

October 8, 2023

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time



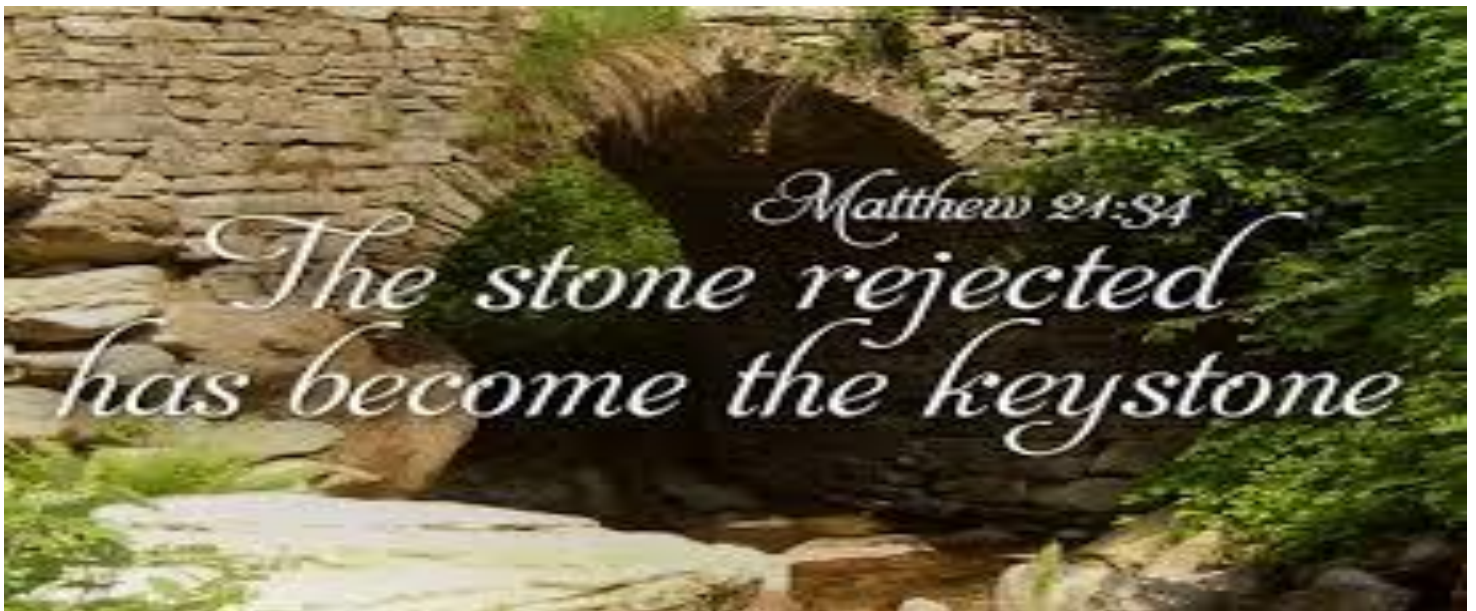
# St. Joseph

## Catholic Church

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

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, October 8

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

10:00AM – RCIA

2:00PM – Blessing of Animals

### 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

7:30PM - Men's Guild Meeting

### Wednesday – October 11

9:00AM – Mass

10:00AM – Legion of Mary

### Thursday – October 12

7:00PM – Confirmation Meeting for  
parents and students

### Sunday, October 15

Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:00AM - RCIA

12:30PM – Baptisms

### Monday, October 16

9:00AM - Mass

Religious Education Classes

### Tuesday, October 17

9:00AM - Mass

10:00AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry

Religious Education Classes

### Wednesday, October 18

9:00AM – Mass

10:00AM – Legion of Mary

### Thursday, October 19

7:00PM – True Reformers

### Friday, October 20

9:00AM – Mass

10:00AM – True Reformers

### Saturday, October 21

10:00AM – Joe Klecko & Peter Grandich

### Sunday, October 22

10:00AM – RCIA

Bake Sale

### Mass Schedule + Readings

#### 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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

#### Monday October-9 Columbus Day

St Denis – St John Leonardi

(Jon 1:1–2:2, 11 Lk 10:25-37)

