

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
Millstone Township, New Jersey



7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 08, 2016



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Some thoughts from Fr. Mike...

Dear Friends,

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all the Moms of the Parish! Today is a day to remember all that Mothers do, teach and share with their children. If I imagined what Mothers might tell their children, it may go something like this...

*I gave you life,
but cannot live it for you.
I can give you directions,
but I cannot be there to lead you.
I can take you to church,
but I cannot make you believe.
I can teach you right from wrong,
but I cannot always decide for you.
I can buy you beautiful clothes,
but I cannot make you beautiful inside.
I can offer you advice,
but I cannot accept it for you.
I can give you love,
but I cannot force it upon you.
I can teach you to share,
but I cannot make you unselfish.
I can teach you respect,
but I cannot force you to show honor.
I can advise you about friends,
but cannot choose them for you.
I can advise you about sex,
but I cannot keep you pure.
I can tell you about alcohol & drugs,
but I can't say "No" for you.
I can tell you about lofty goals,
but I can't achieve them for you.
I can teach you about kindness,
but I can't force you to be gracious
I can pray for you,
but I cannot make you walk with God.
I can tell you how to live,
but I cannot give you eternal life.
I can love you with unconditional love all of my life...
and I will.*

So a Mother's love is offered much like the love God offers us, God shows us the way to happiness but never forces us to do it – it is offered as pure gift.

May your children appreciate all that you offer them.

May the Mothers who have gone before us smile in heaven as they see their gifts used.

HAVE A BLESSED MOTHER'S DAY!

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Mike

Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday	May- 7 Easter Weekday (Acts 18:9-18 Jn 16:20-23) 5:00pm <i>All Mothers</i>
Sunday	May- 8 7th Sunday of Easter (Acts 7:55-60 Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 Jn 17:20-26) 9:00am <i>All Mothers</i> 11:00am <i>All Mothers</i>
Monday	May- 9 Easter Weekday (Acts 19:1-8 Jn 16:29-33) 9:00am <i>Dec'd Mothers of the</i> <i>Fiorino-Onorato & Laucik-Michel</i> r/b Fiorino- Laucik Families
Tuesday	May- 10 St Damien de Veuster (Acts 20:17-27 Jn 17:1-11a) 9:00am <i>Special Intentions of Sister Kathleen Tobin</i> r/b Bill & Marie Schubel
Wednesday	May- 11 Easter Weekday (Acts 20:28-38 Jn 17:11b-19) 9:00am <i>Dolores Laudicino</i> r/b The Soumbeniotis Family
Thursday	May- 12 SS. Nereus & Achilleus - St Pancras (Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Jn 17:20-26) 9:00am <i>No Mass</i>
Friday	May- 13 Our Lady of Fatima (Acts 25: 13b-21 Jn 21:15-19) 9:00am <i>Chackochan Vadakkeputhenparambil</i> r/b Val & Babu Perumpail
Saturday	May- 14 St Matthias (Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26 Jn 15:9-17) 5:00pm <i>Richard Ardis</i> r/b Diane Beresford
Sunday	May- 15 Pentacost Sunday (Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:13b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17 Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26) 9:00am <i>Paula Markowskj</i> r/b Donna, Mickey & Gerard 11:00am <i>Special Healing Intentions of Gina Mariani</i> r/b The Bicho Family



Sanctuary Candle... this week **All Mothers**

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 the lonely, the safe return of our service men & women and for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER...

God's gifts are given as pure gift – we can choose to use them or not. One choice makes us richer while the other makes us poorer.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT

May 1st - \$ 8,846.00
Debt Reduction – \$ 551.00

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

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, June 3rd at 7:00pm. If you will be participating in the preparation session or for questions about Baptismal Preparation, please contact the Parish Office.

MEN'S GUILD MEETING



The Men's Guild meeting for May will be held at Ciro's Restaurant in Monroe on Buckalew Ave on Monday, May 09 at 7:00PM. All men of the parish are welcome to join the Men's Guild. If you plan to attend the May meeting, please RSVP to Dave dcerulosr@gmail.com or call 732-781-6623.

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

Thanks for your generosity and support.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
To all the Moms of the parish!

WELCOME

As a parish community we joyfully welcome:

Russell Joseph Hennessy

Mason James Scotto

Miranda Mia Shearer

Sebastian Louis Tumillo

We give thanks to God and lift these little ones up in prayer that they may come to know the greatness of God's love.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration forms for returning students will be sent home with the oldest child during the week of May 16. Completed forms may be returned on May 19 or after (registration forms will not be accepted until May 19).

Registration forms for new students – those entering 1st grade or transferring from another Religious Education Program – will be available in Church on the weekend of May 21/22.

Because of the decrease in the number of children in the area for grades 1-8, the Wednesday session will be eliminated next year as some classes have very few students.

If there is an increase in the number of children, we will happily add more sessions. So classes will be offered on Mondays and Tuesdays at 4:30 PM and 6:30 PM.

