

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
Millstone Township, New Jersey



Celebrate

the work of our hands

Labor Day

23rd Sunday Of Ordinary Time

September 06, 2015



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Some thoughts from Fr. Mike...

Dear Friends,

It is easy to read or hear the Gospel passage today and simply think of it as the recounting of another miracle that Jesus performed. We can just as easily think of the man who was deaf as being a historical figure from the 1st century who was the lucky recipient of the mercy and kindness of Jesus. Our thoughts may even drift off to think how blessed this man was to be able to experience a new life after his encounter with Jesus. We may even lament a little since we have heard no more about this man – did his life change? Did he get to live happily ever after?

But our Gospel story is much more than a story about an individual who had suffered with deafness and a speech impediment. The man in the Gospel surely can represent the whole human race. His plight is ours in so far as we refuse to listen to what God is saying and act upon it. It is easy to be deaf to God's words when they are inconvenient, challenge us, make us uncomfortable or require us to make and accept an obligation to abide by God's ways – no matter what. Our deafness to God can cause a figurative speech impediment in that we will be unable to speak with certainty about something that we have not completely bought into. Our deafness may be slight, occasional or even selective at times.

But we, as God's beloved children, should never lose heart. Just as Jesus laid hands on the man in need of healing in the Gospel passage, so Jesus is ready to heal us. When we open our hearts to this kind of healing, Jesus is always ready to give us the ability to hear God and then to speak in ways that will bring healing to others. How are we called to speak? A word of encouragement to the person who feels defeated, a word of acceptance to the person who feels alienated, a word of comfort to the one who is grieving, a word of appreciation to the person who feels taken for granted, a word of hope to the person who is desperate. To be those who will continue to speak the words of Jesus we must ensure that we are really listening to God so that we are not deaf to the needs around us. Let us pray that each one of us will hear that voice of God so that we can be the voice of Christ.

Peace and prayers,

Fr. Mike

Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday	September- 5 Weekday (Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5)
5:00pm	<i>Frank Rini</i> r/b The Cifelli Family
Sunday	September- 6 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Is 35:4-7z Jas 2:1-5 Mk 7:31-37)
9:00am	<i>Angelo Gazzanigo</i> r/b The Gellman Family
11:00am	<i>Raymond Desjardin</i> r/b His Family
Monday	September- 7 Weekday--Labor Day (Col 1:24—2:3 Lk 6:6-11)
9:00am	NO MASS
Tuesday	September- 8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 Mt 1:1-6, 18-23 or 1:18-23)
9:00am	<i>Special Intentions of Joseph Boland</i> r/b The Schlegel Family
Wednesday	September- 9 St Peter Claver (Col 3:1-11 Lk 6:20-26)
9:00am	<i>Special Intentions of Graduating Class 2016</i> r/b Parents
Thursday	September- 10 Weekday (Col 3:12-17 Lk 6:27-38)
	NO MASS
Friday	September- 11 Weekday (1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 Lk 6:39-42)
9:00am	<i>Special Healing Intentions of Shirley Puthumana</i> r/b Val & Babu Perumpail
Saturday	September- 12 (1 Tm 1:15-17 Lk 6:43-49)
5:00pm	<i>Catherine N. Magee</i> r/b Joanne & Westy Schiumo & Family
Sunday	September- 13 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Is 50:5-9a Jas 2:14-18 Mk 8:27-35)
9:00am	<i>MaryLou & Maureen McCarthy</i> r/b Peggy Matusz
11:00am	<i>Callie DeMarco</i> r/b Mike & Myriam Couliandis



The Sanctuary Candle... this week

Karol Durek r/b Frances DeRosa

To dedicate a Sanctuary Candle in memory of or for the intention of a loved one, Please call the office @ 732-792-2270. The donation is \$10.00.

Prayer Chain Contacts:

Patty Hileman 732-446-7651

Mary Costagliola 732-446-4255

Please Keep in your prayers:

The Sick and Lonely, the safe return of our service men & women and for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER...

Listening to God brings a wealth of opportunities and abilities.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT

August 30th – \$5,840.00

Debt Reduction –\$115.00

Children's Envelopes - \$5.80

*Thank you for your generosity and
may God bless you for your support!*

What's Happening In The Parish...

LABOR DAY

Monday is Labor Day and a holiday. The Parish Office will be closed. There will not be morning Mass on Monday. Have a wonderful and safe Labor Day.

LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH



The Ladies of St. Joseph will be resume meetings on Tuesday, Sept 8. The meeting will be held at Jo Ann's home – 1 Cuomo CT, Millstone Twp and will start at 7:00PM. There will be food at the meeting – so come and enjoy. All women of the Parish over the age of 18 are welcome to be part of this parish group. Come and find out how you can help with our many parish activities. For more information about the Ladies of St. Joseph contact Jo Ann at ajokronenthal@verizon.net or 732-446-4326.

