

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
Millstone Township, New Jersey

The
Widow's
Mite

A Measure
of Love

32nd Sunday Of Ordinary Time

November 08, 2015



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Some thoughts from Fr. Mike...

Dear Friends,

I would think that just about everyone has heard the saying, "It's the thought that counts." The saying tries to put the emphasis on self-giving in a gift or action in order to see it as an expression of love. That is what Jesus is telling us in the story of the widow's mite. It is the heart and sacrifice behind her offering which makes it so valuable, not the amount of her gift. In the eyes of most people, the widow's offering would seem almost worthless but in the eyes of God it is an exquisite gift. What wins her favor in Jesus' mind is the fact that she holds nothing back for herself. Her small gift is everything she has – in a way she is making an offering of her total life to God. The hidden value of the widow's offering teaches us that material goods are not the most important factor in the world. The real issue being presented in the Gospel is discipleship. It is generosity of spirit, not money that Jesus is concerned with, because we all have something more precious than money to offer God. What God is looking for in our lives. God wants our hearts, not our possession. To be pleasing to God, our giving and contributions cannot simply be an act to ease our conscience about some misstep, oversight or misdeed. To be pleasing to God our actions must come from the heart and be viewed as a gift to God. While others in this world may judge us by outward appearances, Jesus measures us in a completely different way. The searching eyes of Jesus penetrate into our souls and reveal the inner motives of our actions. Why and how we give of ourselves is the greatest indication of how we have allowed the Gospel message to become, not something that we just hear, but something that we live. That is what Jesus came to do – offer us the opportunity to be transformed by God's Word.

Perhaps our greatest motivation and inspiration for offering ourselves to God is to always remember that God was willing to give up everything by taking on human form to come among us, proclaim the Good News and suffer and die for each one of us. God did this out of love for us. When we open our hearts and give generously of ourselves we, like the Widow in the Gospel, demonstrate that we have truly accepted love of God.

Peace and prayers,

Fr. Mike

Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday	November- 7 Weekday (Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 Lk 16:9-15) 5:00pm <i>Concetta Cashman</i> r/b Barry & Lisa Lynch
Sunday	November- 8 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (1 Kgs 17:10-6 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>Judith Saladino</i> r/b M/M Stanton Smith
Monday	November- 9 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22) 9:00am <i>Carol Becker</i> r/b Bill & Marie Schubel
Tuesday	November- 10 St Leo the Great (Wis 2:23—3:9 Lk 17:7-10) 9:00am <i>Karen Kinder</i> r/b Bill & Marie Schubel
Wednesday	November- 11 Veteran's Day St Martin of Tour (Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19) 9:00am <i>Kristy Lee Durski</i> r/b Robin & Ross Miano & Alberta Pfeiffer
Thursday	November- 12 St Josaphat (Wis 7:22b—8:1 Lk 17:26-37) NO MASS
Friday	November- 13 St Frances Xavier Cabrini (Wis 13:1-9 Lk 17:26-37) 9:00am <i>Peter Reilly</i> r/b The Ladies of St Joseph
Saturday	November- 14 Weekday (Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9 Lk 18:1-8) 5:00pm <i>Michelle MacInnes</i> r/b Her Family
Sunday	November- 15 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Dn 12:1-3 Heb 10:11-14, 18 Mk 13:24-32) 9:00am <i>Celestine Collins</i> r/b Pam Husted & Joe Collins 11:00am <i>Silvia Gonzales</i> r/b Alejandro Gonzales & Family



Sanctuary Candle... this week

Charles & Susan McCarthy

r/b Peggy Matusz

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 give out of love for God, the true worth of our gift is magnified.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT

November 1st – \$ 9,034.00

Debt Reduction - \$ 295.00

All Saints Day - \$633.00

Children's Envelopes - \$ 8.50

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

What's Happening In The Parish...

HOSPITALITY WEEKEND



This weekend we are having Hospitality after each Mass – including the 5:00PM on

Saturday. So, after Mass please stop in the Parish Hall after each Mass for refreshments. The New Parishioners are invited to stop by the Welcome Table during Hospitality.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

There are no Religious Education Classes on Wednesday, November 11. (There are classes on Monday & Tuesday)

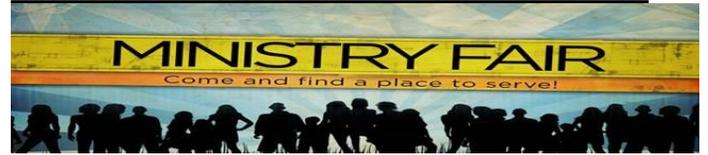
PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day.

PARISH NIGHT

JOIN US on Friday, November 13th at 7:00PM for Parish Night. Parish Night is an opportunity, sponsored by the Ladies of St. Joseph, for parishioners to come together for some food, social time, crafts/activities for the children and more. There is a sign list on the table at the entrance of the church where you can sign up to come (just so we can be sure to have enough food and supplies). Don't miss the fun!

ST. JOSEPH PARISH MINISTRY FAIR



The Ministry Fair is taking place this weekend - November 7-8, 2015 (After the 5 pm, 9 am, and 11 am Masses). Don't miss this opportunity to find out what's going on at St. Joseph's! Each group or ministry will be represented and have information about who they are and what they do for the parish and community. Maybe you've been thinking about being part of a group or ministry but haven't had an opportunity to ask questions or get the information you need. This is an excellent opportunity to get that information or just to see all that's going on here at the parish. Join us for hospitality after every Mass.

