

January 18, 2026

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time



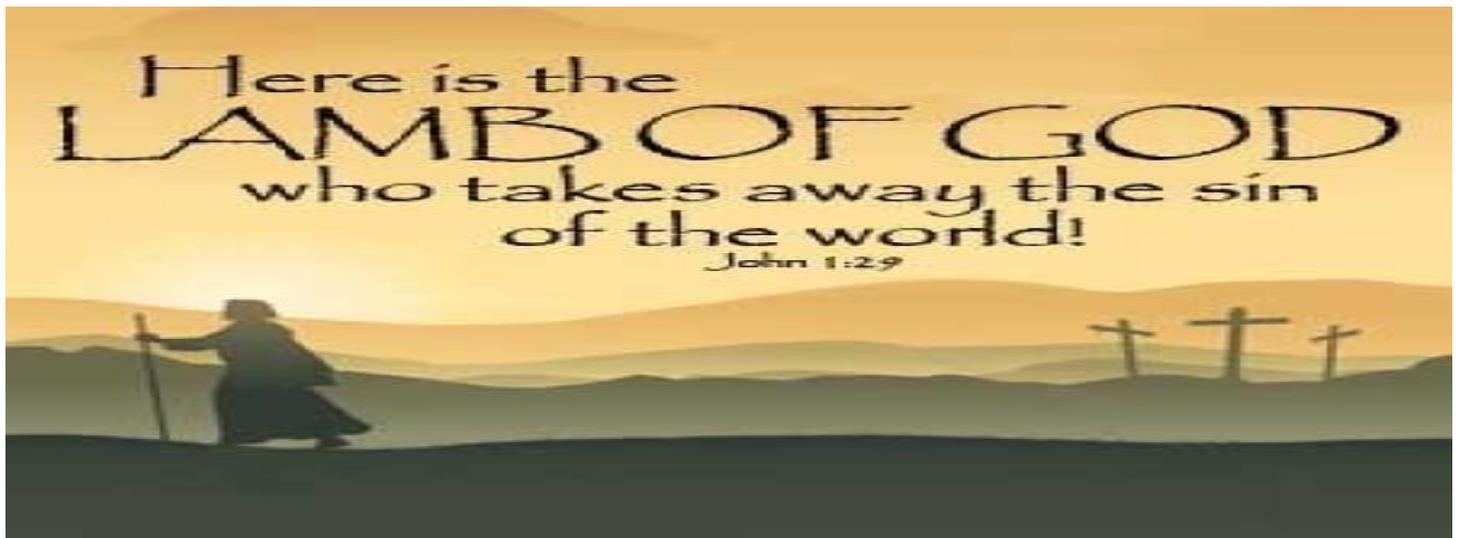
St. Joseph

Catholic Church

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

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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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday – Jan. 18

Children's Liturgy of the Word
9:00AM – Mass
10:00AM - OCIA
11:00AM – Mass
12:30PM - Baptisms

Monday – Jan. 19

Martin Luther King Holiday
No Morning Mass
Parish Office Closed
NO Religious Education Classes

Tuesday, - Jan. 20

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

Wednesday – Jan. 21

9:00AM – Mass
10:00AM – Legion of Mary
7:00PM – High School Youth Group

Thursday – Jan. 22

No Morning Mass

Friday – Jan. 23

9:00AM - Mass

Saturday – Jan. 24

5:00PM – Mass

Sunday – Jan. 25

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

Monday – Jan. 26

9:00AM - Mass
Religious Education Classes

Tuesday – Jan. 27

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

Wednesday – Jan. 28

9:00 – Mass
10:00AM – Legion of Mary

Thursday – Jan. 29

No Morning Mass

Friday – Jan. 30

9:00AM – Mass

Saturday – Jan. 31

5:00PM – Mass

Sunday – Feb. 1

12:00PM – Parent/Child Breakfast

Mass Intentions + Readings

Saturday

January- 17 **Saint Anthony**
(1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19;10:1 Mk 2:13-17)

5:00pm

Don Quigley r/b M/M Raimondi

Sunday

January- 18 **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
(Is 49:3 5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34)

9:00am

Nick Costagliola r/b His Family

11:00am

Dominic Ciuva r/b Thomas Urbanski

Monday

January- 19 **Weekday**
(1 Sm 15: 16-23 Mk 2:18-22)

