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Some thoughts from Fr. Mike...

Dear Friends.

We are well immersed into the Season of Easter. We are called to continue to celebrate Christ's victory over death. Yet, even in the midst of Easter joy, our Scripture Readings for this day remind us of the need for continuing repentance and conversion. As Christians we are called to remember that in order to share in the life of the Risen Christ we must be willing to share in the life of the crucified Christ. There are no shortcuts to eternal life, if we do not die to sin we cannot live for God. Repentance is needed since we are weak and know that perfection will not come while in this world. At the same time, we must never give up on trying to avoid sin because we know that sin separates us from the love of God. Without facing our own sinfulness, the glory of Christ can never be fully revealed to us.

The Resurrection cannot be limited to a historical event that we simply remember as a holiday. The Resurrection must become a present reality that provides the kind of light and warmth that motivates to struggle with sinfulness. Resurrection must take place here and now in the life of every Christian because we can never know what true life means until we live it in the footsteps of Jesus. Of course this is not something we can experience overnight but is a gradual transformation that takes place within us every time we turn away from the darkness of sin and choose to live for God. Gradually we come to view the world, not with our own eyes but with a Godlike gaze.

The Gospel passage for today tells us how the Risen Christ opened the minds of the disciples to a better understanding of Scriptures as He explained why he had to suffer and rise from the dead. More importantly, the Risen Christ explained that disciples were charged with being witnesses. The disciples of Christ were to continue to preach the need for penance for the remission of sins. It is our turn to be witnesses to the Gospel and demonstrate the effect of the Resurrection in our lives. The first disciples were unable to keep the Good News to themselves but hurried to share their great joy with anyone who had ears to listen. The Good News of Jesus is never fully ours until we are willing to share it with others. We are called to communicate the message of Jesus by our attitudes, values and lifestyles. May we freely choose to share the joy of Resurrection in every way we can.

Peace, prayers and love to all of you,

Fr Mike

Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday April- 17 Easter Weekday

(Acts 6:1-7 Jn 6:16-21)

5:00pm Mary Ann Mulligan 1/10 The Rollo Family

Sunday April- 18 3rd Sunday of Easter

(Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 1 Jn 2:1-5a Lk 24:35-48)

9:00am Jack Cottrell 17b Ed & Linda Becker

11:00am Sindo Euriquez 1/10 The Carro Family

Monday April- 19 Easter Weekday

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

9:00am Thomas McCaffery 1/10 The Hileman Family

Tuesday April- 20 Easter Weekday

(Acts 7:51—8:1a Jn 6:30-35)

9:00am Stephanie Cappola

r/b Brian & Colleen Schubel

Wednesday April- 21 St Anselm

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

9:00am Carmine Buono 1/16 Frances DeRosa

Thursday April- 22 Easter Weekday

(Acts 8:26-40 Jn 6:44-51) No Wass

Friday April- 23 St George – St Adalbert

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

9:00am Special Healing Intentions of Sunny Karott

r/b Val & Babu Perumpail

Saturday April- 24 St Fidelis of Sigmaringen

(Acts 9:31-42 Jn 6:60-69)

5:00pm Ryan Spiezio 1/b Sue Werner

Sunday April- 25 4th Sunday of Easter

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

(Acts 4:8-12 1 Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:11-18)

9:00am Keith Falzone 1/10 The Schlegel Family

11:00am Carmine Buono 1/15 The Sawicz Family



Sanctuary Candle... this week The People of the Parish

To dedicate a Sanctuary Candle in memory of or for the intention of a loved on. 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 man and women, for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for the hungry and the homeless.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

A video for Children's Liturgy of the Word for April 18th, is available along with activity sheets for those who would like it. You can watch the video and download the activity sheets at https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/childrens-liturgy-of-the-word-1

READER'S CLUB

The next book chosen by the Reader's Club is *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides. *The Silent Patient* is a shocking psychological thriller of a woman's act of violence against her husband - and of the therapist obsessed with uncovering her motive. Theo Faber is a criminal psychotherapist who has waited a long time for the opportunity to work with Alicia. His determination to get her to talk and unravel the mystery of why she shot her husband takes him down a twisting path into his own motivations – it becomes a search for the truth that threatens to consume him. The meeting date for the discussion of the book is April 29 via Zoom. For information, updates or to be included in the meeting, contact Fran - ambiofran@gmail.com.

DONATION STATEMENTS

Anyone who needs a statement of donations for tax purposes is asked to send a self-addressed envelope to the parish office.

WELCOME

As a parish Community we joyfully welcome:

Catalina Lucia Martin

who was welcomed into God's family and the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. Let us lift her up in our prayers.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Due to the decrease in the cases of the Coronavirus, the number of people permitted in the church has increased. We have changed from permitting seating in every third pew to every other pew. All other policies remain in effect – masks must be worn and social distancing must be observed. We will continue to seat people and space people in the pews. It is good to see the number of cases drop, but we must still be careful so that the numbers do not climb again. There is reason to be hopeful as more people receive vaccines so let us continue to pray that we remain on the path that will put this behind us.

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.

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.

<u>SUNDAY MASS</u> – We do have public celebration of Sunday Mass on Saturday evening at 5:00 PM and Sunday morning at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM. We have limited capacity in the Church because of social distancing requirements. 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. 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.voutube.com/c/StJosephChurchMillstoneTwp

DAILY MASS

The public gathering for Mass takes place at 9:00 AM on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Mass continues to 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. The links for the live stream of daily Mass are the same as those for Sunday Mass which you can find in the Sunday Mass announcement above this announcement.

PARISH GROUPS

Thankfully, the number of cases of the Coronavirus is once again dropping. It is now possible to allow groups that wish to meet to do so in the Parish Hall. All precautions remain in effect — masks must be worn and social distancing must be observed. If your group wishes to meet, be aware of the following:

- Only one group at a time can meet and all meetings will take place in the Parish Hall.
- You must contact Fr. Mike about your desire to meet
- No materials may be handed out or brought out (candles, statues, etc.
- No food is to be served
- After the meeting, a list of those who attended must be given to the parish office

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.

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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.

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!

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!

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

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!

Covid-19 Vaccine

If you know of any seniors who may not have technology to go online, please help them to be aware of the process or help them to know the information.

PREFARED ON JAN 13, 2021

As of January 14, 2021, the following groups are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine:

- Paid or unpaid persons working or volunteering in a healthcare setting
- Residents of long-term care facilities and other congregate settings
- Frontline first responders
- Persons aged 65 and older
- Persons aged 16 to 64 years old who have at least one chronic medical condition that poses high-risk for severe COVID-19:
 - Cancer
 - · Chronic Kidney Disease
 - Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)
 - Down Syndrome
 - Heart conditions (e.g. heart failure, coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathies)
 - Immunocompromised (weakened immune system) due to organ transplant (consult with your doctor)
- Obesity (e.g. body mass index of 30kg/m² or higher)
- · Pregnancy (consult with your doctor)
- Sickle cell disease
- Smoking
- · Type 2 diabetes mellitus

These groups can start making vaccination appointments. More groups will become eligible in the coming weeks.

To register for a COVID-19 vaccine visit covidvaccine.nj.gov

For a list of open vaccination sites nearest to you and to learn more, visit covid19.nj.gov/vaccine



PARISH INFORMATION

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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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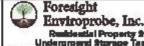
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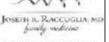
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