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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  
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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 Laura Ann Rossi.  
R/B Lisa & John Rossi
- Tue. 8:35AM Winona Wund  
R/B Susan Wund  
8:35AM Philip V. Russo  
R/B Kral Family  
8:35AM Childhood friends of Connie & Carl Panzera  
R/B Connie & Carl Panzera
- Wed. 8:35AM Andres Kimock  
R/B Dottie & George Lukazik
- Thu. 8:35AM Florence Clark  
R/B Bob & Susan Pristas
- Fri. 8:35AM Patricia Cuning  
R/B Pam Cuning  
8:35AM Mildred Bakale  
R/B Dottie & George Lukazik
- Sat. 4:45PM Helen Litwornia  
R/B Suzanne Kral  
4:45PM Anthony D'Ovidio  
R/B McMahan Family  
4:45PM People of the Parish
- Sun. 9:30PM Sarah Crowley  
R/B Dianne Mantilla  
9:30P John & Loretta Witt  
R/B Witt Family  
9:30PM Vencenza Dolores Zarro  
R/B Rosalie Leonardi  
9:30PM Michael Forzano  
R/B Bercarich Family

## **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19  
I John 2:1-5a  
Luke 24:35-48



## **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, April 11 & 25  
May 9 & 23**

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#.

## **2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal**

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A vocation to the priesthood is both challenging and rewarding. A priest is called to be a witness of Christ. He is a minister of the sacraments, proclaimer of the word, teacher of the faith, and steward of the Church. He accompanies the faithful through this world, leading the way to the eternal kingdom of heaven.

Discernment of a vocation to the priesthood requires specialized guidance to navigate the spiritual formation and academic demands of the seminary. While the Diocese of Metuchen has been blessed with an increase in the number of men studying for the priesthood—currently 24—the expense of educating and preparing our future priests is also rising. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal will help provide men with the opportunity to successfully complete their journey through the seminary and ensure the future of our Church. Please give as generously as your means allow.

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Dear All:

*The Peace of the Risen Christ, the Living son of the Living God, be with you all!*

## *This Moment in Prayer*

**Holy Water at Home** – Thanks to the staff members and others who helped to fill the 500 bottles of holy water, package them with the fonts, and distribute them. The pandemic keeps us from using holy water – a rich symbol of our baptisms and of God’s care – in church, but we can use it at home. Use it well!

- Install it by the door through which you most frequently exit your home.
- Bless yourself with the sign of the cross each time you pass it.
- After making the sign of the cross, recite the Jesus Prayer,
  - “*Lord Jesus Christ, Living Son of the Living God, thank you for X, help me with Y.*”
- Emphasize the “living” in each phrase.
- Let X be a gift you have received during the pandemic.
- Let Y be a part of your life where you need God’s grace to reach a sense of fuller vitality.
- Keep it up until Pentecost.
- Stand still while you are doing it.

One of the next few editions of “This Week” will provide instructions for “growing” your holy water.

**Gratitude – Indoors** – Great thanks to the many who did much to make the Triduum liturgies excellent. Thanks to the lectors, ushers, sacristans, and tech folk who kept everything moving along at the indoor liturgies. Special thanks to the “Flower People” who made the church beautiful. Thanks to the members of the Parish Safety Committee who staffed the door and thanks to those who managed the registrations.

**Gratitude – Outdoors** – Extra great thanks to the safety people, the many ushers, and the dozen-plus EMs who served at the 11:30 Easter Mass. Your generosity is an inspiration. Thanks for taking such great care of your community.

**Gratitude – Everywhere** – Most of all, blessings for all who brought the prayers to life by praying them. Special blessings for those who were returning to church for the first time. And peace for those who soon will.

**Review the Lenten Gospels** – Yes. It is the Easter season. Yes. Lent is behind us. Still, it can be helpful to review the gospels of Lenten Sundays and the Triduum.. .

**Spring Sacraments** – Once again, the daffodils peak, and the spring sacraments begin! Once again, the celebrations will be different, beautiful, and safe. All the First Penance were celebrated during Lent in a new and wonderful way. I had the privilege of hearing every first confession and of meeting with each first penitent’s parents. First Communion will be celebrated on several Saturdays in April and May, as well as at some of our regular parish Masses. Confirmations will be celebrated on two Fridays and a Saturday in June with, like last year, outdoor and indoor ceremonies. Our schedule of baptisms is filling in and we now have eight weddings scheduled. God is good. Please pray for our young parishioners as they take these next steps.

## *This Moment in Service*

**The Liquid Soap Project** – We are we close to reaching our very ambitious goals of 1,000 bottles each of dish and laundry soap! So far, you have donated 958 bottles of laundry soap and 907 bottles of dish soap.

## *This Moment in Community*

**Easter Food Blessings** – Thanks to those who kept the tradition alive on Saturday morning. It was a blessing to share the good weather and your culinary enthusiasm. It was also an education for me to see the hams, kielbasa, colored Easter eggs, pickled red beets, babka bread, nut rolls, poppy seed rolls, horseradish, and, a first for me, the home-made cheese. Blessings for all who labored!

