

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



Third Sunday of Lent

March 4, 2018



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

Masses/Penance for the Week

Monday, March 5, 2018

8:30 AM † Gilda Tarantino, request of Mark Imbriani and family

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

8:30 AM † People of the Parish

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

8:30 AM † Joan Gleason, request of Linda Peppe and George Benko

Thursday, March 8, 2018

8:30 AM † Healing Spirit for Reyna Monge, request of Digna Allcaco and Damian Bustamente

Friday, March 9, 2018

8:30 AM † Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, March 10, 2018

8:30 AM † World Peace

4:00 PM Penance

5:00 PM Patricia Donlan, request of Donlan family

7:00 PM Abraham Acevedo, request of Acevedo family

Sunday, March 11, 2018

8:00 AM Peter A. Cecchini, request of Cecchini family

10:00 AM Kevin Emmanuel, Jr., request of Loreli Joy and M. Roman

12:00 PM Terecita, José and Lorenzo Niño de Rivera, request of children and 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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Reading 1: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.

Reading 2: Ephesians 2:4-10

Though dead in your transgressions, by grace you have been saved.

Gospel: John 3:14-21

God sent his Son so that the world might be saved through him.

This Week

Monday, March 5, 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, March 6, 2018

4:00-5:00 PM First Reconciliation Rehearsal in the Main Church

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

7:00-9:00 PM Spanish Baptism Class in the Upper Room

Wednesday, March 7, 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 8, 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 9, 2018

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 10, 2018

3:00-9:00 PM Charismatic Lenten Retreat in the Chapel

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

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

Sunday, March 11, 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@sjccb.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 Narthex of the Church.



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

Stewardship Reflection

Third Sunday of Lent

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." Exodus 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health.

Sunday Offering

The Week Ended February 25, 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.

An Interfaith Gathering

Learn how we can all live our faith in an increasingly secular world.

Featured Speakers:

Rev. Edmund Luciano, St. Bernard of Clairvaux RCC, Bridgewater

Mr. Tariq Sharif,

Baitul Hadi Mosque, Old Bridge

Rabbi Jack Kramer,

Congregation Knesseth Israel, Bound Brook

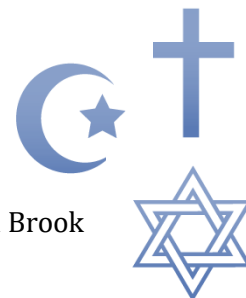
Date: Sunday, March 11, 2018

Time: 12:30 PM

Place: Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Catholic Parish Center
450 Drake Avenue | Middlesex, NJ 08846

Free Admission. Refreshments will be served.

For information, call the parish office (732) 356-2149.



Is hosting **Accepted Student Day** for high school juniors and seniors, as well as transfer students and

their families. Tour the campus, meet students, discuss scholarships and financial aid, and learn about the Honors Program and student life at the campus.

Date: Saturday, March 10

Time: 10:00 AM

Place: 470 Eastern Highway | Orangeburg, NY 10962

Visit www.dc.edu for directions and to register.

2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Lighting a Fire in the Heart of Our World

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at www.diometuchen.org/BAA

Homeless Prevention Program

Are you homeless or in danger of losing your home? If so, you may be eligible for assistance. This is a short-term one-time financial assistance program for individuals and families who are having difficulty maintaining their rental housing and have a court ordered eviction notice or have lost their housing and are currently homeless. Types of financial assistance include rental arrears and security deposits.

Homelessness Prevention Maximum Household Income

Your current annual gross household income (based on the number of people in your household) must be at or below 80% of Area Median Income in order to be eligible for assistance.

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN HOUSEHOLD	CURRENT ANNUAL GROSS HOUSEHOLD INCOME	NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN HOUSEHOLD	CURRENT ANNUAL GROSS HOUSEHOLD INCOME
1	\$54,000	5	\$83,300
2	\$61,700	6	\$89,450
3	\$69,400	7	\$95,650
4	\$77,100	8	\$101,800

To be assessed for eligibility for this program or other homelessness prevention programs, please contact Multi-Services Program of Catholic Charities Diocese of Metuchen at (732) 826-6278.

Eucharistic Adoration

Held Monday through Friday from 9:00-11:45 AM (followed by daily mass) at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway. All are welcome. To sign up for a time slot or more information email evangelization@diometuchen.org or call (732) 529-7932.

Catholic Schools


Did you know? Much of the educational research over the last 50 years has proven that Catholic Schools are an unquestioned success in every way: Spiritually, Academically and Communally. Statistics tell us that Catholic School graduates emerge as lifelong practitioners of their faith. Statistics also tell us that the academic strength of Catholic School is unassailable, because when learning is done in an environment with moral values, students' test scores and achievements outstrip their public school counterparts. The two factors that effect this are the influence of Catholic values and the fostering of faith and morals. These are the single biggest supports for the success of many young people (Catholics and non-Catholics) educated in our Catholic Schools. Catholic Schools are about supporting parents as the primary educators of their children. The Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Metuchen will assist you with the means to accomplish this for your children. Come visit us!

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!

Music Ministry

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

	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.

Influenza and the Mass

In the height of this flu season, the Precious Blood will not be offered from the Communion Cup during Mass in an effort to reduce the spread of the influenza virus. Please 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.

Lent

Fast and Abstinence - The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All other Fridays are days of abstinence. 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.

