

AUGUST 26, 2018

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time



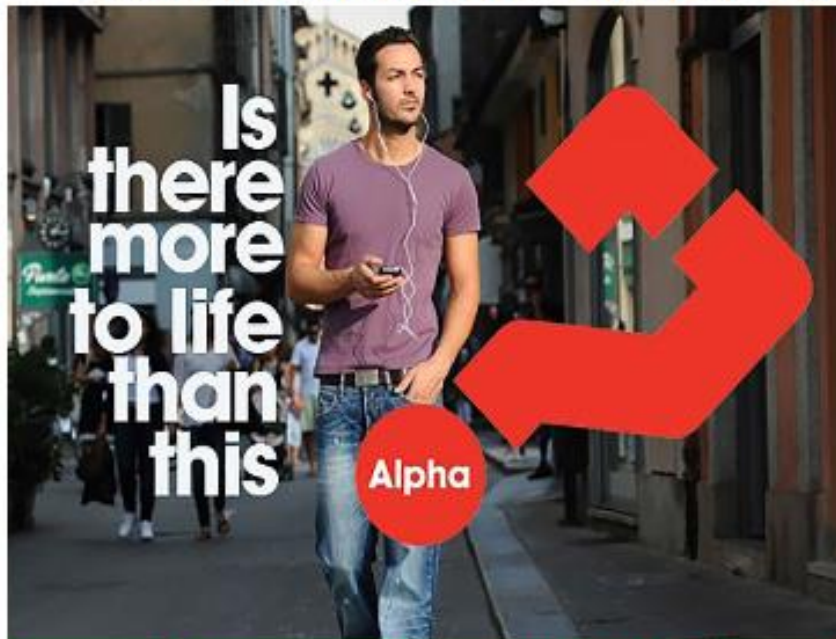
St. Joseph

Catholic Church

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

91 Stillhouse Rd., Millstone Twp., NJ 08510

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Join us
for
ALPHA
Sign up
today!

MASS

Sat. 5:00PM

Sun. 9:00AM & 11:00AM

Mon. 9:00AM

Tues. 9:00AM

Wed. 9:00AM

Fri. 9:00AM

Holy Days—check bulletin

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Some thoughts from Fr. Mike...

Dear Friends,

In the Gospel for this day, we are told that the some parts of the message of Jesus was just too much for some of his disciples. Specifically, when Jesus claimed to be the Living Bread that came down from heaven, some of his followers could not open their minds and hearts to such a claim and started to drift away. Even though Jesus was disappointed and most likely hurt, he did not take back any of his words or try to make his message more acceptable to his followers. Instead, Jesus demanded a commitment from those who stayed. "Do you also want to leave?" was the question that Jesus put to his closest followers. There was no way that they fully understood the message of Jesus, but they could not avoid making a choice of being for or against Jesus. Peter spoke up for everyone by say, "Lord, where else shall we go? We have come to believe."

What happened back then still happens today. In our own day and age, we have to make an ongoing decision about following the Lord - do we stay or do we go? This is a required choice that faces all who are exposed to Jesus. Whether we will follow Jesus without conditions or not, nobody is forced because Jesus respects our freedom. And it is sometimes difficult to decide to stay. There are scandals, pressures, demands, temptations and doubts that may in fact be calling us to turn away. Perhaps at those moments we have to remember how Peter responded – where else are we going to go? Who else do we have to turn to? The promises of Jesus are real. We know that God wants to protect us from following a path that leads us to destruction. God wants us to have eternal life. So yes, where else can we go for that? If we want what God offers, if we desire protection, if we want eternal life, sometimes we just have to be willing to surrender ourselves to Jesus and entrust ourselves to Him and follow Him on the path that will lead us to God – even if we have no idea what we will encounter along the way. When things become murky, when ugliness rears its head, when doubts seek to overcome us let us surrender to God, rely on God to lead us, strengthen us and keep us on the road to eternal life. Who else could we possibly trust to get us where we want to go?

Peace and prayers,

Fr. Mike

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Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday August-25

St Louis – St Joseph Calasanz

(Ez 43:1-7ab Mt 23:1-12)

5:00pm *Chester Sobolewski* r/b The Family

Sunday August-26 **21st Sunday in Ordinary**

(Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32 Jn 6:60-69)

9:00am *Connie Fiasco* r/b Tom & Jane Pasquito

11:00am *Janet Byrne* r/b The Caunt Family

Monday August-27 **Saint Monica**

(2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12 Mt 23:13-22)

9:00am *Agata Sobolewski* r/b The Family

Tuesday August-28 **Saint Augustine**

(2 Thes 2:1-3a 14-17 Mt 23:23-26)

9:00am *Alison Taglianetti* r/b The King Family

Wednesday August-29

The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

(2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 Mk 6:17-29)

9:00am *Sundek Gass Madan* r/b The Family

Thursday August-30 **Weekday**

(1 Cor 1:1-9 Mt 24:42-51) *No Mass*

Friday August-31 **Weekday**

(1 Cor 1:17-25 Mt 25:1-13)

9:00am *Chackochan Puthenparambil*

r/b Val & Babu Perumpail

Saturday September-1 **Weekday**

(1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 25:14-30)

5:00pm *Antonio & Rosetta DeMarco*

r/b Marlena DeMarco Hogan

Sunday September-2

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 Mk 7:1-8, 14-15)

9:00am *Florence Forcenito* r/b The Family

11:00am *Marie Becker* r/b The Schlegel Family



Sanctuary Candle... this week

Anna Morin r/b The Family

To dedicate a Sanctuary Candle in memory of or for the intention of a loved one, Please call the office @ 732-792-2270. The donation is \$10.00.

