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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.holysavioracademy.com

Mrs. Carol Woodburn, Principal



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018



MASSES/PENANCE FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 24, 2018

Christmas Eve

- 8:30 AM † Daily Mass
- 5:00 PM English Children's Mass
- 8:30 PM Spanish Vigil Mass
- 10:30 PM Christmas Carols
- 11:00 PM English Vigil Mass

Tuesday, December 25, 2018

Nativity of the Lord

- 8:00 AM English Mass
- 10:00 AM English Mass
- 12:00 PM Spanish Mass



Wednesday, December 26, 2018

- 8:30 AM † Laura Shive Tuttle, request of mother and father

Thursday, December 27, 2018

- 8:30 AM † Henry F. Patullo, Sr., request of family

Friday, December 28, 2018

- 8:30 AM † People of the Parish

Saturday, December 29, 2018

- 8:30 AM † World Peace
- 4:00 PM Penance with Fr. Marco Caceres
- 5:00 PM Fred Caruso, request of Anna and family
- 7:00 PM Wilson Sumbana, request of wife

Sunday, December 30, 2018

- 8:00 AM Debbie Tiede, request of Louis and Elaine Pilato
- 10:00 AM Cecilia Newton, request of Mary Patten
- 12:00 PM Vincio Acuña Sanchez, request of Theresa and Eugenio Porras

† Masses held in the Chapel.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Reading 1: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Revere your father, comfort your mother.

Reading 2: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

We are God's children now.

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Mary and Joseph find Jesus teaching in the temple.

THIS WEEK

Monday, December 24, 2018

Parish office closed.

No Religious Education. Classes resume January 7, 2019

Tuesday, December 25, 2018

Parish Office closed.

No Religious Education. Classes resume January 8, 2019

Wednesday, December 26, 2018

No Religious Education. Classes resume January 9, 2019

Thursday, December 27, 2018

7:00-8:30 PM Jóvenes Adultos Llamados al Amor de Cristo in the Library

Friday, December 28, 2018

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

Saturday, December 29, 2018

5:00-7:00 PM Spanish RICA in the Library

Sunday, December 30, 2018

11 AM-1 PM English RCIA in the Library

PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY

All-powerful and ever-living God, when Abraham left his native land and departed from his people, you kept him safe through all his journeys. Protect these soldiers. Be their constant companion and their strength in battle, their refuge in every adversity. Guide them, O Lord, that they may return home in safety. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (LUKE 1:44)
When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading each Sunday, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect to be entertained? We are called to be active participants, not passive bystanders.

SUNDAY OFFERING

THE WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 9

Regular Collection	\$4,225
Building and Maintenance	\$1,661
Immaculate Conception	\$ 849

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

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA 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, please contact Deacon Edgar Chaves at Deacon.Edgar@sjccb.net.



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.

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.

PURCHASE SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS

HELP SUPPORT YOUR PARISH!

ShopRite gift cards are available for purchase following most Masses or in the Parish Office. Simply pay face value to purchase a card. The parish benefits because we are able to purchase the cards at a 5% discount. As a result, without spending anything extra, you make a contribution to St. Joseph Church. The profit generated is used to support the parish. You can buy \$10 or \$50 cards. ShopRite Gift Cards do not expire. Cash or checks are accepted. **Great Christmas gift idea!**



HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Have you suffered an abortion? Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Please call the Sisters of Life (866) 575-0075 or email hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org. For men, call Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina (877) 586-4621 or email Lumina@postabortionhelp.org.

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. Next weekend: February 8-10, 2019. For more information please call the Family Life Office at (732) 243-4573. To register, call Rich and Annette Colasuonno (732) 236-0671, or 3024@retrouvaille.org.

SAFE + SOUND SOMERSET

Domestic abuse is a pattern of coercive, controlling behavior that is a pervasive life-threatening crime affecting people in all our communities regardless of gender, age, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, religion, social standing and immigration status. Domestic violence takes many forms: physical; emotional; economic; stalking and harassment; and sexual. All of our programs are free of charge, confidential, offered in multiple locations throughout the county, and are available in English and Spanish.

If you would like more information about the services we offer or you know someone who could benefit from our services, please call our 24-hour call or text hotline at (866) 685-1122 or email us at info@safe-sound.org.

GIANNA CENTER

The Saint Peter's Gianna Center, located in New Brunswick, NJ is dedicated to offering truly pro-life women's health care, including infertility services, general gynecologic care, and more. All services are provided in accordance with the U.S. Catholic Bishops Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services. Please visit <https://www.saintpetershcs.com/Services/Gianna-Center> or contact us at (732) 565-5490.



