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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil			4:45	ΡM
Sunday	8:00 AM,	9:30 AM,	11:30	AM
Monday-Frida	ay		8:35	AM
Holyday Vigil			7:00	ΡM
Holyday		8:35 AM 8	& 5:00	PM

Our church has seven seating sections. Every Mass has two social distance sections. One of those sections requires masks.

EUCHARIST OUTDOORS

Summer Sundays 11:30 AM is out doors.

Non-Summer Sunday 11:30 AM Mass has an in -car option. Congregants park in the designated area, listen to Mass on the parish radio station, and receive Communion in the car.

Wednesday 10:00 AM 20 minutes Communion Service in the parking lot, sometimes led by lay minister.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday Mornings Drive-up Confessions are offered every Saturday morning, typically between 10:00 and 11:00 AM. Always check the "This Week" email to learn if the time has been changed to accommodate funerals or baptisms.

By Appointment Email Father Hank for an appointment if you cannot come on Saturday.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

After Mass - Individuals - If you have surgery or a serious diagnosis, please request anointing after Mass.

After Mass - Group - There is a group anointing every month after one Mass. Call the office for information.

In Emergency- Please call 908-874-3141 and press 1 for a priest. Hospital - Contact the hospital chaplain as

Hospital - Contact the hospital chaplain as soon as possible.

Home or Nursing Home - Call Fr Hank at 908-874-3141 and press 1. Emergency - Call Fr Hank at 908-874-3141 and press 1.

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, FUNERALS

Please see information pamphlets in the Gathering Space

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please see information pamphlets in the Gathering Space

VARIA Teen Crisis Text Hotline - Text 741741

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May 12, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK Monday, May 13 - Sunday, May 19

8:00AM The rosary is prayed before Mass. Open to all. You are always welcome to join us.

Mon.	8:35AM Stephen & Anne Frank (Living) - 40 th Anniversary
	R/B Frank Family
	8:35AM Julia White
	R/B Mary Callahan
Tue.	-
100.	R/B George & Dottie Lukazik
	8:35AM Eileen F. Patrick
	R/B Kathleen & Erin Suydam
	8:35AM Debbie Rennie
	R/B Valone Family
Wed.	8:35AM Allan Bauman
	R/B Paulette Matis
	8:35AM Monica G. McKenzie
	R/B Delroy McKenzie
	8:35AM Ethel Zieve
	R/B Alice Manzella & Family
Thu.	8:35AM Deceased Members of Bottitta Family
	R/B Hedy Bottitta
	8:35AM Theresa Janeski
	R/B Phillip & Freda Russo
	8:35AM Janeen Mahajan
	R/B Lisa Cusack
Fri.	8:35AM George Melillo
	R/B Robert Melillo
	8:35AM Rev. Bill J. Byron, SJ
	R/B Fr. Hank Hilton
Sat.	4:45PM Jessica Kent-Watkins
	R/B Deb & Joe Lesky
	4:45PM Frank Palombo
	R/B Fortunata Palombo
	4:45PM Deceased Members of Jansky &
	Lee Families
	R/B Michael & Lily Lee Jansky & Family
Sun.	8:00AM Michael & Winifred Elkow
Sun.	R/B Cindy & John Klepich
	8:00AM Tony & Virginia Klepich
	R/B Cindy & John Klepich
	8:00AM Rev, James Russell R/B Cindy & John Klepich
	9:30AM Aidan McGinley (Living)
	R/B Kelly Craigle
	9:30AM Sue Capozzi
	R/B Joe & Carol Maikisch
	9:30AM Wanda & Jerry Kreso
	R/B Barbara Dorr
	11:30AM Chet Trechock
	R/B Dottie & George Lukazik
	11:30AM John Shockley III & John Shockley, Jr. R/B Josephine & Tony Ianella
	11:30AM People of the Parish

The Ascension of the Lord

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Effective since 2022, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord has been permanently transferred from Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter to the following Sunday, the Seventh Sunday of Easter, in all Catholic dioceses in New Jersey. <u>This year, the Solemnity of</u> <u>the Ascension of the Lord is observed on Sunday,</u> <u>May 12</u> This liturgical observance is an integral

dimension of the completion of Our Lord's paschal mystery and, after much discussion, the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey collectively discerned that the transferring the observance to the following Sunday would allow for greater participation among the faithful.

