

March 1, 2020

“Get away, Satan!
The Lord, your God, shall you worship,
and him alone you shall serve.”

Matthew 4:1-11



St. Joseph Church

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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

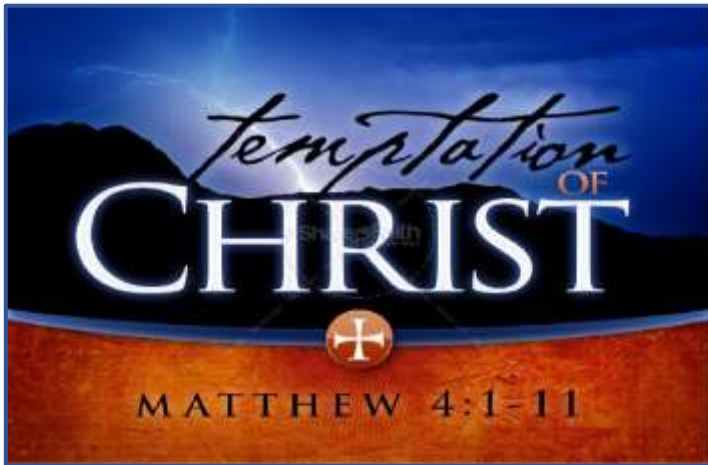
Grades Pre-K through 8

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First Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2020



Masses/Penance for the Week

Monday, March 2, 2020

8:30 AM † James Schofield, request of Louis and Elaine Pilato

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

8:30 AM † Francis Oliviero, request of D'Angelo family

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

8:30 AM † John M. Paganiban, request of Maria and Jose Manolo

Thursday, March 5, 2020

8:30 AM † Joseph Mallee, request of Irene and John Gyori

Friday, March 6, 2020

8:30 AM † William Procini, request of Joseph Pellicane, Jr.

Saturday, March 7, 2020

8:30 AM † World Peace

4:00 PM Penance

5:00 PM Patricia Donlan, request of Maureen Ryan

7:00 PM Abraham Acevedo, request of Acevedo family

Sunday, March 8, 2020

8:00 AM Peter A. Cecchini, request of Cecchini children

10:00 AM Gale Patullo, request of Borowski family

12:00 PM Miguel Porras Arias, request of Porras family

† 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.



This Week's Readings

March 2-8, 2020

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 | Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11 | Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10 | Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 | Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28 | Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19 | Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a | 2 Tm 1:8b-10 | Mt 17:1-9

This Week

Monday, March 2, 2020

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

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

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

7:00-7:30 PM Spanish Baptism Class (Upper Room)

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

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

Thursday, March 5, 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, March 6, 2020

9:30-12:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration followed by Benediction in English

6:30-9:30 PM Confirmation Year 1 Retreat (Our Lady of Mercy Hall)

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

Saturday, March 7, 2020

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

Sunday, March 8, 2020

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

10:00 AM Family Mass – Confirmation Year 2 Rite of Affirmation (Main Church)



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.

Question of the Week

When was the last time I gave in to temptation? What wisdom have I gained since then?

2020 Offertory Envelopes

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

Today's Readings

First Sunday of Lent

Reading I: Genesis 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7

Temptation, induced by the cunning serpent which arrives to spoil the peaceful garden. Yielding to it opens the eyes of the original Couple not to wisdom but to shame. With it comes lost innocence.

Reading II: Romans 5: 12-19; or 5: 12, 17-19

The new Christian life, according to Paul, brings about a freedom from sin and death. He compares our first parent Adam with Christ, the new Adam and the head of a new humanity.

Gospel: Matthew 4: 1-11

Since temptation is both for us and especially for Jesus, a personal and inner experience, what Matthew writes is his interpretation of the actual event. The three temptations – wealth, power and fame – are the same ones that come to us in varied forms.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



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.

Prayer and Support for Families

Families Affected by Mental Health Issues

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office for Persons with Disabilities is sponsoring a Catholic Prayer and Support Group for Families Affected by Mental Health Issues:

- On the first Wednesday of each month at 10:00 AM at St. Patrick Church (Parish Center), 327 Greenwich Street, Belvidere, NJ 07823.
- On the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 AM. in the Talbot Room at Immaculate Conception Church, 35 Mountain Avenue, Somerville, NJ 08876.

Elaine Eckard, President of the Warren County affiliate of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), the nation's largest grassroots organization on mental illness, will be facilitator. It is our hope that our newly formed support group will offer many beneficial tips on how to cope with mental health issues that continue to be misunderstood in our culture.

For more information please call (732) 765-6432 or email catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com.

Marriage Encounter

Special families begin with special husband-wife relationships. Please join us for a special weekend experience.

