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MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday 8:35 AM

(Wednesday is an Enhanced-precautions mass-6' 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-6' 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 for an appointment.

Sacrament of the Sick

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

Non-Emergency-Please email FatherHank@sjmillstone.com

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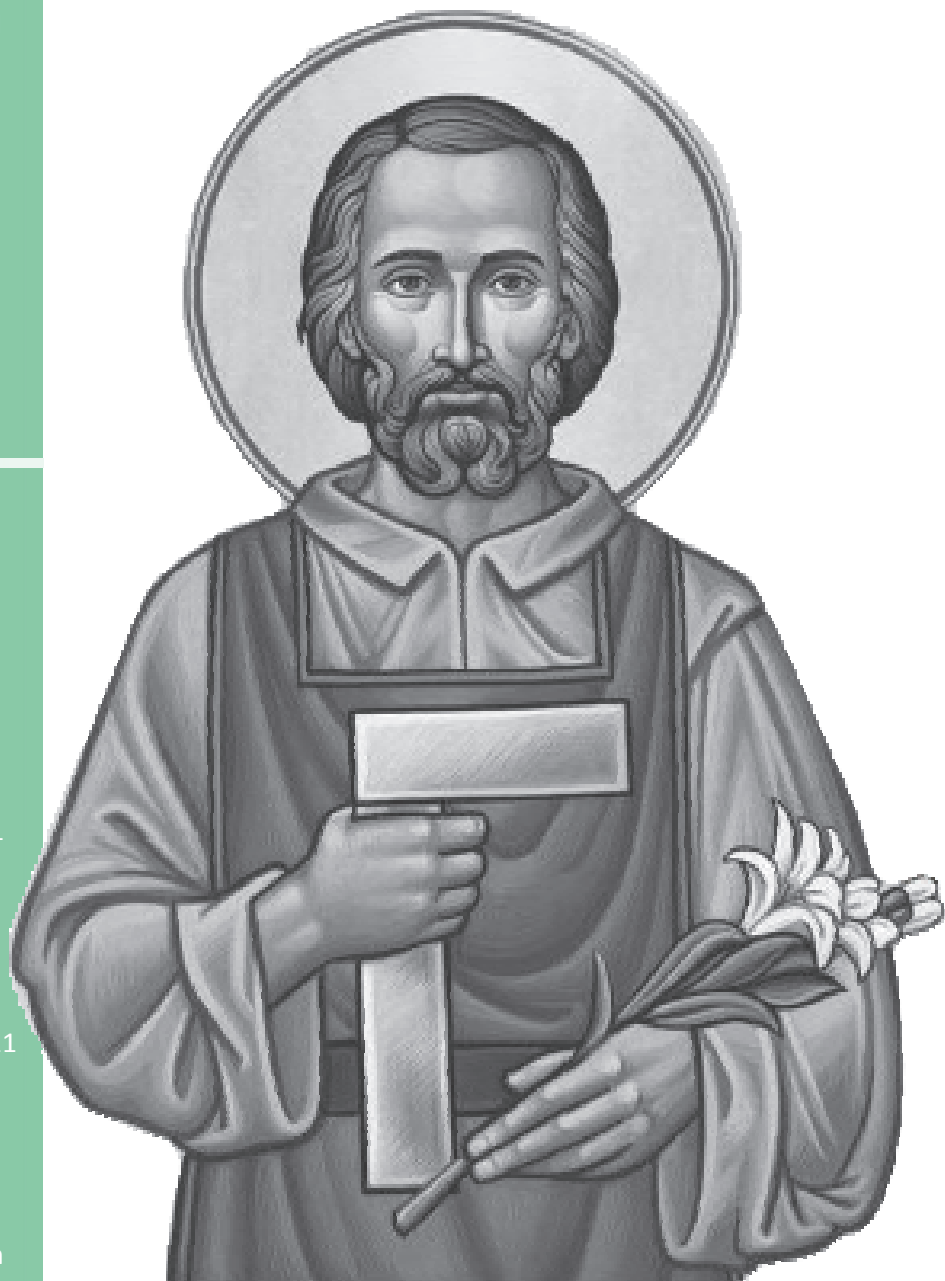
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Priests

