

NOVEMBER 11, 2018

32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time



# St. Joseph

Catholic Church

91 Stillhouse Rd., Millstone

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

*Give your best  
to God because  
God has given us  
God's best.  
God holds  
nothing back!*



## 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,

I would think that most people have heard the saying, "It's the thought that counts." This saying says that it is the self-giving in a gift which expresses love. This is exactly what Jesus says in the story that we have come to call "The Widow's Mite." What makes her gift valuable is not the amount of the gift but the heart and sacrifice behind it. In the eyes of any who were observers of her donation, the widow's offering was deemed as virtually worthless but in the eyes of God, her gift was precious. After giving her last two coins, that woman was able to say with complete honesty, "This is the best that I can do." What wins her Jesus' favor and earns his praise, is the fact that she held nothing back. She offered no excuses for not giving to God. Her small gift was her all. In a way, she was making an offering of her total life to God.

This little incident told in the Gospel is worth paying attention to because it focuses our attention to the manner in which Jesus weighs us up and judges us. It may be rather commonplace to be guided by appearances, to judge people by what they possess and to value gifts by how much they cost, we must remember that Jesus judges us in a very different way. Jesus' searching eyes penetrate into our souls and reveal the inner motives and the hidden intentions behind all of our actions. Jesus is most concerned with how much of our lives are surrendered to him and whether we take his demands seriously.

The real value of the widow's offering teaches us that material goods are not the most important factor in the world. The issue being discussed in this Gospel is discipleship and a generosity of spirit. The widow's example reminds us that what God is looking for is our lives. God wants our hearts and not our possessions.

Learning to give generously to God is a difficult lesson to master but we must accept that there is no true following of Jesus without such sacrifice. As Children of God and Disciples of Jesus, we are asked to live in a way that does not count the cost. We are challenged to believe that it is in giving that we receive. We may indeed have some work to do in order to live as God calls us to live but Jesus, who gave up everything for us on the cross and the widow in the Gospel should inspire us to keep trying.

Peace and prayers,

*Fr. Mike*

## Mass Schedule + Readings

<b>Saturday</b>	November- 10	<b>St Leo the Great</b> (Phil 4:10-9 Lk 16:9-15)
5:00pm	<i>Theresa Nugent</i>	r/b Her Family
<b>Sunday</b>	November- 11	<b>32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> (1 Kgs 17:10-16 Heb 9:24-28 Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44)
9:00am	<i>Jason Sawicz</i>	r/b His Family
11:00am	<i>Diane Kulesa</i>	r/b Barbara & Ben Parillo
<b>Monday</b>	November- 12	<b>St Josaphat</b> (Ti 1:1-9 Lk 17:1-6) <b>Veterans Day</b>
9:00am	<i>Ester Cordevo</i>	r/b Laura Scala
<b>Tuesday</b>	November- 13	<b>St Francis Xavier Cabrini</b> (Ti 2:1-8, 11-14 Lk 17:7-10)
9:00am	<i>Don Zuercher</i>	r/b Bill & Marie Schubel
<b>Wednesday</b>	November- 14	<b>Weekday</b> (Ti 3:1-7 Lk 17:11-19)
9:00am	<i>Sundek Gass Madan</i>	r/b The Family
<b>Thursday</b>	November- 15	<b>St Albert the Great</b> (Phlm 7:20 Lk 17:20-25) <i>No Mass</i>
<b>Friday</b>	November- 16	<b>St Margaret of Scotland - St Gertrude</b> (Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22)
9:00am	<i>Special Healing Intentions of Lillian</i> r/b Frances De Rosa	
<b>Saturday</b>	November- 17	<b>St Elizabeth of Hungary</b> (3 Jn 5-8 Lk 18:1-8)
5:00pm	<i>Anna Morin</i>	r/b Her Family
<b>Sunday</b>	November- 18	<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> (Dn 12:1-3 Heb 10:11-14, 18 Mk 13:24-32)
9:00am	<i>Florence Forcenito</i>	r/b The Rollo Family
11:00am	<i>Onofrio Butera</i>	r/b The Butera Family



