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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



Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019



MASSES/PENANCE FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 7, 2019

8:30 AM † People of the Parish

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

8:30 AM † Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

8:30 AM † World Peace

Thursday, January 10, 2019

8:30 AM † Robert Worhurst, request of
Kathleen and George Champignon

Friday, January 11, 2019

8:30 AM † William Lore, request of Tillie Lore

Saturday, January 12, 2019

8:30 AM † An end to terrorism in the world
4:00 PM Penance with Fr. John Pringle
5:00 PM Jozef Malik, request of Parish Staff
7:00 PM Matthew Borja, request of Grupo de
Jovenes Adultos de St. Joseph

Sunday, January 13, 2019

8:00 AM Flory Sevilli, request of
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wendt
10:00 AM William John Green, request of
Rose Marie Green and family
12:00 PM Julio Morillo and Evangelina Haro-Dominguez,
request of Morillo Haro-Doninguez family

† Masses held in the Chapel.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Reading 1: Isaiah 60:1-6

The glory of the Lord shines on all people.

Reading 2: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

The Gentiles are coheirs of the promise.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

The magi come with gifts of gold,
frankincense, and myrrh.

THIS WEEK

Monday, January 7, 2019

7:00-8:15 PM Religious Education in the Community
School

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

4:00-5:15 PM Religious Education in the Community
School

7:00-8:30 PM Parish Council Meeting in the Library

7:00-8:00 PM Spanish Baptism Class in the Upper
Room

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

7:00-8:15 PM Religious Education in the Community
School

Thursday, January 10, 2019

4:30-5:30 PM Spanish Choir in the Main Church

5:30-6:30 PM Children's Choir in the Main Church

6:30-7:30 PM Bell Choir in the Main Church

7:30-8:30 PM Adult Choir in the Main Church

7:30-9:00 PM Divine Mercy in the Chapel

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

Friday, January 11, 2019

6:00-8:00 PM Youth Group in the Upper Room

6:30-8:30 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
in the Chapel of the Nativity

8:30 PM Benediction in Spanish

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

Saturday, January 12, 2019

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

Sunday, January 13, 2019

9:00-10:00 AM Baptism Class in the Community Room

9:15-10:45 Religious Education in the Upper Room

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.

SUNDAY OFFERING

December 23 Regular Collection.....\$5482
December 25 Christmas Collection.....\$8,007

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.

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 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.



St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bound Brook, NJ

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"...the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel." (Ephesians 3:6)

Today we celebrate that Christ came to all of us, not just the Hebrews. He has given each of us unique gifts. We all have different yet equally valuable roles to play in the Body of Christ. Pray daily and ask God how He wants you to use your gifts so that we may all "be one".

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE?

ANNOUNCING AN UPCOMING WEEKEND FOR COUPLES:
FEBRUARY 8-10, 2019, SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY



Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance

between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track.

For more info or registration call Rich Colasuonno (732) 236-0671, Annette Colasuonno (732) 672-0748 or email 3024@retrouvaille.org.

MOUNT ST. MARY HOUSE OF PRAYER

Mount St. Mary House of Prayer, Watchung, will offer the following program:

Mid-Winter Musings

"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness?" - John Steinbeck
Warm your soul with reflections on hope in winter, with an opportunity to journal and share your own musings.

Date: Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Time: 9:30-11:30 AM or 7:00-9:00 PM

Cost: \$20-\$30 as you are able

Facilitator: Mary Jo Kearns, RSM

Location: 1651 US Highway 22, Watchung, NJ 07069

Registration required. Call 908-753-2091 or e-mail msmhope@msmhope.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes resume this week.

A MESSAGE FROM FR. JOHN PRINGLE

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I hope you all had a merry Christmas, and my very best wishes for the new year.

Also, I want to thank all those who participated in the Christmas liturgy. I have heard so many wonderful and positive compliments.

As we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, it is a celebration of God's manifestation to the world. We are now a new people of God offering ourselves through Jesus, God's son, through the Father in heaven and the power of the Holy Spirit.


