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Some thoughts from Fr. Mike...

Dear Friends.

I would imagine that the followers of Jesus were eager to put the trauma and disgrace of Good Friday out of their minds. Perhaps that was the reason that the Apostles slipped back to doing the things they did prior to being called by Jesus. A number of them had been fishermen so they went fishing. After a night of fishing and returning empty-handed a stranger on the shore urges them to cast their nets one more time. Reluctantly agreeing to do so, the result was a miraculous catch of fish. At that moment they recognized the Lord and accept the invitation to share breakfast with Jesus at the lakeside. In Pilate's courtyard, with curses and an oath, Peter had denied knowing Jesus on three occasions. That memory made Peter extremely unhappy. Jesus knew how Peter felt and offered Peter an opportunity to proclaim his love and loyalty to the risen Christ. Peter's ability to fulfill the role that Jesus had appointed him to, to be the leader of the community of believers, had been put in jeopardy by his denials. Jesus put things right by giving Peter the chance to acknowledge his belief in Jesus and make a confession of faith. Peter's willingness to serve was renewed and his position as head of the Apostles was clarified by Christ. Peter was commissioned by Christ to guard the whole flock in Christ's name.

The Good Shepherd leaves His people in the charge of a man who had failed, which demonstrates clearly that Christ's call does not exclude those who have fallen. Peter came to know the magnitude of God's grace through failure. It may just be the case that sometimes failure may be the finger of God pointing the way, awakening within us an awareness of our own helplessness. Whatever it was about that encounter at the lakeside, it restored Peter's confidence, gave him strength to renew his faith and propelled him into the spreading of the Gospel.

If we desire to stay true to our own Baptismal calling, we too must be willing to allow Jesus to ignite our faith so that we do not define ourselves by the failures of life. God does not exclude us because of our falls however, we can exclude ourselves whenever we refuse to allow Jesus to act.

Peace, prayers and love to all of you,

Fr. Míke

Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday April- 30 Easter Weekday

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

5:00pm Sandra Lang 1/10 John Bell

Sunday May- 1 3rd Sunday of Easter

(Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 v 5:11-14 Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14)

9:00am Giovanni Scrivanich 1/16 His Family

11:00am Sindo Euriguez 1/b Jose Carro

Monday May- 2 St Athanasius

(Acts 6:8-15 Jn 6:2-29)

9:00am Autony Palakulum 1/16 Val & Babu Perumpail

Tuesday May- 3 Saints Philip & James

(1 Cor 15:1-8 Jn 14:6-14)

9:00am Healing Intentions of Pat Gironta

r/b The Ladies of St Joseph

Wednesday May-4 Easter Weekday

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

9:00am *Mammachen Vallialil* 1/16 Val & Babu Perumpail

Thursday May- 5 Easter Weekkday

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

Friday May- 6 Easter Weekday

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

9:00am Nick Costagliola r/b Mary Costagliola

Saturday May- 7 Easter Weekday

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

5:00pm All Mothers

Sunday May- 8 4th Sunday of Easter

(Acts 13:14, 43-52 Rv 7:9, 14b-17 Jn 10:27-30)

9:00am All Mothers

11:00am All Mothers

Sanctuary Candle... this week

Giovanni Scrivanich 1/10 The Family

To dedicate a Sanctuary Candle in memory of or for the intention of a loved one. 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

<u>Please Keep in your prayers:</u> The sick and the lonely, the safe return of our service man & women, for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for the hungry and the homeless





PARISH CELEBRATION SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022 1:00PM

Let's Get together as a Parish Community to celebrate and have an afternoon of food, music, fun and fellowship. What are we celebrating? Just that we are a parish community.

There will be food trucks, beverages, music, entertainment for children and more. And it is all free for the members of our parish. We give thanks to the Men's Guild for paying for the celebration.

If you are coming - please sign up so that we have an idea of how many are coming. Go to https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/parish-celebration and fill in the required information.

There will be a large tent with tables and chairs, but you asked to bring your comfy lawn chairs or blankets to lounge around. If you have a portable table, you may want to bring that as well so that you are comfortable.

PLEASE BE SURE TO RESPOND BY May 14.

