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Some thoughts from Fr. Mike...

Dear Friends,

We may be left scratching our heads about the poor man in the Gospel story who was hauled off the street into a wedding reception where only to find himself in serious trouble because he is not suitably dressed for the occasion. How could he expect to have the appropriate attire at such short notice? However, we miss the point if we believe that the parable is about wearing the right outfit at a wedding. The message goes much deeper because the banquet referred to is eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus tries to help people understand that while God has opened wide the doors of heaven and invited everyone into God's Kingdom, entrance is by no means automatic and should not be taken for granted. We must be spiritually ready at all times and choose to accept the invitation, not with a written RSVP, but by the way that we conduct our lives. The message includes the warning that there is no room for complacency because simply calling ourselves followers of Jesus does not guarantee salvation.

In Baptism, we were offered the appropriate clothing for the Kingdom of God. At Baptism it is pronounced that we have clothed ourselves in Christ. We are expected to be clothed in Christ each and every day of our lives. The wedding garment in the parable is a symbol of a life that is lived in the footsteps of Jesus. The guestion that we must be willing to ask is: how are we living that life? Jesus often rebuked those who believed that they had a special relationship with God but were unwilling to live the life that God asked them to live. They failed to take God's offer of eternal life seriously. This can be our tory if we think that because we are Baptized and even regular Churchgoers that we have gained automatic entry into Heaven. With all the busyness of life it is dangerously easy to leave God out of the picture.

The Gospel today should cause us to pause and think about the wonderful future that is within our reach. It tells us that God is longing for our homecoming. Meanwhile, the one thing necessary is to make sure that we actually arrive by responding to God's love. How do we demonstrate that we always ready because each day we clothe ourselves in Christ?

Peace, prayers and love to all of you,

Fr. Mike

HOLIDAY

Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday October- 10 St Cosmas - St Damian

(Gal 3:22-29 Lk 11:27-28)

5:00pm Giovanni Scrivanich 1/10 John & Rosie Hroncich

Sunday October- 11

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(Is 25:6-10a Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10)

9:00am Bill Baker 1/10 Dolores Jany

11:00am *Udilio Negrin* 1/10 The Mendelsohn Family

Monday October-12 Weekday Columbus Day

(Gal 4:22-24; 26-27, 31---5:1 Lk 11:29-32)

9:00am No Mass

Tuesday October- 13 Weekday

(Gal 5:1-6 Lk 11:37-41)

9:00am Placido Bonilla 1/16 Daughter, Frances

Wednesday October-14 St Callistus I

(Gal 5:18-25 LK 11:42-46)

9:00am Mary Anne Civello 1/10 The Keoghan Family

Thursday October-15 Saint Teresa of Jesus

(Eph 1:1-10 Lk 11:47-54) No Mass

Friday October- 16

St Hedwig - St Margaret Mary Alacoque

(Eph 1:11-14 Lk 12:1-7)

9:00am Aleyamma and Cherian Joseph

r/b Val & Babu Perumpail

Saturday October- 17 St Ignatius of Antioch

(Eph 1:15-23 Lk 12:8-12)

5:00pm *John Chikezie* 1/15 The Chikezie Family

Sunday October- 18 WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

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9:00am Giovanni Scrivanich

r/b Michele & Marty Hroncich

11:00am Michael Cashman

r/b The Zappia & Dougherty Families



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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.

Monday, October 12 is a holiday. The Parish office will be closed. There is no morning Mass on Monday.

HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT

The Ladies of St. Joseph are sponsoring a Halloween Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 25. Space is limited and registration for the event is required. Set up is from 2:30 PM until 3:00 PM (decorate or set up your car). The Trunk or Treating will be from 3:00 PM until 4:30 PM.

Admission is free. Advanced registration for each vehicle is required on a first come-first served basis. Space is limited. To register contact Jo Ann by October 21, 2020. Her email is jannkronenthal@gmail.com

ALL ATTENDEES MUST BE WEARING MASKS EVEN WITH COSTUME MASKS. GLOVES MUST BE WORN BY ADULTS WHO ARE GIVING OUT GOODIES. All Halloween treats must be store purchased merchandise...please no homemade or baked goods.

NO RESTROOMS WILL BE AVAILABLE. CHURCH WILL BE LOCKED.

Participants must arrive between 2:30 PM and 3:00 PM and must agree to stay in parking space until all children have left the Trunk-or-Treating area.

