

NOVEMBER 17, 2019

33rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



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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 Church's Liturgical year is drawing to a close. On December 1st the Advent Season begins and so does another Liturgical year. As we move toward the season of Advent, the Readings we hear at Mass turn our attention to the end of time. In the Gospel passage today, Jesus paints a picture foretelling the end of the world in terms of the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, and warns his followers in the meantime to be prepared for all the turmoil that will be coming their way. Jesus warns that there will be tension, conflict and no shortage of difficult struggles. There have been numerous attempts throughout the time since Jesus to predict the end of the world. All such predictions have proven to be false and most of the predictions have proven to be nothing more than an attempt to exploit people's fears. Jesus' intent has nothing to do with a desire to instill or exploit fear. Jesus' intention was and is simply a message that offers us the opportunity to be ready for an eternal life with God. Out of love, Jesus offers his followers the advice about being ready.

One message that becomes crystal clear is that our state of readiness to meet the Lord depends on the type of life we lead. Where we will stand on Christ's arrival is decided by what we are trying to be at this moment. Our future happiness is defined and shaped out of our present efforts to turn to God and live life in accord with God's ways. Jesus seeks to convince us that no matter what the earthly future holds for us, our eternal future can be joyful. Whether our earthly life is tranquil and lucrative or is filled with turmoil, disappointments and setbacks, really has no bearing on our eternal life. How we appear before God when Christ comes will depend only on whether we are messengers of hope and bearers of light.

Advent is a time of waiting and preparation. Advent is a time to examine our lives and honestly discern what we must do in order to be ready to welcome Jesus. Sure, the time of Advent is filled with a lot of activity. We will all find ourselves in the midst of Christmas preparations, celebrations, gatherings and everything else that comes with this time of year. However, let us not forget to make at least a little time to focus on Jesus' call to be ready for what really matters in this world and in the world to come.

Peace and prayers,

Fr. Mike

Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday November- 16

St Margaret of Scotland – St Gertrude
(Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9 Lk 18:1-8)

5:00pm *Anna Morin* r/b Her Family

Sunday November- 17

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Mal 3:19-20a 2 Thes 3:7-12 Lk 21:5-19)

9:00am *Peg Sykes* r/b The Raccuglia Family

11:00am *Sandy Motyleski-Minor*
r/b Millie & Charlie McCormick

Monday November- 18

The Dedication of the Basilicas of SS. Peter & Paul

St Rose Philippine Duchesne
(1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lk 18:35-43)

9:00am *Special Healing of Jacob Mendelsohn*
r/b The Hill Family

Tuesday November- 19 **Weekday**

(2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10)

9:00am *Al DeRosa* r/b Lisa Famaghetti

Wednesday November- 20 **Weekday**

(2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 Lk 19:11-28)

9:00am *Betty Gable* r/b Her Family

Thursday November- 21

The Presentation of Mary

(1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44) **NO MASS**

Friday November- 22 **St Cecilia**

(1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48)

9:00am *Celia Bonilla* r/b Frances De Rosa

Saturday November- 23

St Clement I- St Columban- Bl Miguel Agustin Pro
{1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40)

5:00pm *Robert Metz* r/b The Gellman Family

Sunday November- 24

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

(2 Sm 5: 1-3 Col 1:12-20 Lk 23: 35-43)

9:00am *Peg Sykes* r/b Patty & Dick Hileman

11:00am *Sandy Motyleski-Minor*
r/b Stella & Tom Ujszaszi



Sanctuary Candle... this week

Celia Bonilla r/b Daughter, Frances

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...

An audit of our lives is not something to fear when it leads to change that will bring us closer to God.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT

November 10th - \$5,438.50

Debt Reduction - \$251.00

Military Archdiocese Collection - \$ 705.00

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

PARENT MEETING

On Wednesday, November 20 at 7:00PM there is a meeting for parents who have a child in our 2nd grade Religious Education Program. At least one parent needs to attend to find out all information about your child preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

PARISH GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree Program will begin this weekend - November 16/17. If you would like to participate, simply take a tag from the tree, purchase the item listed on the tag and return the gift (**unwrapped**) by the date on the tag. Please be sure that the tag is attached to the gift so that we know where the gift belongs. Gifts will help support the Children's Home in Mt. Holly, the Samaritan Center and local families. We do ask for your help in returning the items by the due date so that we have enough time to sort and distribute the gifts. The gifts need to be unwrapped, but if you would like to supply the wrapping paper, it will be more than welcomed. **Thanks for your support.**

LECTORS

Lectors are asked to pick up the new Lector Workbook for the coming year in the Sacristy. The new Liturgical Year begins on December 1 with the first Sunday of Advent. Please be sure to sign the list indicating that you have received your book. Thanks for your continued participation in the Ministry of Lector.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

The Season of Advent begins on Sunday, December 1. Each week during Advent we light a candle on the Advent Wreath. Members of the Parish are invited to participate in the lighting of the candles each week. Those who sign up will process in with the candle, one person will read a short reflection. Sign up as a family, friends, neighbors, etc. The sign-up lists for the Advent Wreath candle lighting can be found in the vestibule.

