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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
(908) 822-5890

www.holysavioracademy.com
Mrs. Carol Woodburn, Principal



Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 31, 2019



The Parable of the Prodigal Son (LUKE 5: 11-32)

Masses/Penance for the Week

Monday, March April 1, 2019

8:30 AM † Bice DeFelice, request of Andrade family

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

8:30 AM † Felix J. Gleason, request of Ray Gleason

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

8:30 AM † Henen Chim, request of Irene and John Gyori

Thursday, April 4, 2019

8:30 AM † Isabella Donohue, request of Kirchman family

Friday, April 5, 2019

8:30 AM † Rev. John L. Brundage, request of
Rev. John Pringle

Saturday, April 6, 2019

8:30 AM † Rosemary Meyer, request of Mary Patten

4:00 PM Penance

5:00 PM Helen and Leonard Zielinski, request of
Riccioli family

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

Sunday, April 7, 2019

8:00 AM Adriano Andrade, request of Antonio Andrade
and family

10:00 AM Nicolina Miceli, request of mother,
Maria Yannetta

12:00 PM Aurelio Jurado, request of Sol Mercado and
family

† 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. Failure to pick up and use your envelopes will result in your being listed as an inactive parishioner. Thank you for your cooperation.

Next Sunday's Readings

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Reading 1: Isaiah 43:16-21

The mystery of the Passover will be made new.

Reading 2: Philippians 3:8-14

Paul desires a share in the paschal mystery of the Lord.

Gospel: John 8:1-11

No one is without sin except our merciful judge.

This Week

Monday, April 1, 2019

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

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

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

Wednesday, April 3, 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, April 4, 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, April 5, 2019

9 AM-12 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
in the Chapel of the Nativity

12:00 PM Benediction in English

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

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

Saturday, April 6, 2019

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

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

Sunday, April 7, 2019

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

11 AM-1 PM English RCIA in the Library



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 24 Regular Collection.....\$5,126

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.

Chrism Mass

Monday, April 15 at 4:00 PM
Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen

On Monday, April 15, 2019

Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At this Mass, the Bishop will bless the Holy Oils which each parish receives for the rites of anointing. Saint Ambrose [340-397] began this custom – which we now call the Chrism Mass – in his Cathedral in Milan. These Holy Oils, which are used to sanctify the Faithful, have been channels of holiness for centuries! The **Oil of Catechumens** is used to anoint infants and adults before their Baptism; the **Oil of the Sick** is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and the **Sacred Chrism** is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of the confirmandi, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches. At the Mass, all priests make a **Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service**, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His People; the Bishop and all Priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support. All are strongly encouraged to join in the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 4:00 PM.



Marriage Encounter Weekend

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next weekend will be held July 26–28. For registration and information call (732) 904-9636 or visit us at www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

Church Women United of New Jersey Annual State Assembly

Theme: “When Women Pray (I Samuel 1:13)

Date: Saturday, April 6, 2019

Time: 9:30 AM-2:30 PM. **Lunch included!**

Location: Our Lady of Mercy Church
122 High Street, South Bound Brook, NJ

Cost: \$20 Donation and Food Pantry Item.

Checks payable to “CSW”. Send reservation and donation to Evelyn Jacobson, 9 Princess Street, Parsippany, NJ 07054. Please include your name, church name and denomination.

Catholic Pilgrimage to Mexico



In preparation for the Consecration of the Diocese of Metuchen to Our Lady of Guadalupe, the diocese will host a Spanish-speaking pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

in Mexico. Father Juan Carlos Gaviria will be our Spiritual Director. Space is limited. All are welcome!

Dates: July 1-5, 2019

Cost: \$2,149. Reservation deposit \$300.

Final payment due 60 days before departure.

Departure: Newark International Airport

More Info: For registration and more information visit <https://www.gate1travel.com/customgroups/MX1698190> or call (800) 682-3333 x3.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Traveling Prayer Kit

Last fall, Bishop Checchio announced his desire for the Diocese of Metuchen to enter into a period of spiritual renewal and begin a year of preparation for its consecration to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

As part of our journey to this consecration, we have the opportunity to use the Traveling Prayer Kit, which is located in the narthex of the church. The kit contains all that is necessary for you and your family to spend some quiet time with Jesus and his mother, Our Lady of Guadalupe, in your homes. Included is a framed image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, a crucifix, rosary beads, a votive candle and holy water. There are also prayer cards and instructions for using the kit. A sign-up book is available for you to reserve the Traveling Kit for a week. Information sheets explaining the consecration are also on the table. Take advantage of this beautiful way to prepare for the consecration. Plan to spend some time with Our Lady of Guadalupe – the Patroness of the Americas! (Also, remember to pray the prayer to Our Lady daily. Copies can be found in the church narthex.)

Religious Education Educación Religiosa



First Eucharist – April 4-5, 2019

Vacation Bible School – July 15-19, 2019 – save the date!

