

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
Millstone Township, New Jersey

*God's Message
of Hope*

I have been sent to
bring glad tidings to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives,
recovery of sight to the blind,
let the oppressed go free,
and to proclaim a
year acceptable to the Lord.

3rd WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 24, 2016



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Some thoughts from Fr. Mike...

Dear Friends,

A great moment in history is recalled in the Gospel passage this weekend. Jesus was at the center of attention when he declared the Lord's year of favor as he preached in the Synagogue in his home town of Nazareth. Jesus opened the scroll and read a passage from the prophet Isaiah who declared many years earlier that the long awaited Messiah would bring hope to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives, give sight to the blind and lead those who were captive to oppression to experience freedom. When Jesus had the attention of those who were gathered, he boldly proclaimed, "Today, this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." This was a declaration that the time of salvation had arrived and that Jesus was the long awaited Messiah. Some of those who heard this message had a very difficult time coming to terms with the thought that the Holy One of God turned out to be one of their own. But for those who opened themselves to such good news there must have been a great sense of joy to realize that God had not abandoned them and that God was indeed concerned and interested in their well-being.

This message of hope preached by Jesus in Galilee is one that must be spread by us today. Every year is a year of favor from the Lord and we are called to allow those words to be fulfilled through us at every opportunity. There are any number of ways that each of us can bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to the blind and relief to those who are weighed down. When we help those whose hearts have grown cold and are heavily weighed down, the love of God shines through us and we can help other realize that Jesus, and his message of mercy, is not a memory but is living among us in our present age. Of course to be channels of this message we first have to accept the Good News of Jesus ourselves and invite Jesus into our lives so that he can show us the way. Perhaps as we think about the proclamation we hear in the Gospel today we might also reflect on its meaning for us today. A great question for all of us to ponder is, what is the Good News proclaimed by my life to others? Remember, there is nowhere we can walk in life without leaving an imprint of who we are.

Peace and prayer,

Fr. Mike

Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday January- 23 **St Vincent – St Marianne**
(2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Mk 3:20-21)

5:00pm *Rev. Tom Ceralo* r/b His Family

Sunday January- 24 **3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
(Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21)

9:00am *Assunta Esposito* r/b The Ferro Family

11:00am *Valerie Schneider* r/b The Pascarella Family

Monday January- 25
The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle
(Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22 Mk 16:15-18)

9:00am *Special intentions of Mary Corrigan*
r/b Marie Schubel

Tuesday January- 26 **St Timothy – St Titus**
(2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 Mk3:31-35)

9:00am *Karol Durek* r/b Janina Maciag

Wednesday January- 27 **St Angela Merici**
(2 Sm 7:4-17 Mk 4:1-20)

9:00am *Marisa Pormigiano* r/b The Gellman Family

Thursday January- 28 **St Thomas Aquinas**
(2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29 Mk 4:21-25)

No Mass

Friday January- 29 **Weekday**
(2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 Mk 4:26-34)

9:00am *Roman Durek* r/b The Family

Saturday January- 30 **Weekday**
(2 Sm 12: 1-7a, 10-17 Mk 4:35-41)

5:00pm *Albina Barbosa* r/b M/M Daniel Gorfain

Sunday January - 31 **4th Sunday of Ordinary Time**
(Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 1 Cor 12:31—13: or 13:4-13 Lk 4:21-30)

9:00am *Assunta Esposito* r/b The DiMaria Family

11:00am *Roman Durek* r/b The Family



Sanctuary Candle... this week
Special Intentions of Richard Hileman
r/b His 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...

No matter where we go, we leave an imprint of our values.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT

January 17th - \$7,310.00

Debt Reduction - \$165.00

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

What's Happening In The Parish...

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Remember – Religious Education resume this week. See you in class.

SUB SALE

The Ladies of St. Joseph will be holding a sub sandwich sale after Mass this weekend
Jan 23/24.



They will be offering-
ham subs for \$8.50,
turkey subs for \$9.50,
roast beef subs for \$10.50, and a limited number of chicken parmesan subs for \$15.00.
Stop in the Parish Hall after Mass on Saturday night or Sunday morning to purchase a tasty treat for afternoon football game or just as a treat for lunch. Proceeds from the sub sale are used to support parish events. For more information about the sub sale contact Jo Ann at jannkronenthal@gmail.com or 732-446-4326.

FATHER AND SON BREAKFAST



Join us for the annual Father Son Breakfast that will be held on Sunday, January 31st after the 11:00 AM Mass. Come and enjoy a little time as Father and Son. Tickets are just \$5.00. Tickets may be purchased after Mass or from the Parish Office. Our guest speaker will be Julian Pinnix-Odrick, a defensive lineman with Rutgers Scarlet Knights. So come and enjoy some good food, good company, prizes and more.

