

MARCH 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY



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91 Stillhouse Road, Millstone Twp., N.J. 08510

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PALM SUNDAY

Hosanna In The Highest

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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Sunday – March 24 - PALM SUNDAY

10:00AM – RCIA

Monday – March 25

9:00AM - Mass

NO Religious Education Classes

Tuesday, March 26

9:00AM - Mass

10:00AM – Prayer Shawl Meeting

NO Religious Education Classes

6:30PM – MSYG Leadership Team

Wednesday, March 27

No Morning Mass

Thursday, March 28 Holy Thursday

7:00PM – Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday – March 29

Parish Office Closed

3:00PM – Passion of the Lord

7:00PM – Stations of the Cross

Saturday – March 30

1:00PM – Blessing of Easter Food

No 5:00PM Mass

7:30PM – Easter Vigil

Sunday – March 31

8:00AM - Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:00AM - Mass

12:00Noon - Mass

Monday – April 1

Parish Office Closed

No Morning Mass

NO Religious Education Classes

Tuesday – April 2

No Morning Mass

10:00AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry

NO Religious Education Classes

7:30PM – Ladies of St. Joseph Meeting

Wednesday – April 3

No Morning Mass

10:00AM – Legion of Mary

Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday March- 23 **Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo**

(Ez 37:21-28 Jn 11:45-56)

5:00pm

Fr Michael Brizzio

r/b Greg & Danette Cinque

Sunday

March- 24

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

(Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11

Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-391)

9:00am

Jo-Hanna Punzone r/b The Schlegel Family

11:00am

Eliane DeNorio r/b The Conte Family

Monday

March- 25 **Monday of Holy Week**

(Is 42:1-7 Jn 12:1-11)

9:00am

Grace & Bruno Mongiardo

r/b Gerard Mongiardo

Tuesday

March- 26 **Tuesday of Holy Week**

(Is 49:1-6 Jn 13:21-33)

9:00am

Bernadette Lang r/b Her Family

Wednesday

March- 27 **Wednesday of Holy Week**

(Is 50:4-9a Mt 26:14-25)

9:00am

No Morning Mass

Thursday

March- 28 **Holy Thursday**

(Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15)

7:00pm

Asa Brian Craig r/b Craig-Baum Family

Friday

March- 29 **Good Friday**

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

(Is 52:13—53:12 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1---19:42)

9:00am

No Morning Mass

3:00pm

Passion of the Lord

Saturday

March- 30 **Holy Saturday**

(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 54:5-14 Is 55:1-11 Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4 Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 Rom 6:3-11 Mk 16:1-7)

7:30pm

Dec'd Mbrs of the Raimondi & Panariello

Families

r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Raimondi

Sunday

March- 31 **Easter Sunday**

The Resurrection of the Lord

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

8:00am

Carol Ann Kelly r/b The McDonnell Family

10:00am

Jason Sawicz r/b His Family

12:noon

James Thomas Longo r/b The Giffen Family



Sanctuary Candle... this week

John Rieszer r/b Ted & Gloria Tylutki



Stay in touch, get involved

Some thoughts from Fr. Mike...

Dear Friends,

Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week and a day of glory and impending tragedy. The scene is set with Jesus making a triumphant journey from Bethany to Jerusalem. This was a journey that would bring everything together through Jesus' death as he was crucified on a cross as a common criminal. The sight of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey with people waving palm branches, shouting "Hosanna" and acclaiming Jesus as a conquering king, made the visiting crowds, who had gathered for the festival, stop in amazement. However, little did they know that the rejoicing would quickly come to an end. In short order, what seemed like triumph would turn into tragedy. The palm branches would be replaced by a cross and the joyful "hosannas" would be replaced by cries to "crucify him."

Holy Week is the most sacred time of the Church year. Holy Week recalls and highlights the peak moments of Christ's love for us. Holy Week gives us an opportunity to look at our lives and accept responsibility for our sins. The Passion story spells out for us the last events of the life of Jesus and makes clear the price Jesus paid for our sins. Jesus was betrayed by Judas, denied by Peter and abandoned by all. In loneliness Jesus reached out for companionship and support to God the Father. Jesus' death on a cross reminds us that there is a God towards whom we journey and whose friendship we seek.

The final week of Lent offers us the opportunity to bring our hearts and our minds into harmony with Christ. I encourage everyone to make an effort to attend the Liturgies of this week which dramatize the last agonizing moments of our Savior's life. Let us listen to the Passion story in a spirit of prayer and embrace its message. We must be ready to understand that what transpired was not just the fault of those who had a direct hand in putting Jesus on the cross. Each of us has a hand in Jesus' death because the face of Christ is scarred by the sins of everyone in every age. If we are honest we can see shades of ourselves in those who put Jesus to death. In recognizing ourselves, let us be ready to be more committed to following the way that Jesus has shown us and be prepared to celebrate Easter as those who have been redeemed.

