

July 20, 2025

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



# St. Joseph

## Catholic Church

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faith growing in  
God's love*

91 Stillhouse Road, Millstone Twp., N.J. 08510

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### PROPER PERSPECTIVE

### MARY & MARTHA

Luke 10:38-42

#### 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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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday – July 20

#### MISSION APPEAL

Parish Food Collection

9:00AM – Mass

11:00AM – Mass

12:30PM - Baptisms

### Monday – July 21

9:00AM - Morning Mass

### Tuesday – July 22

9:00AM – Mass

10:00AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry

### Wednesday – July 23

9:00AM - Morning Mass

9:30AM – Legion of Mary

### Thursday – June 24

No Morning Mass

### Friday – July 25

9:00AM – Morning Mass

### Saturday – July 26

5:00PM - Mass

### Sunday – July 27

9:00AM – Mass

11:00AM – Mass

### Monday – July 28

9:00AM - Morning Mass

### Tuesday – July 29

9:00AM - Morning Mass

10:00AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry

### Wednesday – July 30

9:00AM - Morning Mass

9:30AM – Legion of Mary

7:30PM – Reader's Club Meeting

### Thursday – July 31

No Morning Mass

### Friday – Aug. 1

9:00AM – Morning Mass

10:00AM Adult Faith Enrichment Series

### Saturday – Aug. 2

5:00PM – Mass

### Sunday – Aug. 3

Parish Food Collection

9:00AM – Mass

11:00AM – Mass

12:30PM - Baptisms

## Mass Schedule + Readings

### Saturday July- 19 Weekday

(Ex 12:37-42 Mt 12:14-21)

5:00pm *Peter Abrahamsen* r/b Linda Abrahamsen

### Sunday July- 20 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Gn 18:1-10a Col 1:24-28 Lk 10:38-42)

9:00am *Edward Pasinski* r/b The Family

11:00am *Joyce Flake* r/b Denis & Dee Balint

### Monday July- 21 St Lawrence of Brindisi

(Ex 14:5-18 Mt 12:38-42)

9:00am *Margaret Schaab* r/b The Hill Family

### Tuesday July- 22 St Mary Magdalene

(Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18)

9:00am *Chester Pasinski* r/b The Family

### Wednesday July- 23 St Bridget

(Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 Mt 13:1-9)

9:00am *Frances Gautieri.* r/b Dolores Forcenito

### Thursday July- 24 St Sharbel Makhluf *No Mass*

(Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b Mt 13:10-17)

### Friday July- 25 Saint James

(2 Cor 4:7-15 Mt 20:20-28)

9:00am *Maria Spaziani* r/b Dolores Forcenito

### Saturday July- 26

**Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

(Ex 24:3-8 Mt 13:24-30)

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

### Sunday July- 27 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Gn 18:20-32 Col 2:12-14 Lk 11:1-13)

9:00am *Frances Gautieri* r/b Mike & Pat Girona

11:00am *Joseph Saporita* r/b James Beagin



**Sanctuary Candle... this week**

**Ralph Papalia** r/b The Forcenito Family

### 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 the religious life and for the hungry and the homeless



Some thoughts from Fr. Mike...

Dear Friends,

Today's Gospel presents a familiar and beloved scene: Jesus visiting the home of His friends, Martha and Mary. It is a short passage, but it offers deep spiritual insight into the balance between action and contemplation, between serving and listening, between doing for Christ and simply being with Him.

Martha, the older sister, is doing what many of us would do when a guest comes—especially one as important as Jesus. She is bustling about, preparing food, cleaning, making sure everything is in order. Hospitality in Jewish culture was not only a kindness but a sacred duty, and Martha is fulfilling that with great energy and care.

Mary, on the other hand, does something that would have surprised many in that time: she sits at the feet of Jesus as a disciple. In doing so, she assumes the posture of a student learning from a rabbi, a position normally reserved for men. But Jesus allows it—He welcomes it. And when Martha, perhaps understandably frustrated, asks Jesus to intervene, He gently responds: *"Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, and it will not be taken from her."*

Notice how Jesus doesn't scold Martha for working. He doesn't say her service is unimportant. Rather, He redirects her attention. He sees that her work is being done in anxiety and distraction rather than peace. Her focus is on many things, but Mary is focused on the one thing necessary—being in the presence of Jesus.

This passage teaches us about priorities in our spiritual lives. Like Martha, many of us live busy lives—juggling responsibilities at home, work, school, and even church. These are not bad things; in fact, they are often good and necessary. But when our activity becomes a source of anxiety and stress, or when we lose sight of *why* we are doing it, we risk missing what is truly important.

Mary shows us the heart of discipleship: listening to the Word of God, being present to Christ, allowing His presence to shape our lives. Her "better part" was not a rejection of service, but a recognition that everything we do must begin from our relationship with Jesus.

