

NOVEMBER 05, 2017 31st SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



# St. Joseph

## Catholic Church

*A community  
of faith  
growing in  
God's love*

91 Stillhouse Rd., Millstone Twp., NJ 08510 732-792-2270

**Authentic Christian Living  
means being genuine  
in word and deed**

### MASS

Sat. 5:00PM

Sun. 9:00AM & 11:00AM

Mon. 9:00AM

Tues. 9:00AM

Wed. 9:00AM

Fri. 9:00AM

Holy Days—check bulletin

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Some thoughts from Fr. Mike...

Dear Friends,

Jesus seems to be especially severe in denouncing some of the religious leaders of his time who were far from being examples of integrity. What made him harsh in his criticism of the Scribes and Pharisees was that they failed to practice what they preached. He pointed them out as examples of pious frauds, people who were good at pretending and who loved to be the center of attention. Their long prayers and other practices were merely an outward show because they neglected the much more important matters of faith, justice and mercy. Their way of life pointed to a display of vanity and self-importance and was in no sense directed to the glory of God. As a result, their preaching led people astray. Jesus saw through their religious facades and accused them of blatant hypocrisy.

Understanding what was taking place is not cause for us to poke fun at the unflattering picture of the religious leaders as painted in the Gospel. What Jesus said is important for us too. There is plenty of food for thought for everyone because to some extent we are all tainted by hypocrisy. Very few of us could truthfully say that our actions always match up with our words or our faith. We may not be as hypocritical as the Pharisees but it is very easy to put on a show in order to hide our shortcomings in order to appear virtuous. Jesus was displeased with hypocrisy in all forms. Sincerity and openness of character was what appealed to him and it was the way he lived. Jesus was never fooled by appearances because he could see into the depths a person's heart. Jesus sought to have his followers avoid the mistakes of others because he understood that hypocrisy empties an individual of credibility and weakens the power of God's Word.

The Gospel is a challenge to all Christians about the quality of the witness of faith. If we are to live up to what we profess as followers of Christ we must mean what we say and do what we mean. We cannot alter our actions in a search for human approval. We must be ready to stick to the real values that were given to us by Jesus. In all circumstances of life we must be ready and willing to lead by example so that we can bring others to Christ – just as Jesus asked us to do!

Peace and prayers,

*Fr. Mike*

## Mass Schedule + Readings

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| <b>Saturday</b>  | November -4  | <b><i>St Charles Borromeo</i></b><br>(Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29 Lk 14:1, 7-11)  |
| 5:00pm           |              | <i>Frank Calviello</i> r/b Gina Polito  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | November -5  | <b>31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>(Mal 1:14b -2:2b, 8-10 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13 Mt 23:1-12)                      |
| 9:00am           |              | <i>Betty O'Brien</i> r/b Brother Frank Simacek  |
| 11:00am          |              | <i>Laura DePinho</i> r/b Jeff & Jill Hennessy   |
| <b>Monday</b>    | November -6  | <b><i>Weekday</i></b><br>(Rom 11:29-36 Lk 14:12-14)   |
| 9:00am           |              | <i>Maria daGloria Garganta</i><br>r/b The Ladies of St Joseph   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | November -7  | <b><i>Weekday</i></b><br>(Rom 12:5-16b Lk 14:15-24)   |
| 9:00am           |              | <i>Dominick Sarinelli</i> r/b The Rollo Family  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | November -8  | <b><i>Weekday</i></b><br>(Rom 13:8-10 Lk 14:25-33)  |
| 9:00am           |              | <i>Ronald Cannella</i> r/b Frances DeRosa   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | November -9  | <b><i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i></b><br>(Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22) <b>NO MASS</b> |
| <b>Friday</b>    | November -10 | <b><i>St Leo the Great</i></b><br>(Rom 15:14-21 Lk 16:1-8)  |
| 9:00am           |              | <i>Dolores Goffa</i> r/b M/M Duffy  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | November -11 | <b><i>St Martin of Tours</i></b><br>(Eph 2:19-22 Lk 6:12-16)  |
| 5:00pm           |              | <i>Grace D'Apolito</i> r/b Theresa Rue  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | November -12 | <b>32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>(Wis 6:12-16 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14 Mtbn25:1-13)                       |
| 9:00am           |              | <i>Jason Robert Sawicz</i> r/b His Family   |
| 11:00am          |              | <i>Frank Chimento</i> r/b Todd & Sheryl Ritter  |



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

***Charles F. McCarthy*** r/b Peggy Matusz

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

## **STEWARDSHIP CORNER...**

*An authentic life will guarantee that the fog of hypocrisy will never cloud vision.*

### **STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT**

**October 29<sup>th</sup> - \$7,190.00**

**Debt Reduction - \$290.00**

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

### **COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

Join us at 10:00AM TODAY, Sunday, November 5, for coffee and conversation in the Parish Hall. Anyone is welcome to join us as we share our insights on the scripture of the day and connect everyday life with our faith. This opportunity is being offered for the adults of the parish to gather to engage in conversation about things that matter relating to our lived faith experience.