Peace, prayers and love to all of you,

Fr. Mike

MORNING MASS

There is no morning Mass on Wednesday, March 27. There is never morning Mass on Good Friday.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

There are no Religious Education classes on Monday, March 25 / Tuesday, March 26 / Monday, April 1 / Tuesday, April 2. Classes resume the week of Monday, April 8. Have a blessed Easter.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, March 29 in observance of Good Friday. The Parish Office will also be closed on Monday, April 1.

PLEASE REMEMBER, there is no 5:00PM Mass on Saturday, March 30. The Easter Vigil is at 7:30PM. (on this one day of the year, Mass may not be celebrated until sunset.)



Palm Sunday, March 24

Saturday, March 23 – 5:00PM

Sunday, March 24 – 9:00AM and 11:00AM

Holy Thursday, Thursday, March 28

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00PM

Good Friday, Friday, March 29

The Passion of the Lord at 3:00PM

Stations of the Cross at 7:00PM

Holy Saturday, Saturday, March 30

Blessing of Easter Food 1:00PM

Easter Vigil at 7:30PM

(Remember there is not a 5:00PM Mass on Holy Saturday, March 30

Mass on Holy Saturday may not start until sunset)

Easter Sunday, Sunday, March 31

8:00AM Mass

10:00AM Mass

12:00 Noon Mass

HOLY THURSDAY – MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER



Thursday, March 28, is Holy Thursday. The Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at 7:00 PM. This is the time that we remember what Jesus has done for us by giving us Himself in the Eucharist and also remember that Jesus did give a way to live. Let us celebrate together as a parish community. Please plan to join us.

VIGIL WITH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



On Holy Thursday (March 28) we conclude the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper by transferring the Blessed Sacrament from the Tabernacle in the worship area to a Chapel of Reposition which will be set up in the classroom at the back of the Church Hall. We need to have people sign up for one hour to be with the Blessed Sacrament throughout the night and up to 2:00 PM on Good Friday. There is a sign up list on the table at the entrance of the church. If you would like to participate, sign up for the hour that you will sit with Jesus. We need at least 2 people for each hour and would prefer to have 3 people for each hour. Let us be ready to Watch and pray.

GOOD FRIDAY – PASSION OF THE LORD and STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Friday, March 29, is Good Friday. This is the day that Jesus proved his love for us. At 3:00PM we gather as a Parish Community to reflect on the great act of love that leads us to redemption. Let us gather to remember, pray and be renewed in our commitment to Jesus. At 7:00PM there will be Stations of the Cross.

HOLY SATURDAY



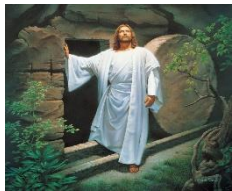
On Saturday, March 30, we celebrate the high point of the Liturgical year with the Easter Vigil. At 7:30PM we gather together for the lighting of the fire with a solemn entrance into the Church. We then listen to some of the important moments in salvation history with the Scripture Readings. We renew our Baptismal promises and are nourished at the Table of the Lord. It is time for Resurrection!

BLESSING OF FOOD FOR EASTER



The blessing of food for Easter is a tradition that many have observed throughout the history of Christianity. Many cultures still observe this tradition. For those who would like, the Blessing of food will take place on Saturday, March 30 at 1:00PM.

STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION



Please mark your calendars to celebrate the Stations of the Resurrection on ***Friday April 19th at 7:00PM.*** We know that the cross is not the final destination. Jesus is risen! Stations of the Resurrection (also known as the Stations of Light) follows Jesus from the resurrection to Pentecost. Come and celebrate more of our salvation story.

EASTER FLOWER DONATION ENVELOPES



Anyone who would like to make a contribution toward our Easter decorations in memory or in honor of a loved one can find envelopes on the table at the entrance of the Church. It's a wonderful tribute to those people who have touched your life. All those listed on the envelopes will be remembered at our Easter Masses.

YOUTH MINISTRY SEEKING ADULT VOLUNTEERS FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP PROGRAM



With the successful launch of the Middle Youth Group program this past fall, the Youth Ministry is moving forward with the launch the High School Youth Group program this spring. Therefore, the Youth Ministry is looking to put together a team of adults volunteers to support the High School Youth Group and lead the high school youths with the same success the we have experienced with the middle school youths. There are many different ways with a wide range of time commitments one can serve our teenage youth and help them live their faith through this ministry. To find out how you can be part of this Youth Ministry movement, contact Matt Zabrosky by phone at 732-786-8234 or email him at mzabrosky@outlook.com. There are adult volunteer opportunities available for everyone from 19 to 99!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP



The next monthly gathering for the Middle School Youth Group is on Wednesday, April 10 at 7:00PM. There will be fun, food, friendship & faith. The Middle School Youth Group is open to all those in grades 6, 7 & 8.