In a noisy, fast-paced world, this Gospel invites us to slow down. It challenges us to carve out time each day to sit at the feet of the Lord—in prayer, in Scripture, in silence. It reminds us that we are human *beings*, not just human *doings*. Without prayer, our work can become frantic and self-centered. But when we take time to be with the Lord, our service becomes an extension of His love. So, the call is not to abandon our responsibilities, but to let them flow from our relationship with God. To be rooted in Christ, so that all our Martha-like activity is sustained by Mary-like intimacy.

Peace, prayers and love,

*Fr. Mike*

## **NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES**

Please note that we have new email addresses:

Fr. Mike – [Frmike@stjosephmillstone.org](mailto:Frmike@stjosephmillstone.org)

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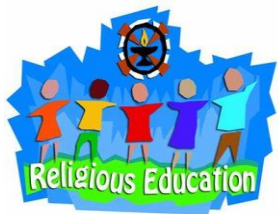
## ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL



Each year our parish is assigned a missionary organization through the Mission Cooperative Plan of the Diocese of Trenton. This year we have been paired with the Dominican Sisters of Mary Immaculate Province. The Dominican Sisters will be in our parish this weekend, July 19-20, to ask for spiritual and financial support for the poor in Vietnam. The Sisters provided many needs for the poor including education, housing, food, safe drinking water, care for orphanages, and basic medical care for

lepers. They also teach the Faith to catechumens as well as prepare catechists to help in spreading the Good News. There will be a second collection at each Mass for this Mission appeal. Your prayerful consideration and generous support will be greatly appreciated to help the Sisters continue to offer assistance to those they minister to. Thank you and may God bless you and your loved ones.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR 2025 - 2026



Registration for Religious Education classes is now taking place.

Registration forms are available on our website at

<https://stjosephmillstone.org/prep-parish-religious-education-program>. The Parent Handbook, which includes the registration forms for returning students and new students, will be found under the "Documents" section of the webpage. Fill out the appropriate form and return along with the Parent Agreement and payment. Please remember, we need a copy of the Baptism Certificate for

those who will enter the 1<sup>st</sup> grade and for any child who is transferring from another Religious Education Program. Some sessions and times do fill up, so please return the registration form as soon as possible. Once a session/time fills up, no other students are placed in that class. Children are placed in classes on a first come, first served basis. Please read all policies before registering your child. ***Please note that if enrollment in a particular grade is low, we may eliminate one of the classes for that grade. So please be sure to include 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> choices for the desired time and day.*** Thanks

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## ST JOSEPH CHURCH ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT SUMMER SERIES 2025



Human ingenuity, intellect and faith come together this summer as we experience the Divine presence through documentary films. *Leonardo Da Vinci*, Inside the mind of a genius will be shown in 2 parts. The film explores the astounding imagination of this fifteenth century Italian master who left behind beautiful works of art, anatomical sketches, studies of geology, and designs for machines of war and flight. We will then travel *Inside the Vatican* to meet officials, historians, and other devoted

individuals who provide insight into the remarkable history and unique traditions of the Vatican that have survived 2000 years. The next program will be on Friday, **8/1 in the parish hall 10 AM-12:00 PM**. Take some time to join us for light refreshments, discussion, and fun! If you have not registered, please contact Vicki at [vicki@stjosephmillstone.org](mailto:vicki@stjosephmillstone.org). All adult members of the parish are invited. You are welcome to choose to attend any individual session or all three!

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## GOLF OUTING



The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Joseph Men's Guild Golf Outing will be held on Thursday, September 11, 2025 at the Forsgate Country Club in Monroe, NJ. Brochures that include registration and sponsor information are available on the table at the entrance of the church. The registration information is also available on the Parish website at <https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/golf-outing>. There are great opportunities for sponsors available. If you need additional information, please contact Dave - [dcerulosr@gmail.com](mailto:dcerulosr@gmail.com). The proceeds from the golf outing are used to help with some parish costs and offer assistance to those in need. Come and have a wonderful day at the course.

## TEA SOCIAL



The Ladies of St. Joseph will be hosting a Tea Social on Sunday, September 28, 2025, at 12 noon to 3 pm, in the Parish Hall. Our guest speaker, Michele LaRue will present "The Revolt of Mother"...a story from America's Gilded Age and Progressive Era.

*Long ago, Adoniram Penn promised his wife that he would build a proper house on their New England farm. He even showed her the spot. That was early in their marriage—two children ago. Now, as their eldest prepares for her wedding, the family still crams into the old, shabby cottage...and Father is building a barn where the new house should be. It's the last straw for Mother, and Father's in for a surprise.*

All are welcome....bring a friend or two. Also, bring your favorite tea cup/saucer, or two. There will be several teas, finger sandwiches, scones, and pastries/cakes.

The cost will be \$25 per person. Send checks made payable to "the Ladies of St. Joseph" to Jo Ann Kronenthal, 1 Cuomo Court, Millstone Township, NJ 08535.

