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St. Joseph Parish

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• Parish Services

Parish Office: Open Monday through Thursday 9 AM - 4 PM (closed 12 - 1:30 PM for lunch), Friday 9 AM - 1 PM.
Parish Center and Nativity Chapel: 124 East Second Street Church: Mountain Avenue and East High Street
Parish Office: (732) 356-0027 Emergencies Only: (732) 356-8936 Parish Fax: (732) 356-8092

• Sacraments

Baptism: English Baptisms will be officiated on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM in the Church. Spanish Baptisms will be officiated on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM in the Church. Contact the Parish Office to schedule. Attendance at Baptism class is mandatory. The Baptism must be scheduled before you attend Baptism class.

Marriage: Weddings celebrated Saturdays and Friday evenings, but not Sundays. You must contact a priest 9 months before the planned date, and reservation of a wedding time is suggested even earlier.

Penance: Saturday 9-10:00 AM (Chapel); Wednesday 6:30-7 PM (Church). Other times on request.

Confirmation, First Eucharist, First Penance: Though immediate preparation is given before receiving these sacraments, children are expected to receive a Catholic upbringing in their families. This includes formal religious education classes and regular Sunday worship in the years prior to and following the reception of these Sacraments.

• Devotions

Marian Novena: Saturdays following the 8:15 AM Mass in the Chapel.

Eucharistic Adoration: First and Second Friday, Adoration following 8:30 AM Mass; Benediction: 1st Friday in English; 2nd Friday in Spanish, 1:00 PM in the Chapel.

Sponsorship Eligibility

TO BE OR NOT TO BE . . . A SPONSOR FOR BAPTISM OR CONFIRMATION

The opportunity to walk with another in Faith, whether a child or an adult is an awesome privilege. It is cause for serious consideration on the part of those who ask another to witness with their lives to what it means to be a Catholic, and for those who accept this responsibility. It is important to think carefully about your selection and decision. The person to be considered a Sponsor must be at least 14 years of age and have themselves completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation), and are leading a life in harmony with the Faith and Tradition they are called to witness. A Godparent/Sponsor cannot be the mother or father of the one to be baptized. If married, their marriage must be recognized as "valid" by the Catholic Church. They must be attending Mass regularly, that is, every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation.

They will need to obtain a Certificate of Eligibility signed by their pastor. Being properly registered at one's parish is an important first step. Consider carefully your invitation and response. There is more involved to this than simply standing at the Baptismal Font. It is a lifelong commitment. If you have questions, speak with one of the parish priests who can guide you correctly.

- **Call the Parish Office EARLY**, even before your child's birth to obtain information that will help you in selecting suitable godparents.
- **New parishioners** are asked to come to the Parish Office and fill out a Census Form. Individuals and families must be registered and practicing here for at least six months before applying for sponsorship.
- **If you have changed your address** or other information, please contact the Parish Office at (732) 356-0027 so that we can update our records.

In the Hospital?

If you or someone you know is sick in the hospital or nursing home for an extended stay, please contact the parish office. We will do our best to have someone make a pastoral visit and bring communion. Please note that the Hospitals or Nursing Homes do not notify us, and we rely on the family to inform us of this information. Thank you for your assistance.

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 14, 2014



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2014

8:30 AM Frank and Angelina Marotta, request of family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2014

8:30 AM Adriano Andrade, request of son Antonio and family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2014

8:30 AM Purez Black, request of Gloria Villamil

7:30 PM Marie Galka, request of Michael and Joan Jenkoski

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2014

8:30 AM Edward Zujkowski, request of Rose Marie and Richard Martino

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2014

8:30 AM Anthony J. Ricci (birthday), request of family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2014

8:30 AM John and Rita Novak (62nd wedding anniversary), request of family

5:00 PM John Betsko (birthday), request of daughter

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2014

8:00 AM Maddalena Stracquadiano, request of daughter-in-law Victoria Robert Wendt, Jr., request of Helen Massagli

10:00 AM Clement Donlan, request of family

12:00 PM Josefa and Jose Leon, request of Maria Rivas and family

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

We offer our sincere sympathy to the family of **Jennie Macko**, who recently passed away. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Reading 1: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
The kingdom of David shall endure for ever before the Lord.

Reading 2: Romans 16:25-27
The mystery kept secret for long ages has now been manifested.

