

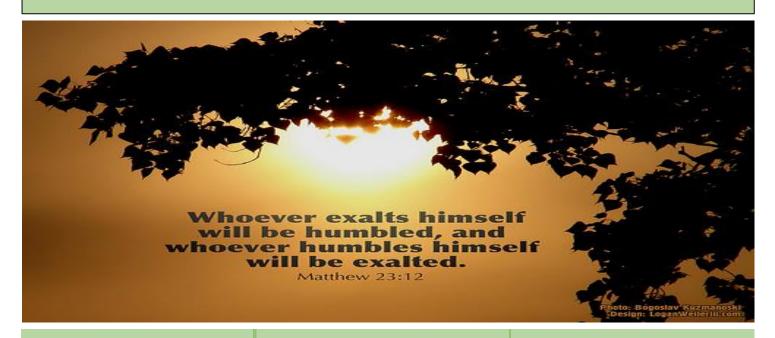
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MASS

Saturday

5:00 PM

SUNDAY

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Mon. Tues. Wed. Fri.

9:00 AM

Masses are also

live streamed

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Sunday, November 5

Daylight Savings Time Ends
Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:00AM - RCIA

Monday - November 6

9:00AM - Mass

Religious Education Classes

7:00PM – Building & Grounds Committee

Tuesday - November 7

9:00AM - Mass

10:00AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry

Religious Education Classes

7:30PM - Ladies of St. Joseph Meeting

Wednesday - November 8

9:00AM - Mass

10:00AM – Legion of Mary

Friday - November 10

9:00AM - Mass

Sunday - November 12

Hospitality Sunday 10:00AM - RCIA

Monday, November 13

9:00AM - Mass

Religious Education Classes

Tuesday, November 14

9:00AM - Mass

10:00AM - Prayer Shawl Ministry

Religious Education Classes

7:30PM - Men's Guild Meeting

Wednesday, November 15

9:00AM - Mass

10:00AM - Legion of Mary

7:00PM - 2nd Grade Parent Meeting

7:30PM - Reader's Club Meeting

Thursday, November 16

7:00PM - Wine/Paint Class

Friday, November 17

9:00AM - Morning Mass

Sunday, November 19

Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:00AM - RCIA

7:00PM – Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday November- 4 St Chaeles Borromeo

(Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29 Lk 14:7-11)

5:00pm Michael Carfaguo 1/10 Heili Carpino

Sunday November- 5 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13 Mt 23:1-12)

9:00am Jason Sawicz 1/16 His Family

11:00am Zolbe Cranmer 1/10 Joyce Hudanish-Schmitt

Monday November- 6 Weekday

(Rom 11:29-36 Lk 14:12-14)

9:00am Faith Sarah Cichon

r/b The Ladies of St Joseph

Tuesday November- 7 Weekday

(Rom 12:5-16b Lk 14:15-24)

9:00am Maria Elena Glembowski

r/b The Costagliola Family

Wednesday November-8 Weekday

(Rom 13:8-10 Lk 14:25-33)

9:00am Healing Intentions of Beverly DeBarrios

r/b Bill & Marie Schubel

Thursday November- 9 No Mass

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

(Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22)

Friday November- 10 St Leo the Great

(Rom 15:14-21 Lk 16:1-8)

9:00am Joseph McGuire 1/16 Ellen & Frank Marotta

Saturday November-11 Veterans Day

Saint Martin of Tours

(Rom 16:3-9, 16. 22-27 Lk 16:9-15)

5:00pm Jack MacPhee 1/10 Men's Guild of St Joseph

Sunday November- 12 32nd Sunday in Ordnary Time

(Wis 6:12-16 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14 Mt 25:1-13)

9:00am Alice & John Ricigliano

 $\ensuremath{\text{r/b}}$ The Tkachuk Family

11:00am Gerard Nardi Mardi Mar



Sanctuary Candle... this week

Faith Sarah Cichon Mb The Ladies of St joseph

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,

As the Gospel passage for today demonstrates, Jesus was very severe in denouncing some of the religious leaders of His time who were far from being examples of integrity. The harsh words of Jesus to those religious leaders were in response to the fact that they were not practicing what they preached. Jesus pointed out people who were good at pretending and who loved the center of attention. The prayers they offered were long but those prayers were simply outward shows of faith because they neglected the much more important matters of faith like justice and mercy. Their prayers were empty and hollow and not something that helped others to be on a path to goodness and holiness. The way of life of those who were denounced by Jesus pointed to a display of vanity and self-importance and were not directed to the glory of God. As a result, their preaching led people astray. Jesus saw through their shallowness and accused them of blatant hypocrisy.

The Gospel does not present the unflattering picture of the Pharisees so that we can poke fun at them. What Jesus says is important for us as well. The words of Jesus are meant to be a catalyst for all of us to examine our lives to see where and how we may be tainted with hypocrisy. Our deeds do not always match our words. It is very easy to put on a show to hide short-comings and appear virtuous. We must understand that Jesus denounced hypocrisy of all forms. Sincerity and openness of character appealed to Jesus. Jesus was, and is not, fooled by appearances because He can see into the depths of a person's heart. Jesus wants His followers to avoid the obvious mistakes of the Pharisees which robbed God's Word of its power and ability to help us.

