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## Parish Services

**Main Church:** 111 East High Street, Bound Brook, NJ 08805

**Chapel:** 124 East Second Street, Bound Brook, NJ 08805

### Parish Office:

124 East Second Street, P.O. Box 72, Bound Brook, NJ 08805

Phone: (732) 356-0027 | Fax: (732) 356-8092

Website: <https://www.sjcbb.net>

Emergencies Only: (732) 356-8936

### 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

**Penance:** Saturday from 4:00 - 4:45 PM in the Main Church. Other times on request.

**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.holysavioracademy.com](http://www.holysavioracademy.com)

# Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2020



## Masses/Penance for the Week

### Monday, January 6, 2020

8:30 AM † Nellie O'Donohue, request of Ray and Denise Perone

### Tuesday, January 7, 2020

8:30 AM † People of the Parish

### Wednesday, January 8, 2020

8:30 AM † Margaret Campbell, request of Mary Patten

### Thursday, January 9, 2020

8:30 AM † Cecilia Newton, request of Associates at Bed, Bath & Beyond

### Friday, January 10, 2020

8:30 AM † World Peace

### Saturday, January 11, 2020

8:30 AM † Kathy Lynch, request of Mary Patten

4:00 PM Penance

5:00 PM Bill Lore, request of Lore family

7:00 PM Aristobulo Salazar, request of Julian and Luz Helena

### Sunday, January 12, 2020

8:00 AM Kathleen Lynch, request of Christa Holz and Rosemary Krajewski

10:00 AM Angelo Pietro DiBiase, request of Felice and Fran DiBiase

12:00 PM Antonio Alas, request of Jesús Alas and family

† Masses celebrated in the Chapel.

## Next Sunday's Readings

### Baptism of the Lord

Reading 1: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Here is my servant.

Reading 2: Acts 10:34-38

God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power.

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

The Spirit of God descends like a dove.

## This Week

### Monday, January 6, 2020

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

### Tuesday, January 7, 2020

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

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

### Wednesday, January 8, 2020

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

### Thursday, January 9, 2020

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, January 10, 2020

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, January 11, 2020

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

### Sunday, January 12, 2020

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

## Prayer for Victims of Terrorism

Loving God, Welcome into your arms the victims of violence and terrorism. Comfort their families and all who grieve for them. Help us in our fear and uncertainty, and bless us with the knowledge that we are secure in your love. Strengthen all those who work for peace, and may the peace the world cannot give reign in our hearts.



## 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.

## 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](http://www.sjccb.net) and click on the Parish Giving Logo. Follow the easy registration instructions.




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## 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](mailto:Deacon.Gary@sjcbb.net) or for sessions in Spanish, please contact Deacon Edgar Chaves at [Deacon.Edgar@sjcbb.net](mailto:Deacon.Edgar@sjcbb.net).

## 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](mailto:Maritza.Alvarez@sjcbb.net).

## Stewardship Reflection

### Epiphany of the Lord

*"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." (Matthew 2:11)*

The image of the three Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.

## Prayer and Support for Families Affected by Mental Health Issues

A Catholic Prayer & Support Group for Families Affected by Mental Health Issues will take place at St. Patrick's Church in Belvidere, NJ on the first Wednesday of the month. Elaine Eckard, President of the Warren County chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), the nation's largest grassroots organization on mental illness, will serve as the facilitator. It is our hope that our newly formed support group will offer spiritual support and many beneficial tips on how to cope with this health issue that continues to be misunderstood in our culture. For more information please call our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities at (732) 765-6432 or email: [catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com](mailto:catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com).

## Bus Trip to the Rally for Life in Trenton

**Wednesday, January 22, 2020**

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Human Life and Dignity will be running a bus trip to the Rally for Life in Trenton, NJ on Wednesday, January 22, 2020. The bus ride is free of charge, but since space is limited all passengers must reserve their seats. Passengers will board the bus at the Diocesan Center in Piscataway at 9:30 AM. The rally at the State House begins at 11:00 AM and ends at 1:00 PM. Passengers will attend a small reception afterwards. The bus will bring everyone back to the Diocesan Center around 3:00 PM. If you have any questions or would like to reserve a seat please email [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org) or call (732) 562-1543.

