

June 4, 2023

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



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Catholic Church

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MASS

Saturday

5:00 PM

SUNDAY

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Mon. Tues. Wed. Fri.

9:00 AM

Masses are also

live streamed

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Some thoughts from Fr. Mike...

Dear Friends,

In spite of how far we have come in science, there is still much to learn. The one thing that has been made clear is that the magnitude and the mystery of creation is awesome. Even though it is possible to see 100 billion galaxies with powerful telescopes, who knows how many more galaxies are yet to be discovered? When we ponder the expanse of creation as people of faith, it should also reveal some hint as to the greatness and mystery of the Creator.

When people claim to understand God, or think they should be able to, they do not know God at all. Those who know God best are those who admit the great mystery that God is. God will always be too great for us to fully understand. Today we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity. Besides the fact that the Trinity is a great mystery, it took theologians several centuries to arrive at the concept. Historically it developed in an effort to understand precisely who Jesus is. Many heresies evolved in the course of trying to figure it all out. It was not until the Council of Nicaea in 325 that the church officially defined that Jesus is as much God as the Father is God.

There have been many attempts to better understand the Trinity and many examples are used to try to get a clearer picture. Some have compare the Trinity to a shamrock. Others used the image of God being a spring of water, the Son as a river and the Holy Spirit as the sea. There is another comparison that identifies the Father as the root of a tree, the Son as the branches and the Holy Spirit as the fruit. Still others have held three matches, lit them and then joined them as a single flame. These examples might help us a little, but it is impossible to take the mystery out of the Trinity.

We can approach the Trinity only prayerfully and through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. In the Scriptures and in the quiet of our hearts we come to know that God our creator loves us, sent His Son to save us and is always present with us. We can try to put our faith into theological concepts, but it is in the experience of prayer that we will know the joy of being loved by the one God who expresses both a divine unity and a three-part diversity as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Peace, prayers and love to all of you,

Fr. Mike

Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday	June- 3 Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions (Sir 51:12cd-20 Mk 11:27-33)
5:00pm	<i>Maria & Albert Carro</i> r/b Jose Carro
Sunday	June- 4 The Most Holy Trinity (Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 2 Cor 13:11-13 Jn 3:16-18)
9:00am	<i>Bruno & Grace Mongiardo</i> r/b Gerard Mongiardo
11:00am	<i>Joseph Marone</i> r/b Dave & Sue Cerulo
Monday	June- 5 Saint Boniface (Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8 Mk 12:1-12)
9:00am	<i>Joseph Karott</i> r/b Val & Babu Perumpail
Tuesday	June- 6 St Norbert (Tb 2:9-14 Mk 12:13-17)
9:00am	<i>Leo Miguel</i> r/b Kathy Brown
Wednesday	June- 7 Weekday (Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a Mk 12:18-27)
9:00am	<i>The Intentions of Frances DeRosa</i> r/b Val & Babu Perumpail
Thursday	June- 8 Weekday (Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a Mk 12:28-34) <i>No Mass</i>
Friday	June- 9 St Ephrem (Tb 11:5-17 Mk 12:35-37)
9:00am	<i>Patrick Lang</i> r/b John Bell
Saturday	June- 10 Weekday (Tb 12: 1, 5-15, 20 Mk 12:38-44)
5:00pm	<i>Sindo & Robert Enriquez</i> r/b Jose Carro
Sunday	June- 11 Corpus Christi The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a 1 Cor 10:16-17 Jn 6:51-58)
9:00am	<i>Stanley Kirkowski</i> r/b The Family
11:00am	<i>Mary Jane Kohlhepp</i> r/b The Men's Guild

Sanctuary Candle... this week

Peter Reilly r/b Jean & John

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

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Next Sunday, June 11, is Hospitality Sunday. You are invited to the Parish Hall after the 9:00AM and 11:00AM Mass for some refreshments and time to socialize. Come and join us for this great opportunity!