The Gospel passage we hear today is a challenge to all people of faith about the quality of their worship and the witness being given about their faith. If we are to live up to what we profess as followers if Christ we must mean what we say and do what we mean. Let's face it, we are all in constant danger of not living up to the ideals of God's way.

May we not lose our way by allowing the search for human approval to become what we seek the most. May God help us all to seek first that which will bring us closer to God.

Peace, prayers and love to all of you,

Fr. Míke

GIVING TREE



The Christmas Giving Tree program will be starting earlier this year because one of the groups we participate in has an earlier deadline to have gifts returned. If you would like to participate in the Giving Tree program – to provide Christmas gifts to those in need – just take a tag from the Christmas tree, purchase the item and return it by the deadline marked on the tag. Some of the items are going to an organization that prefers gifts to be gift wrapped. So, if the tag you take says "Please gift wrap or gift bag", it is very helpful if you are able to either wrap the gift or place in a gift bag (Please note that gift cards do not need to be wrapped.)

Please be sure to place the tag on the outside of the package so we know who gets the gift. The Giving Tree is up. Quite a few of the gifts must be returned by December 3. If there are any families in the parish who need help, please email frmikestjoseph@optonline.net. All requests from the parish will be confidential (tags will not have a name on them). Thanks!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP



ROLLER SKATING PARTY – The Middle School Youth Group is having a roller skating party on Sunday, November 19 from 5:00PM until 7:30PM at the United Skates of America - 2270 W. County Line Rd. - Jackson, NJ. Participants must be dropped off and picked up at the United Skates of America. The cost is \$20.00 per person and includes, skate rental, unlimited pizza & beverage and arcade credits. Permission slip, participant agreement and payment must be received by November 14. Checks may be made payable to St. Joseph Church. IF you did not receive the permission slip and participant agreement, you may print it from the website at https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/middle-school-youth-group (look under DOCUMENTS). Additionally, If you have not registered your child for the Middle School Youth Group, please complete and submit the information found at https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/middle-

<u>school-youth-group</u> 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 - <u>mzabrosky@outlook.com</u> or Leslie - <u>latkachuk@aol.com</u>.

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.

LECTORS

The new Lector workbooks are now available. Please pick up your copy in the Sacristy. Thanks!



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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place today, 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.



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

BUILDINGS AND GROUNGS COMMITTEE



The Buildings and Grounds Committee will meet on Monday, November 6 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 tbaber@moneymailer.com.

LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH



The Ladies of St. Joseph (our Parish Women's Group) will meeting on Tuesday, November 7 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, November 14 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

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE



Please join your Millstone neighbors for an evening of song and prayer as we nurture unity and gratitude within our community. The United Presbyterian Church, The Perrineville Jewish Center and St. Joseph's Catholic Church and are sponsoring our annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service to be held at 7 PM on November 19 at St. Joseph Church. Following the service refreshments will be available in the parish hall. Donations of canned goods or other non-perishables will be accepted and will be given to the Caring Hearts Food Pantry. Come and join us!

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

There will be Mass on Thursday, November 23 at 10:00AM for Thanksgiving Day.

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 meet every Tuesday at 10:00AM. 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.

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.

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 kristone.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.

JOE KLECKO/PETER GRANDICH TALK

If anyone missed the talk by Joe Klecko and Peter Grandich and would like to view it, you may do so here - https://petergrandich.com/2023/11/02/ny-jet-legend-joe-klecko-and-peter-grandich-speeches-at-st-joseph-church-millstone-township-nj/.

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 holyinnocentssociety@dioceseoftrenton.org with the subject line "ALS". Please include your name and telephone number. Let us pray together.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please sign up to serve at Mass. If Deacon Chris is present, we will need 2 Eucharistic Ministers. If Deacon Chris is not present, we will need 3 Eucharistic Ministers. The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board outside of the library. Thanks

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.

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

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!



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.

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Evening - 5:00 PM

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

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

Holy Days: as listed in the bulletin

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

<u>BAPTISM</u> – The Sacrament of Baptism is normally celebrated on the 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.

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

<u>Sick Calls</u> – Please contact the Parish Office when someone is seriously ill requiring a visit by a Priest. If someone is unable to attend Mass on a regular basis and would like to receive Communion please call the Parish Office

<u>Registration</u> – We are glad you are here and want you to feel like a full member of the parish. Registering as a parishioner helps us to know who you are and to stay in touch. Registration is required for sponsor forms.

<u>Sponsor Certificates</u> – This is a form required to be a Godparent or Sponsor for Confirmation. To receive a form, the following is required: -Be a registered, active (attends Mass) member of the parish (for at least 6 months); be at least 16 years of age; must have completed the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation; If married, have a valid marriage within the Church.

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