

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Millstone Township, New Jersey

*Hosanna
to the
King of
Kings*

Palm Sunday



PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 20, 2016



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Some thoughts from Fr. Mike...

Dear Friends,

Palm Sunday commemorates the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Acclaimed as king and hailed as a conquering hero by the cheering crowd Jesus seemed to have arrived at the fulfillment of his earthly mission. For Jesus, it is the beginning of the last week of his life, a week of violent contrasts, which will end in grief and glory. The palms would soon be replaced by the cross and the cheers would turn into jeers calling for his death. Throughout the passion our attention is focused on Jesus who appears as a person completely absorbed in prayer, responding quietly to each new moment of sorrow.

Before his victorious resurrection he had to go through a disgraceful death. In the garden of Gethsemane Jesus was deeply troubled and prayed for the Father to remove the chalice of suffering and death from him. Betrayed and taken prisoner he was mocked, blindfolded, beaten and spat upon, while a convicted murderer was set free. He had to cope with the tremendous pain of Peter denying him and the other disciples fleeing for their own safety. He had to cope with the emotions that come with a sense of abandonment. On Calvary he was crucified between two thieves and died as a common criminal. Just a few of his followers were willing to follow him to the foot of the cross.

During the most solemn week of the church year that we now enter into, we are invited to take the road with those few friends who stood by him on the road to Calvary. Jesus wants the work of his cross to touch our lives so that we can be changed and know God better each day.

During Holy Week we are confronted with the greatest of Christian symbols – the cross. We are told numerous times in Scripture that without acceptance of the cross we cannot become disciples. During Holy Week we are afforded the opportunity to ponder what is the cross we are taking up or refusing to face? Where and how are we willing to share in His passion? There is little point in dwelling on the crucifixion if we treat it as an isolated event and don't see it as it relates to the drama of life. The whole point of journeying with Jesus is so that the cross will not be seen as the final word. For disciples, the final word is resurrection!

Peace and prayer,

Fr. Mike

Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday	March- 19 St Joseph (2Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16:18-21,24a or Lk 2:41-51a)
5:00pm	<i>Anna Morin</i> r/b Her Family
Sunday	March- 20 Palm Sunday (Lk 19:28-40 Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49)
8:00am	<i>Thomas Medvar</i> r/b The Zawartkay Family
10:00am	<i>Paula Markowski</i> r/b The Hill Family
12noon	<i>Kathleen Owen</i> r/b The Giffen Family
Monday	March- 21 Monday of Holy Week (Is 42:1-7 Jn 12:1-11)
9:00am	<i>Angelo Contaldi</i> r/b The Cifelli Family
Tuesday	March- 22 Tuesday of Holy Week (Is 49:1-6 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38)
9:00am	<i>Stanley Durek</i> r/b The Family
Wednesday	March- 23 Wednesday of Holy Week (Is 50:4-9a Mt 26:14-25)
9:00am	<i>No Mass</i>
Thursday	March- 24 Holy Thursday (Ex 12: 1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15)
7:30pm	<i>John Ricigliano</i> r/b The Ladies of St Joseph
Friday	March- 25 GOOD FRIDAY (Is 52:13—53:12 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1—19:42)
9:00am	<i>No Morning Mass</i>
3:00pm	<i>Passion of the Lord</i>
7:30pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday	March- 26 Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) (Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ex 14:15—1 Is 54:5-14 Is 55:1-11 Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4 Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 Rom 6:3-11 Lk 24:1-12)
5:00pm	<i>No Mass</i>
7:30pm	<i>Leo, Caroline & Cathy Wolf</i> r/b The Family
Sunday	March - 27 Easter Sunday (Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12)
8:00am	<i>Special intentions of the Santangelo Family</i> r/b Frances DeRosa
10:00am	<i>Jason Sawicz</i> r/b His Family
12:00noon	<i>Bernadette Lang</i> r/b Her Family



Sanctuary Candle... this week
Leo, Caroline & Cathy Wolf r/b The Family

To dedicate a Sanctuary Candle in memory of or for the intention of a loved one, Please call the office

STEWARDSHIP CORNER...

