

JULY 01, 2018

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

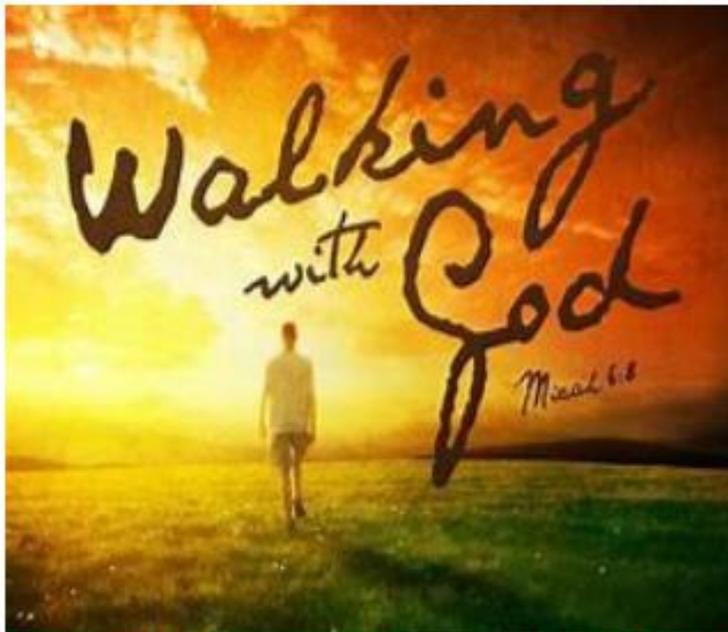


St. Joseph

Catholic Church

*A community
of faith
growing in
God's love*

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NOW THAT'S REAL
FREEDOM!

HAPPY
INDEPENDENCE
DAY

MASS

Sat. 5:00PM

Sun. 9:00AM & 11:00AM

Mon. 9:00AM

Tues. 9:00AM

Wed. 9:00AM

Fri. 9:00AM

Holy Days—check bulletin

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Some thoughts from Fr. Mike...

Dear Friends,

The Gospel reading today offers us an example of the healing power of Jesus in an uncommonly moving scene. A respected synagogue official has a little daughter who is near death with a serious illness. In desperation, the official seeks out Jesus and begs him to lay his hands on the girl and heal her. Jesus responds without hesitation, but on the way, news came that the girl had died. On the surface, to continue would be useless. Yet, with calm authority Jesus calls for faith and proceeds on the journey to the girl's house. In the quiet of the room with the sick girl, Jesus speaks just two words and restores the girl to health.

Throughout the Gospels, we come to understand that Jesus never resisted a hand outstretched or an appeal for help when it was made in faith. Healing was at the center of his public ministry. However, all of the physical healings were really meant to point to the spiritual healing that Jesus desperately wanted people to accept. Jesus' intent went beyond any healing of the body. Jesus wanted to fill people with the life-giving presence of God. Jesus knew that if people would accept the presence of God, then they would know the kind of freedom that could only come from God.

The mission of the church in every age is to continue the healing work Jesus began through miracles. In one way or another, every Christian is called to participate in this ministry. The unique healing power of Jesus came in his willingness to show compassion. As followers of Jesus, we must accept the call to reach out in compassion, not merely for ourselves, but for the sake of the great confidence Jesus has in us to help people experience a sacred kind of freedom. When we feel the compassion of God, we are freed from the bonds of sin, freed from human limitations, freed from fear and freed from any sense of hopelessness. Whenever we are given hope, told that we matter, given a new chance, forgiven a wrongdoing, or simply feel that we are not alone, we are given the opportunity to experience healing.

As we prepare to celebrate Independence Day, let us remind ourselves of the responsibility each one of us has to use our freedom to spread the compassion of God by being emissaries of healing to all who feel bound up by the situations they face.

Peace and prayers,

Fr. Mike

Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday June-30

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
(Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19 Mt 8:5-17)

5:00pm *Patricia Giannatasio* r/b John & Lisabeth Bird

Sunday July- 1 **13th Sunday in Ordinary**

(Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15 Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43)

9:00am *Christopher Schmid*
r/b Your Small Christian Community Group

11:00am *Maria Carro* r/b Jose Carro

Monday July-2 **Weekday**

(Am 2:6-10, 13-16 Mt 8:18-22)

9:00am *Margaret Tautillo* r/b Bill & Marie Schubel

Tuesday July-3 **Saint Thomas**

(Eph 2: 19-22 Jn 20:24-29)

9:00am *Special Intentions of*
Mariamamma Mammaehen & Family
r/b Val & Babu Perumpail & Family