Let us thank God for the gift of faith, and such a mystery of the incarnation of God made man.

Fr. John R. Pringle

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.

VOLUNTEER MENTORS

Catholic Charities is currently seeking volunteer mentors. Both male and female members are needed to participate in one-to-one activities and be a role model to young people. Do you have a minimum of three hours per week to offer a child? Like having fun? Reside in or near Middlesex County or Franklin Township? Want to make a difference in a child's life? Contact Jeanette Cullen at (732) 738-1323 or jcullen@ccdeom.org

RESOURCES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a Facebook page that provides daily updates with short inspirational reflections for people with disabilities, family members and care givers. This site also provides endless resources for those with physical, emotional, cognitive, visual, auditory and other special challenges. To access our Facebook page (even if you are not a member of Facebook), type the following into your search engine: Diocese of Metuchen Office for Persons with Disabilities.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on the second Friday of the month, January 11, from 6:30-8:30 PM in the Chapel of the Nativity. The day will conclude at 8:30 PM with Prayer and Benediction in Spanish. Come and rest in the presence of Jesus.

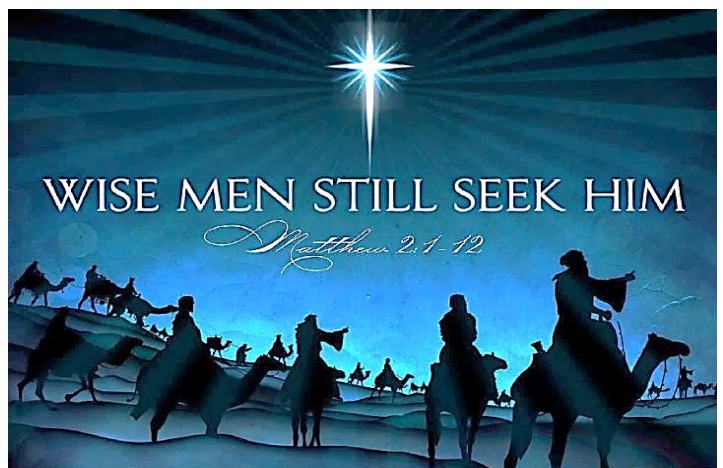


EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (MATTHEW 2:1-12)

The word epiphany means "manifestation." The Gospel according to Luke presents the shepherds as the first to pay Jesus homage. For Matthew, the magi, Gentiles, were the first to adore Jesus. The Magi of today's text are not the fortune teller magicians of Acts 8:9-25. Matthew portrays them as wise men from the East who probably had knowledge of Astrology and Astronomy. It was a common ancient belief that a new star appeared at the time of a ruler's birth. The Magi saw the star and followed it. The fascination with the astral phenomenon and its origins should not dilute the true meaning of the passage: these pagan men (Gentiles) saw the Jewish star and that was enough for their faith; they allowed the light to guide them and they chose the right path. On the other hand, King Herod feared the coming of a Messiah who could threaten his power and decided to get rid of him. The Gentiles accepted the baby, and his poverty and lack of power did not confuse them; instead it filled them with joy and moved them to adoration and surrender. Today's reading offers three significant messages:

- While the powerful become restless and reject Jesus, the gentiles acknowledge Him as King.
- We should learn from the Magi: 1) to identify the signs, 2) to set out on the journey with determination, and 3) not to allow anyone or anything to become an obstacle in the way.
- Just like in this early visitation to the manger, the Church is a house with room for all peoples, races, and cultures.

Source: *Catholic Conversations on the Scriptures*,
Archdiocese of Miami



LECTURAS PARA EL PRÓXIMO DOMINGO

BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR

Primera Lectura: Isaías 40: 1-5, 9-11

La gloria del Señor fue revelada.

Segunda Lectura: Tito 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7

En el bautismo volvimos a nacer y fuimos renovados por el Espíritu Santo.