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38
Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2014

7:00-8:15 PM Religious Education
grades 4 – 8 in the school

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2014

4:00-5:15 PM Religious Education
grades Pre-k – 4 in the school

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2014

7:00-8:15 PM Religious Education
grades 2, 6, 7 and 8 in the school

8:30 PM Advent Conference in the Main Church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2014

4:30 PM Spanish Choir in the Main Church

5:30 PM Children's Choir in the Main Church

6:30 PM Bell Choir in the Main Church

7:30 PM Adult Choir in the Main Church

7:30 PM Spanish Divine Mercy in the Chapel

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2014

9:00-11:00 AM Holy Hour of Prayer for Priests
in the Upper Room

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2014

6:00-7:00 PM Spanish RICA in the Library

6:00-9:30 PM Spanish Prayer Group in the Chapel

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2014

11 AM-1 PM RCIA in the Upper Room

PRAYER FOR OUR

SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

Queen of the Holy Rosary, we implore you to bless our military forces at home and abroad. Guide their steps into the way of peace. Amen.

SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIAL

December 15 - 21, 2014

In memory of Jack Ford
Request of Kathy Fuson

SUNDAY OFFERING

The Week Ended:	Nov. 23	Nov. 30
Ordinary Offertory	\$5,641	\$5,862
Parish Ordinary Expenses*	<u>(\$6,111)*</u>	<u>(\$6,111)</u>
We operated at a deficit of:	(\$ 470)	(\$ 429)
* Annual Weekly Average		

Thank you! Your continued support helps St. Joseph Parish to serve our people more effectively.

PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE

In November 2014, the NJ Assembly passed A2270, the so-called "Aid in dying for the terminally ill" Act. Now that the bill passed the Assembly, it will be referred to the State Senate. The senate bill number is S381. This legislation would allow mentally competent, terminally-ill adult state residents to request and receive a prescription medication to cause their death.

6 Reasons to Oppose A2270/S382

- A 6-month prognosis for a terminal illness can be wildly inaccurate.
- There is no requirement for a patient to consult a psychiatrist before receiving the prescription to commit suicide and many terminally ill patients are clinically depressed.
- There is no requirement for the patient to consult a palliative care or hospice expert.
- No physician is required to be present when the patient takes the lethal prescription.
- There is no requirement to notify family members.
- We should be supporting improved hospice and palliative care state-wide, not legal suicide.

Contact NJ State Senator for Bound Brook, District 23, Michael J. Doherty at (908) 722-1365 and urge him to vote NO on S382.

HOLY HOUR OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS



Come join us in prayer for our priests and priestly vocations this **Friday, December 19, from 9:30 - 10:30 AM** in the Chapel of the Nativity.

BISHOP'S APPEAL STATUS

To date, the Development Department has received pledges totaling \$24,807 and payments totaling \$20,080 from 141 parishioners. This represents 59.5% of our \$41,700 goal. Thank you for your efforts.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



If you or someone you know would like to hear more about Jesus and His Church, we invite you to join us at an RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Inquiry Session.

Inquiry Sessions are opportunities to ask questions about God, Jesus, the Catholic Church, the Mass, Saints, Sacraments, prayer, etc. The sessions DO NOT expect or require a commitment to join the Catholic Church.

In addition, if you wish to be baptized into the Catholic Faith, or if you are already baptized and wish to receive the other Sacraments of Initiation, or you come to us from another faith wishing to become a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church then we invite you to attend an inquiry session. RCIA is the process which will lead you to Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

For more information about sessions in English, please contact Deacon Gary Newton at Deacon.Gary@sjccb.net or for sessions in Spanish, contact Sister Lucia at Sr.Lucia@sjccb.net.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

You are invited to join RWJ University Hospital in Somerset for a *free* community holiday celebration featuring photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, face painting, games, music and refreshments.

Date: Wednesday, December 17, 2014

Time: 3:30 – 6:00 PM

Place: RWJ University Hospital Somerset
Somerset Family Practice
110 Rehill Avenue, Somerville

To attend this free program, pre-registration is required by calling (908) 203-6239.

A MESSAGE FROM FR. AL

My Dear Parishioners here at St. Joe's,

I have become aware of some families in need in our area and I think it would be very meaningful if we could offer some readymade food to those in need. Consequently, if you know of anyone in need, please refer names, phone numbers or addresses of people that you think may need help this Christmas Season.

It is part of our calling to bring Christ to those most in need. Please e-mail Sr. Lucia or call her at the parish office so she can begin to compile a list. She will also need assistance with distribution of the food, so any help is welcome.

