

## 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](http://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

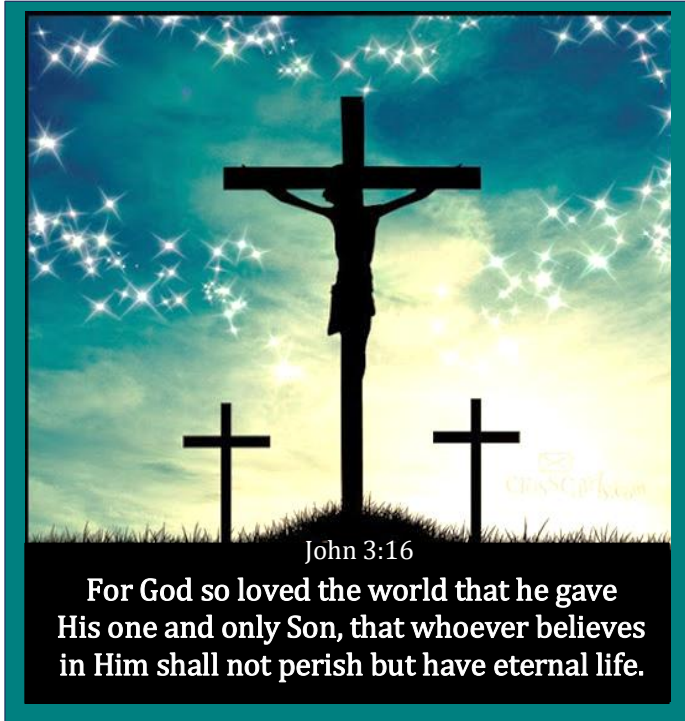
[www.holsavioracademy.com](http://www.holsavioracademy.com)

Mrs. Carol Woodburn, Principal



# Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 11, 2018



## Masses/Penance for the Week

### Monday, March 12, 2018

8:30 AM † Andy Troiano, request of John and Irene Gyori

### Tuesday, March 13, 2018

8:30 AM † Bob Folz, request of Ray Gleason

### Wednesday, March 14, 2018

8:30 AM † Gabriel H. Martinez, request of Nidia Roldan

### Thursday, March 15, 2018

8:30 AM † John S. Williams, request of his brother, Joe Williams

### Friday, March 16, 2018

8:30 AM † Juan Gimenez Lopez and Julia Garcia Olivera, request of Hilda Gimenez

### Saturday, March 17, 2018

8:30 AM † Molly Patten, request of Dudis family

4:00 PM Penance

5:00 PM Robert Klotzbach, request of Marion and Nelson Smith

7:00 PM Nayeli Plascencia, request of parents and brother

### Sunday, March 18, 2018

8:00 AM William Lore, request of Molly and Tony Colalillo

10:00 AM John Neubauer, request of Neubauer family

12:00 PM Jose Antonio Sepulveda, request of his sister, Maribel

† Masses held in the Chapel.

## Next Sunday's Readings

### Fifth Sunday of Lent

#### Reading 1: Jeremiah 31:31-34

I will make a new covenant and remember their sin no more.

#### Reading 2: Hebrews 5:7-9

Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation.

#### Gospel: John 12:20-33

If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit.

## This Week

### Monday, March 12, 2018

1:00 PM Rosary Altar Society Meeting in the Community Room

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 13, 2018

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

7:00-9:00 PM First Reconciliation in the Main Church

### Wednesday, March 14, 2018

7:00-8:30 PM Spanish Eucharistic Ministers in the Upper Room

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 15, 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 16, 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 17, 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 18, 2018

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

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

6:00 PM Parish Lenten Penance Service in the Main Church

## 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](mailto:Deacon.Gary@sjccb.net) or for sessions in Spanish, contact Sr. Susana Islas at [Sr.Susana@sjccb.net](mailto:Sr.Susana@sjccb.net).



## 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

If you have not already done so, please pick up your 2018 Collection Envelopes following mass in the Narthex of the Church.

## 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](mailto:evangelization@diometuchen.org) or call (732) 529-7932.

## Parish Giving

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](http://www.sjccb.net) and click on the Parish Giving Logo. Follow the easy registration instructions.

## Stewardship Reflection

### Fourth Sunday of Lent

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..."*  
- John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop them and return with increase.

