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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@simillstone.com

EMERGENCIES

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

M – F 8:00AM The Rosary is prayed before Mass.

Mon. 8:35AM Edward O'Connor R/B Marilyn Heiss

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8:35AM Josephine Giampietro

R/B Peter Giampietro 8:35AM Adelaide Esposito

R/B Margaret Ragazzo

Tue. 8:35AM Albert Toni

R/B Selwa Toni.

Wed. 8:35AM Tom Treanor

R/B Candy Meyer

8:35AM Natividad Umali De Los Santos

R/B Manny U. De Los Santos

8:35AM Mary Bisson

R/B Kathy & Charles Goszka

Thu. 8:35AM Dan Cunning

R/B Pam Cunning

8:35AM Mary Fennessey

R/B Judy Hancock

8:35AM Lucille B. Conklin (Living)

R/B John Conklin & Family

Fri. 8:35AM John Nouri

R/B Selwa Toni

8:35AM Stella Pristas

R/B Bob & Sue Pristas

Sat. 4:00PM Jean Vincent Heim

R/B Filomena Heim

4:00PM Patricia Ann Biunno

R/B Filomena Heim

4::00PM George Matuszkiewicz

R/B Donna Komar & Family

Sun. 8:00AM Carmela Ragazzo

R/B Margaret Ragazzo

8:00AM Emily Forzano

R/B Walter & Florence Bercarich

8:00AM People of the Parish

9:30AM Robert Heiss

R/B Patricia Parente

9:30AM Robert A. Giegerich, Jr.

R/B Garr Stephenson

9:30AM Thomas E. Bellew

R/B Sara Perlev

11:30AM John Haggerty

R/B Nancy Casey

11:30AM Annabella Giacobbe

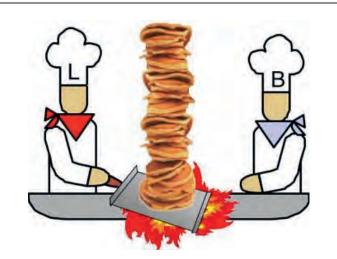
R/B Staubach-Shaw Families

11:30AM Kenneth Morrison

R/B Barbara Morrison

DAILY ROSARY

Each morning, Monday-Friday, before Mass at 8 AM.in the church, we pray and meditate on the Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary. We invite you to join us whenever you are able.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs Hashbrowns, Coffee

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READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

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

Save the Dates: EVENTS for PARENTS & CHILDREN

open to all parents and children including those who do not attend CCD.

Book Reading Sunday, January 22 from 10:45AM – 11:10AM Parish Hall

A reading of a new, soon to be published book called **CROW THE COURAGEOUS: BADGE OF COURAGE**.

It is a book where the readers becomes a part of the story by writing in their own names and using the provided stickers to complete the story and has an optional interactive board game.

Presented by Jim Samartino,. author and parishioner. This presentation is part of the opening prayer time for Sunday CCD class but the event is open to all.

Art Class for Grades 4 – 6 Sunday, January 29 from 12:15 – 2:15 PM Parish Hall

Presented by parishioner James Lew

Theme of Painting: Valentine's Day

Process: James will provide guided instruction of the picture.

Cost: Nominal Cost to cover the materials and pizza Both of these events will have a Sign-Up Genius go out in January. For more information, please contact Jim Jungels at 908-864-0369.

APPALACHIA SUMMER MISSION

Thursday, January 19 at 7:00 PM

Join us for an informative meeting
To learn about how you can be a part of
our parish mission scheduled in June.
Questions? Email Jeanine at
JCavanagh@sjmillstone.com

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSINGS

Parish Offices are closed on Monday, January 2 and reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

Have a safe and happy New Year!



WHAT IS HEALING PRAYER?

Throughout our Catholic history, we have cared for the sick using both prayer and medical knowledge. Today we see our hospitals using medical science as well as chaplains, healing prayers, and the Sacrament of the Sick. Both Scientific and Religious types of medical care work together to do God's will.

- Healing Prayer is a prayer of Petition with a member of the prayer team for healing or a special intention.
 It can be requested by a person, their family, or a friend.
- It is a kind of prayer Christians have been making since New Testament times.
- It expects God will heal, although God may not heal what we expect.
- It is not limited to physical healing, but can heal mind, body, spirit and/or soul.
- It may be repeated.
- It often includes a prayer for help and guidance for family members, friends or medical personnel.
- It does not replace normal medical care.
- It is not a sacrament, but a sacramental (like the rosary or benediction).
- You are welcome to request healing prayer at our monthly sessions after mass on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

Healing Prayer Next Weekend

Immediately after 4:45PM, 9:30AM & 11:30AM Masses

January 7-8

For more Information :contact Ann Smith at 908-285-6481. All conversations and prayer requests are confidential.



