

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
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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.

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 (Grades Pre-K through 8)
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 Mrs. Carol Woodburn, Principal



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 15, 2018



He began to send them out, two by two.

Masses/Penance for the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, July 16, 2018

8:30 AM † Andre Rasin, request of
Carol Szynkielewski

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

8:30 AM † Ray Dodge, request of
Carol Szynkielewski

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

8:30 AM † William Lore, request of
Carol Szynkielewski

Thursday, July 19, 2018

8:30 AM † Carmen Ruscetta, request of
Roger and Marie Malone

Friday, July 20, 2018

8:30 AM † People of the Parish

Saturday, July 21, 2018

8:30 AM † Catherine Richards, request of children
4:00 PM Penance
5:00 PM Adela Padilla, request of Elba Velazquez
7:00 PM Deceased members of the Guerrero-Valencia
family, request of Moran-Guerrero family

Sunday, July 22, 2018

8:00 AM Bridgie and Pat McAndrew, request of
Dudis family
10:00 AM Nicholas J. Barber, request of Bee Garg,
Curtis Gara, and Valerie McGee
12:00 PM Thanksgiving to the Lord of Hearts,
request of Acevedo family

† Masses held in the Chapel.

Next Sunday's Readings

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1: Jeremiah 23:1-6

I will gather the remnant of my flock and
appoint shepherds for them.

Reading 2: Ephesians 2:13-18

Christ is our peace who made both one.

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

They were like sheep without a
shepherd.

This Week

Vacation Bible School!

Monday, July 16, 2018

9 AM-12 PM Vacation Bible
School in the
Main Church

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

9 AM-12 PM Vacation Bible School in the
Main Church

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

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

9 AM-12 PM Vacation Bible School in the
Main Church

Thursday, July 19, 2018

9 AM-12 PM Vacation Bible School in the
Main Church

7:00-9:00 PM Divine Mercy in the Chapel

Friday, July 20, 2018

9 AM-12 PM Vacation Bible School in the
Main Church

Saturday, July 21, 2018

6:30-8:00 PM Encuentro Matrimonial in the
Community Room

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



2019 Mass Intention Book

The 2019 Mass Intention Book is now open. You can
reserve your masses in the parish office or following
masses on the first weekend of the month.

Message from Fr. Al

As our Mass book is open for 2019, I would like to
remind all that any Mass intention can be offered for
the deceased or living without revealing any
personal information. Thank you, Fr. Al

Message from Sister Susana

Father Al, thank you very much for all of the attention you have showered on me in my final days at St. Joseph parish. Both my farewell gathering at the church and the picnic at the rectory were lovely. I was very touched and full of emotion. Now that I have time to reflect on all the details, I feel it was much more than I deserve. All that you have done is very appreciated and means a lot to me, Fr. Al, thank you so much for everything. I ask for your blessings and prayers. Know that you can count on mine. Thank you for everything, Sr. Susana

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.



Stress in your Marriage?

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse?



...Retrouvaille is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions.

The next weekend is August 24-26, 2018. For further information please call the Family Life Office (732) 243-4573. To register, call Rich and Annette Colasuonno (732) 236-0671, or email 3024@retrouvaille.org.



St. Joseph Parish 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.

Silver and Gold Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 4:00 PM

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen. Renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service in the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen.

Please register online by logging on to the diocesan website <https://diometuchen.org/offices-and-ministries/family-and-pastoral-life/family-life/silver-and-gold/online-registration/>. The system will automatically generate a confirmation message with some facts about the event. More specifics will be sent closer to the event. If you are unable to access, please contact your parish secretary or the Family Life Office at (732) 243-4582 or amatos@diometuchen.org. Even though no fee is required, in the past many Jubilian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of gratitude can be made online or by calling (732) 243-4582 Monday through Friday during business hours. Registration will close on Wednesday, October 3, 2018.

Bereavement Group

This month's Bereavement Support Group meeting will feature "Grief is no Picnic." The meeting will begin with discussion and a light picnic type supper. All past and new participants are welcome. There is no fee to attend, but registration is requested. Anyone who has experienced a loss through death, divorce/separation, loss of job, health, relocation or retirement is encouraged to attend. Grandparents who have lost access to their grandchildren are invited to attend.

Meetings take place the second Tuesday of the month. There is no August meeting.

Date: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 **Time:** 7:00 PM

Location: 1125 Hwy. 202S, Suite A2 Raritan, NJ

Registration: Call Barbara Ronca, PhD, LCSW at (908) 218-9062 weekdays 9:00 AM-3:00 PM.

Volunteer Mentors

Catholic Charities is currently seeking volunteer mentors for the Connections Program. This program provides positive adult role models for children who have suffered loss or who have special needs. Both male and female mentors are needed to participate in one-to-one activities and be a role model to young people. For more information contact Jeanette Cullen at (732) 738-1323 or jcullen@ccdeom.org.

Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 16 – Friday, July 20

9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

in the Main Church

There is still time to register!

The theme this year is “Shipwrecked” – Rescued by Jesus! At Shipwrecked, kids will discover that Jesus rescues them! Kids will participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, and experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures!

Shipwrecked is for kids from Pre-K to 5th grade and will run from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM each day. To register for VBS, or if you have any questions, please call the Office of Religious Education at (732) 356-0645.



This week!

Sunday Offering

The week ended:	July 1	July 8
Regular Collection	\$4,157	\$4,241
Building and Maintenance		\$1,247

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

Church Heating/AC Replacement

Would you consider making a pledge of \$50, \$100 or any amount to help St. Joseph Parish replace its HVAC system? No amount is too great or too small.

Please make a pledge to help your parish!

Last year, the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems in the Parish Office, Chapel, and Upper Room were replaced at a great expense to the parish.

In May of this year we were informed that the decades old, outdated HVAC system in the Main Church cannot be further repaired and is in need of replacement, at a cost of over **\$60,000**, a tremendous financial burden on the parish! Presently, the air conditioning system continues to operate, but come the cold weather, **there will be no heat unless the HVAC system is replaced.**

An account has been created called the “Church HVAC Replacement Fund” for parishioners to contribute whatever they are able. The funds will be used solely for the replacement of the HVAC system in the main church.

I count on you, our faithful parishioners, to help us through this crippling financial burden. Please be as generous as your means allow. All donations are tax deductible.

Please make a pledge today, and for those who already donated, your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Yours in Christ, Fr. Al

Status: A total of \$6,896 has been collected to date.

VBS Registration Form

Child's Name: _____

Grade in Sept '18: _____ Age: _____ T-shirt Size: _____

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Parent's Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Allergies: _____

Emergency Contact and #: _____

Are you available to help with our program?

Group Leader Assistant Arts & Crafts

Bible Stories Music Snacks

I am available:

Each day or Monday Tuesday

Wednesday Thursday Friday

VBS Donation Table

The Vacation Bible School donation table is in the narthex of the church. Please take a tag and return your donation to the basket under the donation table or to the parish office.



Stewardship Reflection

“He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts.” MARK 6:8

How different we are from the Apostles who took nothing when they ventured out to serve God. Today, we make our life's journey more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. When we really put God first in everything and put money and possessions second, we experience more freedom to joyfully serve God and others.

HVAC Replacement Pledge Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Pledge Amount: \$50 \$100 Other \$ _____

Pledges and donations can be dropped in the collection basket or returned to the Parish Office in an enveloped marked “HVAC Replacement.”

Lecturas Para el Próximo Domingo

Décimo Sexto Domingo Ordinario

Primera Lectura: Jeremías 23: 1-6

Reuniré al resto de mis ovejas, y les pondré pastores.

Segunda Lectura: Efesios 2: 13- 18

Cristo es nuestra paz; él ha hecho de los judíos y de los no judíos un solo pueblo.

Evangelio: Marcos 6: 30-34

Andaban como ovejas sin pastor.

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!



—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.sjccb.net, y haga clic en el logo de Parish Giving y luego siga las sencillas instrucciones de registro.

Tome Nota

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@sjccb.net.

El Diacono Edgar Chaves de ahora en adelante es la persona adecuada para dirigirse si desea más información o inscribirse para las clases de sacramentos de Bautizo, 1ra. Comunión y Confirmación para adultos. También, el estará a cargo de la Divina Misericordia y los ensayos de matrimonio en español. Su correo electrónico se encuentra adelante bajo ministerios de la parroquia.

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 x6.

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.

Mensaje del padre Al

Ahora que hemos abierto el libro de las Misas para el año 2019, quisiera recordarles que cualquier intención de Misa puede ser para gente muerta y viva, para la salud de alguien o algo personal, sin necesidad de decir lo que es. Gracias, Padre Alfonso

Reflexiones

15º domingo del tiempo ordinario

"Les ordenó que no llevaran nada para el viaje sino solamente un bastón: sin comida, sin saco, sin dinero en sus cinturones" MARCOS 6: 8

Cuán diferentes somos de los Apóstoles que no tomaron nada cuando se aventuraron a servir a Dios. Hoy, hacemos el viaje de nuestra vida más difícil debido a todo el equipaje material que arrastramos. Cuando realmente ponemos a Dios primero en todo y ponemos el dinero y las posesiones en segundo lugar, experimentamos más libertad para servir con alegría a Dios y a los demás.

Fotos de Comunión y Confirmación

Las fotografías de primera Comunión y Confirmación ya las han entregado. Si usted puso una orden, por favor pase por la Oficina Parroquial a recogerlas.

