

December 14, 2025

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent



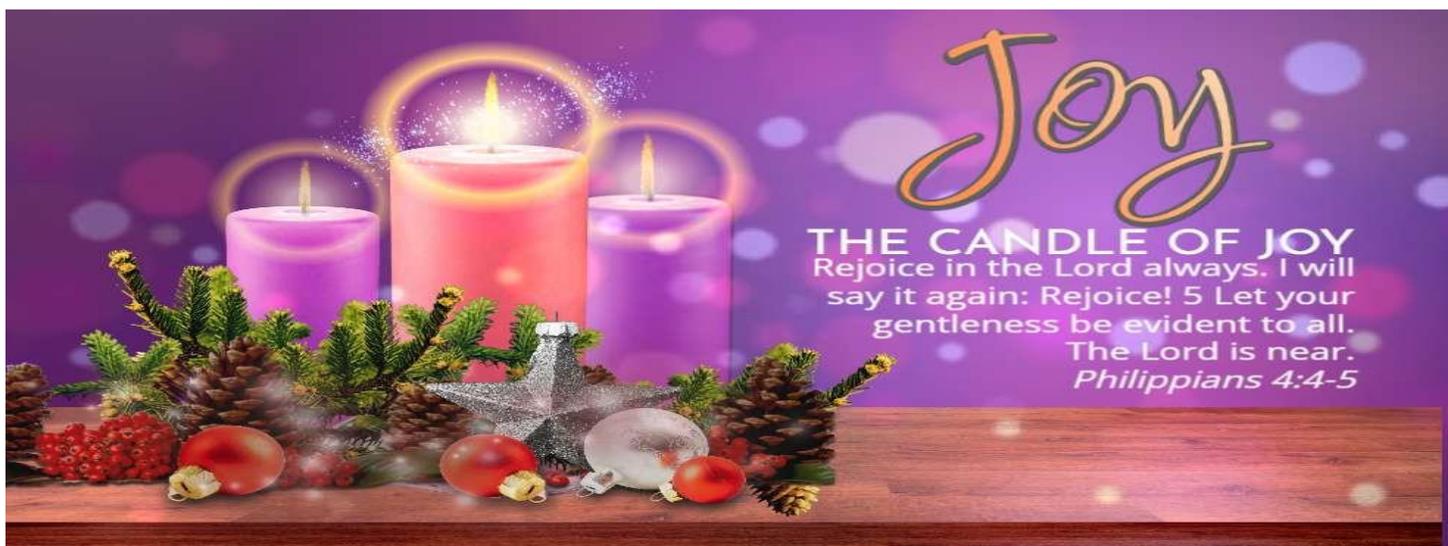
# St. Joseph

## Catholic Church

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faith growing in  
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### MASS

Saturday

5:00 PM

SUNDAY

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Mon. Tues. Wed. Fri.

9:00 AM

Masses are also

live streamed

### SERVED BY

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **Sunday – Dec. 14**

9:00AM – Mass  
10:00AM - OCIA  
11:00AM – Mass

### **12:00PM – Parish Christmas Party**

### **Monday – Dec. 15**

9:00AM - Morning Mass  
Religious Education Classes

### **Tuesday – Dec. 16**

9:00AM - Morning Mass  
10:00AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry  
Religious Education Classes

### **Wednesday – Dec. 17**

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

### **Thursday – Dec. 18**

No Morning Mass  
7:00PM – Adult Faith Enrichment

### **Friday – Dec. 19**

9:00AM – Mass  
10:00AM Adult Faith Enrichment

### **Saturday – Dec. 20**

5:00PM – Mass

### **Sunday – Dec. 21**

Children's Liturgy of the Word  
9:00AM – Mass  
10:00AM - OCIA  
11:00AM – Mass

### **Monday – Dec. 22**

9:00AM – Mass  
No Religious Education Classes

### **Tuesday, - Dec. 23**

9:00AM – Mass  
10:00AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry  
**No Religious Education Classes**

### **Wednesday – Dec. 24**

#### **Christmas Eve**

9:30AM – Legion of Mary  
4:00PM – Mass  
6:30PM – Mass  
Midnight - Mass

### **Thursday – Dec. 25**

#### **Christmas Day**

9:00AM – Mass  
11:00AM - Mass

### **Friday – Dec. 26**

**No Morning Mass**  
**Parish Office Closed**

### Mass Intentions + Readings

#### **Saturday** December- 13 **Saint Lucy**

(Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9a, 10-13)

5:00pm *Margaret Clemens* r/b Children & Grandchildren

#### **Sunday** December- 14 **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

(Is 35:1-6a, 10 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11)

