

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

www.holsavioracademy.co...
Mrs. Melinda Hanlon, Principal



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, January 17, 2016



Jesus turns water into wine.

Masses/Penance for the Week

Monday, January 18, 2016

8:30 AM* Patrick Gleason, request of the Roberts family

Tuesday, January 19, 2016

8:30 AM* Thomas McMenamy, request of the Riccioli family

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

8:30 AM* Donald Hawrey, request of John and Irene Gyori

6:15 PM* Penance

7:00 PM* Emilia Donayre, request of Molly and Tony Colalillo

Thursday, January 21, 2016

8:30 AM* Marjorie Canfield, request of Gloria Villamil

Friday, January 22, 2016

8:30 AM* Gleason family, request of Mother

Saturday, January 23, 2016

8:30 AM* George Maynard III, request of Katherine and George Anderson

9:00 AM* Penance

5:00 PM Daniel Vickey, request of Ginny and Bart DeMato

7:00 PM Maria Mirando, request of Nelly Sanchez

Sunday, January 24, 2016

8:00 AM Regina D'Angelo, request of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wendt

10:00 AM Foretto D'allesandro, request of D'allesandro family

12:00 PM Alvaro Acosta, request of family

*Masses/penance are held in the chapel

Next Sunday's Readings

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1: Nehemiah 8: 2-4A, 5-6, 8-10

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30 or 12: 12-14, 27

Gospel: Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

This Week

Monday, January 18, 2016

Holiday Parish Office Closed

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

Tuesday, January 19, 2016

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

7:00-9:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group in the
Upper Room

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

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, January 21, 2016

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, January 22, 2016

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

Saturday, January 23, 2016

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

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

Sunday, January 24, 2016

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

Prayer for Victims of Terrorism

Loving God, Welcome into your arms the victims of violence and terrorism. Comfort their families and all who grieve for them. Help us in our fear and uncertainty, and bless us with the knowledge that we are secure in your love. Strengthen all those who work for peace, and may the peace the world cannot give reign in our hearts.



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.

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.

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@sjccb.net.



Catholic School Tuition Assistance

2016-17 Online Application Process Open

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen Catholic elementary or high school may do so beginning January 31, 2016. The application process is now online through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. Online applications must be completed (including supporting documentation) no later than Friday, April 15, 2016. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application, or need access to the technology to apply, may register for one of the 14 Application Workshops that will be held throughout the Diocese in February, March and April by going to www.diometuchen.org/schools/tuition-assistance and following the Workshops link.

Year of Consecrated Life Closing Mass

To mark the closing of the Year of Consecrated Life, you are invited to attend a Mass at St. Francis Cathedral in Metuchen on Sunday, February 7, 2016 at noon. Following Mass you are invited to a light reception in the community room below the Cathedral. Your presence is a tribute to the men and women religious of the Diocese. If you would like to attend this mass, please contact the parish office so we can compile a list of representatives of the parish.

Sunday Offering

The week Ended January 10, 2016

Regular Collection: \$4,921
Building and Maintenance: \$1,742

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



Pray for Peace

Join us to Pray for Peace in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2016

Time: 7:15 PM

Place: Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church
600 Harris Avenue
Middlesex, NJ 08846

Prayer... Song... Scripture... Reflection... Followed by fellowship and an opportunity to donate to a local charity.

All are welcome! OLMV youth specially invite young people of other faiths to join them to pray for peace!

2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal Grace, Mercy & Peace

Did you know that there are several ways to give to the Bishop's Annual Appeal? You can:

- Make a pledge and spread out your payments.
- Make a one-time gift.
- Give by credit card by going online to our secure website <http://diometuchen.org>, or completing the information on your pledge card.
- Have your donation matched by your company with a Corporate Matching Gift.
- Give a gift of appreciated stocks or securities.

No matter which way you choose, we thank you. Every gift is important and appreciated.

Pepperoni Bread

We will be taking orders for Super Bowl Pepperoni Breads after all of the Masses on January 23/24 and 30/31. Breads can be picked up the first weekend in February on the 6th and 7th.

We are able to provide the breads at \$20 each, despite the rise in cost for ingredients. The profit will be used to cover the cost of bus transportation to our annual retreat in September.



Mass Intentions

There are plenty of Mass Intentions open for 2016. Please stop by the parish office to reserve your masses. The 2017 Mass Intention book will not be opened until the 2016 book is full.



The History of Mass Intentions

A mass may be offered for many reasons, such as in thanksgiving for another person, or as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

When a priest offers Holy Mass, he has three intentions: First, to offer the Mass reverently and validly in accord with the norms of the Church. Second, to offer the Mass in union with the whole Church and for the good of the whole Church. Third, to offer the Mass for a particular intention, such as the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

History

Pope Leo XIII beautifully elaborated this point and emphasized the connection between the communion of saints with the Mass. The communion of saints is the mutual sharing of help, atonement, prayers and benefits among the faithful.

