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**MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

**Daily Mass:**

Monday-Friday 8:35 AM

*(Wednesday is an Enhanced-precautions mass-5' spacing and masks are encouraged.)*

**Outdoor Communion Service:**

Wednesday 10:00 AM

*(This service is held outdoors. Attendees remain in their car and tune into FM 88.7.)*

**Weekend Masses:**

Saturday 4:45 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM

*(Enhanced-precautions mass-5' spacing and masks are encouraged.)*

9:30 AM

11:30 AM

*(This mass is outside under the tent/attendees may remain in their vehicle as well.)*

**Confessions:**

Until further notice, Confessions are by Appointment only. Typically, Saturday morning between 10am - 12pm. Other times are possible. Email Fr. Hank at [fatherhank@sjmillstone.com](mailto:fatherhank@sjmillstone.com) for an appointment.

**Sacrament of the Sick**

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

Non-Emergency-Please email

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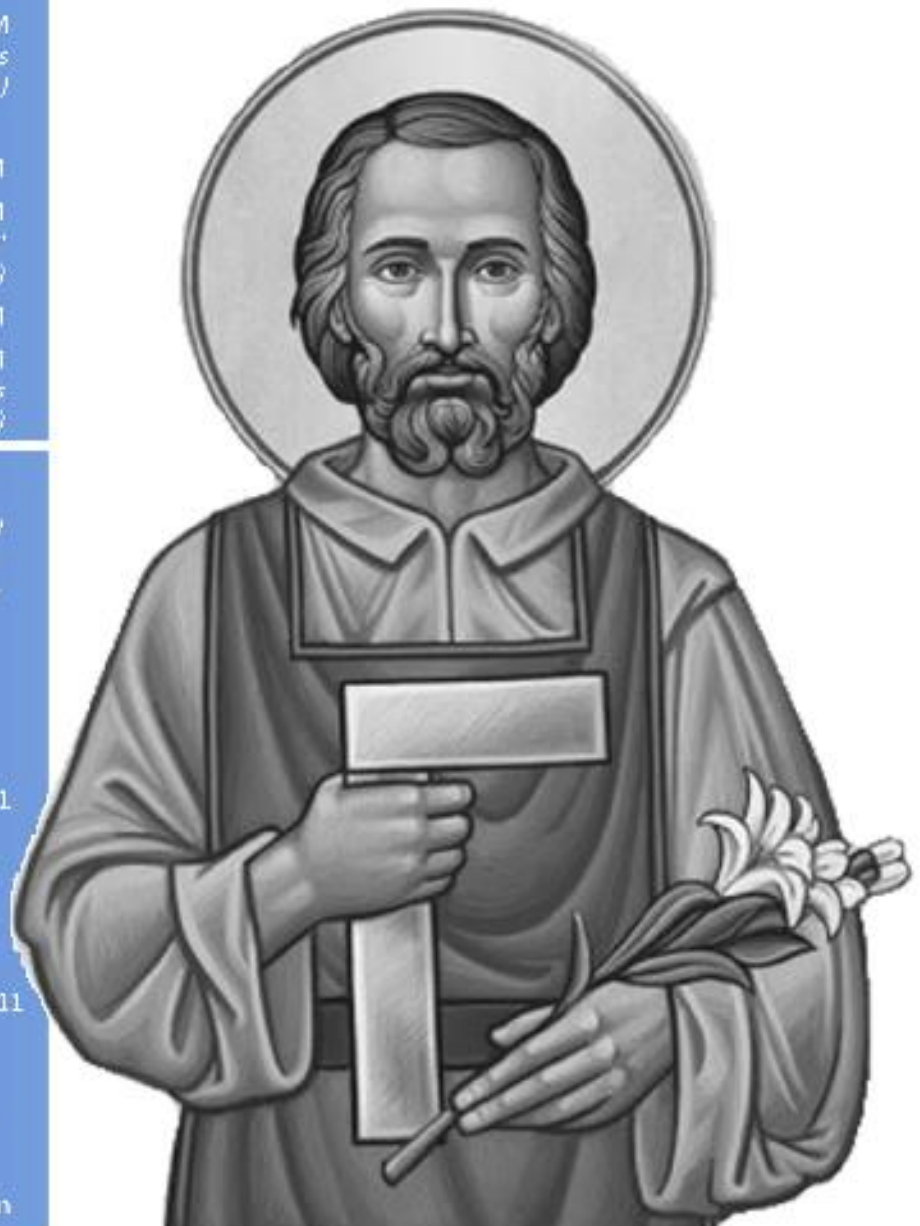
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## INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon. 8:35AM Mike DeLucia  
R/B Barbara Pilecki .
- Tue. 8:35AM Nino D'Amato  
R/B Realbuto Family
- 8:35AM Mike DeLucia  
R/B Maryellen Tobia
- 8:35AM Keith Downing  
R/B Sarah Greene
- Wed. 8:35AM Donna M. Rosa.  
R/B Maryellen Tobia
- Thu. 8:35AM Michael Cassidy  
R/B Dianne Mantilla
- Fri. 8:35AM Patricia Pawelski Bremer  
and Donna Saunders Lochow  
R/B Deborah Katz
- 8:35AM Fr. Hank (Living)  
R/B Friends
- Sat. 4:45AM Norman Rodriquez  
R/B Dianne Mantilla
- 4:45PM Frank & Justine Thomson  
R/B Andrew Thomson & Family
- Sun. 8:00 AM People of the Parish
- Sun. 9:30AM Marianna Pedone  
R/B Geraci Family
- 9:30AM Helen MacLean Desmond  
R/B Sarah Desmond
- 9:30AM Mike Stevko  
R/B Deb Miller
- Sun. 11:30AM John M. Ragazzo  
R/B Margaret Ragazzo

## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Genesis 2:18-24                      Hebrews 2:9-11  
Mark 10:2-16

## NEW SEATING ARRANGEMENTS AT THE 4:45 AND 9:30 MASSES

Beginning last week, we started the new seating arrangements:

**Standard Practices, Sections 1 and 7** – We will use EVERY PEW and will not encourage left-to-right distancing. The use of masks is not required.

**Standard Precautions, Sections 2, 5, and 6** – In these sections, we will sit in EVERY OTHER PEW, encourage left-to-right distancing, and encourage the use of masks.

**Enhanced Precautions**, Sections 3 and 4 the two center sections. Sit in EVERY THIRD and wear masks. Please save the seats along the back walls for people who have mobility issues.



*Dear All – Christ's Peace!*

## *This Moment in Prayer*

### SCRIPTURE QUIZ- THIS WEEK'S QUESTIONS:

The New Testament depicts three men named James. They are James \_\_\_\_\_, James \_\_\_\_\_, and James \_\_\_\_\_. . In last Sunday's gospel, Jesus uses \_\_\_\_\_ as an example of someone who cannot repay a kindness.

**LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:** Isaiah has four Suffering Servant Songs. We heard the third.

Mark gives us three Passion Predictions. They are found in chapters 8, 9, and 10.

**NEW LOUDSPEAKERS** – Folks in Sections 6 and 7 seem quite happy with the new speaker. If you have any residual concerns, speak now or . . . .

### SAINT IGNATIUS' "PRAYER FOR GENEROSITY"

*knowing that I am doing your will. We finish the month of the Generosity Prayer with a focus on the fight phrase. Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous. Teach me to serve as you deserve, To give and not to count the cost, To fight and not to heed the wounds, To toil and not to seek for rest, To labor and not to seek reward, Except the reward of*

### ATTENTION LADIES – WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

starts soon. It is great fun and very informative and helps the spiritual life. Email Mary MacPhee, mary-macphee62@gmail.com or Suzanne Kral, skral@sjmillstone.com

### ATTENTION GENTLEMEN – MEN'S BIBLE

**STUDY** starts October 6. This year we are studying The Acts of the Apostles. The Zoom sessions will be every Wednesday from 7:30 to 8:45. On the second Wednesday of the month, the sessions run from 6:30-7:45. It is a great group. Don't be shy. Email me to sign up.

**TUESDAY MORNING FAITH SHARING** – The band is getting back together! The meetings start on October 5th following the 8:35 a.m. Mass. We will be reading, "Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others," by Barbara Taylor. Questions? Email Eileen at timlawl@aol.com or Carmela at carmelamaresca@comcast.net

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**FIRESIDE PSALMS 2.0** – We have lots of options in store for this fall. Chances are good we will gather (virtually) on Monday nights and will consider something other than Psalms. Stay Tuned.

## *This Moment in Service*

**FLOOD RELIEF – CATHOLIC CHARITIES** – This week's second collection is for Catholic Charity's efforts to help flood victims. If you have not already given to flood relief and would like to give to this very worthy cause – PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO DIOCESE OF METUCHEN AND PUT "IDA" ON THE MEMO LINE. PLEASE PUT YOUR CONTRIBUTION ONLY IN THE SECOND COLLECTION BASKET.

