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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

**Holyday Masses:**

Vigil 5:00 PM

Holyday 8:35 AM & 7:00 PM

**Confessions:**

Saturday 4 - 4:30 PM  
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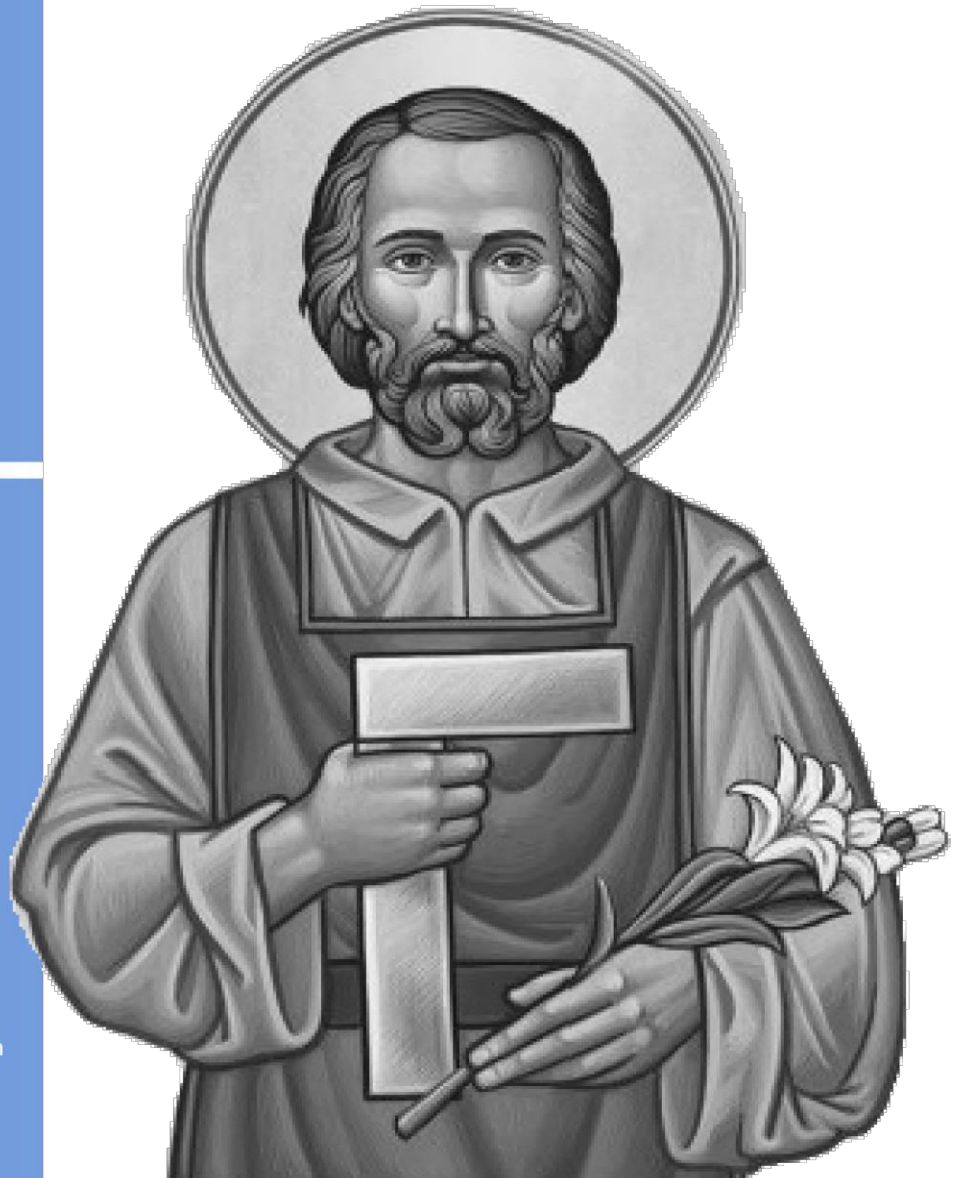
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For live streaming or for viewing an archived Mass simply go to the parish web and click away.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

**MASS INTENTIONS** are combined as follows:

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 Doris Errico  
R/B Tina Lochman
- Tue. 8:35AM Mary Margaret Greene  
R/B Sarah Greene  
8:35AM Marie & Franz Schrom  
R/B Ridi & Frank Meyler  
8:35AM Joan Perullo  
R/B Susan Kimball & Family
- .Wed. 8:35AM Robert L. Cahill  
R/B John Conklin
- Thu.. 8:35AM Eileen Trapp Cinquenane  
R/B Trapp Family
- Fri. 8:35AM Debbie Rennie  
R/B Valone Family  
8:35AM Philip V. Russo  
R/B St Joseph Respect Life Ministry
- Sat. 4:45PM Mary Jane Chisholm  
R/B Sarah Desmond  
4:45PM Francis J MacNamara  
R/B Bill & Trish Foster  
4:45PM Anthony D'Ovidio  
R/B Noreen & John Surma
- Sun. 9:30AM Vincent III & Helen Ann Gentile  
R/B Veronica Wronski  
9:30AM Carol Sincel  
R/B M/M Michael Valenzano  
9:30AM Brian Knapp  
R/B Katie Foster  
9:30AM People of Our Parish

## **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23  
Ephesians 2:4-10  
John 3:14-21

## **Fireside Psalms**

**Thursday, March 11**

Psalm 37 (thirty-seven): Verses 20-40



## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Fridays in Lent in Church**

**9:15 AM Traditional Stations**

**7:00PM Scriptural Stations**

(as they appear in back of our Church)

The Friday morning Stations are also livestreamed and posted online..



