ST. JOSEPH CHURCH Millstone Township, New Jersey





91 Stillhouse Road Millstone Twp, NJ 08510 732-792-2270 www.stjosephmillstone.org Some thoughts from Fr. Mike...

Dear Friends,

There is something very moving about the Gospel passage for this Sunday where Jesus sent out ordinary people, after only a brief period of apprenticeship, to preach the Good News, which they did not even fully understand. They were to have a very simple lifestyle, not worry about their physical needs, or become upset if the message was not accepted by everyone.

The sending out of the disciples was only the beginning of what would become the Church's mission to the world. Throughout the centuries since, ordinary people have been called in the same way, to convert hearts and gather people together as Church. If the Word of God is to one day reach all people then everyone who hears it must make it known. The good news of salvation is not intended to be guarded as a well-kept secret, but is to be spread around and handed down. Every Baptized Christian is called to accomplish the work of spreading the Gospel. The message of salvation is offered to everyone but it is not forced on anyone. It has to be a personal choice of each person to accept or reject the call of God.

Each and every day we have the opportunity and privilege to be witnesses of the Good News. Yet, we have to admit that becoming a servant of God in a society where so often selfishness is part of the foundation structure, can be a bit challenging. Sometimes we even feel that we have little to offer to the advancement of God's Kingdom here on earth. But at the same time, as Christians and God's children, we can't simply opt-out of our responsibility. Perhaps sometimes we need to simply realize that the most powerful witness to God's call does not have to include clever messages or words at all. Sometimes the most powerful witness is by the silent witness of a simple lifestyle. Sometimes all the clutter that is around us can prevent us from attending to and being encouraged by what really matters in life.

The Gospel passage of the disciples being sent out by Jesus allows us to remember that we too are sent. We have the opportunity to be the hands of Christ by the work we do and the tongue of Christ by the message we proclaim.

Peace and prayers,

Fr. Mike

Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday July- 11 St Benedict

(Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a Mt 10:24-33)

5:00pm Elizabeth Law 1/b Sal & Ann Silvestrone

Sunday July- 12 15th Sunday in ordinary Time (Am 7:12-15 Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10 Mk 6:7-13)

9:00am Ruth Hogan 1/b The Schlegel Family
11:00am James Nicklas 1/b Jean & Bo Franco

Monday July- 13 St Henry (Ex 1:8-14, 22 Mt 10:34—11:1)

9:00am Special Intentios of Patty & Richard Hileman

r/b Frances De Rosa

Tuesday July- 14 St Kateri Tekakwitha

Ex 2:1-15a Mt 11:20-24)

9:00am *Julie Rajewski* 1/b The Alacha Family

Wednesday July- 15 St Bonaventure

(Ex 3:1-6, 9-12 Mt 11:25-27)

9:00am Special Intentions of Edward and

Liliane Mazurowski 1/10 Frances DeRosa

Thursday July- 16 Our Lady of Mt Carmel

(Ex 3:13-20 Mt 11:28-30)

NO MASS

Friday July -17 Weekday

(Ex 11:10—12:14 Mt 12:1-8)

9:00am Anna Giganti r/b M/M Al deRosa

Saturday July- 18 St Camillus de Lellis

(Ex 12:37-42 Mt 12:14-21)

5:00pm Frank Rini 1/b Friends @ Cranbury Design

Sunday July- 19 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Jer 23:1-6 Eph 2:13-18 Mk 6:30-34)

9:00am Lacy, Philip & Christopher

r/b Joanne & Westy Schiumo & Family

11:00am George J. DeFuria Sr.

r/b The Pellegrino Family



The Sanctuary Candle... this week

Anna Gigante I/B M/M Al DeRosa

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 Lonely, the safe return of our service men & women and for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER...

Jesus depends on our willingness to be sent as witnesses to His saving power.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT

June 28th - \$6,783.00 Peter's Pence Collection - \$570.00 July 5th - \$6,244.50 Debt Reduction - \$475.00 Children's Envelopes - \$4.50

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

What's Happening In The Parish...