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

**Peter & Genevieve Reilly** r/b Jean & John

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..**

*May we never give up trying to remember and understand that it is in giving that we receive.*

### **STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT**

**November 04<sup>th</sup> – \$ 10,257.00**

**Debt Reduction - \$ 407.00**

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

### **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). Come, join us today at 10:00AM and find out more. For more information contact Wade [wadetmorris@gmail.com](mailto:wadetmorris@gmail.com) or Fr. Mike at the Parish Office 732-792-2270 or email [fmikestjoseph@optonline.net](mailto:fmikestjoseph@optonline.net)

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### **MEN'S GUILD**



The Men's Guild will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 13 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. All men of the Parish are invited to come and be a part of our Parish men's group. We look forward to hearing your ideas for activities and your help with the activities we currently offer. It's also a great way to meet other men of the parish and to feel even more connected to your parish. For more information about the Men's Guild contact Dave [dcerulosr@gmail.com](mailto:dcerulosr@gmail.com) or 732-781-6623.

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### **THANKSGIVING INTERFAITH SERVICE**

An Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday, November 18 at 7:30PM at the United Presbyterian Church of Millstone. The three Houses of Worship (United Presbyterian, Perrineville Jewish Center and St. Joseph Church) in Millstone Township will participate. There will be refreshments after the Service to give people an opportunity to mingle.

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### **PARENT MEETING**

On Monday, November 19 at 7:00PM there is a meeting for parents who have a child in our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Religious Education Program. At least one parent needs to attend to find out all information about your child preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

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### **LADIES NIGHT OUT**

Painting Class hosted by The Ladies of St. Joseph. Thursday, November 29, 7:00PM - 9:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Two red wine glasses will be provided. Light refreshments will be served. BYOB. Admission in advance is \$30 per person; \$35 at the door. For tickets contact JoAnn at [jannkronenthal@gmail.com](mailto:jannkronenthal@gmail.com) or 732-446-4326.

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### **HELP AT CHRISTMAS**

If you are in need of help at Christmas with gifts for your children or know of local families who may be in need of help, please let us know so that you can be included in the Giving Tree Program. We try to help those in need so that children will not have to go without gifts at Christmas. For information or the help form go to our website

<https://stjosephmillstone.org/christmas-help>

All requests are held in strict confidence.

For more information, contact Fr. Mike.

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### **THANKSGIVING DAY MASS**

Thanksgiving Day is a day to offer thanks. As people of faith, we cannot forget to give thanks to God for all the blessings we have received. Mass will be celebrated on Thanksgiving Day, November 22 at 10:00AM. Let us come together to give thanks to our loving God.

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### **50/50 CASH RAFFLE**

Raffle tickets for the Men's Guild Annual 50-50 Cash Raffle have been mailed to all parishioners. The drawing takes place on Sunday, December 9 during the Parish Christmas Party. If you did not receive your raffle tickets, or would like additional tickets, please stop by the parish office. The proceeds from the raffle are used by the Men's Guild to help the parish and help those in need.

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## 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, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM. If you will be attending please contact the Parish Office to register. For questions about Baptismal Preparation contact the Parish Office.

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## FOOD COLLECTION



The next food collection will be on November 17/18. 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.

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## WELCOME

As a parish community we joyfully welcome:

*Scarlett Mae Erb*  
*Evelyn Rose Haynes*  
*Carter John Young*

who were welcomed into God's family and the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. Let us lift these little ones up in our prayers.

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## PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Parish Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon. There will be food, entertainment and a visit from Santa. There is no cost, the party is sponsored by the Men's Guild – our parish Men's Group.

**Come and join us for an afternoon of fun.**

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## READERS' CLUB MEETING

The next book selection for the Readers' Club is *Kindred* by Octavia Butler. *Kindred* is a novel that incorporates time travel and is modeled on slave narratives. The discussion of this book will take place on Thursday, December 13 at 7:30PM in the Parish Hall. The theme for food is Maryland/Chesapeake Bay Area food. All are welcome to come. Be sure to RSVP to Fran [ambiofran@gmail.com](mailto:ambiofran@gmail.com) if you are planning to attend. Happy reading!