Wednesday July-4 **Weekday**

(Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Mt 8:28-34)

9:00am *Sundek Gass Madan* r/b The Family

Thursday July- 5

St Anthony Zaccaria - St Elizabeth of Portugal

(Am 7:10-17 Mt 9:9-13) *No Mass*

Friday July- 6 **Saint Mary Goretti**

(Am 8:4-6, 9-12 Mt 9:9-13)

9:00am *Carl Walter Nasert* r/b Valerie & Darlene

Saturday July-7 **Weekday**

(Am 9:11-15 Mt 9:14-17)

5:00pm *Alice Bednar* r/b The Haun Family

Sunday July-8 **14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

(Ez 2:2-5 2 Cor 12:7-10 Mk 6:1-6a)

9:00am *Isabel Wernsing* r/b Chuck Tkachuk & Family

11:00am *Dorothy Maloney* r/b The Giffen Family



Sanctuary Candle... this week

Florence Forcenito r/b Rita Dagon

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

Please Keep in your prayers:

The Sick and the lonely, the safe return of our service men and women and for vocations to the priesthood and religious life..

STEWARDSHIP CORNER..

Freedom is not simply a state of life, it is a responsibility to share the gift with others, no matter who they are.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT

June 24th – \$5,861.00

Debt Reduction – \$120.00

*Thank you for your generosity and
may God bless you for your support!*

HOLIDAY

Wednesday, July 4th is Independence Day. The Parish office will be closed. There will be morning Mass on Wednesday as we give thanks to God for the gift of freedom.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Did you forget to register for Vacation Bible School? There are still a few spots available. So, get your registration form in as soon as possible. Jesus is going to help us POWER UP as we train to become superheroes for God! Vacation Bible School will run August 6-10 from 9:30AM until 12:30PM each day. This a wonderful opportunity for K-6 young people to learn how to become powerhouses for God. Through stories, skits, music, crafts, games, projects and snacks, children have a chance to build up their spiritual strength. Registration forms are available in the rear of the church or may be downloaded online from the parish website. The cost for the week is just \$30.00 per child (assistance offered to anyone who needs it). Let's power up for Jesus!

**For information about VBS please contact
Lisa – lisakuchiept@aol.com or
Jaime - novelquirks@gmail.com.**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The meeting for volunteers for Vacation Bible School will take place this Friday, July 6 at 10:00AM. It is important for volunteers to be at this planning meeting as we kick into high gear for the planning of this year's Vacation Bible School. For questions or more information, contact **Lisa – lisakuchiept@aol.com or
Jaime - novelquirks@gmail.com.**

2018 GOLF OUTING



Plan to join us for the **18th Annual Golf Outing** on Thursday, September 20 at Forsgate Country Club in Monroe, NJ. Registration forms

will be available soon in Church and on our parish website. Foursomes or individuals are welcome.

Do you own a business and want to help out? Become a sponsor – there are a variety of sponsorship opportunities available. Want to help out as a family? There are Family Sponsorships available as well. For more information, contact Dave (732) 781-6623 dcerulosr@gmail.com or Vince 732-303-0822 iuzzolino5@optonline.net.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

We are in need of several Catechists for our Religious Education Program for September. Sharing our faith with the young people of the parish is a rewarding experience. It is also a very important ministry for every parish. To be a Catechist, all you need is a willingness to share our faith and help the young people of the parish draw closer to God. All the materials are provided. Resources for learning to teach are plentiful. If you would be willing to teach in our Parish Religious Education Program or would like to find out more information, contact Jean at the Parish Office 732-792-2270 or Jeanstjoseph@optonline.net.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS



Parents who will have a child baptized must attend a Baptism Preparation session. Sponsors (Godparents) are invited to attend. The next session will take place on Friday, July 6th at 7:00PM. If you will be participating in the preparation session please contact the Parish Office to register. For questions about Baptismal Preparation please contact the Parish Office.

*The acceptance of all that God has given us
and the willingness to let it go – give it
back to God at a moment's notice - That's
true human freedom.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registration for Religious Education, grades 1-8, is now taking place. Please return the completed registration form as soon as possible.

Registration forms for new students – those entering 1st grade or transferring from another Religious Education Program – are available from the Parish Office or on the table at the rear of the church.

Please remember, Classes will be offered on Mondays and Tuesdays at 4:30 PM and 6:30 PM. Classes on a particular day may fill up for some grades/sessions. There will be plenty of room for all the children but each class does have a limit to the number of children in the class. Once a particular class has been filled, no more students will be placed in that class. There are no exceptions to this policy in order to be fair to all families. If a class is filled, students will be placed in a class/session that has space. Registrations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Please help us in our planning for the next year by registering as soon as possible. Thanks!