9:00am

No Mass

Tuesday

January- 20 **Saint Fabian – Saint Sebastian**
(1 Sm 16:1-13 Mk 2:23-28)

9:00am

Healing Intentions of Jake Eckart
r/b Deb Smarth

Wednesday

January- 21 **Saint Agnes**
(1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Mk 3:1-6)

9:00am

Healing Intentions of Patty Hileman
r/b Frances DeRosa

Thursday

January- 22 **No Mass**
Day of Prayer for Unborn Children
(1 Sm 18:6-9,,19:1-7/ Mk 3:7-12)

Friday

January- 23
Saint Vincent – Saint Marianne Cope
(1 Sm 24:3-21 Mk 3:13-19)

9:00am

Don Quigley r/b His Family

Saturday

January-24 **Saint Francis deSales**
(2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Mk 3:20-21)

5:00pm

Craig Brian Anderson r/b Vicki Craig

Sunday

January- 25 **3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
(Is 8:23-9:3 1 Cor 1:10---13, 17 Mt 4:12-23)

9:00am

Frank & Theresa Scotto r/b The Family

11:00am

Theoni Chrissochos r/b M/M Girona

Sanctuary Candle... this week

Don & Sean Quigley

r/b John & Jean 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,

In our first Reading and the Gospel, we are invited to look beyond appearances and discover how God chooses to save the world.

In Isaiah, the servant of the Lord is called from the womb, formed by God for a mission. At first, that mission seems limited: to gather Israel back to God. But then the Lord says something astonishing: *"It is too little... I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."* God's plan is never small. What begins with one servant, one people, expands to embrace the whole world.

That vision finds its fulfillment in the Gospel. John the Baptist points to Jesus and proclaims, *"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."* Not just the sin of one nation, not just the sins of a few—but the sin of the world. Jesus is the Servant Isaiah foretold, the one chosen from the beginning, sent not only to restore Israel but to bring salvation to all peoples.

John's testimony is humble and profound. He admits, *"I did not know him,"* until God revealed Jesus through the sign of the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him. This is important: Jesus is recognized not by human expectation or power, but by the presence of the Spirit. He does not conquer by force; He saves by offering Himself, like a lamb.

And here is the heart of today's message: God's way of saving the world is through self-giving love. The Lamb does not dominate; He lays down His life. The Servant does not seek glory; he becomes a light.

This has consequences for us. If Christ is the light to the nations, then those who belong to Christ are called to reflect that light. Like the servant in Isaiah and like John the Baptist, we are given a mission—not to draw attention to ourselves, but to point beyond ourselves to the One who saves.

Each time we gather for the Eucharist, we hear those same words again: *"Behold the Lamb of God."* They remind us that salvation is God's work before it is ours, and that Christ still comes to take away sin and to pour out the Spirit upon His people.

May we allow the Lamb of God to take away not only the sin of the world, but whatever keeps our own hearts from being light—so that, in Christ, we too may help God's salvation reach to the ends of the earth.

Peace, prayers and love,

Fr. Mike

CORRECT EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR THE PARISH STAFF

Please be sure to update the email addresses for the staff:

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PARENT CHILD BREAKFAST



The Parent-Child Breakfast will be held on Sunday, February 1 after the 11:00AM Mass. Tickets are just \$5.00 per person. There will be a delicious breakfast, door prizes, and a raffle for basketball tickets – so plan to join us! It is a wonderful opportunity to make memories with your child(ren). Tickets are available at the parish office or to reserve your spot or if you have questions, contact Dave at dcerulosr@gmail.com. The guest speaker will be Rutgers' Timmy Ward. Timmy has a fascinating story. If you would like to learn more about Timmy Ward and his journey, watch this video - [Rutgers Timmy Ward Beat Cancer, Odds as Walk-On](#)

BAKE SALE



The Ladies of St. Joseph will be holding a bake sale on Sunday, February 8 after both Masses. It will be a great time to pick up your Super Bowl desserts. Any donations of baked goods will be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off in the Parish Hall that day. For any questions, contact Jo Ann at Jannkronenthal@gmail.com.

LENTEN ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

HANDEL'S "MESSIAH"



Messiah, by George Frideric Handel, is a biblical overview of salvation history. It is a widely known and recognized musical work. *Messiah* is unique in that the entire oratorio consists of quotations from Scripture, designed to tell the story of the world's redemption through Jesus the Messiah. The words of the *Messiah* are also God's living word, and as we meditate on these texts, this study will increase our understanding of God's saving plan and help us to be open to God's grace.