## Sunday Offering

### The Week Ended March 4, 2018

Regular Collection .....	\$4,317
Easter Flowers .....	\$1,371

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

## Saint Pio comes to the Diocese of Metuchen

Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi  
32 Elm Avenue | Metuchen, NJ  
Tuesday, April 17, 2018  
9:00 AM – 6:30 PM

Come and venerate the official relics of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, on the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> commemoration anniversary of his passing.



The Most Reverend James F. Checchio, Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen, will lead a prayer service at 1:00PM. A Mass in honor of Saint Pio will be celebrated at 7:00 PM by Father Timothy A. Christy, Vicar for Evangelization and Communication of the Diocese of Metuchen.

For information about the public veneration, please call (732) 548-0100 or email [info@stfranciscathedral.org](mailto:info@stfranciscathedral.org).

## Opioid Epidemic

The Office of Family Life has been asked to support and develop faith-based initiatives for families who are experiencing suffering and loss because of the current Opioid Epidemic. There will be two community education programs sponsored by the Opioid Task Force at Saint Peter's University Hospital in the upcoming months.

### Community Perspectives on the Opioid Epidemic: What You Need to Know

March 21, 2018

6:00 PM – Registration and light refreshments

6:30-8:30 PM - A parent's personal story, laws and law enforcement, drug trends, red flags and other warning signs.

**Place:** Sister Marie de Pazzi Conference Center  
Saint Peter's University Hospital  
254 Easton Avenue | New Brunswick, NJ 08901

**RSVP:** by March 13 to Marcia Linico at [mlicino@saintpetersuh.com](mailto:mlicino@saintpetersuh.com) or call 888.682.8636

**The Opioid Crisis: Getting on the Road to Recovery**  
April 24, 2018 – Save the Date. More info to follow.



St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bound Brook, NJ



## St. Joseph Feast Table



On Sunday, March 18 we are going to once again have our St. Joseph feast table following the 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM masses. Please feel free to donate cakes or cookies, and if you are interested in manning the table, please let us know by calling (732) 356-0027 or email [MaryEllen.Kirchman@sjcbb.net](mailto:MaryEllen.Kirchman@sjcbb.net).

## Catholic School Tuition Assistance

### 2018/19 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. The application process is online through FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment. Online applications must be completed (including supporting documentation) by no later than Friday, March 31, 2018. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application may register for one of the five Application Workshops, which will be held in four locations within the Diocese in February and March by going to [www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance](http://www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance) and following the Workshops link.

## 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!

## 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.



## Music Ministry

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

**CHOIR Practice**  
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](mailto:Maritza.Alvarez@sjcbb.net).

## Parish Center

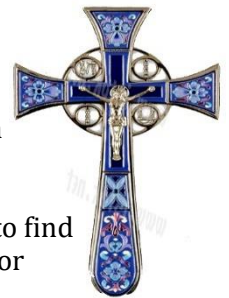
As we approach the anniversary of our beloved Joan Gleason passing into the arms of God's loving embrace and have had the chance to mourn her departure from this world, I would like to revisit the idea of establishing a Parish Center to honor our dear Joan's memory. As you can guess, this will be a complex undertaking beyond the time and talent of any one individual. There will be many layers to the project such as approval from various stakeholders including the Borough of Bound Brook, the Diocese of Metuchen and probably others. We will need a feasibility study, dedicated fundraising, expertise in construction, legal matters and environmental issues just to name a few. What we most need are people motivated to honor Joan's memory to join me and commit to making the project a reality. I welcome your participation regardless of experience. I would like to put together a project team and name a project leader in the near future. If you are interested in doing something to honor Joan that will benefit others for years to come, I ask that you contact me by April 21, 2018. Yours in Christ, Fr. Al

## Parish Lenten Penance

On Sunday, March 18 at 6:00 PM, we will have our parish Penance service. Come and prepare yourself for the Easter celebration. This year we will be graced to have Bishop Paul Bootkoski as one of our confessors.

## 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](http://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.

## 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.

## Happy Saint Patrick's Day

*May the road rise to meet you  
May the wind be always at your back,  
The sun shine warm upon your face  
The rain fall soft upon your fields  
And until we meet again  
May God hold you in the palm his hand.*



## Lecturas Para el Próximo Domingo

### Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma

**Primera Lectura: Ezequiel 37: 12-14**

Les infundiré a ustedes mi espíritu y vivirán.

**Segunda Lectura: Romanos 8: 8-11**

El Espíritu del Padre, que resucitó a Jesús de entre los muertos, habita en ustedes.

