

September 7, 2025

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



# St. Joseph

Catholic Church

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

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

732-792-2270

## The Cost of Discipleship

Luke 14:25-35



### 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 – Sept. 7**

Parish Food Collection  
9:00AM – Mass  
11:00AM – Mass  
12:30PM - Baptisms

### **Monday – Sept. 8**

9:00AM - Morning Mass  
7:00PM – Buildings & Grounds Committee

### **Tuesday – Sept. 9**

9:00AM - Morning Mass  
10:00AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry  
7:30PM – Men’s Guild Meeting

### **Wednesday – Sept. 10**

9:00AM - Morning Mass  
9:30AM – Legion of Mary  
7:30PM – Reader’s Club

### **Thursday – Sept. 11**

No Morning Mass  
Parish Golf Outing

### **Friday – Sept. 12**

9:00AM – Mass  
7:00PM - Mass

### **Saturday – Sept. 13**

5:00PM – Mass

### **Sunday – Sept. 14**

#### **Hospitality Sunday**

9:00AM – Mass  
11:00AM – Mass

### **Monday – Sept. 15**

9:00AM - Morning Mass

### **Tuesday, - Sept. 16**

9:00AM – Mass  
10:00AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry  
7:00PM – Religious Ed. Teachers Meeting

### **Wednesday – Sept. 17**

9:00AM - Morning Mass  
9:30AM – Legion of Mary  
7:00PM – Youth Ministry Leaders &  
Volunteers Meeting

### **Thursday – Sept. 18**

No Morning Mass

### **Friday – Sept. 19**

9:00AM – Morning Mass

### **Saturday – Sept. 20**

5:00PM – Mass

### **Sunday – Sept. 21**

#### **Children’s Liturgy of the Word**

9:00AM – Mass  
11:00AM – Mass

### Mass Schedule + Readings

#### **Saturday** September-6 **Weekday**

(Col 1:21-23 Lk 6:1-5)

5:00pm *Loretta Tafolla* r/b Barbara Cohen

#### **Sunday** September-7 **23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

(Wis 9:13-18b Phlm 9-10, 12-17 Lk 14:25-33)

9:00am *Joyce Flake* r/b Clare Taylor & Family

11:00am *Marilyn Timony* r/b A Friend

#### **Monday** September-8

#### **Nativity of the Virgin Mary**

(Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23)

9:00am *Theresiamma Augusthy* r/b Val & Babu Perumpail

#### **Tuesday** September-9 **St Peter Claver**

(Col 2:6-15 Lk 6:12-19)

9:00am *Kerri Raslowsky* r/b The King Family

#### **Wednesday** September-10 **Weekday**

(Col 3:1-11 Lk 6:20-26)

9:00am *Al DeRosa* r/b Frances DeRosa

#### **Thursday** September-11 **Weekday** *No Mass*

(Col 3:12-17 Lk 6:27-38)

#### **Friday** September-12 **The Most Holy Name of Mary**

(1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 Lk 6:39-42)

9:00am *Angeline Brett & Looknath Ramkisson*  
r/b The Family

#### **Saturday** September-13 **St John Chrysostom**

(1 Tm 1:15-17 Lk 6:43-49)

5:00pm *Al DeRosa* r/b Frances DeRosa

#### **Sunday** September-14 **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

(Nm 21:4b-9 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17)

9:00am *Gwen, Susan & Linda* r/b The Sawicz Family

11:00am *Joyce Flake* r/b The Maiorino Family

#### **Sanctuary Candle... this week**

**Peter & Carole Reilly**

r/b Jean & John Semanchick



#### **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 is one of the most challenging teachings of Jesus. Large crowds were following Him. Instead of making the message easier, Jesus turns and lays down the most radical demands of discipleship: *"If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple."*

At first hearing, these words sound shocking. How can Jesus, who preached love, call us to "hate" our families? We know He is not literally commanding us to despise them. Rather, in the language of His time, "hate" meant to love less, to place something in second place. Jesus is saying that our love for Him must come first—above family, above possessions, above even our own lives. If anything else takes the highest place in our hearts, then we cannot truly follow Him.

This is not a call to neglect or abandon those we love. In fact, when Christ is at the center of our lives, our love for others becomes deeper, freer, and more faithful. But the point is clear: discipleship is costly. Following Jesus requires radical priority.

Jesus then gives two parables: a man building a tower and a king going into battle. In both cases, they must "count the cost" before beginning. Jesus wants His followers to know what they are getting into. Discipleship is not just an emotional high or a passing commitment. It is a lifelong journey that demands perseverance, sacrifice, and trust.

