

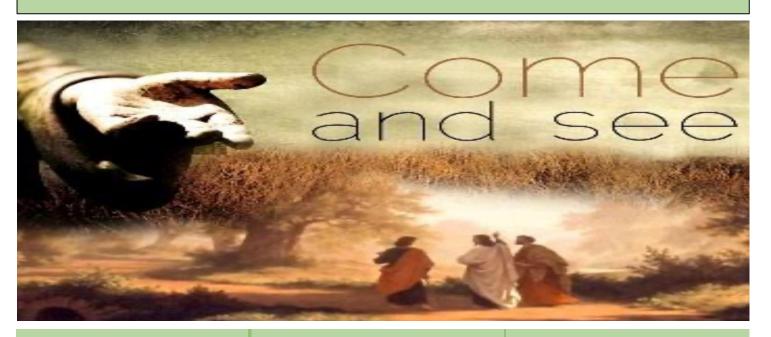
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Catholic Church

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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 - January 14

Coat Drive

10:00AM - RCIA

Monday - January 15

No morning Mass

NO Religious Education Classes

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, January 16

9:00AM - Mass

10:00AM - Prayer Shawl Meeting

Religious Education Classes

Wednesday - January 17

9:00AM - Mass

10:00AM – Legion of Mary

Friday - January 19

9:00AM - Mass

Saturday - January 20

5:00PM - Mass

Sunday - January 21

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Food Collection

10:00AM - RCIA

Monday – January 22

9:00AM - Mass

Religious Education Classes

Tuesday - January 23

9:00AM - Mass

10:00AM - Prayer Shawl Meeting

Religious Education Classes

Wednesday - January 24

9:00AM - Mass

10:00AM – Legion of Mary

Friday - January 26

9:00AM - Mass

Saturday - January 27

Middle School Youth Group Trip

5:00PM - Mass

Sunday - January 28

10:00AM - RCIA



Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday January- 13 Saint Hilary

(1 Sm 9: 1-4, 17-19; 10:1a Mk 2:13-17)

5:00pm Karen Krusinis 1/10 Deb Smarth

Sunday January- 14 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42)

9:00am Al DeRosa 1/15 Frances DeRosa

11:00am *Jerome White* 1/b The Schlegel Family

Monday January- 15 Weekday

Martin Luther King, Jr

(1 Sm 15:16-23 Mk 2:18-22)

9:00am No Mass

Tuesday January- 16 Weekday

(1 Sm 16:1-13 Mk 2:23-28)

9:00am Mark & Michele Pawlowski 1/10 The Family

Wednesday January- 17 St Anthony

(1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Mk 3:1-6)

9:00am Bernadette Lang 1/16 Her Family

Thursday January- 18 **Weekday**

(1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7 Mk 3:7-12) No Mass

Friday January- 19 Weekday

(1 Sm 24:: 3-21 Mk 3:13-19)

9:00am Jack MacPhee 1/1 Linda Serica

Saturday January- 20 Saint Fabian – Saint Sebastian

(2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Mk 3:20-21)

5:00pm Jack MacPhee 1/10 Frances DeRosa

Sunday January-21 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Jon 3:1-5, 10 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20)

9:00am Alice Authory 1/10 The Tkachuk Family

11:00am Jack MacPhee 1/10 The Schlegel Family

Sanctuary Candle... this week

Jack MacPhee //b His Linda Sercia



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,

The story of God calling Samuel by name paints a wonderful picture of a boy lying asleep in the dark, behind the sanctuary, where only one light remains glowing. Samuel is awakened three times by a mysterious voice calling him by name. In no way does Samuel suspect that the Lord is calling him – after all, he is just a boy with no false airs, learning to be a servant of the Lord. Samuel is an apprentice to the elderly priest Eli. It is Eli who makes it clear that the voice Samuel is hearing is the voice of God. Eli directs the young Samuel in how he should reply. With the straightforward simplicity of a child, Samuel springs to his feet in unquestioning obedience and a total willingness to serve: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening."

The story of Samuel is our story as well. He stands for all of us. We may not be important in the eyes of society but none of us is ever overlooked by God. We are always on God's mind and forever under God's care. God is constantly calling us into a relationship with God in all of the circumstances of life we find ourselves in. When we were Baptized, our ears were symbolically opened to God's call. In what is often a noisy world, there is a danger of God's voice being drowned out and not heard. That's why it is important to have a quiet and peaceful place to develop pockets of silence, where we can be alone to listen to the voice of God. God can only speak to a person who is listening. In prayer, it can become very easy to talk too much and listen too little.

God's call is an on-going affair and reaches us in many different ways. God may speak to us in the ordinary events of life or in the moments of quiet that we find throughout our day. It takes courage to open our hearts and answer the call. No doubt, sacrifices will have to be made and perhaps even a comfortable lifestyle will be disturbed. If we are the people that God wants us to be and do the job God intends us to do, we must give ourselves willingly to Jesus who has already given himself to us. When we suspect that God may be calling us to do something more than we are used to, it is best to simply imitate Samuel and repeat his word, "Here I am Lord, I come to do your will.