9:00am *No Mass*

#### Tuesday October- 10 Weekday

(Jon 3:1-10 Lk 10:38-42)

9:00am *Mammachen Vallialil*

r/b Val & Babu Perunpail

#### Wednesday October- 11 Saint John XXIII

(Jon 4:1-11 Lk 11:1-4)

9:00am *Arthur D. Macrae Sr.*

r/b The Maxwell Family

#### Thursday October- 12 Weekday

(Mal 3:13-20b Lk 11:5-13) **No Mass**

#### Friday October- 13 Weekday

(Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2 Lk 11:15-26)

9:00am *Jack MacPhee* r/b Judy & Wallace Grant

#### Saturday October- 14 Saint Callistus

(Jl 4:12-21 Lk 11:27-28)

5:00pm *Tony Lodico* r/b Stephen & Danisaa DelGaudio

#### Sunday October- 15 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Is 25:6-10a Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10)

9:00am *Jadwiga Toscarelli* r/b The Tkachuk Family

11:00am *Donna Palmerio* r/b Frank Simacek

### Sanctuary Candle... this week

*Eugene Smarth* r/b Deb Smarth



### 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,

When parents are in deep distress after being let down or rejected by a child they may well voice the lament of Isaiah in the first Reading today: "What more could I have done for my children that I did not do?" One of the most severe pain that is intense and distressing is that of being rejected. When we are rejected, especially by someone we care about, the pain pierces our heart and leaves us deeply wounded. Rejection is something that we all encounter on our journey in one way or another and Jesus was no exception. The terrible truth is that the Son of God came to earth, showed nothing but his love in every possible way and was rejected. In this very hard hitting Gospel passage that we hear today we are exposed to the blunt truth that God has done everything possible for us as a people by sending God's Son to live among us. In return, as a people, we have turned our backs on God and too often offer ingratitude and cold indifference.

It does not take a great deal of imagination to see ourselves in the Gospel parable but it does take a good dose of honesty. Each of us is a tenant, called to cultivate a small portion of God's vineyard and when harvest time arrives we are expected to produce the fruits of right living by doing what we do as a gift to God. This right living includes caring, sharing and showing the kind of charity that the Gospels demonstrate. It is in this way that we put into practice what we profess to believe.

The parable presented to us today challenges us to keep working in God's service and not become complacent. As human beings, complacency comes easy and lulls us into an attitude that says we deserve more. We must be willing to examine our conscience to see if we are producing the gifts of God's love. I have to imagine that God is disappointed and even feels rejected when lazily sit back and fail to appreciate the beauty of our lives, the joy of our families and God's loving care for us. At the end of our lives we need more than sour grapes of a life that was overcome by ingratitude, selfishness, indifference and neglect. Life is a gift from God and we must be willing to cultivate in such a way that we become a bountiful and beautiful harvest.

Peace, prayers and love to all of you,

*Fr. Mike*

### **HOSPITALITY SUNDAY**

Today, Sunday, October 8 is Hospitality Sunday. You are invited to the parish hall for refreshments and 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!

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### **PARISH OFFICE**

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 9.

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### **MORNING MASS**

There will not be morning Mass on Monday, October 9.

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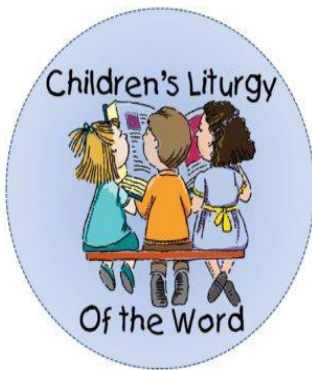
### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

There are no Religious Education Classes on Monday, October 9. There **will be** classes on Tuesday, October 10.

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



Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place on October 15 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 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. 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.

