

SEPTEMBER 16, 2018 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

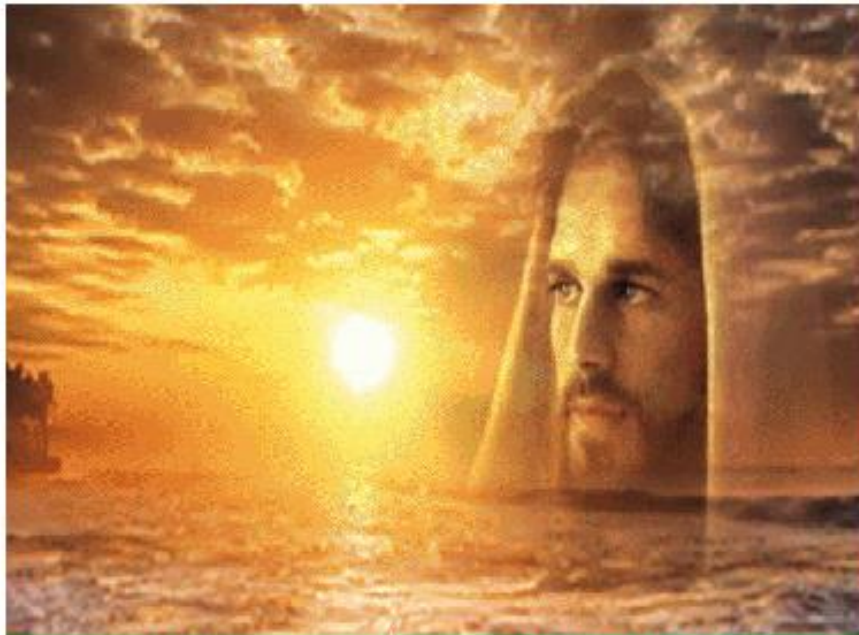


St. Joseph

Catholic Church

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

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



*Who do
you say
that I
am?*

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,

Who do you say that Jesus is? Jesus presented that question to his disciples. It is somewhat interesting that the disciples told him about what others were saying. Some say John the Baptist, others say Jesus is Elijah and still others say that he was one of the prophets. None of the disciples were willing to make a bold proclamation about who they personally believed Jesus to be. That is, until Jesus refused to let them off the hook and pressed them – WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM? I visualize the disciples looking at each other, or perhaps staring at the ground trying to avoid eye contact. Peter was the only one who decided to risk it all and simply say that Jesus was indeed the Christ, the one they were looking for. Peter made a declaration of faith. Perhaps the others just were not at the point of fully believing or perhaps they were afraid to say it even if they were thinking it. Why did Jesus want to know who his disciples believed Him to be? Jesus knew who he was. Jesus did not need validation. He was not looking for praise. So why ask, why push it, why make the disciples uncomfortable? Simply because Jesus wanted a commitment. He wanted the kind of commitment that could only come from someone who firmly believed that Jesus was the Messiah. Jesus wanted to know if they were ready for more.

Jesus asks the question of us, “Who do you say that I am?” We must answer that question not once, not twice, but as frequently as possible. We must confirm whether we truly believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Lord and Savior, the Way and the Son of God. There are very good reasons to do so. First, it is the only way that we can prevent ourselves from taking Jesus for granted. Jesus must be more than some nice person who performed miracles. Jesus has to be our way of life. Second, like the disciples, it prepares us for more. It prepares us to face the challenging way that Jesus calls us to live. It prepares us to understand more fully what Jesus offers us. Finally, it prepares us to make the commitment to be a true follower of Jesus. In order to understand, we must commit.

So take a little time this week to ponder the question, “Who do you say that Jesus is?” Then, get ready for more.

Peace and prayers,

Fr. Mike

Mass Schedule + Readings

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	
Monday	September- 17	St Robert Bellarmine (1 Cor 11:17-26, 33 Lk 7:7-10)
9:00am	<i>Michael Corrigan</i> r/b Bill & Marie Schubel	
Tuesday	September- 18	Weekday (1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a Lk 7:11-17)
9:00am	<i>Joduvija Kimmish</i> r/b The Family	
Wednesday	September- 19	St Januarius (1 Cor 12:31—13:13 Lk 7:31-35)
9:00am	<i>Sundeek Gass Madan</i> r/b The Family	
Thursday	September- 20	Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang (1 Cor 15:1-11 Lk 7:36-50) <i>No Mass</i>
Friday	September- 21	St Matthew (Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Mt 9:9-13)
9:00am	<i>Stanley Sobolewski Sr.</i> r/b The Family	
Saturday	September- 22	Weekday (1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49 Lk 8:4-15)
5:00pm	<i>Nicole Peake</i> r/b The Nugent Family	
Sunday	September- 23	25th Sunday in Ordinary (Wis 2:12, 17-20 Jas 3:16—4:3 Mk 9:30-37)
9:00am	<i>Florence Forcenito</i> r/b The Family	
11:00am	<i>Michael Sexton</i> r/b The Schlegel Family	



Sanctuary Candle... this week

Charles Burke r/b The Forcenito 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...

Open hands are ready to receive. Open hearts are ready to receive and give.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT

September 9th – \$6,888.00

Debt Reduction - \$207.00

*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!!!

It starts this Wednesday, September 19. You can still sign up and join us for the Alpha Journey. Alpha 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. Don't miss it!

Sign-up sheets are on the table at the entrance of Church or you may register on our Parish Website.

For all who have signed up – remember – ALPHA starts this Wednesday, September 19. The meal starts at 6:30PM. See you at Alpha!

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.

The introductory session will take place on Sunday, October 14 at

10:00AM. Come, join us and find out more.

For more information contact Fr. Mike at the Parish Office 732-792-2270 or email

fmikestjoseph@optonline.net

CATECHISTS/AIDES MEETING

There will be a meeting for all Catechists and Aides on Thursday, September 20 at 7:00PM. Class lists will be given out and we will go over all the important information as we prepare to start another year of Religious Education.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

The Blessing of Animals will take place on Saturday, September 29 at 11:00AM. Bring your pets as we ask for God's blessing in remembrance of St. Francis who cherished all of creation.

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.

GOLF OUTING VOLUNTEERS

We need a few people to help out with the Golf Outing this Thursday. If you can help out, contact Dave (732) 781-6623

dcerulosr@gmail.com

COMEDY NIGHT AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Join us on 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. 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 are now available. Tickets may be purchased after Mass or by stopping the Parish Office during regular hours.

FOOD COLLECTION



The next food collection will be on October 6/7. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 ←

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| Sept 16 | Parish Food Collection
Children's Liturgy of the Word
12:30PM - Baptisms |
| Sept 19 | 9:30AM - Legion of Mary
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 2 | 7:30PM – Ladies of St Joseph Meeting |
| Oct 5 | 7:00PM – Baptism Prep |
| Oct 7 | Parish Food Collection
Children's Liturgy of the Word |
| Oct 8 | 7:00PM – Building & Grounds Committee |
| Oct 9 | 7:30PM – Men's Guild Meeting |
| Oct 13 | 6:00PM – Comedy Night |
| Oct 14 | Hospitality Sunday
10:00AM – RCIA Introductory Session |

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.