

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

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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



Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 10, 2016



Today's Gospel: Jesus and the miraculous catch of fish.

Masses/Penance for the Week

Monday, April 11, 2016

8:30 AM* Maria Nguyen Thi Nhu, request of her daughter, Lauran

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

8:30 AM* Mother Mary Angelica, request of Ed and Terry Schurdak

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

8:30 AM* Mary D. Quinn, request of Ray Gleason
6:15 PM* Penance
7:00 PM* Deceased siblings, request of Elaine and Louis Pilato

Thursday, April 14, 2016

8:30 AM* James Brady, request of Katherine and George Anderson

Friday, April 15, 2016

8:30 AM* Joseph Le Van Thuy, request of his daughter, Lauran

Saturday, April 16, 2016

8:30 AM* Isaac Rodriguez, request of Maritza and family
9:00 AM* Penance
5:00 PM Francisco Casaberta, request of Mr. and Mrs. Isidoro Garcia
7:00 PM Jnocensia Mendez, request of Mirna Mendez

Sunday, April 17, 2016

8:00 AM Marianne Casper, request of the Neubauer family
10:00 AM Jennie Cuzzo, request of her son, Fred
12:00 PM Eugenio Vargas, request of Maricel and Maria Vargas
Thelma Garcia, request of Armando Garcia

*Masses/penance are held in the Chapel

Next Sunday's Readings

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Reading 1: Acts 13:14, 43-52

Reading 2: Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

Gospel: John 10:27-30

This Week

Monday, April 11, 2016

1:00 PM Rosary Altar Society Meeting in the Community Room
7:00-8:15 PM Religious Education - grades 4 - 8 Community School

Tuesday, April 12, 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
7:00 PM English Baptism Class in the Upper Room

Wednesday, April 13, 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, April 14, 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, April 15, 2016

9:00 AM Holy Hour of Prayer for Priests in the Chapel
7:00-8:30 PM Spanish Divine Mercy Reflection in the Upper Room

Saturday, April 16, 2016

5:30-6:45 PM Spanish RICA in the Library
6:00-9:30 PM Spanish Prayer Group in the Chapel

Sunday, April 17, 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.

Question of the Week

"Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'" JOHN 21:17

All of us are challenged to show our love for Jesus by "feeding His sheep." Through prayer ask God how you should best use your time, talent and treasure to assist those who are in need. Remember that giving is an act of worship and helps advance the mission of our parish and greater Church.

Sunday Offering

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| March 27 Regular Collection: | \$ 6,245 |
| April 3 Regular Collection: | \$ 5,791 |
| Holy Thursday: | \$ 928 |
| Good Friday: | \$ 1,391 |
| Easter Sunday: | \$ 8,561 |

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

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).

Volunteer Mentors

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen Connections Program is seeking volunteer mentors. Both male and female mentors are needed to participate in one-to-one activities and be a role model to a youth. Do you: (1) have a minimum of three hours per week to offer a child? (2) Like having fun? (3) Reside in or near Middlesex County and Franklin Township? (4) Want to make a difference in a child's life? (5) Enjoy being a positive role model?

Then call Jeanette Cullen at (732) 738-1323 or email jcullen@ccdom.org for more information.

Union Catholic High School

Open House - Wed., April 20, 2016 at 7:00 PM

1600 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ

5th, 6th and 7th grade students and families, come and get a look at all that UC has to offer!

For more information, contact Betsy Thornton at (908) 889-1600 x302 or bthornton@unioncatholic.org



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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.

Slavic Dinner

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church will sponsor the Slavic Dinner on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The dinner will be held in the St. Mary Parish Center, 1900 Brooks Boulevard, Hillsborough, NJ. The cost is \$14 for adults (ages 9 and up) and \$5 for Children (8 and under) and includes all you can eat Pirohi, Stuffed Cabbage, Kielbasa and Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, salad, dessert and beverage.

Each month a special entrée will be specially selected and prepared by St. Mary's chef John Pagano. Dinners are held on the second Wednesday of every month throughout the year. Orders to go are available. For more information contact: St. Mary's at (908) 725-0615. The May dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 11.

Holy Hour of Prayer for Priests

Come join us in prayer for our priests and priestly vocations this Friday, April 15, 2015 from 9:30 - 10:30 AM in the Upper Room.

Fr. Sean G. Winters, Director of Prison Ministry, will be leading the Holy Hour this month.



Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held on the third Sunday of the month, April 17 at the 10:00 AM Mass. These liturgies will be led by two well-trained



parishioners. Any child is welcome to participate and will be called for proper dismissal to go to the Community Room. Parents are welcome to accompany their child, and will return to the main Church after the homily to join in the creed.

2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Grace, Mercy & Peace

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen assists individuals and families who are hungry, need shelter, or lack the financial resources to meet their basic needs. Over 20 programs are available to provide short term assistance that will lead to self-sufficiency and an improved quality of life.

Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to provide a "hand-up" to those most in need. Please consider making a gift today.

