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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 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
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Mrs. Carol Woodburn, Principal



Second Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2019



The Transfiguration of Jesus

MASSES/PENANCE FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 18, 2019

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

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

8:30 AM † Good spiritual health of Fr. Edward Czarcinski, request of Digna Allccaco

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

8:30 AM † Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, March 21, 2019

8:30 AM † Constance Kitchen, request of Kathy and George Champignon

Friday, March 22, 2019

8:30 AM † For the health of Carlos Islas Gonzalez, request of Flavio Rojas

Saturday, March 23, 2019

8:30 AM † John and Rose Rashiatore, request of Gloria Villamil

4:00 PM Penance

5:00 PM Molly Patten, request of Dudis family

7:00 PM Josefa Molina and Joseleón Mejia, request of Maria Rivas

Sunday, March 24, 2019

8:00 AM Ralph Perone, Jr., request of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wendt

10:00 AM Celina Andrade, request of Antonio Andrade and family

12:00 PM Rene Arenas, request of Roxana Arenas

† Masses held in the Chapel

2019 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please pick up your 2019 Offertory envelopes in the Narthex of the Church following mass. They will not be mailed to you. Thank you for your cooperation.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Reading 1: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

From a burning bush God promises redemption.

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Do not grumble as the Israelites did.

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

The just may suffer. The fruitless may get a second chance.

THIS WEEK

Monday, March 18, 2019

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

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

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

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

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

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

7:00-8:30 PM Lenten Bible Study in the Upper Room

Thursday, March 21, 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

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

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

Friday, March 22, 2019

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

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

Saturday, March 23, 2019

9:30-11:30 AM Altar Servers Meeting in the Main Church

12:00-6:00 PM Spanish Pre-Cana in the Upper Room

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

Sunday, March 24, 2019

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

11 AM-1 PM English RCIA in the Library

12:00-6:00 PM Spanish Pre-Cana in the Upper Room

5:00-7:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group Meeting in the Upper Room



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.

SUNDAY OFFERING

March 10 Regular Collection.....\$ 5,069
Building and Maintenance\$ 1,776
Ash Wednesday\$ 1,819

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@sjcbb.net or for sessions in Spanish, please contact Deacon Edgar Chaves at Deacon.Edgar@sjcbb.net.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE 2019-20 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 now. The application process is online through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. Online applications must be completed no later than **March 31, 2019**

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession."
(Genesis 15:7)*

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

"JESUS" (A SIGHT & SOUND PRODUCTION)

The Women's Literary Club of Bound Brook invites you to a day trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania to see the brand-new sight & sound production of "JESUS."

Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2019 | **Package Price:** \$134.00
For more information and reservations, contact Joan at (732) 469-5425 or Sue at (732) 469-4169.

ST. PATRICK OF IRELAND



St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans, but Patrick turned to God.

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family.

A few years after returning home, Patrick saw a vision he described in his memoir: "I saw a man coming, as he were from Ireland. His name was Victoricus, and he carried many letters, and he gave me one of them. I read the heading: 'The Voice of the Irish.' As I began the letter, I imagined in that moment that I heard the voice of those very people and they cried out, as with one voice: 'We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us.'"

The vision prompted his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years, and was later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland. Patrick arrived in Slane, Ireland on March 25, 433.

There are several legends about what happened next, with the most prominent claiming he met the chieftain of one of the Druid tribes, who tried to kill him. After an intervention from God, Patrick was able to convert the chieftain and preach the Gospel throughout Ireland.

There, he converted many people, eventually thousands, and he began building churches across the country.

He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message.

Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461. He died at Saul, where he had built the first Irish church. He is believed to be buried in Down Cathedral, Downpatrick.

Feast Day: March 17

Patron of Ireland

Birth: 387 | Death: 461

Source: Catholic Online



Religious Education Educación Religiosa



First Year Confirmation Retreat

Friday, March 22, 2019 from 6:00-8:30 PM at Our Lady of Mercy.

