

MAY 12, 2019

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER



St. Joseph

Catholic Church

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

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**DO YOU
HEAR THE
VOICE OF THE
SHEPHERD?**

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL THE MOMS!

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,

Happy Mother's Day to all the Mothers of the parish! May your day be blessed with happiness and peace as your special role is celebrated. Today we give thanks for all the ways in which mothers nurture and love their children. We also give thanks for our own mothers, whether they are still with us or have gone before us in faith, we should be thankful for all the ways in which they have given of themselves for the sake of their children. Let us always be thankful for a mothers love! Again, Happy Mother's Day!

In the Gospel today, Jesus makes the declaration that his sheep hear His voice. Jesus also says that because they hear his voice, they follow Him. Some people do not appreciate being referred to as sheep, if that is the case; simply substitute the word disciples for sheep. Jesus was not intending to diminish the worth of anyone in the statement; He simply was using terms that were common to the people of the time. The more important matter for us is ascertaining whether we hear Jesus' voice or not. There are many different voices attempting to drown out the voice of the one who desperately desires that we follow Him. There are the loud voices of commercialism that want us to hear the messages that promise to lead us to happiness. There are the terrifying voices that attempt to spread fear. There are the sad voices that remind us of the amount of suffering that exists in our world. There are the quiet voices of individualism that whisper to us that everything is acceptable and will not harm anyone. We hear the seductive voices of greed, power and glory that attempt to seduce us to act only for our own benefit. Then, there is the calm, reassuring, inspiring voice of Jesus simply inviting us to follow. All of the voices have the same goal; they want us to hear a promise of helping us to discover what we long for in our hearts – happiness. Every voice that is not speaking some part of the Good News, every voice that is not promoting a healthy understanding of God's love will never lead us to happiness. At times, we may have to strain our ears in order to hear Him, but may we never give up trying to hear the voice of Jesus. Jesus knows us and knows what we yearn for and will never give up calling our names.

Peace and prayers,

Fr. Mike

Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday May- 11 Easter Weekday

(Acts 9:31-42 Jn 6:60-69)

5:00pm

All Mothers

Sunday May- 12 4th Sunday of Easter

(Acts 13:14, 43-52 Rv 7:9, 14b-17 Jn 10:27-30)

9:00am

All Mothers

11:00am

All Mothers

Monday May-13 Our Lady of Fatima

(Acts 11:1-18 Jn 10:1-10)

9:00am

Kenny Kassler r/b Frank Simacek

Tuesday May- 14 St Matthias

(Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Jn 15:9-17)

9:00am

Marc Taglienti r/b Ted & Gloria Tylutki

Wednesday May- 15 Easter Weekday

(Acts 8:1b-8 Jn 6:35-40)

9:00am

Special Intentions of

Babu & Valsamma Perumpail r/b The Family

Thursday May- 16 Easter Weekday

(Acts 13:13-25 Jn 13:16-20) *No Mass*

Friday May- 17 Easter Weekday

(Acts 13:26-33 Jn 14:1-6)

9:00am

Marcie Murray r/b The Breslin Family

Saturday May- 18 St John I

(Acts 13:44-52 Jn 14:7-14)

7:30pm

Leo Lopatka r/b Ted & Gloria Tylutki

Sunday May- 19 5th Sunday of Easter

(Acts 14:21-27 Rv 21:1-5a Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35)

9:00am

Dorothy Simacek r/b Frank Simacek

11:00am

Mary Jo Lynch r/b The Bellini 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 and women, for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for the hungry and the homeless.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER...

*All that we really desire and spend our time searching for
can be discovered by listening to Jesus.*

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT

May 5th - \$9,776.50

Debt Reduction - \$ 541.00

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

1st COMMUNION PRACTICE

Practice for 1st Communion for those who
attend Religious Education Classes on

Tuesday will take place on Monday, May 13 at
4:30PM **AND** Wednesday, May 15 at 6:30PM.
Both practices are required. Remember if your
child attends class on Tuesdays, the celebration
of 1st Communion will take place on Saturday,
May 18. Children are due in the Parish Hall by
10:30AM on Saturday, May 18.

*LET US PRAY FOR ALL THE YOUNG
PEOPLE OF THE PARISH WHO WILL BE
RECEIVING THE EUCHARIST FOR THE
FIRST TIME.*

THE MEN'S GUILD



The Men's Guild will hold their
monthly meeting on Tuesday,
May 14 at 7:00PM. The
meeting will be held at Ciro's
Restaurant (301 Buckalew Ave, Monroe Twp).
If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Dave
(email below) so that a count can be given to
the restaurant for dinner. All men of the parish
over the age of 18 are welcome to join the
Men's Guild. Being involved the parish men's
group is a great way to meet other men of the
parish and to feel an even greater connection to
your parish. For more information about the
Men's Guild, or to RSVP about dinner on May
14, contact Dave dcerulosr@gmail.com
or 732-781-6623.