Participants will park their vehicles with ONE PARKING SPOT between each vehicle. (There will be an X where NOT to park.) The circular driveways are reserved for the volunteers. NO VEHICLE WILL BE PARKED IN THE DRIVEWAY OR THE STREET.

A family adult member will walk with child(children) at a safe distance (6-feet apart from another group). One adult member would stay with vehicle to hand out the treats. This adult MUST wear gloves to place the wrapped treats into the child's goodie bag. We expect to have up to 250 children. Please bring enough treats to accommodate at least this amount.

Taped arrows will show the direction which the children would follow.

Of course, if there is an outbreak of the virus or severe weather, the event would be cancelled. Otherwise the event is rain or shine. There is no rain date. All questions should be addressed to Jo Ann at jannkronenthal@gmail.com.

BOOKS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Some have still not picked up the book for their child. If you have registered your child for Religious Education Classes but have not picked up the book for your child, please do so this week before your child falls behind. The parish office is open from 9:30 AM until 2:30 PM. If you are unable to pick up the book during those times, please contact the office to make other arrangements.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all the children of the parish who have now received the Sacrament of Confirmation this past week. We continue to pray for you. We also pray for those who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this week, may God's gift fill you with God's love.

WELCOME

As a parish community we joyfully welcome Christopher Brian Balson who was received into God's family and the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. Let us continue to lift this little one up in our prayers.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a wonderful faith journey for those who wish to be Baptized, those who are Baptized and are now interested are interested in joining the Catholic Church and those who have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation).

The RCIA is a journey of faith where people are encouraged to discern God's call in their lives. It is not a typical classroom setting. Our Catholic beliefs are introduced and explained and participants in the RCIA are encouraged to see how our beliefs, practices, Liturgies and Sacraments can have an impact in everyday situations.

Anyone and everyone is invited to "come and see" to find out if the RCIA process is what you are being drawn to in your life. RCIA sessions are ready to resume, although at this time the meetings will be help outdoors or via Zoom. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Fr. Mike – frmikestjoseph@optonline.net or 732-792-2270.

<u>SUNDAY MASS</u> – The public celebration of Sunday Mass takes place on Saturday evening at 5:00 PM and Sunday morning at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM. We only have one-third of the capacity in the Church. Please remember that masks must be worn and cover mouth and nose. Also, **doors are locked at the start of Mass** so that there is no need for people to wander around looking for a seat – so please arrive before Mass begins. For complete details about the restrictions and policies please go to our website https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/covid-19-related-news. Masses will also be live streamed at https://vimeo.com/event/106444, on our parish website at www.stjosephmillstone.org/live-stream on our Facebook Page www.facebook.com/stjosephchurchmillstone and on the Parish YouTube channel www.youtube.com/c/StJosephChurchMillstoneTwp

DAILY MASS

We have resumed the public gathering for Mass at 9:00 AM on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday with no more than 50 people. Mass will also be live streamed at 9:00 AM on those days. If you miss the live stream, it is recorded and available to watch later on any of the sources listed under Sunday Mass above.

A NOTE ON MASKS

Masks are required for all events in the Church. Masks must cover mouth and nose and form a barrier. Some people have started wearing clear plastic masks that are meant for food preparation. Those masks do not meet the criteria for helping to block the spread of disease. Those masks do not form a barrier at the nose. We are adhering to the recommendations prescribed by the professionals as well as the regulations of the Diocese. Thank you for cooperating and having a willingness to protect the health of others.

FOOD COLLECTION

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. The need for assistance continues to grow. Food banks are receiving more requests for assistance as people face financial challenges. Your donations are appreciated and your donations continue to reach those who are in need.

BAPTISMS

We are scheduling Baptisms. The number of people permitted at a Baptism is limited. Only one family at a time will be scheduled for Baptism. It is good news that we are welcoming God's little ones. Those who would like to schedule a Baptism, may call the parish office to schedule the Baptism of your child.

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!

HELP US TO BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU

The Parish uses 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. 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!

Parish Giving.

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 email or leave a message for Fr. Mike

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Help support the parish by designating St. Joseph

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Evening - 5:00 PM

Sunday Morning - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri - 9:00AM

Holy Days: as listed in the bulletin

Confessions: At this time, Confessions are Offered by appointment only.

<u>BAPTISM</u> – 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.

<u>Marriage</u> – Diocesan policy requires that arrangements for Marriage be made one (1) year in advance of the wedding. Refer any questions to the Pastor.

<u>Sick Calls</u> – 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

<u>Registration</u> – 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.

<u>Sponsor Certificates</u> – 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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