NOVENA FOR LIFE PRAYER

The Knights of Columbus and Respect Life Ministry are sponsoring a Novena for Life prayer from January 19 to January 27. A Parish prayer to promote life from conception to natural death. Copies will be available on Moses Table from January 8 to January 15. They are also available at this web site.

https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life



SAGES ACTIVITIES

Our programs will take a break for the holiday season and return in January.

COMING IN JANUARY

Exercise: Drums Alive class begins Thursday, January 12 at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall

Tuesday Topics: Meet Joshua O'Neill, the new Eldercare educator at The Office of Aging and Disability Services on January 17 at 11:15 AM. He will discuss services and workshops offered by the county.

Monday Funday: Join us January 23 at noon for lunch, games and a movie. Details and registration to follow

Info: Email AnnaMaria at arealbuto@sjmillstone.com You can also call her at 908-864-0334.

OPPORTUNTIES TO HELP

The Pregnancy Aid Center

The center, located in Raritan, serves needful women and families. Our parishioners help two Wednesdays each month by sorting, organizing, and packing donations. This is another great option for folks who are just starting their Social Ministry commitment. Questions? Email Marianne at mgenn.3@gmail.com or Jeanine at jcavanagh@sjmillstone.com

Food Pantry

Our parishioners also provide logistical support, once a month, for the food pantry in Perth Amboy. Might this be a good job for you? Email Terry at terrytulee25@gmail.com

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Jean-Michel Loubeau, 81, father of parishioner Martine Loubeau died on November 18..

John Borys,82, father of parishioner Cindy Cesiano, Died on December 16,

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



Hillsborough Band Parents Association Clothing Drive Saturday, January 14, 2023 from 10AM - Noon

Front Entrance, Hillsborough High School, Raider Blvd.

We need clothing - usable and wearable for all seasons, all ages, all sizes including shoes. No items are shredded. We need accessories - pocketbooks, hats, scarves, gloves, ties, backpacks. We need home goods - blankets, sheets, bedspreads, pillows, comforters, tablecloths, curtains, towels. We need soft toys (2 feet or smaller) - stuffed animals, rag dolls, beanie babies. We need bicycles - all sizes in working order. We need car seats with base. Please NO books, VCR tapes, DVDs. large outdoor toys, hard toys, board games, or puzzles. Proceeds will be used to enhance all aspects of our Band and Guard program and will provide our students with opportunities to learn musicianship, teamwork and leadership. Donations are welcome and may be tax deductible. Receipts are available upon request. Questions, contact Paula Obenauer, pcobenauer@gmail.com, (908) 230-2398.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2023-2024 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**, **2023.** 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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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.



Diocese of Metuchen Office of the Bishop

December 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We celebrate the season of Advent to prepare our hearts and minds to focus on Jesus coming to us. Throughout Advent we first prepared for His Second coming, and now we are contemplating His becoming man at the first Christmas. I received a Christmas card adorned with a simple message "He came not to a throne but to a manger. He lived not as a king but as a servant. He chose not a kingdom but a cross. He gave not a little, but everything."

Much like Jesus, we as His disciples are called to the role of self-donating servant. We continue to be challenged with the emergency needs that arise from people coming into our parishes for help. Every year we have a special opportunity to replenish funds through the "Together in Charity" collection. This fund is solely used for those who come to our parishes in need of emergency assistance. Our parishes rely, to a great extent, on the "Together in Charity" collection.

On the weekend of January 7/8, 2023, the annual "Together in Christ" collection will be taken up at all Masses. The collection funds our Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Program that provides assistance to parishes when individuals and families are faced with urgent financial housing or medical needs beyond a parish's capacity to help. Your parish may have been one of those helped by the program, since in the last year, 33 of our parishes turned to Catholic Charities for emergency assistance from this fund. In total 222 households, consisting of 251 adults and 253 children, were helped by those who gave to the "Together in Charity" collection.

A hallmark of our diocese has been your generous response to those in need. Thanks to your generosity we have consistently risen to the occasion of following the gospel mandate "what you have done for the least, you have done for me." In that spirit I ask you to please respond as your means allow, making a sacrificial offering for those in need who seek our help. Your assistance becomes the actual presence of Christ in someone's life.

I thank you in advance for your generosity and assure you of my prayerful good wishes for the year ahead. Be assured of my prayers for a blessed Advent and a glorious Christmas. Please pray for me too.

