

NOVEMBER 18, 2018

33rd 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



**On Thanksgiving Day
count your blessings.
More importantly,
make your blessings
count!**

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,

On this coming Thursday, we as a nation will celebrate a Day of Thanksgiving. Some will travel, some will gather with family around a table loaded with food or they may go out for a meal, some will work and yes, some will shop for those tempting megadeals that retailers hope will lure people into their stores. There will be football and there will be parades. There will be words of thanks offered before diving into the meals that smell so good. It is fitting, right and proper to offer our thanks, to verbalize our appreciation and to be mindful of our blessings. However, our celebration of Thanksgiving Day, as secularized as it may be, is about so much more than a few spoken words of thanks, football games, the legitimized practice of gluttony or a feast fit for a king.

In his Thanksgiving Proclamation in 1863, Abraham Lincoln called for a day that would begin much needed healing. There was great strife after the Civil War. There was bitterness. There was division. Lincoln knew that there could not be a true appreciation for what our Country offers in the midst of such turmoil. He asked that divine help that would lead to a time when the people and the nation, might enjoy fully, "peace, harmony, tranquility and Union." Lincoln hoped that a thankful people would become a united people. That is what true thankfulness brings about – unity.

As we approach Thanksgiving Day, we need to allow our thankfulness to remind us that God has blessed us and has called us to be united. Our acknowledgement of God's never ending goodness calls us to work to heal wounds that prevent us from experiencing more of the peace, harmony, tranquility and unity that God desires for us.

Therefore, in whatever way you are able, I invite you to join me in giving thanks for the blessings that we enjoy, so that we might join together and work for the common good of all – both in this nation and beyond our borders. We are, after all, one humanity, inhabiting this world that provides a home for us to enjoy.

May you feel the never-ending blessing of our loving God this Thanksgiving Day.

Peace and prayers,

Fr. Mike

Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday November- 17 **St Elizabeth of Hungary**
(3 Jn 5-8 Lk 18:1-8)

5:00pm *Anna Morin* r/b Her Family

Sunday November- 18
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Dn 12:1-3 Heb 10:11-14, 18 Mk 13:24-32)

9:00am *Florence Forcenito* r/b The Rollo Family

11:00am *Onofrio Butera* r/b The Butera Family

Monday November- 19 **Weekday**
(Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5 Lk 18:35-43)

9:00am *Parker Thomas* r/b The Castaldo Family

Tuesday November- 20 **Weekday**
(Rv 3:1-6, 14-22 Lk 19:1-10)

9:00am *Danuta Kulesa* r/b Colleen Bove

Wednesday November- 21

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Rv 4:1-11 Lk 19:11-28)

9:00am *Sundek Gass Madan* r/b The Family

Thursday November- 22 **St Cecilia**
(Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44) **Thanksgiving Day**

10:00am *Celia Bonilla* r/b Daughter, Frances DeRosa

Friday November- 23

St Clement I- St Columban -Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro
(Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48)

9:00am *No Mass*

Saturday November- 24

St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions
(Rv 11:4-12 Lk 20:27-40)

5:00pm *Anthony SanPhilips* r/b His Family

Sunday November- 25

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
(Dn 7:13-14 Rv 1:5-8 Jn 18:33b-37)

9:00am *Florence Forcenito*

r/b Angela Kurczeski & Family

11:00am *Margaret Holly* r/b Deborah Smarth



Sanctuary Candle... this week

Anna Morin r/b Her 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...

Giving thanks means a willingness to use our blessing to advance God's plan for us.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT

November 11th – \$ 6,145.00

Debt Reduction - \$ 295.00

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Remember, there are no Religious Education Classes on Monday, November 19 or Tuesday, November 20. Happy Thanksgiving.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Thanksgiving Day is a day to offer thanks. As people of faith, we cannot forget to give thanks to God for all the blessings we have received. Mass will be celebrated on Thanksgiving Day, November 22 at 10:00AM. Let us come together to give thanks to our loving God.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23. There will not be morning Mass on Friday, November 22.

THANKSGIVING INTERFAITH SERVICE

An Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held TONIGHT - Sunday, November 18 at 7:30PM at the United Presbyterian Church of Millstone. The three Houses of Worship (United Presbyterian, Perrineville Jewish Center and St. Joseph Church) in Millstone Township will participate. There will be refreshments after the Service to give people an opportunity to mingle.

PARENT MEETING

On Monday, November 19 at 7:00PM there is a meeting for parents who have a child in our 2nd grade Religious Education Program. At least one parent needs to attend to find out all information about your child preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Painting Class hosted by The Ladies of St. Joseph. Thursday, November 29, 7:00PM - 9:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Two red wine glasses will be provided. Light refreshments will be served. BYOB. Admission in advance is \$30 per person; \$35 at the door. For tickets contact JoAnn at jannkronenthal@gmail.com or 732-446-4326.

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

<https://stjosephmillstone.org/christmas-help>

All requests are held in strict confidence.

For more information, contact Fr. Mike.

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 9 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.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

The Season of Advent begins on Sunday, December 2. Each week during Advent we light a candle on the Advent Wreath. Members of the Parish are invited to participate in the lighting of the candles each week. Those who sign up will process in with the candle, one person will read a short reflection. Sign up as a family, friends, neighbors, etc. The sign-up lists for the Advent Wreath candle lighting can be found in the vestibule.

