

February 11, 2018

6th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



St. Joseph

Catholic Church

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

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**Prepare your heart for the renewal
that we are called to during Lent.**

**Remember, Lent prepares us for
more of everything that comes from
God.**



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,

In the time of Jesus, leprosy was one of the most dreaded diseases. It struck fear in the people because there was no hope for a cure. Those infected with even the first signs were forced to withdraw from all aspects of social life. In the Gospel today we hear how Jesus showed no fear about leprosy. He reached out and touched the person inflicted with the disease and healed him. Nothing prevented Jesus from touching a person in order to offer an opportunity for new life, not even leprosy. Through the compassion of Jesus, many people experienced healing and accepted the call to discipleship. Of course, some were only cured of the disease and never experienced true healing because they did not respond to the invitation to become a follower of Jesus.

As we now draw close to the season of Lent, we are invited to experience the healing touch of Jesus. There is nothing in our lives that Jesus is unwilling to touch in order to offer us the opportunity of new life. The Season of Lent calls us to open our lives to healing. In order to experience true healing we must be ready to open our hearts and lives to the compassionate touch of Jesus. How? By doing those things that demonstrate we want to experience healing of anything that prevents us from living as true disciples of Jesus.

As I said last week in the homily, giving up the usual things that we like may offer some benefits, the best thing is to work on giving up something that we are not too happy to have in our lives. Bad habits creep into our lives slowly and steadily. Take one and really concentrate on allowing Jesus to heal that aspect of your life. Whether it is greed, self-centeredness, laziness, procrastination or anything else, pick one and bring it to Jesus during the time of Lent. Ask for the strength you need to rid yourself of that one thing that stands in the way of people recognizing you as a disciple of Jesus.

Remember though, we have to also do our part. We have to be nourished with the good things that come from God. So also do something positive – join the discussion group, come to Soup Nights and Stations of the Cross, volunteer a little of your time, take some time to pray. With all of that, be ready to experience true healing and becoming a stronger disciple.

Peace and prayers,

Fr. Mike

Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday	February-10	St. Scholastica (1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Mk 8:1-10)
5:00pm	<i>Nicole Peake</i>	r/b The Nugent Family
Sunday	February-11	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 1 Cor 10:31-11:1 Mk 1:40-45)
9:00am	<i>Lee Kronenthal</i>	r/b The Ladies of St Joseph
11:00am	<i>John DeSimone</i>	r/b Tom & Jane Pasquito
Monday	February-12	Weekday (Jas 1:1-11 Mk 8:11-13)
9:00am	<i>Edmond & Ann Pasinski</i>	r/b The Family
Tuesday	February-13	Weekday (Jas 1:12-18 Mk 8:14-21)
9:00am	<i>Frank Abbate.</i>	r/b The Giffen Family
Wednesday	February -14	ASH WEDNESDAY (Jl 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18)
9:00am	<i>Jason Sawicz</i>	r/b His Family
4:30pm	<i>Nick Costagliola</i>	r/b His Family
7:00pm	<i>Florence Forcenito</i>	r/b The Legion Of Mary
Thursday	February- 15	Thursday after Ash Wednesday (Dt 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25) NO MASS
Friday	February- 16	Friday after Ash Wednesday (Is 58:1-9a Mt 9:14-15)
9:00am	<i>Richard Carroll</i>	r/b The Legion of Mary
Saturday	February-17	Saturday after Ash Wednesday (Is 58:9b-14 Lk 5:27-32)
5:00pm	<i>Anna Morin</i>	r/b Her Family
Sunday	February-18	1st Sunday of Lent (Gn 9:8-15 1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15)
9:00am	<i>Special Healing Intention of Baby Gabriel</i> r/b Mema & Pa Barcellona	
11:00am	<i>Ron Cannella</i>	r/b The Rollo Family



Sanctuary Candle... this week

Anna Morin r/b Her 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

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..

Lent is a time for the healing of our souls so that we can recognize the presence of God in our lives.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT

February 4th - \$11,914.00

Debt Reduction - \$497.00

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

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, February 14. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM, 4:30PM and 7:00PM. The imposition of ashes will take place at each Mass.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, February 14 for Ash Wednesday.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

There will be no Religious Education Classes on Tuesday, February 13.

GIVE UP SOMETHING BAD FOR LENT

During Lent each year we give up something as an act of sacrifice and spiritual discipline. Often it is something like chocolate, dessert, or other item knowing that after Easter Sunday we can once again enjoy what we have given up. This study will challenge us to take it further – to give up something we are better off not doing. We are invited to seek God's help to focus on eliminating one habit or attitude that is destructive. Imagine giving up envy, jealousy, self-pity, apathy, gossip, or negative thinking. Wouldn't life be so much better? Join us for this six-week study beginning February 15 through March 23. Sessions will be Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm and Friday mornings at 10:00 am. **The book we will use can be purchased at the first session. Cost is \$10.00. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheets available on the table in the vestibule.**

+Come and be part of this faith-filled and fresh approach to your Lenten Journey+

MARDI GRAS

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 14. As has been our tradition, we will have a Mardi Gras potluck dinner on Tuesday, February 13. We begin at 6:00PM. Bring your favorite main course, side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Beverages will be provided. This has always been a great meal – a sort of feast before the fast. If you plan to come, please sign up on the list that can be found on the table at the entrance of the church. Dinner will be followed by a prayer service at 7:30 pm to usher in the season of Lent. See you at Mardi Gras!

LENTEN SOUP NIGHTS

Each Friday evening at 6:30PM during the Season of Lent, we come together as a parish community for a simple meal of soup, bread and beverage. The purpose of our gathering for the meal is to help us focus on the simpler things in life. Sometimes, like a very complex meal, our lives may become complicated and filled with extensive details. When we simplify, we are open to experiencing more because we do not have to focus our energy on a multitude of things. It is an opportunity to also help others by making a donation (optional) that will be used to help the hungry. Soup nights begin on February 16. Join us!