**HITTING PAUSE ON OUR COLLECTIONS** – We had hoped to collect \$20,000 of new donations to reach our overall goal of \$50,000 of assistance funds. Of that \$20,000, we have so far collected \$76,744. This stupendous expression of generosity has prompted me to make an unusual request. Except for your contribution to this week's second collection for Catholic Charities, I humbly and respectfully ask that you stop giving, for now. Before we receive any more donations to the Parish Disaster Fund, we need to reconfigure our giving strategy. Only you . . .

**DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS** – Already Given – Two parish families needed significant and immediate help because of severe health challenges and significant flood damage. They now have new furnaces, hot water heaters, cleaned-out basements, and no wet sheetrock. Both homes can now accommodate a family with health challenges. This Week – Jeanine and her helper have completed five home visits, heard the families' stories, and made assessments. Our Assistance Advisory Board will review their findings and recommend grant levels within the week. Next Week – Twelve more parish families are submitting requests and arranging visits. Next Month – On October 1, we will start to review requests from (a) our Millstone neighbors, (b) parishioners from Christ the Redeemer in Manville, and (c) a few others. When we feel we have heard from most of the parishioners who are going to apply, we will reassess our plans for helping SHIP and Feeding Hands. We also realize, having lived through Florence, Irene, Sandy and others, that the restoration takes time and produces many financial surprises. The funding will be available through 2022. Please keep encouraging flood vic-

tims to let the parish help. And, if you have not already done so, please give us permission to redeploy your Covid gift to the disaster fund.

**LECTORS NEEDED** – If you are a lector-on-hiatus, think about rebooting your ministry. If you have not lectored but want to try, do it up. Weekday Masses need the most help. Please email Suzanne Kral at skral@sjmillstone.com, if you can help. If you can come to tomorrow's lector renewal/instruction session, just show up – in the church at 9:30 (Saturday, September 25). Thanks.

**GOD BLESS CARL PANZERA!**— Congratulations to our very own Carl Panzera. The Center for Great Expectations (CGE) has announced that it will honor Carl at their October 1 gala. CGE does a marvelous job of helping pregnant women and new moms make the excellent choices that can transform their lives.

**ADVENT GIVING TREE** – The invitations to give will start to emerge in three weeks.

## *This Moment in Community*

**JOIN THE "SAINT JOE'S HELPERS GUILD"** – Might you be willing to be on the email list I will use a few times every year to recruit last-minute help for holy chores around church or nearby? It is just the opposite of the outlaws that boasted "Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap." This is a bunch of people who provide the "Holy Help Heaven Hopes for." It involves a minimal commitment and an ability to say "no" without guilt! If you might be able to help, please visit the "Helpers Guild" patch on the parish web page. Thanks.

**YOUTH MINISTRY** - the first meeting resulted in 23 pies-in-the-face and lots of great sharing! Our next meeting will be Sunday, Oct. 3 at 6pm. All high schoolers are welcome.

**OVERDUE THANKS** – To Diane Chiorello and Jerry Monk for providing outstanding music at the picnic.

*With blessings and with at least as much amazement as ever. This is one inspired and inspiring parish. **Father Hank***

## *IN MEMORIAM*

**Patrick Joseph Hlubik**, 74, spouse of parishioner Joan, died on September 21.

*Please pray for his eternal rest and for all who mourn his death*

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## Healing Prayer

### Who Are We?

Healing Ministers are faith filled parishioners who offer one on one prayer for any needs you may have. They are prayerful people who listen to your request and prayerfully intercede on your behalf. *All prayer requests are completely confidential.* Bring us your requests so we can be with you in your need.

### When Does It Take Place?

Until we are back to normal, healing prayer is available every other weekend, after the 9:30 Sunday Mass. You may choose a virtual or phone option. **Next dates are Sundays, October 3 & 17**

### How Do I Sign Up?

For a virtual meeting, click on <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7692788835> and follow the directions. For healing prayer via phone call 1-929-205-6099 and then key in 769-278-8835#.



## Life Chain ~ Sunday, October 3, 2021 2:00 – 3:30 PM (Rain or shine) At Immaculate Conception Church 35 Mountain Avenue, Somerville

Participants are part of a nation-wide moment of peaceful prayer for an end to abortion. Last year, 15 parishioners joined the event. It would be great to have even more this year. You can either drive there yourself or carpool from church (leaving at 1 pm). For more information, email Carl Panzera at [carl.panzera@gmail.com](mailto:carl.panzera@gmail.com). God bless all the people in this prayer ministry.



