

April 23, 2023

3rd Sunday of Easter

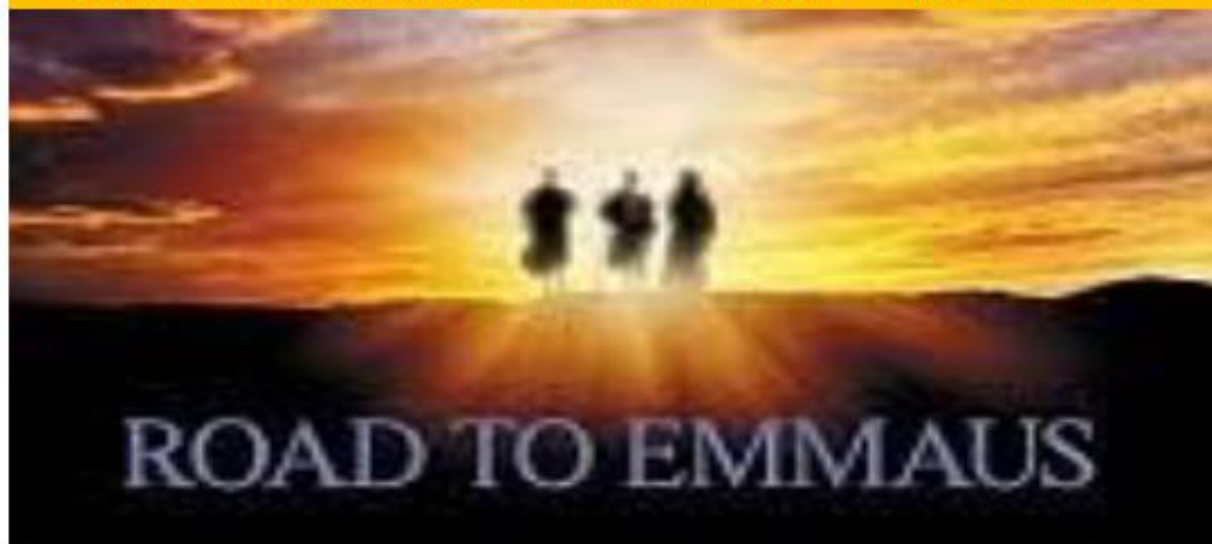


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Some thoughts from Fr. Mike...

Dear Friends,

Today's Gospel passage tells the story of two disciples who fled from Jerusalem after the crucifixion. They had believed whole-heartedly in the message of Jesus. With the death of Jesus, their whole world fell apart and had obviously crushed their dreams for the future. Struggling to make sense of their disappointment, they chose to leave the place where their hopes had been severely shattered. On the journey they were joined by a stranger who listened sympathetically to their story. The stranger also helped them to see meaning in all that had transpired. At every step of their troubled journey Jesus was in their midst but the disheartened disciples did not recognize His presence until the breaking of the bread. Their faith was restored and they returned to Jerusalem with new-found hope, eager to share their experience with the other disciples.

The story of Jesus and the disciples on the road to Emmaus sheds light on our own situation in times of trial. We understand the distress of the two disciples because none of us escapes the challenge of disappointments and the feeling that the future looks bleak. The troubles and worries of life can crowd our minds in such a way that we lose our sense of direction and despair feels as though it will never go away. So often in such moments we can easily forget that Jesus is walking with us, at our side ready to listen to us and just as ready to help us find meaning. This is one of the reasons that it is so important that we learn to recognize the presence of Jesus in our lives – not just in troubling times, but at every moment. It is also why it is important to open ourselves to the presence of Jesus through prayer the Scripture reading.

We encounter the Lord in the ordinariness of human life, in the relationships we establish and all the ordinary moments of life. Each week we are invited to gather around the Table of the Lord so that in the breaking of the bread we might be reminded of that Jesus is present for us. Let us remember to pray that our eyes may be open so that we can see beyond any challenges and recognize that our loving Savior is right there with us.

Peace, prayers and love to all of you,

Fr. Mike

Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday	April- 22 Easter Weekday (Acts 6:1-7 Jn 6:16-21)
5:00pm	<i>Virginia Cerulo</i> r/b A Friend
Sunday	April- 23 3rd Sunday of Easter (Acts 2:14, 22-23 1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35)
9:00am	<i>Altha Kirkowski</i> r/b The Family
11:00am	<i>Peter Raimondi</i> r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Raimondi
Monday	April- 24 St Fidelis of Sigmaringen (Acts 6:8-15 J 6:22-29)
9:00am	<i>Healing Intentions of Anna</i> r/b Mom
Tuesday	April- 25 St Mark (1 Pt 5:5b-14 Mk 16:15-20)
9:00am	<i>Lois Hill</i> r/b Mickey Napolitano
Wednesday	April- 26 Easter Weekday (Acts 8:1b-8 Jn 6:35-40)
9:00am	<i>Mary Horwath</i> r/b The Sawicz Family
Thursday	April- 27 Easter Weekday (Acts 8:26-40 Kn 6:44-51) <i>No Mass</i>
Friday	April- 28 St Peter Chanel – St Louis Grignon de Montfort (Acts 9:1-20 Jn 6:52-59)
9:00am	<i>Joseph Marone</i> r/b The Costagliola Family
Saturday	April- 29 St Catherine of Siena (Acts 9:31-42 Jn 6:60-69)
5:00pm	<i>Ryan Scott</i> r/b Salvatore Sanft
Sunday	April- 30 4th Sunday Easter World Day of Prayer for Vocations (Acts 2:14s, 36-41 1 Pt 2:20b-25 Jn 10:1-1)
9:00am	<i>Pauline Zaleski</i> r/b The Hileman Family
11:00am	<i>Giovanni Scrivanich</i> r/b The Family

Sanctuary Candle... this week

Asa Brian Craig r/b The Craig-Family



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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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Just a reminder that those who are to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time on Saturday, April have a practice on Wednesday, April 26 at 4:30PM.

LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH



The Ladies of St. Joseph will meet on Tuesday, May 2 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. The Ladies of St. Joseph is the parish women's group. All women of the parish are invited to attend and to be involved in the activities offered. If you have any questions or would more information about the Ladies of St. Joseph, please contact Jo Ann - jannkronenthal@gmail.com

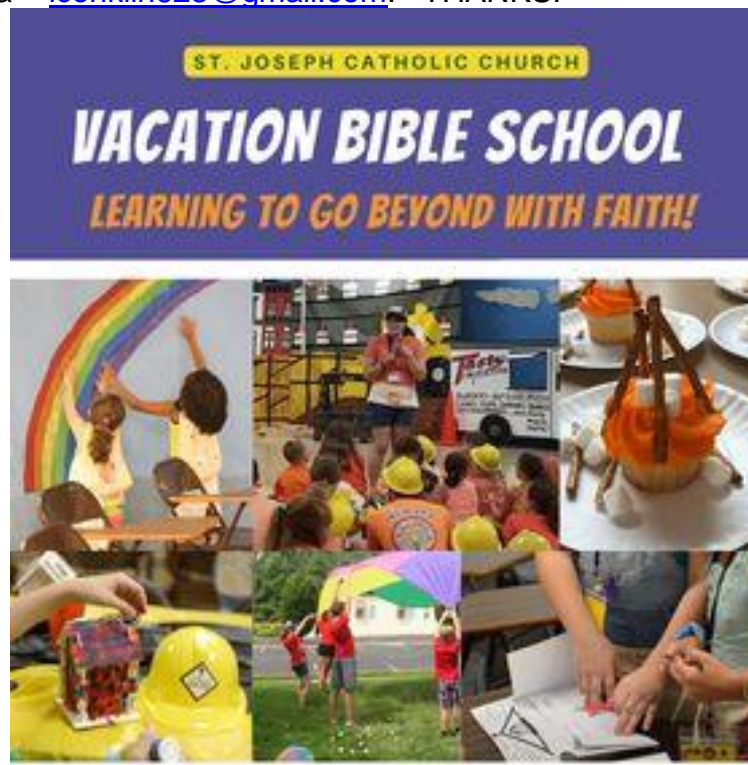
MEN'S GUILD



The Men's Guild, our Parish Men's Group, will meet on Tuesday, May 9 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 dcerosr@gmail.com. Hope to see you at the meeting!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ADULT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Adult volunteers are needed for Vacation Bible School. If you are interested or want to find out more information, contact Lisa – lconklin623@gmail.com. THANKS!



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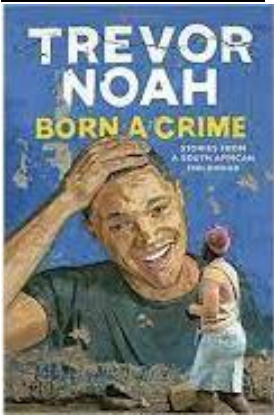
If you are interested or have any questions, you can contact us at lconklin623@gmail.com.

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. **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.

READERS' CLUB



The Readers' Club has chosen *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah. *Born a Crime* is the story of a mischievous young boy who grows into a restless young man as he struggles to find himself in a world where he was never supposed to exist. It is also the story of that young man's relationship with his fearless, rebellious, and fervently religious mother—his teammate, a woman determined to save her son from the cycle of poverty, violence, and abuse that would ultimately threaten her own life. Our theme for food will be South African Food. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 17th at 7:30PM in the Parish Hall. For more information about the Reader's Club or to RSVP contact Fran - ambiofran@gmail.com.

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.

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.

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.

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 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 kris0373@aol.com.

Let us always be willing to praise our loving God.

EUCCHARISTIC 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

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.

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

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!



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

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PARISH STAFF	MASS TIMES
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<i>Chris Chandonnet, Permanent Deacon</i> Chrisstjoseph@optonline.net	Sunday Morning - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
<i>Vicki Craig, Pastoral Associate</i> vickicstjoseph@gmail.com	Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri - 9:00AM
<i>Jean Semanchick, Parish Secretary & Coordinator of Religious Education</i> Jeanstjoseph@optonline.net	Holy Days: as listed in the bulletin
<i>Kristine Reide, Music Ministry Leader</i> Kris0373@aol.com	Confessions: Confessions take place on Saturdays after the 5:00PM Mass or anytime by appointment.

BAPTISM – 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.

Marriage – Diocesan policy requires that arrangements for Marriage be made one (1) year in advance of the wedding. Refer any questions to the Pastor.

Sick Calls – 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

Registration – 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.

Sponsor Certificates – 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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