

MARCH 15, 2020

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT



St. Joseph

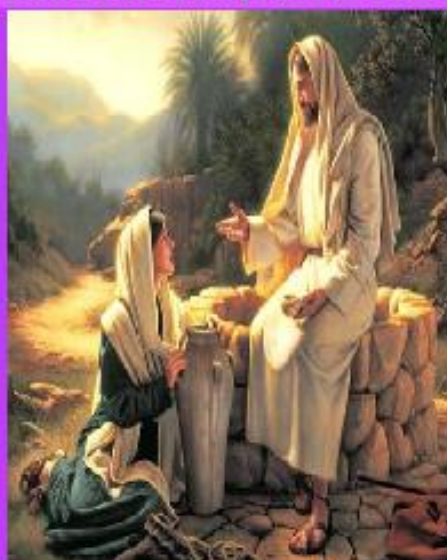
Catholic Church

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

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***The woman
at the well
thirsted for
something
more than
water !***



***Will you
allow Jesus
to quench
your thirst
as well?***

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,

As we enter the third week of our Lenten journeys, we are presented with the encounter of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well. Exhausted from a long walk in the hot sun, Jesus sat down and dismissed Jewish tradition by asking the woman for a drink. Jewish people in the time of Jesus did not speak to Samaritans. Thirst does not adhere to boundaries so the two got into a conversation, and the woman, taking Jesus literally, was amazed to hear that could provide her with water that would last forever. It would have been a blessing for the woman to not have to come back to the well so that she could be spared from the embarrassment of being snubbed by her neighbors who despised her because of her less than stellar lifestyle. As the conversation deepened, the woman came to realize that her own thirst was not from lack of water, but from an inner thirst that no earthly water could satisfy – a thirst caused by the absence of God in her life. The woman was looking for something that five different husbands did not provide. Jesus lead her to examine her deeply troubled life and helped to unburden her soul. With no condemnation, Jesus accepted her, and coming to terms with the bad choices she had made and the path she chose to follow, she was released from her guilt. Jesus gave her hope and offered her the living waters of friendship and the Spirit of God.

What it took five husbands to teach the Samaritan woman, we learn from examining our own lives and acknowledging the ways in which our thirst is not be satisfied because of bad choices, habits and actions. Examining our lives is not for the purpose of heaping on guilt, but to allow us to experience the same kind of conversion that the Samaritan woman enjoyed. Her conversion is meant to give us great hope because, in human perceptions, her conversion did not seem possible. The Gospel story today shows that because Jesus did not limit her due to her past, she was able to draw closer to Christ. Jesus won her over by gently leading her out of herself and raising her mind and heart to higher things.

Today, Jesus asks us to take a look at how we are living out our Baptismal call. If we are suffering from thirst, the Holy Spirit is always at hand to refresh us and lead us in our search for that which is eternal.

Peace and prayers,

Fr. Mike

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Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday	March- 14 Lenten Weekday {Mt 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32}
5:00pm	<i>Robert (Bobby) Walsh</i> r/b The Keoghan Family
Sunday	March- 15 3rd Sunday of Lent (Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39A, 40-42)
9:00am	<i>Edward Burke</i> r/b The Meyer Family
11:00am	<i>Ann Rollo</i> r/b The Rollo Family
Monday	March- 16 Lenten Weekday (2 Kgs 5:1-15b Lk 4:24-30)
9:00am	<i>K. C. Joseph</i> r/b Val & Babu Perumpail
Tuesday	March- 17 St Patrick (Dn 3:25, 34-43 Mt 18:21-35)
9:00am	<i>Mary Burdette</i> r/b Bill & Marie Schubel
Wednesday	March- 18 St Cyril of Jerusalem (Dt 4:1, 5-9 Mt 5:17-19)
9:00am	<i>David Sheffield</i> r/b The Mendelsohn Family
Thursday	March- 19 St Joseph NO MASS Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ron 4:13-; 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a)
Friday	March- 20 Lenten Weekday (Hos 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34)
9:00am	<i>Joseph Ruggerie</i> r/b Donna & Ed Spinelli
Saturday	March- 21 Lenten Weekday (Hos 6:1-6 Lk 18:9-14)
5:00pm	<i>Constance Jane Lewandowski</i> r/b Maria Scotto & Family
Sunday	March- 22 4th Sunday of Lent (1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38)
9:00am	<i>Stephanie Parze</i> r/b The Corsaro Family
11:00am	<i>Angelo Fiorino</i> r/b Frank Simacek



Sanctuary Candle... this week

Josephine Newman r/b Jean & John

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...

*Money, power and prestige will never satisfy our thirst.
Only God has what we truly seek. .*

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT

March 8th - \$ 5,789.50

Debt Reduction - \$ 520.00

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

LINE DANCING

Join us for an afternoon of line dancing on Sunday, March 22 from 12:00Noon until 2:30PM. You don't know how to line dance? No worries, there will be instruction making it easy and fun. There will be refreshments and it is all free. This event is sponsored by the Ladies of St. Joseph. If you plan to join us, sign up on the list at the entrance of the church.

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

Soup Night



Each Friday evening at 6:30 PM 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. We need people to bring a meatless soup on some of the Fridays of Lent. There are sign up lists on the bulletin board if you would like to bring soup. THANKS!

Contribution Statements

If you would like a contribution statement for 2019, please send a self-addressed envelope to the Parish Office. Thanks!