Peace, prayers and love to all of you,

Fr. Mike

MORNING MASS

There will not be morning Mass on Monday, January 15.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 15 in observance of the holiday.

RELGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

There are no Religious Education Classes on Monday, January 15. NOTE - - There will be class on Tuesday, January 16.

PARENT-CHILD BREAKFAST



The Parent-Child Breakfast will be held on Sunday, February 4 after the 11:00AM Mass. Tickets are just \$5.00 per person. There will be a delicious breakfast, door prizes of Hess Trucks, and a raffle for basketball tickets – so plan to join us! It is a wonderful opportunity to make memories with your child(ren). To reserve your spot or if you have questions, contact Dave at decrulosr@gmail.com.

COAT DRIVE



Don't forget that we are collecting winter coats to distribute to agencies that will get them to people who are in need of coats. The coat collection ends today, Sunday, January 14. Coats for children, women and men will be accepted. Coats must be clean and in good condition. Coats are the only items being collected. So it is time to clean out the closets and donate those coats you no longer wear or no longer fit so that others may have warmth. Thanks!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP



The next gathering for the Middle School Youth Group is on Wednesday, February 7 at 7:00PM. There will be fun, food, friendship & faith. The Middle School Youth Group is open to all those in grades 6, 7 & 8.

LEGO COLLECTION FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP



Do you have Legos that no one is using anymore? Wondering what to do with them? Hate to throw them out but don't know what else to do? Well, the Middle School youth group would like to take them off your hands to use for some youth group projects. If you have Legos that you would like to donate (they do not have to be complete sets – miscellaneous pieces are good) the Middle School Youth Group will be collecting them from January 6 – January 28. Just bring them to church and place in the collection bin. Thanks!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place on Sunday, January 21 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.

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.

BAKE SALE



The Ladies of St. Joseph will hold a Parish bake sale on Sunday, February 11. It will be a great opportunity to pick up some tasty treats for Super Bowl Sunday or just for your enjoyment.

Donations of baked goods are very welcome (just drop them off in the kitchen). Your support of the Ladies of St. Joseph is greatly appreciated!

LENTEN ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Jesus: The Way, The Truth, and The Life

Begin your Lenten journey immersed in the life of Jesus. Take a fresh look at who he is, what he taught, and what he did for our salvation in this 5 week video study program filmed in the Holy Land. Experience the extraordinary world in which Jesus lived and taught—the historical context, the politics, the clashing cultures, the history, and the ancient land—and see where the most significant events of his life took place, from his infancy to his ascension.

Format: Video presentations 1 hour, followed question/discussion period. Background material, bible references, and discussion questions will be provided to participants before each session.

When: Choose either Thursday evening session starting 2/15/24 at 7:00-8:30PM or Friday morning session starting 2/16/24 10:00-11:30AM. There is no cost for this program. The program will take place over 5 sessions and all sessions will take place in the parish hall.

***Please note the specific dates that we will meet below:

Session 1 2/15 and 2/16 Session 2 2/22 and 2/23 Session 3 2/29 and 3/1 *NO SESSION 3/7 and 3/8 Session 4 3/14 and 3/15 Session 5 3/21 and 3/22

A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church, online at the parish website, or email Vicki Craig, Pastoral Associate at: vickicstjoseph@gmail.com. All adult members of the parish are invited.

WOMEN'S RETREAT



A Women's Retreat sponsored by the Ladies of St. Joseph will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2024, 12 noon to 4 pm In the Parish Hall with Sr. Marcy Springer, S.S.J., from the Francis House of Prayer Lunch will be served. Free admission.

Sign-up by Friday, February 16th...contact Jo Ann at jannkronenthal@gmail.com

Theme is "Without Change, There Would Be No Butterflies". This retreat provides a message that instead of giving up ice cream, chocolates, desserts, etc., consider giving up bad acts, behaviors, attitudes or habits such as anger, envy, gossip, judging others or ourselves, self pity, complaining, negativity. Make this year a Spiritual Discipline. Identify IT and make up your mind to change or let go of IT. Then we replace the "dark with light" with the help of God and prayer.

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.

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.

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.

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

READERS' CLUB



The Readers' Club has chosen is *The Thread Collectors by* Alyson Richman and Shaunna J. Edwards. In *The Thread* Collectors, The authors offer a vibrant tapestry of characters whose lives have been shattered by slavery and Civil War, yet find a tenuous connection in scraps of fabric that symbolize hope, love, even escape. It is both heartbreaking and thrilling.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 31st 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.

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!

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retrovy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held February 16 - 18, 2024 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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

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.

PARISH INFORMATION

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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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