

Parish Ministries

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Parish Services

Parish Office: Open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM (closed 12:00-1:30 PM for lunch).

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30 PM.

Fridays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM (closed on Fridays in the summer from Memorial Day through Labor Day).

Parish Office/Chapel of the Nativity:
124 East Second Street

Church: 111 East High Street (corner of 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 8:30 AM Mass in the Chapel.

Eucharistic Adoration:

- First Friday of the month from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Benediction in English in the Chapel.

- Second Friday of the month from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM, Benediction in Spanish 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.com

Mrs. Carol Woodburn, Principal



Second Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2018



The Transfiguration of Jesus

Masses/Penance for the Week

Monday, February 26, 2018

8:30 AM † Jenna Elizabeth Plant, request of Ray Gleason

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

8:30 AM † Ann Champignon, request of George and Kathy Champignon

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

8:30 AM † People of the Parish

Thursday, March 1, 2018

8:30 AM † Josephina D'Antona, request of Louis and Elaine Pilato

Friday, March 2, 2018

8:30 AM † Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, March 3, 2018

8:30 AM † World Peace

4:00 PM Penance

5:00 PM Nicola Gugliotti, request of family

7:00 PM Helber Muñoz, request of Carmen Muñoz

Sunday, March 4, 2018

8:00 AM Victoria Dudis, request of Dudis family

10:00 AM William Lore, request of Phil and Frances DiBiase

12:00 PM Amparo Villafañe Rengifo, request of Salazar family

† Masses held in the Chapel.

Attention Youth!

Join us for our youth group,
Youth United in Christ!

We meet every Friday from
6:00-8:00 PM in the Upper Room.

If you have questions please call (732) 648-5775.



Next Sunday's Readings

Third Sunday of Lent

Reading 1: Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

The law was given through Moses.

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

We proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to many, but to those who are called, the wisdom of God.

Gospel: John 2:13-25

Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

This Week

Monday, February 26, 2018

7:00-8:15 PM Religious Education grades 5-8,
Sacrament Prep Year 1, and High
School Sacrament Prep in the
Community School

7:00-9:00 PM Spanish Lenten Reflection in the
Upper Room

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

4:00-5:15 PM Religious Education grades Pre-k - 4,
and Special Education in the
Community School

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

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

7:00-8:15 PM Religious Education grades 1, 2, 6, 7, 8,
and Sacrament Preparation Years 1
and 2 in the Community School

Thursday, March 1, 2018

4:30 PM Spanish Choir Practice in the Church

5:30 PM Children's Choir Practice in the Church

6:30 PM Bell Choir Practice in the Church

7:30 PM Choir Practice in the Church

7:00 PM Divine Mercy in the Chapel

Friday, March 2, 2018

9 AM-12 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
in the Chapel of the Nativity followed
by Benediction in English

6:00-8:00 PM Youth United in Christ! in the
Upper Room

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

8:00 PM Spanish Stations of the Cross
in the Chapel

Saturday, March 3, 2018

5:00-6:30 PM Spanish RCIA in the Upper Room

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

Sunday, March 4, 2018

9:15 AM Sacrament Preparation Year 1 in the
Upper Room

10:45 PM Sacrament Preparation Year 2 in the
Upper Room

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. In addition, if you wish to be baptized into the Catholic Faith, 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). 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.



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.

2018 Collection Envelopes

Please pick up your 2018 Collection Envelopes following mass in the Community Room of the Church.



St. Joseph Parish now offers *Parish Giving*, a new online option for donating to the Sunday collection. It's Simple. Log on to the St. Joseph Parish website www.sjcbb.net and click on the Parish Giving Logo. Follow the easy registration instructions.

Stewardship Reflection

Second Sunday of Lent

"Here I am!" he answered." - Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

Sunday Offering

The Week Ended February 18, 2018

Regular Collection	\$3,299
Catholic Spirit.....	\$1,018
Thank you! Your continued support helps St. Joseph Parish to serve our community more effectively.	

Vacation Bible School – Save the Date

We are planning another exciting Vacation Bible School experience for this summer! Mark your calendar for July 16-20. We are looking for adult help to make this the best week ever. Contact Kathy Champignon at the Parish Office (732) 356-0645.