Prophets

Kings



December 26, 2021

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon. 8:35 AM Elisa Dornheim
R/B Jeremy & Elisa Goldstone
- Tue. 8:35 AM Albert Toni
R/B Selwa Toni
- 8:35AM Roseanne Fratto
R/B Joseph & Theresa LoGullo
- 8:35AM Sister Marie Ann Gilbertson
R/B Hilton Family
- Wed. 8:35AM Steven Hall Sinsel
R/B M/M Valenzano
- Thu. 8:35AM George & Rose Hammer
R/B Cathy & Dennis Hammer
- Fri. 8:35AM Vesta Lomini Malebranche
R/B Urma Malebranche

Mary, the Holy Mother of God - Holyday

- Fri. 5:00PM People of the Parish
- Sat. 8:35AM People of the Parish
7:00PM People of the Parish
- Sun. 8:00AM Angela Laurenzi
R/B Delores Di Nardo
- Sun. 9:30AM Josephine Giampietro
R/B Peter Giampietro
- 9:30AM Elma Dugdale
R/B Dahlia Wong
- 9:30AM Cindy Banta
R/B Robert, Robin & Freddy Shaw
- 11:30AM Peter Bellas
R/B Gail Bellas

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12



HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSINGS

The Parish Offices
will reopen on Tuesday, December 28.

They will close
at 1:00 PM on Friday, December 31
and reopen on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



The Feast of the Holy Family is celebrated on the Sunday following Christmas. This year it just happens to also fall on the very next day. The following is a Scriptural reflection on family life:

Families Come in All Sizes and Types

Families come in all sizes and types. There are **big, extended families like the family of Lot**, with children, and aunts, and uncles, and cousins, and grandparents and grandchildren.

There are **small families like the family of Elizabeth and Zechariah**, who were of advanced years when John, their only son, was born.

There are **multi-generational families like Timothy's, whose mother Eunice and grandmother Lois** shared the responsibilities of child-rearing.

Some families are made up of single persons like Mary, Martha and their brother Lazarus.

Others are single-parent families like the widow and her two sons whom Elisha befriended.

Some broken families, like Naomi and Ruth, know the pain and loss that change brings, as well as the joy of new family ties.

All persons do not experience being part of a family in the same way. Some, like **Joseph and his brothers**, find themselves caught in unpleasant or painful situations.

In other families, a shared hope or an unfulfilled dream draws loved ones closer. **Abraham and Sarah** knew the frustration of waiting and wanting and waiting...together.

*All family is blessed and holy.
Who are the people you call family?*

-Adapted from Fortress Press

December 26, 2021



CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES

Thanks in advance for helping. Last year, the pandemic got in the way of collecting donations for the Christmas flowers. This year, we have some catching up to do. The envelopes will be available from this weekend until January 10 on the Moses Table and can be dropped in the collection baskets.

IN MEMORIAM

Bernhard "Bernie" Mueller, 90, father of parishioners Carl Mueller (Colleen), and Marion Mueller (Joseph Kish) died on December 4.

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



HEALING PRAYER IN PERSON RETURNS TO CHURCH

*Healing Prayer is now back to in person healing on the first weekend of each month.

*Virtual healing is closed.

*Healing Prayer will take place after all masses.

*Ministers will meet parishioners in front of the altar after mass.

*In keeping with COVID precautions, ministers will wear masks and remain 6-feet away from participants.

**Our next Healing Sundays are
January 11 & 12
(We are skipping New Year's Weekend)
February 5 & 6**



SAGES ACTIVITIES

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

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

We are back on the regular schedule with paper bulletins. Please send info for the bulletin no later than Friday, 8 days prior to the weekend you want the article to appear, directly to

stjoebulletin@yahoo.com.

Questions? Contact Dorothy at

stjoebulletin@yahoo.com. Thank You.

Welcome!

OUR PARISH FAMILY WELCOMES YOU

Visitor or newcomer? Coming home? Welcome to St. Joseph Parish Community. Although we are a diverse group of people, we aim to be a family gathered in love and mutual respect. We are so very different, yet so much alike. We are young and not so young and everything in between. We are lifelong Catholics, brand new Catholics, and some of us are still seeking a spiritual path. We are saints that often struggle. We are sinners who dare to trust in the mercy promised. But no matter how anyone may try to define you, please know that you have a place – a home here with us. Join us as we celebrate God's redemptive love in the Mass. Join us as we create new friendships in our Spirituality, Bible Study and Prayer Groups. Join us in serving the needs of our brothers and sisters here and wherever God calls us. We are so happy that you joined us today and hope that you will come again. We are all eager to greet and welcome you.

