

September 3, 2023

22nd Sunday of Ordinary



St. Joseph

Catholic Church

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91 Stillhouse Road, Millstone Twp., N.J. 08510

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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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Monday, September 4

Labor Day
No Morning Mass
Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, September 5

9:00AM - Mass
7:00PM – Ladies of St. Joseph Meeting

Wednesday, September 6

9:00AM – Mass

Friday, September 8

9:00AM – Mass

Sunday, September 10

Hospitality Sunday

Monday, September 11

9:00AM - Mass
7:00PM – Building & Grounds Meeting

Tuesday, September 12

9:00AM – Mass
10:00AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry
7:30PM – Men's Guild Meeting

Wednesday, September 13

9:00AM - Mass
7:00PM – Catechists Meeting

Thursday, September 14

Golf Outing

Friday, September 15

9:00AM – Mass

Sunday, September 17

12:30PM - Baptisms

Monday, September 18

9:00AM - Mass
Religious Education Classes Start

Tuesday, September 19

9:00AM - Mass
Religious Education Classes

Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday September- 2 **Weekday**
(1 Thes 4:9-11 Mt 25:14-30)

5:00pm *Angeline Brett & Looknath Ramkissoon*
r/b The Brett Family

Sunday September- 3 **22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
(Jer 20:7-9 Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27)

9:00am *Steven Hill* r/b The Tkachuk Family

11:00am *Carol Miller* r/b Judy & Wally Grant

Monday September-4 **Labor Day**
(1 Thes 4:13-18 Lk 4:16-30)

9:00am *No Mass*

Tuesday September- 5 **Weekday**
(1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 Lk 4:31-37)

9:00am *Ciaran Dunne* r/b Bill & Marie Schubel

Wednesday September- 6 **Weekday**
(Col 1:1-8 Lk 4:38-44)

9:00am *Al DeRosa* r/b Frances DeRosa

Thursday September- 7 **Weekday**
(Col 1:9-14 Lk 5:1-11) *No Mass*

Friday September- 8
The Nativity of the Virgin Mary
(Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23)

9:00am *Peter Reilly* r/b Jean & John

Saturday September- 9 **Saint Peter Claver**
(Col 1:21-23 Lk 6:1-5)

5:00pm *Edward Sokolnick* r/b Carolyn & Eddie

Sunday September- 10
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Ez 33:7-9 Rom 13:8-10 Mt 18:15-20)

9:00am *Jack MacPhee* r/b Ed & Linda Becker

11:00am *Joseph Agate* r/b M/M Peter Benemerito

Sanctuary Candle... this week

Angeline Brett & Looknath Ramkissoon
r/b The Brett Family



Prayer Chain Contacts:

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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.



Some thoughts from Fr. Mike...

Dear Friends,

Peter found it extremely difficult to accept that the mission of Jesus would end with the cross and crucifixion. He did not see why pain and suffering were necessary for discipleship and, if he could have his way, would have Jesus avoid such a course of action. Peter was very upset at the idea that the Messiah would experience such a humiliating ordeal. Like many before him and many after him, Peter failed to grasp the role of suffering in God's plan. Peter thought that being part of the kingdom and accepting the invitation to be a disciple of Christ would somehow coincide with the earthly understand of power and success. Peter found it very challenging to let go of his preconceived idea that the Messiah would reign in splendor and glory. Even though Peter had witnessed it and heard Jesus speak about it, Peter still wanted those who held on to power to be overthrown by a Messiah who would give the oppressed what they could only dream of, prosperity and privilege. Even though Peter already made a magnificent profession of faith in Jesus as the Son of the Living God (what we heard in the Gospel last week), he had quite a way to go in his understanding of the kind of Messiah that Jesus would be. In almost every way, Jesus would prove that the way we think is not necessarily the way God thinks.

Many may face the same kind of challenges that Peter did when it comes to our understanding of God. Very often we find it hard to let go of our preconceived notions about what God should do for us. If we are faithful people, why do we suffer? If we believe that Jesus came to bring us salvation, why is life sometimes so challenging and filled with hardships? Being a Christian is demanding work exactly because God's way of doing things is not always in line with how we want things done. The measure of being a true disciple of Christ is found in our willingness to trust Jesus in the most difficult of times, in the painful times and in the times that make us feel helpless. Do we believe that there is more to our lives than what we experience in this world? Do we believe that Jesus has prepared a place for us in His eternal kingdom? Do we believe that while God's ways may not be our way, God's way is the best way?

Peace, prayers and love to all of you,

Fr. Mike

MORNING MASS

There will not be morning Mass on Monday, September 4. Have a safe and blessed Labor Day.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day.

