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Parish Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday 9 AM-12 PM and 1:30-4 PM,

Fridays 9 AM-1 PM (closed Fridays in the summer).

Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30 PM.

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.

First Penance, First Eucharist and Confirmation:

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.

Marriage: Weddings are celebrated Friday evenings and Saturdays, but not Sundays. You must contact a priest nine months before the planned date, and reservation of a wedding time is suggested even earlier.

Devotions

Marian Novena: Saturdays following 8:30 AM Mass in the Chapel.

Eucharistic Adoration: First Friday of the month from 9 AM-12 PM, Benediction in English in the Chapel.

Second Friday of the month from 6:30-8:30 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.

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? 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 Days of Obligation. **They will need to obtain a Certificate of Eligibility signed by their pastor.** If you have questions, speak with a parish priest 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

Mrs. Theresa Pasqua, Principal

Grades Pre-K through 8

149 S. Plainfield Avenue | S. Plainfield, NJ 07080

(908) 822-5890 | www.holsavioracademy.com

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2019



Masses/Penance for the Week

Monday, December 9, 2019

Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Chapel

8:30 AM † Judy Plumley, request of husband,
Michael Plumley

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

8:30 AM † Nguyen Thi Nhu and Kim Anh Le, request of
Laudares Alves Ramos

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

8:30 AM † People of the Parish
9:00 PM In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe – Main Church

8:30 AM Thomas Hart, request of Irene Gyori

Friday, December 13, 2019

8:30 AM † Jack Neary, request of children

Saturday, December 14, 2019

8:30 AM † John Patten, request of Dudis family
5:00 PM George and Dorothy Barile, request of
Ginny DeMato
7:00 PM Javier Alegria, request of Marie and
Carlos Deleon

Sunday, December 15, 2019

8:00 AM Adriano Andrade, request of Andrade family
10:00 AM Robert C. Yurek, request of Mom, Joni and Joe
12:00 PM Josefina Iraheta, request of Juan Rosa

† Masses celebrated in the Chapel.

Prayer for Our Military



Father, keep our servicemen and women physically safe and healthy, and guard them from the evil one. Help them resist all temptation, be a shield around them, and guard them as the apple of Your eye. In the powerful name of Jesus we pray, amen.

Next Sunday's Readings

Third Sunday of Advent

Reading 1: Isaiah 11:1-10

The wolf shall be a guest of the lamb.

Reading 2: Romans 15:4-9

God, the source of patience, enables us to live in harmony.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Prepare the way of the Lord!

This Week

Monday, December 9, 2019

7:00-8:15 PM Religious Education (Community School)

7:00-9:00 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena (Chapel)

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

4:00-5:15 PM Religious Education (Community School)

7:00-8:15 PM English Baptism Class (Upper Room)

7:00-9:00 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena (Chapel)

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

7:00-8:15 PM Religious Education (Community School)

7:00-8:00 PM Bible Study (Upper Room)

7:30PM-3 AM Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
(Main Church)

Thursday, December 12, 2019

4:30-8:30 PM Choir Practice (Main Church)

7:00-8:30 PM Jóvenes Adultos Llamados al Amor
de Cristo (Library)

7:00-9:00 PM Divine Mercy (Chapel)

Friday, December 13, 2019

6:00-8:00 PM Youth Group (Upper Room)

6:30-8:30 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
followed by Benediction in Spanish
(Chapel)

7:00-9:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group (Chapel)

Saturday, December 14, 2019

6:00-8:00 PM Christmas Cookie Bake Sale following
all Masses (Main Church)

5:00-6:30 PM Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de los
Adultos (Upper Room)

Sunday, December 15, 2019

9 AM - 1 PM Christmas Cookie Bake Sale following
all Masses (Main Church)

9:30 AM-12 PM Sacrament Prep I and II (Upper Room)

2:00-4:30 PM CPR Training (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.sjcbb.net and click on the Parish Giving Logo. Follow the easy registration instructions.

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.

