

October 22, 2023

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time



St. Joseph

Catholic Church

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

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**Give therefore to Caesar
the things that are Caesar's,
and to God
the things that are God's.**

Matthew 22:21

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 22**

10:00AM – RCIA

Bake Sale

Monday – October 23

9:00AM – Mass

Religious Education Classes

Tuesday – October 24

9:00AM – Mass

10:00AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry

Religious Education Classes

Wednesday – October 25

9:00AM – Mass

10:00AM – Legion of Mary

7:00PM – Middle School Youth Group

Thursday – October 26

7:00PM – True Reformers

Friday – October 27

9:00AM – Mass

10:00AM – True Reformers

Sunday, October 29

10:00AM – RCIA

11:00AM – Children's Mass

12:00PM – Halloween Parade

Monday, October 30

9:00AM - Mass

Religious Education Classes

Tuesday, October 31

9:00AM - Mass

10:00AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry

NO Religious Education Classes

Wednesday, November 1**All Saints Day – Holy Day**

Parish Office Closed

9:00AM – Mass

10:00AM – Legion of Mary

7:00PM – Mass

8:00PM – Halloween Candy Swap

Thursday, November 2**All Souls Day**

9:00AM - Mass

7:00PM – True Reformers

Friday, November 3

No Morning Mass

10:00AM – True Reformers

Mass Schedule + Readings**Saturday** October- 21 **Weekday**

(Rom 4:13, 16-18 Lk 12:8-12)

5:00pm

Francesco Sorrentino r/b Nick & Rita Poggi**Sunday**October- 22 **29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

(Is 45:1, 4-6 1 Thes 1:1-5b Mt 22:15-21)

9:00am

Frances Budrewicz r/b Her Children

11:00am

Jack MacPhee

r/b Dave & Sue Cerulo & Family

MondayOctober-23 **St John of Capistrano**

(Rom 4:20-25 Lk 12:13-21)

9:00am

Danna Palmerio r/b Frances DeRosa**Tuesday**October- 24 **St Anthony Mary Claret**

(Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21 Lk 12:35-38)

9:00am

Grace Giffen r/b Her Family**Wednesday**October- 25 **Weekday**

(Rom 6:12-18 Lk 12:39-48)

9:00am

Al DeRosa r/b Frances DeRosa**Thursday**October- 26 **Weekday**(Rom 6:19-23 Lk 12:49-53) **No Mass****Friday**October- 27 **Weekday**

(Rom 7:18-25a Lk 12:54-59)

9:00am

Ann Pasinski r/b The Family**Saturday**October- 28 **Saints Simon and Jude**

(Eph 2:9-22 Lk 6:12-16)

5:00pm

Anna Morin r/b Her Family**Sunday**October- 29 **30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

(Ex 22:20-26 1 Thes 1:5c-10 Mt 22:24-40)

9:00am

Candida & Philip Raimondi

r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Raimondi

11:00am

Kimberly Neller r/b Cynthia Heluk**Sanctuary Candle... this week***Craig Brian Anderson* r/b Vicki & Cheryl**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 the Pharisees dragged the name of Caesar into their dispute with Jesus, they believed that they were making a clever attempt to trick Jesus into making an incriminating statement. The Pharisees would have believed that they put Jesus in a no-win situation because to state that the tax should be paid would make Jesus out to be a traitor of the Jewish people, while a denial would have left him behind bars as an enemy of Rome. However, they really were no match for Jesus because he was aware of their malice, sidestepped the issue and drew attention to Caesar's image on the tax coin saying, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and give to God what belongs to God."

The Gospel passage we hear today reminds us that we are members of God's kingdom and citizens of the country in which we live. We have obligations to both. As Christians we are not only members of the Church but also members of society. Tensions can exist between our loyalty to God and our duty to our country. While many will say Religion and politics do not mix, but the reality is that we are called to put God, and God's laws, above everything else. We are obliged to bring the Gospel of Jesus into every aspect of our lives.

In our own time, there is much conflict in the political sphere. There are sharp divides that have resulted in demeaning statements, uncharitable actions and a great deal of animosity between differing political views. If we live out the message of Jesus, the tone that we bring to everything should be that same tone that Jesus demonstrated. Too often today, Christians try to flavor religion by what they believe in politics when it should be the other way around – our faith should flavor everything we do, without exception. Our faith is not something that should be brandished as a weapon, but as an invitation to see things through the eyes of God. Our trust in God can be seen most clearly by the truths that we hold dear. Our call as children of God and as Christians is to live in such a way that our relationship with God is evident in everything we do and say. This is definitely a life-long commitment filled with trial and error. However, if we believe that we belong to God, then every aspect of our lives must incorporate that which comes from God so that every aspect of life is touched by God's love.

Peace, prayers and love to all of you,

Fr. Mike

BAKE SALE



The Ladies of St. Joseph are having a Bake Sale today - 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.

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! And this is only for the 11:00AM Mass) The homily at the 11:00AM Mass will be geared toward children – but anyone may attend.

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 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!)

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP



The next event for the Middle School Youth Group is in Wednesday, October 25 from 7:00PM – 8:30PM. There will be games, skit, snacks, social time and more. 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. Any adult interested in helping out with the Middle School Youth Group should contact Matt - mzabrosky@outlook.com or Leslie - latkachuk@aol.com. Information about upcoming Roller Skating party will be given at the event as well.

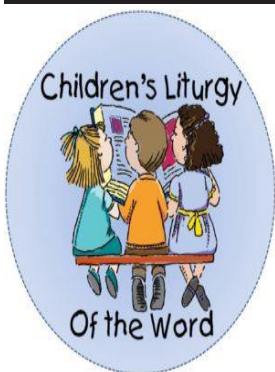
ALL SAINTS DAY

Wednesday, November 1 is the Feast of All Saints. It is a Holy Day. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM and 7:00PM.

ALL SOULS DAY

Thursday, November 2 is the observance of All Souls Day. It is a day when we pray for all those who have gone before us in faith. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM on Thursday, November 2. For those who would like, there are envelopes available to list the names of your departed loved ones. We will pray for those listed on November 2 and for the rest of November.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place on Sunday, November 5 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.

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

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 – fmikestjoseph@optonline.net or 732-792-2270.



WINE AND PAINTING EVENT

The Ladies of St. Joseph are sponsoring a Wine/Paint Class on Thursday, November 16, 2023 from 6:30 PM until 9:00 PM, in the Parish Hall. Local artist Allison Mains will be teaching us to create our own wooden Santa Claus. Appetizers, desserts and hot beverages will be served. Please BYOB wine. The cost is \$45 per person which also includes all supplies. To sign up for this event, please contact JoAnn at Jannkronenthal@gmail.com by November 8th.

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 parish community we welcome:

Jack Tyler Fierro
Cameron Joseph Kennedy
Anthony John Riso

who were welcomed into God's family and the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. Let us lift these little ones up in our prayers.



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 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

HALLOWEEN CANDY SWAP



Do you get candy that is not your favorite for Halloween? The Middle School Youth Group will be holding a candy swap after the 7:00PM Mass on Wednesday, Nov. 1 (All Saints Day). This is for all children of the parish – not just middle school youth group. Come and bring the candy that you hope to swap. Light refreshments will be available. There will also be a “donate” box where you can place the candy you just do not want or were not successful in trading. The donated candy will be taken to a charitable group.

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.

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 15th at 7:30PM in the Parish Hall. For more information about the Reader's Club or to RSVP contact Fran - ambiofran@gmail.com.

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!

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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!

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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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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