2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Lighting a Fire in the Heart of Our World

This weekend, parishes throughout the Diocese of Metuchen are celebrating *Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend*. Our goal is for every family to participate. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Together, we are working to become kindling that is set aflame by the Holy Spirit, allowing God's love and power to burn more brightly here in the Diocese of Metuchen. Thank you for actively participating in this mission by your financial support.

Bishop's Appeal Status

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$10,835.85 and payments totaling \$7,640.85 from 51 parishioners. This represents 37.4% of our \$29,000.00 goal. Thank you for your efforts.

Music Ministry

The Music Ministry is welcoming new members. There are various groups where your talent will be useful. Rehearsals are on Thursdays.

CHOIR <i>Practice</i>	4:30 PM Spanish Choir
	5:30 PM Children's Choir
	6:30 PM Bell Choir
	7:30 PM Choir

The only requirement to join is to want to make music to beautify our liturgies here at Saint Joseph Church. For more information contact Maritza Alvarez after Masses or e-mail Maritza.Alvarez@sjcbb.net.

O Come Let Us Adore Him

Who? The Lord Jesus Christ, present in the Blessed Sacrament

When? Monday through Friday

Time? 9:00 AM - 11:45 AM followed by Daily Mass

Where? St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway

All are welcome. To sign up for a time slot or more information call (732) 529-7932 or email evangelization@diometuchen.org.



Most Precious Blood

During the month of February (and possibly longer), the Precious Blood will not be offered from the Communion Cup during Mass in an effort to reduce the spread of the influenza virus.

Influenza and the Mass



Since we are now in the flu season we remind ALL people to exercise good judgement and to stay home if you have the flu. This includes staying home on Sunday and missing mass rather than infecting others. If you are at church and feel you might be coming down with the flu or recovering from a recent bout, please refrain from shaking hands at the sign of peace and also from drinking the Precious Blood from the Communion Cup. We owe it to our fellow parishioners to be prudent and err on the side of caution, if in doubt. Thank you for your understanding and abiding by these suggestions.

Lent

Fast and Abstinence - The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All other Fridays are days of abstinence. From Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday until the celebration of the Easter Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday, the Easter fast should be observed. Fast applies to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. Limit oneself to one full meal during the day so as to experience hunger. Abstinence applies to Catholics who have reached the age of 14. Abstain from meat. Obligation of fast and abstinence, as a whole, is a serious obligation. Those unable to abstain for a valid reason on any given Friday of Lent are asked to perform some other penitential act, or to abstain on another day.

Solemn Quiet - During Lent, please maintain the tradition of solemn quiet. Lent is a time of penance and reflection on the Mass, music and readings. Please refrain from any applause.

Stations of the Cross - Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays during lent in the Chapel.
7:00 PM – English 8:00 PM – Spanish

Lenten Reflections - Visit our webpage at www.sjccb.net to find Lenten Reflections by Bishop Baron for each day of Lent. Just click on Lenten message and sign up to get your daily reflection.

Rosary Altar Society

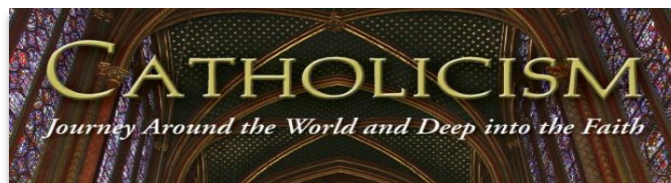
The next meeting of the Rosary Altar Society will be held on Monday, March 12, 2018. The meeting will begin at 1:00 PM and be held in the Community Room at the church. Hope to see all Rosarians at the meeting!

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on the first Friday of the month, March 2, in the Chapel of the Nativity following the 8:30 AM mass, with Prayer and Benediction (in English) at 12:00 PM. Come and rest in the presence of Jesus.

"The ultimate goal of fasting is to help each one of us to make a complete gift of self to God."

- Pope Benedict XVI



This coming Lent, Fr. Alfonso Condorson will offer a Lenten Bible Study on Wednesday evenings entitled: ***Catholicism, The Journey of a Lifetime***. It consists of video presentations by Bishop Robert Barron and discussion time. Come and learn more about your faith.