We find not only the origins of this practice dating to the early Church but we also clearly recognize its importance.

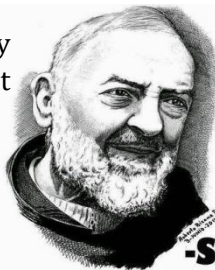
The tradition of offering Masses for others, particularly the dead, originates in the very early Church. Inscriptions discovered on tombs in Roman catacombs of the second century evidence this practice.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem (d. 386), explained how at Mass both the living and dead are remembered, and how the Eucharistic Sacrifice of our Lord is of benefit to sinners, living and dead.

St. Ambrose (d. 397) preached, "We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord."

St. Augustine (d. 430) recorded the dying wishes of his mother, St. Monica in his Confessions: "One thing only I ask you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be."

Finally, Pope St. Gregory (d. 604) said, "Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them."



We must empty Purgatory with our prayers.

-St. Padre Pio

Lazarus Ministry

St. Joseph Parish will be establishing a Lazarus Ministry to console and bring solace to bereaved members of our parish.

To train for this ministry, the Family Life Office will sponsor a one-day session for Lazarus Ministry on Saturday, February 27, 2016 from 9:00 AM-2:30 PM in the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway, NJ. A fee of \$30 will be charged to cover the cost of materials, refreshments and lunch. If you are interested in attending the training program and becoming a member of the St. Joseph Parish Lazarus Ministry, registration forms are available at the parish office, or e-mail MaryEllen.Kirchman@sjcbb.net. Registration forms must be returned to the diocese no later than February 1.

Carts for Church Hymnals

As you know, the newly acquired hymnals take up much room in the pews, and some fall on the floor causing pages to be ripped out. In order to maintain our Church hymnals, it would be best to store them in a book cart. Parishioners can pick up a hymnal when they enter the Church, and return it to the cart following mass. In order to make this possible, I would like to order some carts for the storage of our hymnals. Each cart costs about \$267. We will need about **12 to 15** carts. Anyone interested in contributing towards the cost of the carts please put your donation in an envelope marked "Hymnal Cart." Checks should be made payable to St. Joseph Church.



Thank you very much, Fr. Al

Sacristan Information

To All Sacristans at St. Joseph Church:

We are in the process of updating the list of Sacristans, training new ones, and creating a written schedule. In order to make this possible please complete the information below so we can have a current record of all sacristans and your available times.

Thanks, Fr. Al

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Days and Times Available: _____

7 Lecturas Para el Próximo Domingo

Tercer Domingo Ordinario

Primera Lectura: Nehemías 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Todo el pueblo estaba atento a la lectura del libro de la ley, y todos lo entendían.

Segunda Lectura: 1 Corintios 12: 30

Nosotros somos el Cuerpo de Cristo.

Evangelio: Lucas 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

"Hoy mismo se ha cumplido el pasaje de la Escritura".

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 a las 7:00 PM. se reúne 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.



La Historia de Intenciones de las Misas

Una misa puede ser ofrecida por muchas razones, como en acción de gracias por otra persona, o como es más común, por el descanso del alma de alguien que ha muerto.

Cuando un sacerdote ofrece la Santa Misa, tiene tres intenciones: En primer lugar, para ofrecer la misa con reverencia y válidamente de acuerdo con las normas de la Iglesia. Segundo, para ofrecer la misa en unión con toda la Iglesia y para el bien de toda la Iglesia. En tercer lugar, para ofrecer la misa por una intención particular, como por ejemplo el eterno descanso del alma de alguien que ha muerto.

Historia

El Papa León XIII bellamente elaborando este punto e hizo hincapié en la conexión entre la comunión de los santos con la Misa.

La comunión de los santos es el intercambio mutuo de ayuda, la expiación, oraciones y beneficios entre los fieles. La tradición de ofrecer misas por los demás, particularmente a los muertos, se origina en la misma Iglesia primitiva. Inscripciones descubiertas en tumbas en Catacumbas romanas del segundo siglo evidencian esta práctica.

San Cirilo de Jerusalén (m. 386), explicó que en la Misa los vivos y los muertos son recordados, y cómo el Sacrificio Eucarístico de nuestro Señor es de beneficio para los pecadores, vivos y muertos.

San Ambrosio (m. 397) predicó: "Les hemos amado durante la vida; no los abandonemos en la muerte, hasta que los han llevado a cabo por nuestras oraciones en el templo del Señor."

San Agustín (m. 430) registró los últimos deseos de su madre, Santa Mónica en sus Confesiones: "Sólo una cosa te pido, que te acuerdes de mí ante el altar del Señor donde quiera que se encuentren".

