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2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time



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*If you want God
to speak to you,
place yourself in a
position to hear.*

MASS

Saturday

5:00 PM

SUNDAY

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Mon. Tues. Wed. Fri.

9:00 AM

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Some thoughts from Fr. Mike...

Dear Friends,

The story of God calling Samuel by name is a captivating story. A wonderful picture is presented of the boy lying asleep in the dark with only one light glowing. Samuel is awakened three times by a mysterious voice calling him by name. In no way does Samuel suspect that it is the Lord calling him. After all, he is just a boy, a mere servant of Eli. It is Eli who makes it clear that the voice Samuel is hearing is the voice of God. Eli directs Samuel how to reply. With the straightforward simplicity of a child, Samuel springs to his feet in unquestioning obedience and total willingness to serve: "Speak Lord, your servant is listening."

The story of Samuel is our story as well. Samuel stands for all of us, people of no great significance, the small print of life. We may not be important in the eyes of society but none of us is ever ignored by God. We are always in God's mind and forever under God's care. God is constantly calling us into a relationship with God in whatever circumstances of life we happen to find ourselves in. In the noisy rantings that can take place in our world there is a danger of God's voice being drowned out and not heard. This is why it is so important to have a peaceful and quiet corner to develop pockets of silence, where we can be alone to listen to the voice of God, calling us and directing us through our journey of life. God can only be heard by the person who is listening. There is a tendency to have a great deal of talking with too little listening.

The Gospel today speaks to us about the call of Andrew and how the disciples stood and stared as Jesus passed by. Jesus is forever passing by and His invitation is straightforward and open-ended. He is constantly asking us what we want out of life. If we wish to discover where Jesus lives, He throws His life open for inspection in many different ways.

God's call is an on-going affair. It comes to us in many different ways and in many different situations. It takes courage to open our hearts and answer that call. At times, we have to be willing to sacrifice and have the comforts of life disturbed. If we are to be the people God wants us to be and do the job that God intends us to do, we must give ourselves willingly to Jesus who has already given Himself to us in the most profound way.

Peace, prayers and love to all of you,

Fr Mike

Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday	January- 16 Weekday (Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17)
5:00pm	<i>Mary Arose</i> r/b Teddy & Susan Magielnicki
Sunday	January-17 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (1 Sam 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42)
9:00am	<i>John Lockwood</i> r/b St. Joseph Readers Club
11:00am	<i>Rodrigo S. Yuson</i> r/b Marie & Michael Ticse & Family
Monday	January-18 Weekday (Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22) <i>No Mass</i>
Tuesday	January-19 Weekday (Heb 6:10-20 Mk ::23-28)
9:00am	<i>Al DeRosa</i> r/b Frances DeRosa
Wednesday	January-20 St Fabian, St. Sebastian (Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Mk 3:1-6)
9:00am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Thursday	January-21 St. Agnes (Heb 7:25--8:6 Mk 3:7-12) <i>No Mass</i>
Friday	January-22 Day for Prayer for the Protection of the Unborn
9:00am	<i>Special Healing Intentions of Sonny Buser</i> r/b A Friend
Saturday	January-23 St. Marianne Cope - St Vincent (Heb 9:2-3, 11-14 Mk 3:20-21)
5:00pm	<i>Danuta Kulesa</i> r/b her Family
Sunday	January-24 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Jon 3:1-5, 10 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20)
9:00am	<i>Eleanor Laguna</i> r/b The Dobrotsky Family
11:00am	<i>Francisco Bahena</i> r/b Millstone Mom's Club

Sanctuary Candle... this week

People of the Parish

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, for vocation to the priesthood and religious life and for the hungry and the homeless.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

A video for Children's Liturgy of the Word for January 17th is available along with activity sheets for those who would like it. You can watch the video and download the activity sheets at <https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/childrens-liturgy-of-the-word-1>

HOLIDAY

Monday, January 18 is Martin Luther King Day and is a holiday. The Parish office will be closed on Monday. There will not be morning Mass.

DAILY MASS

There will not be morning Mass on Monday morning, January 18.

THE READER'S CLUB

The Readers' Club of St. Joseph Church continues to meet virtually. The next book selected by the Reader's Club is *The Radium Girls (The Dark Story of America's Shining Women)* By Kate Moore. Written with a sparkling voice and breakneck pace, *The Radium Girls* fully illuminates the inspiring young women exposed to the "wonder" substance of radium, and their awe-inspiring strength in the face of almost impossible circumstances. Their courage and tenacity led to life-changing regulations, research into nuclear bombing, and ultimately saved hundreds of thousands of lives...