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 and women and for vocations to the priesthood and religious life..

STEWARDSHIP CORNER...

Our trust in Jesus, even in the most difficult time, will allow us to see where we need to go.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT

August 19th – \$6,088.00

Debt Reduction - \$210.00

Feast of the Assumption - \$1,021.00

*Thank you for your generosity and
may God bless you for your support!*

PARISH MISSION APPEAL

Today is the Annual Mission Appeal. There will be a second collection. Please make checks payable to St. Joseph Church and one check will be sent on behalf of the Parish. Thanks for your support.

ALPHA IS COMING TO OUR PARISH

Do you have questions about life? Do you need a boost to your faith life? Does something feel like it is missing? Do you want to get back to the basics of faith? Come join us for ALPHA. Alpha takes people on a journey often leading to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. It enables people to ask their questions, share ideas, build friendships and experience the love of God through the power of the Holy Spirit. Alpha is for everyone; all backgrounds, all contexts, all ages of adulthood. Each evening will consist of a meal, talk and discussion. They will take place on Wednesday evenings - September 19, 26. October 3, 10, 17, 24 November 7, 14, 28 December 5, 12. The meal starts at 6:30PM. Plan now to be part of Alpha! Sign-up sheets can be found on the table at the entrance of Church or you may register on our Parish Website. Don't miss it

ALPHA VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of a number of volunteers to help with ALPHA. If you would like to volunteer to serve as a table facilitator or food preparation or set-up or cleanup, sign up on the list on the table at the entrance of the church. Be sure you also sign up as a participant. THANKS!

A RETIREMENT

Carol Schulz, our Pastoral Associate, has decided that it is time to retire. We will miss Carol and thank her for her work at our Parish. Carol's last day will be Friday, September 28. There will be a farewell after the 11:00AM Mass on Sunday, September 23. We will be looking for someone to fill the position of Pastoral Associate.

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

St. Joseph Parish in Millstone Twp seeks a part-time Pastoral Associate to work with Adult Faith Formation, RCIA and assist with providing resources to Ministries. Candidate should be familiar with resources for Adult Faith Formation, comfortable working with adults on a faith journey, understand and be willing to work collaboratively, be organized and have experience using a computer. Flexible hours. **Send resume to: Fr. Mike Lang, St. Joseph Parish, 91 Stillhouse Rd. Millstone Twp, NJ 08510.**

BAPTISM PREPARATION TEAM

We are in need of some new members for our Parish Baptism Preparation Team. Help parents and sponsors prepare for the Baptism of their child. All materials and training are provided. Through Baptism Preparation we hope to give parents information but also provide a sense of welcome that gives a sense of belonging to parents and children. Interested? Want more information? Contact Fr. Mike at the parish office or frmikestjoseph@optonline.net.

2018 GOLF OUTING



Join us for the

18th Annual Golf Outing on

Thursday, September 20 at Forsgate Country Club in Monroe, NJ.

Registration forms are available in Church and on our parish website. Foursomes or individuals are welcome. Do you own a business and want to help out? Become a sponsor – there are a variety of sponsorship opportunities available. Want to help out as a family? There are Family Sponsorships available. For more information, contact Dave (732) 781-6623 dcerulosr@gmail.com or Vince 732-303-0822 iuzzolino5@optonline.net.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Religious Education Classes will start the week of Sept 24. If you have not registered your child for Religious Education Classes yet, please do so as soon as possible. Thanks!

RCIA TEAM

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a very important ministry. Those seeking to become Catholic or complete the Sacraments of Initiation participate in the RCIA to discern and prepare for the Sacraments. We are in need of some volunteers to serve on the RCIA Team to help those who are on the journey of faith. I am looking to have enough people on the Team so that one person does not have to do it all. We provide training, materials and any assistance that may be needed. Interested? Have questions? Want to join? Contact Fr. Mike.

COMEDY NIGHT AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 13 for a great evening of food, entertainment and fun as we showcase the talents of John Pizzi, one of the hottest comics in the entertainment industry. His unique style of comedy has wowed audiences around the globe. From Atlantic City to Las Vegas he has performed at comedy clubs, resorts and theaters. The evening will include dinner and beverages. Doors will open at 6:00PM and the pre-show will begin at 6:30PM. The tickets are just \$40.00 per person. Tickets will be available soon!

