

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Millstone Township, New Jersey

From Conflict...

... to Peace

20th Sunday Of Ordinary Time

August 14, 2016



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Some thoughts from Fr. Mike...

Dear Friends,

A Gospel story where Jesus boldly says that he came to bring division even within family circles, should cause us to sit up and take notice and may even put us a bit on edge. After all, there is little as painful or agonizing as a family feud. We may even find these words of Jesus confusing since we have grown accustomed to turning to Jesus for comfort and peace in the midst of turmoil and strife. In actuality, the words we hear in the Gospel today were meant to help his followers face the realities that they were going to face in choosing to be followers of Jesus. Jesus wanted them to be warned so that they would fully understand the decisions they would have to make.

At the point when Jesus gave this message, he was on his way to Jerusalem, and his agonizing crucifixion. Opposition to his message and way of life was mounting. Many of the vocal Jewish authorities had decided that Jesus had rocked the boat to the point where their comfortable way of life and their authority were being threatened. Those who felt that they were more concerned about prestige and authority wanted Jesus silenced and they could think of no other way than to get rid of him. Jesus understood this. Jesus also understood that those who accepted his message and chose to be followers would be in for a rough ride. Some would be ostracized and condemned by the officials who wanted to make sure that when Jesus died, his message would die with him. Some of those who would continue to proclaim the message of Jesus would have to be willing to risk everything – family, community and even their lives. They would have to make a very difficult decision.

Even today, the teaching of Jesus demands acceptance or rejection. There is no escape in trying to play the part of an anonymous Christian. If we accept Jesus' teaching, we must also be ready to accept the ridicule that comes from those who reject it. Somewhere along the line we must make the decision to be followers of Jesus or not. If we choose Christ we must be ready to live a life that is in accord with his message – even if others think it is crazy. We cannot bend the message of Jesus to fit political or social ideologies - we simply have to accept it fully. There may be some conflict, but real peace will be ours.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Mike

Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday	August- 13	SS. Pontian and Hippolytus (Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32 Mt 19:13-15)
5:00pm	<i>Jay Hyland</i>	r/b Frances DeRosa
Sunday	August- 14	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 Heb 12:1-4 Lk 12:49-53)
9:00am	<i>Betty Fama</i>	r/b The Family
11:00am	<i>Theresa Nugent</i>	r/b The Cooney Family
Monday	August- 15	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab 1Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56)
9:00am	<i>Joseph Dolac</i>	r/b The Legion of Mary
Tuesday	August- 16	St Stephen of Hungary (Ez 28:1-10 Mt 19:23-30)
9:00am	<i>Joan O'Loughlin</i>	r/b The Rollo Family
Wednesday	August- 17	Weekday (Ez 34:1-11 Mt 20:1-16)
9:00am	<i>Eugenia Graga</i>	r/b Marie Schubel
Thursday	August- 18	Weekday (Ez 36:23-28 Mt 22:1-14) <i>No Mass</i>
Friday	August- 19	Weekday (Ez 37:1-14 Mt 22:34-40)
9:00am	<i>MaryEllen Brace</i>	r/b The Giffen Family
Saturday	August- 20	St Bernard (Ez 43:1-7a Mt 23:1-12)
5:00pm	<i>Milton Kohlhepp</i>	r/b A Friend
Sunday	August- 21	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Is 66:18-21 Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Lk 13:22-30)
9:00am	<i>Jay Hyland</i>	r/b Tammi Porzl
11:00am	<i>Paula Markowski</i>	r/b The Giffen Family



Sanctuary Candle... this week

Gaetano Violante

r/b The Cifelli 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 the lonely, the safe return of our service men & women and for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER...

The invitation to be a follower of Jesus requires a "yes" or a "no" – there is no sitting on the fence.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT

August 7th - \$10,630.00
Debt Reduction - \$491.00

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

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

August 15 is the Feast of the Assumption. This year, because the Feast falls on a Monday, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM on Monday, August 15.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Classes for Religious Education will start the week of September 19. If you have not registered your child for Religious Education yet, please do so as soon as possible. A number of the classes are filled at this point so scheduling for some grades will only be in classes that have room. If you need registration forms, you can pick them up at the Parish Office or print them from our website.

"STUFF THE BUS" **SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE**

This is the last weekend for the school supplies collection. Thank you to everyone who has donated supplies for children in need.

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, September 9th at 7:00pm. If you will be participating in the preparation session or for questions about Baptismal Preparation, please contact the Parish Office.

2016 GOLF OUTING

Join Our
Golf Outing



Join us for the
16th Annual Golf Outing
on Monday,
September 12

at Knob Hill Golf and Country Club in Manalapan. Registration forms are available in Church and on our parish website. Foursomes or individuals are welcome. Do you own a business and want to help out? Become a sponsor – there are a variety of different sponsorship opportunities. Want to help out as a family? There are Family Sponsorships available as well. For more information, contact Dave (732) 781-6623 dcerulosr@gmail.com or Vince 732-303-0822 iuzzolino5@optonline.net.