Think about it: we often prepare carefully for big decisions in life—buying a home, starting a family, taking a new job. Yet how often do we approach our faith with that same seriousness? Jesus asks us to look honestly at the demands of the Gospel and to prepare ourselves to follow Him, no matter the cost.

At the heart of this teaching is the cross. *"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."* To carry the cross is not simply to endure suffering but to willingly embrace the way of love, sacrifice, and self-giving that Jesus Himself lived. The cross is the symbol of total surrender to the Father's will and total love for others.

For us today, carrying the cross might mean forgiving someone who hurt us deeply, letting go of pride, making time for prayer in a busy life, or serving those who cannot repay us. It may mean standing firm in faith even when the world mocks us. It certainly means putting Christ first in every decision, even when it costs us comfort or convenience.

The Gospel ends with perhaps the hardest line of all: *"Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."* Jesus does not condemn possessions themselves, but He warns us against being possessed by them. When our security and happiness depend on wealth, comfort, or status, then our hands are too full to carry the cross. Only by loosening our grip on things can we take hold of Christ.

Today Jesus invites us to count the cost of discipleship—but also to see the treasure. Yes, it demands everything. But what we receive in return is far greater: freedom from slavery to possessions, deeper love for family and friends, peace that the world cannot give, and eternal life with Him.

Peace, prayers and love,

*Fr. Mike*

### **NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES**

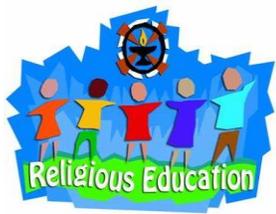
Please note that we have new email addresses:

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

Vicki (Pastoral Associate) – [Vicki@stjosephmillstone.org](mailto:Vicki@stjosephmillstone.org)

Jean (Parish Secretary and CRE) [Jean@stjosephmillstone.org](mailto:Jean@stjosephmillstone.org)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR 2025 - 2026



### **Classes for Religious Education will start the week of September 22.**

If you have not registered your child for Religious Education classes, please do so as soon as possible. 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 are already filled. Once a session/time fills up, no other students are placed in that class. The calendar for Religious Education may be found on the parish website at

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## *Altar Server Training*

We need more Altar Servers. Anyone in grade 4 and above (including high school students) are invited to become an Altar Server. This is a wonderful way to serve the parish and serve God. There will be a training session on Saturday, September 27 at 1:00PM for anyone who would like to become an Altar Server. If your child is interested, please sign up on the parish website at

<https://stjosephmillstone.org/altar-servers> or email Fr. Mike – [fmike@stjosephmillstone.org](mailto:fmike@stjosephmillstone.org)

THANKS!

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## OCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



The OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults – *formerly known as the RCIA or 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 OCIA 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 OCIA 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 OCIA process is what you are being drawn to in your life. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Fr. Mike – [fmike@stjosephmillstone.org](mailto:fmike@stjosephmillstone.org) or 732-792-2270.

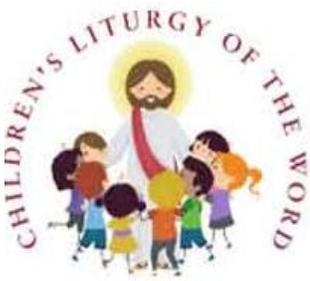
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### HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Hospitality Sunday returns on Sunday, September 14. After the 9:00AM and 11:00AM Masses you are invited to the Parish Hall for refreshments and some time to socialize.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

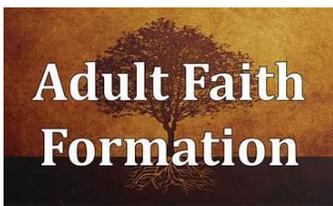


Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume on Sunday, September 21. At the 9:00AM Mass and the 11:00AM Mass children up to 12 years old have the opportunity to hear the Gospel and a message in terms that are relevant to children. The Message is reinforced with some type of activity. After the Opening Prayer, children who wish to participate are called to the front of the church where they receive a blessing and are sent to the parish hall with the adult volunteers. The children return to their families during the Offertory. Children's Liturgy of the Word is generally offered on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month. We can always use more adult volunteers to help with

Children's Liturgy of the Word. If you are interested in helping, contact Vicki – 732-793-2270 or [vicki@stjosephmillstone.org](mailto:vicki@stjosephmillstone.org).

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## 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 25<sup>th</sup> on Thursday evenings from 7:00 PM – 8:30PM and Friday mornings starting September 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:00AM – 11:30 AM.**

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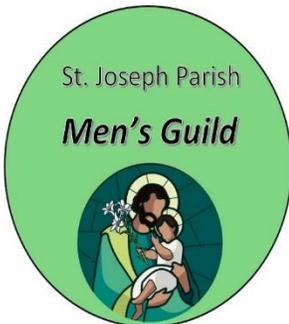
## GOLF OUTING



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.