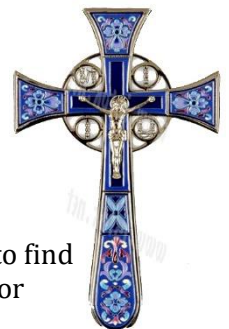
Solemn Quiet - During Lent, please maintain the tradition of solemn quiet. Lent is a time of penance and reflection on the Mass, music and readings. Please refrain from any applause.

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.sjcbb.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.

Lecturas Para el Próximo Domingo

Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

Primera Lectura: 1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-1

Samuel unge a David como el rey.

Segunda Lectura: Efesios 5: 8-14

Levántate de entre los muertos y Cristo será tu luz.

Evangelio: Juan 9: 1-41

"Solo sé que era ciego y ahora veo".

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

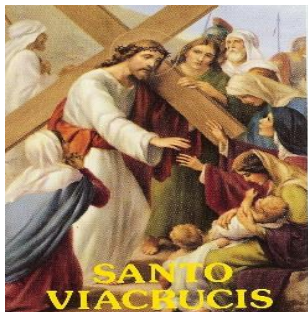
Todos los sábados a las 6:30 PM se reúne el círculo de oración en la Capilla. **¡Los esperamos!**

¡Atención Jóvenes!

Jesús te está llamando, **¡Jóvenes Unidos en Cristo!** Ven a unirte 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!



Vía Crucis



Todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma en la Capilla de la Natividad, se estará rezando el Via Crucis. Esperamos que muchos puedan participar. El horario es el siguiente:

7:00 PM Inglés

8:00 PM Español

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@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, 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.

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.

Reflexión en tiempo de Cuaresma

A partir del lunes 26 de marzo, tendremos las reflexiones Cuaresmales en el Upper Room de la Capilla de 7:00 a 9:00 PM. Todos son bienvenidos a estas reflexiones. El Señor Jesús te invita a conocerle mejor. ¡Te esperamos!

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 puede cosechar muchos beneficios para usted, su pareja y toda su familia. Los próximos fines de semana son el 24 y 25 de marzo y 28 y 29 de abril. Para más información o para inscribirse llame a Eugenio y Theresa Porrás al teléfono (732) 910-3057 o (201) 707-8583.



Intenciones de Oraciones del Santo Padre Confiadas a su Red Mundial de Oración para el año 2018

Marzo

Por la evangelización:

Formación en el discernimiento espiritual

Para que toda la Iglesia reconozca la urgencia de la formación en el discernimiento espiritual, en el plano personal y comunitario.

Reflexiones

3er domingo de Cuaresma

"No se forjarán ídolos de ninguna forma .." ÉXODO 20: 4

¿Cuántos "dioses" pones delante de Dios? Los "ídolos" no siempre toman la forma de cosas físicas, cosas que podemos tocar y sentir. Esos son fáciles de reconocer. Muchas veces toman la forma de cosas que no podemos tocar y son mucho más difíciles de detectar como el orgullo, el poder, el ego, el tiempo, la comodidad o la salud.

¿Cómo y cuándo empieza a vivirse la Cuaresma? (continuación)

En el siglo IV se consolida la estructura cuaresmal de cuarenta días.

De todos modos, como en otros ámbitos de la vida de la Iglesia, habrá que esperar hasta el siglo IV para encontrar los primeros atisbos de una estructura orgánica de este tiempo litúrgico. Sin embargo, mientras en esta época aparece ya consolidada en casi todas las Iglesias la institución de la cuaresma de cuarenta días, el período de preparación pascual se circunscribía en Roma a tres semanas de ayuno diario, excepto sábados y domingos. Este ayuno pre-pascual de tres semanas se mantuvo poco tiempo en vigor, pues a finales del siglo IV, la Urbe conocía ya la estructura cuaresmal de cuarenta días.

El período cuaresmal de seis semanas de duración nació probablemente vinculado a la práctica penitencial: los penitentes comenzaban su preparación más intensa el sexto domingo antes de Pascua y vivían un ayuno prolongado hasta el día de la reconciliación, que acaecía durante la asamblea eucarística del Jueves Santo. Como este período de penitencia duraba cuarenta días, recibió el nombre de Cuadragésima o cuaresma. Durante el primer estadio de organización cuaresmal se celebraban tan sólo las reuniones eucarísticas dominicales, si bien entre semana existían asambleas no eucarísticas: los miércoles y viernes. Pero a finales del siglo VI las reuniones del lunes, miércoles y viernes celebraban ya la eucaristía. Más tarde, se añadieron nuevas asambleas eucarísticas los martes y sábados. Por último, el proceso se cerró bajo el pontificado de Gregorio II (715-731), con la asignación de un formulario eucarístico para los jueves de cuaresma.

Apelación Anual del Obispo 2018

Encender un fuego en el Corazón de Nuestro Mundo

Gracias a todos los que han brindado tan generosamente a la Campaña Anual del Obispo de 2018. Si no ha hecho un compromiso, aún hay tiempo para participar. Envíe su obsequio por correo a la Diócesis de Metuchen, la Campaña Anual del Obispo, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 o en línea en www.diometuchen.org/BAA.

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.

Pregunta de la Semana

¿Cómo puedo pasarle a los demás el agua viva que he recibido en el Bautismo?

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 recuperaste 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. Debemos ser prudentes, precavidos y respetuosos con nuestros hermanos feligreses. Gracias por su comprensión y por atenderse a estas sugerencias.



St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bound Brook, NJ