Dates: February 28, March 7, 14, 21,
April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 2018

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Place: Upper Room, Parish Center

Cost: No Cost - Free Offering

Episode Guide:

1. **Amazed and Afraid:** The Revelation of God Become Man
2. **Happy Are We:** The Teachings of Jesus
3. **The Ineffable Mystery of God:** That Than Which Nothing Greater can be Thought
4. **Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast:** Mary, the Mother of God
5. **The Indispensable Men:** Peter, Paul, and the Missionary Adventure
6. **A Body Both Suffering and Glorious:** The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church
7. **Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven:** The Mystery of the Liturgy and the Eucharist
8. **A Vast Company of Witnesses:** The Communion of Saints
9. **The Fire of His Love:** Prayer and the Life of the Spirit
10. **World Without End:** The Last Things

Registration: *Catholicism, the Journey of a Lifetime*

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Please drop registration form in the collection basket or deliver to the parish office.



St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bound Brook, NJ

Lecturas Para el Próximo Domingo

Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma

Primera Lectura: Éxodo 17: 3-7

Danos agua, para que el pueblo beba.

Segunda Lectura: Romanos 5: 1-2, 5-8

Dios ha infundido su amor en nuestros corazones por medio de Espíritu Santo, que él mismo nos ha dado.

Evangelio: Juan 4: 5-42

El agua que yo le daré se convertirá dentro de él en un manantial capaz de dar la vida eterna.

Avisos a la Comunidad

Confesiones

Las confesiones se realizan en inglés y español:

- **Sábados** de 4:00 a 4:45 PM en la Iglesia.

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 José Molina al 732-824-9570.

Círculo de Oración:

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

¡Atención Jóvenes!

Jesús te está llamando, **¡jóvenes**

Unidos en Cristo! Ven a unirse al grupo para compartir juntos el amor que Jesús tiene para nosotros a través de la reflexión de la lectura Bíblica, oración y recreación, formando una comunidad de fe y amor. Únete a nosotros los viernes de 6:00- 8:00 PM en lo alto del centro parroquial. **¡No te olvides de traer a un amigo!**



Parish Giving

—SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING— La parroquia St. Joseph ahora ofrece Parish Giving, una nueva manera de transferencia electrónica para donar la contribución del domingo. Visite el sitio web de la Parroquia St. Joseph www.sjcb.net, y haga clic en el logo de Parish Giving y luego siga las sencillas instrucciones de registro.

Tome Nota

La Hermana Susana Islas atiende en 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.

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@sjcb.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, miércoles y jueves de 6:30 a 8:30 PM y vía telefónica llamando al (732) 356-0027 ext. 6.

Ana Valencia la asistente del programa de Educación Religiosa (CCD) está todos los miércoles de 6:30 a 8:30 PM en la oficina Parroquial, para las personas que necesiten consultar sobre sus niños que están en la catequesis.

Reflexión en tiempo de Cuaresma

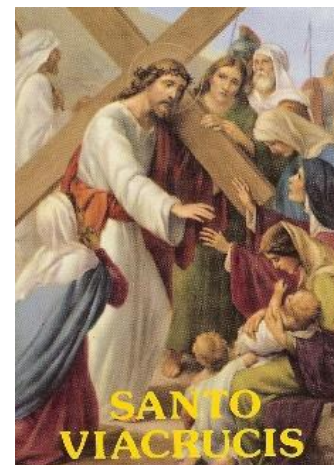
Comenzando mañana lunes 26 de febrero tendremos una reflexión cuaresmal bíblica. Las reflexiones serán los lunes de 7 –9. PM en el Upper Room de la Capilla. Todos son bienvenidos a estas reflexiones de 4 semanas. El Señor Jesús te invita a conocerle mejor. **¡Te esperamos!**

Vía Crucis

Todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma en la Capilla de la Natividad, se estará ofreciendo las Estaciones de la Cruz. Esperamos que muchos puedan participar el horario es el siguiente:

7:00 PM Inglés

8:00 PM Español



Pregunta de la Semana

En el Evangelio Dios dice: “Este es mi hijo amado; escúchenlo” (Marcos 9:7). **¿Qué me dice Jesús a mí? ¿Qué me pide Jesús hacer?**

Reflexiones

2º domingo de Cuaresma

"¡Aquí estoy!, Respondió." - GÉNESIS 22:11

Es fácil decir: "Aquí estoy, Señor", cuando estamos arrodillados en la iglesia. Pero ¿qué tan fácil es decir "Aquí estoy, Señor", ¿Cuándo un vecino necesita nuestra ayuda, cuando nos invitan a unirnos a un ministerio parroquial, o cuando se nos pide que brindemos apoyo financiero? Muchas veces nos llaman cuando no nos conviene. El discipulado no siempre es fácil, la mayoría de las veces nos hará sentir incómodos y vulnerables.