Go to https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/parish-celebration - just fill in the information and click submit, and you will be all registered for the celebration. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up. Hope to see you at the party!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

MONDAY – May 2

Session B grades 1-7 in class. All of grade 8 – In Class.

Session A grades 1-7 Home Study

Session B grades 1-7 in class. All of grade 8 – In Class.

Session A grades 1-7 Home Study

MONDAY – May 9

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

Session B grades 1-7 Home Study

TUESDAY – May 10

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

Session B grades 1-7 Home Study

MONDAY – May 16

Session B grades 1-7 in class. All of grade 8 – In class.

Session A grades 1-7 – Home Study

TUESDAY – May 17

Session B grades 1-7 in class. All of grade 8 – In class.

Session A grades 1-7– Home Study

COLLECTION FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

Thank you for the overwhelming response to the collection for the Ukraine. Because the response has been so great, the collection of items will stop today – Sunday, May 1. All the donated items will be sent to Poland to help the people who have fled there from Ukraine. Thank you again.

LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH

The Ladies of St. Joseph, our Parish Women's Group, will meet on Tuesday, May 3 at 7:30PM in the Parish Hall. All women of the Parish are always welcome to join. If you would like more information or have questions, contact Jo Ann at jannkronenthal@gmail.com. Hope to see you at the meeting!

WELCOME

As a Parish Community we joyfully welcome:

Chloe Robin Carute
James Casey Fierro
Sadie Raine Mustac
Emmalyn Rose Fierro
Jonathan Robert Turano
Anthony Joseph Turano

who were received into God's family and the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. Let us lift these little ones up in our prayers!

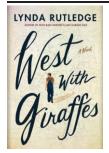
MEN'S GUILD

The Men's Guild will have their monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 10 at 7:00 PM at Ciro's Restaurant in Jamesburg. It will be a night of fellowship with all the guys. We hope you can come join us for a great night together. If you are going to attend, please let Dave know in order to provide a head count to Ciro's this week. RSVP to Dave dcerulosr@gmail.com.

ALTAR SERVERS

We hope to return to having Altar Servers being able to serve at Mass beginning on Easter. If you have already been trained as an Alter Server and are willing to serve at Mass, please go to https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/altar-servers and complete the form online. If you would like to be an Altar Server, we are glad to have you serve. Those currently in grades 4-12 may serve as Altar Servers. Just sign up on the parish website - https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/altar-servers. Training will be provided. Thanks!

READER'S CLUB



The next book selected by the Reader's Club is **West With Giraffes: A Novel** by Lynda Rutledge. **West with Giraffes** is a novel based on the true story of the cross-country road trip America's first giraffes took in 1938. It's also a coming of age story that demonstrates the positive influence caring friends and gentle animals can have on a young man's life.

We will meet in person in the Parish Hall on June 1 at 7:30 PM. Since giraffes are herbivores we will have a vegetarian theme for food. For more information about the Reader's Club or to RSVP contact Fran - ambiofran@gmail.com.

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.

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

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.

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 frmikestjoseph@optonline.org.

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.

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!

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary meets on Wednesday mornings after the 9:00AM Mass. The Legion of Mary is an international association of members of the Catholic Church. Anyone in the parish is invited to come to find out more about the Legion of Mary.

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!

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

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!

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Trenton is now taking place. Your Appeal gift supports the effort to ensure that there will be priests, deacons and religious to sustain and nurture the sacramental life of our parishes. Finding and Forming Priests • Vocations recruitment efforts; Seminary preparation and support; Ongoing formation and opportunities for spiritual growth Retired Priests • Providing healthcare, housing and other needs for retired diocesan priests Finding and Forming Deacons • Working with potential candidates; Preparation; Ongoing formation Support of Religious Women and Men • Serving those in consecrated life; Annual convocation. Your gift is a blessing to the work of the Catholic Church in our Diocese. If you did not receive the Annual Catholic Appeal information in the mail, there are materials (brochure/Donation envelopes) available on the table at the entrance of the church. Please be sure to write St. Joseph Church/Millstone Twp on the donation card. Thank you for your generosity.



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 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

Parish Office: 732-792-2270

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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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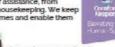
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