

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Millstone Township, New Jersey

**Open your heart
So the Good News can flow in!**



4th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 31, 2016



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Some thoughts from Fr. Mike...

Dear Friends,

When Jesus began his public ministry the initial reaction to his preaching was very favorable. He spoke in ways that the people understood. He spoke with authority but it was a different kind of authority than they were accustomed to hearing. He spoke with the kind of authority that was not trying to oppress people. He spoke of Good News, freedom, healing, hope, new life, and a way of life that promised happiness. However, as time passed some of those who found the words of Jesus to be uplifting at first began to find the same words uncomfortable and even disturbing. The discomfort was caused by the realization that the words of Jesus were calling the people to change their ways and even to change their thinking. For many people that call to change became disturbing because they were set in their ways and the thought of change proved to be too much. Change can often cause some discomfort as we are forced to examine various areas of our lives. To acknowledge that something has to change can be a daunting challenge.

As we hear the Gospel passage presented today along with the words of Jesus; "no prophet is accepted in his own native place," we are being asked to decide how much of Jesus' message we are willing to come into our hearts and minds. Are we willing to hear His message and allow all of it to touch us, or do we block some of it out because it is too challenging, too uncomfortable and will mean that we must allow change to become a reality?

No matter how many times people rejected the message of Jesus, he did not back down. He continued to speak with authority. Deep down, many of those who found his message challenging knew that He was right, and so do we. Fortunately, some of those who heard His message found the courage and strength to allow His words to bring about change. This dealt with the struggle and challenge and they found out that what Jesus said was true.

The challenge remains for us today to hear the words of Jesus and allow them to be the catalyst for change so that we can find out that His message was not simply a bunch of words that sounded nice, but were words that can lead us to experience new life.

Peace and prayer,

Fr. Mike

Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday	January- 30 Weekday (2 Sm 12: 1-7a, 10-17 Mk 4:35-41)
5:00pm	<i>Albina Barbosa</i> 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	<i>Assunta Esposito</i> r/b The DiMaria Family
11:00am	<i>Roman Durck</i> r/b The Family
Monday	February- 1 Weekday (2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 Mk 5:1-20)
9:00am	<i>Special Healing Intentions of Jimmy King</i> r/b Grandma
Tuesday	February- 2 The Presentation of the Lord (Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32)
9:00am	<i>Sophie, Roman, Stanley & Karol Durck</i> r/b The Family
Wednesday	February- 3 St Blaise (2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 Mk 6:1-6)
9:00am	<i>John Straley</i> r/b Lisa & Tony Arpaia
Thursday	February- 4 Weekday (1 Kgs 2: 1-4, 10-12 Mk 6:7-13) <i>No Mass</i>
Friday	February- 5 St Agatha (Sir 47:2-11 Mk 6:14-29)
9:00am	<i>Special Intentions of Ashton & Isabel</i> r/b Patty Newman
Saturday	February- 6 St Paul Miki (1 Kgs 3:4-13 Mk 6:30-34)
5:00pm	<i>Paula Markowski</i> r/b Frances DeRosa
Sunday	February- 7 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Is 6:1-2a, 3-8, 11 Lk 5:1-11)
9:00am	<i>Paula Markowski</i> r/b The Ladies of St Joseph
11:00am	<i>Elsie Albert</i> r/b Donna Slivoski



Sanctuary Candle... this week

John & Joanna Semanchick

r/b John & Genevieve

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...

If we want the Good News to help us, we have to allow it to become part of us.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT

January 24th - SNOW STORM

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

What's Happening In The Parish...

FATHER AND SON BREAKFAST

Join TODAY, Sunday, January 31 after the 11:00AM Mass for the annual Father Son Breakfast. Come and enjoy some food, a message from Julian Pinnix-Odrick, a defensive lineman with Rutgers Scarlet Knights, prizes and some great company. Tickets are just \$5.00 which can be purchased at the door.



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.

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

SUB SALE



Due to the storm last weekend the Sub Sale was postponed. It will now be held the weekend of February 6/7 along with the Bake Sale. The Ladies of St. Joseph 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.

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!

LENTEN SOUP & STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Join us on Friday evenings during Lent for Soup & Stations. This is an opportunity to come together for a simple meal of soup and bread as a reminder of how we are called to practice a simpler lifestyle during our Lenten journey. There is no cost to participate but if you choose you may make a free will offering. These donations will be used to help the poor in our area. The meal begins at 6:30 and Stations of the Cross will begin immediately following at 7:30 where we once again reflect on the journey of Jesus to Calvary and its meaning for us today.

FOOD/WINE TASTING & ART AUCTION



Join us on Saturday, March 5 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. (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.

FAITH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM FOR LENT



The Holy Year of Mercy

Pope Francis tells us that Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy. This study is intended to help us to recognize God's mercy in the varied circumstances of our own lives and how we may be able to bring that mercy to others. Sessions are held on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM and Friday mornings at 10:00 AM starting on February 18. Please sign up on the sheets in the vestibule. Books can be purchased at the first session for \$7.00.

WOMEN'S RETREAT DAY



Come join us on Saturday, February 27 for a day of peaceful reflection as we open our hearts to receive God's amazing gift of Mercy. This powerful, life-changing and generous gift of God's mercy surrounds us all the time but we must learn how to receive it and then give it away. We do not earn it; we don't even deserve it; but we have it. That's the miracle. This is *Mercy, Inside Out*. Sr. Gerrie Muller, SSJ, a Retreat Director at San Alfonso Retreat Center will be with us as our presenter for the day. Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be served. **There is no cost for the day but if you'd like to attend, it is important to sign up on the sheets in the vestibule to help us provide for refreshment for the day.** Questions? Contact Carol Schulz at the Parish Office at (732) 792-2270 or e-mail to cschulzstjoseph@optonline.net.

BLESSING OF THROATS

Blessing of throats will take place this Wednesday, February 3 after the 9:00AM Mass.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE



The Building and Grounds Committee will be meeting on Monday – February 1 at 7:00 PM in the Rectory. For more information about the Building and Grounds Committee contact Tom P. at tom@tlpclimatecontrol.com or Tom B. at tbaber@moneymailer.com.

LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH



The Ladies of St. Joseph Will hold their monthly meeting this Tuesday, February 2 at 8:00 PM in the Parish Hall. All women of the Parish to come and be a part of our Parish women's group. Come and find out how you can help with our many parish activities. For more information about the Ladies of St. Joseph contact Jo Ann at iannkronenthal@gmail.com or 732-446-4326.

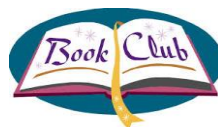
FOOD COLLECTION



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.

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 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@gmail.com.

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.

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.

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.

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.

→ Calendar of Events ←

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 3	9:00AM – Feast of St Blaise Blessing of Throats after Mass
Feb 4	5:15PM – Children's Choir Practice 6:00PM – Contemporary Choir Practice 7:00PM – St. Joseph Choir Practice
Feb 5	7:00PM – Baptism Prep Session
Feb 7	Parish Food Collection Sub Sale/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 11	7:30PM – Readers' Club Meeting
Feb 12	6:30PM – Lenten Soup Night 7:30PM – Stations of the Cross
Feb 15	President's Day Parish Office Closed
Feb 18	7:00PM – Lenten Faith Enrichment
Feb 19	10:00AM – Lenten Faith Enrichment
Feb 24	4:00PM – Confirmation Retreat
Feb 27	Women's Retreat Day
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.