**8:35 Birthdays** – Save the date! – The group will resume its monthly birthday celebrations under the tent on Tuesday, May 4th. Yes, our custom of First Wednesdays is changing to First Tuesdays, to avoid conflict with the Wednesday 10:00 am Communion Service. Questions? Email Carl Panzera at [carl.panzera@gmail.com](mailto:carl.panzera@gmail.com)

*I send this with thanks and great blessings,*

**Father Hank**

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## SAGES ACTIVITIES

### Walking/hiking group: .

Our walk on **April 7** at Colonial Park was a big success. Stay tuned for more info about future walks. . To be placed on the walking group emails, please get in touch with AnnaMaria at 908-874-3141, extension 240, or email her at [arealbuto@stjosephsparish.com](mailto:arealbuto@stjosephsparish.com)

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

Thursdays, beginning **April 22 at 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.



## LOOKING AHEAD

Our Parish Office of Religious Education is already looking ahead to the future and making plans for CCD classes beginning in September 2021. Dealing with all the precautions from the pandemic caused some setbacks this past year and we're hoping to do everything we can to be better prepared for the new school year.

*Do you love children?*

*Do you love your Faith?*

Here is an opportunity to share your Faith with children and WE NEED YOU to consider volunteering to be a CCD TEACHER.

The Metuchen Diocese is providing a workshop to give you more information about this calling from God.

### The Vocation of Catechist 101

**When: April 27 & 28**

**Where: Virtual Workshop (registrants will receive a link via email)**

**Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. both nights**

**This course will be presented LIVE VIA ZOOM.**

Participants will explore their call to serve in catechetical ministry, have the opportunity to learn more about what catechesis is, and consider the vocation of catechist. They will learn to see themselves as a "teacher" of the faith and as a missionary disciple who witnesses their faith and relationship with Jesus in word and deed.

We will share how we can create an environment with young people and families that can encounter the Lord, lead others effectively to prayer and creatively engage our young people in ways that are also adaptable in virtual learning environments. Time will be allotted for personal prayer and reflection.

**Presenters:** Carol Mascola Director, Office of Discipleship the Formation, Diocese of Metuchen and Candi Gonzalez, Parish Catechetical Leader, Our Lady of Peace Parish, Fords

**There is no charge for these workshops.**

You may also call Jim Jungels at our parish for more information



## ATTENTION

### HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR CATHOLIC GIRLS

The Millstone Valley Columbiettes Auxiliary is looking to nominate one high school senior Catholic girl from our parish for the Student Good Citizen Award. This is awarded by our State Council Columbiettes to one high school senior Catholic girl in New Jersey who demonstrates leadership, service, dependability and patriotism at home, school and the community. The award recipient will be invited to the NJ State Convention in June to receive a monetary gift and certificate. If you are interested in applying or have any questions, please contact Michele Tuck at [mptuck@comcast.net](mailto:mptuck@comcast.net) or [mvcjsawards@gmail.com](mailto:mvcjsawards@gmail.com). Applicants must be a registered member of St. Joseph Parish. **Applications must be submitted by April 23rd.**

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## LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS VIRTUAL RETREAT

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Family Life will sponsor this retreat, designed for anyone over the age of 18 whose parents are no longer together. The virtual retreat will be conducted over the course of **3 Saturdays: April 17 & 24 & May 1**. On the first 2 Saturdays, participants will attend via Zoom from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and on the 3rd Saturday, a Mass will be celebrated for all adult children of divorce.

People of all backgrounds attend, but together they have one key thing in common: they have lost the love of their parents together. Topics will include discussing anxiety, anger, sin, temptation and forgiveness. All presentations are given by trained, expert speakers who are children of divorce. So, whether a person's parents divorced decades ago or last week, the retreat content will apply to them. The retreat is also for people whose parents are separated (but not legally divorced), received a declaration of nullity, or were never married (maybe never even together) and are now broken up.

For more information and to register, please visit: [www.diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce](http://www.diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce)

### Join us for a **Virtual** Evening with **Father James J. Martin, SJ** **"LEARNING TO PRAY"**

Many of us struggle with prayer. Nothing seems to happen, or we get distracted, or we're not even sure how to do it.

*What is prayer? What are some ways to do it?  
And what happens in prayer?*

Everyone can pray, that includes you!  
Enter into a deeper relationship with God, who desires to meet you in prayer.

**Wednesday, May 5, 2021, 7-9 PM**  
**\$25 per person -Registration Required**  
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## 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 April 14** 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 [sacredheartigi@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartigi@gmail.com).

## CLIMATE CHANGE: SOLVING THE PROBLEM FROM THE INSIDE OUT VIA ZOOM

Starting with a deeper understanding of our own relationship with God's Creation, environmental scientists will discuss the problem, consequences, possible political and technical responses to this global reality.

**Wednesday, April 21, 7-9PM**  
(\$20-\$30 as you are able)

Presenters: Gerard McKenna and Dr. Harry Allen  
*Gerard McKenna is an environmental scientist and teacher. Dr. Harry Allen is an environmental Scientist.*

To register:: Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer  
908-753-2091 or [www.msmhope.org](http://www.msmhope.org)

## MENTAL HEALTH AND COVID-19

Wednesday April 28, 2021, 7:00 to 8:00 PM  
Join us for an exclusive, virtual presentation featuring Atlantic Health System Behavioral Health **experts who will discuss the significant impact of COVID-19 on children, adolescent and adults.**

REGISTER NOW

For Additional information or to register by phone, please contact Sunanda Sharma at 908-204-8846

## PARISH SPRING CLEAN-UP

Saturday, April 24.  
More info to follow.

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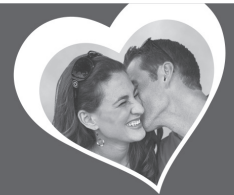
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