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### **BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE**



The Building and Grounds Committee will be meeting on Monday – November 6 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](mailto:tom@tlpclimatecontrol.com) or Tom B. at [tbarer@moneymailer.com](mailto:tbarer@moneymailer.com).

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### **LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH**



The Ladies of St. Joseph Will hold their monthly meeting this Tuesday, November 7 at 7:30PM in the Parish Hall. We invite all women of the

Parish to come and be a part of our Parish women's group. Getting involved in our group is a great way to become active in the parish and meet other women of the parish. 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 [jannkronenthal@gmail.com](mailto:jannkronenthal@gmail.com) or 732-446-4326.

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### **1<sup>st</sup> COMMUNION PARENT MEETING**

There will be a meeting for parents of those children in our Parish Religious Education Program who will be receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion for the first time in 2018 (children in our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Religious Education classes) on Wednesday, November 8 at 7:00PM. It is expected that at least 1 parent will be at the meeting.

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### **HELP AT CHRISTMAS**

If you are in need of help at Christmas with gifts for your children or know of local families who may be in need of help, please let us know so that you can be included in the Giving Tree Program. We try to help those in need so that children will not have to go without gifts at Christmas. For information or the help form go to our website

<http://www.stjosephmillstone.org/christmashelp>

All requests are held in strictest confidence. If you want to talk to someone about this, contact Fr. Mike.

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### **SIGN UP TO HELP WITH THE HOMELESS PROGRAM**

We have participated in a program with the Freehold Clergy Association to offer a place to sleep and food for up to 12 homeless men on Sunday night from the beginning of December through the end of March. We need volunteers to pick up the participants from St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Freehold and bring them to the Parish on Sunday Evening. We need volunteers to serve as hosts for those who will be staying at the parish. We also need volunteers to drive the participants back to Freehold on Monday morning. We also will be looking for people to prepare the food. We are starting the sign ups for the volunteers to drive (On Sunday night or Monday morning) and for those who will volunteer to host (either 6:30PM until Midnight or Midnight until 6:30AM). If you would like to volunteer, please sign up on the appropriate sheets found on the large bulletin board in the vestibule of the church. We will have sign ups for the food in November.

Please sign up as soon as you can. THANKS!!!

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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 Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM. Please contact the Parish Office to register. For questions about Baptismal Preparation please contact the Parish Office.

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## **NEW OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY**

Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey (CVCJ) is a non-profit, interfaith organization that provides assistance to the homebound, frail, and elderly in Ocean and Monmouth Counties. This organization offers solutions to the homebound elderly which allows them to remain independent in their own homes for as long as possible. All services are offered free of charge. Some of the services volunteers provide are round trip transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping (in person and on-line), friendly visits, and phone calls to those who feel lonely and live far from their families. St. Joseph's is partnering with other churches in the area in asking for volunteers to help provide these services. If you think you might be interested in serving in some capacity there will be a representative from CVCJ available after all the Masses on November 18 and 19 to answer questions and sign up volunteers. For more information and/or to sign up you can also contact Carol at the parish office at [cschulzstjoseph@optonline.net](mailto:cschulzstjoseph@optonline.net) or 732-792-2270.

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## **MEN'S GUILD**



The Men's Guild will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 14 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. All men of the Parish are invited to come and be a part of our Parish men's group. We look forward to hearing your ideas for activities and your help with the activities we currently offer. It's also a great way to meet other men of the parish and to feel even more connected to your parish. For more information about the Men's Guild contact Dave [dcerulosr@gmail.com](mailto:dcerulosr@gmail.com) or 732-781-6623.

## **50/50 CASH RAFFLE**

Raffle tickets for the Men's Guild Annual 50-50 Cash Raffle have been mailed to all parishioners. The drawing takes place on Sunday, December 10 during the Parish Christmas Party. If you did not receive your raffle tickets, or would like additional tickets, please stop by the parish office. The proceeds from the raffle are used by the Men's Guild to help the parish and help those in need.