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held on the third Sunday of the month, December 15, at the 10:00 AM Mass. Any child is welcome to participate and will be called for proper dismissal to go to the Community Room. Parents are welcome to accompany their child, and will return to the main Church after the homily to join in the creed.

Bishop's Annual Appeal

Excerpt of Letter from Bishop Checchio

"Dear Father Pringle,
Please extend my sincere thanks to the parishioners of St. Joseph Parish for their generous response to the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal. With final gifts totaling \$34,949.25, your parish achieved 120.51% of its \$29,000 goal, thereby earning a total rebate \$2,974.63... This income will not be assessed and is to be used for the local needs at your discretion.

I am particularly grateful to you, your staff and your parish coordinators for the Appeal who worked so hard to ensure our success; what an outstanding effort! ...

Yours in Christ,
Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen"

Stewardship Reflection

2nd Sunday of Advent

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." (Matthew 3:10)

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent, and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter, and junk. Our time, our talent, and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

Sunday Offering

November 24th Regular Collection	\$5,594
Catholic Campaign for Human Development ...	\$1,729
Thanksgiving.....	\$1,124
December 1st Regular Collection	\$4,409
Building and Maintenance.....	\$1,753

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

Retirement Fund for Religious

Our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good work of their elders. Please be generous.

NJ Independent Victim Compensation Program

The Diocese of Metuchen, along with the four other Roman Catholic Dioceses in New Jersey, established an Independent Victim Compensation Program (IVCP) to compensate those who, as children or young adults, were sexually abused by a priest or deacon of the Diocese. The IVCP opened to claims on June 15 and will conclude on December 31, 2019. All individual claims must be submitted during this period.

The IVCP operates independently of the Diocese or any church-affiliated institution, and the administrators of the IVCP have complete autonomy to determine the eligibility of a claim within the guidelines of the established Protocol. The amount of compensation for those who make a claim will be independently determined by the IVCP administrators.

All victims - no matter when the abuse occurred - are eligible to participate, and all matters will be handled confidentially. Victims of clergy sexual abuse of a minor can begin the process of utilizing the program by going to www.njdiocesesivcp.com and reviewing the protocol for submitting a claim. Anyone who has been the victim of sexual abuse by a priest of the Diocese is encouraged to participate in the IVCP.

Rosary Altar Society Christmas Cookie Sale

The Rosary Altar Society's annual Christmas Cookie Sale will take place on the weekend of **December 14-15** in the Community Room of the church. Cookies will be on sale before and after the Saturday evening and Sunday morning masses.



If there are any bakers in our parish community who would like to bake and donate cookies for the sale, it would be greatly appreciated. We could use your help! Cookies should be dropped off at 3:00 PM on Saturday, December 14 in the Community Room.

Celebration for Our Lady of Guadalupe "Empress of the Americas"

Come and share with us in honor of our Holy Mother, Our Lady of Guadalupe.

PROGRAM:

Wednesday, December 11, 2019 - Main Church

- 7:00 PM Prayer Service for children (English)
- 7:30 PM Apparitions Representation (English)
- 8:00 PM Rosary (Bilingual)
- 8:30 PM Flower Offerings
- 9:00 PM Holy Mass (Spanish)
- 10:15 PM Serenade: Various Artists
- 11:00 PM Mañanitas to the Virgin
- 1:00 AM Rosary every hour until 3:00 AM (Spanish)
- 6:00 AM Open Church
- 8:30 AM Daily Mass (English)



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Monday, December 9, 2019 at 8:30 AM in the Chapel.

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.

- 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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on December 13, between 6:30 and 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.

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.

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.

Jesse Tree

As part of our preparation for Christmas and as a parish family, we once again have the annual Jesse Tree. Tree tags contain a gift suggestion (please, new items only; no toy guns or items which require batteries). All gifts should be returned back to the Jesse Tree during the weekend of December 14th and 15th with the Jesse Tree tag taped to the box so they can be distributed to needy families. **Please do not wrap the gift, since it will have to be reopened for distribution.** Monetary donations are also welcome to purchase shoes and winter coats. Please make your check payable to "Food Bank Network of Somerset County." If you know of families in need, please notify the parish office. Thanks to all those who participate.