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 Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held April 24 -26.

Please apply by April 10, as space is limited. Call (732) 904-9636 for application and information. Visit us at www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org for more information.

Stewardship Reflection

March 1, 2020 - First Sunday of Lent

"It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." Matthew 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things. Ask God how he is calling you to serve.

Catholic School 2020-2021 Tuition Assistance Online Application Process Open

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than March 31, 2020. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

Hope through Education

Hope through Education, a newly incorporated independent nonprofit, was formed to significantly increase the tuition assistance available to low-income families living in Middlesex, Hunterdon, Somerset and Warren counties, to allow them the chance to choose the best school for their child regardless of their ability to afford the full cost of tuition. Hope through Education has the approval of Bishop James F. Checchio, who stands in support of its mission. The nonprofit is staffed, operational and already at work to increase the number of scholarships available to families with the greatest financial need. Information on how to apply will be available shortly. For more information, please contact info@hopethrougheducationusa.org.

Religious Education Educación Religiosa



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

Confirmation Year 1 Retreat: Friday, March 6th from 6:30-9:30 PM at Our Lady of Mercy Hall.

Confirmation Rite of Affirmation: Sunday, March 8th during the 10:00 AM Mass for all Year 2 Confirmation Candidates.

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on the first Friday of the month, March 6, from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM in the Chapel of the Nativity. The day will conclude with Prayer and Benediction in English.

Come and rest in the presence of Jesus.



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.

CHOIR Practice
4:30 PM Spanish Choir
5:30 PM Children's Choir
6:30 PM Bell Choir
7:30 PM Adult Choir/ Instrumentalist

For more information contact Maritza Alvarez after Masses or e-mail Maritza.Alvarez@sjccb.net.



Have you and our family been struggling to pay your gas and electric bills? The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LHEAP) and Universal Service Fund may be able to help you pay your winter heating and PSE&G bills. Applications will be accepted until July 31, 2020. For those falling behind on their electric and gas bill who are not eligible for low-income programs, moderate-income programs, such as the PAGE Grant and/or New Jersey SHARES programs, may provide the help you need. For more information, or to find out how to apply, call "211" which is available seven days a week, or visit pseg.com/help or psed.com/ayuda (Spanish).

Holy Hour of Prayer for Priests

Holy Hour for Priests will be held on Sunday, March 8 at 3:00 PM at St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway. All are welcome. For information, email priest.personnel@diometuchen.org.

Sunday Offering

February 23 rd Regular Collection	\$4,589
Church Heat and Snow Removal.....	\$1,921
Thank you! Your continued support helps St. Joseph Parish to serve our community more effectively.	

Rosary Altar Society

The next meeting of the Rosary Altar Society will be on Monday, March 9. The meeting will begin at 1:00 PM in the Community Room at the church. Hope to see all members there!

The Rosary Altar Society would like to extend an invitation to all women of the parish to attend this meeting and join our organization! We would be happy to have you be part of our club!



Adult Enrichment Classes

Matthew's Sermon on the Mount: The Diocesan Office of Adult Faith Formation will offer a four-week course, which will meet each Wednesday beginning March 11, at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center from 10:00 to 11:15 AM. The classes will explore and examine Chapters 5-7 of Matthew's gospel in which the Beatitudes are couched. Through the use of PowerPoint slides, Q & A and the "New American Bible," students will have a better grasp of what God is communicating through the pen of the second evangelist. This Adult Enrichment class is free of charge and open to anyone who is interested. Registration is required.

To register please visit <https://diometuchen.org/faith-formation>. For additional information, please contact Angela Marshall at amarshall@diometuchen.org or call (732) 562-1543.

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.

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

Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma

Primera Lectura: Génesis 12:1-4 a

En ti serán bendecidos todos los pueblos de la tierra.

Segunda Lectura: 2 Timoteo 1:8b -10

Dios es quien nos ha salvado y nos ha llamado a que le consagremos nuestra vida.

Evangelio: Mateo 17:1-9

"Este es mi Hijo muy amado"

Avisos a la Comunidad

Confesiones

Las confesiones se realizan en inglés y español:

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

7 de marzo - Fr. Marco Cáceres (inglés-español)

14 de marzo - Fr. John Pringle (ingles)

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.

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.

Pregunta de la Semana

Pregunta de la Semana ¿Cuándo fue la última vez que cedí a la tentación? ¿Qué sabiduría he adquirido desde entonces?

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.

Vía Crucis

Todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma en la Capilla de la Natividad, se estará ofreciendo las Estaciones de la Cruz a las 7:00 PM en español. Esperamos que muchos puedan participar.



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.