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – CHRISTMAS BREAK

There will be no Religious Education classes from December 23, 2018 through January 5, 2019. Classes will resume the week of January 6, 2019. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

As has been our tradition at St. Joseph Church, the 5:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve will be a Family Mass focused on the children. We encourage the children to make a card for Baby Jesus and bring it to this Mass with them.

This year the Mass will begin with children from our Religious Education program taking part in a Nativity Pageant. They will be dressed in simple costumes and process down the center aisle to the altar steps. The group will sing a Christmas Carol and then go sit with their families and Mass will begin.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

The Music Ministry invites you to attend our annual Lessons and Carols Program on December 24th at 10:30 PM, right before Christmas Eve Mass at 11:00 PM. The program preludes and prepares for our joyous Christmas celebration.



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

On December 23rd we will decorate our Church for Christmas. If you would like to help, we will begin at 2:00 PM and will end between 4:00 and 5:00 PM. All are welcome to participate.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY “THANK YOU”

The membership of the Rosary Altar Society would like to say “Thank You” to all those who helped make our Christmas Cookie Sale such a big success! The generosity and support of all those who baked and donated cookies, those who purchased them, and those who made monetary donations is greatly appreciated! Without your support we couldn’t continue our work in the parish. Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year to all!

MUSIC MINISTRY

If you would like to sing to the Lord here at Saint Joseph, come! All are welcome. The ability to read music is not a prerequisite, but a definite asset. Rehearsals are on Thursdays.



4:30 PM	Spanish Choir
5:30 PM	Children’s Choir
6:30 PM	Bell Choir
7:30 PM	Adult Choir/ Instrumentalists

For more information contact Maritza Alvarez after Masses or e-mail Maritza.Alvarez@sjcbb.net.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR’S MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2018 – CHRISTMAS EVE

8:30 AM	Daily Mass (Chapel)
5:00 PM	Children’s Mass (Main Church)
8:30 PM	Spanish Mass (Main Church)
10:30 PM	Christmas Carols (Main Church)
11:00 PM	Midnight Mass (Main Church)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2018 – NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8:00 AM	Mass (Main Church)
10:00 AM	Mass (Main Church)
12:00 PM	Spanish Mass (Main Church)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2018 – NEW YEAR’S EVE

8:30 AM	Daily Mass (Chapel)
5:00 PM	Solemnity of Mary Vigil (Main Church)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2019 – NEW YEAR’S DAY SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

10:00 AM	Mass (Main Church)
12:00 PM	Spanish Mass (Main Church)

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

(LUKE: 2: 10-14)

The angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord.

And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.”



And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying:

“Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”



LECTURAS PARA EL PRÓXIMO DOMINGO

LA SAGRADA FAMILIA

Primera Lectura: 1 Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28

Samuel se dedicó al Señor

Segunda Lectura: 1 Juan 3: 1-2, 21- 24

Ahora nosotros somos hijos de Dios.

Evangelio: Lucas 2: 41-52

María y José encontraron a Jesús en el templo enseñando

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

Tome Nota: el grupo de la Divina Misericordia reanudará las reuniones el jueves 3 de enero 2019 a las 7:00 PM en la Capilla. Para más información llamar a José Molina al (732) 824-9570.

Círculo de Oración

El Grupo de Oración se reúnen todos los viernes de 7:00 a 9:00 PM en la capilla. Tome en cuenta que ya no lo harán los sábados. Para más información puede contactar a Maribel Alfaro (908) 642-0497, Osvaldo Navarro 732-208-3856.

¡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!



Parish 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.sjcbb.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@sjcbb.net.

El Diácono Edgar Chaves está disponible para las personas adultas que deseen hacer el bautismo, comunión o confirmación. También él está a cargo de la Divina Misericordia y los ensayos de matrimonio en español, si desea más información o inscribirse para las clases de los sacramentos contacte al diácono en su correo Deacon.Edgar@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 directora 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

4º DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

"Porque cuando la voz de tu saludo llegó a mis oídos, el niño saltó de alegría en mi vientre" (LUCAS 1:44)

Cuando escuchas las lecturas de las Escrituras y la lectura del Evangelio todos los domingos, ¿"saltas de alegría"? Si no, no culpes al profesor o al sacerdote, sino mira dentro de ti. ¿Te preparas para la Misa cada semana o simplemente te apareces y esperas que te entretengan? Estamos llamados a ser participantes activos, no pasivos.

MISA DE NOCHEBUENA DE FAMILIA

Como ha sido nuestra tradición en la iglesia de San José, la Misa de 5:00 PM en la víspera de Navidad será una Misa Familiar enfocada en los niños. Animamos a los niños a hacer una tarjeta para el niño Jesús y llevarla a esta misa con ellos.