*Many Blessings for
Christmas and the New Year
from Father Hank & the Parish Staff!*

December 26, 2021



Thank You!

Put your Feet Up. As mentioned recently, you have completely outdone yourselves. In most remarkable ways, you came to the aid of our flood victims – our fellow parishioners, our neighbors, our friends from CTR Parish in Manville, as well as Feeding Hands and SHIP. Then you turned out in a most marvelous way to provide Thanksgiving dinner for tables that would be empty. Then you supplied Christmas for area residents who were heading into a non-Christmas Christmas. You kept going and you produced Christmas for many families in Appalachia.

*A time for every purpose under heaven ...
This is a time to count your blessings and
the blessings God has shared through you.*



DIOCESAN FAMILY PHOTO ALBUM

As we celebrate the Year “Amoris Laetitia Family,” the diocesan Office of Communications and Public Relations is compiling a digital family photo album. We invite you to share a photo of your family – a photo of your domestic church by which our local Church of Metuchen is constantly enriched. Please consider sharing your family’s photo with us by sending your photo to communications@diometuchen.org, so we can together bear witness to the love of God through our “family of families.”



GENTLY USED COLLECTION CLOTHING-TOYS WORKING BICYCLES-STROLLERS CAR SEATS (with base) HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

The Hillsborough High School Band/Guard will be holding their THIRD gently used collection for this school year for clothing, working bikes and scooters, strollers, car seats (with base), household items, toys, stuffed animals. The collection will be

Saturday, January 8, 2022

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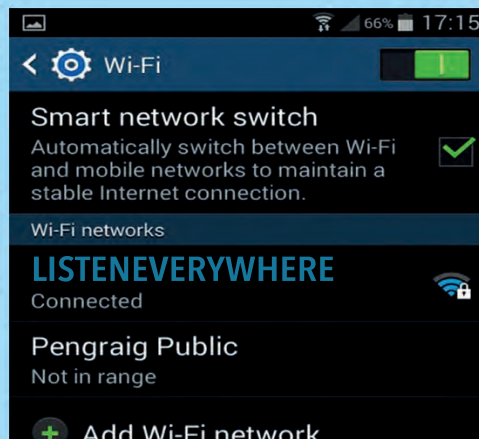
Proceeds will be used to enhance all aspects of the Band/Guard programs and will provide members with opportunities to learn musicianship, teamwork, and leadership. Donations may be tax deductible and a donation receipt will be available upon request. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Questions, please contact Paula Obenauer, (908) 230-2398, pcobenauer@gmail.com.

TOGETHER IN CHARITY COLLECTION

On the weekend of January 9/10, 2022 the annual “Together in Charity” collection will be taken up at all Masses. The proceeds of this collection help to fund Catholic Charities’ Parish Assistance Program, which provides 24 hour / seven-day-a-week assistance to parishes faced with individuals and families with serious and urgent financial, housing or medical needs. In 2021, over 43% of the parishes in the Diocese availed themselves of this program. Please give generously to this collection and contribute to making this a blessed new year for a family or individual in crisis.

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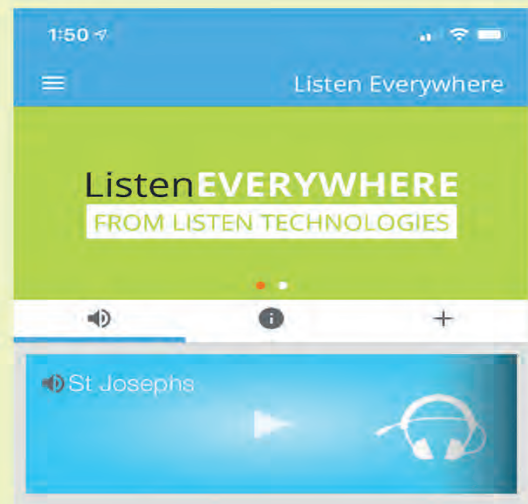
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Sunday, Dec 26, 2021

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Bless the children

Holy families aren't necessarily picture-perfect. But they are faithful and consistent in their values and goals. Like Mary and Joseph and biblical parents before them, holy families consecrate their children early and often to the care of God. They do this by baptizing them and seeing to their sacramental preparation. They do this by praying for and with their little ones. They provide them a religious education and share faith-filled practices of compassion and charity. All the children in our lives look to us for love and acceptance, guidance and Christian example. Teach the children well.

