

# Parish Ministries and Services

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM in the Church. Spanish Baptisms will be officiated on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 21, 2014



*Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,  
and you shall name him Jesus.*

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2014

8:30 AM Anthony and Nellie Mondrone, request of family

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2014

8:30 AM Antoinette Sheehan, request of John and Rita Novak

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2014

5:00 PM Children's Mass

8:30 PM Spanish Vigil

10:30 PM Carols

11:00 PM Midnight Mass

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2014

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM Christmas Mass

12:00 PM Spanish Christmas Mass

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2014

8:30 AM Stephen G. Juronics, request of family

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2014

8:30 AM Joseph Romano, request of mother and father

5:00 PM Nicholas Martino, request of son

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2014

8:00 AM Rose and Anthony Tomaro, request of daughters, Victoria and Molly

Laura Shive Tuttle, request of Ruth Yannitle

10:00 AM Marie Giarretta, request of Budzinski family

12:00 PM Maricela Atenco, request of parents and family

## BISHOP'S APPEAL STATUS

To date, the Development Department has received pledges totaling \$25,652 and payments totaling \$20,973 from 146 parishioners. This represents 61.5% of our \$41,700 goal.

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

**Reading 1: Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3**

The Lord's promise to Abram and Sarah is fulfilled.

**Reading 2: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19**

The faith of our ancestors

**Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40**

Simeon and Anna see the Lord.

## THIS WEEK

\*\*\* No Religious Education \*\*\*

Classes resume the week of January 5

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2014

7:00-9:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2014

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

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

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2014

After Masses CIAM in the Community Room

11 AM-1 PM RCIA in the Upper Room

## REQUIESCANT IN PACE

We offer our sincere sympathy to the family of **Domenic A. Tomaro**, who recently passed away. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

## 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.

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

**"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" – LUKE 1:28**

Faith is a gift from God. During this Christmas season take time in silence and pray to God. Thank Him for all the gifts He has given you. Try to set aside any anger or resentment you have and really open your heart to receive the gift of God's grace.

## SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIAL

December 22 - 28, 2014

In memory of John Stracquadanio  
Request of grandsons, Jason and David

## SUNDAY OFFERING

The Week Ended December 7

Ordinary Offertory	\$5,613
Parish Ordinary Expenses*	(\$6,111)
We operated at a deficit of:	(\$ 498)
* Annual Weekly Average	

Immaculate Conception \$1,604

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

## 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](mailto:Deacon.Gary@sjccb.net) or for sessions in Spanish, contact Sister Lucia at [Sr.Lucia@sjccb.net](mailto:Sr.Lucia@sjccb.net).

## FAMILIES IN NEED

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 of Christ to help 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@sjccb.net](mailto:maritza.alvarez@sjccb.net).

## ADVENT REFLECTION OF THE DAY

Visit [www.sjccb.net](http://www.sjccb.net). Under Fr. Barron you will find a video reflection for each day in Advent. Click on **Advent Day #** to access the video.



## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

**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

- 8:00 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

- 8:00 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.

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 this weekend, 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.

*A Christmas Message From Fr. Al*

*Dear Parishioners of St. Joe's,*

*Merry Christmas! I cannot believe it is already my second Christmas with you, and it has been a wonderful year. Thank you for all of your efforts. St. Joseph Church looks wonderful, and I could not have done it without you. You are very important to me and you have become my extended family. As it is always mentioned, **Christ is the reason for this season**, and bringing Christ to others has been our practice. I am very proud of your joint efforts, and it has created a stronger bond with us. May Christ be with you all, your family and friends as we prepare to celebrate the Birth of our Savior.*

*May you always have good health and peace.*

**Merry Christmas to all!**  
**Fr. Al**

## LECTURAS PARA EL PRÓXIMO DOMINGO

**La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José**

**Primera Lectura: Eclesiástico 3:2-6, 12-14**

El que honra a su padre queda limpio de pecado, y acumula tesoros, el que respeta a su madre.

**Segunda Lectura: Colosenses 3:12-21**

Que la palabra de Cristo habite en ustedes con toda su riqueza.

**Evangelio: Lucas 2:22-40**

El niño iba creciendo y fortaleciéndose, se llenaba de sabiduría y la gracia de Dios estaba con él.

## 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 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 más 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!**

## 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.

## POSADAS

Como todos los años estaremos celebrando las tradicionales Posadas en nuestra parroquia. Para las direcciones de las casas, favor ponerse en contacto con la hermana Lucía en [sr.lucia@sjcbb.net](mailto:sr.lucia@sjcbb.net)



## 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”**

## 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...**



## ARBOL DE NAVIDAD

Como parte de la Celebración de la Navidad como familia parroquial, este año hemos tenido el árbol de Navidad con los ornamentos de papel, cuales tuvieron escrito nombres de regalo. Este fin semana es la última oportunidad de traer estos regalos. También son bienvenidas donaciones monetarias para compra de zapatos y abrigos; por favor haga el cheque a **"Food Bank Network of Somerset Country"**. Debe de traer el regalo este 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.



## MISAS DE NOCHE BUENA Y NAVIDAD

### MIÉRCOLES, DICIEMBRE 24 NOCHE BUENA

5:00 PM. Liturgia para niños (Ingles)  
**8:30 PM Misa de Vigilia (Español)**  
 10:30 PM Cantos y Villancicos  
**11:00 PM Misa de Media Noche (Ingles)**

### JUEVES, DICIEMBRE 25 - NAVIDAD

8:30 AM Misa (Ingles)  
 10:00 AM Misa (Ingles)  
**12:00 Mediodía, Misa (Español)**

### DOMINGO, DICIEMBRE 28

**LA SAGRADA FAMILIA**  
 8:30 AM y 10:00 AM (Ingles)  
**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 (Ingles)  
**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 más 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 bautizo de su niño/a, la fecha tiene que estar reservada en el calendario de la Iglesia. No podrán ir a la clase hasta que la fecha haya sido reservada. Muchas gracias.



### *Mensaje Navideño del Padre Al*

*Para todos mis estimados feligreses,  
 ¡Feliz Navidad a todos! Yo no puedo creer que este es mi 2do. Año que celebro Navidad con ustedes. Ha sido un año excelente. Muchas gracias por todos sus esfuerzos para la Iglesia de St. Joseph, la Iglesia se ve divina, yo no hubiera poder hacerlo sin su ayuda. Ustedes son muy importante para mí y se han convertido como familia. Como se dice, Cristo Jesús es la razón para esta temporada, y trayendo a Cristo a otros se ha convertido en nuestra práctica. Yo estoy muy orgulloso de ustedes y así se ha creado una unión más fuerte entre nosotros. Que Dios este siempre con ustedes, sus familias y amistades ahora que nos preparamos a celebrar el cumpleaños del niño Dios y nuestro salvador. Que tengan siempre buena salud y paz en su vida.*

*Feliz Navidad a todos,  
 Padre Al*