With renewed best wishes, I remain, Yours in Christ,

+James F. Checchio

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA Bishop of Metuchen

Sunday, Jan 01, 2023

And let it begin with me

"The world must be educated to love Peace, to build it up and defend it." With these words, Pope Paul VI in 1968 called us each to personal responsibility for keeping the peace. Since then, successive popes have related the quest for peace to fighting poverty, protecting creation, defeating racism, caring for migrants, supporting education, ensuring opportunities to work, and overcoming indifference. As the pandemic bloomed, Pope Francis described peace as cultivating a "culture of care." Building peace includes encountering people outside our typical social cocoons. It necessarily involves creating good politics and living with hope. Make peace your personal priority.

OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21 (18). "The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!"

Monday, Jan 02, 2023

Spirituality is a friendly endeavor

Is there anyone you regard as a "spiritual friend"? Someone with whom you share your Christian journey and who helps you grow in faith? Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen were two such friends who were monks together for a while and later both became bishops. They lived in a time—the fourth century—when there was great conflict and heresy, and the pair worked to keep the church united on the right path. Gregory wrote of their friendship: "We seemed to be two bodies with a single spirit ... Our single object and ambition was virtue, and a life of hope in the blessings that are to come ..." If it's true that you are the company you keep, choose wisely!

MEMORIAL OF BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS, DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28 (205). "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us?"

Tuesday, Jan 03, 2023

The name above all others

The Most Holy Name of Jesus occurs in early January to signify the eight days since Jesus' birth—when, as a Jew, he was presented in the Temple and given a name. As the Bible reminds us, an angel told Joseph: "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." Today is also the main feast day of the Jesuit religious order, as their name derives from Jesus' name. Celebrate as suggested by today's most famous Jesuit, Pope Francis: "It means thinking like him, loving like him, seeing like him, walking like him. It means doing what he did and with his same sentiments."

MEMORIAL OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:29—3:6; John 1:29-34 (206). "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

Wednesday, Jan 04, 2023

Stand firm for justice

Today, the church celebrates the feast of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first person born in the future United States to be canonized, and the de facto founder of America's Catholic school system. Seton was also a voice of reason in a time of rampant contradiction in the realm of human rights. Though her family owned slaves, Seton apparently rejected the practice and spoke lovingly of African Americans. Though her order did not protest the

practice, and in some cases benefitted from the labor of enslaved individuals themselves, recent studies have found no evidence that Seton herself ever engaged in the practice—a rarity for her time and social class. Let's pray that a spirit of holy resistance will fill us all in the fight against injustice—in a world where up to 50 million people live in modern slavery.

MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42 (207). "The person who acts in righteousness is righteous, just as he is righteous."

Thursday, Jan 05, 2023

Live and learn—and pass it on

Education was of supreme importance to both Saint John Neumann (1811-60), who is memorialized today, and to scientist and devout Christian George Washington Carver, who died on Jan. 5, 1943. Both men obtained an education long before it was seen as a birthright. Both made enormous social contributions as a result: Neumann to faith development of the masses; Carver to applied agricultural science impacting the country in numerous ways. For them, cleverness was never an end in itself; they both believed their talents were given by God to serve others. How does *your* education serve others?

MEMORIAL OF JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51 (208). "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel."

Friday, Jan 06, 2023

The door will be opened

Born frail and weak in 1845 near Montreal and orphaned at 12 when both parents died, André Bessette tried a number of trades as a young man, none with much success. He was initially turned away when applying to the Congregation of Holy Cross but was finally accepted and given the humble task of doorkeeper, messenger, and laundry worker at Notre Dame College in Montreal. There he faithfully served for decades. His life of devotion and healing presence eventually attracted legions of visitors and 80,000 prayer requests mailed in each year. "When I joined this community, the superiors showed me the door, and I remained 40 years," he quipped near the end of his long life. Make yours a life of simple service and devotion—and a sense of humor won't hurt either!

MEMORIAL OF ANDRÉ BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 5:5-13; Mark 1:7-11 or Luke 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38 (209). "I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals."

Saturday, Jan 07, 2023

Signs of life

All that water at the wedding feast of Cana was used, the story tells us, for "Jewish ceremonial washings." Such washings were prescribed by the Jewish *Halakha*, or body of laws derived from the Torah. The fact that Jesus turned pure water for cleansing into wine for drinking would have sent a powerful message of the true nature of "living water" to the wedding guests. That same message is transmitted to us as simple table wine becomes the blood of Christ at every Eucharist. Like the wedding guests at Cana, don't hesitate to drink deeply from the cup of life Jesus offers.

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 5:14-21; John 2:1-11 (210). "Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory."

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



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