Format: Bible study, discussion, and reflection questions. As we proceed through the study we will be watching a video performance of *Messiah* in five parts.

The cost of the book for this program is \$10.00/participant.

When: Thursday evening sessions starting February 12th from 7:00-8:30 PM or Friday morning sessions starting February 13th from 10:00-11:30 AM. The program will take place over five weeks.

There will be no meetings March 5th and March 6th.

Where: All sessions will take place in the church parish hall.

A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church, online at the parish website, or email Vicki Craig, Pastoral Associate at: vicki@stjosephmillstone.org. All adult members of the parish are invited to attend. **Please sign up by February 1st** as books need to be ordered in advance.

WOMEN'S RETREAT



The Ladies of St. Joseph will be sponsoring a Women's Retreat on Saturday, February 28, 2026, at 12 noon to 3:30 pm, in the Parish Hall. Our speaker will be Nancy Atkin, Director of Faith Formation, St. Benedict Catholic Church in Holmdel, NJ. This year's topic will be "Crosses to Bear". Lunch and beverages will be served. Admission is free. Please register for this event by filling out the sign-up sheet on the table in the church vestibule or email Jo Ann (Jannkronenthal@gmail.com) by February 15th. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD – HELP IS NEEDED

We are in need of additional adult volunteers, especially for the 11:00AM Mass, to help with Children's Liturgy of the Word. We need those who are willing to take on the teaching role but also need volunteers willing to help when the children go to the Parish Hall. No experience is needed and training can be arranged. To volunteer or to find out more information, please contact Vicki at the Parish Office (732-792-2270 or vicki@stjosephmillstone.org).

MARDI GRAS 2026



Come and join us for a potluck/covered dish Mardi Gras celebration on Tuesday, February 17th starting at 6:00 pm! Bring your favorite main course, side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Beverages will be provided. Please use the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board to sign up to bring food. Dinner will be followed by a prayer service at 7:30 pm to usher in the season of Lent. See you at Mardi Gras!

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.

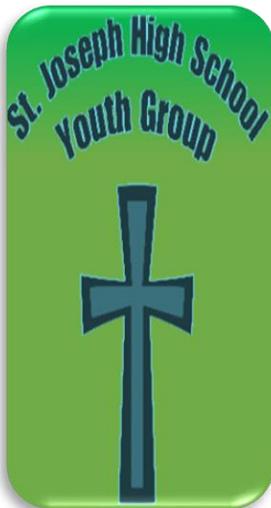
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (HSYG) NEWS

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

Our HSYG Gathing 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 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades are welcome!

The High School Youth group will be participating in the Diocesan Youth Conference (DYC) on Saturday, February 7th. This is an all-day event at Donovan Catholic High School in Toms River. This event is open to all 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th graders. Registration is required. Please register by Wednesday, January 21st. Registration information can be found on the parish website at <https://stjosephmillstone.org/high-school-youth-group>

The HSYG is open to all youth in the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th 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.



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (MSYG) NEWS



MSYG November Gathering Night – The MSYG’s next Gathering Night will be on Wednesday, February 4th 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 6th, 7th and 8th 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 6th, 7th or 8th grades. If you have any questions concerning the MSYG, please contact Leslie Tkachuk at 732-794-2556 or latkachuk@aol.com.

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 – frmike@stjosephmillstone.org or 732-792-2270.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD



Children’s Liturgy of the Word is offered on the 1st and 3rd 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.

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

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.

READER'S CLUB



The Reader's Club has chosen "The Secret War of Julia Child" by Diana R Chambers for our next selection. The Secret War of Julia Child traces Julia's transformation from ambitious Pasadena blue blood to Washington, DC file clerk, to head of General "Wild Bill" Donovan's secret File Registry as part of the Office of Strategic Services. The wartime journey takes her to South Asia's remote front lines of then-Ceylon, India, and China, where she finds purpose, adventure, self-knowledge – and love with mapmaker Paul Child. We will meet on Tuesday, February 24 at 7:30PM and our theme will be the French cooking of Julia Child. For more information about the Reader's Club or to RSVP contact Fran - ambiofran@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!

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.

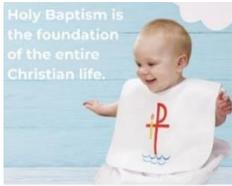
LIVE STREAM OF MASS –

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

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!



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

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

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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