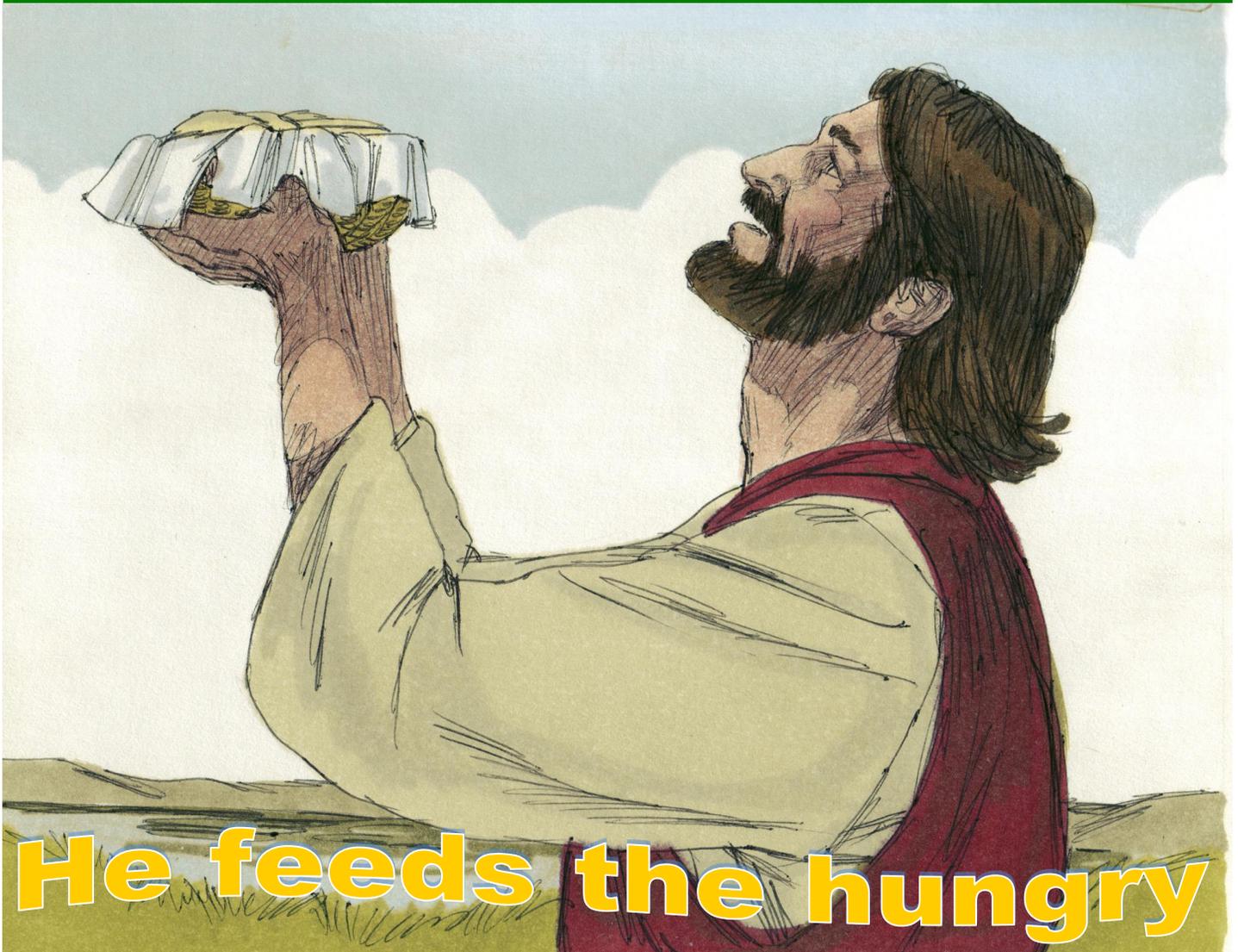


ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Millstone Township, New Jersey



He feeds the hungry

17th Sunday Of Ordinary Time

July 26, 2015



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Some thoughts from Fr. Mike...