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION



Registration for **RETURNING** students in our Parish Religious Education Program is taking place at this time. If you need a form, stop by the Parish Office

(or download from our website). Please return forms as soon as possible. Remember, it is first come, first served for placement in a class. Once a class is full, no additional students will be placed in it. Thanks for your help.

NEW STUDENTS AND TRANSFERS



Registration forms for new students – those entering 1st grade and those transferring from other Religious Education Programs – are now available at

the entrance of the church (or download from our website). A copy of your child's Baptism certificate is needed.

If transferring from another Religious Education Program, a letter stating the level completed and Sacramental information is also required. If you have a child entering the 1st grade in September or have a child transferring from another program, please be sure to pick up the registration packet and return it as soon as possible. Thanks.

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL



Next weekend, July 18/19, will be the Annual Mission Appeal. As part of the Mission Cooperative, a

Missionary Group is assigned to each parish in the Diocese. This year, we are partnered with the Religious Congregation - Missionaries of Faith. The religious congregation "Missionaries of Faith" was founded in Italy in 1982. Its missions extended to Philippines, Samoa, India, Vietnam, Myanmar, Venezuela and the West Indies. In 2002 the Missions in India, Philippines Samoa and Vietnam were elevated to the status of Province. The Charism of the Institute is "Faith and Mission". The mission in India was begun in 1989 with seven priests. It has its Provincialate in the diocese of Eluru in the State of Andhra Pradesh. Today there are 61 priests in the Province and they are working in India in different states, Italy, West Indies, USA and Canada. Its main activities are evangelization, orphanages for the poor children for education, promotion of the religious vocation and other charitable works. The Missionary activities of the Province of India totally depend upon the providence of God as the Congregation was founded recently. The activities are conditioned sometimes due to the lack of finance. The support we receive from the Missionary Cooperative Program will be used generally to support our 78 seminarians who are in the formation, support the more than 600 poor children for the education, other charitable works and the support for opening of new mission parishes.

There will be a 2nd collection for the Mission Appeal. Please make checks payable to St. Joseph Parish as we are asked to send one parish check to the Missionaries of Faith. If you won't be present for the Appeal but would like to contribute, you can mail your check to the parish, just indicate that it is for the Mission Appeal. Thank you for your participation and your generosity.

Find lots of information, forms, calendar and much more on our new website – www.stjosephmillstone.org.
Check it out.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS



Eucharistic Ministers help to distribute Communion at Mass and can bring Communion to those who are shut-ins or sick. If you would like to serve as a Eucharistic

Minister, and are at least 17 years old, email Fr. Mike at frmikestjoseph@optonline.net or call the Parish Office.

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BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS



Parents who will have a child baptized are expected to attend a one evening Baptism Preparation session.

Sponsors (Godparents) are invited to

attend. The next session will take place on Friday, July 10th at 7:00PM. If you will be participating in the preparation session please contact the Parish Office to register. For questions about Baptismal Preparation please contact the Parish Office.

NEW LECTORS NEEDED



We are in need of additional people who are willing to proclaim God's Word at Mass. It is a wonderful way to live our call to proclaim God's Word.

The qualifications are: - ability to read, - ability to speak clearly and high school age and above. If you would like to serve as a Lector, email Fr. Mike at frmikestjoseph@optonline.net or call 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). The RCIA is a very relaxed and rewarding process. If you, or anyone you know, would like more information about the RCIA please contact Carol Schulz at the Parish Office 732-792-2270 or email

CSchulzStJoseph@optonline.net.

2015 GOLF OUTING



Prepare to join us for the 15th Annual Golf Outing on Monday, September 14 at Knob Hill Golf and

Country Club in Manalapan. 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? Or perhaps you are employed by a business that would like to advertise at the Golf Outing. Become a sponsor - there are a variety of different sponsorship opportunities. Want to help out as a family? There are Family Sponsorships available as well. For more information, contact Dave (732) 792-1838 dcerulo@hess.com or Vince 732-303-0822 iuzzolino5@optonline.net.