## Alzheimer's Association Care Giver Support Group

**Date:** Second Tuesday of the month **Time:** 1:00 PM  
**Location:** Franklin Township Public Library  
485 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873 | (800) 272-3900  
Visit [www.alz.org/nj](http://www.alz.org/nj) to learn about caregiver programs and resources. To further extend your network of support, visit ALZConnected®, our online community at [alzcnneted.org](http://alzcnneted.org).

## Diocesan Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is now being held in the chapel at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway. Adorers and intercessors are needed Monday through Friday, 9:00 to 11:45 AM. Daily Mass is held at 11:45 AM. For information or to become an adorer, call Laura Riccardi, (609) 578-0841. To submit a prayer request, call (732) 765-6445 or email [adoration@diometuchen.org](mailto:adoration@diometuchen.org).

## Safe + Sound Somerset



Domestic abuse is a pattern of coercive, controlling behavior that is a pervasive life-threatening crime affecting people in all our communities regardless of gender, age, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, religion, social standing and immigration status. Domestic violence takes many forms: physical; emotional; economic; stalking and harassment; and sexual. All of our programs are free of charge, confidential, offered in multiple locations throughout the county, and are available in English and Spanish. If you would like more information about the services we offer or you know someone who could benefit from our services, please call our 24-hour call or text hotline at (866) 685-1122 or email us at [info@safe-sound.org](mailto:info@safe-sound.org).

## Question of the Week

How has an encounter with the Lord led me in a new way? Am I willing to change my route in the future?

## Religious Education Educación Religiosa



**Religious Education Classes:** resume this week.

**Family Mass:** Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 10:00 AM

**Inclement Weather:** If CCD classes are cancelled due to inclement weather, we will publish it on our website [www.sicbb.net](http://www.sicbb.net). If the Bound Brook school district is closed due to a weather emergency, religious education classes will be cancelled.

## 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.

## Bereavement Support Program

A bereavement support program of five meetings will begin on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 7:00 PM at St. Thomas the Apostle in Old Bridge in the Parish Hall. The meetings will continue on Tuesdays, January 21, February 11 and 25, and March 10. The program is offered as a support for all persons who have recently lost a loved one and are struggling with the mourning process. For more information, please call Deacon Pat at (732) 251-4000 ext. 8218. **Registration is required. No walk-ins.**

## Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on the second Friday of the month, January 10, 2020 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.

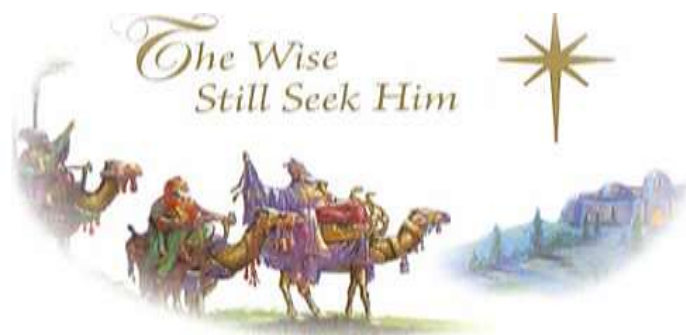


## Drug Addiction Counseling

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Metuchen is offering counseling and wellness services. If you or someone you know needs counseling or is impacted by addiction, we can help. Individual and family therapy for children and adults is available. For an appointment call (800) 655-9491.

## Donate your Car to Catholic Charities

Funds from the sale of donated vehicles support our programs for the poor in need across Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren counties. Donated vehicles are tax deductible. Free pick-up is available. Vehicles do not need to be running. Visit [www.ccdom.org/cars](http://www.ccdom.org/cars) or call (877) 999-8322.