ARE YOU HEADING OFF TO COLLEGE?

For those who will be heading off to College, you are encouraged to look for Campus Ministry. Campus Ministry is available on the majority of College campuses. They offer social, spiritual and service opportunities. Sometimes the Campus Ministry is called Newman Centers. The Newman Connection helps by sending your information to the Campus Ministry of the College/University that you will be attending. They will welcome you. If you would like to be on the contact list for the College you will be attending, take one of the forms from the envelope marked "Newman Connection" that can be found on the large bulletin board in the entryway of the Church. Complete the form and return it to the Parish Office or put it in the collection basket. We will send your information to the Newman Connection who will then forward your information to the appropriate Institution of higher learning. It will be a great way to meet other people and not feel alone as you start the next chapter of your life.

Summer Faith Enrichment Program

Movie Bible Study

Back by popular demand, we are offering a Movie Bible Study Program during the summer months. The next gathering will be July 27th from 10:00AM – 12:30PM in the Parish Hall. These Bible studies help to harness that power and lead to deeper thought and discussion about the issues and ideas embedded in various films from a Christian perspective. The third study date is August 24th.

FOOD COLLECTION



The next food collection will be on July 14/15. Non-perishable food items, paper goods and toiletries are appreciated. You can bring frozen food contributions to the Millstone Community Center on any Tuesday morning between 10:00AM and 11:30AM at the door to the lower level on Stage Coach Rd. You may also contact Greg at 732-539-5042 to arrange pick up of frozen foods.

ST. JOSEPH READERS' CLUB

The book selection for the July Readers' Club gathering is **1776** by David McCullough. The meeting date is Thursday, July 12th at 7:30PM. America's beloved and distinguished historian presents, in a book of breathtaking excitement, drama, and narrative force, the stirring story of the year of our nation's birth, 1776. Interweaving, on both sides of the Atlantic, the actions and decisions that led Great Britain to undertake a war against her rebellious colonial subjects and that placed America's survival in the hands of George Washington. The theme for refreshments is "All American". Join us in July for an enjoyable evening of conversation and delicious food. Newcomers are always welcome! Don't forget to email your attendance or questions to Fran at ambiofran@gmail.com.



Independence Day is a day to remember our freedoms and to thank God for them. May God bless you this Independence Day!

CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2018 Catholic Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Trenton is taking place. The Catholic Annual Appeal is used by the Diocese to support the various work and ministries of the Diocese of Trenton. Our Parish Goal for the Annual Catholic Appeal is \$39,500.00. If you would like to make a pledge/donation to the Diocese for the Annual Appeal, there are pledge cards on the table at the entrance of the Church. You can complete it and mail it to the Diocese or send it the parish Office. If you are including a check, please make checks payable to The Diocese of Trenton Annual Appeal. Thank you for your consideration and support.

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 by visiting 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!

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.

Go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-6103657> (a direct link) or go to our website and click the link. Thanks for your support!

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 feel free to contact the Parish Office.

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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process where those who feel called to become members of the Catholic Church can discern God's call. The RCIA process is also for anyone who has not completed the Sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation). If you would like more information about the RCIA please come and join us each Sunday after the 9:00 AM Mass. For more information call Carol Schulz at the Parish Office 732-792-2270 or email her

CSchulzStJoseph@optonline.net.

→ Calendar of Events ←

- July 1 Parish Food Collection
12:30PM - Baptisms
- July 4 Independence Day
Parish Office Closed
9:00AM – Morning Mass
9:30AM – Legion of Mary
- July 6 10:00AM – Vacation Bible School
Volunteers Meeting
7:00PM – Baptism Preparation Session
- July 11 10:00AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry
- July 12 7:30PM – Readers' Club Meeting
- July 15 Parish Food Collection
12:30PM – Baptisms
- July 27 10:00AM – Summer Faith
Formation Program
- Aug 6 Vacation Bible School
- Aug 7 Vacation Bible School
- Aug 8 Vacation Bible School
- Aug 9 Vacation Bible School
- Aug 10 Vacation Bible School
- Aug 24 10:00AM – Summer Faith
Formation Program

Let us praise God in all we do.

*Lord, help us to use our freedom wisely
by willingly serving you in the care and
compassion we show to others.*

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office: 732-792-2270

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:30AM - 2:30PM

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BAPTISM – 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.

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.