

MAY 26, 2019

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER



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Catholic Church

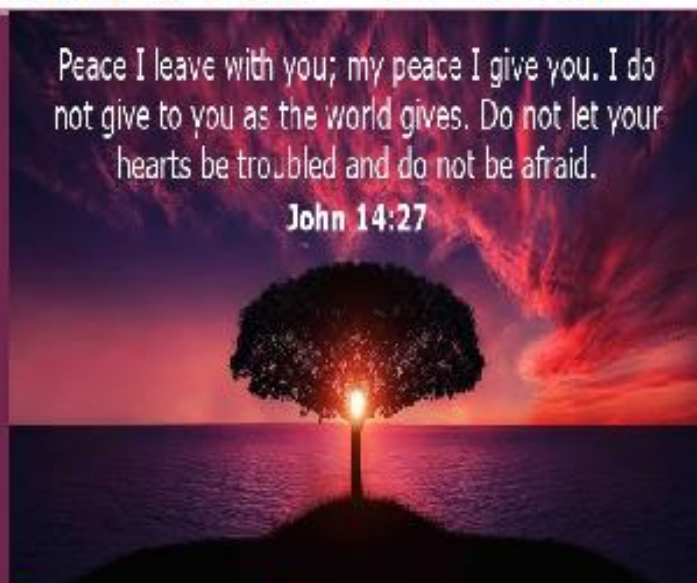
*A community
of faith
growing in
God's love*

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**BE READY FOR
THE KIND OF
PEACE THAT
ONLY COMES
FROM JESUS**

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 14:27



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,

In the Gospel today, Jesus attempts to reveal gently the news to his disciples that he would not be with them much longer. The thought of not having Jesus with them was so painful that the minds of the disciples were almost numbed to what he had to say. They would have believed that without Jesus the future would be very bleak and meaningless. Jesus had become the whole focus and direction of their lives. Perhaps they did not comprehend at the time that Jesus was not abandoning them. While Jesus may not be present to their eyes, he was giving them the gift of peace in a way that the world could not offer it to them. The peace that Jesus offered was a deeper walk with God. It was not a promise of preserving them from the hardships and suffering that are part of life, but a pledge to bring them safely through all trouble to eternal life. The peace that Jesus offered was the confidence of being loved, the assurance of knowing that God can be relied upon and trusted in hard times. It is that kind of peace that can flow into our lives when we open our hearts and allow God's healing presence to work within us. Christ's gift of peace is a powerful help to ease the tension and restlessness of life's difficulties that can afflict our minds and souls at any time. The peace that Jesus offered to his first followers, and to us today, is only experienced in the striving to live according to the known will of God.

For many today, peace only means the absence of war, the lack of noise, the avoidance of conflicts, an hour without pain or the elimination of suffering. However, that is not the peace of the Word of God. It is not the peace that was proclaimed by the angels at Jesus' birth. Nor was it the kind of peace that Jesus willed for his friends and followers when he died on the cross. The peace proclaimed in the Bible is achieved by victory over sin due to the power of God. To obtain the kind of peace that Jesus proclaimed on the night before he died means shutting out of our lives all that is selfish and greedy, all hatred and bitterness, and putting in their place forgiveness and the desire to help others and share with them the good things of life. The basis of peace is God. The secret of peace is trust, but the soul of peace is love that comes from love of God and expresses itself in our love for others.

Peace and prayers,

Fr. Mike

Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday May- 25 St Bede the Venerable

St Gregory VII

St Mary Magdalene

(Acts 16:1-10 Jn 15:18-21)

5:00pm

Elaine Catherine Massari

r/b The Porz! Family

Sunday

May- 26 **6th Sunday of Easter**

(Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Rv 21:10-14, 22-23 Jn 14:23-29)

9:00am

Dec'd Mbrs of the Lancia & Gilch Families

r/b The Gilch Family

11:00am

Jack Shepherd Sr. r/b Geraldine Shepherd

Monday

May- 27 **St Augustine of Canterbury**

(Acts 16:11-15 Jn 15:26-16)

9:00am

Bob Cottrell r/b Bill & Marie Schubel

Tuesday

May- 28 **Easter Weekday**

(Acts 16:22-34 Jn 16:5-11)