**Evangelio: Juan 11: 1-45**

Yo soy la resurrección y la vida.

## 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!



## 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.

## 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](mailto: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.

## Reflexión en tiempo de Cuaresma

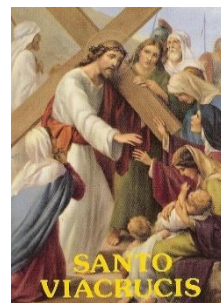
Los lunes 12 y 19 de marzo de 7:00 a 9:00 PM tenemos las reflexiones Cuaresmales en el Upper Room de la Capilla. Todos son bienvenidos a estas reflexiones. El Señor Jesús te invita a conocerle mejor. ¡Te esperamos!

## 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 Ingles**

**8:00 PM Español**



## 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 Porras al teléfono (732) 910-3057 o (201)707-8583.

## Confesión / Penitencia



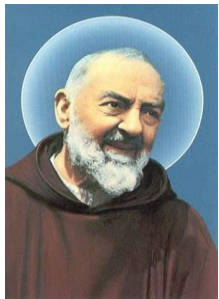
Este año, el servicio de reconciliación será **el domingo 18 de marzo a las 6:00 PM en la iglesia**. Hemos invitado a varios sacerdotes que confesaran en inglés y español. Animamos a prepararse para ese día, e

invito a todos asistir no pierda la oportunidad de estar preparado para recibir a Cristo en esta Pascua.

## Catedral de St. Francis de Assisi Diócesis de Metuchen – San Pio

32 Elm Avenue | Metuchen, NJ

Martes 17 de abril, 2018



Ven y venera las reliquias de San Pío de Pietrelcina, con motivo del 50° aniversario conmemorativo de su fallecimiento. El Reverendo James F. Checchio, Obispo de la Diócesis de Metuchen, dirigirá un servicio de oración a la 1:00 PM. El Padre Timothy A. Christy, Vicario para la evangelización y

comunicaciones de la Diócesis de Metuchen, celebrará una Misa en honor a San Pío a las 7:00 PM.

Para información sobre la veneración de dichas reliquias, llame al (732) 548-0100.

## Reflexiones

### 4º domingo de Cuaresma

*"Porque tanto amó Dios al mundo que le dio a su único Hijo ..."* - JUAN 3:16

De todos los maravillosos regalos que Dios nos ha dado, el regalo de su propio Hijo es verdaderamente el más grande. ¿Cómo podemos agradecerle a Dios por un regalo como ese? Dios no nos pide que sacrifiquemos a nuestro precioso primogénito, pero sí nos pide que seamos agradecidos y generosos con los dones que Dios nos ha dado. Que los alimentemos y seamos generosos.

## Pregunta de la Semana

¿Qué ejemplos de tinieblas tengo en mi propia vida, o sea, esas cosas que no he logrado ver? Por otra parte, ¿qué cosas positivas no he logrado ver en los demás debido a alguna causa trivial que me ha cegado?

## Reunión para Monaguillos

El 17 de marzo habrá una reunión muy importante para los Monaguillos a las 11:00 AM. Esperamos verlos a todos. Gracias.

## Ayuda para Matricula Escuela Católica 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 ya. 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 sábado, 31 de marzo de 2018. La solicitud está en inglés y español.

Familias que necesiten ayuda para llenar la solicitud en línea o requieran acceso a equipo para solicitar, pueden registrarse en uno de los dos (2) Talleres de Aplicación de la Diócesis de Metuchen visitando [www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance](http://www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance) y escoja el enlace "Talleres".

## Influenza y la Misa

En el apogeo de esta temporada de gripe, la sangre preciosa no se ofrecerá de la Copa de comunión durante la Misa en un esfuerzo por reducir la propagación del virus de la influenza. 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 recuperarte de una gripe reciente, por favor absténgase de estrechar las manos en el signo de la 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 darle seguimiento a estas sugerencias.



## Escuela Bíblica en Vacaciones



¡Guarde la fecha que estamos planeando otra experiencia emocionante de la escuela bíblica de las vacaciones para este verano! Marque su

calendario para el 16-20 de julio. Estamos buscando ayuda adulta para hacer de esta la mejor semana de la historia. Comuníquese con Kathy Champignon en la oficina parroquial (732) 356-0645.



St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bound Brook, NJ