



**'BIG BANG CELEBRATION FOR
THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH IN ST.
THOMAS MORE FAIRFILED,
NEW JERSEY!**

**WHAT A JOY TO CELEBRATE WITH HEAVEN THIS WONDERFUL ST. JOSEPH,
OUR INTERCESSOR!**

Throughout the year, STM has honored St. Joseph in prayer and events, where the majority of parishioners are of Italian descent.

A week-long celebration honoring St. Joseph begins on:

- **Saturday, July 31, 2021**, with a "Family Fun Bike Ride for St. Joseph," sponsored by the STM's Youth Ministry Team,
- **Monday, Aug. 2 through Friday, Aug. 6, 2021**- Vacation Bible School (VBS), Children will be getting on board for an exciting train ride.
- **Sunday, August 8, 2021** culminates with the blessing of religious items, especially pertaining to St. Joseph, and the highlighting of his life, virtues and miracles at all Masses. Mass at 10 am, with the blessing and sending off of college students who are returning to school.

St. Joseph's Festivities will begin after the 10 AM Mass. Refreshments will be served while showcasing a tour of various St. Joseph tables, including a table on his miracles in Sicily, where a popular devotion to him began among Sicilians.

St. Joseph's movie will be shown, tables showcasing St. Joseph the worker, St. Joseph the sleeper and his dreams, storytelling, a traditional St. Joseph table with food, dessert and more.

Besides faithfully praying the litany prayer to St. Joseph every Thursday morning at Mass and first Sunday, another activity honoring this great saint was a pilgrimage to the St. Joseph Shrine in Stirling, NJ. which is open all year for anyone wishing to visit. If interested, please call 908-647-0208.

In Sept., the Knights of Columbus will spearhead a parish carnival, and on **Saturday, Oct. 16**, the CCD and the youth ministry are spearheading a Tricky Tray fund raiser for a youth pilgrimage.

For more information please visit our webpage @ <http://www.stmchurch.net/> or call 973-227-0055