9:00am

For the Designated Intention

Wednesday

May- 29 **Easter Weekday**

(Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 Jn 16:12-15)

9:00am

Special Healing Intentions of

Sonya Karott & Family r/b Val & Babu Perumpall

Thursday

May- 30 **The Ascension of the Lord**

(Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20)

9:00am

For the Designated Intention

7:00pm

Peggy Sykes r/b The Hill Family

Friday

May- 31

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16 Lk 1:39-56)

9:00am

NO MASS

Saturday

June- 1 **St Justin**

(Acts 18:23-28 Jn 16:23b-28)

5:00pm

Maria Carro

Sunday

June- 2 **7th Sunday of Easter**

(Acts 7:55-60 Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 Jn 17:20-26)

9:00am

Len Muggleworth

11:00am

Thomas Santamaria r/b The Gilch Family



Sanctuary Candle... this week

Celia Bonilla r/b Frances 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

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...

Peace does not have be out of our reach when we commit to God's ways.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT

May 19th - \$5,124.00

Debt Reduction - \$ 157.00

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

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 27 is Memorial Day. The Parish Office will be closed. **Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM.**

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.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

REGISTRATION FOR RETURNING STUDENTS

Is now taking place. Registration forms were sent home with the oldest child last week. Classes are 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. 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. 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!

REGISTRATION FORMS

FOR NEW STUDENTS – those entering 1st grade or transferring from another Religious Education Program – are available at the entrance of the Church. 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. Remember, registration is done on a first come, first served basis. Return your forms as soon as possible to get your desired day and time for Religious Education Classes

MASS BOOK INTENTIONS

As was stated at Mass last week, the Mass Book with all the Mass intentions has been lost. We are trying to enter all the Mass intentions in the new book but we need your help. If you have requested a Mass for the remainder of this year, please email Jean jeanstjoseph@optonline.net with all the information you can provide – Name, date of the intention if you know it, and the requested by information. Please do this as soon as possible. Thanks

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.

FATHER'S DAY MASS CARDS

Sunday, June 16 is Father's Day. Mass cards for Father's Day are available on the table at the entrance of the Church. All Fathers listed on the cards will be remembered at all the Masses on Father's Day.

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.

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!

FOOD COLLECTION



The next food collection will be on June 1/2. 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.

CASH RAFFLE

The Ladies of St. Joseph, our parish Women's Group, is holding their annual cash raffle. Raffle tickets have been sent to all parishioners. 1st prize is 25% of the total donations. 2nd prize is 15% of total donations. 3rd prize is 10% of total donations. The drawing takes place on Sunday, June 9. Proceeds from the raffle are used to support the parish functions offered by the Ladies of St. Joseph. If you did not receive your tickets or would like additional tickets, you can get them at the Parish Office. Questions directed to JoAnn -jokronenthal@yahoo.com or 732-446-4326. Thanks for your 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 Fr. Mike at the Parish Office 732-792-2270 or email frmikestjoseph@optonline.net.

NEW LECTOR TRAINING

Have you thought about serving as a Lector at Mass? Proclaiming the Word of God is a wonderful way to serve God and live your faith. If you are at least 16 years old and would like to participate in the Ministry of Lector, come to the training on Saturday, June 8 at 11:30AM. Spread God's Word!

READERS' CLUB

Our next selection will be "*Where the Crawdads Sing*" by Delia Owens. 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!

BABYSITTING/CHILD SITTING LIST

If you offer babysitting or child sitting services and would like to be on the parish list, please be sure to put your information on the list that is on the table at the entrance of the church. We will make the list available to parishioners who are looking for babysitting/child-sitting services.

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 find the peace
that comes from trust in you and
your ways!*

➔ Calendar of Events ➔

- May 27 Memorial Day
Parish Office Closed
9:00AM - Mass
- May 29 9:30AM – Legion of Mary
- 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 8 11:30AM – New Lector Training
- June 9 Pentecost (*wear red if you have it!*)
Hospitality Sunday
Raffle Drawing
- June 11 7:00PM – Men's Guild Meeting
- June 16 Father's Day
Parish Food Collection
Children's Liturgy of the Word
12:30PM - Baptisms
- Aug 5 Vacation Bible School

Let us praise God in all we do.



PARISH INFORMATION

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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>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.