

August 13, 2023

19TH SUNDAY IN 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

live streamed

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Some thoughts from Fr. Mike...

Dear Friends,

The Gospel episode we hear this Sunday takes place while the disciples are returning by boat after they left Jesus on his own to spend some time in prayer. Suddenly a storm appears and their boat is in danger of being capsized. Even though some of the disciples were experienced sailors, they find themselves battling hopelessly against the raging storm. As though that were not enough to terrify them, Jesus walks towards them on the water. Imagining that they will be attacked by a ghost, they cry out for help. To reassure the disciples that all be okay, Jesus beckons Peter to walk on the water as well. Peter started with the greatest confidence but quickly loses his nerve as he became conscious of the force of the wind and the power of the waves. Both his faith and courage failed him and Peter began to sink. Jesus did not abandon him in his time of distress and quickly comes to Peter's aid but rebukes him for his lack of faith. The storm died down and the crisis was resolved. Jesus' presence produced a great calm on the waters and a deep peace in the hearts of the disciples.

When confronted with the stress and pressure of various kinds we can easily become like Peter and give in to the temptation to despair. At any moment in life we can be confronted with a sudden turn of events that threaten our peace and even our security. If our faith begins to weaken in such moments, we need to hear the encouraging words of Jesus, "Don't be afraid." As the old cliché reminds us, life is filled with ups and downs. In those moments, we need the help of Christ to guide us to our true destination. Peter made the common mistake of only turning to Jesus in real prayer only in a moment of crisis when he was already paralyzed by fear. There is a lesson in all of this that reminds not to forget about our relationship with Christ when all is going well and only get serious when the waves of life are trying to drown us. Christ is ready to help us at all times and not just in an hour of desperation. If we are willing to turn to Jesus in all of the circumstances of our lives He will show us how different His presence makes everything. No matter what, the Lord is always waiting with outstretched arms.

Peace, prayers and love to all of you,

Fr. Mike

Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday	August- 12	St Jane Frances de Chantel (Dt 6:4-13 Mt 17:14-20)
5:00pm	<i>Giuseppe Di Sclafani</i> r/b Jim & JoAnn Kronenthal	
Sunday	August- 13	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a Rom 9: 1-5 Mt 14:22-33)
9:00am	<i>Thomas McCauley</i>	r/b Kathleen Lockwood
11:00am	<i>Fr Michael Brizio</i> r/b Greg & Danett Cinque	
Monday	August- 14	Saint Mamimilian Kolbe (Dt 10:12-22 Mt 17:22-27)
9:00am	<i>Healing Intentions of Bruno Lo</i> r/b The Hill Family	
Tuesday	August- 15	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab 1 Cor 15:20-27)
9:00am	<i>Teresa Leveille</i>	r/b The Hill Family
7:00pm	<i>Jack MacPhee</i>	r/b Pat & Mike Gironta
Wednesday	August- 16	Saint Stephen of Hungary (Dt 34:1-12 Mt 18:15-20)
9:00am	<i>Intentions of Tiffany Perumpail</i> r/b Mom & Dad	
Thursday	August- 17	Weekday (Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 3-17 Mt 18:21—19:1) <i>No Mass</i>
Friday	August- 18	Weekday (Jos 24:1-13 Mt 19:3-12)
9:00am	<i>Philip & Candida Raiondi</i> r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Raimondi	
Saturday	August- 19	Saint John Eudes (Jos 24:14-29 Mt 19:13-15)
5:00pm	<i>Anna Morin</i>	r/b Her Family
Sunday	August- 20	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Is 56:1, 6-7 Rom 1:13-15, 29-32 Mt 15:21-28)
9:00am	<i>Eli Mottola</i>	r/b The Tkachuk Family
11:00am	<i>Paul Zawartkay</i>	r/b Jim Zawartkay

Sanctuary Candle... this week For the People of the Parish

Prayer Chain Contacts:

Patty Hileman 732-446-7651 Mary Costagliola
446-4255



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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.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Tuesday, August 15 is the Feast of the Assumption and is a Holy Day. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM and 7:00PM. The Parish Office will be closed in observance of the Holy Day.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday in observance of the Holy Day of the Feast of the Assumption.

YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAMS



We would like to start a Youth Ministry Program at our parish this Fall. First we have to determine the interest and if there are adults willing to help out. The plan is to have two separate components – one for Middle School age youth and one for High School age youth. The hope would be to incorporate elements of faith, service and social activities in each component. If you have children in grades 6-12 we would appreciate it if you would complete the Youth Ministry survey that can be found on our website at <https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/youth-ministry>. If you are an adult who does not have children in those grades but are interested in helping with a Youth Ministry Program, please contact Matt at mzabrosky@outlook.com 732-786-8234. Thanks!

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023-2024



Registration for September Classes in our Parish Religious Education Program is 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 specific times and days are already filled. Once a class has reached capacity, no other children will be placed in that class. To be fair to everyone, there are no exceptions to the policy.

ONE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHER NEEDED - - PLEASE HELP

The Religious Education Program is in need of one volunteer teacher. The opening is on Mondays at 4:30PM for 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

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. The last of the series will be on Friday **8/18 in the parish hall 10 AM-12:30 PM**. Relax enjoy coffee and fellowship. We will watch the film - Monuments Men starring George Clooney and Matt Damon. 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.

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.

WELCOME....

As a parish community we joyfully welcome:

Arabella Lucia Castaldi
Luciana Bella Castaldi
Anastasia Richie Castaldi
Macie Gigi Lehr
Emmett Luis Villatoro

who were welcomed into God's family and the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. Let us lift them up in our prayers.

FOOD COLLECTION



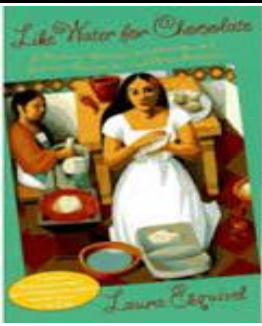
Thank you for your continued generosity with the food donations. There will always be a need for assistance with food for many people so we will continue to collect food, paper goods and toiletries in the bins inside the church entrances. After the first and third Sundays of the month volunteers will 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.

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.

READERS' CLUB



The Readers' Club has chosen "*Like Water for Chocolate*" by Laura Esquivel for the next book next selection. *Like Water for Chocolate* is an international bestseller that has been described as earthy, magical, and utterly charming. It is a tale of family life in turn-of-the-century Mexico that blends poignant romance, bittersweet wit, and delicious recipes. The theme for food will be Mexican. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 26th at 7:30PM in the Parish Hall. For more information about the Reader's Club or to RSVP contact Fran - ambiofran@gmail.com.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

BAPTISM BIBS

At the Sacrament of Baptism for infants, a white Baptismal bib is given to each child as a symbol that they have been clothed with Christ. We have been blessed with parishioners who have lovingly made the bibs. This gives it a special meaning since they come from members of the community. 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!

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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