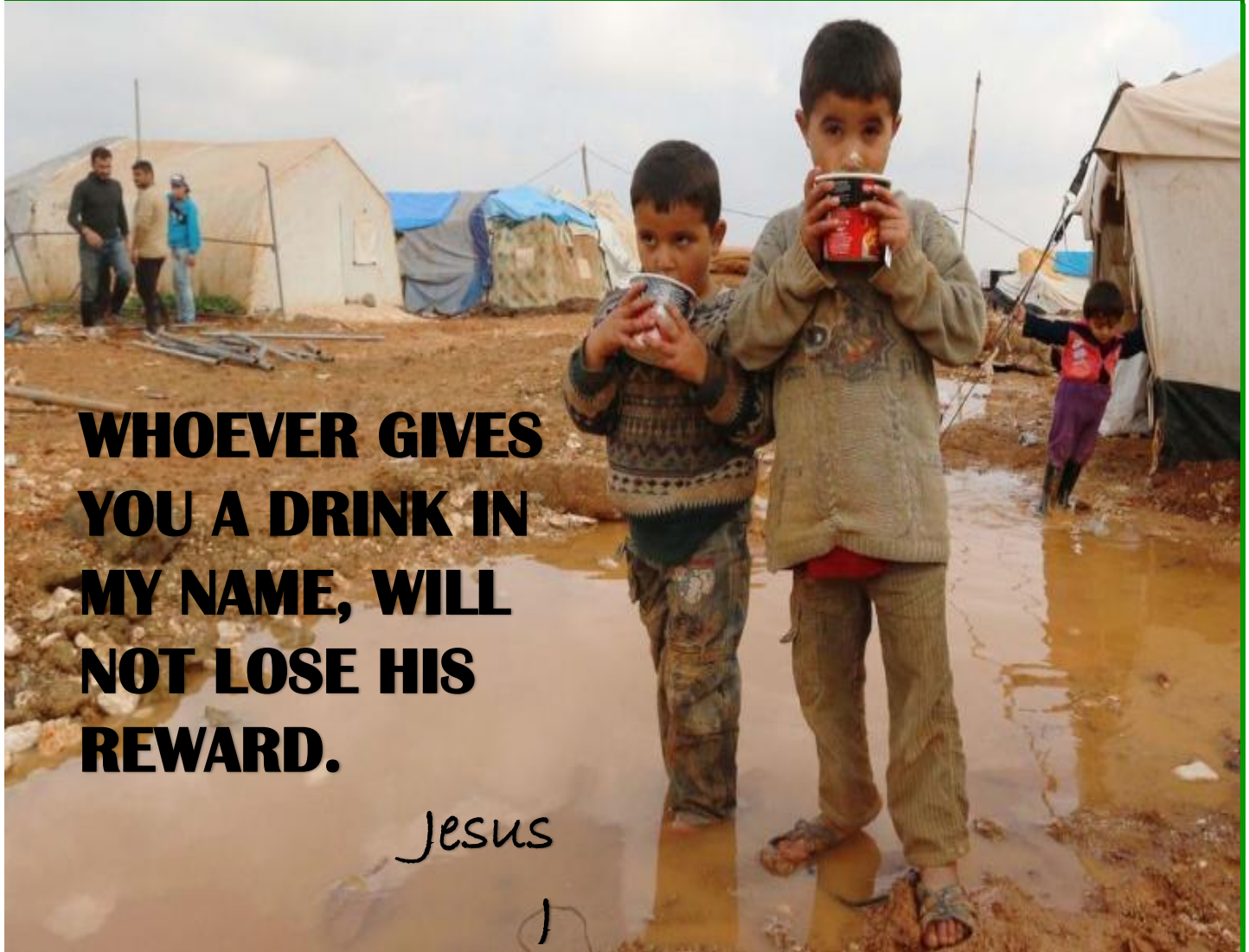


# ***ST. JOSEPH CHURCH***

## ***Millstone Township, New Jersey***



**WHOEVER GIVES  
YOU A DRINK IN  
MY NAME, WILL  
NOT LOSE HIS  
REWARD.**

Jesus

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***26th Sunday Of Ordinary Time***

**September 27, 2015**



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Dear Friends,

The disciples of Jesus were upset. Someone, who did not belong to their group, was using the name of Jesus to help people. Their reaction was pretty much like, "how dare he!" We gave up everything to follow Jesus. We have sacrificed our livelihoods, families and even our reputations to learn his message and ways. We don't know who he is. We don't know his credentials. Most likely the disciples were under some false impression that it just wasn't fair, it wasn't valid and it should not be tolerated. I am sure that they also expected that Jesus would join in their righteous indignation and go marching off to give the man a piece of his mind and tell him to stop.