Apelación Anual del Obispo 2018

Encender un fuego en el Corazón de Nuestro Mundo

Este fin de semana, las parroquias en toda la Diócesis de Metuchen están celebrando el *Fin de Semana de Apelación Anual en la Banca*. Nuestro objetivo es que cada familia participe. Cada regalo, sin importar el tamaño, es importante y muy apreciado. Juntos, estamos trabajando para encender el fuego que está en llamas por el Espíritu Santo, permitiendo que el amor y el poder de Dios ardan con más fuerza aquí en la Diócesis de Metuchen. Gracias por participar activamente en esta misión con su apoyo financiero.

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 abril o mayo, debe registrarse para la próxima clase de bautismo del 6 de marzo 2018, 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, miércoles o jueves a la oficina Parroquial (donde está la Capilla) de 6:30 a 8:30 PM.

Sobres de Contribución a la Iglesia



Los sobres de contribución y asistencia a la Iglesia 2018, están listos para recogerlos en la Iglesia. Si usted está registrado en la

Parroquia (ya tiene un número de sobre) debe tomar los suyos, **tome en cuenta que no los mandamos por correo**. Las cajas fueron clasificadas en orden alfabético, por favor venga a levantar los suyos. Gracias por su colaboración.

Influenza y la Misa

La mayoría de los expertos cree que los virus de la gripe se propagan principalmente cuando las personas infectadas tosen, estornudan o hablan y las gotas llegan a la nariz o la boca de otras personas. Con menos frecuencia, una persona también puede contraer la gripe al tocar una superficie u objeto que tiene virus de la gripe y luego se toca la boca o la nariz. Como ahora estamos en la temporada de gripe, les recordamos a **TODAS** las personas que ejerzan su buen juicio y que se queden en casa si tienen gripe. Esto incluye quedarse en casa el domingo y perder misa en lugar de infectar a otros. Si estás en la iglesia y sientes que puedes contraer la gripe o te recuperarte de una gripe reciente, por favor absténgase de saludar con la mano en señal de paz y también de beber la Preciosa Sangre de la Copa de la Comunión. Le debemos a nuestros hermanos feligreses ser prudentes y errar por el lado de la precaución, en caso de duda. Gracias por su comprensión y atenerse a estas sugerencias.



Cómo y cuándo empieza a vivirse la Cuaresma? ¿Por qué la penitencia y el ayuno?

La celebración de la Pascua del Señor constituye, sin duda, la fiesta primordial del año litúrgico. De aquí que, cuando en el siglo II, la Iglesia comenzó a celebrar anualmente el misterio pascual de Cristo, advirtió la necesidad de una preparación adecuada, por medio de **la oración** y del ayuno, según el modo prescrito por el Señor. Surgió así la piadosa costumbre del ayuno Infrapascual del viernes y sábado santos, como preparación al Domingo de Resurrección.

Los primeros pasos

Paso a paso, mediante un proceso de sedimentación, este período de preparación pascual fue consolidándose hasta llegar a constituir la realidad litúrgica que hoy conocemos como Tiempo de Cuaresma. Influyeron también, sin duda, las exigencias del catecumenado y la disciplina penitencial para la reconciliación de los penitentes. La primitiva celebración de la Pascua del Señor conoció la praxis de un ayuno preparatorio el viernes y sábado previos a dicha conmemoración.

A esta práctica podría aludir la Traditio Apostolica, documento de comienzos del siglo III, cuando exige que los candidatos al bautismo ayunen el viernes y transcurran la noche del sábado en vela. Por otra parte, en el siglo III, la Iglesia de Alejandría, de hondas y mutuas relaciones con la sede romana, vivía una semana de ayuno previo a las fiestas pascales. (continuará)