

APRIL 16, 2017

EASTER SUNDAY



St. Joseph

Catholic Church

*A community
of faith
growing in
God's love*

91 Stillhouse Rd., Millstone Twp., NJ 08510 732-792-2270

*Christ is Risen!
Alleluia!*

MAY YOUR HEART BE FILLED WITH JOY!

MASS

Sat. 5:00PM

Sun. 9:00AM & 11:00AM

Mon. 9:00AM

Tues. 9:00AM

Wed. 9:00AM

Fri. 9:00AM

Holy Days—check bulletin

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Some thoughts from Fr. Mike...

Dear Friends,

A HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER to all of you!

As we celebrate this most joyous day, our attention is focused on the Resurrection of Jesus. The Resurrection is God's great "YES" to the life that Jesus lived. Jesus came to lift people up, if they wanted to be lifted up. Jesus came to offer God's children the way to eternal happiness, if they wanted to find it. Jesus came to reveal the presence of God in the lives of every human being, if they want to notice that presence. Jesus came to offer freedom from those things, actions and events that seek to enslave human beings, if they wanted freedom. Jesus came to offer new life, but only if we want it. Jesus came to offer us so much, but only if we want it. As we celebrate Easter, one of the greatest questions that we should answer is, "Do I want what Jesus is offering?" God will never force any of us to accept what God is offering. We have to want it. One of the greatest challenges comes in believing that what we want is what God is going to give us. God already knows what we need and offers us everything that we need. Sometimes we must be willing to put aside what we want in order to see and accept what God is offering to us. This relies on our trust that God is giving us what we need, what is best for us and what will allow us to be lifted up. There is no need to beg for it. There is no need to make bargains. There is no need to believe that we must earn it. Everything we need is already offered to us by God. It is there for the taking, if we want it.

God is the fullness of mercy. God's mercy seeks to provide what we need to journey on the path that will lead us to God and eternal life. Easter reminds us that God wants to lift us up. We are called to be an Easter people. To be an Easter people we must try to recognize the outpouring of God's mercy in our lives.

As we celebrate this great Feast of the Resurrection, may your heart be filled with joy by accepting God's mercy. May you be lifted up by accepting God's gifts. May you rejoice because you have discovered that God is walking with you. And may you come to experience the joy of new life – because you have decided that you want it!

Have a blessed and joyous Easter!

Peace, love and prayers,

Fr. Mike

Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday April-15 *Holy Saturday*

(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—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/Mt 28:1-10)

7:30pm *Nicolina Violante* r/b The Cifelli Family

Sunday April-16 *Easter Sunday*

The Resurrection of the Lord

(Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10)

8:00am *Jason Robert Sawicz* r/b His Family

10:00am *Betty Fama* r/b The Family

12 noon *Bernadette Lang* r/b Her Family

Monday April-17

Monday within the Octave of Easter

(Acts 2:14, 22-33 Mt 28:8-15)

9:00am *No Mass*

Tuesday April-18

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

(Acts 2:36-41 Jn 20:11-18)

9:00am *No Mass*

Wednesday April-19

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

(Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35)

9:00am *No Mass*

Thursday April-20

Thursday within the Octave of Easter

(Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48) **No Mass**

Friday April-21

Friday within the Octave of Easter

(Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14)

9:00pm *Jincy Chacko* r/b Val & Babu Perumpail

Saturday April-22

Saturday within the Octave of Easter

(Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15)

5:00pm *Barbara Ann Meehan* r/b Elaine Massari

Sunday April-23 *Sunday of Divine Mercy*

(Acts 2:42-47 1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31)

9:00am *Rae Prince, Marie Fox & Aunt Rose Leotta*

r/b The Sawicz Family

11:00am *Anna Bizak* r/b Daniel & Gerri Abrahamsen



Sanctuary Candle... this week

Nicolina 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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER...

We are invited to share in the Resurrection of Jesus – if we want it!.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT

April 9th - *The deadline for this bulletin was before the weekend of April 9. The Stewardship report for April 9 will appear in the next bulletin.*

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

MASS SCHEDULE

There will not be morning Mass on Monday April 17, Tuesday April 18 or Wednesday April 19. Morning Mass will resume on Friday, April 21.

OFFICE CLOSING

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, April 17.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

There are no Religious Education Classes on April 17 & 18. Classes will resume on Monday, April 24.

LENTEN SOUP & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Thank you to everyone who made soup for our Lenten Soup Nights. We certainly had a delicious smorgasbord of delicious soups. Thank you also to everyone who helped with the Stations of the Cross – your participation is appreciated.

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.

WELCOME

We joyfully welcome

Robert Mettrick

Courtney Riviere

who were welcomed into the church at the Easter Vigil. They have chosen to join the Catholic Church and have now completed the Sacraments of Initiation. We thank God for their presence in our Community of Faith! Welcome to both of you!

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. 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.

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 6/7. Food items *including frozen foods*, paper goods and toiletries are very much appreciated. If donating frozen foods, please place them in the freezer in the kitchen.

Thanks for your generosity and 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, May 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.

FR. MIKE'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

On May 21st Fr. Mike will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. There will be extended hospitality after the 5:00PM, 9:00AM, and 11:00AM Masses that weekend with his Anniversary Mass celebrated at 3:30PM that afternoon (*if you attend this Mass it satisfies your Sunday obligation*). After the 3:30PM Mass, our celebration will continue with a dinner dance from 6:00-10:00 PM at the Eagle Ridge Golf Club in Lakewood. Tickets for the dinner dance are \$50 per person. Tickets will be on sale after all the Masses on April 22-23. For questions or to make reservations contact Carol Schulz at the parish office or email her at cschulzstjoseph@optonline.net. There will be a commemorative program for the dinner. Anyone who would like to place an ad or message can do so by using the form that can be found on the website.

