

Parish Ministries

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Parish Services

Parish Office: Open Monday through Thursday 9 AM-4 PM

(closed 12-1:30 PM for lunch).

Closed Fridays during summer.

Parish Center and Chapel of the

Nativity:

124 East Second Street

Church: Mountain Avenue and East High Street

Parish Office: (732) 356-0027

Parish Fax: (732) 356-8092

Emergencies Only: (732) 356-8936

Website: www.sjcbb.net

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.

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 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, 12:00 PM in the Chapel.

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.

New Parishioners

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.

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.

Holy Savior Academy

The Middlebrook Deanery

Catholic School

(Grades Pre-K through 8)

149 South Plainfield Avenue

South Plainfield, NJ 07080

(908) 822-5890

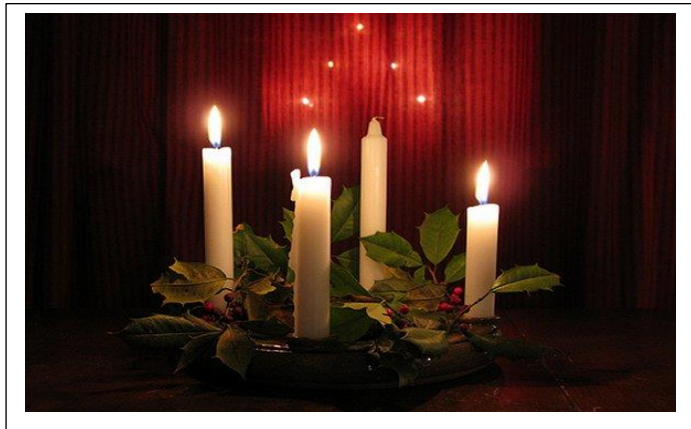
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Mrs. Melinda Hanlon, Principal



Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 13, 2015



The Candle of Joy

Masses/Penance for the Week

Monday, December 14, 2015

8:30 AM* Jack Neary, request of children

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

8:30 AM* Anthony Puntasecca,
request of Ann and Frank Yost

Wednesday, December 16, 2015

8:30 AM* Deceased members of Reid and Casey
families, request of family

6:15 PM* Penance

7:00 PM* Adriano Andrade,
request of son, Antonio and family

Thursday, December 17, 2015

8:30 AM* Albert and Mary DeNicola,
request of Gerry and Al DeNicola

Friday, December 18, 2015

8:30 AM* Geraldine Synott, request of Gloria Villamil

Saturday, December 19, 2015

8:30 AM* John Patten, request of Dudis family

9:00 AM* Penance

5:00 PM John Betsko, request of daughter

7:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, December 20, 2015

8:00 AM Maddalena Straquadanio,
request of daughter-in-law

10:00 AM Antonio and Carmela Falanga,
request of family

12:00 PM Josefina Iraheta, request of Juan M. Rosa

*Masses/penance are held in the chapel

Next Sunday's Readings

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Reading 1: Micah 5:1-4a

From Bethlehem shall come the ruler of
Israel.

Reading 2: Hebrews 10:5-10

Behold, I come to do your will.

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth

This Week

Monday, December 14, 2015

7:00-8:15 PM Religious Education - grades 4 - 8
Community School

7:30-8:30 PM Divine Mercy Reflection in the
Upper Room

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

4:00-5:15 PM Religious Education - grades Pre-k - 4
Lafayette School

Wednesday, December 16, 2015

7:00-8:15 PM Religious Education - grades 1, 2, 6, 7, 8
Community School

7:00-9:00 PM Spanish Ministries in the Library

7:30-9:00 PM Reflections on the Year of Mercy Faith
Sharing Group in the Upper Room

Thursday, December 17, 2015

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

7:00 PM Spanish Men's Prayer Group in
the Library

7:00 PM Divine Mercy in the Chapel

Friday, December 18, 2015

9:30-10:30 AM Holy Hour in the Chapel

7:00-8:30 PM Spanish Divine Mercy Reflection in the
Upper Room

Saturday, December 19, 2015

5:30-6:45 PM Spanish RICA in the Library

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

After Masses Rosary Altar Society Cookie Sale
in the Community Room

Sunday, December 20, 2015

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in the Community Room

11:30AM-1PM RCIA in the Upper Room

Prayer for Our Military

Father, keep our servicemen and women physically
safe and healthy, and guard them from the evil one.
Help them resist all temptation, be a shield around
them, and guard them as the apple of Your eye. In the
powerful name of Jesus we pray, amen.

