SEPTEMBER 23, 2018 25th 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

The best way to find Jesus is to look for Him while you serve the needs of others.

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,

Because of human weaknesses, desires and misguided values, it is amazing that the Church ever survived. The Gospel today offers us a glimpse of some of what Jesus had to contend with among his followers. Jesus attempted to teach his closest followers about His own fate. Jesus wanted them to understand the kind of Messiah He came to be. Even though Jesus told his Disciples about the gruesome reality of being handed over to face death, they were so immersed in their own concerns that they did not even understand what he was saying to them. Instead of fully listening, the disciples were concerned about their own status. Who was the greatest among them? When Jesus confronted them about their squabble later on, they were embarrassed. Jesus used the experience to try to teach the disciples about true greatness.

For Jesus, there is only one measure of true greatness and that is a life of service. Money, status, the size of your house, the labels on your clothing or the number of awards a person has received is no measure of greatness in the eyes of God. The only measure of true greatness is an individual's willingness to be open to all people, even those whom society has deemed as being unimportant. The disciples however, were already conditioned and molded by the values of society. It would not be easy for them to rethink what they had learned and recondition themselves to put into practice the teaching of Jesus.

We too are conditioned and molded by the teaching of society. We measure, evaluate and judge based on what we learn in the world. It can be just as challenging for us to recondition ourselves to become more influenced by the message of Jesus than we are controlled by the norms of society. We can be too focused on believing and trying to prove that what we have or do is the greatest and makes us better than others. Jesus has told us quite plainly that what we have, where we live or what we do for a living does not increase our standing before God. What matters is that we are willing to listen to, understand and appreciate others as they are and that we try to serve the needs of others whenever possible. At some point, the disciples accepted that message and because of that, they became models for others.

Peace and prayers,

Fr. Mike

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Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday September- 22 **Weekday**
(1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49 Lk 8:4-15)
5:00pm *Nicole Peake* r/b The Nugent Family

Sunday September- 23 **25th Sunday in Ordinary**
(Wis 2:12, 17-20 Jas 3:16—4:3 Mk 9:30-37)
9:00am *Florence Forcenito* r/b The Family
11:00am *Michael Sexton* r/b The Schlegel Family

Monday September- 24 **Weekday**
(Prv 3:27-34 Lk 8:16-18)
9:00am *Special Healing Intentions of Josephine Valeri*
r/b Bill & Marie Schubel

Tuesday September- 25 **Weekday**
(Prv 21:1-6, 10-13 Lk 8:19-21)
9:00am *Sundek Gass Madan* r/b The Family

Wednesday September- 26 **SS. Cosmas and Damian**
(Prv 30:5-9, Lk 9:1-6)
9:00am *Dorothy Ball* r/b The Family

Thursday September- 27 **St Vincent de Paul**
(Eccl 1:2-11 Lk 9:7-9) *No Mass*

Friday September- 28
St Wenceslaus – St Lawrence Ruiz
(Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22)
9:00am *Jimcy Chacko* r/b Val & Babu perumpail

Saturday September- 29
Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Archangels
(Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a Jn 1:47-51)
5:00pm *Mary Alfieri* r/b The Hennessy Family

Sunday September- 30
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Nm 11:25-29 Jas 5:1-6 Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48)
9:00am *Florence Forcenito* r/b Bo & Stella Smith
11::00am *Eleanor Ann Petrone* r/b Joan O'Connor

Sanctuary Candle… this week
Ralph Papalia r/b The Forcenito 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 the lonely, the safe return of our service men and women and for vocations to the priesthood and religious life..

STEWARDSHIP CORNER…

For God, wealth is not measured by anything except how we view and use God's gifts.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT

September 16th – $5,700.00
Debt Reduction - $310.00

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

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

There will be a training for new Altar Servers on Saturday, September 29 at 11:30AM. Anyone in grade 4 and above who would like to be an Altar Server is welcome to come to the training.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Religious Education Classes resume this week - Sept 24. Please bring your child at least 5 minutes before the scheduled start time so that we can get everyone into classes. Parents of 1st grade students should walk your child into the building and introduce yourself to the teacher. Children need to bring a notebook and pen or pencil. 8th Grade students meet in the classroom in the back of the Parish Hall. REMEMBER – do not bring your child if you have not registered him/her for Religious Education. NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASS – CHILDREN MAY ONLY ATTEND IF THEY ARE REGISTERED. Thanks!

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GOOD LUCK

Carol Schulz, our Pastoral Associate, will be retiring this week. Carol has served our parish in a number of ways and we give thanks for the ways she has shared herself with the Parish Community. We certainly wish Carol well as she retires. She hopes to spend more time with her grandchildren and continue her studies. There will be an opportunity to say goodbye to Carol today after the 11:00AM Mass. There will be a little reception for Carol. Please feel free to stop by to wish her well and enjoy some refreshments.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation of **A**dults (RCIA) is a process where those who feel called to become members of the Catholic Church can discern God's call. The RCIA process is also for anyone who has not completed the Sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation). If you would like more information about the RCIA please come and join us each Sunday after the 9:00 AM Mass. ***The introductory session will take place on Sunday, October 14 at 10:00AM.*** Come, join us and find out more. For more information contact Fr. Mike at the Parish Office 732-792-2270 or email frmikestjoseph@optonline.net

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BLESSING OF ANIMALS

The Blessing of Animals will take place on Saturday, September 29 at 11:00AM. Bring your pets as we ask for God's blessing in remembrance of St. Francis who cherished all of creation.