*While many things let us down and disappoint us,
God's love will always be offered to us – no matter
what!*

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT

March 13th - \$ 7,097.00

Debt Reduction - \$ 615.00

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

What's Happening In The Parish...

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE MASS
SCHEDULE IS DIFFERENT FOR
EASTER SUNDAY!

Masses for Easter will be at:

7:30 PM on Saturday, March 26 (*remember that
there is no 5:00PM Mass on Saturday, March 26*)
and 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 Noon
on Sunday, March 27.

HOLY WEEK - Holy Week is a sacred time of the
year as it helps us to recall and reflect on the
magnitude of all that Jesus has given us. Plan to
join the parish community as we reflect on Jesus'
actions.

Holy Thursday **March 24** - is the day we
remember what Jesus offered as he ate with his
followers for the last time before accepting the
cross. We celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper
at 7:30PM followed by a procession to the Chapel
of Reposition where the Eucharist will be held for
Good Friday's gathering.

Good Friday - March 25 is the day we
remember that Jesus died to bring salvation. We
gather as a community at 3:00PM for the Passion
of the Lord with veneration of the Cross and
Communion. At 7:30PM on Good Friday there will
be a presentation of the Stations of the Cross.

*JOIN US AS WE REMEMBER THE
EVENTS OF HOLY WEEK and PREPARE
OUR HEARTS FOR EASTER!*

BLESSING OF FOOD

The blessing of food for use at the Easter meal is
an ancient tradition. It is a tradition that is still
important to many ethnic cultures.
We offer a blessing of Easter food on Saturday,
April 4 at 1:00PM.

MORNING PRAYER

On Holy Saturday, March 26 there will be
Morning Prayer in the Chapel of Reposition a
10:00AM. Come and join us as we prepare for
the celebration of Easter.

**EASTER FLOWER DONATION
ENVELOPES**



Anyone who would like to make a
contribution toward our Easter decorations
in memory or in honor of a loved one can find
envelopes on the table at the entrance of the
Church. It's a wonderful tribute to those people
who have touched your life. All those listed on the
envelopes will be remembered at our Easter Masses.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

There are no Religious Education Classes the
week of March 21st or March 28th. Classes will
resume on Monday, April 4th.

EASTER EGG HUNT/ GIFT RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who supported the Easter
Egg Hunt and Gift Basket Raffle. The Ladies of
St. Joseph appreciate the support you offer so
that we can continue to offer programs to the
parish.

LENTEN SOUP & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Thank you to everyone who participated in our
Friday Lenten Soup Meals. Your donations will
be used to offer food to those who are less
fortunate. Thank you to all the Parish
Groups/Ministries and individuals who provided
the soup – they were delicious. Thank you also
to all who participated in our Stations of the
Cross.

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 April 2/3. Food items *including frozen foods*, paper goods and toiletries are very much appreciated.

Thanks for your generosity and support.

THE LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH PRESENT LADIES MIMOSA BRUNCH



Join us on Sunday, April 17, 12:00Noon – 3:00PM for finger sandwiches, desserts and mimosas! The afternoon will feature humorous guest speaker, Jamie Novak author of ***Keep This, Toss That***. Invite your friends to an afternoon of laughs, food and good company. Tickets are \$20.00 per person. For tickets/reservations contact Rosalie 732-490-5302.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



Want to be an Altar Server and help out at Mass? If you are in grade 4 or above, you are invited to come and join the Altar Server Ministry. There will be a training session on Saturday, April 16 at 11:00 AM. Come and join the Altar Servers!

FAITH TO MOVE MOUNTAINS

Every Parish in the Diocese of Trenton will be participating in a program that is being called, Faith to Move Mountains. This is a campaign for an endowment fund to prepare for the future of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Trenton. Volunteers are needed to work on the Parish part of the program. Will you help? The next meeting will be on Monday, April 4 at 8:00PM. Will you consider volunteering to help? Thanks!

DONATION STATEMENTS

If you need a statement of donations for tax purposes, please send a self-addressed envelope to the parish office.