9:00am *Shirley McCauley* r/b Kathleen Lockwood

11:00am *Don Quigley* r/b The Palmer Family

#### **Monday** December- 15 **Advent Weekday**

(Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Mt 21:23-27)

9:00am *John Palmerio* r/b The Hill Family

#### **Tuesday** December- 16 **Advent Weekday**

(Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 Mt 21:28-32)

9:00am *Healing Intentions of Charles Gormley*  
r/b Chris Hill & Family

#### **Wednesday** December- 17 **Advent Weekday**

(Gn 49:2, 8-10 Mt 1:1-17)

9:00am *Don Quigley* r/b The Sawicz Family

#### **Thursday** December- 18 **Advent Weekday**

(Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25) **NO MASS**

#### **Friday** December- 19 **Advent Weekday**

(Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Lk 1:5-25)

9:00am *Healing Intentions of Patti McCarthy*  
r/b The Hill Family

#### **Saturday** December- 20 **Advent Weekday**

(Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38)

5:00pm *Richard Bautista* r/b Mickie Bautista

#### **Sunday** December- 21 **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

(Is 7:10-14 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24)

9:00am *Nick Costagliola* r/b His Family

11:00am *Don Quigley* r/b The Knutson Family

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

**Richard Semanchick** r/b John & Jean



#### **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 the Church, in the middle of Advent, speaks a single word that colors everything we hear and pray: **Rejoice!** As we light the third candle on the Advent wreath, we hear the Scriptures call us again and again to *joy*. But the joy we celebrate today is not naïve, nor is it the shallow kind the world sometimes settles for. It is a joy rooted in God's presence, God's promise, and God's fidelity.

The first reading tells us: "*The Lord is in your midst... you have no further misfortune to fear.*" The foundation of real joy is believing that God is close. God is with us. God is acting. Joy does not come because everything is perfect, but because God enters the imperfections. Joy does not come because life is easy, but because we don't walk through life alone. Advent joy is quiet, steady, and courageous because it rests on the conviction that God has drawn near—and stays near.

When we hear Paul say, "*Rejoice always,*" we might be tempted to think he is asking something unrealistic. But Paul was not writing from comfort. He wrote many of his letters from prison, from hardship, from uncertainty. Paul isn't telling us to pretend everything is okay. He is telling us that joy is possible even when everything is not okay—because joy is not the absence of suffering; it is the presence of God amid the suffering. Christian joy does not deny reality. It widens it—so we can see God working within it.

In the Gospel, crowds come to John the Baptist asking, "*What should we do?*" Joy is not something we wait for; it is something we cultivate. John had given simple instructions to share with those in need, act with honesty and treat people with fairness. In other words: Make room for God, and joy will find room in you. Where generosity is practiced, joy takes root. Where integrity is lived, joy becomes possible. Where compassion is shown, joy spreads. Joy is not a mood; joy is a way of living that aligns us with God.

Advent joy is deeply tied to hope—hope that God's promises are true and unfolding. John the Baptist points not to himself but to the One who is coming: the One who baptizes with the Holy Spirit, the One who heals, gathers, and saves. We rejoice because God's future is already breaking into our present. Even if we are still waiting for answers, solutions, healing, or peace, we can still rejoice because God is already at work.

Joy is hope that has begun to blossom. In a world that often emphasizes anger, fear, and division, Christian joy becomes a quiet form of evangelization. It does not shout. It does not demand attention. It simply radiates a peace that the world cannot give.

People notice joyful Christians—not the bubbly kind, but the hopeful kind. Those whose lives say, "God is trustworthy, and I believe God's promises." This week, the Church invites us to reveal that kind of joy—to carry it into our families, our workplaces, our conversations, and even into the places where we struggle.

So today we rejoice—not because life is perfect, but because God is faithful. We rejoice because Christ is near. We rejoice because hope is stronger than fear, and light is stronger than darkness.

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)

## PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY



The Parish Christmas Party takes place TODAY - Sunday, December 14 at 12:00 Noon. All parishioners are invited. There will be food, a magician and more (*even a surprise visit from that popular guy in a red suit*). There is no cost for this event. We thank the Men's Guild and the Ladies of St. Joseph for their generosity in providing this opportunity to come together. Let us gather together and have some fun.

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A banner for the Christmas Mass schedule. The top half features a night sky with stars and a silhouette of a nativity scene with camels and a stable. The text "CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE" is written in white, bold, sans-serif font across the top. Below this, the text "CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE" is repeated in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. Underneath, the schedule is listed: "DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE" followed by "4:00PM, 6:30PM and Midnight", and "DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY" followed by "9:00AM and 11:00AM". Two large, golden, eight-pointed stars are positioned on either side of the schedule text.

