

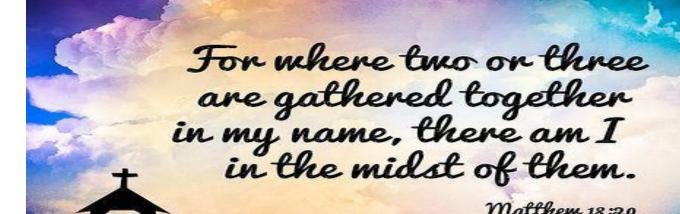
# St. Joseph faith growing in

A community of God's love

### Catholic Church

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

#### **SERVED BY**

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Sunday, September 10

**Hospitality Sunday** 

Monday, September 11

9:00AM - Mass

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

Catechist Sunday

Children's Liturgy of the Word

12:30PM - Baptisms

Monday, September 18

9:00AM - Mass

Religious Education Classes Start

7:00PM - Building & Grounds Meeting

**Tuesday, September 19** 

9:00AM - Mass

Religious Education Classes

Wednesday, September 20

9:00AM - Mass

Friday, September 21

9:00AM - Mass

Sunday, September 24

10:00AM - RCIA

Monday - September 25

9:00AM - Mass

Religious Education Classes

Tuesday - September 26

9:00AM - Mass

**Religious Education Classes** 

7:30PM - Reader's Club Meeting



#### Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday September- 9 Saint Peter Claver

(Col 1:21-23 Lk 6:1-5)

5:00pm Edward Sokolnick 1/10 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 1/16 Ed & Linda Becker

11:00am Joseph Agate 1/16 M/M Peter Benemerito

Monday September-11 Weekday

(Col 1:24—2:3 Lk 6:6-11)

9:00am Al De Rosa 1/b Frances De Rosa

Tuesday September- 12 The Holy Name of Mary

(Col 2:6-5 Lk 6:12-19)

9:00am Anthony Palakkulum

r/b Vall & Babu Perumpail

Wednesday September- 13 St John Chrysostom

(Col 3:1-11 Lk 6:20-26)

9:00am Danuta Kulessa 1/16 Sigmund Kulessa

Thursday September- 14 The Exaltation of the Cross

(Nm 21:4b-9 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17) No Wass

Friday September- 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

(1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35)

9:00am Sue & Kory Werner 1/10 Frances DeRosa

Saturday September- 16 Saints Cornelius and Cyprian

(1 Tm 1:15-17 Lk 6:43-49)

5:00pm Kimberly Neller 1/10 Cynthia Heluk

**Sunday** September- 17

**24th Sunday in Ordnary Time** (Sir 27:30—28:7 Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35)

9:00am Susan, Gwen & Linda 1/10 The Sawicz Family

11:00am Thomas Cappello Sr

r/b M/M Peter Benemerito

Sanctuary Candle... this week Peter Reilly 1/16 Jean & John

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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.

Some thoughts from Fr. Mike...

#### Dear Friends,

The Gospel reading for today provides a very complex message concerning our responsibility towards the salvation of others within the community. In Christ, we are all brothers and sisters and members of the same family. Life is short and we all have to take seriously the duty of doing good while we can by helping those who are weak, struggling or in need of our assistance. This does not mean we are called to be prying busybodies, interfering in the lives of others. The love of neighbor has to be prudent and tactful. We should remember that the best portion of a good life are those little nameless, un-remembered acts of kindness.

There is no living together without pain and the Gospel brings us the delicate question of counseling those in the community who seem to go astray. It goes without saying that correction is seldom welcome and whose who need it most always like it least. This is a matter in which great caution must be exercised because the wrong word, false accusation or undue interference can cause far more damage than the original fault.

Love is the one thing that cannot hurt our neighbor. If we have the ability to convey a genuine concern, a little honest talking can often clear the air and change the situation for the better. It is worth remembering that none of us is perfect, so when we point out the faults of others, we should be prepared to hear about our own. As we can offend others unintentionally and unwittingly, when we have a difference with anyone, we should try in every way possible to settle the matter and be reconciled. Harsh words, aggressive attitudes, belief of being superior to another and demeaning another have no place in the Christian community and will seldom, if ever, bring about any kind of positive change. Sometimes we just have to express what we believe and leave it at that. Let us remember that as Jesus called people to conversion, he did not beat people over the head. Jesus offered a way of life and then left the decision up to the individual. Some accepted his invitation, some did not. With the exception of religious leaders, Jesus never resorted to demeaning an individual.

Peace, prayers and love to all of you,

Fr. Míke

#### **HOSPITALITY SUNDAY**



Today is Hospitality 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. Come and join us.