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## MEN'S GUILD OF ST. JOSEPH



The Men's Guild is our parish Men's Group. The Men's Guild meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:30PM to plan activities and discuss ideas about the needs of the parish community. The group is open to all the men of the parish. Among the activities of the Men's Guild are the annual Golf Outing, The Parish Christmas Party, The Parent/Child Breakfast and more. We raise funds to support special needs of the parish, outreach to community groups and those in need. We have offered support to Make-A-Wish, Wounded Warriors, food banks and more. Our 2025 – 2026 year begins with the meeting on September 9 at 7:30PM in the parish hall. We always have pizza and beer for the meetings. All men of the parish are invited to join us. If you have questions or

want more information, contact Dave [dcerulosr@gmail.com](mailto:dcerulosr@gmail.com).

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## **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE**



The Buildings and Grounds Committee will meet on Monday, Sept. 8 at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. The Buildings and Grounds Committee meet to discuss the need for maintenance of any of our buildings or the grounds around the property. They then come up with the best approach to solve any issues or improve the facilities. Any member of the parish who would like to be a member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee or find out more information is welcome to attend the meeting. For more information about the Buildings and Grounds Committee contact Tom [ttaber@moneymailer.com](mailto:ttaber@moneymailer.com).

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## **ST. JOSEPH YOUTH MINISTRY (SJYM) NEWS**

**Leadership Team & Adult Volunteers Meeting** - The initial SJYM Leadership Team and Adult Volunteers Meeting for the 2025-26 Youth Ministry Program Year will be Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This will be a combined Youth Ministry Leadership Team Members and Adult Volunteers Meeting for both the Middle School and High School Youth Groups. All adults wishing to assist with either the MSYG or HSYG are welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting. If you are an adult and are interested in helping with the Youth Ministry, but unable to attend this meeting please contact Matthew Zabrosky at 732-786-8234 or [mzabrosky@outlook.com](mailto:mzabrosky@outlook.com). There are adult volunteer opportunities available for everyone from 19 to 99!

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## **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (MSYG) NEWS**



**MSYG Open Gym Night Launch Event** - The MSYG will launch its 2025-26 program year with an "Open Gym Night" on Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Wagner Farm Park Gym (4 Baird Road, Millstone Township, NJ 08535). There will be fun, food, friendship, and faith. MSYG events are open to all youth in grades 6, 7 & 8. Youths are welcome and encouraged to bring their friends with them to the MSYG events. Youths and their friends do not have to be members of St. Joseph Church or Catholic. The MSYG's events are "Come as you are and come when you can." Even if your youth has not participated in past MSYG events, they are still welcome to the "Open Gym Night" and all future events.

**MSYG Web Page** - 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 youth registration form to receive direct communications about our future events.

The MSYG is open to all youth in the 6th, 7th or 8th grades. 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).

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St. Joseph High School  
Youth Group



## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (HSYG) NEWS

**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 youth registration form to receive direct communications about our future events.

The HSYG is open to all youth in the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Youth are encouraged to bring their friends as all are welcome! If you have any questions concerning the HSYG, please contact Virginia Schlegel at 732-816-8422 or [rasch71@aol.com](mailto:rasch71@aol.com).

## 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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## 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](https://www.facebook.com/stjosephchurchmillstone). Stay informed – stay connected!

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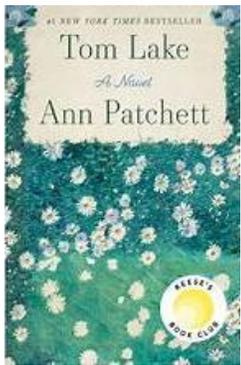
## FOOD COLLECTION



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 "Tom Lake" by Ann Patchett.

"Tom Lake" is a 2023 novel by Ann Patchett, centered around Lara, a mother of three daughters, who recounts her youthful romance with a famous actor named Peter Duke to her daughters during the COVID-19 pandemic. The story unfolds as Lara's daughters, back home during the pandemic, press her for details about her past relationship, prompting reflections on love, family, and the passage of time. The setting is Michigan, so we tentatively made our theme American food. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 10 at 7:30PM. For more information about the Reader's Club or to RSVP contact Fran -

[ambiofran@gmail.com](mailto:ambiofran@gmail.com).

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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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## 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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## 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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## **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](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/stjosephchurchmillstone) and on the Parish YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/c/StJosephChurchMillstoneTwp](http://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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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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## **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

Parish Office: 732-792-2270

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:30AM - 2:30PM

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Millstone Twp, NJ 08510

[WWW.STJOSEPHMILLSTONE.ORG](http://WWW.STJOSEPHMILLSTONE.ORG)

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

**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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