

APRIL 23, 2017

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER



St. Joseph

Catholic Church

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

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

*Believe!
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John 20:19-31

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,

Today we hear the Gospel story of how Jesus' disciples sat together after his death and resurrection and suddenly Jesus appeared in the midst of them. They were amazed. They could not believe their eyes – and who could blame them? He was not a ghost or a spirit and he proved this by eating with them. It may have taken a little time for those who were present to recover from the shock, but ultimately they believed that it was definitely Jesus.

Thomas was absent from the gathering and even after the other Disciples enthusiastically informed Thomas about Jesus, he did not believe them – and who could really blame him? Thomas may have rationalized the whole story in his mind as being the result of the Disciples longing for Jesus to return – they were dreaming, like a hungry person may dream about food or a person in the desert seeing water. Thomas came up with conditions that would have to be met in order for him to believe that Jesus was alive – and this is perhaps where Thomas went too far. His condition for believing was that he would have to see and touch the wounds on Jesus' hands and his side. When Jesus appeared again, when Thomas was present, he showed Thomas his wounds – and Thomas believed.

While it would have been much better if Thomas had simply believed what the other Disciples told him, perhaps we should not completely dismiss the "Thomas test" when it comes to ourselves. If we call ourselves Christian, followers of Jesus Christ, we should be willing to prove it by readily showing our own wounds. If we can show the scars, or at least acknowledge that we have accumulated a few, we can honestly say that we are living the lives that Christ calls us to live. The scars are not physical like Jesus', but the scars that can sometimes come from honesty, integrity, justice and loyalty. They are the scars that can remain from standing firm in the conviction that Jesus' way will lead us to victory and glory. Scars can seem ugly to some people, but the scars that come from being followers of Jesus are beautiful reminders that we have chosen a way that will never let us down.

Have a blessed week!

Peace and prayers,

Fr. Mike

Mass Schedule + Readings

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

Monday

April- 24

St Fidelis of Sigmaringen

(Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8)

Special Healing Intentions of Sean Karott

r/b Val & Babu Perumpail

Tuesday

April- 25

St Mark

(1 Pt 5:5b-14 Mk 16:15-20)

9:00am

Joseph Frammarino r/b Joe & Judy Barcellona

Wednesday

April- 26

Easter Weekday

(Acts 5:17-26 Jn 3:16-21)

9:00am

Helen Costagliola r/b Mary & Nick

Thursday

April- 27

Easter Weekday

(Acts 5:27-33 Jn 3:31-36)

No Mass

Friday

April- 28

St Peter Chanel - St Lois Grignon de Montfort

(Acts 5:34-42 Jn 6:1-15)

9:00pm

Thresiamma r/b Val & Babu Perumpail

Saturday

April- 29

St Catherine of Sienna

(Acts 6:1-7 Jn 6:16-21)

7:30pm

Theresa Nugent r/b Her Family

Sunday

April- 30

3rd Sunday of Easter

(Acts 2:14, 22-33 1 pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35)

9:00am

Joseph Frammarino r/b The Sykes Family

10:00am

Anna Morin r/b Her Family

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.



Sanctuary Candle... this week

Betty Burrows r/b M/M Al DeRosa

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...

Jesus never expects us to do anything that He has not already modeled for us.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT

April 9th - \$8,684.00

Debt Reduction - \$539.00

April 16 (Easter) – \$32,917.00

Holy Land Collection - \$1,111.00

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Remember, Religious Education will resume on Monday, April 24.

MOTHER'S DAY MASS CARDS



Mother's Day is on Sunday, May 14. For anyone who would like them, we have Mother's Day Mass cards available. All Mothers listed on the remembrances will be prayed for at the Masses on Mother's Day.

The cards can be found on the table at the entrance of the church

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!

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.

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.

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!*

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 this weekend - April 22-23. You may also make reservations by contacting Carol Schulz at the parish office 732-792-2270 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.

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.

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.

MEN'S GUILD MEETING



The Men's Guild meeting for May will be held at Ciro's Restaurant in Monroe on Buckalew Ave on Tuesday, 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 732-792-1838.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE



The Building and Grounds Committee will be meeting on Monday – May 1 at 7:00 PM. Any parishioner is welcome to come to meeting to find out more about how this committee works to keep our buildings and grounds in top shape. For more information about the Building and Grounds Committee contact Tom P. at tom@tlpclimatecontrol.com or Tom B. at tbaber@moneymailer.com.

LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH



The Ladies of St. Joseph Will hold their monthly meeting this Tuesday, May 2 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Prior to the meeting at 7:00PM, we will have the May crowning of the statue of Mary at the main entrance of the church. Come and join us for prayer. We invite all women of the Parish to come and be a part of our Parish women's group. Getting involved in our group is a great way to become active in the parish and meet other women of the parish. Come and find out how you can help with our many parish activities. For more information about the Ladies of St. Joseph contact Jo Ann at jannkronenthal@gmail.com or 732-446-4326.



*The scars of love
worn by the One
who seeks to help
us.*

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 24 | Religious Education Classes resume |
| Apr 25 | 4:30PM 1 st Communion Practice
<i>For Monday classes</i> |
| Apr 26 | 9:30AM – Legion of Mary
6:30PM – 1 st Communion Practice
<i>For Monday Classes</i> |
| Apr 27 | 5:00pm – Children's Choir Practice
6:00PM – Contemporary Choir Practice
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
12:30PM - Baptisms |
| May 9 | 7:30PM – Men's Guild Meeting |
| May 10 | 10:00AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry |
| May 14 | Mother's Day |
| May 21 | Children's Liturgy of the Word
Parish Food Collection
12:30PM - Baptisms |

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.