#### **REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023-2024**



Religious Education classes begin the week of September 18<sup>th</sup>. If you have not registered your child for Religious Education Classes, please do so as soon as possible. New registrations will not be accepted on September 18 or 19. If you have not registered prior to the start of classes, please do not bring your child to class –

registration must be completed first. 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 <a href="https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/prep-parish-religious-education-program">https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/prep-parish-religious-education-program</a>. Print the Parent Handbook and registration materials and return the correct registration form to the Parish Office along with the Parent Agreement.

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#### 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!

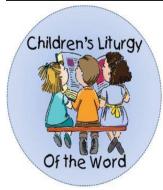
#### **MEN'S GUILD**



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 - <a href="mailto:dcerulosr@gmail.com">dcerulosr@gmail.com</a>. For Meeting dates and events check the website at

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

#### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**



Children's Liturgy of the Word will be returning next week – Sept 18. Children's Liturgy of the word is for children in grades K – 6. It will be offered on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at the 9:00AM Mass and the 11:00AM Mass. After the Opening Prayer (Collect), children will be invited to come forward for a blessing and then will be sent to the Parish Hall where they will hear one of the Scripture Readings for the day, be given a message that is appropriate for them and have an activity to help reinforce the teaching. They will return to their families during the Offertory. A sign-up sheet for September 17 is located on the table at the entrance of the church. If you would like to help out as a teacher or an aide, or want some more information, contact the Parish Office – 732-792-2270.

#### **RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults!**



a journey in faith

The next RCIA meeting will be starting on **September 24** 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 – <a href="mailto:frmikestjoseph@optonline.net">frmikestjoseph@optonline.net</a> 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 – <a href="mailto:frmikestjoseph@optonline.net">frmikestjoseph@optonline.net</a> or 732-792-2270.

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#### **WELCOME**

As a community of faith, we welcome:

#### Owen Frank Thomson

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.

#### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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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 28<sup>th</sup> on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 PM and Friday mornings starting September 29<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/adult-program">https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/adult-program</a>, or by emailing Vicki Craig, Pastoral Associate at <a href="https://www.stjoseph@gmail.com">vickicstjoseph@gmail.com</a>

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#### **GOLF OUTING**



The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual St. Joseph Men's Guild Golf Outing will be help 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 <a href="https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/golf-outing">https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/golf-outing</a>. There are great opportunities for sponsors available. If you need additional information, please contact Dave - <a href="mailto:dcerulosr@gmail.com">dcerulosr@gmail.com</a>. 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.

#### **BUILDINGS AND GROUNGS COMMITTEE**



The Buildings and Grounds Committee will meet on Monday, September 18 at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. Any member of the parish who like to be a member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee or find out more information is welcome to attend the meeting. For more information about the Buildings and Grounds Committee contact Tom <a href="mailto:tbaber@moneymailer.com">tbaber@moneymailer.com</a>.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### **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!

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#### **EUCHARISTIC 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

#### 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 simill 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 like 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 email Kristine at kris0373@aol.com or sign up by visiting our parish website https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/music-ministry

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 <a href="https://holyendocentssociety@dioceseoftrenton.org">holyinnocentssociety@dioceseoftrenton.org</a> 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 <a href="mailto:brunonap@AOL.com">brunonap@AOL.com</a>. THANKS

#### LIVE STREAM OF MASS -

Masses continue to be live streamed at <a href="https://vimeo.com/event/106444">https://vimeo.com/event/106444</a>, on our parish website at <a href="https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/live-stream">www.stjosephmillstone.org/live-stream</a> on our Facebook Page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/stjosephchurchmillstone">www.facebook.com/stjosephchurchmillstone</a> and on the Parish YouTube channel <a href="https://www.youtube.com/c/StJosephChurchMillstoneTwp">www.youtube.com/c/StJosephChurchMillstoneTwp</a>



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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 <a href="https://www.stjosephmillstone.org">www.stjosephmillstone.org</a> 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 <a href="mailto:abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org">abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org</a>. 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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#### MASS TIMES

Saturday Evening - 5:00 PM

Sunday Morning - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri - 9:00AM

Holy Days: as listed in the bulletin

Confessions: Confessions take place on Saturdays after the 5:00PM Mass or anytime by appointment.

<u>BAPTISM</u> – 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.

<u>Marriage</u> – Diocesan policy requires that arrangements for Marriage be made one (1) year in advance of the wedding. Refer any questions to the Pastor.

<u>Sick Calls</u> – 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

<u>Registration</u> – 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.

<u>Sponsor Certificates</u> – 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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