

October 1, 2023

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time



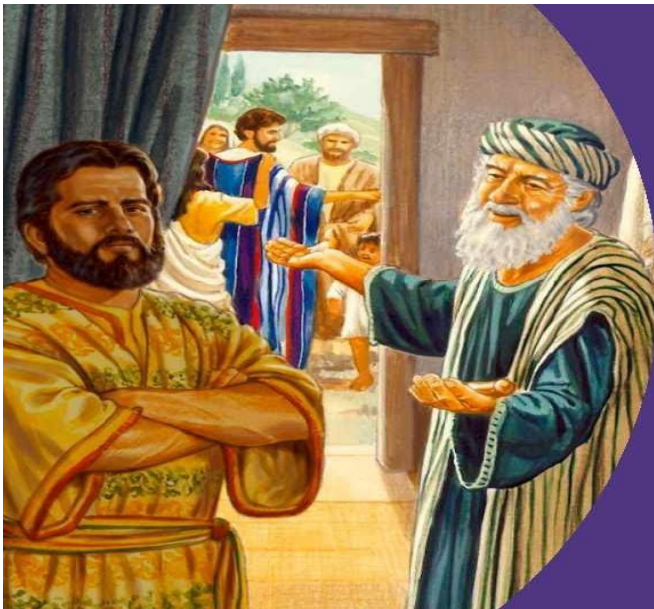
St. Joseph

Catholic Church

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

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parable of the
TWO SONS

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, October 1

Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:00AM - RCIA

12:30PM - Baptisms

Monday, October 2

9:00AM - Mass

Religious Education Classes

Tuesday, October 3

9:00AM - Mass

10:00AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry

Religious Education Classes

7:30PM – Ladies of St. Joseph Meeting

Wednesday, October 4

9:00AM – Mass

10:00AM – Legion of Mary

7:00PM - Middle School Youth Group

Thursday, October 5

7:00PM – True Reformers

Friday, October 6

9:00AM – Mass

10:00AM – True Reformers

Saturday, October 7

11:00AM - Blessing of animals

Sunday, October 8

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

10:00AM - RCIA

Monday – October 9

Parish Office Closed

No Morning Mass

NO Religious Education Classes

Tuesday – October 10

9:00AM – Mass

10:00AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry

Religious Education Classes

Wednesday – October 11

9:00AM – Mass

10:00AM – Legion of Mary

Thursday – October 12

7:00PM – Confirmation Meeting for
parents and students

Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday September- 30 **Saint Jerome**
(Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a Lk 9:43b-45)

5:00pm *Anna Morin* r/b Her Family

Sunday October- 1 **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
(Ez 18:25-28 Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5 Mt 21:28-32)

9:00am *Sean Quigley* r/b His Family

11:00am *Katherine O'Sullivan* r/b The Family

Monday October-2 **The Holy Guardian Angels**
(Zec 8:1-8 Mt 18:1-5, 10)

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

Tuesday October- 3 **Weekday**
(Zec 8:20-23 Lk 9:51-56)

9:00am *Jack MacPhee* r/b Bill & Marie Schubel

Wednesday October- 4 **St Francis of Assisi**
(Neh 2:1-8 Lk 9:57-62)

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

Thursday October- 5
St Faustina Kowalska– St Francis Xavier Seelos
(Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 Lk 10:1-12) *No Mass*

Friday October- 6
Saint Bruno – Blessed Marie Rose Durocher
(Bar 1:15-22 Lk 10:13-16)

9:00am *Mariamamma Mammachen*
r/b Val & Babu Perumpail

Saturday October- 7 **Our Lady of the Rosary**
(Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 Lk 10:17-24)

5:00pm *Margaret & Norman Clemens* r/b The Family

Sunday October- 8 **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
(Is 5:1-7 Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43)

9:00am *Jack MacPhee*
r/b Mickey & Donna Napolitano

11:00am *Mary Ruffe* r/b The Drake Family

Sanctuary Candle... this week

Sean Quigley r/b His 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,

No matter who we are, we possess the freedom to say “yes” or “no” to God and have the ability to repent and change the direction of our lives. One way or another we are responsible for our conduct and accountable for our behavior. One day we will stand before the judgement seat of God answerable for our goodness and our failings. The Good News is that with the help of God’s grace we can change the direction of our lives for the better. In the Gospel passage we hear today, the varying attitudes of the two sons give us cause to think carefully because there is a mixture of both personalities in our own make-up. Very few of us can say that each time the Lord called us we were ready and eager to respond simply with “here I am Lord – I am ready to do your will” each and every time. The Gospel is telling us that actions speak louder than words. If receiving the Sacraments and praying is not accompanied by upright Christian living, what we profess to believe has no value and amounts to lip service or idle promises which are worthless. What we say we believe must also prompt a change of heart.

The Gospel points out that there must be a connection between what we say and what we do. Jesus criticized the religious leaders of his day because they failed to carry out their responsibility and only wanted people to believe that they were doing God’s will. Their promises were empty because they did not keep them and as a result their journey to God was going nowhere. In a very strong denunciation Christ stated that their observance of the law was an outward show and that there was more sincerity in those who were labeled as outcasts.