Este año la Misa comenzará con los niños de nuestro programa de educación religiosa que participan en un desfile de nacimientos. Se vestirán con trajes sencillos y procesarán por el pasillo central hasta los escalones del altar. El grupo cantará un villancico de Navidad y luego irá a sentarse con sus familias y la Misa comenzará.

HORARIO DE LAS MISAS DE NAVIDAD Y AÑO NUEVO

LUNES, 24 DE DICIEMBRE, 2018 – NOCHEBUENA

8:30 AM Misa Diaria (Capilla)
5:00 PM Misa de Niños (Iglesia Principal)
8:30 PM Misa en Español (Iglesia Principal)
10:30 PM Villancicos de Navidad (Iglesia Principal)
11:00 PM Misa de Gallo (Iglesia Principal)

MARTES, 25 DE DICIEMBRE, 2018 – NATIVIDAD DEL SEÑOR

8:00 AM Misa (Iglesia Principal)
10:00 AM Misa (Iglesia Principal)
12:00 PM Misa en Español (Iglesia Principal)

LUNES, 31 DE DICIEMBRE, 2018 – MISA VESPERTINA

8:30 AM Misa Diaria (Capilla)
5:00 PM Misa (Iglesia Principal)
Martes, 1 de Enero, 2019 – Día de Año Nuevo

SOLEMNIDAD DE SANTA MARIA, MADRE DE DIOS

10:00 AM Misa (Iglesia Principal)
12:00 PM Misa en Español (Iglesia Principal)

DECORACIONES DE NAVIDAD



Hoy domingo 23 de diciembre, comenzaremos a decorar nuestra Iglesia para Navidad. ¡Necesitamos de su ayuda! Comenzaremos a las 2:00PM y probablemente terminaremos entre las 4 y 5:00 PM. Todos son bienvenidos a participar.

JÓVENES ADULTOS LLAMADOS AL AMOR DE CRISTO (JALAC)

DE ENTRE 18 A 30 AÑOS

Hoy ha llegado un gran día, para que puedas hacer un cambio en tu vida, ven comparte y aprende a seguir al Señor, como cuando “Jesús subió a la montaña y llamó a los que él quiso y los que quisieron vinieron junto a él” (Marcos 3:13) Hoy él te llama por tu nombre, ven y descúbrelo.

Objetivo: Encauzar al joven adulto a conocerse y aceptar el llamado de Dios en su proceso de conversión a través de las sagradas escrituras para reafirmar y vivir su fe.

Integrantes de la Directiva: Norberto Lan, (732) 215-5643, Armida Bonilla (908) 392-3012, Fausto Flores, Flavio Roja.



BAUTISMO

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 **febrero o marzo, debe registrarse para la próxima clase de bautismo del 8 de enero 2019, 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.



SEGURO Y A SALVO SOMERSET

El abuso doméstico es un patrón de conducta coercitiva y controladora que es un crimen generalizado y potencialmente mortal que afecta a las personas en todas nuestras comunidades, independientemente del género, la edad, la orientación sexual, la raza, la etnia, la religión, la situación social y el estatus migratorio. La violencia doméstica toma muchas formas: físicas; emocional económico acecho y acoso; y sexual. Todos nuestros programas son gratuitos, confidenciales, ofrecidos en múltiples ubicaciones en todo el condado, y están disponibles en inglés y español.

Si desea obtener más información sobre los servicios que ofrecemos o conoce a alguien que pueda beneficiarse de nuestros servicios, llame a nuestra línea de llamadas o mensajes de texto de 24 horas al (866) 685-1122 o envíenos un correo electrónico a info@safe-sound.org.

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

¿Me doy cuenta, como Isabel y su bebé, de que estoy en presencia del Señor aquí hoy? ¿Reacciono con júbilo?

COMPRA TARJETAS DE REGALO DE SHOPRITE ¡AYUDA A TU PARROQUIA!

Las tarjetas de regalo de ShopRite están disponibles para la compra después de la mayoría de las Misas o en la oficina parroquial. Simplemente pague el valor nominal para comprar una tarjeta. Los beneficios de la parroquia es que compramos las tarjetas con un descuento del 5%. Como resultado, sin gastar nada extra usted hace una contribución a la iglesia de San José. El beneficio generado se utiliza para apoyar a la parroquia. Usted puede comprar tarjetas de \$10 o \$50. Las tarjetas de regalo de ShopRite no caducan. Se aceptan efectivos o cheques.



¡Gran idea para regalo de Navidad!



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