

APRIL 7, 2019

5th SUNDAY OF LENT



St. Joseph

Catholic Church

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of faith
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God's love*

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They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, "All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!"

John 8:7

Since we are all sinners, we have no need for stones. What we need is MERCY!

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,

The Scripture Reading of the woman caught in the act of adultery may not raise too many eyebrows in our modern day world; however, in the time of Jesus it was considered such a serious act of immorality that the consequence was death. In the story, the Pharisees present her to Jesus but their interest was not so much in the act of adultery as it was in having Jesus either show support for the law or be accused of dismissing the law. It was another attempt by the Pharisees to trap Jesus. Jesus demonstrated an indifference to their question by offering no answer. Then, Jesus flips the trap around so that the Pharisees found themselves in a no win situation. After showing his disinterest in their plans, Jesus simply said that the person who without sin should be the one who begins to carry out the sentence of death for the woman. Not one of those present would dare to pick up a stone to hurl it at the woman since that would have meant that that individual was proclaiming to be without sin. The accusers have no choice but to drift away in silence until the woman was left alone in the presence of Jesus. Jesus then asked the woman, "Has no one condemned you? Neither do I. Go in peace." Without condoning her sinful action, Jesus restored her to peace and friendship with God.

The Gospel reminds us forcefully of the readiness of God to forgive sin, bind up broken lives and restore an individuals' relationship with God. The plight of the woman in the Gospel story must remind each one of us that before God all of us stand silent in our sinfulness. The good news is that what Jesus did for the woman he is willing to do for us. Her story of sin committed and sin forgiven is not an isolated event but an example of the inexhaustible mercy and forgiveness shown by God. The lesson is not that sin is unimportant but that God is ready to extend pardon to the sinner. Nothing is equal to the mercy of God as shown to us in Jesus Christ, who took the weight of our sins upon himself when he gave his life for us on Calvary.

We are also reminded that while we are called to be examples of virtuous living, we have not been selected as judge and jury on God's behalf. Instead, we must learn to rejoice and give thanks for the mercy, forgiveness and love that God so freely extends to us as a pure gift.

Prayers and peace,

Fr. Mike

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Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday	April- 6	Lenten Weekday (Jer 11:18-20 Jn 7:40-53)
5:00pm	<i>Denise Bartone</i>	r/b The Rollo Family
Sunday	April- 7	5th Sunday of Lent (Is 43:16-21 Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11)
9:00am	<i>Toby Fontanelli</i>	r/b Joe Fontanelli
11:00am	<i>John McAllen Jr.</i>	r/b The Drake Family
Monday	April- 8	Lenten Weekday (Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 Jn 8:12-20)
9:00am	<i>Grace Giffen</i>	r/b The Giffen & Meyer Families
Tuesday	April- 9	Lenten Weekday (Nm 21:4-9 Jn 8:21-30)
9:00am	<i>Seamus Kerrigan</i>	r/b Brendan Schubel & Family
Wednesday	April- 10	Lenten Weekday (Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Jn 8:31-42)
9:00am	<i>Special Healing Intention of Sr. Sophie Maria</i>	r/b Val & Babu Perumpail
Thursday	April- 11	St Stanislaus (Gn 17:3-9 Jn 8:51-59) <i>No Mass</i>
Friday	April- 12	Lenten Weekday (Jer 20:10-13 Jn 13:31-42)
9:00am	<i>May Kerrigan</i>	r/b Daughter, Marie
Saturday	April- 13	St Martin (Ez 37:21-28 Jn 11:45-56)
5:00pm	<i>Charles S. Rauth Jr.</i>	r/b Tara & Michael Jones & Family
Sunday	April- 14	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Lk 19:28-40 Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49)
9:00am	<i>Mary & Michael Sawicz</i>	r/b The Family
11:00am	<i>Jack Shepherd Sr.</i>	r/b Geraldine Shepherd & Family



Sanctuary Candle... this week

Marc Taglienti r/b *Ted & Gloria Tylutki*

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 and women, for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for the hungry and the homeless.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER..

What riches could possibly be of more value than God's mercy and forgiveness?

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT

March 31st - \$5,940.50
Debt Reduction - \$102.00

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

LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND ALTAR SERVERS

The sign up lists for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter are now posted on the bulletin board outside the library. Please sign up to help with the Masses for these very Sacred times. Your help and dedication is always appreciated very much. Thanks!

BLESSING OF FOOD FOR EASTER

For those who observe the tradition of having food for the Easter meal blessed, the blessing of food will take place on Saturday, April 20 at 1:30PM in the Church.

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross help us to focus on various messages that can be received through the life-giving journey that Jesus underwent to offer us the gift of new and eternal life. On Fridays of Lent we gather at 7:30PM for the Stations of the Cross.

LENTEN SOUP NIGHTS

Each Friday evening at 6:30PM during the Season of Lent we come together as a parish community for a simple meal of soup, bread and beverage. The purpose is to help us focus on the simpler things in life. Our lives may become complicated and filled with many details. When we simplify, we are open to experiencing more because we do not have to focus our energy on a multitude of things. It is an opportunity to also help others by making a donation (optional) that will be used to help the hungry. The last Soup night is on April 12. Join us!

