

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Millstone Township, New Jersey



**PREPARE YOUR HEART
FOR LENTEN RENEWAL**

5th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 07, 2016



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Some thoughts from Fr. Mike...

Dear Friends,

Peter and his friends had been fishing all night without any luck. Jesus came along and told him to try again. Peter and the others were tired and disappointed at the lack of result from their efforts all night. No one would have blamed Peter if he had told Jesus that he had had enough and needed to go home to bed. But even though it likely seemed to be a pointless endeavor, Peter decided to do as Jesus had suggested and as we hear in the Gospel reading this week, it paid off in a big way. Why did Peter give in? What could have caused Peter to ignore his own weariness, fatigue and disappointment in order to give it another shot? We can't ignore the little fact that we are told in the Gospel about how when Jesus first got into Peter's boat he taught the crowds. It must have been something in the words that Jesus spoke that gave Peter a spark of hope. In spite of his own desire to get sleep and forget the unproductive night, Peter heeded the words of Jesus and disappointment turned into a rewarding experience.

There are many times in life when we can feel as Peter did. Our efforts seem go nowhere. Disappointment makes us weary. We just want to forget the whole thing and get some rest. It is in those moments that Jesus wants us to hear his words. It is at the times when we wonder, "what's the point?" that Jesus wants to offer us a spark of hope.

In a great sense, this is what the upcoming season of Lent offers us. Lent is a time of renewal, a time to replenish the message of hope, love and mercy that Jesus offers to us. Some may say, "I have tried it before and nothing happened, I caught nothing." We have to make a choice, will we be controlled by past experience and say it is hopeless, or will we allow the message of Jesus to come to us and help us to find the place to cast our spiritual nets in order to be renewed? Will we realize that perhaps we just have not tried the right approach?

Lent begins this Wednesday with the observance of Ash Wednesday. In the few remaining days before the start of the season of Lent it would do us well to come to quiet and attempt to hear where Jesus is directing us to cast our nets. Wouldn't it be great to come to Easter and find that our spiritual nets are very full?

Peace and prayer,

Fr. Mike

Mass Schedule + Readings

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 5 th 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
Monday	February- 8 St Jerome Emiliani – St Josephine Bakhita (1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Mk 6:53-56) 9:00am <i>Roman Durek</i> r/b The Family
Tuesday	February- 9 Weekday (1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Mk 7:1-13) 9:00am <i>Dorothy Simacek</i> r/b Frank Simacek
Wednesday	February- 10 Ash Wednesday (Jl 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20—6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18) 9:00am <i>Peter Reilly</i> r/b The Hileman Family 4:30pm <i>Paula Markowski</i> r/b Joanne, Westy Schiumo & Family 7:00pm <i>K.C. Joseph</i> r/b Val & Babu Perumpail
Thursday	February- 11 Our Lady of Lourdes (Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25) <i>No Mass</i>
Friday	February- 12 Friday after Ash Wednesday (Is 58:1-9a Mt 9:14-15) 9:00am <i>Michael Giglio</i> r/b The Balint Family
Saturday	February- 13 Saturday after Ash Wednesday (Is 58:9b-14 Lk 5:27-32) 5:00pm <i>Anna Morin</i> r/b Her Family
Sunday	February - 14 1 st Sunday of Lent (Dt 26:4-10 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13) 9:00am <i>Special Intentions of Val & Jack</i> r/b The Hileman Family 11:00am <i>Joanne Tourine</i> r/b Tom & Evelyn Shea



Sanctuary Candle... this week

Rosemarie Flynn & Katherine Pfeiffer
r/b Fred Flynn Sr.

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...

Our greatest successes come when we allow Jesus to be our guide. We never have to do it alone.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT

January 24th - \$ 1,586.00 (snowstorm)

Latin America – \$ 361.00

January 31st – \$ 8,236.00

Debt Reduction - \$ 245.00

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

What's Happening In The Parish...

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.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, February 10 for Ash Wednesday.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

There are no Religious Education Classes this week – February 8, 9, 10.

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!

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.

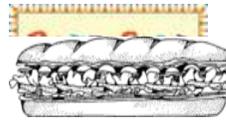
Thanks for your generosity and support.

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.

BAKE SALE/SUB SALE



The Ladies of St. Joseph will be having a Bake Sale and Sub Sandwich Sale this weekend after each Mass. Stop in the Parish Hall after Mass to purchase baked good and a sandwich. 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.** 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

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Next Sunday, February 14 is Hospitality Sunday. Enjoy refreshments & fellowship after Mass. If you would like to bring treats to share, they are most welcome.

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.

MEN'S GUILD



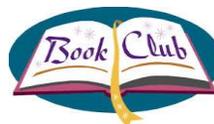
The Men's Guild will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, February 8 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. All men of the Parish are invited to come and be a part of our Parish men's group. It's a great way to meet other men of the parish and to feel even more connected to your parish. For more information about the Men's Guild contact Dave dcerulo@hess.com or 732-792-1838

FATHER AND SON BREAKFAST



Thank you to everyone who supported the Father-Son Breakfast last week. Thanks for your support, it was a huge success. Congratulations to Vince Iouzzolino the selected Man of the Year for the Men's Guild.

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 7:30pm 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.

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.

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.

SHOP AT AMAZON AND SUPPORT THE PARISH

If you shop on Amazon, you can help support the parish by designating St. Joseph Church as the charity you wish to support. Eligible purchases will result in Amazon donating a portion to the parish. It does not cost anything on your part. You do have to designate St. Joseph Church, Millstone Twp. as your charity. You also have to use the Amazon Smile site instead of the normal Amazon site. It is the same merchandise as Amazon but it allows you to be connected by the Amazon Smile Program. To check it out go to www.smile.amazon.com or go to our website and click the link. Thanks for your support!

PARISH SURVEY

Every Parish in the Diocese of Trenton must participate in the Faith In Our Future Program. As part of this program, each parish is going through an evaluation process. Our Committee has put together a survey as part of the self-evaluation process. Each parishioner is asked to participate in the survey. To complete the survey please go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/Stjoemillstone or go to our Parish website and select the link. Thanks for your help with this endeavor.

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 ➔

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| 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
No Religious Education Classes |
| Feb 9 | 6:00PM - Mardi Gras Pot Luck Dinner
No Religious Education Classes |
| Feb 10 | Ash Wednesday
9:00AM - Mass
10:00AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry
4:30PM – Mass
7:00PM – Mass
No Religious Education Classes
Parish Office Closed |
| Feb 11 | 5:15PM – Children’s Choir Practice
6:00PM – Contemporary Choir Practice
7:00PM – St. Joseph Choir Practice
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 |

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. Rembert Reilly, O.S.B - Weekend Assistant</i> <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.