contain God's invitation. We also recognize that it might be a good idea to let January be January – sort of like August. Many opportunities to assist parishioners and the world around us will soon present themselves.

Food Bank Contributions – It was indicated at this week's Parish Council meeting that we are getting it just right in terms of food bank contributions. Whatever you are doing, please keep doing it. And

remember, if the van is not here when you want to drop off food, leave your contributions on the bench by the door to the parish offices. God bless all who help this excellent cause.

This Moment in Community

Contribution Letters – Parishioners and Other Friends – Our parishioners and our other friends have done a remarkable job of keeping the parish in good financial health. Every donation is greatly appreciated. For your tax purposes, we acknowledge your gifts in one of two ways. If you are a parishioner, we send you a year-end contribution statement. We encourage you to request an emailed version of the letter and we are happy to send one by surface mail. If you are not a registered parishioner, we are obliged to send, not a year-end contribution letter, but a thank you letter at the time your gift is received. I trust (and hope!) that every non-parishioner who has made a gift has already received a letter from Monica and me. Please let me know if you have not. And again, thank you to every one of you who has helped. Thanks too to everyone who has wanted to help but was unable to do so this year. Your desire is itself a gift.

Calendars — The St. Joseph Parish 2021 Calendars are now available. To get your calendar you can do one of the following: pick one up after you receive Communion at the 4:45 or 9:30 mass, receive one from the ushers as you exit the 11:30 Communion service in your car, or drive through the parking lot on Monday, January 18 from 11 am - 1 pm. For both the Communion Service and Monday distribution there is no reason to exit your car.

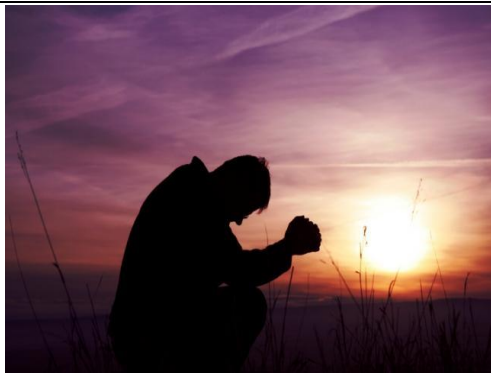
With blessings for you and your loved ones as we make our way through this brief but blessed bit of Ordinary Time between Christ's Baptism and Ash Wednesday.

Father Hank

Fireside Psalms
Thursday, January 21
Psalm 40 (Forty)

Men's Bible Study
Our study of Mark's Gospel resumes this Wednesday, January 20 at 7:30.
The session will focus on Mark 6:45-56

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HEALING PRAYER

Healing Prayer invites anyone who is ill, facing surgery, hurting, anxious, burdened or worried to seek prayer for themselves or others. Jesus working through the minister will bring healing, glory and grace to your soul. God's love guides the ministers as they pray. All sessions are private & confidential.

Healing prayer requests can be not only for yourself but also for family and friends. Requests may cover healing of body, mind and spiritual issues.

Members of our Healing Prayer Ministry have created a virtual option and a phone option which is offered at 10:30AM after the 9:30 Sunday Mass and takes place every other weekend until we are back to normal.

**Sundays, January 24
February 7 & 21
March 7 & 21**

To participate in the virtual meeting, click on <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7692788835> and follow the directions. You can also engage the healing prayer over the phone by calling 1-929-205-6099 and then the ID number key in 769-278-8835#.

IN MEMORIAM

Deacon George (Skip) La Police, 88, died on January 4, 2021. Skip capably served as Deacon at St Joseph Parish from about 1983 to 1995. He was kind and considerate and is well remembered by many of our parishioners.

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

COMING ATTRACTIONS

**Pasta Night
Friday, February 12**

Neither sleet nor snow nor pandemic threat can keep our Knights from their appointed noodles. Pasta Night goes on – in a new and different way that will be quite excellent. Information with needed details will be provided as soon as they are available.. For now, expect to place your order online, specifying your desired pick-up time. Knights will then roller-skate your meal(s) from the stove to your car when you pull up by the Parish Hall. (Disclaimer: Not all the Knights have yet agreed to deliver on roller skates. We still have a month to train them.)

**Celebration of Marriage
Sunday, February 14**

This year's celebration will be different and excellent just as our Veterans Celebration was in November. The 11:30 Communion Service on Sunday, February 14 will be followed by prayers for all married people. We will also honor anyone who was married in 1971 or 1996. Details to follow. For now, save the date and recall two things. First, last year's Celebration of Marriage was our last big event before the shutdown. The decorations are still hanging from the Parish Hall ceiling. Second, there is a rumor going around that, for an extra \$1.75, the Knights will make heart-shaped meatballs for you on February 12. (See above). This will be an extraordinary Valentine's Day weekend: pasta and heart-shaped meatballs on Friday; extra prayers on Sunday; Saturday is all yours

**Crab-cakes!
Friday, March 26**

The gauntlet has been thrown. Crab cakes are an obsession in Baltimore, where Fr. Hank lived for 15 years.. Every Baltimorean swears allegiance to the Orioles, the Ravens, and their favorite crab cake restaurant or recipe. It is very bold and admirable of our Knights to contend that they can supply better crab cakes than anyone in Baltimore. Game on! Mark your calendar for the Friday of Palm Sunday weekend. The tent will not be up yet – but who knows, a break in the weather might allow socially distant tailgating with a crustacean theme. It will also be the first Friday in Spring – definitely time for Bustin' Out!

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2021-2022 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, 2021**. 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.

RELIGIOUS AWARDS FOR CATHOLIC GIRL SCOUTS

Since there will not be an annual Gathering Day for Girl Scouts in person this year, the Catholic Girl Scout Committee has designed a series of virtual meetings so that Girl Scouts can continue to make progress toward their religious awards, including the following:

Juniors - *I Live My Faith*

Cadettes - *Marian Medal*

Seniors and Ambassadors - *Spirit Alive*

If you are interested in participating in these virtual meetings, please email domgirlscouts@gmail.com and provide the following information:

- Name - Parish - Girl Scout level
- Religious award of interest
- Have you started to work on this award?

POCKET ROSARIES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Diocesan Office of Family Life is pleased to announce the creation of the Blue Rosary Guild. The purpose of the Guild is for community members of all ages to make pocket Rosaries for law enforcement officers, providing them with support and spiritual strength and promoting devotion to the Rosary among all the faithful. All materials and instructions will be provided and a Zoom virtual tutorial will also be scheduled. Anyone interested should contact Cristina D'Averso-Collins, Director of the Office of Family Life at cdaverso@diometuchen.org

COME PRAY A ROSARY FOR LIFE

Friday, January 29, 1:00 PM

Main Street, Woodbridge

In solidarity with those at the March for Life in Washington, DC, and all who are praying for life in a special way on that day, Bishop James F. Checchio will pray a rosary for life on Main Street in Woodbridge on Friday, January 29 at 1 PM. All are invited to attend, though face coverings and social distancing will be required. Those planning to attend are asked to park and meet in the St. James Parish, 369 Amboy Ave., Woodbridge, parking lot at 12:45 p.m. We will then process to the Main Street location. The rosary will be prayed in English and Spanish. There is a 12:10 p.m. daily Mass at St. James for those interested in attending before the rosary. For more information, contact: ammarshall@diometuchen.org.

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 February 10 and will be on Zoom. 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 908 756 0633, ext 125 or the group may be reached by contacting 908 822 5895 or by emailing sa-credheartigi@gmail.com.

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