WEDNESDAY HOLY HOUR

after 8:35AM Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament On the Main Altar of the Church.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 John 20:19-23



A PRAYER FOR ALL MOTHERS

We come before You, Lord, and lift up in prayer all mothers, living and deceased; godmothers, grandmothers, stepmothers mothers to be, and all women who love and guide young people as teachers, coaches, counselors and mentors. We give you thanks for their presence, talents and gifts which they share in our church, society and world. May all mothers know of Your loving and gentle presence and may they always turn towards You in times of joy, sorrow and glory. We ask this in Your Name. Amen.

Happy Mother's Day!

This Week in Prayer, Service & Community

Dear All, Christ's Easter Peace!

Mark your calendars for **Parish Spring Palooza** – Thursday, June 27 from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. Celebrate the end of school and the start of summer. This year's theme? Parish Hoedown!

Bishop Checchio Is Coming to Dedicate the Pavilion – Mark your calendars for the 11:30 Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 19 at 11:30. And pray for good weather!!

Fantastic News about Harrison! – For the last two years we have prayed at every weekend Mass for our much beloved young parishioner Harrison C. Harrison has been battling leukemia and last week received great news that his progress is brilliant, his treatments are over, and his port is coming out! Thank God!

Community Blood Bank – Harrison's family has been sponsoring a blood drive and is continuing to do so. This year's is on Saturday, June 1 at Hillsborough Elementary School. See the flyers for information about signing up and donating.

Hillsborough Food Bank – Thank you for your great support of the Hillsborough Food Bank. Last week they indicated that they are short on coffee, jelly, ketchup, mayo, mustard, peanut butter, pickle slices, relish, laundry detergent, deodorant, dish soap, razors, shampoo & conditioner, and toothbrushes. Can you help?

St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry – The St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry Ministry (Perth Amboy) needs extra help this summer, when it is harder to round up volunteers to assist our food-insecure neighbors. Can you help the pantry once or twice? Just email Terry at terrytulee25@gmail.com.

Young Families UPCOMING – Mark your calendars for our next two "Growing Families" gatherings: Saturday, May 18 for sunflower planting and garden exploration, and Saturday, June 8 for garden work and craft day. Stay tuned for details. Questions? Email Liz at <u>eloughlin@simillstone.com</u>.

First Friday Birthday Breakfasts Are Back! – After a long, pandemic hiatus, the First Friday Birthday Breakfasts are returning. The first one will be on Friday, June 7. As always, right after the 8:35 Mass.

Young Adults Chill Time – Are you between the ages of 21 and 35, and would like to get to know other young, dynamic Catholic parishioners? In addition to hanging with other parishioners, it is a time to discuss the ministry's future direction. Email Josh at

jhuang@sjmillstone.com. Also, mark your calendars for get-together at Flounders on June 6, and the bonfire on July 13.

With all best blessings,



BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

The Knights of Columbus and The Respect Life Ministry are conducting a Baby Bottle Fundraiser for The Center for Great Expectation on the weekends of May 5 and 12. The bottles, with donations, should be returned on the weekends of May 19 and 26. You may also donate directly using this QR code. Thank You.



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

If you have registered in the last 6 months or plan to register soon, please join us for our New Parishioner Welcome on Sunday, May 19 in the Hospitality Room right after the 11:30 mass (approx. 12:30). Come and meet your fellow parishioners, enjoy a lite lunch, listen to a brief information session, and find ways to become an integral member of our parish community.



MAY CRIB COLLECTION

The collection crib will be in the Gathering Space from May 11 - June 2. Please consider donating some of the goods that new moms need most – especially bottles, diapers, baby wipes, toiletries, baby formula, and layettes. Toddler clothing (may be gently used) is greatly needed for children up to age five. Our volunteers have been enjoying sorting and distributing these wonderful items to those moms in most need.

Thank you!

In Memoriam

Joan B. Elfo,92, mother of parishioner, Ellen Kazar, died on April 26.

Salvatore Louis Martino, 82, husband of Antoinette, died on April 28.

Please pray for them and for consolation for their families and all who mourn their passing.