Thanks, Fr. Al

ALTAR SERVERS, LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please pick up the schedule for Christmas through New Year's in the Sacristy.

EPIPHANY COOKIES TO HOMEBOUND



The CIAM will be assembling cookie trays to bring to our homebound parishioners for Epiphany, the weekend of January 3. Please donate a dozen or more cookies to this cause.

It is a wonderful way to let the homebound of our parish know we are thinking of them during the holiday season. You can drop your cookies off in the Community Room the weekend of December 27 or January 3. Thank you!

MUSIC MINISTRY

If God has given you a talent, and you can sing or play a musical instrument, won't you consider joining the Music Ministry.

Rehearsals are on Thursdays. We would love to have some new members.

Thursday rehearsal schedule:

- 4:30 PM Spanish Choir
- 5:30 PM Children's Choir
- 6:30 PM Bell Choir
- 7:30 PM Adult Choir (instrumentalists)



Please contact Maritza Alvarez at maritza.alvarez@sjcbb.net.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 17, 2014

- 6:30 PM Penance (Main Church)
- 8:30 PM Advent Conference (Main Church)

Saturday, December 21, 2014

- 9:00 AM Penance (Chapel)

Wednesday, December 24, 2014

Christmas Eve

- 5:00 PM Children's Mass (Main Church)
- 8:30 PM Spanish Mass (Main Church)
- 10:30 PM Christmas Carols (Main Church)
- 11:00 PM Midnight Mass (Main Church)

Thursday, December 25, 2014

Nativity of the Lord

- 8:30 AM Mass (Main Church)
- 10:00 AM Mass (Main Church)
- 12:00 PM Spanish Mass (Main Church)

Wednesday, December 31, 2014

New Year's Eve

- 8:30 AM Mass (Chapel)
- 4:00 PM New Year's Eve Mass (Main Church)

Thursday, January 1, 2015 – New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

- 8:30 AM Mass (Main Church)
- 10:00 AM Mass (Main Church)
- 12:00 PM Spanish Mass (Main Church)

JESSE TREE



As part of our preparation for Christmas and as a parish family, this year we will again have the annual Jesse Tree. The tree will be in the Narthex of the Church, beginning December 6 and 7. Jesse Tree tags contain a gift suggestion (please, new items only; no toy guns or items which require batteries). All gifts should be returned back to the Jesse Tree during the weekend of December 20 and 21 with the Jesse Tree tag taped to the box so they can be distributed to needy families. **Please do not wrap the gift, since it will have to be re-opened for distribution.** Monetary donations are also welcome to purchase shoes and winter coats. Please make your check payable to "Food Bank Network of Somerset County." If you know of families in need, please notify the parish office. Thanks to all those who participate.

ADVENT REFLECTION OF THE DAY

Visit www.sjcbb.net. Under Fr. Barron you will find a video reflection for each day in Advent. Click on **Advent Day #** to access the video.

LECTURAS PARA EL PRÓXIMO DOMINGO

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

Primera Lectura: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Yo estaré contigo en todo lo que emprendas, acabaré con tus enemigos.

Segunda Lectura: Romanos 16:25-27

Proclamen, prediquen a Cristo conforme a la revelación del misterio.

Evangelio: Lucas 1:26-38

El ángel Gabriel fue enviado por Dios, a anunciar a María que iba a concebir y dar a luz un hijo.

AVISOS A LA COMUNIDAD

CONFESIONES: Las confesiones se realizan en Inglés y Español los siguientes días:

Sábados de 9:00 a 10:00 AM en la Capilla.

Miércoles de 6:30 a 7:00 PM en la Iglesia.

Los Miércoles las confesiones son hasta las 7:00 PM en punto. Para confesarse en otro momento debe hacer una cita previa llamando al (732) 356-0027.

FAMILIARES HOSPITALIZADOS

Si tiene algún familiar hospitalizado, y desea visita pastoral y Eucaristía, por favor infórmelo a la parroquia, llamando al teléfono (732) 356-0027.

VIRGEN PEREGRINA

Las familias que deseen la visita de la Virgen Peregrina en sus hogares, comunicarse con Oscar e Ivania Rios al (908) 986-8977- (908) 986-8978.

AYUDA A TU IGLESIA

Ayude a su Iglesia, adquiriendo los certificados de compra (Gift certificate) de su supermercado favorito ShopRite, A&P y Pathmark, sin que a usted le cueste un centavo adicional. Así la Iglesia gana el 5% por certificado. Se venden a la salida de la Misa los Domingos o en la semana en la oficina Parroquial de 9:00 AM a 4:00 PM.