Please register for this event by filling out the sign-up sheet on the table in the church vestibule or email to Jo Ann ([Jannkronenthal@gmail.com](mailto:Jannkronenthal@gmail.com)). RSVP by September 14th.

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## RCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



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 – [frmike@stjosephmillstone.org](mailto:frmike@stjosephmillstone.org) or 732-792-2270.

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St. Joseph High School  
Youth Group



### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (HSYG) NEWS

The High School Youth Group is open to all those is grades 9, 10, 11 and 12. Youth are encouraged to bring their friends as all are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Virginia Schlegel at 732-816-8422 or [rgsch71@aol.com](mailto:rgsch71@aol.com) .

**HSYG Web Page** - Please check out the High School Youth Group's web page at: <https://stjosephmillstone.org/high-school-youth-group> for additional information or to complete the online registration form to receive direct communications about our future events.

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### MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (MSYG) NEWS



The MSYG events are open to all youth in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Youth are encouraged to bring their friends as all are welcome! If you have any questions concerning the MSYG, please contact Leslie Tkachuk at 732-794-2556 or [latkachuk@aol.com](mailto:latkachuk@aol.com). Please check out the Middle School Youth Group's web page at: <https://stjosephmillstone.org/middle-school-youth-group> for additional information or to complete the online registration form to receive communications about future events.

### FOOD COLLECTION

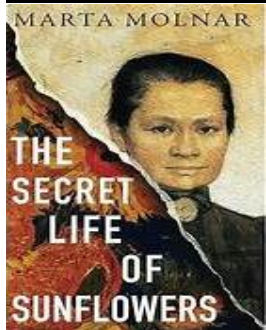


Thank you for your continued generosity with the food donations. There will always be a need for assistance with food for many people so we will continue to collect food, paper goods and toiletries in the bins inside the church entrances. After the first and third Sundays of the month volunteers will deliver the donated items to the Millstone Community Center where they are greatly appreciated and will reach those in need. ***Please check food for expiration dates or "best by" dates – items past the date cannot be given to others so please do not bring food that is past the expiration date.*** Thank you again for your generosity.

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## READER'S CLUB



The Reader's Club has chosen "*The Secret Life of Sunflowers*" by Marta Molnar. A gripping, inspiring novel based on the true story of Johanna Bonger, Vincent van Gogh's sister-in-law. Johanna inherited Vincent van Gogh's paintings. They were all she had, and they weren't worth anything. She was a 28 year old widow with a baby in the 1800s, without any means of supporting herself, living in Paris where she barely spoke the language. Yet she managed to introduce Vincent's legacy to the world. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 30 at 7:30PM. The theme for food will be Dutch/French. For more information about the Reader's Club or to RSVP contact Fran - [ambiofran@gmail.com](mailto:ambiofran@gmail.com).

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## BISHOP'S ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS 2025



All couples celebrating their 1st, 25th or 50+ wedding anniversary during 2025 calendar year are invited to share the Eucharist, reaffirm your wedding vows, and receive Bishop O'Connell's Episcopal Blessing. Anniversary Couples from Ocean and Monmouth Counties may attend the Mass and reception at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold on Sunday, October 19, 2025, at 3 PM. To register for this event online visit us at [www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing](http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing), or stop at the parish office to receive a registration form. The registration deadline for all anniversary couples is **September 8, 2025**.

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

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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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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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## **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 are 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.*

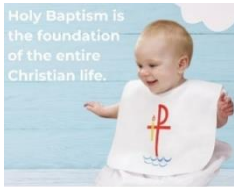
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## **BAPTISMS**

Baptisms are celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at 12:30 PM (There are no Baptisms during Lent). 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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## **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, contact Fr. Mike or see him after Mass. Thanks!

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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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## **LIVE STREAM OF MASS –**

Masses are live streamed on Vimeo at <https://vimeo.com/event/106444>, on our parish website at [www.stjosephmillstone.org/live-stream](https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/live-stream) on our Facebook Page (*although it seems that Facebook and Vimeo are not working well together so it is best to use YouTube or Vimeo*) [www.facebook.com/stjosephchurchmillstone](https://www.facebook.com/stjosephchurchmillstone) and on the Parish YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/c/StJosephChurchMillstoneTwp](https://www.youtube.com/c/StJosephChurchMillstoneTwp)

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## **LEGION OF MARY**

Do you have a devotion to the Blessed Mother? Do you pray the rosary? The Legion of Mary, an international Catholic Ministry, will enrich your spiritual growth as well as benefitting others. We meet on Wednesdays after the 9:00AM Mass. Anyone in the parish is invited to come to find out more about the Legion of Mary. If anyone is interested in taking the Visiting Pilgrim statue of Mary to their home, contact Claire – 732-995-0969.

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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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## **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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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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<i>Kristine Reide, Music Ministry Leader</i> <a href="mailto:Kris0373@aol.com">Kris0373@aol.com</a>	<b>Confessions: Confessions take place on Saturdays after the 5:00PM Mass or anytime by appointment.</b>

**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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