

DECEMBER 16, 2018

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT



St. Joseph

Catholic Church

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

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



*Lord Jesus, fill our hearts
with the kind of joy that
can only come from you.*

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,

There is no mistaking the theme that is proclaimed loud and clear in today's Liturgy – it is a message of hope and rejoicing. The call to rejoice, lift up our hearts and be happy presents a challenge for us and may require some soul-searching in light of the problems that may confront us at any given moment. With all the sadness that we witness we may be inclined to ask – what do I have to rejoice about, with illness, death, selfishness, rudeness, disappointments and uncertain future? If things were better, it may be easier to feel joyful.

Indeed, some of the dreadful things that take place in our world give little cause for rejoicing. However, from a Christian perspective, we must come to realize that Christian joy does not come from the absence of sorrow, hurt, pain or trouble but from an awareness of the presence of Christ within our souls. Paul was in prison when he wrote to the Philippians urging them to be happy and to rejoice in the Lord. Zephaniah managed to rejoice at the height of the Jewish exile when things could not have been worse politically and the nation was at a moral low point. In spite of disastrous circumstances, both men refused to allow the situations they faced to rob them of joy. Both had joy because they were grounded in the peace of God.

So on this Third Sunday of Advent we should ask how are we to attain such spiritual joy that should be rightfully ours? We simply have to turn to God and ask the same question of God that was presented to John the Baptizer. What should we do? John replied to the people in uncompromising language that the secret is to commit ourselves to God's way and in so doing find our peace. Happiness comes from doing good, being honorable and showing true concern for others, especially those in need. Doing these things does place demands on us and is not always easy. Giving of ourselves, in the way that God calls us to give, may contradict how society tells us to find happiness. Yet so many people of faith, like John and Zephaniah, give witness to true happiness. No one who has experienced the kind of joy that Christ modeled, in spite of his own suffering, would ever exchange it for all the pleasures and comforts of this world.

Peace and prayers,

Fr. Mike

Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday	December- 15	Advent Weekday (Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9a, 10-13)
5:00pm	<i>Dorothy Novello</i>	r/b Janet Palmer
Sunday	December- 16	3rd Sunday of Advent (Zep 3:14-18a Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18)
9:00am	<i>Dec'd Mbrs of the Lancia & Gilch Families</i>	r/b The Gilch Family
11:00am	<i>Michaela Marie Morano</i>	r/b The Francisco Family
Monday	December- 17	Late Advent Weekday (Gn 49:2,8-10 Mt 1:1-17)
9:00am	<i>Edna Simacek</i>	r/b Frank
Tuesday	December- 18	Late Advent Weekday (Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25)
9:00am	<i>Nancy Elizabeth Johnson</i>	r/b The Rollo Family
Wednesday	December- 19	Late Advent Weekday (Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Lk 1:5-25)
9:00am	<i>Antonio Carvalho</i>	r/b Jim & JoAnn Kronenthal
Thursday	December- 20	Late Advent Weekday (Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38) <i>No Mass</i>
Friday	December- 21	St Peter Canisius (Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a Lk 1:39-45)
9:00am	<i>No Mass</i>	
Saturday	December- 22	Late Advent Weekday (1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56)
5:00pm	<i>Dorothy Novello</i>	r/b Loretta Kuhnert
Sunday	December- 23	4th Sunday of Advent (Mi 5:1-4a Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45)
9:00am	<i>Louise Wyrick</i>	r/b The Gilch Family
11:00am	<i>Onofrio Butera</i>	r/b The Butera Family



Sanctuary Candle... this week

Richard Semanchick r/b John & Jean

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...

Christian joy allows us to find the path that leads to true happiness.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT

December 9th - \$6,343.00

Debt Reduction - \$262.00

Immaculate Conception - \$ 1305.00

Religious Retirement - \$ 629.00

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

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, December 24

4:00 PM (*Children's Mass*)

6:30PM

MONDAY, December 25

12:00AM (*Midnight Mass*)

9:00AM

11:00AM

O Come let us adore Him!

LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, ALTAR SERVERS & USHERS CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Lectors, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers – please sign up for Christmas Masses. The sign up list is on the bulletin board outside the library. Thanks!

PARISH GIVING TREE

Thank you very much to everyone who participated in the Annual Giving Tree Program. Thanks to your generosity many people will experience a blessed Christmas!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Anyone who would like to contribute toward the decorations/flowers for Christmas in memory or in honor of a loved one will find envelopes on the table at the entrance of the church. List the names of those you wish to have remembered. All those listed on the envelopes will be remembered at our Christmas Masses.

LECTORS

Please pick up your new workbook in the Sacristy. Please sign the sheet so we know who has received the workbook. Thank you!

OPLATEK

We once again offer Oplatek – the Christmas Wafer – for those who use it during your celebrations. Stop by the Parish Office to pick up a pack.

MORNING MASS

There will not be morning Mass (9:00AM) on Friday, December 21 or Monday, December 24.