This does mean that classes on a particular day may fill up for some grades/sessions. There will be plenty of room for all the children but each class does have a limit as to the number of children in each class. So please return the registration forms as soon as possible – once a particular class is filled, no more students will be placed in that class. Students will then be placed in a class/session that has space. Thanks!

NEW PARISHIONERS

All are welcome to join our parish. God's love knows no boundaries and our parish knows no boundaries either. Registering is easy – just pick up a form after Mass or stop by the Parish Office or call the Parish Office. Registering helps us to know who you are. **If you are registered, please be sure to let us know about changes to phone numbers, email address or anything else** that can prevent us from letting you know what is going on.

SUMMER FAITH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

THE ENNEAGRAM:

A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Join us for a Summer Enrichment Program on the **Enneagram: A Christian Perspective**. The ancient symbol of the Enneagram has become one of today's most popular systems for self-understanding, based on nine distinct personality types. The Enneagram shows how you can overcome your inner barriers, realize your unique gifts and strengths, and discover your deepest direction in life. The wisdom of the Enneagram can transform your life, relationships, and spiritual growth. The Summer Faith Enrichment Group meets on Thursday evenings at 7pm & Friday mornings at 10am. The Enneagram Study will run seven sessions, May 19/20, June 9/10, June 23/24, July 7/8, July 21/22, August 11/12, & August 25/26. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheets in the vestibule.

ST. JOSEPH READERS' CLUB

The next book choice for the Readers' Club is **The Rosie Project** by Graeme Simsion.

Arrestingly endearing and entirely unconventional, Graeme Simsion's distinctive debut "navigates the choppy waters of adult relationships." (*USA TODAY*). "Filled with humor and plenty of heart, *The Rosie Project* is a delightful reminder that all of us, no matter how we're wired, just want to fit in" (*Chicago Tribune*). The next gathering of the Readers' Club will be **THURSDAY, June 2, 2016 at 7:30 in the Parish Hall**. Australian (Outback) Food is the theme for refreshments for the evening. All are welcome to join us for a wonderful evening of great food and discussion. Don't forget to RSVP your attendance to Fran at ambiofran@gmail.com.

FAITH TO MOVE MOUNTAINS

Every Parish in the Diocese of Trenton is participating in a program that is 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. Please think about making a sacrificial offering to the campaign. Watch the bulleting for more information.

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). 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at the 9:00 AM and 11:00AM Masses. All children of the parish, age 5 and over, are invited to participate in this opportunity to hear God's Word and learn how to apply it in life. Sign up lists for volunteers and materials for teachers can be found on the table at the entrance of the Church. New volunteers are always welcome. To see how you can help, feel free to come down to the hall during the children's Liturgy of the Word to observe or talk with one of the volunteers or contact the Parish Office. Help us to continue to offer this opportunity to the children of the parish.

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 meet at 5:00PM on Thursdays.

The **The St. Joseph/Contemporary Choir** is for those ages 11 and above – they meet at 6:00PM on Thursdays for practice.

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 any part of the Music Ministry contact Kristine at Kris0373@aol.com or 973-768-4184.

**MAY GOD BLESS ALL MOTHERS
WITH JOY!**

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

SHOP AT AMAZON - 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!



The 2016 Appeal is now under way. Our goal is again \$39,500.00. Thanks to your generosity we were able to achieve the goal last year. Thank you to everyone who made this possible.

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 ←

- May 8 **Mother’s Day**
- May 9 7:00PM – Men’s Guild Meeting
at Ciro’s Restaurant - Monroe
- May 12 5:00PM – Children’s Choir Practice
6:00PM – St Joseph Contemp. Choir Practice
- May 15 Pentecost – (*wear red if you have it*)
Children’s Liturgy of the Word
Parish Food Collection
12:30PM – Baptisms
- May 18 – Last Day of Religious Education
- May 19 – Registration for Religious Education Begins
- May 20 10:00AM – Faith Enrichment Series
Enneagram – A Christian Perspective
- May 22 1:00PM-Confirmation Practice 4:30pm classes
2:30PM- Confirmation Practice 6:30pm classes
- May 25 4:30PM – Confirmation (*4:30PM classes*)
7:00PM – Confirmation – (*6:30PM classes*)
- May 30 Memorial Day
9:00AM - Mass
Parish Office Closed
- June 3 7:00PM – Baptism Preparation Session
- June 6 7:00PM – Building & Grounds Committee
- June 7 7:00PM – Ladies of St. Joseph Meeting
- June 10 10:00AM – Faith Enrichment Series
Enneagram – A Christian Perspective
- June 14 7:30PM – Men’s Guild Meeting

Let us praise God in all we do.

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office: 732-792-2270

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

Mailing Address: 91 Stillhouse Road

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PARISH STAFF	MASS TIMES
<i>Rev. Michael P. Lang - Pastor</i> frmikestjoseph@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.