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## **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](mailto:dcerulosr@gmail.com). For Meeting dates and events check the website at <https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/mens-guild>

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## **BAKE SALE**



The Ladies of St. Joseph are having a Bake Sale on Sunday, October 22 after both Sunday Masses. Stop by and pick up some delicious treats and support the parish women's group. Anyone who would like to donate baked treats for the bake sale would be most welcome to do so. Just drop the donations off in the kitchen on Saturday (Oct. 21) or before wither Mass on Sunday. For more information, please contact JoAnn – - [jannkronenthal@gmail.com](mailto:jannkronenthal@gmail.com).

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## **HALLOWEEN PARADE AND TRICK-OR-TREATING**



The Ladies of St. Joseph is sponsoring the Halloween Parade to be held on Sunday, October 29th, after the 11 am Mass, in the Parish Hall. Children up to 13 years of age are welcome to come Trick or Treat with members of the parish. Please wear an appropriate costume and bring a TREAT BAG. Parishioners are welcome to come and enjoy themselves. Beverages will also be served. Candy donations are welcome and need to be dropped off in the Parish Hall's kitchen by 10 am that day. For any questions, please contact Jo Ann at [jannkronenthal@gmail.com](mailto:jannkronenthal@gmail.com) Children may wear their Halloween costume to the 11:00AM Mass as long as they are appropriate for their age (not too scary, gross or adult themed!)

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## **CHILDREN'S MASS**



On Sunday, October 29 the 11:00AM Mass will be geared toward children. Children 12 and under may wear their Halloween costume to the 11:00AM Mass as long as the costume is appropriate for their age (not too scary, gross or adult themed!) The homily at the 11:00AM Mass will be geared toward children – but anyone may attend.

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*Please mark your calendars for the upcoming ADVENT Adult Faith Enrichment programs!*

**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 <https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/adult-program>, or by emailing Vicki Craig, Pastoral Associate at [vickicstjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:vickicstjoseph@gmail.com)

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### **CHILDREN WANTED TO SING AT CHRISTMAS MASS**

The St. Joseph Children's Choir needs singers aged 6-12 for the 4:00PM Christmas Mass. If you would like to sign your child up to sing in the Children's Choir for Christmas, please sign up on the list that may be found on the table at the entrance of the church.

Children's  
Choir



You may also sign up on the website <https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/music-ministry>.

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### **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](mailto:frmikestjoseph@optonline.net) or 732-792-2270.

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**



The next event for the Middle School Youth Group is in Wednesday, October 25 from 7:00PM – 8:30PM. The first gathering was a great time. The Middle School Youth Group is open to those in grades 6, 7 & 8. Come have some fun, food in a faith environment. If you registered your child for the Middle School Youth Group, you do not need to register again. If you did not register and would like your child to participate in the Middle School Youth Group, please complete and submit the information found at <https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/middle-school-youth-group> so that we have the vital information for your child. **For any adult interested in helping out with the Middle School Youth Group** - - there will be a meeting this Wednesday, October 11 at 7:00PM. For more information contact Matt - [mzabrosky@outlook.com](mailto:mzabrosky@outlook.com) or Leslie - [latkachuk@aol.com](mailto:latkachuk@aol.com).

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## **READERS' CLUB**



The Readers' Club has chosen "HEX" by Thomas Olde Heuvelt for the next book 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 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM in the Parish Hall. For more information about the Reader's Club or to RSVP contact Fran - [ambiofran@gmail.com](mailto:ambiofran@gmail.com).

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## **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](mailto:314PMCD@gmail.com).

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## **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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.*

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## 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](mailto: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.*

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## 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.

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## 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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## 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.

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## 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](mailto:holyinnocentsociety@dioceseoftrenton.org) with the subject line "ALS". Please include your name and telephone number. Let us pray together.

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## **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

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## **BAPTISMS**

Baptisms are celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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## **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](http://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.

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## **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](http://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!

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## **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](mailto:brunonap@AOL.com). THANKS

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## **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](http://www.stjosephmillstone.org/live-stream) on our Facebook Page [www.facebook.com/stjosephchurchmillstone](http://www.facebook.com/stjosephchurchmillstone) and on the Parish YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/c/StJosephChurchMillstoneTwp](http://www.youtube.com/c/StJosephChurchMillstoneTwp)

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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](http://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

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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](mailto: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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**BAPTISM** – 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.

**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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