MEN'S GUILD MEETING



The Men's Guild will resume monthly meetings on Tuesday, Sept 8 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. All men of the Parish over the age of 18 are invited to come and be a part of our Parish men's group. If you have been thinking about getting involved, come and check out our men's group. For more information about the Men's Guild contact Dave dcerulo@hess.com or 732-792-1838

FOOD COLLECTION



Please remember that our food collections are held on the 1st and 3rd weekends of each month. The next food collection will be on Sept 19/20. Food items including frozen foods, paper goods and toiletries are very much appreciated. **Thanks for your generosity and support.**

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Hospitality Sunday. After the 9:00AM and 11:00AM Masses you are invited to the Parish Hall for refreshments and some time to socialize with other members of the parish. You are also invited to bring in treats (baked goods, etc.) to put on the food table (optional). New Parishioners are invited to stop by the Welcome Table. *The Hospitality Committee is also looking for additional people to help. If you would like to join the Hospitality Committee, see one of the members in the kitchen or call the Parish Office.*

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



Are you or someone you know considering becoming Catholic?

Do you need to complete sacraments?

Have you been away from the Church for a while and want to reconnect? If so, the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) may be just what you are looking for. The RCIA meets on Sundays at 10:00AM. There is no commitment and no pressure. The RCIA promotes the idea of a Faith Journey – where is God calling you at this point in your life? If you want more information about the RCIA, please contact Carol at the parish office (732) 792-2270 or at cschulzstjoseph@optonline.net.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



Religious Education Classes will start the week of September 21. Only those who have registered should come to class. If you have not registered your child for the Religious Education Program, please do so as soon as possible. If you have not registered and need registration forms, you can download forms on our website or stop in the office to pick up the needed forms. Thanks.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE



The Building and Grounds Committee will be meeting on Wednesday – September 9 at 7:00 PM. Any parishioner is welcome to come to meeting to find out more about how this committee works to keep our buildings and grounds in top shape. For more information about the Building and Grounds Committee contact Tom P. at tom@tlpclimatecontrol.com or Tom B. at tbarer@moneymailer.com.

2015 GOLF OUTING

Join us for the **15th Annual Golf Outing** on



Monday, September 14 at Knob Hill Golf and Country Club in Manalapan. Registration forms are available in Church and on our parish website. Foursomes or individuals are welcome. Do you own a business and want to help out? Become a sponsor – there are a variety of sponsorship opportunities. Want to help out as a family? There are Family Sponsorships available as well. For more information, contact Dave (732) 792-1838 dcerulo@hess.com or Vince 732-303-0822 iuzzolino5@optonline.net.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS



Parents who will have a child baptized must attend a Baptism Preparation session. Sponsors (Godparents) are invited to attend. The next session will take place on Friday, September 11th at 7:00PM. If you will be participating in the preparation session please contact the Parish Office to register. For questions about Baptismal Preparation please contact the Parish Office.

NEW LECTORS NEEDED



We are in need of additional people who are willing to proclaim God's Word at Mass. It is a wonderful way to live our call to proclaim God's Word. The qualifications are: - ability to read, - ability to speak clearly and high school age and above. If you would like to serve as a Lector, email Fr. Mike at frmikestjoseph@optonline.net or call the parish office.

WELCOME...

As a Parish Community we welcome

Jack Joseph Cox

who was received into God's Family and the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. Let us lift him up in prayer!

READER'S CLUB

The next selection for the Readers Club is ***The Heist*** by Daniel Silva. Gabriel Allon, art restorer and occasional spy, searches for a stolen masterpiece by Caravaggio in Silva's latest action-packed tale of high stakes international intrigue - a must read for fans and newcomers alike. The meeting will be on September 17 at 7:30PM. The theme for food will be Italian. Join us for dinner and great conversation! *New readers are always welcome!!!* Please RSVP your attendance to Fran at ambiofran@gmail.com.

BAPTISM BIBS



We are in need of some people who can sew to make Baptism bibs. The bibs are used during the celebration of Baptism and symbolize that through Baptism a child has been called to put on Christ. Having them made by parishioners is a wonderful symbol showing how we are all connected through baptism. If you can sew - the bibs are not complicated from what I am told - and would be willing to make some of the bibs, please see Fr. Mike for a sample and pattern. Thanks for any help you are able to give to keep this tradition going.

MUSIC MINISTRY



It is getting close to the time for our Choirs to come back together. Please think about joining one of the choirs. The Children's Choir is for those ages 6 1/2 – 10. The Contemporary Choir is for those ages 11 and above. The St. Joseph Choir is for adults. You do not have to be able to read music or feel that you have the best voice to be part of choir. *When voices come together to praise God, it is always a beautiful sound.* For information about the **Children's Choir**, the **Contemporary Choir**, **St. Joseph Choir** or **Cantors** contact Kristine at Kris0373@aol.com or 973-768-4184.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS



Eucharistic Ministers help to distribute Communion at Mass and can bring Communion to those who are shut-ins or sick. If you would like to serve as a Eucharistic Minister, and are at least 17 years old, email Fr. Mike at frmikestjoseph@optonline.net or call the Parish Office.