BAKE SALE



The Ladies of St. Joseph will be having a Bake Sale on Sunday, February 7th after each Mass. Donations of baked items will be gladly accepted. Drop off any baked goods in the Parish Hall kitchen on Saturday or Sunday morning. All proceeds from the bake sale are used to support the parish functions sponsored by the Ladies of St. Joseph. These functions include Parish Nights, Easter Egg Hunt, support for Hospitality Sundays and more. For more information about the bake sale contact Jo Ann at jannkronenthal@gmail.com or 732-446-4326. Thanks for your support

LOOKING FOR HELP

Every Parish in the Diocese is going to be participating in a program called *Faith To Move Mountains*. This is a campaign for an endowment fund for the Diocese so that the work of the Diocese of Trenton will be able to have a secure future. Our Parish needs about 25-30 people willing to help serve as the Parish Team for this endeavor. Training and the start of this will begin sometime mid to late January. If you would like to help, please contact Fr. Mike Frmikestjoseph@optonline.net or call the Parish Office. Working together, we can do this.

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 February 6/7. Food items including frozen foods, paper goods and toiletries are very much appreciated.

Thanks for your generosity and support.

WELCOME...

As a Parish Community we welcome

Lillian Ann Cote

Luca Leonardo Grasso

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

FOOD/WINE TASTING & ART AUCTION



Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 5, 2016 for our annual Food and Wine Tasting and Art Auction. There will be food from various eating establishments and of course the opportunity to purchase some artwork for yourself or as a gift for someone else. (If you have a favorite Restaurant that you would like to see showcase their food, let us know and we will be happy to invite them.) Tickets are just \$25 per person. If you would like to advertise your business in the journal you can do so for just \$25 for a half page ad or \$50 for a full page ad. For information contact Dave dcerulo@hess.com or 732-792-1838.

ST. JOSEPH READERS' CLUB

The next Reader's Club choice is ***Orphans of Race Point*** by Patry Francis. Set on Cape Cod, Massachusetts, this novel is a suspenseful saga of love, murder, and the true meaning of faith from the author of the acclaimed *The Liar's Diary*. The next gathering of the Readers' Club will be **Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 7:30 in the Parish Hall**. *Portuguese or Cape Cod Cuisine* is the theme for refreshments for the evening. Join us for a wonderful evening of great food and discussion. New readers are always welcome!!! Don't forget to RSVP your attendance to Fran at ambiofran@optonline.net.

MARDI GRAS



Come and join us for our annual potluck/covered dish Mardi Gras Dinner on Tuesday, February 9, at 6:00 pm. Bring your favorite main course or side dish, salad or dessert to share. Beverages will be provided. If you plan to come, please sign up on the list that can be found on the table at the entrance of the church. Dinner will be followed by a prayer service at 7:30 pm to usher in the season of Lent. See you at Mardi Gras!



HOST FAMILIES NEEDED



Once again this year we will be hosting members of the NET Team Ministries to lead a retreat for our Confirmation students. We are in need of families to host members of the retreat team over night. They would arrive after 9:00PM and will be leaving in the morning. The retreat team will be here February 24. If you are able to host some of the retreat team members or would like more information, please contact Jean in the Parish Office or email Jeanstjoseph@optonline.net.

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, February 5th 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday, February 10. This is the beginning of the Lenten Season. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM, 4:30PM and 7:00PM. The imposition of Ashes will take place at each Mass.

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). RCIA meets on Sunday mornings after the 9:00AM Mass (10:00AM). If you would like more information about the RCIA please contact Carol Schulz at the Parish Office 732-792-2270 or email CSchulzStJoseph@optonline.net.



DONATION STATEMENTS

If you need a statement of donations for tax purposes, please send a self-addressed envelope to the parish office. Statements will be sent towards the end of the month.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



The Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each Month at the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses. All children of the parish age 5 and over are invited to come down stairs and participate in this opportunity to hear God's Word and learn how to apply it in life. Children are also given some project that serves to reinforce God's Word. We can always use additional volunteers to help out with the Children's Liturgy of the Word as teachers or aides. If you would like to see how you can help, feel free to come down to the hall during the children's Liturgy of the Word to observe. For more information, you can call the Parish Office.

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.

STAY CONNECTED - "like us" on facebook at St. Joseph Catholic Church Millstone Twp, NJ or check out our web site www.stjosephmillstone.org or follow on Twitter @frmikestjoseph.



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 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>

➔ Calendar of Events ➔

Jan 23	Sub Sale After Mass
Jan 24	Sub Sale After Each Mass 10:00AM - RCIA
Jan 28	5:15PM – Children's Choir Practice 6:00PM – Contemporary Choir Practice 7:00PM – St. Joseph Choir Practice
Jan 31	10:00AM - RCIA 12:00Noon - Father Son Breakfast
Feb 1	7:00PM – Building & Grounds Committee
Feb 2	8:00PM – Ladies of St. Joseph
Feb 7	Parish Food Collection Bake Sale After Each Mass 10:00AM RCIA 12:30PM – Baptisms
Feb 8	7:30PM – Men's Guild Meeting
Feb 9	6:00PM - Mardi Gras Pot Luck Dinner
Feb 10	Ash Wednesday 9:00AM - Mass 10:00AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry 4:30PM – Mass 7:00PM – Mass
Feb 15	President's Day Parish Office Closed
Feb 24	4:00PM – Confirmation Retreat
Mar 5	Food & Wine Tasting & Art Auction

Let us praise God in all we do.

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office: 732-792-2270

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

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

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.