## 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*

## Purchase ShopRite Gift Cards Help Support Your Parish!

ShopRite gift cards are available for purchase 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.



## Lecturas Para el Próximo Domingo

### Bautismo del Señor

**Primera Lectura:** Isaías 42:1-4, 6-7

“Miren a mi siervo, a quien sostengo, en el he puesto mi espíritu”.

**Segunda Lectura:** Hechos 10:34-38

Dios ungió con el poder del Espíritu Santo a Jesús de Nazaret.

**Evangelio:** Mateo 3:13-17

“Este es mi Hijo muy amado, en quien tengo mis complacencias.”

## Avisos a la Comunidad

### Confesiones

Las confesiones se realizan en inglés y español:

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

11 de enero - Fr. Marco Cáceres (inglés - español)

18 de enero - Fr. John Pringle (inglés)

25 de enero - Fr. Marco Cáceres (inglés - español)

1 de febrero - 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 unirse a nosotros para compartir juntos el amor que

Jesús tiene para nosotros a través del culto, la construcción de la fe, de la comunidad divulgación, y la diversión. Únete a nosotros los viernes de 7:00-9:00 PM en lo alto del centro parroquial, para más información puedes llamar al (732) 469-5775. ¡No te olvides de traer a un amigo!



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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Deacon.Gary@sjcbb.net) o para sesiones en español, comuníquese con diacono Edgar Chaves a [Deacon.Edgar@sjcbb.net](mailto: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.**



## 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.

## Santísimo

Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento se llevará a cabo el segundo viernes del mes, enero 10 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.



## Bautismos



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 el mes de **febrero, debe registrarse para la próxima clase de bautismo del**

7 de enero 2020, 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 o jueves a la oficina Parroquial (donde está la Capilla) de 6:30 a 8:30 PM.

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



## Compra Tarjetas de Regalo de Shoprite ¡Ayuda a tu Parroquia!



Las tarjetas de regalo de ShopRite están disponibles para la compra en la oficina parroquial. Simplemente pague el valor nominal para comprar una

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

## Pregunta de la Semana

¿Estoy dispuesto a servir a aquellas personas que no son de mi propia tribu, como hizo Jesús, y como hicieron Isaías, Pablo y Juan el Bautista?

## Intenciones de Oración del Santo Padre para el Año 2020

### Enero

#### Intención de oración por la evangelización - Promoción de la paz en el mundo

Recemos para que los cristianos, los que siguen otras religiones y las personas de buena voluntad promuevan la paz y la justicia en el mundo.

## Reflexiones

### Epifanía del Señor

*"Entonces abrieron sus tesoros y le ofrecieron regalos de oro, incienso y mirra". (MATEO 2:11)*

La imagen de los Reyes Magos arrodillándose ante el niño Jesús y abriendo sus cofres del tesoro para Él es una imagen que todos debemos tratar de seguir cada día. En agradecimiento por todo lo que se nos ha dado, estamos llamados a compartir generosamente todos nuestros regalos, no solo los que elegimos. Dios quiere que seamos generosos con todo, pero especialmente con lo que más significa para ti.

## Reunión por el Respeto a la Vida en Trenton, NJ

La Oficina de Vida Humana y Dignidad estará haciendo un viaje en autobús a la reunión por el Respeto a la Vida en Trenton, NJ el miércoles 22 de enero de 2020. El autobús es gratuito, pero como el espacio es limitado todos los pasajeros deben reservar sus asientos. Los pasajeros abordar el autobús en el Centro Diocesano de Piscataway a las 9:30 AM. La manifestación en la Casa del Estado comienza a las 11:00 AM y termina a la 1:00 PM. Los pasajeros asistirán a una pequeña recepción después. El autobús traerá a todos de vuelta al Centro Diocesano alrededor de las 3:00 PM. Si usted tiene alguna preguntas o le gustaría reservar un asiento por favor envíe un correo electrónico [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org) o llame al (732) 562-1543.

