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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.holysavioracademy.co...
Mrs. Melinda Hanlon, Principal



Fifth Sunday of Lent Third Scrutiny

Sunday, March 13, 2016



Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

Masses/Penance for the Week

Monday, March 14, 2016

8:30 AM* Julio Medina, request of the Villamil family

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

8:30 AM* Felix Joseph Gleason, request of Ray Gleason

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

8:30 AM* People of the Parish

6:15 PM* Penance

7:00 PM* Amy Ballinger, request of the Gleason family

Thursday, March 17, 2016

8:30 AM* Bernadett DeFazio, request of her son

Friday, March 18, 2016

8:30 AM* William DeSantis, request of Ed and Terry Schurdak

Saturday, March 19, 2016

8:30 AM* Marie Matuszkiewicz, request of Religious Education Program of St. Joseph

9:00 AM* Penance

5:00 PM Robert Patullo, request of Gale Patullo

7:00 PM Emilia Donayre, request of Wagner family

Sunday, March 20, 2016

8:00 AM Jennifer McKaig, request of DeGhetto family

10:00 AM Rachel Ryan, request of Marie and Bob Patullo

12:00 PM Fanny Porras, request of Eugenio and Teresa Porras

*Masses/penance are held in the Chapel

Sanctuary Lamp Memorial

March 14-20, 2016

In memory of

Robert Martin

Request of Mom



Next Sunday's Readings

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Reading 1: Isaiah 50:4-7

Reading 2: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Luke 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

This Week

Monday, March 14, 2016

1:00 PM Rosary Altar Society in the Community Room

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

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

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

7:00-9:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group in the Library

Wednesday, March 16, 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

Thursday, March 17, 2016

3:30-4:30 PM Confirmation Interviews in the Library

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

Friday, March 18, 2016

9:00 AM Holy Hour of Prayer for Priests in the Chapel

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

7:00 PM English Stations of the Cross in the Chapel

8:15 PM Spanish Station of the Cross in the Chapel

Saturday, March 19, 2016

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

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

Sunday, March 20, 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.

Need Help Paying your Energy Bill?



PSEG

Have you and your family been impacted by tough economic times?

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) may be able to help you pay your winter heating bills. Applications will be accepted only until April 30, 2016. For those falling behind on their electric and gas bill who are not eligible for low income programs, moderate income programs such as the TRUE Grant, PAGE Grant and/or New Jersey SHARES programs, LIHEAP may provide the help you need. For more information or to find out how to apply, call (1-800) 510-3102, visit pseg.com/help or pseg.com/ayuda (Spanish).

Sunday Offering

The week Ended March 6, 2016

Regular Collection:

\$6,555

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

Holy Hour of Prayer for Priests

Come join us in prayer for our priests and priestly vocations this Friday, March 18 from 9:30 - 10:30 AM in the Chapel. This month, Fr. Mary Kehoe will run the holy hour.



Rosary Altar Society

The next meeting of the Rosary Altar Society will be on Monday, March 14, 2016. The meeting will begin at 1:00 PM and will be held in the Community Room of the church.

We would like to extend an invitation to all the women of St. Joseph Parish to attend the meeting if you are interested in joining our organization.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays during lent in the Chapel.

7:00 PM – English 8:15 PM – Spanish



2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Grace, Mercy & Peace

It's been said that it takes a village to raise a child. The staff of the **Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry** believes it takes a parish to raise a Catholic. That's why it offers the Youth Ministry Certificate Program for the parish leaders involved in this vital ministry.

Confession/Penance

On Sunday, March 20 at 6:00 PM, we will have our parish Penance service. There will be bilingual Priests present that can speak Polish, Italian, Spanish and English. I invite all of you to attend and prepare for the Easter celebration.



HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

*Just like the leaves on each shamrock I see,
there are three parts to the Holy Trinity.
First is God the Father, then Jesus his
Son, and the Holy Spirit together as One.*



Annual Michael Pilato Art Contest

Pope Francis has declared this to be the Year of Mercy. To celebrate the Year of Mercy here at St. Joseph, the theme for our annual Art Contest will be "Artistic Works of Mercy."

We are inviting entries for our annual Art Contest in memory of **Michael Pilato**. The contest is open to all Saint Joseph parishioners.

Art may be of any type, including but not limited to paintings (oil, pastels, charcoal drawings, mosaics, etc.), crafts, sculptures, woven items, appliques, etc.



All projects must be submitted **no later than 4:00 PM on Friday, April 15**. They may be brought to the Religious Education office during class time or to the Parish Office on weekdays between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM. **Please do not sign the front of the art work.** Print your name and age/adult on a card and attach it to the back of the piece. However, you may display a title if you feel it would help viewers understand the meaning of your work.