SIGN UP FOR "FOLLOWING THE CALL OF CHRIST" – A Lenten Program

You can participate in our Lenten program of "Following the Call of Christ" right from your own home and at your convenience. Sign up on Flocknotes and once a week you will receive a very short video to watch. After the video, there are some reflection questions. You can then comment or ask questions. When you sign up on Flocknotes, be sure to click on the Lenten Program button so you will start getting the email. You can sign up for other things as well in Flocknotes – get a copy of the weekly bulletin, get notices about people who need prayer, be notified about weather closings in the parish and more. For complete information about the opportunities Flocknotes and Word on Fire Engage offers our parish, go to <https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/flocknotes>. You can also find out how to sign up, what is offered and more. If you want to sign up right away, simply text the code sjmill to 84576 and follow the prompts. Stay connected, know what is going on in your parish and participate! If you have any questions or encounter any difficulties, please contact Fr. Mike.

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 1 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 4/5. Non-perishable food items, paper goods and toiletries are appreciated. Please be sure to check expiration dates on donations. Items past the expiration or "best by" dates cannot be given out to those needing assistance. Thanks for your help.

EASTER EGG HUNT/GIFT BASKETS



The Ladies of St. Joseph will be sponsoring the annual Easter Egg Hunt/Gift Basket Raffle on Saturday, April 5th, **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.

NIGHT AT THE RACES



Come and join us for a spectacular evening of food, fun and friendship as St. Joseph Men's Guild holds Night at the

Races on Saturday, April 18 at 6:00PM. Tickets are just \$25.00 per person which includes: food, beverages and \$25.00 in betting "money". Come enjoy a thrilling time of betting on the horses. *(Remember - Due to gambling and the presence of alcoholic beverages, by state law you must be 21 or over to attend this event).* Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased from the Parish Office or after Mass.

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. Those listed on the envelopes will be remembered at our Easter Masses.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP BOY SCOUT TROOP 116 will be having a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 29 in our Parish Hall after the 9:00AM and 11:00AM

Masses. The cost for a wonderful breakfast is just \$6.00 for those ages 12 and up, just \$4.00 for those ages 4-12 \$4.00 and it is free for children 3 and under. Proceeds benefit the Relay for Life. Come and enjoy breakfast and support the efforts of the local Boy Scouts.

HELP US TO BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU

The Parish has begun to use Flocknotes which is a program to send out email and text messages to parishioners. This will allow us to stay in touch about parish events, emergency closings and important information. To benefit from this, you must sign up with your cell phone number and/or email address. In the present time, it is important that we have a way to get news out to everyone. We will use Flocknotes to let parents know if Religious Education classes are canceled and we send out reminders about scheduled closings for holidays, etc. It is easy to be on the notification list – just text the code sjmill to 84576 and follow the prompts. You may also go to our website to be included - stjosephmillstone.org/flocknotes. Just enter your information and follow the prompts. You can then select the groups that you want information from. You can choose to receive the weekly bulletin or be notified if someone in the parish needs help or be notified when someone has asked for prayers or be part of special programs like the Lenten Program listed in the bulletin on the previous page and more. For those with children in the Religious Education Program, you must choose the class and session that you have a child attending. If you have a child in grade 3 and a child in grade 7 on Tuesday at 6:30PM, you would choose Tuesday 6:30PM grade 3 and Tuesday 6:30PM grade 7. **If you are not signed up on Flocknotes, you will not receive notification about closings.** Please remember to use contact information (cell number and email) that you use regularly. All information is confidential. Others are not able to view your information. Please remember that email and text message will be sent from Flocknotes. Thanks!

CHOIRS

Join the choir – lift your voice in praise of God. We have a Children's Choir for the young people of the parish and the St. Joseph Choir for teens and adults contact Kristine Kris0373@aol.com or 973-768-4184 for more information. All are welcome to be part of the Choirs as we sing our praise to God.

CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2020 Catholic Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Trenton is now under way. 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. If you would like more information about the Annual Catholic Appeal you can go to our parish website <https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/annual-catholic-appeal> - there, you will be able to view the Bishop's video and more. Thank you for your generosity and support.

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!

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!



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.

➔ Calendar of Events ➔

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| Mar 15 | Children's Liturgy of the Word
Parish Food Collection
10:00AM – RCIA |
| Mar 16 | 6:30PM – 1 st Reconciliation –
Tuesday 6:30PM Class |
| Mar 18 | 9:30AM – Legion of Mary
6:30PM - 1st Reconciliation -
Monday 4:30PM Class |
| Mar 19 | 7:00PM – The Mystery of the Bible |
| Mar 20 | 10:00AM – The Mystery of the Bible
6:30PM - Lenten Soup Night
7:30PM - Stations of the Cross |
| Mar 22 | 12:00PM – Line Dancing |
| Mar 24 | 6:30PM - 1st Reconciliation -
Monday 6:30PM Class |
| Mar 29 | Pancake Breakfast |
| Apr 4 | 10:00AM – Easter Egg Hunt &
Gift Basket Raffle |
| Apr 5 | Palm Sunday |
| Apr 7 | 7:30PM - Ladies of St. Joseph Meeting |
| Apr 8 | 10:00AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry |
| Apr 9 | Holy Thursday
7:30PM – Mass of the Lord's Supper |
| Apr 10 | Good Friday
3:00PM – Passion of the Lord
7:30PM – Stations of the Cross |
| Apr 11 | 7:30PM – Easter Vigil (no 5:00PM Mass) |
| Apr 12 | Easter Sunday
8:00AM – Mass
10:00AM – Mass
12:00Noon - Mass |
| Apr 14 | 7:30PM - Men's Guild Meeting |
| Apr 18 | 6:00PM – Night At The Races |

Let us praise God in all we do.

PARISH INFORMATION

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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.