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COMEDY NIGHT AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Join us on Saturday, October 13 for a great evening of food, entertainment and fun as we showcase the talents of John Pizzi, one of the hottest comics in the entertainment industry. From Atlantic City to Las Vegas he has performed at comedy clubs, resorts and theaters. The evening will include dinner and beverages. Doors will open at 6:00PM and the pre-show will begin at 6:30PM. The tickets are just $40.00 per person. Tickets are now available. Tickets may be purchased after Mass or by stopping the Parish Office during regular hours.

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WELCOME FATHER DAN MURPHY

Fr. Dan Murphy is a retired priest from the Diocese of Patterson. Fr. Dan now resides in Lakewood. Fr. Dan has filled in at our parish on a number of occasions. Beginning in October Fr. Dan will be celebrating Mass at our Parish on a regular basis. Please help him feel at home as he joins our parish community.

FOOD COLLECTION

The next food collection will be on October 6/7. Non-perishable food items, paper goods and toiletries are appreciated. You 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.

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RCIA TEAM

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a very important ministry. Those seeking to become Catholic or complete the Sacraments of Initiation participate in the RCIA to discern and prepare for the Sacraments. We are in need of some volunteers to serve on the RCIA Team to help those who are on the journey of faith. I am looking to have enough people on the Team so that one person does not have to do it all. We provide training, materials and any assistance that may be needed. Interested? Have questions? Want to join? Contact Fr. Mike.

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BAPTISM PREPARATION TEAM

We are in need of some new members for our Parish Baptism Preparation Team. Help parents and sponsors prepare for the Baptism of their child. All materials and training are provided. Through Baptism Preparation we hope to give parents information but also provide a sense of welcome that gives a sense of belonging to parents and children. Interested? Want more information? Contact Fr. Mike at the parish office or frmikestjoseph@optonline.net.

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2018 GOLF OUTING

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the 18th Annual Golf Outing a success. Your support is appreciated and always makes a big difference. So thank to all who helped that day, played golf or helped to sponsor the event.

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Don't sit back and watch – take a step forward and belong!

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 5th at 7:00PM. If you will be attending please contact the Parish Office to register. For questions about Baptismal Preparation contact the Parish Office.

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WELCOME

As a Parish Community we joyfully welcome:

Dominick Michael Benigno

Gianna Dae Giacomo

Stella Jo Giacomo

Gianna Rose Turano

who were welcomed into God' Family and the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. We each one of these little ones and lift them up in prayer as they continue their faith journey.

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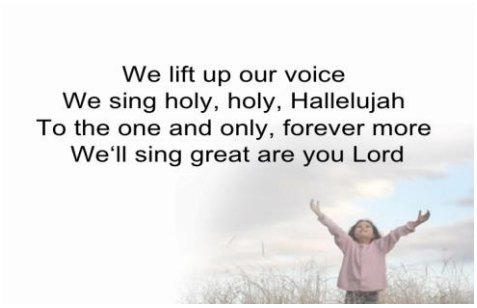
CHOIRS

Join the Choir – lift your voice in praise of God. We have a Children's Choir for the young ones of the parish and The St. Joseph Choir for teens and adults. You do not need the ability to read music and you do not have to think you have the greatest voice. When voices unite to praise God, a wonderful sound is made. Ready to join? Sign up on the list that is on the table at the entrance of the church. Sign up for either the Children's Choir or the St. Joseph Choir. Practices will begin soon. If you have questions about either choir, please contact Kristine at Kris0373@aol.com or 973-768-4184. All are welcome to be part of the Choirs as we lift our voices in praise of God.



READERS' CLUB

The next meeting of The Readers' Club will be on Thursday, September 27 at 7:30PM. The book selected is the thriller - ***Need to Know*** by Karen Cleveland. It was Amazon's Best Book of January 2018. The theme for food will be All American food. All are welcome to participate. Fran Don't forget to email your attendance or questions to Fran at **ambiofran@gmail.com.**

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CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2018 Catholic Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Trenton is taking place. The Catholic Annual Appeal is used by the Diocese to support the various work and ministries of the Diocese of Trenton. Our Parish Goal for the Annual Catholic Appeal is $39,500.00. If you would like to make a pledge/donation to the Diocese for the Annual Appeal, there are pledge cards on the table at the entrance of the Church. You can complete it and mail it to the Diocese or send it the parish Office. Please make checks payable to The Diocese of Trenton Annual Appeal. Thank you.

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Parish Giving

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 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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STAY CONNECTED – FIND THE LATEST NEWS

Don't forget to stay in touch with parish events through social media. Find out what is going on by visiting our website at www.stjosephmillstone.org. Connect with the parish on Facebook. Give our page a like to keep informed about events. You can find the parish page on Facebook at St. Joseph Catholic Church Millstone Twp. NJ or @stjosephchurchmillstone.

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.
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!

➔Calendar of Events←

Sept 26	9:30AM - Legion of Mary
	6:30PM – ALPHA
Sept 27	7:30PM – Reader's Club Meeting
Sept 29	11:00AM – Blessing of Animals
	11:30AM – Altar Server Training
Oct 2	7:30PM – Ladies of St Joseph Meeting
Oct 3	6:30PM - ALPHA
Oct 5	7:00PM – Baptism Prep
Oct 7	Parish Food Collection
	Children's Liturgy of the Word
Oct 8	Columbus Day
	Parish Office Closed
	No Morning Mass
	No Religious Education Classes
Oct 9	7:00PM – Building & Grounds Committee
	7:30PM – Men's Guild Meeting
Oct 10	10:00AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry
	6:30PM - ALPHA
Oct 13	6:00PM – Comedy Night
Oct 14	Hospitality Sunday
	10:00AM – RCIA Introductory Session
Oct 17	6:30PM – ALPHA
Oct 21	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	Parish Food Collection
	10:00AM – RCIA
	12:30PM - Baptisms
Oct 24	6:30PM – ALPHA

Let us praise God in all we do.

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office: 732-792-2270
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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.**