The Middle School Youth Group is always looking for additional adult volunteers

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER & STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Join us for the last soup supper for this year on Friday evening, March 22 at 6:00PM. This is an opportunity to come together for a simple meal as a reminder of how we are called to practice a simpler lifestyle during our Lenten journey. There is no cost to participate but if you choose you may make a free will offering. These donations will be used to help those in need.

The meal begins at 6:00 PM followed by Stations of the Cross

at 7:00 PM. Sign-up sheets to make soup are located on the bulletin board at the entrance to the church. Please arrive with your soup by 5:45PM.

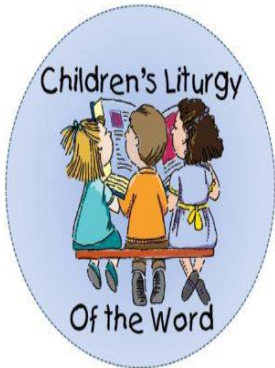
HELP NEEDED WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

We are in need of additional people to serve as leader for the Children's Liturgy of the Word on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. All materials are provided. We can also use some additional aides especially on those Sundays when there are many children (often at the 11:00AM Mass). If you are interested in learning more and finding out how you can help, please contact our Pastoral Associate Vicki (vickicstjoseph@gmail.com) or Fr. Mike (fmikestjoseph@optonline.net) or reach either one at 732-792-2270. Thanks

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like a statement of contributions for tax purposes, please send a self-addressed envelope to the parish office.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place on Sunday, April 7 at the 9:00AM and 11:00AM Masses. Children's Liturgy of the word is for children in grades K – 6. Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at the 9:00AM Mass and the 11:00AM Mass. After the Opening Prayer (Collect), children will be invited to come forward for a blessing and then will be sent to the Parish Hall where they will hear one of the Scripture Readings for the day, be given a message that is appropriate for them and have an activity to help reinforce the teaching. They will return to their families during the Offertory. If you would like to help out as a teacher or an aide, or want some more information, contact the Parish Office – 732-792-2270.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

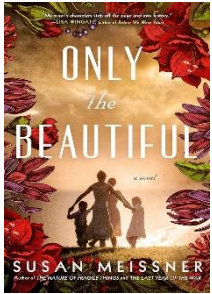
Please sign up to serve at Mass. If Deacon Chris is present, we will need 2 Eucharistic Ministers. If Deacon Chris is not present, we will need 3 Eucharistic Ministers. The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board outside of the library. Thanks

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



The Prayer Shawl Ministry gathers to knit or crochet shawls that are given to those who are sick or going through difficulties in life. The purpose of the shawl is to offer encouragement and to allow the individual to be wrapped in the prayers of those who made the shawl. Especially in challenging times, it is good to know that we are not alone and can wrap ourselves in the prayers of others. If you knit or crochet you are welcome to join us. We meet every Tuesday at 10:00AM. You can make shawls from home as well. If you are in need of some comfort and would like a prayer shawl, just let us know. We will pray for you and do our best to get a shawl to you. For more information, or to request a shawl, please contact Pat - 314PMCD@gmail.com.

READERS' CLUB



The Readers' Club has chosen "Only The Beautiful" by Susan Meissner for the next book selection. The historical fiction novel *Only the Beautiful* is set in the time leading up to World War II and in the years following the war's conclusion. The novel tells the story of Rose, a young, orphaned girl with synesthesia who is unjustly institutionalized for her condition. The theme for food will be Austrian. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 17th at 7:30PM in the Parish Hall. 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. **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.

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. **BAPTISMS ARE NOT CELEBRATED DURING LENT,**

RCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



The RCIA meets on Sundays at 10:00AM in the Parish Hall. 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 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. 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 like to sing? Do you use your voice to praise God? The parish choirs would love to have you join either the St. Choir or the Children's Choir. You do not need to be a professional singer. 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. These opportunities do not demand a lot 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 email Kristine at kris0373@aol.com or sign up by visiting our parish website <https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/music-ministry>

Let us always be willing to praise our loving God.

BAPTISM BIBS

At the Sacrament of Baptism for infants, a white Baptismal bib is given to each child as a symbol that they have been clothed with Christ. We have been blessed with parishioners who have lovingly made the bibs. This gives it a special meaning since they come from members of the community. 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!

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. If anyone is interested in participating in the Visiting Pilgrim statue of Mary contact Claire – 732-995-0869.

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!

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

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.



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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<i>Vicki Craig, Pastoral Associate</i> vickicstjoseph@gmail.com	Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri - 9:00AM
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<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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