EMERGENCY HOUSING PROGRAM

Once again this year we will participate in the Emergency Housing Program. Each Sunday night from December 1 thru March 29, we will host up to 12 homeless men. The participants will be those who have applied to the program, received screening and agree to the requirements. This will be our Parish's fifth year of participation. Thank you to everyone who have signed-up to help with the various components of this program. More volunteers are certainly welcome to participate. The following opportunities exist:

Sunday Evening Drivers – Pick up participants at St. Peter Episcopal Church in Freehold at 6:30PM and transport them to St. Joseph Parish.

Hosts – Serve as Parish representative of hospitality for the guests either from 6:30PM on Sunday until Midnight or from Midnight until 6:30AM on Monday.

Monday Morning Drivers – drive participants from St. Joseph Parish to St. Peter Episcopal Church in Freehold at 6:30 AM on Monday Morning.

Provide food for Sunday evening meal – we offer the participants a full meal on Sunday when they arrive. Volunteers prepare one component of the meal and bring it to the Parish Hall by 6:15PM. The items for the meal are divided up among a number of participants.

Wash Linens – the sheets and towels used by the participants are washed each week. Volunteers pick up the linens, wash them and return to the Parish.

Thank you for your support of our Parish's participation in this service.

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mark your calendars for our Parish Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 15th at 12:00 Noon. There will be food, entertainment and much more. The party is free as it is sponsored by the Men's Guild – our parish Men's Group.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children are needed for the Children's Choir to sing at Christmas. The Children's Choir sings at the 4:00PM Christmas Eve Mass. This is a great way for the children to participate. There is a sign-up sheet on the table at the entrance of the church or contact Kristine –

Kris0373@aol.com.

CANTORS NEEDED

If you are blessed with the ability to sing, consider sharing your talent as a Cantor at Mass. The Parish Community needs people to help lead song at our Celebrations. Teens and adults are welcome. It is a wonderful way to give back to God. If you are in High School and need to do service, and can sing, what better way to fulfill your hours? So lift your voice in song! If you want to volunteer or you have questions, contact Kristine at

kris0373@aol.com.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

There will be Mass on Thanksgiving morning, November 28 at 10:00 AM. Let us gather together to give thanks to God for all the blessings we have received, most especially, for the gift of faith. Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar servers are asked to sign up to serve at the Thanksgiving Day Mass.

FOOD COLLECTION



The next food collection will be on November 16/17. 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.

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

There will be an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 24 at 7:30PM at the United Presbyterian Church of Millstone on Millstone Road. The service will include The Perrineville Jewish Center, The United Presbyterian Church and St. Joseph Church. There will be refreshments after the Service to give people an opportunity to mingle.

READER'S CLUB

The next book selected by the Reader's Club is **Less: A novel** by Andrew Sean Greer. Less is a satirical comedy novel that follows writer Arthur Less while he travels the world on a literary tour, as his fiftieth birthday looms. The book covers themes of love, relationships, aging, and travel. The discussion/meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 20 at 7:30PM. All are welcome to attend. If you will be joining the group please RSVP to Fran ambiofran@gmail.com.

HELP AT CHRISTMAS

If you are in need of help at Christmas with gifts for your children or know of local families who may be in need of help, please let us know so that you can be included in the Giving Tree Program. We try to help those in need so that children will not have to go without gifts at Christmas. For information or the help form go to our website

<http://www.stjosephmillstone.org/christmashelp>

All requests are held in strictest confidence. If you want to talk to someone about this, contact Fr. Mike.

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 are interested, please come and join us each Sunday after the 9:00 AM Mass. For more information contact Fr. Mike at the Parish Office or email

frmikestjoseph@optonline.net

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, December 6 at 7:00PM. If you will be attending, please contact the parish Office to register. For questions about Baptismal Preparation contact the Parish Office.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The St. Rose of Lima PTA is hosting the Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 7th from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM at the School Auditorium – 51 Lincoln Place, Freehold. Free admission, homemade crafts, home décor, unique crocheted items, jewelry, baked goods, face painting, kids activities and more. Proceeds benefit St. Rose of Lima School.

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.

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!

→ Calendar of Events ←

Nov 17	Children's Liturgy of the Word Parish Food Collection 10:00AM - RCIA 12:30PM – Baptisms
Nov 20	9:30AM – Legion of Mary 7:00PM – 2 nd Grade Parents Meeting 7:30PM – Reader's Club Meeting
Nov 21	7:00PM – Pivotal Players
Nov 22	10:00AM – Pivotal Players
Nov 24	10:00AM – RCIA 7:30PM – Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service
Nov 26	No Religious Education Classes
Nov 27	No Religious Education Classes
Nov 28	Thanksgiving Day 10:00AM – Mass
Nov 29	Parish Office Closed No Morning Mass
Dec 1	Parish Food Collection Children's Liturgy of the Word 10:00AM – RCIA Emergency Housing Program Begins
Dec 2	7:00PM – Building & Grounds Committee
Dec 3	7:00PM – Ladies of St. Joseph Meeting
Dec 6	7:00PM – Baptism Preparation Session
Dec 8	Hospitality Sunday 10:00AM – RCIA
Dec 10	7:30PM - Men's Guild Meeting
Dec 15	12:00Noon - Parish Christmas Party

Let us praise God in all we do.

Lord, help us to be ready for you by living a life of hope and always being willing to be a beacon of your light!

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office: 732-792-2270

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:30AM - 2:30PM

Mailing Address: 91 Stillhouse Road

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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.