Our discussion date is February 11 and we will meet via Zoom. To get reminders from the Reader's Club contact Fran – ambiofran@gmail.com so she can place you on the contact list.

DONATION STATEMENTS

Anyone who needs a statement of donations for tax purposes is asked to send a self-addressed envelope to the parish office.

GOD AND YOU: PRAYER AS A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP

Due to a very low response, we have put this study on hold for a future time. However, it is still a good book to read to enhance your prayer life. *God and You: Prayer as a Personal Relationship* by Fr. William A. Barry, S.J. The book describes what prayer can be when seen as a conscious relationship of a person with God. With only twelve short chapters, it is a small book that offers varying approaches to prayer that aim at deepening our friendship with God. Fr. William Barry is a trained spiritual director, author and educator and has spent much of his life training new spiritual directors. The book is available through Amazon for \$8.95.

RITE of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a wonderful faith journey for those who wish to be Baptized, those who are Baptized and are now interested in joining the Catholic Church and those who have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation). The RCIA is a journey of faith where people are encouraged to discern God's call in their lives. It is not a typical classroom setting. Our Catholic beliefs are introduced and explained and participants in the RCIA are encouraged to see how our beliefs, practices, Liturgies and Sacraments can have an impact in everyday situations. Anyone and everyone is invited to "come and see" to find out if the RCIA process is what you are being drawn to in your life. RCIA sessions are ready to resume, although at this time the meetings will be help outdoors or via Zoom. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Fr. Mike – frmikestjoseph@optonline.net or 732-792-2270.

FOOD COLLECTION



You can still drop off donations in the box on the lower level or in the bin that is outside the front door to help those who may need something. The need for assistance continues to grow. Food banks are receiving more requests for assistance as people face financial challenges. Your donations are appreciated and your donations continue to reach those who are in need.

SUNDAY MASS – We do have public celebration of Sunday Mass on Saturday evening at 5:00 PM and Sunday morning at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM. We only have one-third of the capacity in the Church. Please remember that masks must be worn and cover mouth and nose. Also, **doors are locked at the start of Mass** so that there is no need for people to wander around looking for a seat – so please arrive before Mass begins. Masses will also be live streamed at <https://vimeo.com/event/106444>, on our parish website at www.stjosephmillstone.org/live-stream on our Facebook Page www.facebook.com/stjosephchurchmillstone and on the Parish YouTube channel www.youtube.com/c/StJosephChurchMillstoneTwp

DAILY MASS

The public gathering for Mass takes place at 9:00 AM on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday with no more than 50 people. Mass will also be live streamed at 9:00 AM on those days. If you miss the live stream, it is recorded and available to watch later on. The links for the live stream of daily Mass are the same as those for Sunday Mass which you can find in the Sunday Mass announcement above this announcement.

PARISH GROUPS

Due to the continuing rise in cases of Coronavirus, we are once again suspending the meeting of groups. When the cases decline again, groups will have the opportunity to meet with certain restrictions and policies in place.

A NOTE ON MASKS

Masks are required for all events in the Church. Masks must cover mouth and nose and form a barrier. Some people have started wearing clear plastic masks that are meant for food preparation. Those masks do not meet the criteria for helping to block the spread of disease. Those masks do not form a barrier at the nose. We are adhering to the recommendations prescribed by the professionals as well as the regulations of the Diocese. Thank you for cooperating and having a willingness to protect the health of others.

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BAPTISMS

We are scheduling Baptisms. The number of people permitted at a Baptism is limited. Only one family at a time will be scheduled for Baptism. It is good news that we are welcoming God's little ones. Those who would like to schedule a Baptism, may call the parish office to schedule the Baptism of your child.

HELP US TO BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU

The Parish uses Flocknotes which is a program to send out email and text messages to parishioners. This will allow us to stay in touch about parish events, emergency closings and important information. To benefit from this, you must sign up with your cell phone number and/or email address. In the present time, it is important that we have a way to get news out to everyone. We will use Flocknotes to let parents know if Religious Education classes are canceled and we send out reminders about scheduled closings for holidays, etc. It is easy to be on the notification list – just text the code sjmill to 84576 and follow the prompts. You may also go to our website to be included – stjosephmillstone.org/flocknotes. Just enter your information and follow the prompts. You can then select the groups that you want information from. All information is confidential. Others are not able to view your information. Please remember that email and text message will be sent from Flocknotes. Thanks!

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 at 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 email or leave a message for Fr. Mike

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.

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PARISH INFORMATION

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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.

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