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Some thoughts from Fr. Mike...

Dear Friends,

One of the Church's earliest memories is the story of the two disciples who fled from Jerusalem after the Crucifixion. Jesus obviously meant a great deal to the two followers but with His death their whole world collapsed and they must have felt that their dreams for the future was shattered. Struggling to either make sense of their disappointment or simply to get away to start over, they felt that there was nothing else for them to do but to leave the other followers and put the place where everything had taken place far behind them. The two forlorn disciples were joined by someone they thought was a stranger. This new person listened sympathetically to their story and even helped them to see some kind of meaning in all that had happened. At every step of their troubled journey Jesus was in their midst but they failed to recognize Him until the breaking of the bread at Emmaus. Their faith was restored and they returned to the others with new found enthusiasm.

The story of Jesus and the disciples on the road to Emmaus sheds light on our own situations in times of trial. The distress and sadness that the disciples experienced sounds familiar to us because we have experienced the same thing when hopes have been crushed, plans have fallen apart or a painful experience fills us with grief. In any of the challenging situations that cannot be avoided, it is as if we are walking on the Road to Emmaus. As we continue in our current situation filled with uncertainty, confusion and suffering we are in fact on the Road to Emmaus. Many people facing illness, or the loss of income, or the demands of providing for their family may feel that they are wandering and just want to get away from it all. The story of the disciples on the Road to Emmaus is meant to remind us that no matter what we face, no matter what has happened to us and no matter what is waiting for us at the next turn, Jesus is walking with us, at our side ready and anxious to help us if only we would turn to him for guidance. This is an opportunity to reflect on the importance of recognizing the Lord's presence in our lives. If given the chance, Jesus will throw light on every moment of joy and show that even suffering can help us to grow and be prepared for what is around the next bend in the road.

Peace, prayers and love to all of you,

*Fr. Mike*

## Mass Schedule + Readings

**Saturday** April- 25 **St Mark**

(1Pt 5:5b-14 Mk 16:15-20)

*Nicola Nolan* r/b The Costagliola Family

**Sunday** April- 26 **3rd Sunday of Easter**

(Acts 2:14, 22-33 1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35)

*Lisa Phenev* r/b Bo & Stella Smith

*Angelo Fiorino* r/b Zaleski & Schlegel Families

**Monday** April- 27 **Easter Weekday**

(Acts 6:8-15 Jn 6:22-29)

*Jalilah Sayegh* r/b M/M Gino Galestro

**Tuesday** April- 28

**St Peter Chanel - St Louis Grignon**

(Acts 7:51—8:1a Jn 6:30-35)

*Eduardo Vidal* r/b Frank Simacek

**Wednesday** April- 29 **St Catherine of Sienna**

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

*Special Intentions of Ryan Perumpail* r/b His Parents

**Thursday** April- 30 **St Pius V**

(Acts 8:26-40 Jn 6:44-51)

*For the People of the Parish*

**Friday** May- 1 **St Joseph the Worker**

(Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59)

*Carole Reilly* r/b Her Family

**Saturday** May- 2 **St Athanasius**

(Acts 9:31-49 Jn 6:60-69)

*Anna Morin* r/b Her Family

**Sunday** May- 3 **4th Sunday of Easter**

(Acts 2:14a, 36-41 1 Pt 2:20b-25 Jn 10:1-10)

*Ellen Nesheiwat* r/b The Tkachuk Family

*Patricia Hennessy* r/b The Men's Guild



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*Carole Reilly* r/b Jean & John

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## 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 vocation to the priesthood and religious life and for the hungry and the homeless.

## **RECONSECRATION OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA**

The Diocese will participate with the bishops of the United States and Canada in a prayer service (not a Mass) of reconsecration of our respective countries to Mary, Mother of the Church at 3 pm on Friday, May 1. The service will be conducted by the Bishop. It will be broadcast on the diocesan website (TrentonMonitor.com or diocesan). The entire Diocese is invited to join in this reconsecration.

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## **Activities**

Obviously, all activities scheduled have been cancelled, at least for the time being. Some will be rescheduled; others we will do without. There is no point in trying to set dates until we know exactly when activities and gatherings will be permitted to resume.

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## **DAILY MASS, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER**

Online services will be available from St. Joseph Church. If you are not signed up for Flocknotes or a follower of our facebook page, please either sign up for Flocknotes or follow our page, or better, do both – to receive notice of the links for each day.

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## **FOOD COLLECTION**



Our normal food collections will not take place. You can still drop off donations in the box on the lower level or in the bin that is outside the front door to help those who may need something.

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## **VERY IMPORTANT - - 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](http://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!

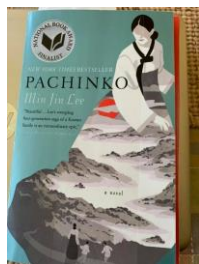
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## **READERS' CLUB**



While a date for the next meeting is not known, join in reading the next book for the Readers' Club – ***Pachinko*** by Min Jin Lee. *Pachinko* is an epic historical novel following a Korean family who eventually migrates to Japan, it is the first novel written for an adult, English-speaking audience about Japanese–Korean culture. The character-driven tale features a large ensemble of characters who become subjected to issues of racism and stereotypes, among other events with historical origins in the 20th-century Korean experiences with Japan.

## **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](http://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!*

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## **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](http://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.

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## **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.

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**BAPTISM** – The Sacrament of Baptism is normally celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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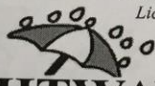
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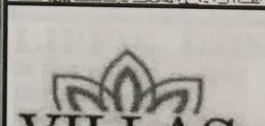
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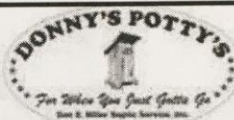
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