**LAUNDRY SOAP** – Our friends at Feeding Hands Pantry in Raritan have asked us to help them satisfy the overwhelming demand for laundry soap. Bins are set up in the Memorial Hallway for your donations. Thanks!

## CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

The CCD season officially got under way last Sunday. A big shout out to all our catechists who volunteer so many hours, not only in the classroom, but behind the scenes preparing for classes. Thank you to all of them. We offer this prayer for them.

*Loving God, Creator of all things,  
you call us to be in relationship with you and others.*

*Thank you for calling me to be a catechist,  
for the opportunity to share with others  
what you have given to me.*

*May all those with whom I share the gift of faith  
discover how you are present in all things.*

*May they come to know you, the one true God,  
and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.*

*May the grace of the Holy Spirit guide my heart  
and lips, so that I may remain constant in loving  
and praising you.*

*May I be a witness to the Gospel and a minister  
of your truth.*

*May all my words and actions reflect your love.  
Amen.*



## SAGES ACTIVITIES

### Picnic Luncheons

October 18: Registration required.

### Toning Thursdays.

10am INDOORS in the Parish Hall. No RSVP, just come.

### Painting class:

Monday, September 27 at 2pm Under the tent.  
A few spots open. Registration required,

### Medicare Seminar:

Tuesday, October 5 at 2PM under tent (or indoors if weather is inclement). Learn about the coverage options for 2022. This is not a sales pitch.

**General Information:** To learn more about SAGES and all options for our over-55 parishioners, visit our website at SAGES Senior Ministry <http://sjmillstone.com/sages>

For more info contact

AnnaMaria at 908-874-2141 e3xt 240 or

[arealbuto@stjosephsparish.com](mailto:arealbuto@stjosephsparish.com)

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## **DIOCESAN SILVER & GOLD ANNIVERSARY PRAYER SERVICE**

**Sunday, October 17, 2021, at 3:30 PM  
at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi,  
548 Main Street, Metuchen, New Jersey.**

The diocesan church cordially invites couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversaries in 2021 to attend this Prayer Service with Bishop F. Checchio.

**Couples who celebrated their Silver or Gold Anniversary in 2020 are also invited to attend.**

**Registration is required..**

**Registration will close by October 7, 2021.**

Please go to the following site to register or for more information:

<https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>

If you have any questions, please email [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org)



## **19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BLUE MASS for LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Wednesday, September 29 – 10:30AM  
Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen  
Feast of St. Michael the Archangel,  
patron saint of police officers

Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate this mass with local, county, state and federal law enforcement officials. We will honor and pray for those law enforcement officials of all faiths, who live and work in the Diocese of Metuchen.. All are welcome to attend. More information is available on the diocesan website:

[www.diometuchen.org/bluemass](http://www.diometuchen.org/bluemass).

## **LIFE CHOICES ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE**

**Saturday, October 23, 2021  
9AM- 12 Noon Rain or Shine  
Merrill Park, Iselin, NJ**

Students are invited to be there and help support LIFE. The Walk raises money and awareness of the services Life Choices provides to families in crisis. (Visit [www.lifechoicesrc.com](http://www.lifechoicesrc.com) for more information on the FREE services offered.) Interested students can support LIFE by walking and/or helping with the event's Funtivities. Students can obtain 3 or more service hours for confirmation or community hours by participating!

• The Walk for Life is a family event! • There are no distance or time requirements. Walk as little or as far as you like! • DJ, games, refreshments and hearty snacks for the duration of the event. Walkers can complete the Registration portion of the Pledge Form and bring it to the event, along with any donations from sponsors. OR complete the online registration at <https://lifechoicesrc.com/walk-for-life-2021>, where you can form a team and send out a link to ask others to sponsor you.

Helpers can call 732-516-0911 or email Christine at [lifechoices@optonline.net](mailto:lifechoices@optonline.net) to sign-up for helping with the Funtivities.

Contact Jim Jungels for more info.

## **UNION CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL 1600 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076**

### **FALL OPEN HOUSES:**

Wednesday, October 6 - 7:00 PM

Saturday, Open October 16t - 2:00 PM

### **GENERAL INFORMATION SESSION:**

Tuesday, November 9 – 7:00 PM

### **FRESHMAN FOUNDATIONS PROGRAM**

Information Session - Tuesday, October 26, 7:PM.

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