Evangelio: Lucas 3: 15-16, 21-22

"Tú eres mi Hijo, el predilecto".

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

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



Parish Giving

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 Diácono Edgar Chaves está disponible para las personas adultas que deseen hacer el bautismo, comunión o confirmación. También el 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 diacono en su correo Deacon.Edgar@sjccb.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.

SANTÍSIMO

La Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento se llevará a cabo el segundo viernes del mes, enero 11 en la Capilla de la Natividad de 6:30 a 8:30 PM. **La jornada concluirá con la oración y bendición en español.** Venga a descansar en la presencia de Jesús.



REFLEXIÓN

EPIFANÍA DE NUESTRO SEÑOR

"... que los gentiles sois coherederos, miembros del mismo Cuerpo y partícipes de la misma promesa en Cristo Jesús por medio del Evangelio." (EFESIOS 3: 6)

Hoy celebramos que Cristo vino a todos nosotros, no solo a los hebreos. Él nos ha dado a cada uno de nosotros regalos únicos. Todos tenemos roles diferentes, pero igualmente valiosos que desempeñar en el Cuerpo de Cristo. Ora a diario y pregúntale a Dios cómo quiere que uses tus dones para que todos podamos "ser uno".

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

¿A quiénes les rendimos honor? ¿Son esas personas dignas de mi respeto?



St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bound Brook, NJ

INTENCIONES DE ORACIONES DEL SANTO PADRE PARA EL 2019

Enero

Por la Evangelización: Por los jóvenes, especialmente los de América Latina, para que, siguiendo el ejemplo de María, respondan al llamado del Señor para comunicar la alegría del Evangelio al mundo.

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.

NUEVOS BAUTIZADOS



Damos la bienvenida a nuestra familia Cristiana de la Iglesia St. Joseph a: Christopher Axel Constante-Lincango que recientemente recibió el bautismo. Felicidades a los padres y padrinos y que la luz de Cristo permanezca por siempre en el corazón de este niño y para siempre sea luz.

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.

CONSEJERÍA SOBRE DROGADICCIÓN

Caridades Católicas de la diócesis de Metuchen está ofreciendo servicios de consejería y bienestar. Si usted o alguien que usted conoce necesita asesoría o se ve afectado por la adicción, podemos ayudarlo. Se ofrece terapia individual y familiar para niños y adultos. Para una cita llamar al (800) 655-9491.

MINISTROS DE LA EUCARISTÍA Y PROCLAMADORES DE LA PALABRA

El lunes 14 de enero a las 7:30 PM en lo alto de la capilla, habrá una reunión para todos los Ministros de la Eucaristía y Proclamadores de la Palabra.

Por favor haga planes para asistir a esta reunión, para seguir sirviendo a Dios y a nuestros hermanos en este nuevo año.

GIANNA CENTER

En Saint Peter's Centro Gianna de New Brunswick, NJ, está dedicado a ofrecer cuidados de salud de mujeres verdaderamente pro-vida, incluyendo servicios de infertilidad, cuidados ginecológicos generales, y más. Todos los servicios se proporcionan de acuerdo con las directivas éticas y religiosas de los obispos católicos de los Estados Unidos para los servicios católicos de atención de la salud. Por favor visite <https://www.saintpetershcs.com/Services/Gianna-Center> o comuníquese con nosotros al (732) 565-5490.

UNA VEZ AL MES

Recuerde que el próximo fin de semana, el segundo del mes es la recolección de alimentos para las familias más necesitadas de nuestra Parroquia. Se sugiere traer: aceite, pastas, arroz, latas de vegetales, de tomates etc. Así como donaciones de dinero para comprar lácteos, carne y verduras frescas, el cheque debe hacerse a Starfish, y mandarlo por correo a Starfish, P.O. Box 149, Bound Brook, NJ 08805. Ayudemos a quienes tienen menos que nosotros, aunque parezca pequeña, la contribución es importante para quienes no tienen nada.



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.