Rosary Altar Society

The next meeting of the Rosary Altar Society will be on Monday April 11, 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.

Save the Date: Vacation Bible School

We are planning another exciting Vacation Bible School experience for this summer! Mark your calendar for July 18-22. We are looking for adult help to make this the best week ever. Contact Kathy Champignon at the Parish Office (732) 356-0645.

Janus Bereavement Group

The January Bereavement Support Group scheduled for Tuesday, April 12 at 7:30 PM will feature local author of pet therapy books, Loren Spiotta-DiMare on "The Healing Benefits of Pet Therapy" Anyone who has experienced a loss through death, divorce, loss of job, health, relocation or retirement is encouraged to attend. To register call Dr. Barbara Ronca at (908) 218-9062 weekdays between 9 AM and 3 PM. The meeting takes place the second Tuesday monthly, at 1124 Highway 202S, Suite A2, Raritan.

Lectura Para el Próximo Domingo

Cuarto Domingo de Pascua

Primera Lectura: Hechos 13: 14, 43-52

"Yo te he puesto como luz de los paganos, para que les lleves la salvación, hasta los últimos rincones de la tierra".

Segunda Lectura: Apocalipsis 7: 9, 14-17

Han lavado y blanqueado su túnica con la sangre del Cordero.

Evangelio: Juan 10: 27-30

"Mis ovejas escuchan mi voz; yo las conozco y ellas me siguen".

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 está 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 toda intención 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

Caridades Católicas de la Diócesis de Metuchen ayuda a las personas y familias que tienen hambre, necesitan refugio, o carecen de los recursos financieros para satisfacer sus necesidades básicas. Más de 20 programas están disponibles para proporcionar asistencia a corto plazo que conduzca a la autosuficiencia y una mejor calidad de vida.

Su donación a la Campaña Anual del Obispo ayuda a proporcionar una "mano-up" para los más necesitados. Por favor considere hacer un regalo hoy.

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 Oración 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 esperan.

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 Junio o Julio, debe registrarse para la próxima clase de bautismo del 26 de Abril, 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, por favor ir personalmente los martes o jueves a la oficina Parroquial (donde está la Capilla) de 6:30 a 8:30 PM.

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. Los proyectos serán valorados de forma anónima por artistas de la comunidad, y los ganadores serán anunciados en una recepción programada para **el viernes, 22 de abril a las 7:00 PM** en el cuarto de arriba del Centro Parroquial de San José. Los premios serán otorgados para el primer y segundo lugar, respectivamente, ganadores, en cada una de las cinco categorías. También se darán mención especial. Por favor haga planes para asistir. Esperamos que muchos de nuestros feligreses como sea posible participarán en este evento, y que en esta ocasión mostrar los talentos que Dios le a dado. Ponerse en contacto con la oficina de Educación Religiosa al (732) 356-0645.



Ayuda para Matricular en Escuela Católicas 2016-2017

Proceso de Solicitud Abierto

Familias interesadas en solicitar ayuda de matrícula para acudir a una escuela elemental o superior de la Diócesis de Metuchen, pueden hacerlo comenzando el 31 de enero de 2016. El proceso de solicitud está disponible en línea vía "*FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment*". Los formularios deben completarse (incluyendo evidencia de documentos) en o antes del **viernes, 15 de abril de 2016**. La solicitud está disponible en inglés y español.

Familias que necesiten ayuda para llenar la solicitud en línea o requieran acceso a equipo para aplicar, pueden registrarse en uno de los 14 Talleres de Aplicación que se llevarán a cabo a través de la Diócesis de Metuchen en febrero, marzo y abril visitando, www.diometuchen.org/schools/tuition-assistance y escoja el enlace "Talleres".

Cena Slavic

La Iglesia Católica Bizantina Santa María, patrocinará La cena Slavic el miércoles 13 de abril, 2016 de 4:00 a 7:00 PM. La cena se llevará a cabo en St. Mary Parish Center, 1900 Brooks Boulevard, Hillsborough. El costo es de \$ 14:00 para adultos (mayores de 9 años) y \$ 5 para niños (menores de 8 años) incluye tenedor libre, Pirohi, repollo relleno, Kielbasa y sauerkraut, puré de papa, ensalada, postre y bebida. Cada mes una especialidad será seleccionada y preparada por el chef de Santa María John Pagano. La cena se lleva a cabo el segundo miércoles de cada mes durante todo el año. Orden para llevar están disponibles. Más información contactar: Santa María (908) 725-0615. La cena del mes de mayo se llevará a cabo el miércoles 11.

Escuela Bíblica en Vacaciones

Tome nota:

Estamos planeando otras vacaciones Bíblicas emocionantes para este verano!

Marque su calendario para julio 18-22. Estamos en busca de adultos que puedan ayudarnos para hacer la mejor semana de nuestras vidas.

Contactar a Kathy Champiñón en la Oficina Parroquial (732) 356-0645.