TOME NOTA

- La hermana Lucia, atiende la oficina parroquial los Lunes y Miércoles de 9:45 a 11:45 AM y de 1:45 a 4:30 PM, Jueves de 2:30 a 9:00 PM. Viernes de 9:45 a 11:45 AM para los que deseen hablarle. Para hacer una cita con la Hermana llame al teléfono (732) 356-0027 ext. 6.
- El Diácono Gustavo Sandoval, está disponible para aquellas personas que necesiten alguna ayuda espiritual. Para comunicarse con él, favor llamarle al teléfono (732) 317-8544.
- La Sra. Martha atiende en la oficina Parroquial (donde está la Capilla) todo lo relacionado con Misas, bautismos, registros parroquiales y certificados. Ella atiende en la oficina todos los Martes y Jueves de 6:30 a 8:30 P.M. y vía telefónica llamando al (732) 356-0027 ext 6.

DURANTE ESTA SEMANA

CURSO DE BIBLIA

Es muy importante la formación bíblica para todos nosotros, de esta manera nadie nos podrá engañar con sus cuentos baratos.

Todos son bienvenidos a participar del curso de estudio de Biblia con la hermana Lucía todos los Miércoles de 6:30 a 8:00 PM. en la oficina parroquial.



DIVINA MISERICORDIA

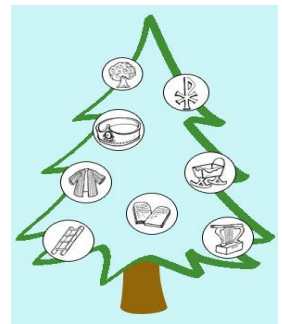
Todos los Jueves a las 7:30 PM. se reúnen en la Capilla el grupo de la Divina Misericordia. Para mas información llamar a Jorge Romero al (732) 900-4315.

CIRCULO DE ORACIÓN

Todos los Sábados a las 6:30 PM se reúne el círculo de oración en la Capilla. Para más información pueden llamar a Gabriela Alpizar al (908) 342-0780 o Maribel Alfaro al (908) 450-7110. **¡Los esperamos!**

ARBOL DE NAVIDAD

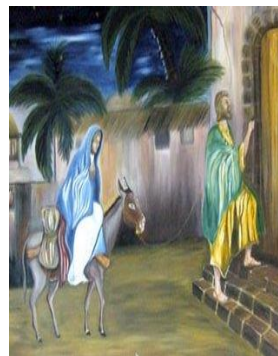
Como parte de nuestra preparación para la Navidad como familia parroquial, este año nuevamente tendremos el árbol de Navidad con los ornamentos de papel, cuales tienen escrito nombres de regalo (por favor deben ser nuevos, no revolver de juguete ni juguetes que necesiten baterías). Tome uno y traiga el regalo con el ornamento



de papel pegado a la caja, **por favor no lo envuelva, para mejor distribución.** También son bienvenidas donaciones monetarias para compra de zapatos y abrigos; por favor haga el cheque a **“Food Bank Network of Somerset Country”** Deve de trae el regalo hasta el fin de semana del 20 y 21 de Diciembre, para que estos regalos sean distribuidos a familias necesitadas esta Navidad. Si usted conoce de familias necesitadas, por favor infórmelo a la oficina parroquial. Muchas gracias por su participación.

POSADAS

Como todos los años estaremos celebrando las tradicionales Posadas en nuestra parroquia. Este año se estarán realizando en los hogares. Si está interesado en celebrar una posada en su casa, favor póngase en contacto con la hermana Lucia en sr.lucia@sjcbb.net.



MISAS DE NOCHE BUENA Y NAVIDAD

MIÉRCOLES, DICIEMBRE 24

NOCHE BUENA

5:00 PM. Liturgia para niños (Inglés)

8:30 PM Misa de Vigilia (Español)

10:30 PM Cantos y Villancicos

11:00 PM Misa de Media Noche (Inglés)

JUEVES, DICIEMBRE 25 - NAVIDAD

8:30 AM Misa (Inglés)

10:00 AM Misa (Inglés)

12:00 Mediodía, Misa (Español)

DOMINGO, DICIEMBRE 28

LA SAGRADA FAMILIA

8:30 AM y 10:00 AM (Inglés)

12:00 Mediodía (Español)

MIÉRCOLES, DICIEMBRE 31

8:30 AM Misa (Capilla)

4:00 PM Misa (Iglesia)

