

June 25, 2023

12TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



# St. Joseph

## Catholic Church

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Don't let your fear  
overcome faith.  
Let your faith  
overcome fear

### 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,

It certainly seems that more and more there is a great indifference to the Gospel message so it is good to recall the instruction Jesus gave to his disciples as he prepared them for their mission of proclaiming the Good News. Jesus warned the disciples that opposition to the Gospel would be inevitable and prepares them for what lies ahead. Those who benefit from evil will never want to have the evil exposed and will act in an aggressive manner towards those who seek to do so. So the Gospel today is a reminder that we cannot expect everyone around us to receive the teaching of Christ with open arms. Jesus does not want his followers to be surprised that bearers of the Word of God may suffer rejection, hostility and ridicule. At the same time, Jesus helps his followers understand that the rejection must not prevent them from taking a stand for truth and justice, no matter how unpopular it may be.

Fear is an emotion that may easily cripple our lives and hinder us from being the people we want to be. There are many who live with the guilt of offering feeble and half-hearted responses in situations that provide an opportunity to give witness to our faith. The fear of being laughed at, ostracized or being regarded as weaklings is real and can easily cause someone to fail to stand up for what is just and right. Yet, we must be people who heed the words of Jesus. For evil to triumph, all that is required is for good people to remain silent. The pressure in the face of temptations to abandon our Christian principles because of ridicule arises often and challenges our loyalty to the teachings of Jesus.

The mission of Jesus was to proclaim His Father's love and Jesus never failed to carry out that responsibility. No one can be a true follower of Jesus without displaying an act of confidence in his work by announcing the message of the Kingdom of God. If the Word of God is to free us to act according to our deeper convictions, then we must pray for the grace to overcome our fears. There are many situations in life when it is good to remember the words to the Lord, "Fear not." Whatever happens, God is always in control.

Peace, prayers and love to all of you,

**Fr. Mike**

## Mass Schedule + Readings

<b>Saturday</b>	June- 24 <b>The Nativity of John the Baptist</b> (Is 49:1-6 Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66)
5:00pm	<i>Anna Morin</i> r/b Her Family
<b>Sunday</b>	June- 25 <b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> (Jer 20:10-13 Rom 5:12-15 Mt 10:26-33)
9:00am	<i>Pauline Zaleski</i> r/b The Burke Family
11:00am	<i>Gaetano Mandreucci</i> r/b Carmelo & JoAnn Corsaro
<b>Monday</b>	June- 26 <b>Weekday</b> (Gn 12:1-9 Mt 7:1-5)
9:00am	<i>Michael Schwenk</i> r/b Barbara Schwenk
<b>Tuesday</b>	June- 27 <b>St Cyril of Alexandria</b> (Gn 13:2, 5-18 Mt 7:6, 12-14)
9:00am	<i>Paula Fredrick</i> r/b Bill & Marie Schubel
<b>Wednesday</b>	June- 28 <b>St Irenaeus</b> (Gn 15:1-12, 17-18 Mt 7:15-20)
9:00am	<i>Frank &amp; Mary Simacek</i> r/b Frank Simacek
<b>Thursday</b>	June- 29 <b>Saints Peter and Paul</b> (Acts 12:1-11 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/ Mt 16:13-19) <i>No Mass</i>
<b>Friday</b>	June- 30 <b>The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church</b> (Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22 My 8:1-4)
9:00am	<i>Healing Intentions of Alice Bitoff</i> r/b Frances DeRosa
<b>Saturday</b>	July- 1 <b>St Junipero Serra</b> (Gn 18:1-15 Mt 8:5-17)
5:00pm	<i>Mary Jane Kohlhepp</i> r/b A Friend
<b>Sunday</b>	July- 2 <b>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> (2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 Mt 10:37-42)
9:00am	<i>Joseph Marone</i> r/b The Men's Guild
11:00am	<i>Steven Hill</i> r/b Frank Simacek

## **Sanctuary Candle... this week**

***Healing Intentions of Teresa Flores***

r/b Deb Smarth



## **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.

## **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 (1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS NEEDED**

The Religious Education Program is in need of two volunteer teachers. The openings are on Mondays at 4:30PM for grade 5 and grade 6. No experience is necessary – just a desire to share our faith with the children of the parish. All materials are provided and support is readily available. If you are willing to serve as a Catechist, or want more information, contact Jean at the parish office or Fr. Mike. Thanks

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## **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>

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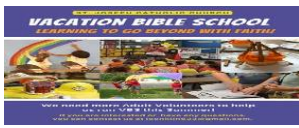
## **TEENAGE VOLUNTEERS FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

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.

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## 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](mailto:lconklin623@gmail.com). THANKS!

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## 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 **6/30, 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. To sign up, email Vicki Craig, Pastoral Associate at: [vickicstjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:vickicstjoseph@gmail.com). All adult members of the parish are invited. You are welcome to choose to attend any individual session or all of them.

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## 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.

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## GOLF OUTING



The 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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.

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## WELCOME...

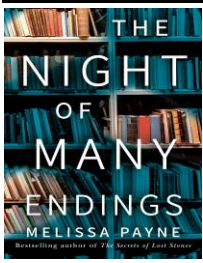
As a parish community we joyfully welcome

*Elizabeth Jade Tan*

who was welcomed into God's family and the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. Let us lift this little one up in our prayers!

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## **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 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM in the Parish Hall. For more information about the Reader's Club or to RSVP contact Fran - [ambiofran@gmail.com](mailto:ambiofran@gmail.com).

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## **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](mailto:3024@helpourmarriage.org).

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## **BAPTISMS**

Baptisms are celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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## **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](mailto:holyinnocentsociety@dioceseoftrenton.org) with the subject line "ALS". Please include your name and telephone number. Let us pray together.

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## **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](http://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.

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## **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](http://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.

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## **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](mailto: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](mailto:frmikestjoseph@optonline.net) or 732-792-2270.

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## **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](mailto:frmikestjoseph@optonline.org).

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## **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!

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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 at our website at [www.stjosephmillstone.org](http://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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## **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

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## **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.

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## **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](mailto:kris0373@aol.com).

*Let us always be willing to praise our loving God.*

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## **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](mailto:brunonap@AOL.com). THANKS

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## **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](http://www.stjosephmillstone.org/live-stream) on our Facebook Page [www.facebook.com/stjosephchurchmillstone](https://www.facebook.com/stjosephchurchmillstone) and on the Parish YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/c/StJosephChurchMillstoneTwp](https://www.youtube.com/c/StJosephChurchMillstoneTwp)

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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](mailto: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

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<i>Chris Chandonnet, Permanent Deacon</i> <a href="mailto:Chrisstjoseph@optonline.net">Chrisstjoseph@optonline.net</a>	<b>Sunday Morning - 9:00 AM &amp; 11:00 AM</b>
<i>Vicki Craig, Pastoral Associate</i> <a href="mailto:vickicstjoseph@gmail.com">vickicstjoseph@gmail.com</a>	<b>Mon, Tues, Wed &amp; Fri - 9:00AM</b>
<i>Jean Semanchick, Parish Secretary &amp; Coordinator of Religious Education</i> <a href="mailto:Jeanstjoseph@optonline.net">Jeanstjoseph@optonline.net</a>	<b>Holy Days: as listed in the bulletin</b>
<i>Kristine Reide, Music Ministry Leader</i> <a href="mailto:Kris0373@aol.com">Kris0373@aol.com</a>	<b>Confessions: Confessions take place on Saturdays after the 5:00PM Mass or anytime by appointment.</b>

**BAPTISM** – The Sacrament of Baptism is normally celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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