August 29, 2021

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time



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God Looks at the Heart

MASS

Saturday

5:00 PM

SUNDAY

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Mon. Tues. Wed. Fri.

9:00 AM

Masses are also

live streamed

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Some thoughts from Fr. Mike... Dear Friends.

The incident in our Gospel passage today is one of appearance. The religious authorities of that time were very high on outward appearances when it came to religious practices. There were thousands of observances that an individual was expected to fulfill. They all had some kind of meaning, but by the time Jesus appeared on the scene, many people were just careful to be seen as observing the traditions. Jesus was approached by the Pharisees and Scribes to explain why his disciples were not following the rule of washing their hands before eating. Those who questioned Jesus were not interested in the hygienic benefits of washing before eating but only in the fact that they were not observing a religious law. Jesus' response pretty much said that those who were questioning Jesus about the washing of hands had missed the whole point of religion and faith. The Pharisees and Scribes made external observance the supreme test of goodness while God is looking for a sincere heart. For at least some of those questioning Jesus. religion had sunk to the level of mere lip service. Instead of drawing a person into sincere worship of God, the focus was on a bundle of pious practices that did nothing to bring a person closer to God.

Christ's words were certainly a challenge for the Pharisees and Scribes but they were meant to be of benefit to everyone - including us today. The words Jesus spoke are meant to awaken within us a desire to guard against being satisfied with the external compliance of our own practices. Jesus reminds us that God looks to the heart and cannot be deceived. Jesus gives us the task of making sure that our innermost thoughts, as well as our outward actions, stand up to God's scrutiny. It is not an either or situation – it is both inner and outer. A rosary hanging from the rearview mirror of the car while speeding and or engaged in road rage says that inner and outer spiritual lives are not in sync. Receiving the Eucharist and dashing out of Church in order to leave the parking lot first says that something is amiss with our desire to be more Christ-like. Wearing a religious medal does not make us good Catholics. Hands simply folded in prayer is no substitute for sincere prayer that comes from the heart. To be sincere we must constantly work on allowing the love of God flow into every aspect of our daily lives - no matter where we are or what we are doing.

Peace, prayers and love to all of you,

Fr Míke

Mass Schedule + Readings

9:00am

Saturday August- 28 St Augustine

(1 Thes 4:9-11 Mt 25:14-30)

Frank Maguire 1/10 Ellen & Frank Marotta 5:00pm

August- 29 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday (Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

Ursula Feeley 1/10 The Schlegel Family

Auu Dente r/b The Nugent Family 11:00am

Monday August- 30 Weekday

(1 Thes 4:13-18 Lk 4:16-30)

Shirley Puthumana 1/10 Bob & Claire Sawicz 9:00am

Tuesday August- 31 Weekday

(1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 Lk 4:31-37)

9:00am Al DeRosa 1/10 Frances DeRosa

Wednesday September- 1 Weekday

(Col 1:1-8 Lk 4:38-44)

Shirley Puthumana 1/16 Val & Babu Perumpail 9:00am

Thursday September- 2 Weekday

> (Col 1:9-14 Lk 5:1-11) NO MASS

September- 3 St Gregory the Great **Friday**

(Col 1:15-0 Lk 5:33-39)

Special Intentions of Ann Thomas 9:00am

r/b Val & Babu Perumpail

Saturday September- 4 Weekday

(Col 1:21-23 Lk 6:1-5)

Uvonne Saiya 5:00pm

r/b Joe & Jeanette Gellman & Family

Sunday September- 5

23^{rd t} Sunday in Ordinary Time

(ls 35:4-7a Jas 2:1-5 Mk 7:31-37)

Giovanni Scrivanich M/M Nicola Piccinich 9:00am

11:00am Linda Reynolds 1/10 Alan Tubbs



Sanctuary Candle... this week Richard Semanchick r/b John & Jean

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.

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration documents for the 2021-2022 Session is now taking place. Registration materials may be printed from the Parish website at https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/prep-parish-religious-education-program. Please be sure to print the correct forms. There is one for returning students and one for new students. You may drop off registrations or mail them. The plan right now is that Religious Education Classes will be in person in the Fall.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CATECHISTS

Our Parish Religious Education Program needs additional Catechists (Teachers) for the Religious Education Program. No experience is necessary. Training and help will be provided. One of the most important responsibilities that we have as a community of faith is to teach the children about our faith and give them what they will need to maintain a loving relationship with God. In order to do so, the children must be able to understand what faith provides and the responsibilities of faith as well. If you have a love for your faith, a relationship with God, an ability to articulate and help the children understand, you have the qualifications to be a Catechist.