Vacation Bible School

Save the Date - July 15-19, 2019.

ALTAR SERVER MEETINGS IN MARCH

There will be a meeting on **March 23** in the Main Church for new and current altar servers. Current altar servers will meet from **9:30 AM to 10:30 AM** and new altar servers will meet from **10:30 AM to 11:30 AM**. Please plan to attend.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING

There will be a meeting of all English Eucharistic Ministers with Fr. John and Deacon Gary on **Tuesday, March 26 at 7:00 PM** in the Chapel of the Nativity.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday evenings during lent in the Chapel of the Nativity.

7:00 PM in English † 8:00 PM in Spanish

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.



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.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How can I be a witness to God's grace in my life?

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH



Oh St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

Oh St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

Oh St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss his fine head for me, and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen

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.

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.

2019 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL HELP BUILD A CIVILIZATION OF LOVE

This weekend, parishes throughout the Diocese of Metuchen are celebrating **Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend**. Our goal is for every family to participate. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Together, we are working to become kindling that is set aflame by the Holy Spirit, allowing God's love and power to burn more brightly here in the Diocese of Metuchen. Thank you for actively participating in this mission by your financial support.

BISHOP'S APPEAL STATUS

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$15,310.00 and payments totaling \$13,687.50 from 50 parishioners. This represents 52.8% of our \$29,000.00 goal. Thank you for your efforts.

LECTURAS PARA EL PRÓXIMO DOMINGO TERCER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA (SIGLO A)

Primera Lectura: Éxodo 17: 3-7

Golpea la peña y saldrá de ella agua para que beba el pueblo.

Segunda Lectura: Romanos 5: 1—2, 5-8

Dios ha infundido su amor en nuestros corazones por medio del Espíritu Santo.

Evangelio: Juan 4:5-42

“El agua que yo le daré se convertirá dentro de él en un manantial capaz de dar la vida eterna.”

AVISOS A LA COMUNIDAD

Confesiones

Las confesiones se realizan en inglés y español:

• **Sábados** de 4:00 a 4:45 PM en la Iglesia.

Marzo 23: Fr. Marco Cáceres (Español e Inglés)

Marzo 30: Fr. John Pringle (Inglés)

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. 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 7:00-9:00 PM** en lo alto del centro parroquial. ¡No te olvides de traer a un amigo!



SILENCIO SOLEMNE DURANTE LA CUARESMA

Durante la Cuaresma no hay canto de salida, por favor permanezcan en su lugar hasta que el sacerdote haya salido, mantenga el silencio solemne. La Cuaresma es un tiempo de penitencia y reflexión sobre la Misa, la música y las lecturas. Por favor, absténgase de cualquier aplauso.

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 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@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

SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

"Y le dijo: «Yo soy Yahveh que te saqué de Ur de los caldeos, para darte esta tierra en propiedad.»"
(Génesis 15: 7)

Así como el Señor le dio a Abraham, a Moisés y a los israelitas una tierra que poseer, Él también nos ha dado a cada uno de nosotros un hogar. Ya sea que tu hogar sea grande o humilde, es un regalo de Dios. Abraham preparó un gran sacrificio al Señor en gratitud por el hogar que Dios le dio. ¿Cómo demuestras tu gratitud a Dios por el hogar que Él te ha dado? ¿Haces un sacrificio de algún tipo? ¿Reintegras algo de tus ganancias a Dios, invirtiendo igualmente en tu hogar eterno, así como inviertes en tu hogar terrenal?