Reflexión

1er domingo de Cuaresma

"Está escrito: Adorarás al Señor, tu Dios, y solo a Él servirás". (MATEO 4:10)

Tentado entre las riquezas y el poder de este mundo y el servicio a Dios, Jesús eligió el servicio a su Padre. Si deseamos seguir verdaderamente a Jesús, nosotros también debemos decidir apartarnos del poder y las riquezas del mundo y poner a Dios en el centro de nuestras vidas. Cuaresma es nuestro tiempo para liberarnos de las cosas terrenales. Pregúntale a Dios cómo te está llamando a servir.

Religious Education Educación Religiosa



Inclemencias del tiempo: Si las clases de CCD se cancelan debido a las inclemencias del tiempo, lo publicaremos en nuestro www.sjcbj.net del sitio web. Si la escuela de Bound Brook está cerrado debido a una emergencia meteorológica, las clases de educación religiosa serán canceladas.

Confirmación Rito de Afirmación: Domingo 8 de marzo durante la misa de las 10:00 AM para todos los candidatos de Confirmación de 2do año.

Ayuda de Matrícula para Escuela Católica

Proceso de solicitud en línea abierto Familias interesadas en solicitar asistencia para la matrícula para asistir a una escuela elemental o la secundaria elegible de la diócesis Metuchen puede solicitarla en línea ahora a través de FACTS Grant & Evaluación de ayuda en <https://online.factsmtg.com/aid>. Las solicitudes en línea deben completarse (incluyendo toda la documentación requerida) a más tardar el 31 de marzo, 2020. Las solicitudes están disponibles en inglés y español. Familias que necesitan ayuda para completar la aplicación o necesitan acceso a una computadora para aplicar debe ponerse en contacto con su escuela.



Servicio Eléctrico y Gas Público

¿Han estado usted y su familia luchando para pagar sus facturas de gas y electricidad? El Programa de Asistencia de Energía para Hogares de Bajos Ingresos (LIHEAP, por sus siglas en inglés) y el Fondo de Servicio Universal pueden ayudarlo a pagar sus facturas de PSE&G y por la calefacción durante el invierno. Se aceptarán solicitudes hasta el 31 de julio de 2020. Para aquellos que no son elegibles para los programas de bajos ingresos pero que se atrasan en su factura de electricidad y gas, los programas de ingresos moderados, como la subvención PAGE y/o el programa New Jersey SHARES, pueden proporcionar la ayuda que necesitan. Para obtener más información o para averiguar cómo presentar una solicitud, llame al "211", el cual está disponible los 7 días de la semana, o visite pseg.com/ayuda o pseg.com/help (inglés).



St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bound Brook, NJ

Santísimo

Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento se llevará a cabo el primer viernes del mes, marzo 6 en la Capilla de la Natividad después de la misa de 9:30 AM. La jornada concluirá con la oración y bendición a las 12:00 PM. en Ingles.

Venga a descansar en la presencia de Jesús.



Apelación Anual del Obispo 2020 Sigamos Adelante en la Fe: La Gracia en Acción

Esta semana recibirá una carta del Obispo Checchio anunciando La Apelación Anual del Obispo 2020, por favor esté atento a su correspondencia. La campaña se llevará a cabo nuevamente durante el tiempo de Cuaresma y nuestra parroquia podrá obtener un reembolso del 50% del monto que recauda por encima de la meta que le fue establecida.

Con su aporte a La Apelación Anual del Obispo, usted ayuda a los más necesitados en nuestra diócesis – los pobres, las personas sin hogar y aquellos que luchan con enfermedades o penas. Entre otras cosas, con su donación ayuda a los misterios pastorales con sus necesidades, apoya la formación de seminaristas y colabora con el mejoramiento del ministerio universitario en el Centro Católico en la Universidad de Rutgers. Muchos de los ministerios pastorales, educativos y de caridad de la Diócesis no serían posibles sin la generosa contribución de las familias. Por favor, sea generoso tanto como le sea posible.

Primer Retiro Diocesano de Cuaresma

Organiza: Oficina de Evangelización Hispana
Diócesis de Metuchen

Fecha: Marzo 28 de 2020

Hora: 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Lugar: Parroquia Nuestra Señora del Monte Virgen
600 Harris Ave, Middlesex NJ 08846

Valor: \$12 (incluye libro y almuerzo)

Cupos limitados

Registro en el enlace: <https://hispanic-ministry.abilafundraisingonline.com/retirocuaresma>.

Información: 732 243 4573 o al correo electrónico lescoar@diometuchen.or

Gran Peregrinación Hispana

Reservé el día: junio 6, 2020.

Santuario Nacional Nuestra Señora de Fátima
(674 Mountain View Road E, Asbury, NJ 08802)