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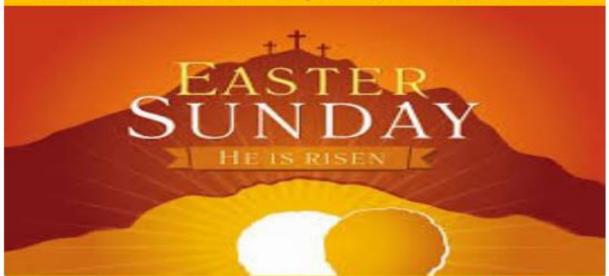
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Some thoughts from Fr. Mike...

Dear Friends,

HAPPY EASTER!

Today we celebrate that wonderful day which offers us hope in more than we can see, expect or deserve. Today we celebrate RESURRECTION! Through God's love and mercy, we have been offered the promise of new life. It really is a day to celebrate and to be lifted up by the invitation to participate in the resurrection of Jesus. God won. Jesus was victorious. All that Jesus endured really did have a purpose.

Today we are reminded that we are called to live as a people of hope, a people who trust in God, a people of resurrection. No matter what life throws at us, God wants to lift us up. Even when situations seem to have no earthly way out, God wants to give us new life. We should be joyful and joy-filled because God cared so much about us.

Of course the question must be asked, how will we respond? Life as usual? Back to doing the things we gave up for Lent? Not doing the good things we practiced for Lent? If we are going to be people of resurrection, people of new life, we must allow that to influence everything we do, the choices we make and our willingness to respond to God. Let us try our best to demonstrate each and every day that believe that what God has offered us is very special and demonstrate our gratitude by being pleasing to God.

I want to express my gratitude to everyone who helped during Holy Week. To those who helped get things ready, move plants, clean, practice music, participated in the special Liturgies of Holy Week – THANK YOU! Holy Week is a very special and sacred time and require a great deal of effort. I really appreciate the help and commitment that you make.

I do wish each of you a very blessed Easter and I hope that you feel a sense of renewal that will help you through the normal challenges of life and any of those difficult and unexpected times. Let us remember that Easter is not limited to a day. Liturgically we will celebrate Easter for 50 days. Spiritually, Easter is meant to lift us up and fill us with hope every day of our lives.

Peace, prayers and love to all of you,

Fr. Mike

Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday April- 8 Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil: (Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ex 14:15—15:1 Is 55:1-11 Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4 Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28

Rom 6:3-11 Mt 28:1-10)

7:30pm Dec's Mbrs of the Panariollo & Raimondi Families

r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Raimondi

Sunday April- 9 Easter Sunday

of the Resurrection of the Lord

(Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10)

8:00am Danuta Kulessa r/b Sigmund Kulessa

10:00am Jason Sawiez 1/b His Family
12:00noon Anna Morin 1/b Her Family

Monday April- 10 Monday within the Octave of Easter

(Acts 2:14, 22-23 Mt 28:8-15)

9:00am No Mass

Tuesday April- 11 Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

(Acts 2:36-41 Jn 20:11-18)

9:00am No Mass

Wednesday April- 12 Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

(Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35)

9:00am No Mass

Thursday April- 13 Thursday within the Octave of Easter

(Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48) No Mass

Friday April- 14 Friday within the Octave of Easter

(Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14)

9:00am Fr Michele Brizio 1/10 The Sawicz Family

Saturday April- 15 Saturday within the Octave of Easter

(Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15)

5:00pm Giovanni Scrivanich 1/10 The Family Family

Sunday April- 16 Sunday of Divine Mercy

(Acts 2:42-47 1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31)

9:00am Pauline Zaleski 1/10 The Stankiewicz Family

11:00am Lais Hill 1/10 The Craig Family

Sanctuary Candle... this week Healing Intentions of Ruth Woodside

r/b The Hileman Family



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 & women, for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for the hungry and the homeless.