Sanctuary Lamp Memorial

December 14,-20 2015

In memory of

John Stracquadaino

Request of Jason and David Zuzza



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 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. They are informal conversations about any questions you may have. We welcome any and all inquiries about the Catholic Faith.

In addition, if you wish to be baptized into the Catholic Faith, or 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 join RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). RCIA is the process which will lead you to Baptism (for those unbaptized), Eucharist, and Confirmation.

So if you have any questions about our church, or you already believe that God is calling you to join the church, we will gladly help. Let us walk together on a journey of faith.

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



Sacristans

St. Joseph Church is in the process of adding new sacristans to our roster. Sacristans can be a couple, a family, or an adult. This will also count as service hours for Confirmation (but an adult must be present).

What are the duties of a sacristan? A Sacristan has three main roles:

Security - responsible for assuring proper treatment of the Sacred Blood and Blessed Sacrament during and after the celebration. Also responsible for keeping the Holy Tabernacle secure.

Mass set up and clean up – prepare all books, vessels, offertory, and incense when appropriate.

Mass Coordinator - assist the presider with whatever details/duties he needs done.

We are looking for sacristans for the Saturday 5:00 PM, and Sunday 8:00 and 10:00 AM masses. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please complete the form below and drop it in the collection basket.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Sunday Offering

The week ended December 6	\$5,074
Retirement Fund for the Religious	\$1,703

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

Bound Brook Mayor and Council Holiday Decorating Contest

Decorate for the Christmas and New Year holiday season.

- A town-wide celebration of the Christmas Season.
 - First place, second place and honorable mention prizes for best decorated door, home, and yard.
 - Prizes provided by local businesses and benefactors.
- Please pick up an entry form at the Memorial Library, Borough Hall, supporting businesses on Main Street and Union Avenue, or on-line at www.boundbrook-nj.org. Entry form deadline December 23 at 5:00 PM. For further information please call Borough Hall at (732) 356-0833 or email: bbfestival@cox.net.

Take Action to Oppose Physician-Assisted Suicide

Take Action Today to Oppose Physician-Assisted Suicide. S382, a bill authorizing assisted suicide was released by the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee and could be voted on by the full Senate at any time. An identical bill, A2270 was passed by the General Assembly last November. Please contact your Senator and ask them to vote "No" on S382 – the Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill Act. This bill has great potential for serious abuses. For example, the bill does not allow for human error, which so often occurs. In predicting patients' lifespans, a 6-month prognosis for a terminal illness is often wildly inaccurate. Also, S382 does not require a patient to consult a psychiatrist, palliative care, or hospice expert before receiving and administering the prescription to commit suicide.

Under S382 no physician is required to be present when the patient takes the lethal prescription, and there is no requirement to notify family members. We should support compassionate care, especially improved hospice and palliative care. We should not assist people to commit suicide. As faithful citizens, we must continue to educate our legislators about the dangers of Physician-Assisted Suicide and try to STOP its passage in the State of New Jersey. To send an email go to <https://voterveice.net/NJCC/Campaigns/37618/Respond>. For information about the State Senator in the Bound Brook area, please call Maria Garcia at (732) 469-3397.

Bishop Barron's Advent Reflections



Visit our website at www.sjcbb.net to read Bishop Barron's Advent Reflections. There will be a different uplifting spiritual reflection every day through December 25. The link is located in the upper right corner of the home page.