Dear Friends,

The Gospel passage this week tells us about a great crowd that assembled to be nourished by Jesus. They traveled to be nourished spiritually by the words of Jesus. They were so hungry for real spiritual food that they obviously left their work and other obligations just to receive that nourishment. It would also seem that they were so anxious to hear Jesus that they gave no thought about bringing supplies with them. They were in an out of the way place and physical hunger set in. And Jesus demonstrated that he cared about those people, not simply their spiritual welfare, but their physical needs as well. He wanted to feed them. Thanks to a young boy who was willing to sacrifice what he had – just five loaves of bread and two fish – Jesus fed the crowd. The young boy must have had at least a little bewilderment about sacrificing the only food available, but he did make the sacrifice. Jesus accepted that sacrifice and turned the impossible into the possible. What was given to Jesus as a sacrifice was given back by him totally transformed.

An important message from this story is the importance of sharing what we have with those who are less well off. Even in our day, Jesus hopes that we will be willing to place what we have at his disposal. When we do, Jesus can still transform our gift into something bigger.

The problem of hunger is still a reality. The magnitude of the problem can make us wonder what we could possibly have to offer. We can feel like the Apostle Andrew and question what good such a little offering that we can make will have on the problem of hunger. Jesus did not dismiss the offering of the boy in the Gospel, and he won't dismiss ours. God will still choose to use our little efforts to produce miracles. Our barley loaves and fish might be the small amount donated to the food collection. On its own, the contribution may seem insignificant, but multiplied around a parish or a caring community it can become a miracle.

Perhaps we are simply reminded today that when we share what we have as an offering to God, wonderful things can happen and we can all play a part in God's miracles.

Peace and prayers,

Fr. Mike

Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday	July- 25	St James (2 Cor 4:7-15 Mt 20:20-28)
5:00pm	<i>Elizabeth Law</i>	r/b Elizabeth Silvestrone
Sunday	July- 26	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (2 Kgs 4:42-44 Eph 4:1-6 Jn 6:1-15)
9:00am	<i>Anna Morin</i>	r/b Her Family
11:00am	<i>Paul & Patricia Salerno</i>	r/b The Lisi Family
Monday	July- 27	Weekday (Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 Mt 13:31-35)
9:00am	<i>Joseph Ridolfo</i>	r/b Frances DeRosa
Tuesday	July- 28	Weekday (Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 Mt 13:36-43)
9:00am	<i>Joseph Cappuzzo</i>	r/b The Cappuzzo Family
Wednesday	July- 29	St Martha (Ex 34:29-35 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42)
9:00am	<i>Jeremy Stevens</i>	r/b The Reide Family
Thursday	July- 30	St Peter Chrysologus (Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Mt 13:47-53) NO MASS
Friday	July -31	St Ignatius of Loyola (Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 Mt 13: 54-58)
9:00am	<i>Anna Hillers</i>	r/b The Palmer Family
Saturday	August- 1	St Alphonsus Liguori (Lv 25: 1, 8-17 Mt 14: 1-12)
5:00pm	<i>Elizabeth Law</i>	r/b Joseph, Michael & Thomas Silvestrone
Sunday	August- 2	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Ex 16:2-4, 12-15 Eph 4:17, 20-24 Jn 6:24-35)
9:00am	<i>Allen Jenkins</i>	r/b Dr Scott Palmer
11:00am	<i>George J. DeFuria Sr.</i>	r/b The Breslin Family



The Sanctuary Candle... this week

Nana Reilly r/b Her 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 Lonely, the safe return of our service men & women and for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER...

*When we joyfully share who we are and what we have,
God performs miracles.*

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT

July 19th – \$7,504.00

Debt Reduction –\$134.00

Children's Envelopes - \$6.20

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

What's Happening In The Parish...