MORNING MASS

There will not be morning Mass on Monday, April 10, Tuesday, April 11 or Wednesday April 12. Daily Mass resumes on Friday, April 14.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, April 10.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There are no Religious Education Classes on Monday, April 10 or Tuesday April 11. Have a blessed Easter!

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. PLEASE NOTE
Please check food for expiration dates or "best by" dates – items past the date cannot be given to those who need help so please do not bring food that is past the expiration date. Thank you again for your generosity.

NIGHT AT THE RACES



Come and join us on Saturday, April 22 for Night at the Races at St. Joseph Church. There will be food, drink and a chance to have some fun and of course – prizes. Tickets are just \$25.00 per person and include, entry, food, drinks, \$25 in betting money. There will be 10 races to bet on with a chance to win entries for the prize table. Tickets may be purchased at the Parish Office. If you have questions, or would like to make arrangements for tickets, please contact Dave - dcerulosr@gmail.com.

MEN'S GUILD



The Men's Guild, our Parish Men's Group, will meet on Tuesday, April 11 at 7:30PM at the Parish Hall. All men of the parish are welcome to be part of the Men's Guild. For more information about the Men's Guild, contact Dave dcerulosr@gmail.com. Hope to see you at the meeting!

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.

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RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



RCIA sessions take place each Sunday, unless otherwise noted on Sunday mornings after the 9:00AM Mass. If you are interested, or know of someone who is interested, please contact Fr. Mike - frmikestjoseph@optonline.net or 732-792-2270. The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a 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 have resumed. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Fr. Mike - frmikestjoseph@optonline.net or 732-792-2270.

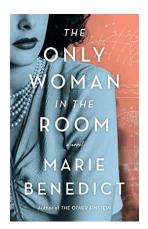
CHOIRS, CANTORS AND MUSIC MINISTRY



Do you love to sing? Do you use your voice to praise God? The parish choirs would celebrate to have you join either the St. Choir or the Children's Choir. You do not need to be a professional singer to be part of the choir. If you have a good voice and feel comfortable in leading singing, why not use your talent to be a Cantor at Mass? Can you play an instrument and willing to put your talent to use as we gather to celebrate Mass? Perhaps you would like to join the contemporary group. None of these opportunities demand a great deal of time – just a commitment and willingness. If you would like to become part of a choir, serve as a Cantor or lend your musical abilities, you can sign up by visiting our parish website https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/music-ministry or email Kristine at kristine at kris0373@aol.com.

Let us always be willing to praise our loving God.

READERS' CLUB



The Readers' Club has chosen *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict for the next book selection. "Her beauty almost certainly saved her from the rising Nazi party and led to marriage with an Austrian arms dealer. Underestimated in everything else, she overheard the Third Reich's plans while at her husband's side and understood more than anyone would guess. She devised a plan to flee in disguise from their castle, and the whirlwind escape landed her in Hollywood. She became Hedy Lamarr, screen star. But she kept a secret more shocking than her heritage or her marriage: she was a scientist. And she had an idea that might help the country fight the Nazis and revolutionize modern communication...if anyone would listen to her."

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 19th at 7:30PM in the Parish Hall. The theme for food will be Austria/Germany For more information about the Reader's Club or to RSVP contact Fran - ambiofran@gmail.com.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please sign up to serve at 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

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.

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.

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.

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!

TRANSPORT PEOPLE FROM MILLSTONE MANOR TO CHURCH

On Sunday mornings, some of our parishioners transport residents of Millstone Manor to our Church for Mass. There is a need for some additional drivers to fill in the schedule. If you are willing to help, or want to find out more information, please contact Mickey at brunonap@AOL.com. 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!



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



The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan Abuse Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or via e-mail at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org. The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

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: Confessions take place on Saturdays after the 5:00PM Mass or anytime by appointment.

<u>BAPTISM</u> – The Sacrament of Baptism is normally celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:30 PM. 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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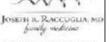
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