Thanksgiving
Celebrate all the
blessings
in our lives

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Parish Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 9th at 12:00 Noon. There will be food, entertainment and a visit from Santa. There is no cost, the party is sponsored by the Men's Guild – our parish Men's Group.

Come and join us for an afternoon of fun.

SIGN UP TO HELP WITH THE HOMELESS PROGRAM

There is still time to sign up to help with Hospitality Program for the homeless that we participate in as a parish. We offer a place to sleep and a meal for up to 12 homeless men on Sunday Nights from December through March. Volunteers are still needed to pick up the participants from St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Freehold and bring them to the Parish on Sunday Evening or to serve as hosts for those who will be staying at the parish or to drive the participants back to Freehold on Monday morning. 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. THANKS!!!

FOOD SIGN UP FOR THE HOMELESS

Sign up for volunteers to help with meals for the homeless begin this weekend. If you would like to help by preparing one component of a meal (entrée or vegetable or salad or dessert) please sign up on the list on the bulletin board. The sign up are by date, so please sign up for the date you would like to help.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (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). Come, join us today at 10:00AM and find out more. For more information contact Wade wadetmorris@gmail.com or Fr. Mike at the Parish Office 732-792-2270 or email frmikestjoseph@optonline.net

FOOD COLLECTION



The next food collection will be on December 1/2. 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.

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

READERS' CLUB MEETING

The next book selection for the Readers' Club is ***Kindred*** by Octavia Butler. *Kindred* is a novel that incorporates time travel and is modeled on slave narratives. The discussion of this book will take place on Thursday, December 13 at 7:30PM in the Parish Hall. The theme for food is Maryland/Chesapeake Bay Area food. All are welcome to come. Be sure to RSVP to Fran ambiofran@gmail.com if you are planning to attend. Happy reading!

CHOIRS

Join the choir – lift your voice in praise of God. We have a Children's Choir for the young people of the parish and the St. Joseph Choir for teens and adults. You can sign up on the list that is on the table at the entrance of the church or contact Kristine Kris0373@aol.com or 973-768-4184. All are welcome to be part of the Choirs as we sing our praise to God.

Give
THANKS
to the Lord
for He is good; His love endures forever.

—1 Chronicles 16:34

ALPHA FOR HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

Registration for Alpha for Youth is now taking place. Alpha Youth is for High School Students. What is Alpha? It is a program that explores timeless questions about life, faith and God. Alpha Youth is designed especially for teens. It will be open to everyone who is currently in High School (*participants do not have to be from the parish or Catholic*). Alpha for Youth will begin on Wednesday, January 16, 2019. There will be 10 sessions and one Saturday Retreat Day. We are planning to hold the Alpha Sessions on Wednesday Evenings starting at 6:30PM (although 2 of the sessions will be on Thursday due to Ash Wednesday and the Confirmation Retreat). Each session will include food, a presentation and small group discussions. Do you have questions? Do you want to try to understand more about what faith is? Then plan to be part of the High School Alpha experience. To register go to <https://stjosephmillstone.org/alpha-for-teens> or grab a form from the table. Registration is required and there is a limit to the number of registrations.

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!

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!



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.

→ Calendar of Events ←

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| Nov 18 | Parish Food Collection
Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:00AM - RCIA
12:30PM – Baptisms
7:30PM – Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
(at Millstone Presbyterian Church) |
| Nov 19 | No Religious Education Classes
7:00PM – 2 nd Grade Parents Meeting |
| Nov 20 | No Religious Education Classes |
| Nov 21 | 9:30AM – Legion Of Mary Meeting
NO ALPHA SESSION TONIGHT |
| Nov 22 | Thanksgiving Day
10:00AM – Mass
Parish Office Closed |
| Nov 23 | Parish Office Closed
No Morning Mass |
| Nov 28 | 6:30PM - ALPHA |
| Nov 29 | 7:00PM – Ladies Night Out |
| Dec 1 | 11:00AM – Gingerbread House Decorating
1:00PM – Gingerbread House Decorating |
| Dec 2 | 1 st Sunday of Advent
Parish Food Collection
Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:30AM - RCIA
12:30PM – Baptisms |
| Dec 3 | 7:00PM – Building & Grounds Committee |
| Dec 4 | 7:00PM – Ladies of St Joseph Meeting |
| Dec 7 | 7:00PM – Baptism Preparation Session |
| Dec 9 | 12:00PM – Parish Christmas Party |
| Dec 11 | 7:30PM – Men's Guild Meeting |
| Dec 12 | 10:00AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry |
| Dec 13 | 7:30PM – Readers' Club Meeting |

Let us praise God in all we do.

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office: 732-792-2270

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

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PARISH STAFF	MASS TIMES
<i>Rev. Michael P. Lang - Pastor</i> fmikestjoseph@optonline.net	Saturday Evening - 5:00 PM
<i>Rev. Daniel Murphy - Weekend Assistant</i> sabatman_2000@yahoo.com	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>Jean Semanchick, Parish Secretary & Coordinator of Religious Education</i> Jeanstjoseph@optonline.net	Confessions: After the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday or by appointment.
<i>Carmen Santos, Pastoral Associate</i> carmenstjoseph@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.