Projects will be judged anonymously by noted community artists, and winners will be announced at a reception scheduled for **Friday, April 22 at 7:00 PM** in the Upper Room of the St. Joseph Parish Center. Prizes will be awarded for First and Second place winners respectively, in each of five categories. Honorable Mention commendations will also be awarded. Please plan to attend.

We hope as many of our parishioners as possible will participate in this event, and we look forward to this occasion to showcase their God-given talents. Anyone interested in helping with set-up of the artwork or judging, contact the Religious Education office at (732) 356-0645 should you need assistance or advice regarding your project.

Brunch Honoring Isidoro Garcia

The Republican Party is honoring Isidoro Garcia at the First Annual Republican Party Brunch. Isidoro is a Cuban immigrant who came to Bound Brook in 1965. He is a former councilman, Board of Health Chairman, Republican committeeman and stalwart for almost 50 years. For many years he was the GOP liaison to Bound Brook's growing Hispanic community. If there were a "Mr. Bound Brook Republican," he would be it.

Date: Sunday, March 20, 2016

Place: Madeline's on Vosseller

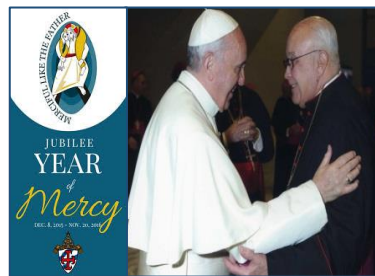
Address: 518 Vosseller Avenue, Bound Brook

Time: 11:00 AM

Cost: \$45 per person

Please make checks payable to "Believe in Bound Brook Campaign." Send names of all attendees with their phone number and email address to: Annual Republican Party Branch, 553 Wahnetah Drive, Bound Brook, NJ. RSVP by March 11, 2016 as space is limited.

Reflection by Bishop Paul Bootkoski



During Holy Week, on Wednesday, March 23 at 7:30 PM in the Main Church, our Bishop, Most Reverend Paul G. Bootkoski will be visiting our

parish. I invite everyone to please attend the conference on the Year of Mercy which will be given by the Bishop. Pope Francis has instituted this year as the Year of Mercy, and we are very blessed to have the Bishop come to St. Joseph Church and give us a reflection. This event will be hosted by the Parish Council and Fr. Al. Spread the word and bring your friends and relatives to this wonderful event!

St. Joseph Table

Following all masses on the weekend of March 19/20, we will once again have a St. Joseph Table in honor of our Patron Saint. Coffee and cake will be served. If you would like to donate cookies or cake, please drop them off at the table before mass.



Passover Seder

It's Not Just for Hebrews Anymore

Our Parish Seder will take place this year on Tuesday, March 22 at 6:30 PM at Our Lady of Mercy Church basement, located at 122 High Street, So. Bound Brook. Just before Jesus was arrested, he celebrated the Passover meal with his disciples. At the Seder, we will retell the Exodus story with audience participation for the various readings. Available will be all of the traditional foods present at the Passover meal, and then we will stop for a potluck supper of foods provided by the attendees.

We are hoping for a large turnout and suggest that you bring the whole family. Bring along enough food to feed your own family, and this will be placed on the serving tables for all to enjoy. We suggest that families whose names begin with "A through I" also bring some sort of salad, and those from "M through Z" bring a desert. Paper goods and beverages will be provided. This is a pleasant way to learn something about our Catholic heritage and perhaps begin a new friendship with someone you haven't yet met, as well as sample some of the culinary artistry of our fellow parishioners. If you plan to attend, we ask that you call the parish office at (732) 356-0027 or Marie Boswell at (732) 885-1789 so that we can prepare sufficiently.

Lecturas Para el Próximo Domingo

Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor

Primera Lectura: Isaías 50: 4-7

Ofrecí la espalda a los que me golpeaban, la mejilla a los que me tiraban la barba.

Segunda Lectura: Filipenses 2: 6-11

Cristo, siendo Dios, se anonadó a sí mismo, tomando la condición de siervo, y se hizo semejante al hombre.

Evangelio: Lucas 22: 14-23: 53

Jesús les da a los discípulos el sello de la Nueva Alianza.

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 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 esta 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.



Reflexiones sobre el Año de la Misericordia (Español)

La Hermana Susana, tiene el grupo de reflexión del Año de la Misericordia. Todos los lunes 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

Se ha dicho que para criar a un niño se necesita un pueblo. El personal de la Oficina del Ministerio de Jóvenes y Jóvenes Adultos cree que se necesita una parroquia para criar a un católico. Es por eso que el programa del Ministerio para jóvenes ofrece un Programa de Certificación para los líderes de la parroquia que están envueltos en este ministerio vital. **Su donación a la Campaña Anual del Obispo ayuda a integrar a los jóvenes en la vida de la parroquia y les da poder para vivir como discípulos de Jesucristo. Por favor, sea generoso.**

Vía Crucis

Todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma en Capilla de la Natividad, se está llevando a cabo el Vía Crucis. Esperamos la participación de muchos de ustedes. Acompañemos a Jesús en el camino al Calvario, preparémonos para una Pascua de Resurrección con paz Espiritual. El horario es el siguiente:

7:00 PM Inglés

8:00 PM Español



Reflexiones Cuaresmales

Si va a nuestra pagina de web, usted encontrara reflexiones del recién nombrado Obispo Baron para cada día de la Cuaresma. Simplemente haga clic en el mensaje de Cuaresma y regístrese para obtener su reflexión diaria.