Holy Hour of Prayer for Priests

Come join us in prayer for our priests and priestly vocations this Friday, December 18, from 9:30 - 10:30 AM in the Chapel.



Jesse Tree

As part of our preparation for Christmas and as a parish family, this year we again have the annual Jesse Tree. The tree is in the Narthex of the Church and has Tree Tags that 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 19 and 20 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.



Question of the Week

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7)

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal Blessing

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word. - 2 Thes 2:16-17

Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24, 2015 – 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)

Friday, December 25, 2015 – Nativity of the Lord

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

Thursday, December 31, 2015 – New Year's Eve

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

Friday, January 1, 2016 – 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)

Penance Service

- 6:15 PM Every Wednesday (Chapel)
- 9:00 AM Every Saturday (Chapel)

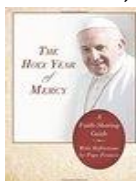


St. Joseph Music Ministry

If you feel a call to the music ministry, come and join us. We have several ensembles that would enjoy sharing sacred music to beautify the liturgy. The adult choir, children's choir and bell choir are recruiting new members. Please contact Maritza Alvarez at maritza.alvarez@sjcbb.net.

Reflections on the Year of Mercy

Reflections on the Year of Mercy Faith Sharing Group discussions are being held on Wednesday evenings and will run through December 16. The group meets for one hour, from 7:30 to 8:30 PM in the Upper Room of the Parish Center. Please purchase the book entitled "*The Holy Year of Mercy: A Faith-Sharing Guide With Reflections by Pope Francis*". The book can be ordered on Amazon.com and will be used for discussion in our faith sharing group.



Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

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

Lecturas Para el Próximo Domingo

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

Primera Lectura: Miqueas 5:1-4

Ellos habitarán tranquilos, porque la grandeza del que ha de nacer llenará la tierra y él mismo será la paz.

Segunda Lectura: Hebreos 10:5-10

"Aquí estoy, Dios mío; vengo para hacer tu voluntad".

Evangelio: Lucas 1:39-45

María visita a su prima Isabel.

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 **6:15 a 6:45 PM** en la Capilla.

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.

Durante esta Semana

Divina Misericordia

Todos los jueves las 7:00 PM. se reúnen en la Capilla el grupo de la Divina Misericordia. Cada tercer jueves del mes se tiene Hora Santa. Para más información llamar a Jorge Romero al (732) 900-4315.

Círculo de Oración

Todos los sábados a las 6:30 PM se reúne el círculo de oración en la Capilla. **¡Los esperamos!**

Tome Nota

La hermana Susana Islas, atiende la oficina parroquial los lunes y miércoles de 9:45 a 11:45 AM y de 1:30 a 4:30 PM, jueves de 2:30 a 9:00 PM y viernes de 9:45 a 12:00 del mediodía, 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 o a su correo deacon.gustavo@sjcbb.net.

La Sra. Martha Rovitto 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 PM y vía telefónica llamando al (732) 356-0027 ext. 6.

Intención de Misa 2016

El libro de intenciones de las Misas para los días sábados o domingo del 2016 está disponible. Si usted desea pedir una Misa, por favor pase por la oficina de la parroquia martes o jueves de 6:30 a 8:30 PM, hablar con la señora Martha.



Tenga en cuenta: La Diócesis requiere que a todas las intenciones de Misas, se deje una ofrenda en el momento de solicitarlas.

Rito de Iniciación

Cristiana de los 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 RICA. Si usted desea ser bautizado en la Iglesia Católica, o 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 (para los no bautizados), Eucaristía y Confirmación. Caminemos juntos en un camino de fe.

Para más información acerca de las sesiones en inglés, favor de comunicarse con el diácono Gary Newton

Deacon.Gary@sjccb.net o para sesiones en español, comuníquese con la Hermana Susana Islas:

Sr.Susana@sjcbb.net



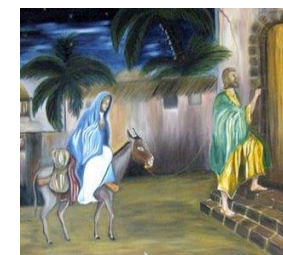
Reflexiones sobre el Año de la Misericordia (Español)

La Hermana Susana, tiene el grupo de reflexión sobre el Año de la Misericordia, los días lunes a las 7:00 pm. en lo alto de la capilla, hasta el 14 de Diciembre. Todos son bienvenidos!!