Por último, el Papa San Gregorio (m. 604) dijo: "No dudemos de ayudar a los que han muerto y ofrecer nuestras plegarias por ellos."

Reunión de Ministerios-Acomodadores (Ujieres)

El próximo domingo 24 de enero, habrá reunión de los Acomodadores, en la iglesia después de la Misa de las 12. La hermana Susana espera verlos a todos.

Reflexiones Sobre el Año de la Misericordia (Español)

La Hermana Susana, reanudará el grupo de reflexión sobre el Año de la Misericordia, el próximo lunes 4 de enero a las 7:00 PM en lo alto de la capilla, Todos son bienvenidos!! Los espera!



2015 Campaña Anual del Obispo Gracia, Misericordia y Paz

¿Sabías que hay varias maneras de dar a la Campaña Anual del Obispo? Puedes:

- Hacer un compromiso y extender sus pagos.
 - Hacer un regalo único.
 - Dar con tarjeta de crédito por Internet en nuestro sitio web seguro <http://diometuchen.org>, o completar la información de su tarjeta de compromiso.
 - Haga que su donación igualada por su empresa un regalo a juego con Corporativa.
 - Dar un regalo de acciones o valores apreciados.
- No importa la forma que elija, le damos las gracias. Cada regalo es importante y apreciado.**

Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial

¿Necesita el regalo perfecto para su pareja para el Día de Los Enamorados?

Dele el regalo de su tiempo y amor al asistir juntos a un fin de semana del Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial.

El corto fin de semana juntos puede cosechar muchos beneficios para usted, su pareja y toda su familia. El próximo Fin de Semana será el 30 y 31 de Enero.

Para más información o para inscribirse llame Eugenio y Theresa Porras al teléfono (732) 910-3057 o (201) 707-8583.



Ministerio de Música

Si Dios te ha dado un talento, y puedes cantar o tocar un instrumento musical, ¿no has considerado unirse al Ministerio de Música? Nos encantaría tener nuevos integrantes. Los ensayos son los jueves.

4:30 PM Coro en Español

5:30 PM Coro de Niños

6:30 PM Coro de Campanas

7:30 PM Coro de Adultos Ingles (instrumentistas)

Por favor, póngase en contacto con Maritza Álvarez Maritza.Alvarez@sjcbb.net.

Carros para los Libros de Canto

Como ya saben, vamos a necesitar unos carros para guardar los libros de Canto después de las Misas. Muchas veces los libros los ponen en el piso o sacan algunas hojas. Para aliviar este problema y mantener los libros, vamos a necesitar ordenar como **12 o 15** carros. Cada carro cuesta **\$267**. Cualquier persona que esté interesada en colaborar con el costo de estos carros, ponga su cheque o dinero en efectivo dirigido a los carros de los libros de canto. Muchas gracias, Padre Alfonso



Marcha por La Vida 2016

La Marcha por la Vida en Washington, DC es el viernes, 22 de enero. La marcha es un evento anual desde 1974 para mostrar apoyo a la vida, en el aniversario de la decisión infame sobre el aborto de la Suprema Corte.

Este evento, patrocinado por la parroquia Immaculate Concepción de Somerville, se ha convertido en un tremendo éxito en cuanto a testificar la verdad y recibir apoyo en nuestras creencias. Una vez más, ofrecemos a nuestros feligreses la oportunidad de participar en este importante evento de afirmación de la vida. Partiremos desde la iglesia de la Inmaculada Concepción a las 7:00 AM. Nuestro regreso será aproximadamente a las 10:00 PM. Pedimos \$30.00 por adulto, \$10.00 por niño, con un costo máximo de \$50.00 por familia; esto es con el fin de pagar el costo del autobús.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta sobre el evento comuníquese con Kevin Dugan en (908) 788 - 7736. Todos son bienvenidos a asistir!



¿Esta Registrado en Nuestra Parroquia?

Le damos la bienvenida a todos los nuevos que comparten con nosotros el mismo culto, y los invitamos a ser parte de nuestra familia Parroquial, participando en las distintas actividades de nuestra Iglesia. A los nuevos miembros les pedimos que se registren contactando con la oficina Parroquial. Deben estar registrados para asistir al programa de catecismo, para recibir un sacramento como bautismo, primera comunión, confirmación o matrimonio, o necesitan carta de elegibilidad para ser padrino de bautismo, confirmación o testigo de matrimonio requerida a los practicantes católicos. Nuestra oficina está abierta de lunes a jueves de 9:00 a 4:00 PM viernes de 9:00 a 1:00 PM (12:00 a 1:30 cerrado por almuerzo), o martes y jueves de 6:30 a 8:30 PM, localizada en la esquina de Mountain Avenue y East Second Street.