

September 17, 2023

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time



St. Joseph

Catholic Church

*A community of
faith growing in
God's love*

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*For where two or three
are gathered together
in my name, there am I
in the midst of them.*

Matthew 18:20

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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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
10:00AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry
Religious Education Classes

Wednesday, September 20

9:00AM – Mass
10:00AM – Legion of Mary
7:00PM – Youth Ministry Volunteers Mtg.

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
10:00AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry
Religious Education Classes
7:30PM – Reader's Club Meeting

Wednesday – September 27

9:00AM – Mass
10:00AM – Legion of Mary

Thursday – September 27

7:00PM – True Reformers

Friday – September 28

9:00AM – Mass
10:00AM – True Reformers

Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday	September- 16	Saints Cornelius and Cyprian (1 Tm 1:15-17 Lk 6:43-49)
5:00pm	<i>Kimberly Neller</i>	r/b Cynthia Heluk
Sunday	September- 17	
	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sir 27:30—28:7 Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35)	
9:00am	<i>Susan, Gwen & Linda</i>	r/b The Sawicz Family
11:00am	<i>Thomas Cappello Sr</i>	r/b M/M Peter Benemerito
Monday	September-18	Weekday (1Tm 2:1-8 Lk 7:1-10)
9:00am	<i>Luis Aballay</i>	r/b Dorothy Bouzas & Family
Tuesday	September- 19	St Januarius (1 Tm 3:1-13 Lk 7:11-17)
9:00am	<i>Al DeRosa</i>	r/b Frances DeRosa
Wednesday	September- 20	
	Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang (1 Tm 3:14-16/ Lk 7:31-35)	
9:00am	<i>Filippo & Giuseppina Panariello</i>	r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Raimondi
Thursday	September- 21	St Matthew (Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Mt 9:9-13) <i>No Mass</i>
Friday	September- 22	Weekday (1 Tm 6:2c-12 Lk 8:1-3)
9:00am	<i>Jacob Kattikat</i>	r/b Val & Babu Perumpail
Saturday	September- 23	Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (1 Tm 6:13-16 Lk 8:4-15)
5:00pm	<i>Kimberly Neller</i>	r/b Mom & Family
Sunday	September- 24	
	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Is 55:6-9 Phil 1:20c-24, 27a Mt 20:1-16a)	
9:00am	<i>Altha Kirkowski</i>	r/b The Family
11:00am	<i>Timothy Contard</i>	r/b The Rollo Family

Sanctuary Candle... this week

Al DeRosa r/b Frances DeRosa

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.



Stay in touch, get involved

Some thoughts from Fr. Mike...

Dear Friends,

After listening to the Readings for this Sunday, there should be little doubt that the theme of God's Word is about mercy and forgiveness. These are basic attributes that every Christian must be willing to put into practice. Apart from the command to love one another there is no teaching that Christ taught more forcefully than that of showing forgiveness. The reality of the message is that, in the circumstances of everyday life, forgiveness is talked about more than it is put into practice because it is challenging and demanding and can take a lot out of a person. The reality of life is that small incidents get blown out of proportion, differing opinions are viewed as barriers, careless words are turned into mortal wounds and selfish actions and jealousy provoke clashes. Many are more intent on nursing old wounds rather than seeking the path to reconciliation.

In the light of eternity and shortness of our span of life, harboring old grudges is pointless. The great Christian cry of forgiveness which comes from the heart was first echoed on the hill of Calvary. What Jesus proclaimed in words from the cross, he had lived out in deeds. The purpose of Jesus' life and death was to win forgiveness for all people.

What should come through with blinding clarity is that our ability to forgive is the measure of the depth of our Christianity. The forgiveness we offer to others is the condition which makes it possible for us to receive God's forgiveness and to understand what we pray when we say, "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." When we fail to offer forgiveness to others it means that we have forgotten God's goodness or not fully appreciated the forgiveness we have received from God.

In the actual circumstances of daily living we are seldom put to the test of forgiveness in matters that are heart-breaking or emotionally crippling. Our challenge with forgiveness comes slight hurts and petty grievances that tempt us to strike back in a harsh and unyielding manner. What is required of us in order to fulfill the command of forgiveness is the ability to gloss over the small stuff and simply keep loving in the manner that God loves us.

Peace, prayers and love to all of you,

Fr. Mike

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES



Religious Education classes begin this week. Please have children arrive for class on time. Students should bring a notebook and writing instrument to class. 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 <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.

GOLF OUTING



Thank you to everyone who made the 23rd Annual St. Joseph Men's Guild Golf Outing a success. Thank you to all of the sponsors, participants and volunteers. It was a fabulous day with great weather

YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAMS

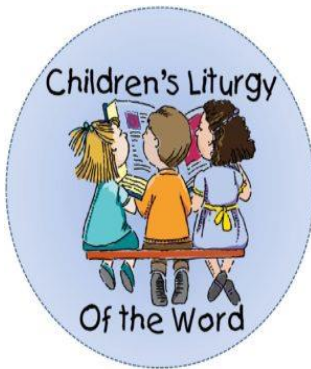


Thank you to all who responded to our Youth Ministry interest survey. There was an encouraging response and plans are under way to begin Youth Groups in the parish.

There will be a Youth Ministry adult volunteer and parent helper informational and organizational session this Wednesday, September 20th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. Any adults and/or parents who are interested in being a volunteer leader or helper and those who just would like more information about youth

ministry are invited to attend or contact Matt directly if they are unable to attend. Young adults, especially those who may be involved in a faith ministry in college, and the men and fathers of the parish are encouraged to be involved with this ministry. We plan to launch the Middle School Youth Group on Wednesday, October 4th from 7:00 to 8:30pm in the Parish Hall. So, save the date and watch for more details. If You have questions, please contact Matt at mzabrosky@outlook.com or 732-786-8234. Thanks!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



Children's Liturgy of the Word is returning. Children's Liturgy of the Word will take place today – Sept 18. Children's Liturgy of the word is for children in grades K – 6. It will be offered on the 1st and 3rd 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!



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 – 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

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 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.

WELCOME

As a community of faith, we welcome:

Jayce Alexander

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.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS 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 tbarer@moneymailer.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.

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!

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

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 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 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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