

SEPTEMBER 09, 2018 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time



St. Joseph

Catholic Church

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

91 Stillhouse Rd., Millstone Twp., NJ 08510 732-792-2270



*Open your
heart, and
let Him
enter!*

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,

It would be easy to leave the deaf and speech impaired man brought to Jesus as a historical figure who was blessed by the action of Jesus. We can think how fortunate this man was to receive physical healing by Jesus. However, if we leave this man as a historical figure, we miss what the Gospel offers us for today.

The man we hear about stands as a representative of the entire human race. His plight, being unable to hear and difficulty in speaking, is what we, as people of faith, experience in our own lives. There are many times when we do not hear God's Word properly. There are many instances where people have not heard God's Word clearly and so are unable to speak God's Word properly. We all need the healing hand of Jesus to help us hear, understand, act on and speak God's Word to others. If we do not open ourselves to fully hearing God's Word in the way that was intended, how can we possibly understand what God speaks to us? How can we share that Word with others? How can we allow God's Word to help us in our everyday lives? How can we use God's in the proper way?

The word that Jesus speaks to heal the man in the Gospel is our real key to receiving God's Word in the proper way. Jesus said, "Ephphatha" (be opened). If we want to hear God's Word in a genuine fashion, we must be open to what God will say – even if it challenges us, makes us feel uncomfortable or demands that we rethink some of the ideas we have long held on to as unchangeable. This is the greatest cause of deafness to the Word of God – the unwillingness to allow that Word to change us. If we do not want to change, refuse to change or believe that we are perfectly fine the way we are, we will be not be open to hearing God's Word. However, when we are open to God's Word, we can expect healing for those ways in which we have not acted on God's Word.

I believe that what Jesus speaks to us today in the Gospel is that it is a great tragedy to have ears and not hear or tongues and fail to speak. Jesus wants us to be open to hearing and speaking God's Word. Jesus knows that is the only way that will lead us to our hearts true desire – it is what will help us hear, learn and understand everything that God is offering to us.

Peace and prayers,

Fr. Mike

Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday	September- 8	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23)
5:00pm		<i>Angeline Brett and Looknath Ramkissoon</i> r/b David & Debbie
Sunday	September- 9	23rd Sunday in Ordinary (Is 35:4-7a Jas 2:1-5 Mk 7:31-37)
9:00am		<i>Peter Reilly</i> r/b Jean & John
11:00am		<i>Special Blessings of the Zaleski and Zimmerman Families</i> r/b The Schlegel Family
Monday	September- 10	Weekday (1 Cor 5:1-8 Lk 6:6-11)
9:00am		<i>Special Intentions of Babu & Valsamma Perumpail</i> r/b The Family
Tuesday	September- 11	Weekday (1 Cor 6:1-11 Lk 6:12-19)
9:00am		<i>Joanne Haddad</i> r/b Jim & Francine King
Wednesday	September- 12	The Most Holy Name of Mary (1 Cor 7:25-31 Lk 6:20-26)
9:00am		<i>Sundek Gass Madan</i> r/b The Family
Thursday	September- 13	St John Chrysostom (1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13 Lk 6:27-38) <i>No Mass</i>
Friday	September- 14	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Nm 21:44b-2Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17)
9:00am		<i>Tresiamma Joseph</i> r/b Val & Babu Perumpail
Saturday	September- 15	Our Lady of Sorrows (1 Cor 10:14-22 Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35)
5:00pm		<i>Francesco & Luigia Nardi</i> r/b The Cifelli Family
Sunday	September- 16	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Is 50:5-9a Jas 2:14-18 Mk 8:27-35)
9:00am		<i>Robert DeMartino</i> r/b The Forcenito Family
11:00am		<i>MaryAnn Galinski</i> r/b Carole Reilly & 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..

Opening our hearts, minds and lives to the Word of God will provide treasures that come from God.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT

September 2nd – \$8,555.00
Debt Reduction - \$334.00

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

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

There will be a training for new Altar Servers on Saturday, September 29 at 11:30AM. Anyone in grade 4 and above who would like to be an Altar Server is welcome to come to the training.

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. PLEASE REMEMBER – NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASS – CHILDREN MAY ONLY ATTEND IF THEY ARE REGISTERED. Thanks!

DO NOT MISS ALPHA!!!

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

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The Building and Grounds Committee will meet on Monday, September 10 at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. Anyone who would like to help put is welcome to attend.

ALPHA VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of a few more volunteers to help with ALPHA. If you would like to volunteer to help with 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.

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.

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.

MEN'S GUILD

The Men's Guild, our Parish men's group, will meet on Tuesday, Sept 11 at 7:30PM in the Parish Hall. All men of the parish are very welcome to be part of the Men's Guild. For information about the Men's Guild contact Dave (732)781-6623 dcerulosr@gmail.com.

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

fmikestjoseph@optonline.net

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.**

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.

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, OCTOBER 5th at 7:00PM. If you will be attending please contact the Parish Office to register. For questions about Baptismal Preparation contact the Parish Office.

FOOD COLLECTION



The next food collection will be on September 15/16. 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.

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!

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

The Blessing of Animals will take place on Saturday, September 29 at 11:00AM.

CHOIRS

If you are interested in either the Children's Choir or the St. Joseph Choir, please contact Kristine at Kris0373@aol.com or 973-768-4184 so that plans can be finalized for practices. All are welcome to be part of the Choirs as we lift our voices in praise of God.

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.

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.

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. Please make checks payable to The Diocese of Trenton Annual Appeal. Thank you.



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.

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!

→ Calendar of Events ←

- Sept 8 10:00AM – ALPHA Host Training
- Sept 9 Hospitality Sunday
- Sept 10 7:00PM – Building and Grounds Committee
- Sept 11 7:30PM – Men's Guild Meeting
- Sept 12 9:30AM - Legion of Mary
- Sept 16 Parish Food Collection
Children's Liturgy of the Word
12:30PM - Baptisms
- Sept 19 6:30PM - ALPHA
- Sept 20 Golf Outing – Forsgate Country Club
7:00PM – Catechists and Aides Meeting
- Sept 24 Religious Education Classes begin
- Sept 26 6:30PM - ALPHA
- Sept 29 11:00AM – Blessing of Animals
11:30AM – Altar Server Training
- Oct 5 7:00PM – Baptism Prep
- Oct 7 Parish Food Collection
Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 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

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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.