## *This Moment in Prayer, Service and Community*

*Dear All: Christ's Peace!*

*The crocuses have croqued! (Pr: "croaked.") They have done what God created crocuses to do – remind us that winter's worst is over and better days are practically upon us. Abundant, vernal thanks to Kathy Galli for photographic proof of local croquing. Runner-up thanks to Charlie Bond. God is good.*

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## *This Moment in Prayer*

**First Confessions** – God’s goodness has also made itself very conspicuous in our new format for First Penances. We launched last Saturday and have our second round tonight. For several years, our youngsters made their first confessions at parish Penance Services. We would have eight to ten priests and each child would visit one. The pandemic prompted a change. We now have small groups come every weekend and I have the privilege of hearing each first confession, getting to know the children a little more, and connecting with the parents. If last week was any indication, this is the way of the future.

**Family-Bubble Eucharistic Ministers** – If a member of your quarantine bubble is stuck at home and would like to receive Communion, we can train you and set you up to be that family member’s EM. Please contact AnnaMaria Realbuto at [aralbuto@sjmillstone.com](mailto:aralbuto@sjmillstone.com) or 908-874-3141 x 240 to arrange the brief training and the visit.

**4:45 Seating** – Participation at the Saturday 4:45 has been increasing steadily. It is a beautiful increase to behold. We are not there yet but, in order to maximize seating, we might soon need to have the ushers direct people to the best available seats so that, e.g., spaces for 4 are not occupied by 1 person and spaces for 2 are not jammed with 4. Stay tuned.

**11:30 Special Requirements** – If you regularly participate in the 11:30 Sunday Communion Service, and if you require special accommodations, we will soon have a way for you to notify us in advance. Thanks!

**Necrology** – Thanks to all who did their bit to update the parish necrology. We are all set until next year. Extra thanks to Sean Glennon for managing the project. It was an enormous effort.

## *This Moment in Service*

**Operation Rice Bowl** – The Challenge! Students in all CCD grades are learning plenty about world hunger, in hopes that they might someday help to reduce it. In addition to all their regular CCD lessons, they have been learning the names and locations of countries with the worst hunger problems, the benefits and challenges to providing clean water and healthy food, and the importance of the Corporal Works of Mercy. The learning also involves several challenges and a few competitions. So far, grades 1, 3, 5, and 7 have accumulated 179

points. Grades 2, 4, 6, and 8 have accumulated 108. Gauntlet thrown!

**Youth Ministry and the Turkey Pot Pies** – Members of our Youth Ministry, grades 9-12, are cooking up several storms. Four different groups of masked and socially distanced high school students will be working away this weekend to prepare pot pies that they will then deliver to SHIP in Somerville. SHIP will share them with food-poor families around Somerset County. God bless our young people.

## *This Moment in Community*

**Becca’s Friends** – Our young adult parishioners with special needs had their monthly Zoom meeting Friday night. The fun focused on Chocolate Chip Pizza, then on three collections of favorite things, and finally on a round or two of our “Would You Rather” game! It was fun conversation, an evening with friends, and a few laughs. Contact Janet to join our future Zoom gatherings: [jpscinski@gmail.com](mailto:jpscinski@gmail.com)

**Youth Group Hike** – Welcome spring (a week early) on Saturday, March 13. Members of our Youth Group will be hiking in the Sourland Mountain Preserve. Good fellowship guaranteed. For more information email our Youth Minister Bob Ferretti at [bobf@sjmillstone.com](mailto:bobf@sjmillstone.com)

### **Mark Your Calendars**

**Parish Spring Clean Up** – Saturday, April 24. Rain date, May 1. There is a job for everyone.

**K of C Crab Cake Takeout** – Friday, March 26. Stay tuned for details about ordering.

**Bishops Annual Appeal** – The letters are in the mail. Please help as you can.

**Snow Plowing Collection** – Great thanks to all who were able and willing to contribute to the special collection to help defray this year’s extraordinary snowplow bill – \$35K vs. our annual average of \$10K. Your generosity means we do not have to postpone some other needed changes to physical plant. If you meant to contribute but have not had the chance, please hold off. We can no longer accept contributions.

