

July 27, 2025

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Joseph

Catholic Church

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

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I tell you, ask and you
will receive; seek and
you will find; knock
and the door will be
opened to you.
Luke 11:9



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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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Monday – Aug. 4

9:00AM - Morning Mass

Tuesday – Aug. 5

9:00AM – Mass
10:00AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday – Aug. 6

9:00AM - Morning Mass
9:30AM – Legion of Mary

Thursday – Aug. 7

No Morning Mass

Friday – Aug. 8

9:00AM – Morning Mass

Saturday – Aug. 9

5:00PM - Mass

Sunday – Aug. 10

9:00AM – Mass
11:00AM – Mass

Stay informed and get involved.

Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday July- 26 **Saints Joachim and Anne**
(Ex 24:3-8 Mt 13:24-30)

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

Sunday July- 27 **17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
(Gn 18:20-32 Col 2:12-14 Lk 11:1-13)

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

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

Monday July- 28 **Weekday**
(Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 Mt 13:31-35)

9:00am *Healing Intention of Kevin Werner*
r/b Frances DeRosa

Tuesday July- 29 **Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus**
(Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42)

9:00am *Healing Intention of Beverly DeBarrio*
r/b Bill & Marie Schubel

Wednesday July- 30 **St Peter Chrysologus**
(Ex 34:29-35 Mt 13:44-46)

9:00am *Mammachan Abraham* r/b Val & Babu Perum,pail

Thursday July- 31 **St Ignatius of Loyola** *No Mass*
(Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Mt 13:47-53)

Friday August- 1 **Saint Alphonsus Liguori**
(Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 Mt 13:54-58)

9:00am *Healing Intention of Emelina Sergentakis*
r/b The Silva Family

Saturday August- 2
Saint Eusebius of Vercelli – Saint Peter Julian Eymard
(Lv 25:1, 8-17 Mt 14:1-12)

5:00pm *Giuseppina Panariello* r/b M/M Raimondi

Sunday August- 3 **18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
(Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23 Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Lk 12:13-21)

9:00am *Frances Gautieri* r/b Cheryl Gautieri

11:00am *Salvatore Saiya* r/b The Gellman Family

Sanctuary Candle... this week

Philip Petti 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,

In today's Gospel, Jesus is asked by one of his disciples, "Lord, teach us to pray." This simple request leads to one of the most treasured gifts we've received from Christ: the *Our Father*, the Lord's Prayer. In just a few lines, Jesus teaches us how to turn to God not as distant ruler, but as a loving Father who provides, forgives, protects, and leads.

Jesus begins by saying, "When you pray, say: *Father...*" That one word changes everything. He doesn't instruct us to begin with lofty titles or grand language. Instead, He brings us into intimacy with God. We are not beggars trying to convince a reluctant deity. We are beloved children speaking to a caring and attentive Father. Our prayers are not transactions—they are conversations grounded in relationship.

In teaching the prayer, Jesus highlights our daily dependence on God: "Give us each day our daily bread." This is not just about food, it is about everything we truly need each day: strength, grace, patience, healing, and wisdom. Jesus reminds us that God is not a vending machine who gives us what we want, but a Father who gives us what we need—even when we don't fully understand it.

Jesus goes on to tell a parable about a man who persistently knocks on his friend's door at midnight. The point is not that God is annoyed into acting, but that persistence matters—not because God is reluctant, but because prayer shapes us. It teaches us to desire rightly, to wait humbly, and to trust deeply. "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened." This is not a formula for guaranteed results, it is a call to confident persistence. Sometimes the answer is "yes," sometimes "not yet," and sometimes "I have something better." But always, the Father is listening.

Jesus ends this teaching with a powerful promise: "How much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?" When we pray, the greatest gift God gives us is not merely what we ask for—it is *Himself*. His Spirit dwells in us, transforms us, comforts us, and gives us the power to live as Christ did.

So, when we pray, let us not worry about saying the right words or having the right feelings. Let us simply go to the Father who knows us, loves us, and never tires of hearing from us. Like children who run to their parent's arms, let us ask, seek, and knock with bold trust—because we know who is on the other side of the door.

Lord, teach us to pray. And give us the faith to never stop.

Peace, prayers and love,

Fr. Mike

NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES

Please note that we have new email addresses:

Fr. Mike – Frmike@stjosephmillstone.org

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ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL



Thank you for your generous support of the Mission Appeal last week and for your warm welcome to Sr. Angela and Sr. Catherine. They were very touched by the way they were made to feel welcomed in the parish.

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 1st 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 2nd and 3rd choices for the desired time and day.*** Thanks

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. All adult members of the parish are invited. You are welcome to choose to attend any individual session or all three!

GOLF OUTING



The 25th 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. 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). RSVP by September 14th.

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 or 732-792-2270.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (MSYG) NEWS



The MSYG events are open to all youth in the 6th, 7th or 8th 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. 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.

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.

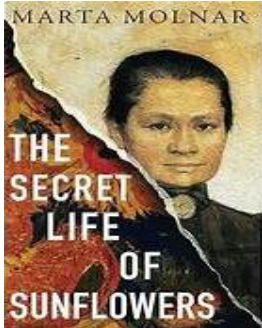
HSYG Web Page - Please check out the High School Youth Group's web page at: <https://stjosephmillstone.org/high-school-youth-group> for additional information or to complete the online registration form to receive direct communications about our future events.

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.

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.

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, or stop at the parish office to receive a registration form. The registration deadline for all anniversary couples is **September 8, 2025.**

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.

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

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 or sign up by visiting our parish website <https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/music-ministry>

Let us always be willing to praise our loving God.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st and 3rd 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.

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!

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

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 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 and on the Parish YouTube channel www.youtube.com/c/StJosephChurchMillstoneTwp

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.

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



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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<i>Chris Chandonnet, Permanent Deacon</i> Chrisstjoseph@optonline.net	Sunday Morning - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
<i>Vicki Craig, Pastoral Associate</i> vicki@stjosephmillstone.org	Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri - 9:00AM
<i>Jean Semanchick, Parish Secretary & Coordinator of Religious Education</i> Jean@stjosephmillstone.org	Holy Days: as listed in the bulletin
<i>Kristine Reide, Music Ministry Leader</i> Kris0373@aol.com	Confessions: Confessions take place on Saturdays after the 5:00PM Mass or anytime by appointment.

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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