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-](https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/prep-parish-religious-education-program)

[program](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.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY



Hospitality Sunday starts up again next Sunday! Please come to the Parish Hall after the 9:00AM or 11:00AM for light refreshments and time to socialize. Hospitality Sunday is offered once a month. We hope you will join us.

YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAMS



We will be starting Youth Groups – High School and Middle School – this fall. Keep watching the bulletin for more information. If You have questions, please contact _Matt at mzabrosky@outlook.com or 732-786-8234. Thanks!

LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH



Meetings for the Ladies of St. Joseph (our Parish Women's Group) are set to start up again. Come and join us on Tuesday, September 5. The meeting will be held at JoAnn's house – 1 Cuomo Ct. in Millstone Twp. – at 7:00PM. All women of the parish are welcome to be part of the Women's Group. If you can't make very meeting, no worries. Come when you can, lend a hand at the various activities we hold and get to know the rest of the women of the group. If you have any questions, please contact JoAnn -

ianmkronenthal@gmail.com. For dates and times of meetings and events visit the website at <https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/ladies-of-st-joseph>. Hope to see you at the meeting!

MEN'S GUILD



Meetings for the Men's Guild, the Parish Men's Group, will be resuming in September. The first Meeting in on Tuesday, September 13 at 7:30PM in the Parish Hall. We welcome all men of the Parish. Come and meet the other guys and find out about the activities for the coming year. If you have questions, please contact Dave - dcerulosr@gmail.com. For Meeting dates and events check the website at

<https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/mens-guild>

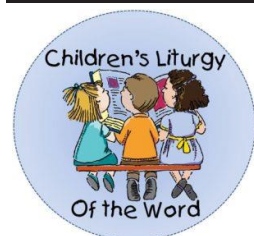
WELCOME

As a community of faith, we welcome:

Eli Joseph Taylor

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



We hope to start Children's Liturgy of the Word up again this fall. I hope that some of the adults who were involved previously will be returning. Other adults are welcome to help with is program. A sign-up sheet for September 17 is located on the table at the entrance of the church. More information will be coming.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



The next RCIA meeting will be starting on September 17 at 10:00AM in the Parish Hall. There is no commitment, just come and see if this is where God is calling you!

RCIA sessions take place each Sunday, unless otherwise noted, 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.



Please mark your calendars for these upcoming Adult Faith Enrichment programs!

TRUE REFORMERS: SAINTS OF THE CATHOLIC REFORMATION- a 6 week study of that highlights the lives of saints who led the Church's rebirth from the confusion caused by the Protestant Reformation. Format for the program is video presentation followed by a discussion period. All materials will be provided to participants. There is no cost to attend this program.

When: Starting September 28th on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 PM and Friday mornings starting September 29th from 10:00-11:30 AM. The program will run for six consecutive weeks.

Where: All sessions held in the St. Joseph Church parish hall

ADVENT SEASON OF DIVINE ENCOUNTER- a 3 week bible study to help us enter into the sacredness of this season of divine presence—as a past, present, and future reality. The ongoing divine-human encounter is the central message of Scripture. We will reflect together on Scripture that helps us to recall, recognize, and anticipate encounters with God in our lives in a new and intimate way. Format for the program is guided scripture readings and discussion.

When: Starting November 30th on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 PM and Friday mornings starting December 1st from 10:00-11:30 AM. Program will run for three consecutive weeks.

Where: All sessions held in the St. Joseph Church parish hall

The cost for the materials for this program is \$5.00 per person. Please sign up by November 6th at the latest in order to ensure materials arrive on time. All adult members of the parish are invited to participate.

Sign-up for any the programs on the sign-up sheets located on the table in the back of the church, on the church website <https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/adult-program>, or by emailing Vicki Craig, Pastoral Associate at vickicstjoseph@gmail.com

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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



The Prayer Shawl Ministry is coming back! The Prayer Shawl Ministry gathers to knit or crochet shawls that are given to those who are sick or going through difficulties in life. The purpose of the shawl is to offer encouragement and to allow the individual to be wrapped in the prayers of those who made the shawl. Especially in challenging times, it is good to know that we are not alone and can wrap ourselves in the prayers of others. If you knit or crochet you are welcome to join us. We normally meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:00AM. We will be meeting on Tuesday, September 12 at 10:00 AM. You can make shawls from home as well. If you are in need of some comfort and would like a prayer shawl, just let us know. We will pray for you and do our best to get a shawl to you. For more information, or to request a shawl, please contact Pat - 314PMCD@gmail.com.

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.

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 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.

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.

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

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!

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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. If anyone is interested in participating in the Visiting Pilgrim statue of Mary contact Claire – 732-995-0869.

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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<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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