MEN'S GUILD



The Men's Guild will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 10 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 dcerulo@hess.com or 732-792-1838

50-50 RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle tickets for the 50-50 Raffle sponsored by the Men's Guild of the parish have been mailed to all parishioners. The drawing date is December 13 so please be sure to return your chances prior to that date. If you did not receive your chances in the mail or if you need additional raffle tickets, please stop by the Parish Office or see a Men's Guild member after Mass. The more who take a chance, the bigger the prize!

HELP AT CHRISTMAS

Once again we will have the Giving Tree where we have the opportunity to help others at Christmas. If there are any families in need of help please feel free to tell them about our program. All names are kept confidential. They can email or call Fr. Mike (frmikestjoseph@optonline.net 732-792-2270) for the information (forms are also available on our website). To request help, there is a deadline of November 23 so that there is time to receive, sort and distribute the gifts in time for Christmas. We do get a lot of requests and we will also be helping with gifts for the Children's Home in Mount Holly, so the sooner we get requests, the better we can help. Those who receive help do not have to be parishioners or Catholic but should live in Millstone Twp, Manalapan or the surrounding areas.

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, November 13th 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.

WELCOME

As a Parish Community we joyfully welcome:

Shawn Patrick Duffy

who has been Baptized and welcomed into God's Family and the Church. Let us remember this little one in our prayers.

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 November 14/15. Food items *including frozen foods*, paper goods and toiletries are very much appreciated.

Thanks for your generosity and support.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



Are you or someone you know considering becoming Catholic?

Do you need to complete sacraments? Have you been away

from the Church for a while and want to reconnect? If so, the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) may be just what you are looking for. The RCIA meets on Sundays at 10:00AM. There is no commitment and no pressure. The RCIA promotes the idea of a Faith Journey – where is God calling you at this point in your life? If you want more information about the RCIA, please contact Carol at the parish office (732) 792-2270 or at cschulzstjoseph@optonline.net.

ST. JOSEPH READERS' CLUB



The next Reader's Club choice is

The Invention of Wings by

Sue Monk Kidd. Inspired by the

historical figure of Sarah Grimke, this novel is a triumph of storytelling that looks at a devastating wound in American history, through women whose struggles for liberation, empowerment, and expression will leave no reader unmoved. The next gathering of the Readers' Club will be **Thursday, November 19 at 7:30 in the Parish Hall.**

Southern Cooking is the theme for refreshments that evening. Join us at our next gathering for what is always great food and great discussion. New readers are always welcome!!! Don't forget to RSVP your attendance to Fran at ambiofran@optonline.net prior to November 19th.

GIVING TREE



Our Annual Giving Tree

Program begins next weekend.

This is a chance to help people in need at Christmas. If you

would like to participate, simply

take an ornament from the tree, purchase the item listed on the ornament and return the gift (unwrapped) by Dec 13. This year we are again supporting the Children's Homes in Mt. Holly along with helping local families and the Samaritan Center in Englishtown. We do ask for your help in returning the items by Dec 13 so that we have enough time to sort and distribute the gifts. Thanks for your support.

MUSIC MINISTRY



COME AND JOIN ONE OF THE

CHOIRS! Please think about joining one of the choirs.

The **Children's Choir** is for those ages 6 1/2 – 10 – they will be meeting at 5:15PM. The **Contemporary Choir** is for those ages 11 and above – they will meet at 6:00PM.

The **St. Joseph Choir** is for adults and will meet at 7:00PM.

You do not have to be able to read music or feel that you have the best voice to be part of choir.

When voices come together to praise God, it is always a beautiful sound. For information about the **Children's Choir**, the **Contemporary Choir**, **St. Joseph Choir** or **Cantors** contact Kristine at Kris0373@aol.com or 973-768-4184.

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.

➔ Calendar of Events ➔

Nov 7	Hospitality after Mass
Nov 8	Hospitality Sunday Ministry Fair
Nov 10	7:30PM – Men's Guild Meeting
Nov 11	Veteran's Day Parish Office Closed 10:00AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry No Religious Education Classes
Nov 12	5:15PM – Children's Choir Practice 6:00PM – Contemporary Choir Practice 7:00PM – St. Joseph Choir Practice 7:00PM – Bible Study – Gospel of Luke
Nov 13	10:00AM – Bible Study – Gospel of Luke 7:00PM – Baptism Preparation Session 7:00PM – Parish Night
Nov 15	Parish Food Collection Children's Liturgy of the Word 10:00AM – RCIA
Nov 19	7:30PM - Readers' Club Meeting
Nov 23	No Religious Education Classes
Nov 24	No Religious Education Classes
Nov 25	No Religious Education Classes
Nov 26	Thanksgiving Day 10:00AM – Mass
Nov 27	Parish Office Closed No Morning Mass
Nov 30	6:45AM – Communion Service
Dec 13	12:00Noon – Parish Christmas Party

Let us praise God in all we do.

Parish Giving

An easy and 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.

Check out our new offering on the website for parishioners who are looking for something. (Sell a car, rent a house, etc.)
<http://www.stjosephmillstone.org/themarketplace>

COMMUNION SERVICE DURING ADVENT

Are you on the road early each morning? Do you have to get the kids off to school? On Mondays and Fridays of Advent, beginning November 30, will be Communion Service on at 6:45am. The service is less than 25 minutes and includes the day's readings, proclamation of the Gospel, a short reflection, plus the opportunity to receive Communion. The time is especially ideal for commuters, parents/guardians who need to get the kids off to school - any early risers! Come start your day with Jesus!

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office: 732-792-2270

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

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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.