VIGIL WITH THE BELSSED SACRAMENT

After Mass on Holy Thursday the Blessed Sacrament will be transferred to a Chapel of Reposition that will be located in the room at the back of the Parish Hall. You are invited to come and pray throughout the night and into Good Friday. People have signed up for various hours to make sure that someone is present, but all are welcome to come at any time from about 9:00PM on Thursday until 2:00PM on Good Friday. So spend a little quiet time with Jesus.

AN EVENING WITH THE PSALMS



Join us on Wednesday, April 6 at 7 p.m., as we celebrate "An Evening with the

Psalms" - dramatic readings, singing, and inspiring stories that connect us with The Book of Psalms. In any language, the words of the psalms speak to our hearts and deepest desires. They are, as St. Ambrose said, "a complete gymnasium for the soul." Come... continue to nourish your spiritual energy in this Easter season and feel the warmth of Spring in a new way. Refreshments will be served.

ST. JOSEPH READERS' CLUB

The next Reader's Club choice is ***Fieldwork: A Novel*** by Mischa Berlinski. This brilliant, haunting mystery is set among the Thai hill tribes, whose way of life became a battleground for the missionaries and the scientists living among them. *Fieldwork* is a 2007 National Book Award Finalist for Fiction. The next gathering of the Readers' Club will be Wednesday, March 30 at 7:30 in the Parish Hall. *Thai Food* 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.

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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!



I am happy to report that we made the goal for last year's Annual Appeal. Because we reached the goal, we have received a check for \$5,987.40 as our 15% rebate. Thank you to everyone who made this possible.

The 2016 Appeal is now under way. Our goal is again \$39,500.00.

The faithful in the Diocese of Trenton are invited to share faith and show mercy as part of the 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal. Contributions to the Annual Catholic Appeal, with the recurring theme, "Acts of Faith, Works of Love," allow the Diocese to continue to support parishes and other organizations in their efforts to provide service, evangelization and outreach to people throughout Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean counties. The goal of the appeal is \$7 million.

In light of the Holy Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis, this year's Annual Catholic Appeal also calls the faithful to Share Faith, Show Mercy, and focus on both the spiritual and corporal works of mercy – those charitable acts in which we come to the aide of the whole person, body and spirit.

To make a contribution to the Diocese of Trenton Annual Appeal, you will find pledge forms on the table at the entrance of the church. You can also contribute online or find out more information about the Annual Appeal by going to

<http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal/>.

Thank you for any support you can offer.



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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| Mar 20 | Palm Sunday
Masses – 8:00AM, 10:00AM & 12:00Noon |
| Mar 21 | No Religious Education Classes |
| Mar 22 | No Religious Education Classes |
| Mar 23 | No Morning Mass
No Religious Education Classes |
| Mar 24 | Holy Thursday
7:30PM – Mass of the Lord's Supper |
| Mar 25 | Good Friday
No Morning Mass
3:00PM – Passion of the Lord
7:30PM – Stations of the Cross |
| Mar 26 | 10:00AM – Morning Prayer
1:00PM - Blessing of Food
7:30PM – Easter Vigil (no 5:00PM Mass) |
| Mar 27 | Easter Sunday
Masses – 8:00AM, 10:00AM & 12:00PM |
| Mar 28 | Parish Office Closed
No Morning Mass
No Religious Education Classes |
| Mar 29 | No Religious Education Classes |
| Mar 30 | No Religious Education Classes
7:30PM – Reader's Club Meeting |
| Mar 31 | 7:00PM – Faith Enrichment |
| Apr 1 | 10:00AM – Faith Enrichment
7:00PM – Baptism Preparation Session |
| Apr 4 | 7:00PM - Building & Grounds Committee |
| Apr 5 | 8:00PM – Ladies of St. Joseph Meeting |
| Apr 6 | 7:00PM – An Evening With The Psalms |
| Apr 7 | 5:15PM – Children's Choir Practice
6:00PM – Contemporary Choir Practice
7:00PM – St. Joseph Choir Practice
7:00PM – Lenten Faith Enrichment |
| Apr 12 | 7:30PM – Men's Guild Meeting |
| Apr 16 | 11:00AM – Altar Server Training |

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
<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.