### LECTORS

The new workbooks are in. Please pick up your copy in the Sacristy. Thanks!

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### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The sign-up sheet for Christmas is on the bulletin board outside of the library. Please sign up to help at Christmas Mass. Thanks!

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### ALTAR SERVERS

The sign-up sheet for Christmas is on the bulletin board outside of the library. Please sign up to serve at Christmas Mass. Thanks!

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### RAFFLE TICKETS



The annual 50-50 Raffle, sponsored by the Men's Guild, is under way. Raffle tickets have been mailed to each family. The drawing takes place TODAY - Sunday, December 14 at the Parish Christmas Party. The more participation, the bigger the prize. If you wish to participate, please be sure to return your raffle tickets before December 14. If you did not receive raffle tickets or would like additional raffle tickets, you may pick them up from the Parish Office. Proceeds from the raffle allows the Men's Guild, our Parish men's group, to continue to help others and assist with necessary things for the parish. Thanks for your support.

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## OPLATEK



For those who use it during your celebrations, Oplatek – the Christmas Wafer – is available in the Parish Office.

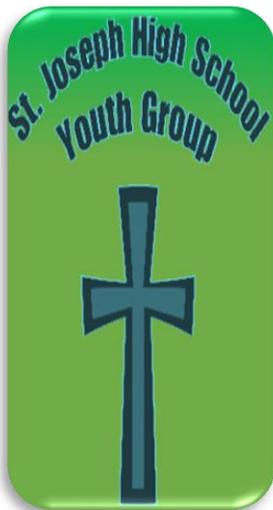
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## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



Anyone who would like to contribute toward the decorations/flowers for Christmas in memory or in honor of a loved one will find envelopes on the table at the entrance of the church. List the names of those you wish to have remembered. All those listed on the envelopes will be remembered at our Christmas Masses.

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## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (HSYG) NEWS

**HSYG November Gathering Night** – The HSYG's next Gathering will be on Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Come and join us as.

Our HSYG Gathering Nights are "Come as you are and come when you can." Youth are welcome to invite their friends. Youth participants do not have to be members of St. Joseph Church or Catholic. All youths in the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades are welcome!

The HSYG is open to all youth in the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> 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 [rgsch71@aol.com](mailto:rgsch71@aol.com).

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (MSYG) NEWS



**MSYG November Gathering Night** – The MSYG's next Gathering Night will be on Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Come and join us for a night of fun, food, friendship, and faith. MSYG Gathering Nights are "Come as you are and come when you can." Youth are welcome to invite their friends to come and join them in the fun, food and fellowship. Youth participants do not have to be members of St. Joseph Church or even Catholic. All youths in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades are welcome!

**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 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grades. If you have any questions concerning the MSYG, please contact Leslie Tkachuk at 732-794-2556 or [latkachuk@aol.com](mailto:latkachuk@aol.com).

## GIVING TREE



Thank you to everyone who brought in gifts for the Giving Tree. Thanks to your generosity I am sure there will be many happy children at Christmas.

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## OCIA – ORDER 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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## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month. 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. Children's 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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## 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.

## 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).

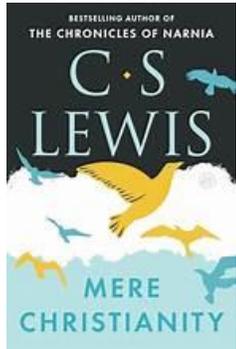
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## **STAY CONNECTED – FIND THE LATEST NEWS**

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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## **READER'S CLUB**



The next book chosen for the Reader's Club is ***Mere Christianity*** by C.S. Lewis. *Mere Christianity* explores the core beliefs of Christianity by providing an unequalled opportunity for believers and nonbelievers alike to hear a powerful, rational case for the Christian faith. A brilliant collection, *Mere Christianity* remains strikingly fresh for the modern reader and at the same time confirms C. S. Lewis's reputation as one of the leading writers and thinkers of our age. The book brings together Lewis' legendary broadcast talks during World War II. Lewis discusses that which everyone is curious about: right and wrong, human nature, morality, marriage, sins, forgiveness, faith, hope, generosity, and kindness.

The meeting date will be Thursday, January 8 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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## **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](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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## **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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## Parish Giving

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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### **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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### **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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### **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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### **RETRouvaille: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE**



Thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of February 6-8, 2026 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, call 215-766-3944 or visit [www.MarriageHelpDelVal.org](http://www.MarriageHelpDelVal.org). All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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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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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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<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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