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023-2024



Registration for September Classes in our Parish Religious Education Program is now taking place. To complete a re-registration for current students or to register a new student (1st Grade or a transfer from another program) please visit the parish website <https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/prep-parish-religious-education-program>. Print the Parent Handbook and registration

materials and return the correct registration form to the Parish Office along with the Parent Agreement. Remember, classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. While there is room for everyone, some times and days fill up quicker than others. Once a class has reached capacity, no other children will be placed in that class.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)



Vacation Bible School will be held from August 7 – 11 9:30AM until 12:30PM each day. Vacation Bible School is open to those in grades K – 6.

Our star crew will help our student “cadets” to explore where God’s power can take them during “TO MARS & BEYOND” Vacation Bible School! Along the journey, our cadets will discover a new realm of possibilities as they reach for the stars

and encounter the limitless power and love of God! St. Joseph Church VBS offers kids the opportunity to study the life of Jesus and to learn how his qualities honor God! We will build spiritual strength as we learn from Bible stories and explore different themes each day under the direction of our star crew! Throughout their day, the children will be challenged to go beyond to become more like Jesus. Every activity (Bible stories, crafts, science, games, snacks, skits, and songs) is designed to strengthen their faith and reinforce the daily theme. Let’s become active voyagers in our faith and go beyond together this summer! Sign your children up to join our VBS today! **REGISTRATION DEADLINE – June 28th, 2023** Late registration will not be accepted. Spaces are very limited so be sure to register as soon as possible. Registration forms are available in the Church or on the Website at <https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/vacation-bible-school-1>

TEENAGE VOLUNTEERS FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Teenagers are welcome to volunteer to help with Vacation Bible School – August 7-11. During July we will be meeting to make preparations, props, etc. If you would like to volunteer, complete a Teenage Volunteer form and return it to the church as soon as possible. Teenager volunteer forms are available at church or may be printed from the website at <https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/vacation-bible-school-1>. Come and have some fun helping with Vacation Bible School.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ADULT VOLUNTEERS



Adult volunteers are welcome to help with Vacation Bible School. If you are interested or want to find out more information, contact Lisa – lconklin623@gmail.com. **THANKS!**

ST JOSEPH CHURCH FAITH ENRICHMENT - SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL 2023

Art invites us to encounter the Divine through imagery and imagination. This summer expand your spiritual experiences through art, film, and architecture at St Joseph's. Programs will be shown on select Fridays **6/16, 6/30, 7/7, 7/28, and 8/18 in the parish hall 10 AM-12:30 PM**. Relax enjoy coffee, fellowship, and "armchair tours". We will journey through Tuscany and its treasures of sacred art, explore the architecture and history of sacred buildings of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. We will view two modern films, *Jesus Revolution* starring Kelsey Grammer and Jonathan Roumie, and *Monuments Men* starring George Clooney and Matt Damon. Please take a flyer located on the table at the entrance to the church for more details. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church, or email Vicki Craig, Pastoral Associate at: vickicstjoseph@gmail.com. You may also register online at All adult members of the parish are invited. You are welcome to choose to attend any individual session or all five!

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE



The Buildings and Grounds Committee will meet on Monday, June 5 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. The Building and Grounds Committee offers advice and helps with the planning for work needed to keep our buildings and grounds in good repair. Anyone is welcome to com and be part of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. For more information contact Tom at tbarber@moneymailer.com.

LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH



The Ladies of St. Joseph will meet on Tuesday, June 6 at 7:00PM. The meeting will take place at Vesuvio's Restaurant on Millstone Rd. The Ladies of St. Joseph is the parish women's group. All women of the parish are invited to attend and to be involved in the activities offered. If you have any questions or would more information about the Ladies of St. Joseph, please contact Jo Ann - jannkronenthal@gmail.com

MEN'S GUILD



The Men's Guild, our Parish Men's Group, will meet on **Wednesday, June 14** at 7:00PM at Albivi's Restaurant. Hall. All men of the parish are welcome to be part of the Men's Guild. Please be sure to let Dave know if you will be attending the meeting so that a count may be given to the restaurant. For more information about the Men's Guild, contact Dave dcerulosr@gmail.com. Hope to see you at the meeting!

