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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

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

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Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2020



Masses/Penance for the Week

Monday, January 13, 2020

8:30 AM † William John Green, request of Rosie Marie Green and family

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

8:30 AM † Parishioners of St. Joseph

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

8:30 AM † Theresa Bertucci, request of Rose Marie Green and family

Thursday, January 16, 2020

8:30 AM † Nguyen Thi Nhu, request of Laura Le

Friday, January 17, 2020

8:30 AM † Deceased members of the Reid and Casey families, request of family

Saturday, January 18, 2020

8:30 AM † World Peace

4:00 PM Penance

5:00 PM Gale Patullo, request of Phil and Frances DiBiase

7:00 PM Juan Pablo Gomez Cifuentes, request of Mom, Belen Cifuentes

Sunday, January 19, 2020

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

10:00 AM Randy Cancel, request of family

12:00 PM Nemerio Reyes and Donaciona Mijangos, request of Carmen Reyes

† Masses celebrated in the Chapel.

Next Sunday's Readings

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

From my mother's womb, I am God's servant.

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Greetings to you, a holy people in Christ.

Gospel: John 1:29-34

Behold, the Lamb of God!

This Week

Monday, January 13, 2020

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

7:30-9:00 PM Spanish Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers (Chapel)

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

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

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

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

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

Thursday, January 16, 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 17, 2020

9:30-10:30 AM Holy Hour of Prayer for Priests (Chapel)

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

7:00-8:30 PM Meeting with 2nd Grade Parents (Main Church)

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

Saturday, January 18, 2020

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

6:00-8:00 PM Encuentro Matrimonial (Main Church)

Sunday, January 19, 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.

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.

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.

Stress in Your Marriage?


Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a lifeline to help couples heal and renew their marriages. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions.

Upcoming Weekend: February 21-23, 2020

For Information and to register: Call Rich Colasuonno (732) 236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno (732) 672-0748 or email 3024@retrouvaille.org.

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.

Stewardship Reflection

Baptism of the Lord

And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17
Two thoughts come to mind when reading this. First, God, Our Father, is so generous, that He gave His only Son, whom He really loves, to us so that we can have eternal life with him in heaven. God, our Creator, really loves us, too! Second, Jesus was obedient to his Father's will, even to the point of death. This is a reminder that our own lives are pure gifts from God and meant to serve God and others.

Sunday Offering

December 22nd Regular Collection.....	\$4,923
Epiphany Candy.....	\$608
Christmas.....	\$9,415
December 29th Regular Collection.....	\$5,941
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$1,889
January 5th Regular Collection.....	\$4,394
Together in Charity.....	\$1,761

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

2020 Offertory Envelopes

Please pick up your 2020 offertory envelopes in the narthex of the Church following mass.



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 or call (732) 562-1543.

World Youth Day in Metuchen

Saturday, February 8, 2020

Calling all youth! You're invited to spend the day celebrating God's love for you with your peers at the Diocesan Youth Day. The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Youth Ministry will host a Youth Day on Saturday, February 8, 2020 from 1:30 to 7:30 PM at St. Joseph High School, 145 Plainfield Avenue, Metuchen, NJ 08840. Bishop James F. Checchio will preside at a Mass. Join us for this fun-filled day of food, music, prayer and reflection. All 7th - 12th graders are invited to come with their parish! The deadline to register is February 1, 2020. The cost to attend is \$20. For more information, please visit <https://diometuchen.org>.



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.

Religious Education Educación Religiosa



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

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held on the third Sunday of the month, January 19 during 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.

Baptism of The Lord

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan, God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves," He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world."

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism, Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

Source: CatholicCulture.org

Excerpted from Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandas

Bible Study

According to the Second Vatican Document, Lumen Gentium, "Taking part in the Eucharistic sacrifice, which is the fount and apex of the whole Christian life, they offer the Divine Victim to God, and offer themselves along with It." The Eucharist is the life of the Church. It truly is the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ. Unfortunately, according to a study published this summer, about 30% of Catholics in America believe in the Real Presence. In response to that study and in accord with Christ's call to evangelize all people (Mt 28:19-20), the St Joseph Church Bible Study will be holding its next study on the Eucharist. The Catholic Answers Press booklet entitled *20 Answers: The Eucharistic* will help us learn more about the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass while providing us with ways to defend the Teachings of the Eucharist. If you are interested in attending this study, please email Eric Specian at eespecia@gmail.com or Bethany Chung at newtonbethany132@gmail.com. Registration will end January 20th.

Dates: Wednesday, January 29, February 5, 12 and 19

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Location: Upper Room of the Parish Center

Cost: \$5.50 (will drop with more registrations)

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.