Father Hank

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OPEN TO ALL

You do not have to be a Sage to attend either of the two following programs sponsored by the SAGES: See the "SAGES" section below for more information.

"Rise to the Occasion" Tuesday Topic June 4 at 2:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Day of Recollection for Seniors

San Alfonso Long Branch September 30



For more information or to register for events contact AnnaMaria at <u>arealbuto@sjmilltone.com</u> or 908-864-0334.

Exercise – We meet Thursdays at 10:00AM in the Parish Hall. Chair Yoga begins on May 16, both sitting and standing options. No registration required. We provide all equipment.

The Chosen – For all of you that love the TV series based on the life of Jesus, join us Friday, May 17 at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall for episodes 3 and 4 of Season 2. No registration is needed.

Monday Funday with The Full Monte Uke Band – Join us Monday, May 20 at noon for lunch, poker and ukulele concert. Weather permitting, we will be under the pavilion. The concert and poker begin at 1:00. To register, contact AnnaMaria..

"Rise to the Occasion" Tuesday Topic –Mark your calendar for this inspirational talk on Tuesday, June 4 at 2:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Meet Jeanine Valenti, the inspiring author of <u>Rise to the Occasion</u> from Tragedy to Triumph; A Christian Perspective. This lecture will be open to the entire parish. A book signing will follow the talk. Please register with AnnaMaria

Trip to San Alfonso Retreat House –Monday, September 30. We look forward to this prayerful day in Long Branch. The retreat theme is "The Eucharist and the Hungers of the Human Heart." More details to follow. Homebound gifts. Please contact AnnaMaria if you know someone who is homebound and would like to receive gifts and/or Communion visits.

Monday-Fundays Valet Parking - Valet parking is now available beginning at 11:40. If walking through our parking lot is a challenge, simply pull up to the door and we will park your car. We will retrieve it when you are ready to leave. Register with AnnaMaria.



PRAYER PARTNERS This Weekend May 11 & 12

Immediately after 4:45PM, 9:30AM & 11:30AM Masses Information: contact Ann Smith at 908-285-6481. All conversations and prayer requests are confidential. You are encouraged to bring anything that you pray for to the team, for "wherever two or more are gathered in my name there I am."



This is a great time to reserve your table for the fun and frolic on Saturday, May 18. This year's theme? "80's Music - Rock Your Neon!" Go to <u>https://sjmillstone.com/trivia</u> for more details and to reserve your spot! All proceeds support the service trips for the Youth Group and Young Adults.

"This Week"

Are you receiving 'This Week," the e-letter that Father Hank sends out every Friday? It is the best way to stay current on timely parish news, especially when it comes to late-breaking announcements or big news for the upcoming weekend. Simply sign up on our parish webpage and it will appear in your email each Friday. Go to www.sjmillstone.com to sign up.

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Knights Korner www.kofc11415.org

Happy Mother's Day! Wishing all mothers, a wonderful Mother's Day.

The Knights of Columbus was founded to respond to needs of mothers, widows, and orphans more than 140 years ago. To this day, the Knights continue this mission through numerous programs providing aid, resources, and support to women during pregnancy and after their babies are born.

As mothers you should be celebrated all year long!! You are certainly appreciated for everything you do.

Contact: Peter Ciccotelli, Grand Knight Email: kofc11415@gmail.com



Thoughts From God's Garden

Sr. Gabriela of the Incarnation, O.C.D.

The Color of Silence

Since I was a child, I have been fascinated by color wheels, those colored circles with the shades of the rainbow surrounding the central pole that you spin like a top At rest, the various colors march around the pole, following each other on the flat surface of the circle, but when you spin the top fast enough, all the colors blur into a single shade of white. It is very intriguing! White seems like the opposite of color. It doesn't look like a color at all, and yet when you spin a color wheel, you find that it contains all the other colors in itself.

St. John of the Cross wrote, "The Father spoke one Word, which was his Son, and this Word he speaks always in eternal silence, and in silence must it be heard by the soul." The Father speaks one single Word, an infinite, silent Word, that contains all other words in Itself. So silence is like the color white: as white contains all colors, God's silence contains the one Word that is the perfect expression of infinite love.