Jesus was of a different mindset. Jesus looked at the situation from the point of view that something good was happening. His message was traveling outside of the circle of those he had chosen as Apostles/disciples. His message was being retold and lived by some in a spontaneous way. How could this be bad? The man was not profiting from the actions. The man was not leading others to a false god. The man was using the name of Jesus which demonstrated that he himself had accepted the message that Jesus was proclaiming. He was offering others a drink of Jesus, so to speak, because he had experienced the quenching message in his own life. He must have experienced something powerful from what he had heard and felt compelled to share that with others. He came alive with faith.

The Gospel really tells us that any person of goodwill doing their best to follow Jesus' teaching and footsteps graces the world. Every good deed contributes toward the battle against hatred, greed, discrimination, murder, violence and every other evil. God's action is not limited to a class of people, a group that professes a certain ideology or any other group of people.

Just as Jesus says that anyone can reveal the message of Jesus, he also warns that anyone can lead others astray. There are far too many people who use Jesus' name to promote a way that is contrary to his actual message.

Living the message of Jesus gives each one of us the opportunity to grace the world.

Peace and prayers,

*Fr. Mike*

## Mass Schedule + Readings

<b>Saturday</b>	September- 26	<b>St Cosmas – St Damian</b> (Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a Lk 9:43b-45)
5:00pm	<i>Rita Paolillo</i>	r/b Bill & MaryJane Rauscher
<b>Sunday</b>	September- 27	<b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> (Nm11:25-29 Jas 5:1-6 Mk9:38-43, 45, 47-48)
9:00am	<i>Janet DeBiccari</i>	r/b The O'Reilly Family
11:00am	<i>Nellie Catanzaro</i>	r/b The Cagnetta Family
<b>Monday</b>	September- 28	<b>St Wenceslaus – St Lawrence Ruiz</b> (Zwc 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50)
9:00am	<i>Christopher Calabrese</i>	r/b The Gellman Family
<b>Tuesday</b>	September- 29	<b>St Michael – St Gabriel- St Raphael</b> (Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a Jn 1:47-51)
9:00am	<i>Special Intentions of Deacon Rob</i>	r/b Frances DeRosa
<b>Wednesday</b>	September- 30	<b>St Jerome</b> (Neh 2:1-8 Lk 9:57-62)
9:00am	<i>Karen Kinder</i>	r/b Frances DeRosa
<b>Thursday</b>	October- 1	<b>St Therese of the Child Jesus</b> (Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 Lk 10:1-12) <b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Friday</b>	October- 2	<b>The Holy Guardian Angels</b> (Bar 1:15-22 Mt 18:1-5, 10)
9:00am	<i>Carmine Montemarrano</i>	r/b The Palmieri Family
<b>Saturday</b>	October- 3	<b>Weekday</b> (Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 Lk 10:17-24)
5:00pm	<i>Gloria Frammarino</i>	r/b Daughter JoAnn
<b>Sunday</b>	October- 4	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> (Gn 2:18-24 Heb 2:9-11 Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12)
9:00am	<i>Emilia Malarik</i>	r/b The Gellman Family
11:00am	<i>Rita Paolillo</i>	r/b Thomas & Carol Prainito



### **Sanctuary Candle... this week**

*Sean Quigley* r/b His Family

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...**

*Jesus came to show us how to find real happiness.  
Following Jesus is the only way.*

### **STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT**

**September 20<sup>th</sup> – The Bulletin for this week  
Debt Reduction – had to be at the printer  
early. The Stewardship  
report for this week will  
be in the next bulletin.**

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

## **What's Happening In The Parish...**

### **PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Religious Education Classes will start this week



**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 not send your child to class this week because we will be unable to place your child in a class this week. You may not register your child during Religious Education. If you have not registered your child for Religious Education, please do so Thursday or Friday this week. Thanks.

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### **FOOD COLLECTION**



Please remember that our food collections are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weekends of each month. The next food collection will be on October 3/4. Food items including frozen foods, paper goods and toiletries are very much appreciated.

**Thanks for your generosity and support.**

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### **CONFIRMATION MEETING**

#### **FOR PARENTS AND CANDIDATES**

On Thursday, October 8 at 7:00PM there will be a meeting for all Confirmation Candidates and at least 1 parent. All those preparing for Confirmation must attend the meeting with a parent. All materials for Confirmation will be handed out and explained as part of the meeting.