## SIGN UP TO HELP WITH THE HOMELESS PROGRAM

There is still time to sign up to help with Hospitality Program for the homeless that we participate in as a parish. We offer a place to sleep and a meal for up to 12 homeless men on Sunday Nights from December through March. Volunteers are still needed to pick up the participants from St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Freehold and bring them to the Parish on Sunday Evening or to serve as hosts for those who will be staying at the parish or to drive the participants back to Freehold on Monday morning. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up on the appropriate sheets found on the large bulletin board in the vestibule of the church. THANKS!!!

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## FOOD SIGN UP FOR THE HOMELESS

Sign up for volunteers to help with meals for the homeless begin this weekend. If you would like to help by preparing one component of a meal (entrée or vegetable or salad or dessert) please sign up on the list on the bulletin board. The sign up are by date, so please sign up for the date you would like to help.

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## ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

The Season of Advent begins on Sunday, December 2. Each week during Advent we light a candle on the Advent Wreath. Members of the Parish are invited to participate in the lighting of the candles each week. Those who sign up will process in with the candle, one person will read a short reflection. Sign up as a family, friends, neighbors, etc. The sign-up lists for the Advent Wreath candle lighting can be found in the vestibule.

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## CHOIRS

Join the choir – lift your voice in praise of God. We have a Children's Choir for the young people of the parish and the St. Joseph Choir for teens and adults. You can sign up on the list that is on the table at the entrance of the church or contact Kristine [Kris0373@aol.com](mailto:Kris0373@aol.com) or 973-768-4184. All are welcome to be part of the Choirs as we sing our praise to God.

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## **ALPHA FOR HIGH SCHOOL TEENS**

Plans are under way to have an Alpha for High School Students beginning in January. What is Alpha? It is a program that explores timeless questions about life, faith and God. Alpha Youth is designed especially for teens. It will be open to everyone who is currently in High School (*participants do not have to be from the parish or Catholic*). There will be 10 sessions and one Saturday Retreat Day. We are planning to hold the Alpha Sessions on Wednesday Evenings starting at 6:30PM. Each session will include food, a presentation, small group discussions and social time. Do you have questions? Do you want to try to understand more about what faith is? Then plan to be part of the High School Alpha experience. Registration will be starting soon – so keep watching for more information!

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## **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!

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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 by visiting 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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*Lord, I want to give  
my all to 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](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 feel free to contact the Parish Office.

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## **→ Calendar of Events ←**

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| Nov 11 | Hospitality Sunday<br>10:30AM - RCIA   |
| Nov 13 | 7:30PM – Men's Guild Meeting   |
| Nov 14 | 9:30AM – Legion Of Mary Meeting<br>10:00AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry<br>6:30PM - Alpha   |
| Nov 18 | Parish Food Collection<br>Children's Liturgy of the Word<br>10:00AM - RCIA<br>12:30PM – Baptisms<br>7:30PM – Interfaith Thanksgiving Service |
| Nov 19 | No Religious Education Classes<br>7:00PM – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Parents Meeting   |
| Nov 20 | No Religious Education Classes   |
| Nov 22 | Thanksgiving Day<br>10:00AM –Mass<br>Parish Office Closed  |
| Nov 23 | Parish Office Closed<br>No Morning Mass  |
| Nov 29 | 7:00PM – Ladies Night Out  |
| Dec 2  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent<br>Parish Food Collection<br>Children's Liturgy of the Word<br>10:30AM - RCIA<br>12:30PM – Baptisms         |
| Dec 3  | 7:00PM – Building & Grounds Committee  |
| Dec 4  | 7:30PM – Ladies of St Joseph Meeting   |
| Dec 7  | 7:00PM – Baptism Preparation Session   |
| Dec 9  | 12:00PM – Parish Christmas Party   |
| Dec 13 | 7:30PM – Readers' Club Meeting   |

*Let us praise God in all we do.*

**PARISH INFORMATION**

Parish Office: 732-792-2270

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**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. 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.