Fiesta de St. Joseph

Después de todas las misas el próximo fin de semana 19 y 20 de Marzo, nuestra comunidad parroquial estará celebrando la Fiesta Patronal de St. Joseph. Se servirán café y pastel. Si usted desea donar galletas o cake, por favor dejarlos en la mesa antes de la misa.



Confesión / Penitencia



Este año, el servicio de reconciliación será el próximo **domingo 20 de Marzo a las 6:00 PM**. Habrá sacerdotes bilingües presentes que hablan polaco, italiano, español y Inglés. Animamos a oreoarse, e invito a todos para asistir, no pierda la oportunidad de estar preparado para recibir a Cristo en esta Pascua.

No habrá confesión durante la Semana Santa.

Reflexión del Obispo Paul Bootkoski

Durante la Semana Santa, el miércoles 23 de marzo a las 7:30 PM en la Iglesia, el Obispo Paul Bootkoski llevará a cabo una conferencia sobre el Año de la Misericordia instituido por el Papa Francisco.

Invito a todos a asistir. Pase la voz y traiga a su familia y amigos a este maravilloso evento en la Parroquia de San José.

Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial



¿Necesita un regalo perfecto para su pareja?

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 pueden cosechar muchos beneficios para usted, su pareja y toda su familia. El próximo

Fin de Semana será el 30 de abril y 1º de mayo. Para más información o para inscribirse llame Eugenio y Theresa Porras al teléfono (732) 910-3057 o (201)707-8583.

Taller de Oracion y Vida

Es Jesús quien te invita a escucharlo a través de su Palabra, para ayudarte a recuperar la paz y la alegría de vivir. Estos talleres son todos los sábados, de 4:00 – 6:00 PM en la parte superior de la oficina parroquial te esperamos.

Cena Pascual

¡Pasover no es solo para los Hebreos!

Nuestra Parroquia tendrá la Cena Pascual (Pasover) este año el martes, 22 de marzo a las 6:30 PM en el sótano de la iglesia Nuestra Señora de la Merced, situado en 122 High Street, South Bound Brook. Justo antes de que Jesús fue arrestado, se celebró la cena de Pascua con sus discípulos. En el Seder, vamos a volver a contar la historia del Éxodo con la participación de la audiencia con las diversas lecturas. Estamos esperando una amplia participación, sugerimos que cada familia traiga alimentos suficientes como para su propia familia, y esto va a ser colocado en la mesa para que todos disfruten. Sugerimos que las familias cuyos nombres comienzan con "A a L" también traen algún tipo de ensalada, y los de "M a la Z" traigan un postre. Esta es una manera agradable de aprender algo sobre nuestra herencia católica y tal vez comenzar una nueva amistad con alguien que aún no conocemos, y también disfrutar algunas de las artes culinarias de nuestros feligreses. Si va a asistir, le pedimos que llame a la oficina parroquia al (732) 356-0027 o Marie Boswell al (732) 885-1789 para que podamos preparar suficiente....

Concurso anual del arte Michael Pilato

El Papa Francisco ha declarado este como el Año de la Misericordia. Para celebrar el Año de la Misericordia aquí en San José, el tema para nuestro concurso anual de arte será "obras artísticas de la Misericordia."

Estamos invitando a participar de nuestro concurso de arte anual en memoria de **Michael Pilato**.



El concurso está abierto a todos los feligreses de San José. El arte puede ser de cualquier tipo, incluyendo pero no limitado a pinturas (óleo, pasteles, carboncillos, mosaicos, etc.), la artesanía, esculturas, artículos tejidos, apliques, etc.

Todos los proyectos deberán presentarse **antes de las 4:00 PM el viernes, 15 de abril**. Pueden ser llevados durante la clase de Educación Religiosa o a la Oficina Parroquial de lunes a viernes entre las 9:00 AM y las 4:00 PM.

Por favor, no firme la parte delantera de la obra de arte. Imprimir su nombre y edad / adulto en una tarjeta y adjuntarlo a la parte posterior de la pieza. Sin embargo, es posible poner un título si siente que sería de ayuda a los espectadores a entender el significado de su trabajo. Comunicarse con la oficina de Educación Religiosa al (732) 356-0645, si necesita ayuda o consejo con respecto a su proyecto.