Christmas Eve Children's Mass

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

This year during Mass, we will have children take part in a Nativity Pageant. They will be dressed in simple costumes and reenact the story of the Nativity with a narrator. Our children's choir will join with Christmas carols and when the pageant is finished, children will go sit with their families and Mass will continue.



If your family will be attending the **5:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve** and you would like your child to participate in the pageant, please fill out the form below and send it back to the religious education office by **December 6**. Only children that have returned a completed Permission Slip will be able to be able to be part of the program.

There will be **three mandatory rehearsals**, all at the Main Church.

- Friday, December 13 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
- Thursday, December 19 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
- Friday, December 20 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Costumes will be provided. We are looking for your help with the costumes. If you have a white communion robe you could donate, it would be greatly appreciated.

Christmas Eve Christmas Pageant

Child's Name: _____
 Parent's Name: _____
 Best Phone # to Reach Parent: _____
 Parent's Signature: _____

Lecturas Para el Próximo Domingo

Tercer Domingo de Adviento

Primera Lectura: Isaías 35:1-6a, 10

El desierto florecerá.

Segunda Lectura: Santiago 5:7-10

Sean pacientes cómo el labrador, con la esperanza de los frutos preciosos de la tierra.

Evangelio: Mateo 11: 2 -11

Estando Juan en la cárcel, le cuentan de las obras de Cristo.

Avisos a la Comunidad

Confesiones

Las confesiones se realizan en inglés y español:

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

14 de diciembre - Fr. Marco Cáceres (inglés - español)

21 de diciembre - Fr. John Pringle y Fr. Marco Cáceres

(inglés-español, **3:30 PM confesión de Adviento**)

28 de diciembre -Fr. Marco Cáceres (inglés- 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.

Reflexión

2do domingo de Adviento

"Por lo tanto, todo árbol que no dé buen fruto será cortado y arrojado al fuego". (MATEO 3:10)

¿Das buenos frutos para Cristo? ¿O gastas tu tiempo, talento y tesoro constantemente adquiriendo más juguetes, desorden y basura? Nuestro tiempo, nuestro talento y nuestro tesoro son regalos que Dios nos ha dado. Lo que hacemos con ellos es nuestro regalo a Dios. ¿Qué regalos piensas darle al Señor durante esta próxima temporada navideña?

Rosario a La Virgen María

La novena de la Virgen María Madre de Dios y Madre nuestra bajo la advocación de Guadalupe se está realizando en la capilla a las 7:00 PM.



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 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. Todos los martes y jueves de 6:30 a 8:30 PM y vía telefónica llamando al (732) 356-0027 ext. 15.

Ana Valencia la directora del programa de Educación Religiosa (CCD) estará todos los martes de 6:30 a 8:30 PM en la oficina Parroquial, para las personas que necesiten consultar sobre sus niños por la Educación Religiosa.

Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de los Adultos

Si usted desea ser bautizado en la Iglesia Católica, o si ya está bautizado y desea recibir los otros sacramentos de iniciación, o viene a nosotros de otra fe y desea ser plenamente iniciado como miembro de la Iglesia Católica, entonces le invitamos a unirse a RICA (Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos). RICA es el proceso que le llevará al Bautismo (por los no bautizados), Eucaristía y Confirmación. Caminemos juntos en un camino de fe. Para más información acerca de las sesiones en inglés, por favor contactar con el diácono Gary Newton a Deacon.Gary@sjcbb.net o para sesiones en español, comuníquese con diacono Edgar Chaves a Deacon.Edgar@sjcbb.net, o ir en persona a la oficina Parroquial martes o jueves de 6:30 a 8:30 PM. **Las clases en español son los sábados a las 5:00 PM en el centro parroquial.**



Nuevos Bautizados

Damos la bienvenida a nuestra familia Cristiana de la Iglesia St. Joseph a: Emma Sofia Pérez, Estrella Belén Mendoza-Menjívar, que el pasado fin de semana recibieron el bautismo. Felicidades a los padres y padrinos y que la luz de Cristo permanezca por siempre en el corazón de estas niñas y para siempre sea luz.