ST. JOSEPH READERS' CLUB

The next book choice for the Readers' Club is ***Deep Dark*** by Laura Griffin. If you like *CSI* and well-crafted suspense, you want to read this book. The tenth novel in the *New York Times* bestselling Tracers series is a gripping romantic thriller. The next gathering of the Readers' Club will be **Thursday, April 27 at 7:30 in the Parish Hall**. The theme for dinner is *Texan Food*. Newcomers are welcome to join the group for a wonderful evening of great food and discussion. Don't forget to RSVP your attendance to Fran at ambiofran@gmail.com.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Boy Scouts will hold a Pancake Breakfast at our parish on Sunday, April 30. Breakfast will be available after the 9:00AM and the 11:00AM Masses on that day. Stop by and enjoy breakfast and support the Scouts. Thanks!



1st COMMUNION INFORMATION

We are approaching the time when a number of the young people of the Parish will be receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time. As a Parish community we lift the young members of the parish up in our prayers. There are some important dates for these young people. Please help us by having your child at Church on time for each event. Thanks for your help!

For those who will be celebrating 1st Communion on Saturday, April 29 (those who attend class on Mondays)

There are 2 practices

Tuesday, April 25 at 4:30PM AND Wednesday, April 26 at 6:30PM. Both practices are required. There will also be class as normal on Monday, April 24. 1st Communion will be celebrated on Saturday, April 29 at 11:00AM. The children are due at Church (*in the Parish Hall*) at 10:30AM.

For those who will be celebrating 1st Communion on Saturday, May 6 (those who attend class on Tuesdays)

There are 2 practices

Monday, May 1 at 4:30PM AND Wednesday, May 3 at 6:30PM. Both practices are required. There will also be class as normal on Tuesday, May 2. 1st Communion will be celebrated on Saturday, May 6 at 11:00AM. The children are due at Church (*in the Parish Hall*) at 10:30AM.



Please remember to lift the young people up in your prayers!

EASTER EGG HUNT



Thank you everyone who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt and Gift Basket Raffle. A special thanks to all who filled the Easter Eggs and donated gift baskets for the raffle. Thanks to the support of so many people, it was a success.

Yes, the Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy
Psalm 126c

CHOIRS

Come and join Choir. You don't have to be able to read music or think that you have the best voice in the world, there is room for you in choir.

Children ages 6½ and up are invited to join the Children's Choir. Rehearsal for the Children's Choir takes place on Thursdays at 5:00PM.

Teens and adults are invited to join the Contemporary Choir. Rehearsals for the Contemporary Choir takes place on Thursdays at 6:00PM. For more information about any part of the Music Ministry contact Kristine at Kris0373@aol.com or 973-768-4184.



A 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.

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. 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 and account as Amazon but it allows you to be connected by the Amazon Smile Program. To check it out go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-6103657> (a direct link) or go to our website and click the link. Thanks for your support!

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CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2017 Catholic Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Trenton has begun. The Catholic Annual Appeal is used by the Diocese to support the various work and ministry of the Diocese of Trenton. Our Parish Goal for the Annual Catholic Appeal is \$39,500.00. If you would like to make a pledge/donation to the Diocese for the Annual Appeal, there are pledge cards on the table at the entrance of the Church. You can complete it and mail it to the Diocese or send it the parish Office. If you are including a check, please make checks payable to The Diocese of Trenton Annual Appeal. Thank you for your consideration and support.

→ Calendar of Events ←

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| Apr 16 | EASTER SUNDAY
8:00AM - Mass
10:00AM – Mass
12:00Noon – Mass |
| Apr 17 | Parish Office Closed
No Morning Mass
No Religious Education Classes |
| Apr 18 | No Morning Mass
No Religious Education Classes |
| Apr 19 | 9:30AM – Legion of Mary |
| Apr 24 | Religious Education Classes resume |
| Apr 25 | 4:30PM 1 st Communion Practice
<i>For Monday classes</i> |
| Apr 26 | 6:30PM – 1 st Communion Practice
<i>For Monday Classes</i> |
| Apr 27 | 7:30PM – Readers' Club Meeting |
| Apr 29 | 11:00AM – 1 st Communion – Monday Classes |
| Apr 30 | Pancake Breakfast (<i>after each Mass</i>) |
| May 1 | 4:30PM – 1 st Communion Practice
<i>For Tuesday Classes</i>
7:00PM – Building & Grounds Committee |
| May 2 | 7:30PM – Ladies of St. Joseph Meeting |
| May 3 | 6:30PM – 1 st Communion Practice
<i>For Tuesday Classes</i> |
| May 5 | 7:00Pm – Baptism Prep Session |
| May 6 | 11:00AM – 1 st Communion – Tuesday Classes |
| May 7 | Children's Liturgy of the Word
Parish Food Collection |
| May 9 | 7:30PM – Men's Guild Meeting |
| May 10 | 10:00AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry |

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> frmikestjoseph@optonline.net	Saturday Evening - 5:00 PM
<i>Rob Folinus - Permanent Deacon</i> Robstjoseph@optonline.net	Sunday Morning - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
<i>Chris Chandonnet, Permanent Deacon</i> Chrisstjoseph@optonline.net	Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri - 9:00AM
<i>Carol Schulz, Pastoral Associate</i> CSchulzstjoseph@optonline.net	Holy Days: as listed in the bulletin
<i>Jean Semanchick, Parish Secretary & Coordinator of Religious Education</i> Jeanstjoseph@optonline.net	Confessions: After the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday or by appointment.
<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.