FOOD COLLECTION



Thank you for your continued generosity with the food donations. There will always be a need for assistance with food for many people so we will continue to collect food, paper goods and toiletries in the bins inside the church entrances. After the first and third Sundays of the month volunteers will deliver the donated items to the Millstone Community Center where they are greatly appreciated and will reach those in need. **PLEASE NOTE → Please check food for expiration dates or "best by" dates – items past the date cannot be given to those who need help so please do not bring food that is past the expiration date.** Thank you again for your generosity.

LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH CASH RAFFLE



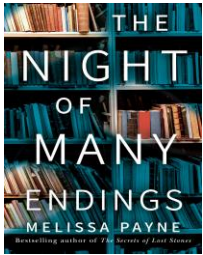
The Ladies of St. Joseph, our parish women's group, is holding its annual cash raffle. First prize is 25% of sales. Second prize is 15% of sales. Third prize is 10% of sales. The more tickets sold, the higher the prize. Raffle tickets have been sent to each registered family of the parish. Additional tickets are available in the parish office. The drawing takes place on Sunday, June 11 at 12:30PM. The proceeds from the raffle are used to help the Ladies of St. Joseph continue to provide services to the parish. The Ladies of St. Joseph offer help with Confirmation Retreat and Jesus Day and also provides materials to benefit our Religious Education Program and more. Thank you for your generous support.

GOLF OUTING



The 23rd Annual St. Joseph Men's Guild Golf Outing will be held on Thursday, September 14, 2023 at the Forsgate Country Club in Monroe, NJ. Brochures that include registration and sponsor information are available on the table at the entrance of the church. The registration information is also available on the Parish website at <https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/golf-outing>. There are great opportunities for sponsors available. If you need additional information, please contact Dave - dcerulosr@gmail.com. The proceeds from the golf outing are used to help with some parish costs and offer assistance to those in need. Come and have a wonderful day at the course.

READERS' CLUB



The Readers' Club has chosen *The Night of Many Endings* by Melissa Payne. From Melissa Payne, bestselling author of *Memories in the Drift*, comes an emotionally rich, feel-good novel about hope, second chances, and seeing the world through someone else's eyes. Our theme for food will be Western Colorado food. The next meeting will take place on Monday, June 26th at 7:30PM in the Parish Hall. For more information about the Reader's Club or to RSVP contact Fran - ambiofran@gmail.com.

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE?

- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
- Have you thought about separation or divorce?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?

RETROUVAILLE is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ. RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is **August 18-20, 2023**. All inquiries are confidential. For further information, please contact Rich Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno 732-672-0748 or email 3024@helpourmarriage.org.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 12:30 PM. Up to four families will be scheduled for each celebration of Baptism. If you would like to schedule Baptism for your child, please call the parish office 732-792-2270.

ALS PRAYER GROUP

Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS) is a neurological disease with no known cure. For those impacted with ALS, the Holy Innocents Society of the Diocese of Trenton is sponsoring a weekly virtual prayer group. It is an opportunity to pray for strength with others impacted by ALS. If you have ALS or are a caregiver or family member of someone with ALS, you are invited to participate every week or just when you can. The group will meet via Zoom every Monday at 10:00AM. For more information or to register, please send email to holyinnocentsociety@dioceseoftrenton.org with the subject line "ALS". Please include your name and telephone number. Let us pray together.