EMERGENCY HOUSING PROGRAM

There is always room for more volunteers to help with the Program that our parish participates in to offer a place to sleep and food for up to 12 homeless men on Sunday nights from the beginning of December through the end of March. If you would like to volunteer to drive participants from Freehold on Sunday evening to our Parish or drive the participants back to Freehold on Monday morning or serve as a host either from 6:30PM – Midnight or Midnight – 6:30AM, please email Cheryl cher689@aol.com or Fr. Mike frmikestjoseph@optonline.net. This is a great opportunity to reach out and help. THANKS!!!

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

We will have a collection of some winter items to be given to United Way and Loaves and Fishes. The items we will collect are new or gently used hats, gloves, scarves, and boots. We will also collect new warm socks. The drive will take place January 19 until January 27. Please remember that we will only collect the items listed above and only during the dates specified. Thanks.

*We can be ruled by the things and events
of life or we can find real joy in God*

ALPHA FOR HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

Registration for Alpha for Youth is now taking place. Alpha Youth is for High School Students. ALPHA is a program that explores questions about life, faith and God. Alpha Youth is designed especially for teens. It is open to everyone who is 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. Alpha Sessions will take place on Wednesday Evenings starting at 6:30PM (although 2 of the sessions will be on Thursday). Each session will include food, a presentation and small group discussions. 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.

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, January 4th at 7:00PM. If you will be attending please contact the parish Office to register. For questions about Baptismal Preparation contact the Parish Office.

FOOD COLLECTION



The next food collection will be on January 5/6. 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.

JANUARY 1

Monday, January 1 is New Year Day and the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. Mass will be celebrated at 10:00AM. Let us join together as a Community of Faith to start the New Year.

St. Joseph Adult Faith Formation

presents:

Love as Depicted in the Movies



Movie Night

Thursdays at 6:30 pm
or
Friday at 10:00 am

JOIN US FOR FUN SNACKS & MOVIES

Title	Date
The Family Stone (PG-13) 1Hr 43 Mins	1/10 & 1/11
The Grand Seduction (PG-13) 1Hr 52 Mins	1/17 & 1/18
Her (R) 2Hrs 5 Mins	1/24 & 1/25
The Notebook (PG-13) 2Hrs 3 Mins	1/31 & 2/1
I Can Only Imagine (PG) 1Hr 50 Mins	2/7 & 2/8



Join us for Movie Night as we examine the theme of LOVE. To participate, please sign up on the list that can be found on the table at the entrance of the Church. For more information about this contact Carmen – 732-792-2270 or Carmenstjoseph@optonline.net.

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

Parish Religious Education Classes

There will be no Parish Religious Education Classes on Monday, Dec 24, Tuesday, Dec 25, Monday Dec 31 or Tuesday Jan 1. Classes will resume on Monday, January 7.

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.

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.

*Joy is not found in things, it is
found within us!*

→ Calendar of Events ←

- Dec 16 Parish Food Collection
Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:00AM - RCIA
12:30PM – Baptisms
- Dec 19 9:30AM – Legion Of Mary Meeting
- Dec 21 No Morning Mass
- Dec 24 No Morning Mass
Christmas Eve
Parish Office Closes at 12:00Noon
No Religious Education Classes
4:00PM – Mass (*Children's Mass*)
6:30PM – Mass
- Dec 25 Christmas Day
12:00Midnight – Mass
9:00AM – Mass
11:00AM – Mass
- Dec 26 **Parish Office Closed**
No Morning Mass
- Dec 28 No Morning Mass
- Dec 30 **No Religious Education Classes**
- Dec 31 **No Religious Education Classes**
Parish Office closes at 12:00 Noon
- Jan 1 New Year Day
10:00AM - Mass
Parish Office Closed
No Religious Education Classes
- Jan 2 7:00PM – Ladies of St. Joseph Meeting
- Jan 6 Parish Food Collection
Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:00AM – RCIA
12:30PM - Baptisms
- Jan 7 Religious Education Classes Resume
7:00PM – Building & Grounds Committee
- Jan 8 7:30PM – Men's Guild Meeting
- Jan 9 10:00AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Jan 10 6:30PM – Love as depicted in the movies
- Jan 11 10:00AM – Love as depicted in the movies
- Jan 12 Sub Sale
- Jan 13 Sub Sale
10:00AM – RCIA
- Jan 19 Winter Clothing Drive Begins
- Jan 20 Hospitality Sunday
Children's Liturgy of the Word
Parish Food Collection
10:00AM – RCIA
12:30PM – Baptisms
- Jan 27 12:00PM – Parent/Child Breakfast
Winter Clothing Drive Ends

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. Daniel Murphy - Weekend Assistant</i> sabatman_2000@yahoo.com	Sunday Morning - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
<i>Chris Chandonnet, Permanent Deacon</i> Chrisstjoseph@optonline.net	Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri - 9:00AM
<i>Jean Semanchick, Parish Secretary & Coordinator of Religious Education</i> Jeanstjoseph@optonline.net	Holy Days: as listed in the bulletin
<i>Carmen Santos, Pastoral Associate</i> carmenstjoseph@optonline.net	Confessions: After the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday or by appointment.
<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.