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Saturday

5:00 PM

SUNDAY

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Some thoughts from Fr. Mike...

Dear Friends.

It took a little coaxing and gentle persuasion from his mother to save a wedding feast from catastrophe, but Jesus performed the first of his miracles at Cana in Galilee. However, there is more to his action of changing barrels of water into barrels of wine than appears at first sight. Jesus was not merely saving a couple of newlyweds from the public embarrassment of running out of wine. If we allow the miracle story from Cana to speak to our own situations and experiences of life, perhaps we may come to the understanding that Jesus is actually speaking to each one of us about the shortages in our own lives. After time, it is possible that we feel that our own internal resources are running low. After years of marriage, dreams may be gone. Love can feel like it has dried up. The ideals that invigorated a person at the start of marriage may seem out of reach. Bored and weary, one or both in the marriage just settle for a humdrum routine. Or perhaps the same kind of thing has impacted a career. Where there was once enthusiasm and energy, there is now only the feeling of repeating the same routine over and over with no sparkle or joy. It is in these and similar experiences that I believe this Gospel speaks to us and tells us that we need to be refreshed. There is a need to allow Christ to touch the water of our lives and bring a greater, or perhaps totally new understanding.

Jesus came to earth to change people and to make all things new. Jesus came to change us just as he changed the water into wine. Christ is the spirit of new life that seeks to burst into our world and our lives when we are experiencing the weariness that comes when we believe that we are living meaningless lives. Jesus' words and actions are meant to be Spirit and life that is relevant, meaningful and necessary for every age. Wherever Jesus is found, whenever Jesus' words are accepted, life is always changed for the better and a new and revitalizing outlook is offered to us.

A huge mistake in life is that when we short we forget or refuse to turn to Jesus for fresh supplies of what we need. It is only when we go to Christ with open hearts and empty hands the he can touch us and make certain that the wine off love and joy will always be part of our lives.

Peace, prayers and love to all of you,

Fr Míke

Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday January- 15 Weekday

(1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 Mk 2:13-17)

5:00pm Joan Cologero 1/10 Lisa Elfenbein

Sunday January- 16 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(ls 62:1-5 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11)

9:00am Sonny Buser

r/b The Sykes & Semanchick Families

11:00am Kimberly Cynthia Neller 1/10 Rina Marchetti

Monday January- 17 St Anthony

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

(1 Sm 15:16-23 Mk 2:18-22)

9:00am No Mass

Tuesday January- 18 Weekday

(1 Sm 16:1-13 Mk 2:23-28)

9:00am Al DeRosa 1/10 Frances DeRosa

Wednesday January- 19 Weekday

(1 Sm 17:32-33, 37 40-51 Mk 3:1-6)

9:00am Louise Hulick 1/10 The Hill Family

Thursday January- 20 St Fabian - St Sebastian

(I Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7 Mk 3:7-12) No Mass

Friday January- 21 St Agnes

(1 Sm 24:3-21 Mk 3:13-19)

9:00am Ann & Edmond Pasinski 1/10 The Family

Saturday January- 22

(2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-7 Mk 3:20-21)

5:00pm Joan Cologero 1/15 Sharon Schulman

Sunday January- 23 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27 Lk 1:1-4,; 4:14-21)

9:00am Danuta Kulesa 1/10 Sigmund Kulesa

11:00am Special Intentions of Cynthia Heluk

r/b Rine Marchetti

Sanctuary Candle... this week Sonny Buser

r/b The Sykes & Semanchick

Families



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Prayer Chain Contacts:

Patty Hileman 732-446-7651

Mary Costagliola 732-446-4255

<u>Please Keep in your prayers:</u> 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.

HOLIDAY

Monday, January 17 is Martin Luther King Day and is a holiday. The Parish Office will be closed. <u>There will not be morning Mass on Monday</u>.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

MONDAY – January 17 NO CLASS

TUESDAY – January 18 NO CLASS

MONDAY – January 24 **Session A** grades 1-7 in class. All of grade 8 – In Class.

Session B grades 1-7- Home Study

TUESDAY – January 25 **Session A** grades 1-7 in class. All of grade 8 – In Class.

Session B grades 1-7– Home Study

MONDAY – January 31 **Session B** grades 1-7 in class. All of grade 8 – in class.