PERMANENT DEACON INFORMATION SESSION

If you are discerning God's call to serve as a Permanent Deacon, you are invited to take part in an upcoming information session. The presentation will include information concerning the five year Diaconate Formation Program. Before registering to attend this session, please talk with Fr. Mike to discuss your call to the diaconate. Sessions are scheduled for Wednesday, September 26 and Tuesday, October 9 7-9 p.m. at the Chancery. Registration is required. To register contact Deacon Michael Riley 609-403-7134.

FOOD COLLECTION



The next food collection will be on September 1/2. Non-perishable food items, paper goods and toiletries are appreciated. You can bring frozen food contributions to the Millstone Community Center on any Tuesday morning between 10:00AM and 11:30AM at the door to the lower level on Stage Coach Rd. You may also contact Greg at 732- 539-5042 to arrange pick up of frozen foods.

LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH MEETING

The Ladies of St. Joseph Will meet on Monday, September 4 at 7:00PM at the home of JoAnn Kronenthal (1 Cuomo Ct. Millstone Twp). All women of the parish are invited to be part of the Parish Women's Group. For info contact JoAnn - jannkronenthal@gmail.com or 732-446-4326.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS



Parents who will have a child baptized must attend a Baptism Preparation session. Sponsors (Godparents) are invited to attend. The next session will take place on Friday, September 7th at 7:00PM. If you will be attending please contact the Parish Office to register. For questions about Baptismal Preparation contact the Parish Office.

READERS' CLUB

The next meeting of The Readers' Club will be on Thursday, September 27 at 7:30PM. The book selected is the thriller - ***Need to Know*** by Karen Cleveland. It was Amazon's Best Book of January 2018. The theme for food will be All American food. All are welcome to participate. Fran Don't forget to email your attendance or questions to Fran at ambiofran@gmail.com.

BISHOP'S ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

All couples celebrating their 25th, 50th or 50th+ wedding anniversary during 2018 are invited to gather for Mass, the renewal of wedding vows and the Bishop's Blessing on Sunday, October 7 at 3:00PM at the Co-Cathedral of St Robert Bellarmine in Freehold. You must register to attend. For a registration form, stop by the Parish Office. The registration form is also available on the parish website. The deadline to register is September 10.

WELCOME

As a community of faith, we joyfully welcome:

Michael Andre Carr

Thomas Vincent Martelli

Paulo Victorio Santos, Jr.

who were received into God's Family and the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. Let us lift these little ones up in prayer.

CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2018 Catholic Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Trenton is taking place. The Catholic Annual Appeal is used by the Diocese to support the various work and ministries of the Diocese of Trenton. Our Parish Goal for the Annual Catholic Appeal is \$39,500.00. If you would like to make a pledge/donation to the Diocese for the Annual Appeal, there are pledge cards on the table at the entrance of the Church. You can complete it and mail it to the Diocese or send it the parish Office. If you are including a check, please make checks payable to The Diocese of Trenton Annual Appeal. Thank you for your consideration and support.

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 by visiting 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!

SHOP AT AMAZON - SUPPORT THE PARISH

Help support the parish by designating St. Joseph Church as the charity you wish to support.

Eligible purchases will result in Amazon donating a portion to the parish. You do have to designate St. Joseph Church, Millstone Twp. as your charity. You also have to use the Amazon Smile site instead of the normal Amazon site.

Go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-6103657> (a direct link) or go to our website and click the link. Thanks for your support!



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 feel free to contact the Parish Office.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process where those who feel called to become members of the Catholic Church can discern God's call. The RCIA process is also for anyone who has not completed the Sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation). If you would like more information about the RCIA please come and join us each Sunday after the 9:00 AM Mass. For more information contact Fr. Mike at the Parish Office 732-792-2270 or email frmikestjoseph@optonline.net

→ Calendar of Events ←

- Aug 25/26 Parish Mission Appeal
- Aug 29 9:30AM - Legion of Mary
- Sept 2 Parish Food Collection
- Sept 3 Labor Day
Parish Office is closed
No Morning Mass
- Sept 4 7:00PM – Ladies of St. Joseph Meeting
(at JoAnn's house)
- Sept 7 7:00PM – Baptism Preparation Session
- Sept 9 Hospitality Sunday
- Sept 10 7:00PM – Building and Grounds Committee
- Sept 11 7:30PM – Men's Guild Meeting
- Sept 16 Parish Food Collection
Children's Liturgy of the Word
12:30PM - Baptisms
- Sept 20 Golf Outing – Forsgate Country Club
- Sept 24 Religious Education Classes begin
- Sept 29 11:00AM – Blessing of Animals
11:30AM – Altar Server Training
- Oct 13 6:00PM – Comedy Night

Let us praise God in all we do.

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office: 732-792-2270

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

Mailing Address: 91 Stillhouse Road

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BAPTISM – The Sacrament of Baptism is normally celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:30 PM. Parents are asked to register for a Baptism Preparation Session prior to the Baptism. 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.