VIGIL WITH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



On Holy Thursday (APRIL 18) we conclude the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper by transferring the Blessed Sacrament from the Tabernacle in the worship area to a Chapel of Reposition which will be set up in the Church Hall. We would like to have people sign up for one hour to be with the Blessed Sacrament throughout the night and up to 2:00 PM on Good Friday. There is a sign up list on the table at the entrance of the church. If you would like to participate, sign up for the hour that you will sit with Jesus. We need at least 2 people for each hour and would prefer to have 3 people for each hour. Let us be ready to Watch and pray.

EASTER EGG HUNT/GIFT BASKETS

The Ladies of St. Joseph will be sponsoring the annual Easter Egg Hunt/Gift Basket on Saturday, April 13th, **PROMPTLY** at 10:00 AM. Children will be separated into three groups: 3 years old and Under, 4-6 years old, and 7-9 years old. After the Egg Hunt, there will be a gift basket Raffle. Light refreshments will be served. Donated filled eggs would be appreciated. We have bags of empty eggs in the church library, which you may use. Just please have the filled Easter eggs in the Parish Hall by 9 am on that Saturday morning. Thanks

MEN'S GUILD



The Men's Guild will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 9 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. All men of the Parish are invited to come and be a part of our Parish men's group. We look forward to hearing your ideas for activities and your help with the activities we currently offer. It's also a great way to meet other men of the parish and to feel even more connected to your parish.

For more information about the Men's Guild contact Dave dcerulosr@gmail.com or 732-781-6623.

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 3rd at 7:00PM.

If you will be attending, please contact the parish Office to register. For questions about Baptismal Preparation contact the Parish Office.

FOOD COLLECTION



The next food collection will be on April 6/7. Non-perishable food items, paper goods and toiletries are appreciated. You can bring frozen food contributions to the Millstone Community Center on any Tuesday morning between 10:00AM and 11:30AM at the door to the lower level on Stage Coach Rd. You may also contact Greg at 732- 539-5042 to arrange pick up of frozen foods.

CHOIRS

We have a Children's Choir for the young people of the parish and the St. Joseph Choir for teens and adults. You can contact Kristine Kris0373@aol.com or 973-768-4184. All are welcome to be part of the Choirs as we sing our praise to God.

READERS' CLUB

Our next selection will be ***Educated*** by Tara Westover. ***Educated***, describes the life of a child raised "in a jagged little patch of Idaho" by a father who was a paranoid survivalist, and a mother who doctored the family with herbal remedies. The victim of severe abuse Westover managed to escape the grip that her father had on her, and forge a future that allowed for her corporeal, intellectual, and emotional freedom. The date for the next meeting will be on Thursday, April 25 at 7:30PM. The theme for food will be "All American." We also selected ***"Where the Crawdads sing"*** by Delia Owens. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Fran ambiofran@gmail.com. All are welcome to come and enjoy good discussion, good food and good company!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY

April 13/14

Mass

Saturday -5:00PM

Sunday - 9:00AM & 11:00AM

HOLY THURSDAY

April 18

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30PM

GOOD FRIDAY

April 19

The Passion of the Lord - 3:00PM

Stations of the Cross - 7:30PM

HOLY SATURDAY

April 20

Blessing of Food - 1:30PM

Easter Vigil - 7:30PM

(there is no 5:00PM Mass)

EASTER SUNDAY

April 21

Mass - 8:00AM, 10:00AM & 12:00Noon



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](http://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 contact the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2019 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 ministries 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. You may also make an online donation by logging onto

www.dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal.

Please be sure to list your parish as St. Joseph in Millstone Twp. Thank you for your consideration and support.

SHOP AT AMAZON - SUPPORT THE PARISH

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.

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!

God's arms are always open to welcome us!

STAY CONNECTED – FIND THE LATEST NEWS

Don't forget to stay in touch with parish events through social media. Find out what is going on at our website at www.stjosephmillstone.org.

Connect with the parish on Facebook. Give our page a like to keep informed about events. You can find the parish page on Facebook at St. Joseph Catholic Church Millstone Twp. NJ or

@stjosephchurchmillstone.

Stay informed – stay connected!

→ Calendar of Events ←

- Apr 7 Parish Food Collection
Children’s Liturgy of the Word
10:00AM – RCIA
- Apr 9 7:30PM – Men’s Guild Meeting
- Apr 10 10:00AM - Legion of Mary Meeting
- Apr 11 7:00PM – Bible Study
- Apr 12 10:00AM – Bible Study
6:30PM - Soup Night
7:30PM - Stations of the Cross
- Apr 13 Easter Egg Hunt & Gift Basket Raffle
- Apr 14 Palm Sunday
9:00AM – Mass
11:00AM - Mass
- Apr 15 **No Religious Education Classes**
- Apr 16 **No Religious Education Classes**
- Apr 17 No Morning Mass
- Apr 18 Holy Thursday
7:30PM – Mass of the Lord’s Supper
- Apr 19 Good Friday
Parish Office is closed
3:00PM – The Passion of the Lord
7:30PM – Stations of the Cross
- Apr 20 1:00PM – Blessing of Easter Food
7:30PM - Easter Vigil
- Apr 21 Easter Sunday
8:00AM – Mass
10:00AM – Mass
12:00PM – Mass
- Apr 22 **Parish Office Closed**
No Morning Mass
No Religious Education Classes
- Apr 23 No Morning Mass
No Religious Education Classes
- Apr 25 7:30PM - Readers’ Club Meeting

Let us praise God in all we do.

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office: 732-792-2270

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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.