Session A grades 1-7– Home Study

TUESDAY – February 1 **Session B** grades 1-7 in class. All of grade 8 – in class.

Session A grades 1-7– Home Study

MONDAY – February 8 **Session A** grades 1-8 in class. All of grade 8 – In class. Session B grades 1-7 – Home Study

TUESDAY – February 9 **Session A** grades 1-8 in class. All of grade 8 – in class.

Session B grades 1-7- Home Study

EMERGENCY HOUSING PROGRAM

*** PLEASE NOTE – The Emergency Housing Program has been suspended until at least January 25. If you signed up to bring food, host or wash linens – please be advised that there will not be a need until at least January 30. We will advise those who have signed up for January 30 or after what decisions have been made by the Emergency Housing Program. Thanks for your support!

Our Parish is participating in the Emergency Housing Program where on Sunday nights up to 6 homeless men will stay at the parish to sleep and be given a meal. There are 7 Houses of Worship that participate in the program. Each House of Worship takes a night to have the men stay. Our night is Sunday. The participants arrive at about 6:30PM on Sunday and leave at 6:30AM on Monday. There are a few volunteer opportunities:

<u>Hosts</u> – 2 hosts from the parish are needed from 6:00PM until about 11:00PM on each Sunday night. Hosts help the participants get settled, hand out air mattresses, sheets, etc., may be needed to help dish out food, help with meal clean-up and are present to help with anything else that may come up.

<u>Wash linens</u> – each week the sheets and towels have to be washed. Once the program is in full swing, we would like to have two people each week to divide the linens, take them home to be washed and return them to the parish. Linens can be picked up any time after 6:30AM on Monday and should be returned by Friday of that week.

<u>Meal preparation</u> – each Sunday the participants are provided with a hot meal. Volunteers are needed to provide the food to be served to the participants. The sign-up list divides the meal into different items. You may sign up for one item or take the entire meal or as much as you wish to do.

Sign-up sheets for each of the areas requiring volunteers are located on the large bulletin board in the entryway of the church. Thank you for your consideration in helping with this program and allowing our parish to reach out to those in need. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Mike.

POSITION AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH

A part-time position is available in the parish for Janitorial/Maintenance. Responsibilities include cleaning and keeping the building tidy. The hours are a bit flexible and are about 20 hours per week. For more information or to apply contact Fr. Mike at the parish office 732-792-2270 or rmikestjoseph@optonline.org.

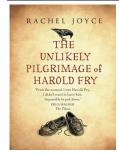
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Vicki Craig will join the parish staff as Pastoral Associate on Monday, January 10. Vicki is a member of the parish and has lived in the area for many years. She is looking forward to her work in the parish and having the opportunity to serve the needs of the parishioners. Please welcome her to her new position.

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.

READER'S CLUB



The next book chosen for the Reader's Club is "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry" by Rachel Joyce. It is a novel of unsentimental charm, humor, and profound insight into the thoughts and feelings we all bury deep within our hearts. The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry introduces the first-time author Rachel Joyce as a wise—and utterly irresistible—storyteller. We will most probably meet via Zoom with the meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 10, at 7:30 PM. To RSVP or for more information about the Readers' Club or to receive emails about meetings, etc. contact Fran - ambiofran@gmail.com.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CATECHISTS

We are very much in need of several people willing to serve as substitutes in our Parish Religious Education Program when a Catechist is unable to be present. If you are willing to serve as a substitute teacher in the Religious Education Program, please contact Jean at the Parish Office at Jeanstjoseph@optonline.net 732-792-2270.

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retrovy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of February 11-13, 2022 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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 sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board outside of the library. Thanks

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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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(a direct link) or go to our website and click the link. Thanks for your support!

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!

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are celebrated 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.

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

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

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.

COVID19 RESTRICTIONS

MASS RELATED POLICIES

- Masks are optional, but are strongly encouraged at this point because of the Delta variant. Those who are not vaccinated and children under 12 are more 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.
- The Sign of Peace will continue to be exchanged by a wave or nod.
- At the time of Communion, everyone will come forward to receive.
- 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

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 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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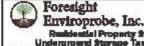
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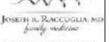
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