We still need a Catechist for the **Monday 4:30PM grade 6** class. If you are interested in finding out more information or would like to volunteer as a Catechist, contact Jean in the Parish Office – <u>Jeanstjoseph@optonline.net</u> 732-792-2270. We really need some volunteers, so if you are feeling called to answer – please do! If you are willing to serve as a substitute teacher in the Religious Education Program, please let Jean know. We can always use those who are willing to help when one of the Catechists is unable to be present.

I am also in need of one or two people to work with children in special cases – trying to catch them up to their appropriate grade level and prepare them for the Sacraments. There would just be a few students. If you would be interested in helping with this, contact Fr. Mike – frmikestjoseph@optonline.net or 732-792-2270.

POSITION AVAILABLE

The position of Pastoral Associate is now open. It is a part time position with somewhat flexible hours. The qualifications include knowledge of the Catholic Faith, good communication skills, ability to work with people, the ability to coordinate/facilitate Faith formation programs for adults, help with training/communications for ministries within the parish, at least moderate ability with Word, Publisher, PowerPoint and Excel and a willingness to learn the software used by the parish for Census, email and communications with parishioners. **Experience as a Pastoral Associate is not required and training will be provided.** The greatest qualifications are an ability to work with others and being adaptable to various situations. For more information or to apply for the position please contact Fr. Mike – frmikestjoseph@optonline.net or 732-792-2270.

AIDE FOR THE PEOPLE OF HAITI

On August 14 a massive 7.2-magnitude earthquake hit Haiti, killing more than 2000 people, with death toll numbers increasing. The shock leveled homes, leaving thousands without shelter. Countless others were injured and hospitals are overwhelmed. Many in Haiti were already facing widespread hunger due to drought and economic instability. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is being used as the central agency for the Catholic Church's aide to the people of Haiti. If you would like to make a donation to help the people of Haiti, you may do so on their website - https://www.crs.org or by mail to Catholic Relief Services - P.O. Box 17090 - Baltimore, MD 21297-0303. Make checks payable to CRS but put on the memo line – assistance for Haiti.

MEN'S GUILD

The Men's Guild will have their monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 14 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. The Men's Guild is our parish men's group. All men of the parish are welcome to be part of the Men's Guild. If you have questions or want some additional information, contact Dave at dcerulosr@gmail.com. Hope to see you at the meeting!

LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH

The Ladies of St. Joseph will meet on Tuesday, September 14 at Vesuvio's at 7:00PM. All women of the parish are invited to join the parish women's group. Because the meeting will be held at a restaurant, if you plan to attend, please email Jo Ann at iannkronenthal@gmail.com. Come and join us!

FOOD COLLECTION

Thank you for your continued generosity with the food donations. There will always be a need for assistance with food for many people so we will continue to collect food, paper goods and toiletries in the bins inside the church entrances. After the first and third Sundays of the month volunteers will deliver the donated items to the Millstone Community Center where they are greatly appreciated and will reach those in need. Thank you again for your generosity. We are also looking for some additional volunteers to help deliver the food to the Millstone Community Center. The goal is to have enough volunteers so that someone is responsible for a month out of the year. Food is delivered to the Millstone Center twice a month. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Stella at stellasmith06@yahoo.com or 732-780-5101

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please sign up to serve at Mass. Now that everyone will be coming forward to receive the Eucharist again, Eucharistic Ministers will be needed at each Mass. If Deacon Chris is present, we will need 2 Eucharistic Ministers. If Deacon Chris is not present, we will need 3 Eucharistic Ministers. The signup sheet is located on the bulletin board outside of the library. Thanks

BAPTISMS

We have returned to celebrating Baptisms on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 12:30 PM. Up to four families will be scheduled for each celebration of Baptism. If you would like to schedule Baptism for your child, please call the parish office 732-792-2270.

BAPTISM BIBS

While the practice of giving out Baptism bibs has been suspended during the pandemic, we will soon begin using Baptism bibs again at our celebrations of the Sacrament of Baptism. If any of those who have so lovingly made the Baptism bibs can continue, that would be very much appreciated. New people who would like to make the bibs are also welcome. If you would like to see a sample, please see Fr. Mike. The Baptism bib is a symbol of the newly Baptized child putting on Christ. The purpose of having parishioners make the bibs instead of using prepackaged felt bibs, is to demonstrate that we are all connected in faith and as community. While making the bibs, many have prayed for the child who will receive it. If you have questions or just want some more information, give Fr. Mike or see him after Mass. Thanks!