FOOD COLLECTION



Please remember that our food collections are held on the 1st and 3rd weekends of each month. The next

food collection will be on July 18/19. Food items (including frozen foods – please place frozen foods in cooler that can be found in the lower level entryway), paper goods and toiletries are very much appreciated.

Thanks for your generosity and support.

BAPTISM BIBS



We once again need some people who can sew to make Baptism bibs. The bibs are used during the celebration of Baptism and symbolize that through

Baptism a child has been called to put on Christ. Having them made by parishioners is a wonderful symbol showing how we are all connected through baptism. If you can sew- the bibs are not complicated from what I am told - and would be willing to make some of the bibs, please see Fr. Mike for a sample and pattern. Thanks for any help you are able to give to keep this tradition going.

→ Calendar of Events ←

July 10 10:00AM – The Cup Of Our Life Program 7:00PM - Baptism Preparation Session

July 19 Annual Mission Appeal Parish Food Collection

12:30PM - Baptism

July 24 10:00AM – The Cup Of Our Life Program

Aug 3 9:30AM – Vacation Bible School

Aug 7 7:00PM – Baptism Preparation Session

Sept 14 GOLF OUTING

Let us praise God in all we do.

CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL

Each year at this time we are asked to partner with the Annual Catholic Appeal to help support the vital ministries, programs and services that the Diocese of Trenton provides to the parishes of Monmouth, Ocean, Mercer and Burlington Counties. With your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal we can support youth and family ministries, Catholic Education, vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life, and many of the charitable works that are offered by the Diocese. Please consider sharing your faith by making a gift to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. To find out more about the Appeal you can visit the Diocesan website -

 $\underline{www.dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal/}.$

Each Parish is given a goal to reach by the Diocese and the goal for St. Joseph Parish this year is \$39,500.00. Please reflect on any help you can give so that we can reach our parish goal. If everyone gives a little, we can easily make the goal.

To make a donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal pick up a donation card and fill it out - mail the card to the Diocese or return it to the Parish. Please make checks payable to the *Catholic Annual Appeal*. You can donate through the Diocesan website:

www.dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal/ -

please be sure that you select our Parish – St. Joseph - Perrineville as the Parish to receive credit.

Thank you for your generosity. May God continue

Thank you for your generosity. May God continue to bless you!



Our Parish is now offering the opportunity for electronic donations. St. Joseph Parish has enlisted Parish Giving to provide our members with the opportunity to use electronic funds transfer as an alternative method for giving to the parish. Parish Giving is offered free of charge to you so that you may make donations by credit card or transfer from your checking account. On the giving site, you will be able to select from various opportunities to contribute to our parish and contribute to Diocesan collections as well. So if you are away you can support your Parish, no more searching for envelopes, remembering your checkbook or searching for cash. It is fast and easy. By setting up your account with Parish Giving you have the ability to:

- o make one-time contributions
- make recurring contributions
- select your billing date
- o use credit card or bank transfer
- access contribution reports
- have the same safety and security as banks and other financial institutions

To set up an account and begin using Parish Giving, go to our website:

<u>WWW.stjosephmillstone.org</u> 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 - check out our Website - www.stjosephmillstone.org - - - - "like us" on facebook at St. Joseph Catholic Church Millstone Twp, NJ - - - - - or follow on Twitter @frmikestjoseph.

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office: 732-792-2270

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:30AM - 2:30PM Mailing Address: 91 Stillhouse Road

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Evening - 5:00 PM

Sunday Morning - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri - 9:00AM

Holy Days: as listed in the bulletin

Confessions: After the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday or by appointment.

<u>BAPTISM</u> – 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.

<u>Marriage</u> – Diocesan policy requires that arrangements for Marriage be made one (1) year in advance of the wedding. Refer any questions to the Pastor.

<u>Sick Calls</u> – 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

<u>Registration</u> – 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.

<u>Sponsor Certificates</u> – 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.