HELP NEEDED..... We are in need of one person each Friday for about an hour from 7:15 to 8:15 to help with clean up after our soup supper. Individuals can sign up for one Friday, or a number of them. If you would like to help, please contact Carol at the parish office (732) 792-2270 or email her at cschulzstjoseph@optonline.net.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross help us to focus on various messages that can be received through the life-giving journey that Jesus underwent to offer us the gift of new and eternal life. On Fridays of Lent we gather at 7:30PM for the Stations of the Cross.

DONATION STATEMENTS

If you are in need of a donation letter for tax purposes, please send a self-addressed envelope to the Parish Office

MEN'S GUILD



The Men's Guild will hold their monthly meeting on MONDAY, February 12 at 7:30 PM. This month's meeting will take place at the Rectory. All men of the Parish are invited to come and be a part of our Parish men's group. We look forward to hearing your ideas for activities and your help with the activities we currently offer. It's also a great way to meet other men of the parish and to feel even more connected to your parish. For more information about the Men's Guild contact Dave dcerulosr@gmail.com or 732-781-6623.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED



We will be hosting members of the NET Team Ministries to lead a retreat for our Confirmation students. We are in need of families to host members of the retreat team over night. They would arrive after 9:00PM and will be leaving in the morning. The retreat team will be here March 8. If you are able to host some of the retreat team members, or would like more information, please contact Jean in the Parish Office or email Jeanstjoseph@optonline.net.

DIAPER DRIVE

During the month of February we will be participating in a diaper drive to assist with the John Corr Family Resources, a project of the Religious Teachers Filippini, that works to restore dignity to families. They presently serve 333 mothers; all are 200% below poverty level! If you would like to help, please bring diapers or disposable wipes during the month of February. The donations will be delivered to the John Corr Family resources at the end of the month. Please put your donations in the library. Thanks.

BAKE SALE

The Ladies of St. Joseph thank everyone who donated items for the bake sale last week. Thank you also to everyone who came and purchased the treats. Your support made the event a huge success. Thanks!

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Training for anyone who would like to be an Altar Server will take place on Saturday, February 17 at 10:00AM. Anyone in grade 4 and above is welcome to become an Altar Server.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP BOY SCOUT TROOP 116 will be having a Pancake Breakfast. It will take place in our Parish Hall on Sunday, February 25 after the 9:00AM and 11:00AM Masses. Ages 12 and up - \$6.00, ages 4-12 \$4.00 and children 3 and under are free. Proceeds benefit the Relay for Life. Come and enjoy breakfast and support the local Boy Scouts.

FOOD COLLECTION



Food collections are held on the 1st and 3rd weekends of each month. The next food collection will be on February 17/18. Non-perishable food items, paper goods and toiletries are appreciated. Parishioners 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 next Reader's Club selection is **A Gentleman in Moscow** by Amor Towles. Meeting date is **Wednesday, March 7 at 7:00PM** with a Russian theme for the cuisine for the evening. Amor Towles transports readers to The Metropol, the famed Moscow hotel where movie stars and Russian royalty hobnob, where Bolsheviks plot revolutions and intellectuals discuss the merits of contemporary Russian writers, where spies spy, thieves thieve and the danger of twentieth century Russia lurks outside its marbled walls. Join us on March 7th for an evening of lively conversation and delicious food. Newcomers are always welcome! Be sure to email your attendance or questions to Fran at ambiofran@gmail.com.

WELCOME

As a Parish Community we joyfully welcome:

Aria Josephine DiBella

Gemma Karen DiBella

Hunter Paul Matusz

Robert Grayson Saragnese

Winston George Stafford

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

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!



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.

➔ Calendar of Events ←

- Feb 11 Hospitality Sunday
10:00AM - RCIA
- Feb 12 7:30PM – Men's Guild Meeting
- Feb 13 6:00PM - Mardi Gras
No Religious Education Classes
- Feb 14 **Ash Wednesday**
9:00AM - Mass
10:00AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry
10:00AM – Legion Of Mary
4:30PM – Mass
7:00PM – Mass
- Feb 15 5:00PM – Children's Choir Practice
6:00PM - Choir Practice
7:00PM – Give Up Something Bad For Lent
- Feb 16 10:00AM – Give Up Something Bad For Lent
6:30PM - Lenten Soup Night
7:30PM - Stations of The Cross
- Feb 17 10:00AM – Altar Server Training**
- Feb 18 Parish Food Collection
Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:00AM - RCIA
- Feb 19 President's Day – Holiday
Parish Office Closed
No Morning Mass
No Religious Education Classes
- Feb 20 6:00PM – 1st Reconciliation
(Monday, 4:30PM Class)
- Feb 25 Pancake Breakfast
Last Day of Diaper Drive
- Feb 27 6:00PM – 1st Reconciliation
(Monday, 6:30PM Class)
- Mar 4 Parish Food Collection
Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Mar 5 6:00PM – 1st Reconciliation
(Tuesday 4:30PM Class)
- Mar 7 7:00PM – Readers' Club Meeting
- Mar 8 4:00PM – CONFIRMATION RETREAT
- Mar 11 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- Mar 12 6:00PM – 1st Reconciliation
(Tuesday 6:30PM Class)
- Mar 20 Baptism Bib Sewing Session
- Mar 29 Holy Thursday
- Mar 30 Good Friday
- Mar 31 Holy Saturday
- Apr 1 Easter

Let us praise God in all we do.

LENT DRAWS NEAR –

Are you preparing your heart for renewal?

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office: 732-792-2270

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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.