*I trust and pray that your Lent is a season of blessings. **Father Hank***

*PS – My favorite LBB entry this week was the one about the anti-Nazi guy. Yours?*

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## IN MEMORIAM

**Maria Italia Cipriano**, 96, mother of parishioner Catherine (Anthony) Palmieri, died on February 25

**Geraldine Moore**, 67, sister of parishioner, Nancy Casey, died on February 26.

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



## 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, March 7 & 21  
April 11 & 25**

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 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 March 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 [sacredheartiqi@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartiqi@gmail.com).



## 1000 BOTTLES OF SOAP

To Help  
the Feeding Hands Food Pantry, Raritan

Our goal is to provide 1,000 bottles of laundry soap and 1,000 bottles of dish soap. Thanks to our Knights for organizing this project and for clarifying the guidelines:

- Every bottle of **dish soap** should contain **32 or fewer ounces**.
- Every bottle of **laundry soap** should supply **32 loads of laundry (usually 50 or 60 oz. bottles)**.
- **Make your contribution between Sunday, March 7 and Good Friday, April 2**
- Put your contributions in the specially marked bins in the church van
- If the van is out delivering food, leave the bottles in the bin on the bench by the door
- Send up a prayer for the recipients when you buy the soap, when you drop it off, or both.

## SAGES ACTIVITIES

**Walking/hiking group:** Kick off meeting and walk on the Feast of St Joseph, **March 19<sup>th</sup> 2pm**. Let's meet under the tent for a brief meeting and then head out for our first walk on our very own parish campus. After our first walk this group will be meeting every other Wednesday at various parks beginning March 24<sup>th</sup>. We will call it Walking Wednesdays. .

**Sages Picnic Luncheons** will resume bi-weekly under the tent beginning on Monday, **April 19<sup>th</sup> 12-2pm**. Registration to follow.

Thursdays, beginning **April 22<sup>nd</sup> 11am** will be **Toning Thursdays** under the tent. We will resume with our Healthy Bones chair exercise class for 8 weeks, followed by 6 weeks of Drums Alive.

Please reach AnnaMaria with any questions or to be added to the Sages email calendar [arealbuto@stjo-sephsparish.com](mailto:arealbuto@stjo-sephsparish.com) or 908-874-3141 ext. 240.

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## **2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal** *Transformed by Christ* *Body and Blood -* *Sent on Mission to Light a Fire* *the Heart of the Church*

The devastating global pandemic of 2020 caused the loss of countless lives, widespread critical illness and has impacted every family around the world in so many ways. The important work of Catholic Charities could not and did not stop during this time. Requests for basic services such as food, shelter and clothing increased and the staff at Catholic Charities truly lived out the Corporal Works of Mercy. Rental assistance and housing support continued. The Catholic Charities food pantry, one of the largest in Warren County, provided curbside delivery and made home deliveries to protect those most at risk of coronavirus. Critical counseling services were made available through tele-health and safe, socially distant visits.

Twenty-four percent – \$1.7 million dollars – of the funds raised by the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal is earmarked for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen. Your generosity and sacrifice help to ensure that no one is left homeless, hungry, or without emotional support in these extremely difficult times

### **MEN'S RITE OF PASSAGE RETREAT** **A retreat to help Men on their Spiritual Journey created by Fr Richard Rohr O.F.M**

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<https://www.illumandc.org/mrop-2021>

**SAVE THE DATE:** Wednesday, September 29 through Sunday, October 3, 2021.

**CHECK OUT OUR SITE:** Our venue is the Johnsonburg Camp & Retreat Center in Johnsonburg, NJ – a beautiful environment in nature, only one hour from Newark Airport.

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN ~ SIGN UP TODAY: CONTACT US WITH YOUR QUESTIONS:** Forward your questions to: John Ball, ILLUMAN DC Convener – [johnball0450@gmail.com](mailto:johnball0450@gmail.com)

## **You're invited!** **Life Choices Resource Center's** **Annual Charity Banquet** *"Hope Changes Everything"*

**Sunday, March 14, 2021 - "Virtual Banquet"**

Our pre-recorded video can also be viewed at your convenience any time **after** March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Please join us for an inspirational "Virtual" experience highlighting God's love in action at Life Choices Resource Center.

Since our in-person banquet had to be cancelled due to the pandemic, we will definitely MISS seeing all of you but hope you will be able to join us for our special ONLINE event.

**Go to: [LifeChoicesRC.com](http://LifeChoicesRC.com)**

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### **OPEN HOUSE** **INFORMATION SESSION**

St. Augustine of Canterbury School  
45 Henderson Road  
Kendall Park, NJ 08824

**Tuesday, March 9, 9:00 AM**  
On-Site (Canterbury Corner)

**Thursday, March 11 3:00 PM**  
6:30 PM On-Site (Canterbury Corner)  
Virtual

To register please go to our website, <https://school.staugustinenj.org/openhouse>  
For more information, please call the School Office at 732-297-6042

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOL** **2021-2022 TUITION ASSISTANCE** **ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS**

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