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL



Thank you to everyone who donated to the Mission Appeal last weekend. The Missionaries of Faith have expressed their gratitude for your generosity. We will be sending the check from the Parish early this week, so if you did not have a chance to participate but would like to, you can still send your donation to the Parish Office. Make checks payable to St. Joseph Parish so that we can send one check from the parish. Thanks again for your participation and your generosity.

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.

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.

ST. JOSEPH READERS' CLUB



The next selection for the Readers Club is

The Girl on the Train

by Paula Hawkins. Compulsively readable, *The Girl on the Train* is an emotionally immersive, Hitchcockian thriller. An electrifying debut psychological cliffhanger that will forever change the way you look at other people's lives.

The next meeting will take place on August 20, - 7:30pm in the Parish Hall. The theme for food will be British Gourmet. Join us for dinner and great conversation! *New readers are always welcome!!!* Please RSVP your attendance to Fran at ambiofran@gmail.com.

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, August 7th 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.

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 fmikestjoseph@optonline.net or call 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.

BAPTISM BIBS



We are in need of 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.

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 Aug 1/2. 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.

2015 GOLF OUTING



Plan 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.

PARISH TRIPS

Come join us - - - -

Philadelphia Museum of Art – Wednesday, September 9. Discover the Impressionists – Monet, Renoir, Manet, Pissarro and more. \$65.00 per person. Lunch on your own.

The Franklin Institute Vatican Splendors – Thursday, October 14. The largest Vatican collection ever to tour North America. Galleries transport visitors to the Vatican to experience the sights and sounds of the grand Basilica, the catacombs and Papal chambers. \$65.00 per person. Lunch on your own.

Longwood Gardens Christmas Display – Thursday, December 3. Wander through a half million twinkling lights, thousands of poinsettias and magnificent Christmas trees. Listen to carolers and view beautifully lit fountains that seem to dance in this holiday wonderland. \$65.00 per person. Lunch on your own. You can find more detailed information on the Parish Web site.

To reserve a spot, or find out more information, contact Rosalie at 732-490-5302.

→ Calendar of Events ←

Aug 2	Parish Food Collection 12:30PM - Baptisms
Aug 3	9:30AM – Vacation Bible School 7:00PM – Building & Grounds Committee
Aug 7	7:00PM – Baptism Preparation Session
Aug 12	10:00AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry
Aug 14	10:00AM – The Cup of Our Life Program
Aug 20	7:30PM – Reader’s Club Meeting
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 -

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 to bless you!

WELCOME

As a Parish Community we welcome:

***Charles John McAloney
Bradley Peyton Meyer
Harley Marie Oliveira
Jameson Charles Schlupp
Lillian Rose Spooner***

who were received into God’s family and the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. Let us remember them in our prayers.



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 make one-time contributions, make recurring contributions, select your billing date, use credit card or bank transfer, access contribution reports and 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:

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.

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office: 732-792-2270

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:30AM - 2:30PM

Mailing Address: 91 Stillhouse Road

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WWW.STJOSEPHMILLSTONE.ORG

PARISH STAFF	MASS TIMES
<p><i>Rev. Michael P. Lang - Pastor</i> frmikestjoseph@optonline.net</p> <p><i>Rev. Remberth Reilly, O.S.B - Weekend Assistant</i></p> <p><i>Rob Folinus - Permanent Deacon</i> Robstjoseph@optonline.net</p> <p><i>Chris Chandonnet, Permanent Deacon</i> Chrisstjoseph@optonline.net</p> <p><i>Carol Schulz, Pastoral Associate</i> CSchulzstjoseph@optonline.net</p> <p><i>Jean Semanchick, Parish Secretary & Coordinator of Religious Education</i> Jeanstjoseph@optonline.net</p> <p><i>Kristine Reide, Music Ministry Leader</i> Kris0373@aol.com</p>	<p>Saturday Evening - 5:00 PM</p> <p>Sunday Morning - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM</p> <p>Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri - 9:00AM</p> <p>Holy Days: as listed in the bulletin</p> <p>Confessions: After the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday or by appointment.</p>

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.