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## **ADVENT EVENING PRAYER IN THE STYLE OF TAIZÉ**

On December 1 at 7:00 PM our community will gather for a service of prayer in the style of Taizé as we welcome the holy Season of Advent. Taizé prayer originated in a monastic community located in Taizé, France, and combines song, chanted prayers, liturgical readings, and quiet prayer. After the service we will gather for hospitality and light refreshments in the Parish Hall. Why not join us for this special time of reflection and fellowship.

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## **ST. JOSEPH READERS' CLUB**

The selection for the next Reader's Club Meeting is ***When the Night Comes*** by Favel Parrett. Meeting date is **November 9<sup>th</sup>** (*please note the change in date*) at **7:30PM**, and the theme for refreshments is **Danish food**. Join us for an evening of lively conversation and delicious cuisine. Just email your attendance or questions to Fran at [ambiofran@gmail.com](mailto:ambiofran@gmail.com).

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## **FOOD COLLECTION**



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 November 18/19. Non-perishable food items, paper goods and toiletries are appreciated. Parishioners can bring frozen food contributions to the Millstone Community Center on any Tuesday morning between 10:00AM and 11:30AM at the door to the lower level on Stage Coach Rd. You may also contact Greg at 732- 539-5042 to arrange pick up of frozen foods. **Thanks for your generosity and support.**

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## **MUSIC MINISTRY – CHILDREN’S CHOIR AND ST. JOSEPH CHOIR**

Includes the Choirs, Cantors and Musicians who help us lift our voices in song to God. There is a Children’s Choir and a Choir for Teens and Adults. Musicians are welcome to share their talents by playing at our Liturgies.

We invite children to really think about joining the Children’s Choir so that we can make a joyful noise to God. If you want information about any of the opportunities in Music Ministry, contact Kristine at [Kris0373@aol.com](mailto:Kris0373@aol.com) or 973-768-4184.

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## **STAY CONNECTED –**

### **FIND THE LATEST NEWS**

Be sure to take advantage of the variety of online tools available for our parish. Stay connected so you know about what is being offered, last minute changes and unforeseen cancellations.

Find out much about the parish on our website at [www.stjosephmillstone.org](http://www.stjosephmillstone.org). Read the latest bulletin, find the time for a meeting, learn more about what is taking place.

Connect with the parish on Facebook. Give our page a like to keep informed about events. See pictures of things that have taken place. Find out if the weather has forced a cancellation.

You can find the parish page on Facebook at St. Joseph Catholic Church Millstone Twp NJ or @stjosephchurchmillstone. If you are a tweeter, follow the parish on Twitter @frmikestjoseph.

**Stay informed – stay connected!**

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## **SHOP AT AMAZON - SUPPORT THE PARISH**

Help support the parish by designating St. Joseph Church as the charity you wish to support.

Eligible purchases will result in Amazon donating a portion to the parish. You do have to designate St. Joseph Church, Millstone Twp. as your charity. You also have to use the Amazon Smile site instead of the normal Amazon site.

To check it out go to

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-6103657> (a direct link) or go to our website and click the link. Thanks for your support!



A convenient way to donate is through online Parish Giving. This is offered free of charge to you so that you may make donations by credit card or transfer from your checking account. Check it out at [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.

## **➔ Calendar of Events ➔**

- Nov 5 Parish Food Collection  
Children’s Liturgy of the Word  
10:00AM – Coffee & Conversation
- Nov 6 7:00PM – Building & Grounds Committee
- Nov 7 7:30PM – Ladies of St. Joseph Meeting
- Nov 8 9:30AM – Legion of Mary  
10:00AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry  
7:00PM – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Parent Meeting
- Nov 9 7:30PM – Readers’ Club Meeting  
5:00PM – Children’s Choir Practice  
6:00PM – Choir Practice
- Nov 12 Hospitality Sunday  
10:00AM – RCIA
- Nov 14 7:30PM – Men’s Guild Meeting
- Nov 17 7:00PM – Parish Night
- Nov 19 Parish Food Collection  
Children’s Liturgy of the Word  
10:00AM – RCIA
- Nov 23 Thanksgiving Day  
10:00AM – Mass
- Nov 24 No Morning Mass  
Parish Office Closed
- Dec 1 7:00PM – Taize Service
- Dec 7 7:00PM – Baptism Preparation Session
- Dec 10 12:00PM – Parish Christmas Party

*Let us praise God in all we do.*

*Authentic Christians  
Give the best witness to  
the Good News of Jesus.*

## PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office: 732-792-2270

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

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