Santísimo

La Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento se llevará a cabo el segundo viernes del mes diciembre 13, 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.



Celebración para Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe "Emperatriz de las Américas"

Ven y comparte con nosotros en honor de nuestra Santa Madre, nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.

PROGRAMA

Miércoles, 11 de diciembre de 2019 - Iglesia Principal

- 7:00 PM Servicio de Oración para niños (Inglés)
- 7:30 PM Representación de Apariciones (Inglés)
- 8:00 PM Rosario (Bilingüe)
- 8:30 PM Ofrecimiento de Flores
- 9:00 PM Santa Misa (Español)
- 10:15 PM Serenata: Varios Artistas
- 11:00 PM Mañanitas a la Virgen
- 1:00 PM Rosario cada hora hasta 3:00 AM (Español)
- 6:00 PM Iglesia Abierta
- 8:30 PM Misa Diaria (Inglés)



Fondo para la jubilación de Religiosos Apoye a los religiosos y religiosas ancianos.

Nuestra segunda colecta esta asignada al Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos. Muchos miembros mayores en comunidades de religiosas, religiosos y sacerdotes de ordenes católicas sirvieron con poco pago o ningún pago. Hoy día, esas comunidades a menudo carecen de ahorros suficientes para cubrir las necesidades de su jubilación. Su donativo ayuda a proporcionar fondos vitales para medicamentos, enfermeros y más, para cientos de miles de religiosos ancianos. También ayuda a asegurar que los miembros más jóvenes puedan continuar el buen trabajo que iniciaron sus mayores. Sean generosos.

Jóvenes Adultos Llamados al Amor de Cristo 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.

Para más información contactar a: Norberto Lan, (732) 215-5643, Armida Bonilla (908)392-3012, Fausto Flores.



Árbol de Navidad

Como parte de nuestra preparación para la Navidad como familia parroquial, está el árbol de Navidad con los ornamentos de papel, cuales tienen escrito nombres de regalo (por favor deben ser nuevos, no revolver de juguete ni juguetes que necesiten baterías). Tome uno y traiga el regalo con el ornamento de papel pegado a la caja, **por favor no lo envuelva, para mejor distribución.** También son bienvenidas donaciones monetarias para compra de zapatos y abrigos; por favor haga el cheque a "**Food Bank Network of Somerset Country**" Debe de traer el regalo hasta el fin de semana del 14 y 15 de diciembre, para que estos regalos sean distribuidos a familias necesitadas esta Navidad. Si usted conoce de familias necesitadas, por favor infórmelo a la oficina parroquial. Muchas gracias por su participación.



Natividad en Nochebuena

Este año, durante esta Misa, niños participaran en una representación de la Natividad. Se vestirán con trajes sencillos y recrearán la historia de la Natividad con un narrador. El coro de nuestros niños se unirá con villancicos navideños y cuando termine la representación, los niños se sentarán con sus familias y la Misa continuará.



Si su familia asistirá a la **Misa de las 5:00 PM en Nochebuena** y desea que su hijo participe en esta representación, complete el formulario abajo y regreselo a la oficina parroquial antes del **6 de diciembre**. Solo los niños que hayan devuelto el permiso completo de abajo podran ser parte del programa.

Habrà **3 ensayos obligatorios**, todos en la Iglesia Principal:

- Viernes 13 de diciembre 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
- Jueves 19 de diciembre 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
- Viernes 20 de diciembre 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Se proporcionarán disfraces. Estamos buscando ayuda con los disfraces. Si tiene una túnica de comunión blanca que podría donar, sería muy apreciada.

Esperamos que este programa mejore nuestra Liturgia Navideña de niños.

Natividad en Nochebuena

Nombre de Niño/a: _____

Nombre de Padre: _____

Mejor # de telefono para contactarlo: _____

Firma de Padre: _____