This is a story for all ages. The trail of broken promises that each of us leaves behind points to the inconsistency between what we promise and what we do. In the early Christian community, the scandal of professed church members who did not fulfill their promises was deeply felt. It is good to reflect on whether we are saying “yes” to God on Sunday but turning our back on what we profess during the rest of the week. Does the “yes” we say to the Body of Christ reflect our willingness to do God’s will once we go through the doors of the church?

Peace, prayers and love to all of you,

Fr. Mike

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP



**CALLING ALL 6th, 7th & 8th GRADERS
YOU ARE INVITED**

**St. JOSEPH MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
LAUNCH NIGHT**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4 at 7:00PM-8:30PM

In the Parish Hall

Learn about planned activities and let's brainstorm
more ideas.

GAMES! SNACKS! SOCIAL TIME!

COME JOIN THE FUN!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

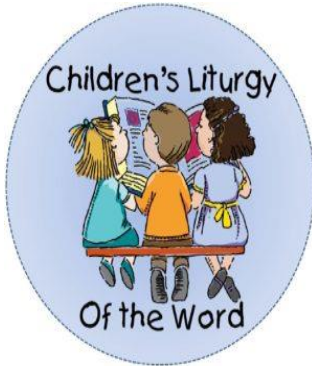
Contact Leslie 732-794-2556 for more information

BLESSING OF ANIMALS



The annual Blessing of Animals will take place on Saturday, October 7 at 11:00AM. Each year the blessing of animals is offered in honor of St. Francis of Assisi who had a deep love and respect of all of God's creation. You are welcome to bring your pets as we ask God to bless them.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

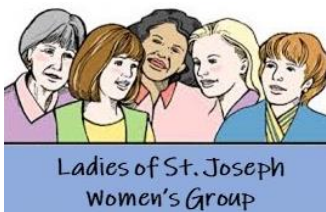


Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place today, October 1 at the 9:00AM and 11:00AM Masses. Children's Liturgy of the word is for children in grades K – 6. Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at the 9:00AM Mass and the 11:00AM Mass. After the Opening Prayer (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. 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.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Next Sunday, October 8 is Hospitality Sunday. For those who come to Mass on Sunday, you are invited to the Parish Hall for some refreshments and some time to socialize. It is a great opportunity to meet others. If you do not know someone, introduce yourself. It helps to build community and strengthens the bonds with others. Come and enjoy!

LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH



The Ladies of St. Joseph (our Parish Women's Group) will meeting on Tuesday, October 3 at 7:30PM in the Parish Hall. All women of the parish are welcome to be part of the Women's Group. If you can't make every 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 - jannkronenthal@gmail.com. For dates and times of meetings and events visit the website at <https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/ladies-of-st-joseph>.

MEN'S GUILD



The Men's Guild, the Parish Men's Group, will meet on Tuesday, October 10 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 are not able to make every meeting – no worries – come when you are able and lend a hand with our activities. 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>



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

RCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



The RCIA meets on Sundays at 10:00AM in the Parish Hall. 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 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. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Fr. Mike – frmikestjoseph@optonline.net or 732-792-2270.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



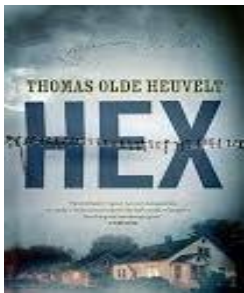
The Prayer Shawl Ministry gathers to knit or crochet shawls that are given to those who are sick or going through difficulties in life. The purpose of the shawl is to offer encouragement and to allow the individual to be wrapped in the prayers of those who made the shawl. Especially in challenging times, 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.

JOE KLECKO AND PETER GRANDICH SPEAKING AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



NY Jets Legend and Hall of Fame Member, Joe Klecko will speak here at St. Joseph Church on Saturday, October 21st at 10:00AM. Joining Joe Klecko will be Peter Grandich. They will be speaking about: "What Being Catholic Means To Me" - Joe Klecko and "Confessions of a Former Wall Street Whiz Kid" – Peter Grandich (Parishioner). A complimentary copy of the book - "Confessions of a Former Wall Street Whiz Kid" will be given to attendees. *Please refrain from bringing items to be autographed.*

READERS' CLUB



The Readers' Club has chosen "HEX" by Thomas Olde Heuvelt for the next book next selection. *HEX* is the international debut of Dutch author Thomas Olde Heuvelt, who is already a bestselling author in the Netherlands. It is an intense story about Black Spring, a small town in North America haunted by a witch with her eyes and mouth sewn up. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 15th at 7:30PM in the Parish Hall. For more information about the Reader's Club or to RSVP contact Fran - ambiofran@gmail.com.

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.

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

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!

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.

The logo for the Middle School Youth Group features the words "MIDDLE SCHOOL" in large, bold, multi-colored letters (blue, red, green, yellow, orange) stacked above the words "YOUTH GROUP" in smaller, teal-colored letters. The entire logo is set against a dark purple rectangular background.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

“Launch Night”

Wednesday, October 4th

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

In the Parish Hall

Fun | Food | Friendship | Faith

Open to all

6th, 7th and 8th Graders

Come, and you will see.
-Jesus

St. Joseph Church

Youth Ministry

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office: 732-792-2270

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PARISH STAFF	MASS TIMES
<i>Rev. Michael P. Lang - Pastor</i> frmikestjoseph@optonline.net	Saturday Evening - 5:00 PM
<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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