Our Parish is now offering the opportunity for electronic donations. Parish Giving is offered free of charge to you so that you may make donations by credit card or transfer from your checking account. By setting up your account with Parish Giving you have the ability to make one-time contributions, make recurring contributions, select your billing date, use credit card or bank transfer, access contribution reports and have the same safety and security as banks and other financial institutions *To set up an account and begin using*

Parish Giving, go to our website:

WWW.stjosephmillstone.org and click on "Contribute/Donate" then click on the link for **Electronic Giving**. You can then set up an account or choose a onetime donation without an account. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL

The Annual Catholic Appeal helps support the vital programs and services that the Diocese of Trenton provides. To find out more about the Appeal visit the Diocesan website -

www.dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal/.

Our Parish goal is \$39,500.00. If everyone gives a little, we can easily make the goal. To make a donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal pick up a donation card and fill it out - mail the card to the Diocese or return it to the Parish (make checks payable to the *Catholic Annual Appeal*). You can donate through the Diocesan website:

www.dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal/ -

please be sure that you select our Parish- St. Joseph - Perrineville as the Parish to receive credit. Thank you for your generosity. May God continue to bless you!

HELPING HANDS

We have started a new page on our website called Helping Hands. This will be where requests for help are posted. From time to time parishioners and members of the community are in need of some help (a ride etc). To find out more go to our website and look under the news/events tab and click on Helping Hands or <http://www.stjosephmillstone.org/helping-hands>.

Longwood Gardens Christmas Display

Join us for a parish trip on Thursday, December 3. Wander through a half million twinkling lights, thousands of poinsettias and magnificent Christmas trees. Listen to carolers and view beautifully lit fountains that seem to dance in this holiday wonderland.

Lunch on your own. **\$65.00 per person.**

To reserve a spot, or find out more information, contact Rosalie at 732-490-5302.

→Calendar of Events←

Sept 6	Parish Food Collection 12:30PM – Baptisms
Sept 7	Labor Day – Parish Office Closed No Morning Mass
Sept 8	7:00PM – Ladies of St. Joseph Meeting (at JoAnn Kronenthal's Home) 7:00PM – Golf Outing Volunteers Meeting 7:30PM – Men's Guild Meeting
Sept 9	10:00AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00PM – Building & Grounds Committee
Sept 11	7:00PM – Baptism Preparation Session
Sept 13	Hospitality Sunday 10:00AM - RCIA
Sept 14	GOLF OUTING 7:00PM – Catechists & Aides Meeting
Sept 17	5:15PM – Children's Choir Practice 6:00PM – Contemporary Choir Practice 7:00PM – St. Joseph Choir Practice 7:30PM – Reader's Club Meeting
Sept 20	Children's Liturgy of the Word Parish Food Collection
Sept 21	Religious Education Classes Start

Let us praise God in all we do.

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office: 732-792-2270

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:30AM - 2:30PM

Mailing Address: 91 Stillhouse Road

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PARISH STAFF	MASS TIMES
<i>Rev. Michael P. Lang - Pastor</i> frmikestjoseph@optonline.net	Saturday Evening - 5:00 PM
<i>Rev. Rembert Reilly, O.S.B - Weekend Assistant</i>	Sunday Morning - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
<i>Rob Folinus - Permanent Deacon</i> Robstjoseph@optonline.net	Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri - 9:00AM
<i>Chris Chandonnet, Permanent Deacon</i> Chrisstjoseph@optonline.net	Holy Days: as listed in the bulletin
<i>Carol Schulz, Pastoral Associate</i> CSchulzstjoseph@optonline.net	Confessions: After the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday or by appointment.
<i>Jean Semanchick, Parish Secretary & Coordinator of Religious Education</i> Jeanstjoseph@optonline.net	
<i>Kristine Reide, Music Ministry Leader</i> Kris0373@aol.com	

BAPTISM – The Sacrament of Baptism is normally celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:30 PM. Parents are asked to register for a Baptism Preparation Session prior to the Baptism. Baptisms must be scheduled in advance by calling the Parish Office. Sponsors must obtain Sponsor forms from their home parish – Sponsors must be active practicing Catholics. The Sacrament of Baptism is not celebrated during the Season of Lent.

Marriage – Diocesan policy requires that arrangements for Marriage be made one (1) year in advance of the wedding. Refer any questions to the Pastor.

Sick Calls – Please contact the Parish Office when someone is seriously ill requiring a visit by a Priest. If someone is unable to attend Mass on a regular basis and would like to receive Communion please call the Parish Office

Registration – We are glad you are here and want you to feel like a full member of the parish. Registering as a parishioner helps us to know who you are and to stay in touch. Registration is required for sponsor forms.

Sponsor Certificates – This is a form required to be a Godparent or Sponsor for Confirmation. To receive a form the following is required: -Be a registered, active (attends Mass) member of the parish (for at least 6 months); be at least 16 years of age; must have completed the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation; If married, have a valid marriage within the Church.