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12 Week Adult Enrichment Course Beginning September 5, 2024 Fr. Glenn Comandini, S.T.D. will present 12 classes on the Documents of Vatican II. Classes will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ on Thursdays from 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM. Attendees will learn about the Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council: Lumen Gentium (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church). Dei Verbum (Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation), Sacrosanctum Concilium (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy) and Gaudium et Spes (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the modern world). There is a \$35 fee per person for all 12 classes which also includes attendees receiving a copy of the book "The Documents of Vatican II". To register please visit: www.diometuchen.org/faith-formation. For more information, please email amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543.



Back to the Garden Songs of Hope & Concord

Raritan Valley Choral Society in Concert

Sounds in full bloom, including music of Leonard Bernstein, Jean Sibelius, George Harrison, and Joni Mitchell. A harvest of tunes to feed our souls.

May 19, 2024 at 3:00 PM Hillsborough High School All Tickets \$10 at door.

Made possible by funds from the Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission, a partner of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

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Invest time each week to expand your vocabulary and deepen your faith.

12 May 2024

WORD OF THE WEEK

Numerology \nü-mə-'rä-lə jē

The biblical idea, common in the ancient world, that numbers hold mystical significance. The clue to interpreting the hidden meaning of a text was often in appreciating the numbers associated with it.

Pronunciation: https://tinyurl.com/Take5-numerology

CONTEXT

Numbers have immutable rules not instituted by men but discovered.

-Saint Augustine

These angels [in Revelation chapter 1] are seven angels of high rank. The number seven here may show a connection with the seven planets, which in John's time were held to be heavenly beings.

-Adela Yarbro Collins, The Apocalypse

The number 1,000 in early Hebrew traditions . . . often meant simply a number too great to be counted. -John McKenzie, S.J., Dictionary of the Bible

WHY IT MATTERS

Significant numbers often recur in the Bible. Knowing that the number three stands for completeness, four for totality, seven for the divine realm, 12 for the whole people helps us understand the biblical narratives in which they appear.

From The Collegeville Pastoral Dictionary of Biblical Theology: In its use of numbers the Bible often attaches a symbolic value that demands an understanding on the part of the interpreter of the connotation of numbers. The Bible is not an exact timetable that predicts the precise occurrence of future events.

RELATED WORDS

3 | 4 | 7 | 10 | 12 | 40 | 70 | 1000 | Gematria

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Who are the Twelve?

The Twelve are listed in the Gospels of Mark, Matthew, Luke, and the Acts of the Apostles. The listings betray a hierarchy. Four names top every list: brothers Simon Peter and Andrew and Zebedee's sons James and John. The next grouping is shuffled but consistent: Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, and Thomas. The surprise is Bartholomew, who never speaks. The final four are James, son of Alphaeus; Thaddeus or Judas, son of James; Simon the Zealot; and Judas Iscariot, the least esteemed.

The Gospel of John refers to the Twelve only twice and never lists them. Andrew, Peter, Philip, and Nathanael are the original recruits. Nathanael? Since Philip recruits Nathanael, and Philip is paired with Bartholomew elsewhere, the idea that Nathanael is Bartholomew is suggested. John gives Zebedee's sons only a vague post-Resurrection nod. John favors other followers: Nicodemus; Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany; Mary Magdalene, Joseph of Arimathea, and an unnamed "beloved" disciple. After Easter, Luke says, Matthias replaces Judas. The symbolic authority of the Twelve lasts for a generation. As each is martyred, none is replaced.

-Alice Camille, from Questions Catholics Ask http://tinyurl.c om/QCA-twelve-apostles

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

FEAST OF MATTHIAS, APOSTLE (MAY 14)

Apostle of the bench warmers

Matthias followed Jesus from his Baptism to his death, yet he wasn't originally one of the Twelve. Then he won the lottery to replace Judas, and he spread the gospel for years before he suffered a martyr's death. Clement of Alexandria said Matthias, like all the other apostles, was not chosen for what he already was, but for what he could become. Isn't that true for all of us?

READINGS: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17 (564 https://bible. usccb.org/bible/readings/051424.cfm). "The lot fell upon Matthias, and he was counted with the Eleven Apostles."

FAITH IN ACTION

We all play different roles, but the call for each of us is the same: to follow Jesus in the lives we live.

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