VÍA CRUCIS

Todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma en la Capilla de la Natividad, se está ofreciendo las Estaciones de la Cruz. Esperamos que muchos puedan participar el horario es el siguiente:

7:00 PM Inglés 8:00 PM Español



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ORACIÓN A SAN JOSÉ



Glorioso Patriarca San José, humilde y justo, que has dado a todo cristiano, especialmente a nosotros, el ejemplo de una vida perfecta, en el asiduo trabajo y en la admirable unión con María y Jesús. Asístenos en nuestra fatiga diaria, a fin de que nosotros podamos encontrar en ello el medio eficaz de glorificar al

Señor, de santificarnos, de ser útiles a la sociedad en la que vivimos. Intercede ante el Señor, para que podamos obtener la gracia de la humildad y simplicidad de corazón, amar el trabajo, ser bondadosos con aquellos que nos rodean. Y en las inevitables dificultades de esta vida, poder soportarlas con alegría, con conciencia de nuestra misión evangélica y gran sentido de responsabilidad. Que tengamos un espíritu disciplinado y estemos siempre en oración ya sea en épocas de prosperidad, cuando todo nos invita a disfrutar con honestidad de los frutos de nuestro trabajo, y también sea nuestro apoyo en las horas tristes, cuando el cielo parece cerrarse para nosotros, y tengamos problemas o nos falte el trabajo. Haz que te imitemos poniendo nuestros ojos en nuestra Madre María, siempre con una dulce sonrisa y en Jesús.
Amén.

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.

REUNIÓN DE LOS SERVIDORES DEL ALTAR

Habrà una reunión el **23 de marzo** en la iglesia principal para nuevos y actuales servidores del altar. Los servidores del altar actuales se reunirán de 9:30 AM a 10:30 AM y los nuevos servidores del altar se reunirán para entrenamiento de 10:30 AM a 11:30 AM. ¡Los esperamos!



APELACIÓN ANUAL DEL OBISPO 2019

AYUDA A CONSTRUIR UNA CIVILIZACIÓN DE AMOR

Este fin de semana, las parroquias en toda la Diócesis de Metuchen están celebrando el **Fin de Semana de Apelación Anual en la Banca**. Nuestro objetivo es que cada familia participe. Cada regalo, sin importar el tamaño, es importante y muy apreciado. Juntos, estamos trabajando para encender el fuego que está en llamas por el Espíritu Santo, permitiendo que el amor y el poder de Dios ardan con más fuerza aquí en la Diócesis de Metuchen. Gracias por participar activamente en esta misión con su apoyo financiero.

ENCUENTRO MATRIMONIAL MUNDIAL

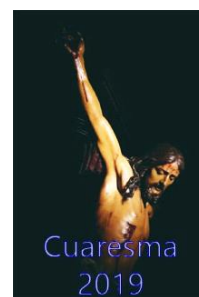
¿NECESITA UN REGALO PERFECTO PARA SU PAREJA?

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 30 y 31 de marzo y 18 y 19 de mayo. Para más información o para inscribirse llame a Eugenio y Theresa Porras al teléfono (732) 910-3057 o (201)707-8583.



EL MENSAJE DEL PAPA FRANCISCO PARA LA CUARESMA 2019 EN 30 FRASES

Este misterio de salvación, que ya obra en nosotros durante la vida terrena, es un proceso dinámico que incluye también a la historia y a la creación.



San Pablo llega a decir: «La creación, expectante, está aguardando la manifestación de los hijos de Dios» (Rm 8, 19).

(4) Desde esta perspectiva, querría sugerir algunos puntos de reflexión, que acompañen nuestro camino de conversión en la próxima Cuaresma.

La redención de la creación

(5) La celebración del Triduo Pascual de la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Cristo, culmen del año litúrgico, nos llama una y otra vez a vivir un itinerario de preparación, conscientes de que ser conformes a Cristo (cf. Rm 8, 29) es un don inestimable de la misericordia de Dios.

(6) **Cuando la caridad de Cristo transfigura la vida** de los santos –espíritu, alma y cuerpo-, estos alaban a Dios y, con la oración, la contemplación y el arte **hacen partícipes de ello también a las criaturas**, como demuestra de modo admirable el «Cántico del hermano sol» de san Francisco de Asís (cf. carta encíclica *Laudato si'*, 87).

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