## **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](mailto:cschulzstjoseph@optonline.net).

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## **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, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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## **WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE**



Our parish will again sponsor a winter clothing drive on behalf of the men, women and children of the "Loaves and Fishes" food kitchen in Trenton. The clients, in addition to being food insecure, have basic needs that include clothing. Please note this is a very targeted drive. We are only accepting winter hats, gloves, socks, all-weather footwear (especially boots), windbreaker-type jackets/shells as under wear garments to protect against wind/wet weather, and blankets (especially fleece). All ages accepted; extra large sizes are especially helpful. New or gently used clothing only. Donations will be accepted from Saturday, October 10 through Sunday, October 18 only. Thank you, as always, for your wonderful generosity.



## Scripture Study

The Gospel of Luke



The next in our Scripture Study Series will be *The Gospel According to Luke*. Luke's gospel is marked by the compassion of Jesus, and demonstrates the universal nature of Jesus' mission.

Luke's focus on God's faithfulness will encourage you to trust in this merciful God we find in and through his writing. The first part will run from October 15-16 through November 19-20, 2015 (One of the meetings – will be on a Wednesday, Oct 21). Then the second part will run from January 7-8 through February 4-5. Sessions are held on Thursdays at 7:00PM or Fridays at 10:00AM. Materials are \$17.00 per Study Set and can be purchased at the first session. PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE SHEETS AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE.

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## BLESSING OF PETS



St. Francis was known to have a deep love and respect for all of God's creation – including all the animals who inhabit the world. In acknowledging that love it has become tradition to offer a

blessing of pets close to the Feast of St. Francis. So on October 10 we will have a blessing of animals at 11:00 AM. Bring your pet for a blessing. All types of animals are welcome. The blessing will take place rain or shine – come join us.

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## 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.

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## READERS CLUB

Our next book is *Girl Waits With a Gun* by Amy Stewart. Stewart gives us three sisters whose bond — scratchy and well-worn but stronger for it, as can happen with family ties — is unspoken but effortless. *Girl Waits With Gun* might sometimes be a story in which truth is stranger than fiction, but a charming fiction nonetheless. The meeting will be on October 22, 2015 at 7:30 pm in Parish Hall. Our theme for refreshments is **Seafood**. New readers are always welcome so why not join us for a wonderful time of food and conversation. Please RSVP your attendance to Fran at [ambiofran@gmail.com](mailto:ambiofran@gmail.com).

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## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at the 9:00 AM and 11:00AM Masses. All children of the parish, age 5 and over, are invited to participate in this opportunity to hear God's Word and learn how to apply it in life. New volunteers are needed. To see how you can help, feel free to come down to the hall during the children's Liturgy of the Word to observe or talk with one of the volunteers or contact the Parish Office. Help us to continue to offer this opportunity to the children of the parish.

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## MUSIC MINISTRY



**Choirs will be resuming practice this Thursday, September 17.** Please think about joining one of the choirs. The **Children's Choir** is for those ages 6 1/2 – 10 – they will be meeting at 5:15PM. The **Contemporary Choir** is for those ages 11 and above – they will meet at 6:00PM. The **St. Joseph Choir** is for adults and will meet at 7:00PM. 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](mailto:Kris0373@aol.com) or 973-768-4184.

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## **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](mailto:frmikestjoseph@optonline.net) or call the parish office.

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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](http://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.

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## **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/](http://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/](http://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!

## **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](mailto:frmikestjoseph@optonline.net) or call the Parish Office.

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## **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**



Prayer  
Shawl  
Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry gathers to knit/crochet shawls that are given to those who are sick or going through difficulties in life. The purpose of the shawl is to give encouragement and to allow the individual to be wrapped in the prayers of those who made the shawl. Especially in challenging times, it is good to know that we are not alone. If you knit or crochet you are welcome to join us. We normally meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10:00AM. You can make shawl from home as well. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, October 14 at 10:00AM. If you are in need of some comfort and would like a prayer shawl, just let us know. We will pray for you and do our best to get a shawl to you.

## **→Calendar of Events←**

Oct 2	7:00PM – Baptism Preparation Session
Oct 4	Parish Food Collection 10:00AM – RCIA 12:30PM - Baptisms
Oct 5	7:00PM – Building & Grounds Committee
Oct 6	8:00PM – Ladies of St. Joseph Meeting
Oct 7	5:15PM – Children's Choir Practice 6:00PM – Contemporary Choir Practice
Oct 8	7:00PM – Confirmation Meeting (Parent & Candidate)
Oct 10	11:00AM – Blessing of the Animals
Oct 13	7:30PM – Men's Guild Meeting
Oct 14	10:00AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry
Oct 15	7:00PM – Bible Study – Gospel of Luke
Oct 16	10:00AM – Bible Study – Gospel of Luke
Oct 22	7:30PM – Readers Club Meeting

***Let us praise God in all we do.***

## PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office: 732-792-2270

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

**BAPTISM** – The Sacrament of Baptism is normally celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.