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 August 20/21. Food items *including frozen foods*, paper goods and toiletries are very much appreciated.

Thanks for your generosity and support.

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. Our first session will be held on Sunday, Sept. 11 at 10:00AM (after the 9:00AM Mass). This will be an informational session – relaxed and no commitment. If you feel this may be something you are called to investigate, come and check it out.

ST. JOSEPH READER'S CLUB

The next selection for the Reader's Club is ***The Nightingale*** by Kristin Hannah. Kristin Hannah is a popular thriller writer. The book tells the story of two French sisters – one in Paris, one in the countryside – during WWII; each is crippled by the death of their beloved mother and cavalier abandonment of their father; each plays a part in the French underground; each finds a way to love and forgive. **The next meeting is August 25th at 7:30PM in the Parish Hall.** **The theme for refreshments is Country French.** All are Welcome to come and enjoy what is becoming the best Book and Dinner Club around!

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

We need members of the parish to serve as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers. Serving in one of the Liturgical Ministries is a great way to help at Mass. **Lectors** proclaim the Word of God and is open anyone high school age and above. **Altar Servers** assist at Mass in a special way and is open to those grade 4 and above. **Eucharistic Ministers** assist with Communion and can bring Communion to those who are sick and is open to those age 17 and above. Please consider helping at Mass. If you are interested in helping, sign up on the appropriate list at the entrance of the Church. When we get several people we will schedule a training for each Liturgical Ministry. Liturgy is important and your help is too!

PARISH BUS TRIP

TOUR OF WEST POINT MILITARY ACADEMY

Join us on October 11, 2016 as we leave St. Joseph Church at 8:15AM. There will be a comfort stop along the way, Buffet Lunch at the Thayer Hotel, Guided Tour of West Point followed by time to visit West Point Museum. We will arrive back at St. Joseph Church at about 8:00PM. \$99.00 per person - includes bus, lunch at Thayer Hotel and Tour of West Point. To reserve a spot, contact Rosalie - 732-490-5302.

NEW MINISTRY AND SUPPORT – SEPARATED AND DIVORCED

On Tuesday, September 27, our parish will be launching a **NEW** support group – open to all adults who are separated or divorced, or in the process of journeying through either of these transitions. We'll gather at 7:30 PM in the parish hall. Please join us for what will be the first in a series of sessions featuring mutual sharing and support in a spiritual, caring, and *confidential* setting. The group will be led by Deacon Chris Chandonnet. If you are interested in joining us, or if you would like more information about the group, please contact Deacon Chris at chrisstjoseph@optonline.net. All inquiries will be kept confidential. If healing or just some friendly support is an important need in your life, we hope you'll join us.

PARISH TRIP



Join us on Tuesday, December 6 as we travel to Lancaster, Pa for Sight & Sound Theatre's

Presentation of Samson - the world's first superhero...the strongest man who ever lived...he killed a lion with his bare hands and defeated a thousand soldiers...but he is not a hero because of the strength of his hands, he is a hero because of the faith in his heart. The motor coach leaves at 8:45AM from St. Joseph Church. The approximate arrival back at St. Joseph Church is 8:30 PM. \$125.00 per person includes - deluxe motor coach, traditional Pennsylvania Dutch Smorgasbord at Shady Maple restaurant. time for some shopping after lunch and admission to the Millenium Theatre for the show. For reservations contact Rosalie 732-490-5302.

*Lord, Set our hearts on
fire with love for you!*

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.

STAY CONNECTED – “like us” on Facebook at St. Joseph Catholic Church Millstone Twp, NJ, visit our website at www.stjosephmillstone.org, or follow us 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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| Aug 14 | School Supply Drive ends |
| Aug 21 | Parish Food Collection
12:30PM – Baptisms |
| Aug 24 | No Morning Mass |
| Aug 25 | 7:30PM – Reader’s Club Meeting |
| Sept 4 | Parish Food Collection |
| Sept 5 | Labor Day
Parish Office Closed |
| Sept 6 | 7:00PM – Ladies of St. Joseph Meeting
(at JoAnn’s house) |
| Sept 7 | 7:00PM – Building & Grounds Committee |
| Sept 9 | 7:00PM – Baptism Preparation Session |
| Sept 11 | Hospitality Sunday
10:00AM - RCIA |
| Sept 12 | Parish Golf Outing |
| Sept 13 | 7:30PM – Men’s Guild Meeting |
| Sept 14 | 10:00AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry |
| Sept 18 | Children’s Liturgy of the Word
Parish Food Collection
Catechetical Sunday
12:30PM - Baptisms |
| Sept 19 | Religious Education Classes Begin |
| Sept 22 | 7:30PM – Scripture Study |
| Sept 23 | 10:00AM – Scripture Study |
| Sept 27 | 7:30PM – Separated and Divorced Group |

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.