

July 02, 2023

13TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



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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

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Some thoughts from Fr. Mike...

Dear Friends,

We live in an age where people seem to be growing apart which means that there is a greater need for friendliness more than ever before. Perhaps it is because of this that the traditional values of hospitality are being rediscovered. Far being an optional extra, hospitality is regarded as a sacred duty and is equivalent to welcoming the Lord Himself. The wonderful story of the couple who made the prophet Elisha welcome under their roof is an indication of how precious hospitality is in the eyes of God. The Gospel reminds us that all small ways of giving and caring that we practice, even a trivial act of kindness, like give a drink of water to a stranger, will win God's favor. The world, in its current state, is crying out for small acts of kindness, which cost little but are sadly missing, like a smile, a word of appreciation or checking in on someone who is going through a tough time. In extending an act of kindness to other people we are following in the footsteps of the Lord who has room for everybody in His heart.

Inviting Jesus into our lives and putting God first on our list of priorities is a very demanding task as it involves a re-shaping of our attitudes. It means coming to grips with those things that society tells us is acceptable but go against the model given to us by Jesus. Christ comes before us in many disguises and is not always recognizable. When we choose to believe that indifference is acceptable, we run the risk of missing out on the opportunity to encounter Christ.

Following Christ and preparing ourselves to encounter Christ in our lives involves putting Jesus' way of life into practice. This means adopting a lifestyle where all are welcome and there are no strangers or outcasts. Hospitality means showing a generosity of disposition to interrupt our personal lives in order to perform some unrecorded act of kindness because it is not what is given that counts but the heart with which it is given. The least we can do for Jesus, who has accepted us in our sinfulness, is to receive one another with open arms. In this way we respond to Jesus' call to discipleship and allow God's word to become part of us.

Peace, prayers and love to all of you,

Fr. Mike

Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday	July- 1	St Junipero Serra (Gn 18:1-15 Mt 8:5-17)
5:00pm		<i>Mary Jane Kohlhepp</i> r/b A Friend
Sunday	July- 2	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (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
Monday	July- 3	St Thomas (Eph 2:19-22 Jn 20:24-29)
9:00am		<i>Chackochen Puthenparambil</i> r/b Val & Babu Perumpail
Tuesday	July- 4	Independence Day (Gn 19:15-29 / Mt 8:23-27)
9:00am		<i>Marcem G. Stein</i> r/b The Tkachuk Family
Wednesday	July- 5	St Anthony Zaccaria – St Elizabeth of Portugal (Gn 21:5, 8-20a Mt 8:28-34)
9:00am		<i>Patricia Gonzales</i> r/b The Costello Family
Thursday	July- 6	St Maria Goretti (Gn 22:1b-19 Mt 9:1-8) <i>No Mass</i>
Friday	July- 7	Weekday (Gn 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8, 62-67 Mt 9:9-13)
9:00am		<i>Joseph Karott</i> r/b Frances DeRosa
Saturday	July- 8	Weekday (Gn 27:1-5, 15-29 Mt 9:14-17)
5:00pm		<i>Judy Ward</i> r/b M/M Daniel Gorfain
Sunday	July- 9	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Zec 9:9-10 Rom 8:9, 11-13 Mt 11:25-30)
9:00am		<i>Gaetano Montante</i> r/b His Family
11:00am		<i>Donna Palmerio</i> r/b Greg & Danett Cinque

Sanctuary Candle... this week

Donna Palmerio r/b Friends



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.



Have a blessed Independence Day!



PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 in Observance of Independence Day. Have a safe and blessed holiday.

MORNING MASS

There will be morning Mass (9:00AM) on Tuesday, July 4th. Let us pray for the wisdom to use our freedoms wisely.



TRAINING FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS

There will be a training session for new Altar Servers on Saturday, July 29th at 12:30PM. Anyone who will be entering the 4th Grade in September (or older) may become an Altar Server and serve at Mass. If you have a child who would like to become an Altar Server but cannot make the training date, let Fr. Mike know so that another training session can be scheduled.

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) – REGISTRATION HAS BEEN EXTENDED ONE WEEK – UNTIL JULY 6



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 – July 6th, 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>

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

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 **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. All adult members of the parish are invited. You are welcome to choose to attend any individual session or all of them.

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.

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.

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.

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!

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!

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.

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.

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

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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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