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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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

7:00PM – Outdoor Movie Night

Sunday - Aug. 10

9:00AM - Mass

11:00AM - Mass

Monday - Aug. 11

9:00AM - Morning Mass

Tuesday - Aug. 12

9:00AM - Morning Mass

10:00AM - Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday - Aug. 13

9:00AM - Morning Mass

9:30AM – Legion of Mary

Thursday - Aug. 14

No Morning Mass

Friday - Aug. 15

Feast of the Assumption (Holy Day)

Parish Office Closed

9:00AM - Mass

7:00PM - Mass

Saturday - Aug. 16

5:00PM - Mass

Sunday - Aug. 17

9:00AM - Mass

11:00AM - Mass

12:30PM - Baptisms

Stay informed and get involved.

Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday August- 2

Saint Eusebius of Vercelli – Saint Peter Julian Eymard

(Lv 25:1, 8-17 Mt 14:1-12)

5:00pm Giuseppina Panariello 1/10 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 1/16 Cheryl Gautieri

11:00am Salvatore Saiya 1/10 The Gellman Family

Monday August- 4 St John Vianney

(Nm 11:4b-15 Mt 14:13-21)

9:00am Richard Garcia 1/b The Mendelsohn Family

Tuesday August- 5

The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major

(Nm 12:1-13 Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14)

9:00am Norman Abbate 1/10 The Giffen Family

Wednesday August-6 The Transfiguration of the Lord

(Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 2Pt 1:16-19 Lk 9:28b-36)

9:00am George Olsen 1/10 Eleanor O'Connor

Thursday August-7 St Sixtus II - St Cajetan No Mass

(Nm 20:1-13 / Mt 16:13-23)

Friday August- 8 Saint Dominic

(Dt 4:32-40 Mt 16:24-28)

9:00am Sheela Vettakulum 1/16 Val & Babu Perumpail

Saturday August- 9 Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

(Dt 6:4-13 Mt 17:14-20)

5:00pm Craig Brian Anderson 1/16 Vicki Craig

Sunday August- 10 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Wis 18:6-9 Heb 11:1-2, 8-19or11:1-2, 8-12 Lk 12:32-48or12:35-40)

9:00am Thomas McCawley 1/16 Kathleen Lockwood

11:00am Reina Teixeira 1/15 The Family

Sanctuary Candle... this week

Salvatore Saiya The The Gellman 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 approached by someone who wants Him to settle a financial dispute: "Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me." But Jesus does not reply in the fashion that the individual was expecting. The person who came to Jesus wanted a legal judgment. Jesus decided that it was much more important to offer a spiritual judgment instead. Jesus warned the individual, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

Then Jesus told a parable to all who were present. He told them the story of a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. The man decided to tear down his barns and build larger ones to store all his grain and goods. He says to himself, "Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!" But God called him a fool. That very night, his life would be demanded of him. And all that he stored up—whose will it be?

This parable is not a condemnation of wealth itself but of misplaced trust. The rich man is not criticized for being successful, but for being self-centered, short-sighted, and spiritually poor. He plans for everything—except eternity.

This Gospel invites us to ask: What are we building our lives around? What kind of "barns" are we filling? Is our security rooted in God or in what we possess? But let us realize that what Jesus said does not apply only to material possessions. There is also the risk of believing that we have stored up enough knowledge that we no longer need God. We can believe so deeply in personal convictions, that we no longer are open to hearing God, especially if it contradicts what we are holding on to. It is easy to believe that our inner barns are filled with everything thing we need and that the teachings of God are irrelevant.

Jesus ended with a stark lesson: "Thus it will be for the one who stores up treasure for himself but is not rich in what matters to God." Being "rich in what matters to God" means investing in love, mercy, generosity, and faith. These are the things that we can never possess enough of. It means remembering that everything we have is a gift, and the only wealth we take with us is what we have given away. The whole lesson is about misplaced trust.

So today, let us reflect not on how much we have, but on how we use it. May we live not as fools, but as faithful stewards of God's gifts—rich in grace, not just in goods.

Peace, prayers and love,

Fr. Míke

NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES

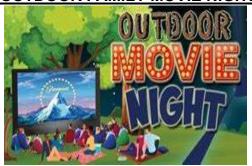
Please note that we have new email addresses:

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OUTDOOR FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



Join us on Saturday, August 9 for an evening of family games, activities and the Disney movie Moana. The games and activities begin at 7:00PM. The movies will start at sunset. This is a free event organized by the Youth Ministry. All members of the parish and their friends are welcome. Bring your snacks, lawn chairs or blankets. It all takes place on the parish lawn (if the weather does not cooperate it will be in the parish hall). Adult supervision is required for children – this is not a drop-off event. Come and have some fun.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Friday, August 15 is the Feast of the Assumption and is a Holy Day. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM and 7:00PM. The Parish office will be closed in observance of the Holy Day.

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*

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 (<u>Jannkronenthal@gmail.com</u>). RSVP by September 14th.

GOLF OUTING



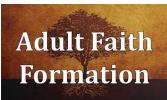
The 25th Annual St. Joseph Men's Guild Golf Outing will be held on Thursday, September 11, 2025 at the Forsgate Country Club in Monroe, NJ. Brochures that include registration and sponsor information are available on the table at the entrance of the church. The registration information is also available 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.

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.

ST JOSEPH CHURCH ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT



Fall Series- Mark your calendars!

When You Pray- Cultivate a rich and lasting prayer life with this engaging 7-session study. Do you sometimes feel that prayer is challenging? Maybe you feel restless or distracted during prayer and do not feel close to God. Maybe you worry that what you are doing in prayer is not "working," because you are not seeing the changes in your life that you would like.

Many saints also struggled with these feelings and in prayer. Inspired by the real-life example of the saints, we can find a path to a deeper relationship with God in prayer. Format for these sessions involve reading and discussion questions, as well as a video. There is a \$15 cost for materials.

When: Starting September 25th on Thursday evenings from 7:00 PM – 8:30PM and Friday mornings starting September 26th from 10:00AM – 11:30 AM.

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.



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.

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.

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 LASTEST 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 kristing-acidacom 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!

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

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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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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