Posadas

Tendremos las tradicionales posadas en las casas. En este tiempo reflexionaremos en lo que es un peregrinar y no tener donde hospedarse. María Jesús y



José fueron de casa en casa pidiendo posada ahora te la pide a ti. Se la darás? Todavía quedan 3 días libres que son el 16, 22 y 23 de diciembre. Si desea ofrecer una posada, la lista está en la entrada de la Iglesia.



Corona de Adviento Tercer Domingo

Arbol de Navidad



Como parte de nuestra preparación para la Navidad como familia parroquial, este año nuevamente tendremos el árbol de Navidad con los adornos de papel, en los que tienen escritos nombres de regalos (favor de no revolver juguete que tiene baterías con

los que no tengan). Tome un adorno y traiga el juguete con el adorno de papel pegado a la caja, **favor de no envolverlo, para mejor distribución.** También aceptamos donaciones monetarias para compra de zapatos y abrigos; les pedimos que si es cheque lo hagan a **"Food Bank Network of Somerset Country"** traiga el regalo los días 12 y 13 de Diciembre, para que estos regalos sean distribuidos esta Navidad a familias necesitadas. Si usted conoce de algunas familias necesitadas, por favor infórmelo a la oficina parroquial. Muchas gracias por su cooperación.

Bautismos

Los bautismos se realizan el primer y tercer domingo de cada mes. Si usted quiere bautizar a su hijo/a en los meses de Enero o Febrero. **Deben registrarse para la próxima charla de bautismo del 5 de Enero 2016 a las 7:15 PM. Planifique con tiempo el bautismo**



las charlas son cada dos meses y si no tiene la charla no puede bautizar al bebe. Para más información ir personalmente los martes o jueves a la oficina Parroquial (donde está la Capilla) de 6:30 a 8:30 PM.

Nuevos Bautizados

Damos la bienvenida a nuestra familia Cristiana de la Iglesia San José a: Arially Mora -Bolaños que el pasado fin de semana recibió el bautismo. Felicidades a los padres y padrinos, y que la luz de Jesús permanezca siempre en esta niña y que crezca aún mas en su corazón.

Misas de Noche Buena y Navidad

Jueves, 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)



Viernes, Diciembre 25 - Navidad

8:00 AM Misa (Ingles)

10:00 AM Misa (Ingles)

12:00 PM Misa (Español)

Sábado, Diciembre 26 - Vigilia

5:00 PM Misa (Ingles)

7:00 PM Misa (Español)

Domingo, Diciembre 27 - La Sagrada Familia

8:30 AM Misa (Ingles)

10:00 AM Misa (Ingles)

12:00 PM Misa (Español)

Jueves, Diciembre 31 2015

8:30 AM Misa (Capilla)

4:00 PM Misa (Iglesia)

Viernes, Enero 1º 2016 - Año Nuevo Santa María, Madre de Dios

8:30 AM Misa (Ingles)

10:00 AM Misa (Ingles)

12:00 PM Misa (Español)



Reunión de los Ministros de la Hospitalidad- Acomodadores

El próximo miércoles 16 de diciembre, habrá reunión de los Ministros de la Hospitalidad, en biblioteca de la oficina a las 7:00 pm. La hermana Susana espera verlos a todos.

2015 Campaña Annual del Obispo Bendición

"Que el mismo Señor Jesucristo y Dios, nuestro Padre, que nos ha amado y que nos ha dado gratuitamente una consolacion eterna y una esperanza dichosa, consuele sus corazones y los afiance en toda obra y palabra buena". - 2 Tesalonicenses 2: 16-17