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.**

Question of the Week

Are we open to seeing the Holy Spirit acting through unexpected people or guiding us in unexpected ways?

Lecturas Para el Próximo Domingo

Segundo Domingo Ordinario

Primera Lectura: Isaías 49:3-5, 6

Desde el seno materno, fue elegido siervo del Señor.

Segunda Lectura: 1 Corintios 1:1-3

La gracia y la paz de parte de Dios, nuestro Padre, y de Cristo Jesús, el Señor.

Evangelio: Juan 1:29-34

"Éste es el Cordero de Dios, el que quita el pecado del mundo."

Avisos a la Comunidad

Confesiones

Las confesiones se realizan en inglés y español:

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

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 unirte 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!



Pregunta de la Semana

¿Estamos abiertos a ver las obras del Espíritu Santo a través de personas inesperadas y a dejar que nos guíe de maneras inesperadas?

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@sjccb.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.**



Sobres de Contribución a la Iglesia



Los sobres de contribución y asistencia a la Iglesia del 2020 están listos para recogerlos en la Iglesia. Si usted está registrado en la Parroquia debe tomar los suyos, **tome en cuenta que no los mandaremos por correo**. Las cajas fueron clasificadas en orden de alfabético, por favor venga a levantar los suyos. **Controle que sus datos estén correctos no se lleve los sobres equivocados**. Gracias por su colaboración.

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.



Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial Cena y Baile de Gala de los Enamorados

Anticipando el Día de San Valentín, el sábado 8 de febrero, 2020 habrá una Cena y Baile de Gala de los Enamorados en el Restaurante La Fortuna, en el 430 Kamena Street | Farview NJ. Todas las parejas interesadas en asistir deben comprar sus boletos con anticipación (no se venderán en la puerta ese día), pueden llamar para más información al (732) 910-3057.



Reflexiones

Bautismo del Señor

Y una voz vino de los cielos, diciendo: "Este es mi Hijo amado, con quien estoy muy complacido." (MATEO 3:17)

Dos pensamientos vienen a la mente al leer esto.

Primero, Dios, nuestro Padre, es tan generoso que nos dio a su único hijo, a quien realmente ama, para que podamos tener vida eterna con Él en el cielo. ¡Dios, nuestro creador, también nos ama de verdad! Segundo, Jesús fue obediente a la voluntad de su Padre, incluso hasta el punto de la muerte. Este es un recordatorio de que nuestras propias vidas son dones puros de Dios y están destinados a servir a Dios y a los demás.

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 o llame al (732) 562-1543.

Marcha por la Vida



El viernes 24 de enero de 2020,
Marcha por la vida en Washington, DC.
Por favor visite www.marchforlife.org
para obtener información adicional.



Celebra la Iglesia hoy el Bautismo del Señor, festividad con la cual se termina el tiempo de Navidad, por eso el Evangelio (Mt 3:13-17) refiere: «Entonces aparece Jesús, que viene de Galilea al Jordán donde Juan, para ser bautizado por él. Pero Juan trataba de impedirselo diciendo: «Soy yo el que necesita ser bautizado por ti, ¿y tú vienes a mí?» Jesús le respondió: "Déjame ahora, pues conviene que así cumplamos toda justicia." Entonces le dejó. Bautizado Jesús, salió luego del agua; y en esto se abrieron los cielos y vio al Espíritu de Dios que bajaba en forma de paloma y venía sobre él. Y una voz que salía de los cielos decía: "Este es mi Hijo amado, en quien me complazco."» Jesús viene de Galilea hacia el Jordán para ser bautizado por Juan el Bautista, quien busca impedirselo, argumentando que era él quien necesitaba ser bautizado por Jesús, quien a su vez, le replicó que era conveniente cumplir toda justicia, ante lo cual, Juan el Bautista que realizaba un bautismo con agua y conllevaba un llamado a la conversión para el perdón de los pecados, bautiza Jesús, quien es Dios y no tenía pecado alguno. Al salir del agua, se abren los cielos, Juan el Bautista ve al Espíritu de Dios que bajaba en forma de paloma y venía sobre Él. Y una voz que salía de los cielos decía: "Este es mi Hijo amado, en quien me complazco." Sucede así una teofanía (Manifestación, aparición o revelación de Dios al ser humano) completa de Dios, pues está la presencia simultánea de las tres personas divinas: Jesús (Dios Hijo), el Espíritu Santo en forma de una paloma y Dios Padre en forma de una voz audible que desde lo alto revela la Persona Divina de Jesús, el Hijo de Dios, quien en la Encarnación tomó de la Virgen María toda la naturaleza humana para redimirla del pecado y de la muerte.



St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bound Brook, NJ