Rosary Altar Society



The next meeting of the Rosary Altar Society will be held on **Monday, April 8**. The meeting will be held in the Community Room at the church and will begin at 1:00 PM. We hope all Rosarians will be able to attend.

The Rosary Altar Society wishes to extend an invitation to all women of St. Joseph parish to attend our meetings and join our organization. We would love to have you.

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on the first Friday of the month, April 5, at 9:00 AM in the Chapel of the Nativity. The day will conclude at noon with Prayer and Benediction in English. Come and rest in the presence of Jesus.



Solemn Quiet During Lent

During Lent, please maintain the tradition of solemn quiet. Lent is a time of penance and reflection on the Mass, music and readings. Please refrain from any applause.

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**

Stewardship Reflection

“He said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.’” (Luke 13:7)

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts and return with increase.

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

Whom have I misjudged in the past? How can I look beyond appearances to see into the heart?

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

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at www.diometuchen.org/BAA.

Bishop's Appeal Status

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$21,280.00 and payments totaling \$18,760.00 from 70 parishioners. This represents 73.4% of our \$29,000.00 goal. Thank you for your efforts.



St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bound Brook, NJ

Lecturas Para el Próximo Domingo

Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma (Siglo A)

Primera Lectura: Ezequiel 37: 12-14

Dice el Señor: "Pueblo mío, yo mismo abriré su sepulcro".

Segunda Lectura: Romanos 8:8-11

Quien no tiene el Espíritu de Cristo, no es de Cristo.

Evangelio: Juan 11:1-45

El Señor grito con voz potente: "¡Lázaro, sal de ahí!"

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 30: Fr. John Pringle (Ingles)

Abril 6: Fr. Marco Cáceres (Ingles y Español)

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 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 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 habrá canto de salida, Estaremos en silencio y por favor permanezcan en su lugar hasta que el sacerdote haya salido. Esto lo haremos como un acto de penitencia.

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

Cuarto domingo de Cuaresma

"Los israelitas no tuvieron en adelante maná, y se alimentaron ya aquel año de los productos de la tierra de Canaán." (Josué 5:12)

Durante los cuarenta años que los israelitas viajaron a través del desierto, Dios les proporcionó maná para comer. Tan pronto como pudieron disfrutar de los frutos de la tierra prometida, el maná cesó. Del mismo modo, las bendiciones de Dios para nosotros pueden cambiar a lo largo de los años, pero es importante confiar en que Dios siempre nos proporcionará todo lo que necesitamos.

Pregunta de la Semana

¿A quiénes he juzgado equivocadamente en el pasado?
¿Cómo puedo mirar más allá de las apariencias para ver lo que hay en el corazón?

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 Ingles 8:00 PM Español



La Iglesia St. Joseph te Invita a la Celebración de la Divina Misericordia



Fecha: Abril 28, 2019
Lugar: Iglesia principal de St. Joseph
Hora: 2:45 PM – 5:00 PM
Reflexión de la Palabra con el padre Marco, Exposición del Santísimo con el Diacono Gustavo y Diacono Edgar
Rezaremos la Coronilla y conoceremos más sobre esta

devoción De la Divina Misericordia.
Convivio después de la Oración.

Gran Peregrinación Hispana

Santuario Nacional Nuestra Señora de Fátima
674 Mountain View Road E, Asbury, NJ 08802
¡Acompáñenos!

Sábado, 1ro de junio de 2019

Fr. Gustavo A. Baloo, ST

Celebrante, Humorista, Facilitador

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 descúbrello.

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 Lam, (732) 215-5643, Armida Bonilla (908) 392-3012, Fausto Flores, Flavio Roja.

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. El próximo fin de semana es el 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.



Peregrinación a México

En preparación para la consagración de la Diócesis a Jesús por medio de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, y auspiciado por la Diócesis de Metuchen. Padre Juan Carlos Gaviria será nuestro Director Espiritual.
Visita al Santuario de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y San Juan Teotihuacán, Ciudad de Méjico, Excursión a Puebla. Guía en español. Espacios limitados. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

Fechas: 1-5 de julio, 2019

Costo: \$2,149 (hasta 29 de marzo, 2019)

Registro: <https://www.gate1travel.com/customgroups/MX1698190>

Salida: Newark International Airport

Tel. Agencia: (800) 682-3333 Alt. #3.



Santísimo

Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento se llevará a cabo el primer viernes del mes, abril 5 en la Capilla de la Natividad después de la misa de 8:30 AM. La jornada concluirá con la oración y bendición a las 12:00 PM. en Ingles. Venga a descansar en la presencia de Jesús.



Círculo de Oración Corazón de María
Te Invita al Retiro de
Preparación para Vivir Semana Santa
"Sostenido En La Cruz
Por Amor a Mi"
Estarán con Nosotros
Padre Gustavo Baloco
&
Padre Kevin Kelly
Abril 13, 2019
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Concluirá con Hora Santa
Capilla La Natividad
124 E. Second St Bound Brook N.J 08805

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