BISHOP'S ANNIVERSARY BLESSING 2023

All couples celebrating their 1st, 25th or 50+ wedding anniversary during 2023 calendar year are invited to share the Eucharist, reaffirm your sacred wedding vows, and receive Bishop O'Connell's Episcopal Blessing. Anniversary Couples from Ocean and Monmouth Counties may attend the Mass and reception at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold on Sunday, October 8, 2023 at 3 pm. For more information and to register for this event online visit us at www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing, or go to the parish website at - <https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/bishop-anniversary-blessing> print the form and return to the Parish Office or pick up a registration form from the Parish Office. The registration deadline for all anniversary couples is September 15, 2023.

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.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



RCIA sessions take place each Sunday, unless otherwise noted on Sunday mornings after the 9:00AM Mass. If you are interested, or know of someone who is interested, please contact Fr. Mike – frmikestjoseph@optonline.net or 732-792-2270. The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a faith journey for those who wish to be Baptized, those who are Baptized and are now interested are 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 have resumed. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Fr. Mike – frmikestjoseph@optonline.net or 732-792-2270.

POSITION AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH



A part-time position is available in the parish for Janitorial/Maintenance. Responsibilities include cleaning and keeping the building tidy. The hours are a bit flexible and are about 20 hours per week. For more information or to apply contact Fr. Mike at the parish office 732-792-2270 or frmikestjoseph@optonline.org.

BAPTISM BIBS

While the practice of giving out Baptism bibs has been suspended during the pandemic, we will soon begin using Baptism bibs again at our celebrations of the Sacrament of Baptism. If any of those who have so lovingly made the Baptism bibs can continue, that would be very much appreciated. New people who would like to make the bibs are also welcome. If you would like to see a sample, please see Fr. Mike. The Baptism bib is a symbol of the newly Baptized child putting on Christ. The purpose of having parishioners make the bibs instead of using prepackaged felt bibs, is to demonstrate that we are all connected in faith and as community. While making the bibs, many have prayed for the child who will receive it. If you have questions or just want some more information, give Fr. Mike or see him after Mass. 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!

CHOIRS, CANTORS AND MUSIC MINISTRY



Do you love to sing? Do you use your voice to praise God? The parish choirs would love to have you join either the St. Choir or the Children's Choir. You do not need to be a professional singer. If you have a good voice and feel comfortable in leading singing, why not use your talent to be a Cantor at Mass? Can you play an instrument and willing to put your talent to use as we gather to celebrate Mass? Perhaps you would like to join the contemporary group. These opportunities do not demand a lot of time – just a commitment and willingness. If you would like to become part of a choir, serve as a Cantor or lend your musical abilities, you can sign up by visiting our parish website <https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/music-ministry> or email Kristine at kris0373@aol.com.

Let us always be willing to praise our loving God.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please sign up to serve at Mass. If Deacon Chris is present, we will need 2 Eucharistic Ministers. If Deacon Chris is not present, we will need 3 Eucharistic Ministers. The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board outside of the library. Thanks

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary meets on Wednesday mornings after the 9:00AM Mass. The Legion of Mary is an international association of members of the Catholic Church. Anyone in the parish is invited to come to find out more about the Legion of Mary.

TRANSPORT PEOPLE FROM MILLSTONE MANOR TO CHURCH

On Sunday mornings, some of our parishioners transport residents of Millstone Manor to our Church for Mass. There is a need for some additional drivers to fill in the schedule. If you are willing to help, or want to find out more information, please contact Mickey at brunonap@AOL.com. THANKS

LIVE STREAM OF MASS –

Masses continue to 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



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



The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop’s Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan Abuse Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or via e-mail at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org. The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office: 732-792-2270

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

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<i>Chris Chandonnet, Permanent Deacon</i> Chrisstjoseph@optonline.net	Sunday Morning - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
<i>Vicki Craig, Pastoral Associate</i> vickicstjoseph@gmail.com	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>Kristine Reide, Music Ministry Leader</i> Kris0373@aol.com	Confessions: Confessions take place on Saturdays after the 5:00PM Mass or anytime by appointment.

BAPTISM – The Sacrament of Baptism is normally celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:30 PM. 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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