**GOD BLESS ALL
MOTHERS!**

PHILLIES vs. METS TRIP

**BASEBALL TRIP SPONSORED BY THE
MEN'S GUILD!**

The St. Joseph Men's Guild is excited to
announce we will be hosting the 4th annual
baseball trip. This year's trip will be to see the
Philadelphia Phillies versus the New York Mets
at Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia on
Monday June 24! Tickets are \$65 and include
field level seats and motor coach bus
transportation to and from the game. Bus leaves
from St. Joseph's Church at 4:45pm.

This event sold out last year so act fast!! For
more information and to purchase tickets
contact Ken Tomkovich at kentomko@aol.com.

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 7th 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
May 18/19. 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.

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 Fr. Mike at the Parish Office
732-792-2270 or email
frmikestjoseph@optonline.net.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

REGISTRATION FOR RETURNING STUDENTS

Religious Education Classes for this year will conclude on May 21. Registration forms for the registration of returning students for our Parish Religious Education Program will be sent home with the oldest child during the week of May 20. Completed forms may be returned on May 22. **(registration forms will not be accepted until May 22).**

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 25/26. You will need a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate and for those transferring from another Parish – a record of grades completed from the former parish.

The following applies to all registrations, new and returning students:

Classes will be offered on Mondays and Tuesdays at 4:30 PM and 6:30 PM. 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 to the number of children in the class. So please return the registration forms as soon as possible – once a particular class has been filled, no more students will be placed in that class. There are **no exceptions** to this policy in order to be fair to all families. If a class is filled, students will be placed in a class/session that has space. Registrations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Thanks!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be held August 5 – 9. It is a wonderful week of Bible stories, crafts, activities, science fun, snacks, music and so much more. Vacation Bible School is open to those entering K-6 in September. So mark your calendars now for this wonderful week and watch for information about registration that will come later. See you at Vacation Bible School!

*When you are a follower of Jesus,
he not only knows your name, he
knows you!*

CONFIRMATION PRACTICE

A required practice for all Confirmation Candidates will take place on Sunday, June 2. Candidates and Sponsors need to be present. If you attend Religious Education classes on Tuesdays, the practice takes place at 12:30PM. If you attend classes on Mondays, practice is at 2:00PM. Tickets and robes will be handed out at practice.

READERS' CLUB

Our next selection will be

"Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens. Where the Crawdads Sing is a story of resiliency, survival, hope, love, loss, loneliness, desperation, prejudice, determination and strength. This book goes back and forth in time to tell the story of Kya Clark a.k.a. the Marsh girl. The date for the next meeting will be on Thursday, May 30 at 8:00PM. The theme for food will be "the low country of North Carolina." If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Fran ambiofran@gmail.com. All are welcome!

WELCOME

As a parish community we joyfully welcome

Wyatt Robert Hyer

who was received into God's Family and the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. Let us lift him up in our prayers!

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

Thursday, May 30 is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord and is a Holyday. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM and 7:00PM. The Parish Office will be closed on that day in observance of the Holyday.

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!



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 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!

*Lord, help me to hear your voice
through all the noise that exists
in my life!*

➔ Calendar of Events ➔

- May 12 Mother's Day
- May 13 4:30PM – 1st Communion Practice
(Tuesday Classes)
- May 14 7:00PM – Men's Guild Meeting
(at *Ciro's Restaurant*)
- May 15 6:30PM – 1st Communion Practice
(Tuesday Classes)
- May 18 11:00AM – 1st Communion
(Tuesday Classes)
- May 19 Parish Food Collection
Children's Liturgy of the Word
12:30PM – Baptisms
- May 21 Last Day of Religious Education Classes
- May 22 Religious Education Registration Begins
- May 27 Memorial Day
Parish Office Closed
9:00AM - Mass
- May 30 Ascension Thursday (Holy Day)
Parish Office Closed
9:00AM – Mass
7:00PM – Mass
8:00PM – Readers' Club Meeting
- May 31 No Morning Mass
- June 2 Children's Liturgy of the Word
Parish Food Collection
12:30PM - Confirmation Practice
(Tuesday Classes)
2:00PM – Confirmation Practice
(Monday Classes)
- June 3 7:00PM – Building & Grounds Committee
- June 4 4:30PM – Confirmation (Tuesday Classes)
6:30PM – Confirmation (Monday Classes)
- June 5 7:00PM – Ladies of St. Joseph Meeting
(at *Vesuvios Restaurant*)
- June 11 7:00PM – Men's Guild Meeting
- Aug 5 Vacation Bible School

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

Millstone Twp, NJ 08510

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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. Daniel Murphy - Weekend Assistant</i> sabatman_2000@yahoo.com	Sunday Morning - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
<i>Chris Chandonnet, Permanent Deacon</i> Chrisstjoseph@optonline.net	Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri - 9:00AM
<i>Jean Semanchick, Parish Secretary & Coordinator of Religious Education</i> Jeanstjoseph@optonline.net	Holy Days: as listed in the bulletin
<i>Carmen Santos, Pastoral Associate</i> carmenstjoseph@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.