Celebración de Aniversario de Oro y Plata

Usted está cordialmente invitado a celebrar sus 25th y 50th Aniversario de Bodas, en la Catedral de Metuchen. Renueve sus votos matrimoniales con una especial celebración por el Obispo James F. Checchio en la Catedral de San Francis, el: **Domingo 21 de octubre, 2018 a las 4:00 PM.**



Por favor regístrese en línea ingresando a la página web Diocesana <https://diometuchen.org/Offices-and-Ministries/Family-and-pastoral-Life/Family-Life/Silver-and-Gold/online-registration/>. El sistema generará automáticamente un mensaje de confirmación con algunos datos sobre el evento. Más detalles se enviarán más cerca del evento. Si usted no puede acceder, por favor comuníquese con su secretaria de la parroquia o con la oficina de vida familiar al (732) 243-4582 o Amatos@diometuchen.org.

Aunque no se requiere ningún cargo, en el pasado muchas parejas han dado una donación de gratitud a la iglesia en memoria de esta ocasión especial. Las donaciones de gratitud pueden hacerse en línea o llamando al (732) 243-4582 de lunes a viernes durante las horas de trabajo. El registro se cerrará el miércoles, 3 de octubre de 2018. Tome en cuenta que esta ceremonia no es válida como **Misa de Domingo de precepto**.

Mensaje de la Hermana Susana

Queridos feligreses de St. Joseph:
Quiero en nombre de mi Congregación y mía, expresar en estas breves líneas mi más sincero agradecimiento, primero a Dios por haber permitido que la Congregación estuviera presente en esta Parroquia de St. Joseph Bound Brook por más de 20 años, luego a cada uno de ustedes por la gran bendición de haberme dado la oportunidad de compartir, vivir y crecer en la fe en esta hermosa comunidad de St. Joseph durante estos casi 3 años. Hemos tenido muchas experiencias, no puedo reemplazarlos, pero ahora es el momento para guardarlos en mi corazón, en mi memoria y por supuesto que son parte de mi vida misionera. Mi vida religiosa se ha enriquecido con ustedes, a través de su testimonio, compromiso y dedicación a la obra de Dios en esta comunidad. Los quiero mucho y siempre serán parte de mi vida. Por favor, recen por mí, necesito de sus oraciones. Dios es amor y nos ama con un amor eterno. Mi nueva asignación es en St. Joseph North Plainfield. Muchas gracias por todo, Hna. Susana

Mensaje de la Hermana Susana

Padre Al, muchas gracias por todo su detalle que ha tenido ahora en mis últimos días de mi estancia en la parroquia, el día de mi despedida en la Iglesia me puso muy sensible y no pude decirle nada, lo mismo que en el día de campo en su casa, tenía mis sentimientos encontrados, pero ahora que estoy reflexionando puedo ver con claridad todos estos detalles que realmente no merezco. Lo mismo que el domingo fue para mí una sorpresa verle ahí pues a pesar de tanto calor usted hizo presencia, lo cual eso dice mucho para mí. Padre Al, muchas gracias por todo. Pido su bendición y sus oraciones. Cuento con las mis. Gracias. --

Festividad de la Virgen del Carmen

El día 16 de Julio se celebra la festividad de la Virgen del Carmen, Patrona del mar y de las Fuerzas Armadas Española. Se trata de una fiesta local y entrañablemente popular que se celebra en muchos lugares del interior, pero especialmente es una fecha muy significativa para las gentes de la mar, que honran a la Virgen del Carmen como a la “Estrella de los mares”.

Origen: La palabra Carmen viene de Carmelo, Monte Carmelo, situado en Haifa, al norte de Israel, en la zona de Galilea.

Según cuenta la historia, un grupo de religiosos de Tierra Santa se instaló en el Monte Carmelo y construyó la primera iglesia dedicada a Santa María del Monte Carmelo. Estos religiosos fueron el origen de la Orden de los Carmelitas y su devoción por la Virgen permitió el nacimiento del culto a Nuestra Señora del Carmen.

Cuenta la leyenda que se celebra el 16 de Julio porque Simón Stock, superior de la orden, le pidió a la Virgen del Carmen una señal de su protección. Un 16 de julio la Virgen se le apareció con un escapulario y le dijo: “Esta es la señal de protección que te traigo. Todo aquel que muera llevando este santo escapulario, no verá las llamas del infierno.” Desde entonces ese día se rinde homenaje a la Virgen del Carmen.

Clases de Educación Religiosa 2018-19

Todos los niños entre las edades de 7 a 13 años quien no van a una escuela católica son requeridos a participar en Educación Religiosa cada año. Las clases son una vez por semana entre septiembre a mayo. Las registraciones ya están disponibles en sitio web de la parroquia www.sjccb.net, y en la oficina parroquial, de lunes a jueves de 9:00 AM a 12:00 PM y 1:30 a 4:00 PM y martes, miércoles y jueves de 6:30 a 8:30 PM.