JUEVES, ENERO 1º 2015 - AÑO NUEVO

SANTA MARÍA, MADRE DE DIOS

8:30 y 10:00 AM (Inglés)

12:00 mediodía (Español)



BAUTISMOS

Los bautismos se realizan el primer y tercer Domingo de cada mes a la 1:30 PM. Si usted quiere bautizar a su hijo/a en los meses de Enero o Febrero, **debe registrarse para la próxima clase de bautismo del 6 de Enero 2015 a las 7:15 PM.** Planifique con tiempo el bautismo. Las clases son cada dos meses y si no asiste a la clase no puede bautizar al bebé. Para mas información, favor ir personalmente los Martes o Jueves a la oficina Parroquial (donde está la Capilla) de 6:30 a 8:30 PM.

TOME NOTA

Es muy importante que antes de ir a la clase para el bautismo de su niño/a, la fecha tiene que estar reservada en el calendario de la Iglesia. No podran ir a la clase hasta que la fecha haya sido reservada. Muchas gracias.

ACLAMACIÓN MEMORIAL

Durante este año litúrgico estaremos usando la siguiente Aclamación Memorial:

“Cada vez que comemos de este pan y bebemos de este cáliz, anunciamos tu muerte, Señor, hasta que vuelvas”

NUEVOS BAUTIZADOS

Damos la bienvenida a nuestra familia Cristiana de la Iglesia San José a: **Juan José Isaac Lopez** que el pasado fin de semana recibió el bautismo. Felicidades a los padres y padrinos, y que la luz de Jesús permanezca siempre en este niño y que crezca aún mas en su corazón.

UN MENSAJE DEL PADRE AL

Mis estimados feligreses aquí en St. Joseph, Me he dado cuenta de las grandes necesidades de muchas personas en nuestra área y creo que esto sería muy significativo para muchos, si podríamos ofrecer comida ya hecha para los que lo necesiten. Por eso, quisiera que refiera nombre de personas teléfono y dirección a la Hermana Lucia para así poder asistirlos en esta temporada de Navidad. Esto es parte de nuestro llamado a traer a Cristo a los más necesitados. Por favor, mándale un correo electrónico a la Hermana Lucia o llámela para que así pueda hacer una lista de gente necesitada. Por favor no se olvide que también se necesitara gente que nos ayude a distribuir estos alimentos, cualquier ayuda es bienvenida. Gracias, Padre Al

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA DE ADULTOS

Si usted o alguien que usted conoce le gustaría escuchar más acerca de Jesús y su iglesia, le invitamos a unirse a nosotros en una Sesión de Información del R.I.C.A. Si usted desea ser bautizado en la Iglesia Católica, ó si ya está bautizado y desea recibir los otros sacramentos de iniciación, o viene a nosotros de otra fe y desea ser plenamente iniciado como miembro de la Iglesia Católica, entonces le invitamos a unirse a RICA (Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos). RICA es el proceso que le llevará al Bautismo (por los no bautizados), Eucaristía y Confirmación. Caminemos juntos en un camino de la fe. Para más información acerca de las sesiones en Inglés, por favor contactar con el diácono Gary Newton en Deacon.Gary@sjccb.net ó para sesiones en español, comuníquese con la Hermana Lucia en Sr.Lucia@sjccb.net

CARIDADES CATÓLICAS

Programa de Servicios de Inmigración Servicios Legales de Inmigración de Bajo Costo

Nuestros consejeros son acreditados en la práctica de la ley migratoria por el gobierno federal:

• **Acción Diferida para los que llegaron de niños (DACA)** • **Naturalización/ Ciudadanía** • **Aplicación para la Residencia** • **Peticiones Familiar** • **Estatus de Protección Temporal (TPS)** • **Visa U (Para Víctimas de Crímenes)** • **Auto-Peticiones Para Víctimas de Violencia Domestica** • **Visas** • **Consultas Generales** • **Y Mas...**

CELEBRACIÓN NAVIDEÑA

Únete a nuestra Celebración Navideña, gratuita para la comunidad. Ofreceremos fotos con Santa y la Señora Claus, pinta caritas, juegos, música y refrigerios.

Fecha: Miércoles, 17 de Diciembre del 2014

Hora: de 3:30 a 6:00 PM

**Lugar: RWJ University Hospital Somerset
Somerset Family Practice**

110 Rehill Avenue, Somerville, NJ 08876

Para registrarse a este programa, por favor llamar al (908) 203-6239.