ALTAR SERVERS

While we are still not at the point of being able to have Altar Servers serve as normal, we are safe to allow one Altar Server to carry the Cross in procession at Mass at the start and end of Mass. The Altar Server would carry in the Cross and then sit with his/her family and then then carry the Cross for the recessional at the end of Mass. If your child is an Altar Server and willing to do this, you may simply let Fr. Mike know when you arrive at Mass – if no one else is already doing it, then your child may do be the Cross bearer. Please note that you will have to arrive at Church early enough to give your child enough time to put on the Alb. Thanks!

READER'S CLUB

The next book chosen for the Reader's Club is "*Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine*" by Gail Honeyman. Smart, warm, uplifting, *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine* is the story of an out-of-the-ordinary heroine whose deadpan weirdness and unconscious wit make for an irresistible journey as she realizes the only way to survive is to open your heart. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 31 at 7:00PM in front of the church by the fire pit (weather permitting). For information about the Readers' Club or to receive emails about meetings, etc. contact Fran - ambiofran@gmail.com.

BISHOP'S ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS 2021

All couples celebrating their 1st, 25th or 50+ wedding anniversary during the 2020 or 2021 calendar year are invited to share the Eucharist, reaffirm your wedding vows, and receive Bishop O'Connell's Episcopal Blessing. Anniversary Couples from Monmouth County may attend the Mass and Blessing at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold on Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 3 pm. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, attendance at Mass is limited – so register early. Couples may register through the parish or online. For more information or to register online go to www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing. The registration deadline for all anniversary couples is **September 15, 2021**.

RCIA - Rite of 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.

GOLF OUTING – Come and join us

The Annual Golf Outing, sponsored by the Men's Guild, will take place on Thursday, September 16 at the Forsgate Country Club in Monroe. The event is always a great time. Information about the Golf Outing and the registration brochure are available on the Parish website - - https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/golf-outing. Sponsors are welcome. There are a wide range of sponsorship opportunities. It is a great way to advertise your business and help support a worthy cause. You can view the sponsorship opportunities on the Golf Outing brochure. For information about the Golf Outing or to become a sponsor, contact Dave - dcerulosr@gmail.com or 732-781-6623 or Vince - iuzzolino5@optonline.net or 732-303-0822.

LIVE STREAM OF MASS -

Masses continue to 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

COVID19 RESTRICTIONS

MASS RELATED POLICIES

- Masks are optional. Anyone may wear a mask for safety or peace of mind. Those who are not vaccinated and children under 12 are strongly advised to wear a mask indoors for both their safety and the safety of others.
- The cry room and the loft will remain closed at the present time.
- Out of an abundance of caution, the Presentation of the gifts of Bread and Wine will still be omitted.
- We will continue to use a basket at the back of the church for offertory donations instead of passing the basket around.
- The Sign of Peace will continue to be exchanged by a wave or nod with the greeting of Peace be with you.
- At the time of Communion, everyone will come forward to receive. It is advised to leave space between families/individuals of different households.
- Communion will be offered only in the hand.
- Priest/Deacon/Eucharistic Ministers will sanitize hands and wear a mask for the distribution of Communion.

Masses will continue to be live streamed

NONE MASS RELATED POLICIES

- Groups and Ministries may now resume meetings. Masks are not mandated, however the CDC guidelines for those who are not vaccinated should be observed. Anyone who is more comfortable with a mask, is free to do so.
- Handouts at meetings may be used.
- Food/beverages may be offered but great care should be exercised with the handling of food.

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!



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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21st Annual Golf Outing

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

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GOLF AMENITIES

The entry fee includes: Greens fees - Golf Cart - Continental Breakfast Refreshments on the Course - Complimentary Gifts Passed Hors D'oeuvres - Cocktails - Lunch

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SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM — Registration/Practice/Continental Breakfast 9:00 AM — Shot Gun Tee Off

REGISTRATION FEES:

\$280.00 - Per Golfer or \$1,120.00 - Per Foursome

Forsgate Country Club is a spike-less course. The format is a team scramble. After teeing off, team plays the best shot until score is attained.

All proceeds benefit parish work and outreach to those in need.

For more information contact: DaveCerulo (732)781-6623 dcerulosr@gmail.com or Vince Iuzzolino (732) 303-0822 iuzzolino5@optonline.net

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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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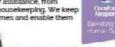
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