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52 (17A); or 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24; Luke 2:41-52 (17C). *"Once the child is weaned, I will take him to appear before the LORD and to remain there forever."*

Monday, Dec 27, 2021

FEAST OF JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

He lived to tell the tale

John the Apostle is credited with being the author of the Gospel of John. He is also believed to have been the "Beloved Disciple" of Jesus mentioned in that gospel and is presumed to have outlived the other apostles, perhaps being the only one to die of natural causes rather than martyrdom. Imagine being the last survivor, and the heartache he endured on losing his peers to violent deaths for their faith. Perhaps it was John's job to live to tell the story—"that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name"—as he says in his final line. Take John's mission to heart and embrace his good word today.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a, 2-8 (697). *"Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed."*

Tuesday, Dec 28, 2021

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

Children deserve protection

Nowadays when we think of Christmas pageants, we envision adorable children in bathrobes dressed as shepherds. But in the Middle Ages, religious pageants were a serious business. The whole community gathered to enact mystery plays that told the stories of birth, death, resurrection, and the lives of the saints. It's from such a mystery play that we get the haunting words and melody of "The Coventry Carol"—a song about King Herod's slaughter of the Holy Innocents that asks plaintively, "What may we do to preserve . . . this poor youngling for whom we sing?" Pray today for children who continue to suffer and face certain death without our help.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 1:5—2:2; Matthew 2:13-18 (698). *"A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children."*

Wednesday, Dec 29, 2021

FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF NATIVITY OF THE LORD; MEMORIAL OF THOMAS BECKET, BISHOP, MARTYR

Choose God

Everyone must at times make the choice of serving God or something less. Today we remember Saint Thomas Becket, bishop of Canterbury. Thomas was faced with such a dilemma

when his friend the king, Henry II, continuously tried to interfere with church matters. Allowing the king to interfere with the church would have allowed Thomas to be in the king's good graces. Instead, Thomas chose to serve God above anything and anyone else, even at the cost of martyrdom. "When is constancy required," Thomas writes, "except under persecution. Are not friends then proved? If they always yield, how can they ever succeed? They must, one time or other, make a stand."

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35 (202). *"And you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."*

Thursday, Dec 30, 2021

SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Take your time to absorb Christmas

Today we continue as a church to honor the feast of our Savior's birth. It is day six in the octave of Christmas—the eight-day liturgical focus on the birth of Christ. The entrance of the Christ into human history is such a significant event that the church notes its magnitude by keeping our gaze on it through the specified readings, psalms, and prayers during these eight days. Take a moment today to allow the wonder of God-among-us to continue to sink in.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40 (203). *"She gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem."*

Friday, Dec 31, 2021

SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Out with the new, in with the old

The end of the year gives us pause to reflect on the past and change for the future. Typically, we find something new to embrace or resolve to do. But if it's true that there's really nothing new under the sun, then perhaps we should look to the old! This is exactly what the church does, as it moves into the new year, not with any newfound epiphany, but instead with a commitment to the very old-school value of peace. As we anticipate the World Day of Peace tomorrow, January 1, what are some deeply held and long-standing values that you would like to deepen during the coming year? How might you go old school?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18 (204). *"In the beginning was the Word."*

Saturday, Jan 01, 2022

OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD; WORLD DAY OF PEACE

Rocking with Mother Mary

People in every age have their particular way to celebrate the new year. These days we might change old eating habits to be healthier; get on track financially; spend more time with family. But maybe this year it could be about what young Catholics refer to as "rocking with Mary," that is, getting to know the mother of Jesus on a deeper level. Understanding her courage, strength, and faithfulness can help us realize our own potential as bearers of the Good News. On her feast day and in the days ahead, reflect on Mary and strive to imitate her in bringing Good News to the world.

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21 (18). *"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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