

March 15, 2020



**“WHOEVER DRINKS THE WATER
I SHALL GIVE WILL NEVER THIRST.”**

JOHN 4:14

St. Joseph Church

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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

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Third Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2020



The Samaritan Woman

Masses/Penance for the Week

Monday, March 16, 2020

8:30 AM † John S. Williams, request of brother,
Joe Williams

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

8:30 AM † Eileen Slater Head, request of mother
and family

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

8:30 AM † Marie Staats, request of Kathy and
Alan Happel

Thursday, March 19, 2020

8:30 AM † In thanksgiving on the birth of
Virginia Jane Fluehr, request of the
Kirchman family

Friday, March 20, 2020

8:30 AM † John Bednar, request of Florence Bednar

Saturday, March 21, 2020

8:30 AM † Parishioners of St. Joseph
4:00 PM Penance
5:00 PM Rose Iannello, request of Anna Caruso
7:00 PM Eduardo Martinez, request of
Angelica Martinez

Sunday, March 22, 2020

8:00 AM Molly Patten, request of Dudis family
10:00 AM Ralph Perone, Jr., request of
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wendt
12:00 PM Juan Pablo Gomez Cifuentes and
Zoila Perez, request of Belen Cifuentes

† 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 16-22, 2020

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab | Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43 | Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9 | Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 | Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday: Hos 14:2-10 | Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6 | Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a | Eph 5:8-14 | Jn 9:1-41

This Week

Monday, March 16, 2020

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

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

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

7:00-8:30 PM Divine Mercy (Library)

7:00-9:00 PM First Reconciliation (Main Church)

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

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

Thursday, March 19, 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 20, 2020

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

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

7:00-8:00 PM Spanish Stations of the Cross (Chapel)

Saturday, March 21, 2020

10:30 AM-2PM Confirmation Year 2 Retreat
(Our Lady of Mercy Hall)

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

6:00-8:00 PM Encuentro Matrimonio (Community
Room)

Sunday, March 22, 2020

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

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.sjcbb.net and click on the Parish Giving Logo. Follow the easy registration instructions.

Question of the Week

What do I thirst for spiritually? Can I find sustenance in the life-giving water I have received? How can I share this living water with those around me?

2020 Offertory Envelopes

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

Today's Readings

Third Sunday of Lent

Reading I: Exodus 17: 3-7

The lack of drinking water brings down on Moses the wrath of his people. After asking for His help, Moses obeys the Lord and strikes a rock with his staff. That in turn brings forth water aplenty and revives Moses' standing.

Reading II: Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

Paul asserts that God's love is the blessed assurance of salvation for his brothers and sisters in the community. It is also his belief that "hope does not disappoint."

Gospel: John 4: 5-42

It was unheard of for a rabbi to speak in a familiar way with a woman in public, but even worse for a Jew to request water of a Samaritan. For Jesus, who does precisely both, He prefers to speak to the woman about "living water." By that He meant "divine vitality, revelation and wisdom."

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.

Stewardship Reflection

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again."
John 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions we always want more. True Joy and Peace only comes when we follow Jesus, when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

Scout Day of Recollection

March 21 – 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

St. Philip & St. James Church

430 So. Main Street, Phillipsburg, NJ

All Catholic Scouts are invited to attend the Day of recollection, especially those working on their Ad Altare Dei & Pope Pius XII religious emblems. The day will include Prayer, Talks, Adoration, Confession and Mass. Lunch will be provided by Troop 50. To register, call St. Philip & St. James Parish, (908) 454-0112, ext. 3 by March 16.

2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Stepping Forward in Faith: Grace in Action

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in St. Joseph Parish. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. Among other important ministries, your sacrificial gift supports our renewed efforts in Evangelization & Communication.

If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so next weekend, March 21/22, which has been designated as ***Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend***. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal to help our parish reach its goal. If we can exceed our goal of \$32,000, 50% of the amount collected over goal will be returned to us in the form of a parish rebate. Just as important as our financial goal is our goal of reaching **100% participation**. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Bishop's Annual Appeal Projected Allocation

Ministry	Allocation
Youth Related Ministries	
Youth & Young Adult Ministry	\$1,835,000
Discipleship Formation for Children	
Catholic Schools	
Catholic Charities & Social Ministry	
Basic Needs: food, transitional housing, shelters	1,700,000
Counseling Services	
Child Care & Maternity Services	
Emergency & Disaster Relief Services	
Social Justice	
Vocations & Seminarian Formation	1,210,000
Pastoral Life	
Catholic Center at Rutgers University	805,000
Multi-Cultural Ministry	
Hispanic Ministry	
Human Life & Dignity	
Family Life Ministries	
Ongoing Faith Formation	
Worship & Liturgical Formation	
Evangelization & Communications	
Evangelization	605,000
The Catholic Spirit	
Communications	
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults	
Maria Regina Residence for Retired Priests	495,000
Hospital Chaplains	385,000
Prison Chaplains	95,000
Permanent Diaconate	70,000
TOTAL	\$7,200,000

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.

First Reconciliation: Tuesday, March 17th at 7:00 PM in the Main Church.

Confirmation Year 2 Retreat: Friday, March 21st from 10:30 AM – 2:00 PM at Our Lady of Mercy Hall.

St. Joseph Feast Table



On Sunday, March 21 we will once again have our St. Joseph feast table following the 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM masses. Please feel free to donate cakes or cookies, and if you are interested in manning the table, please let us know by calling (732) 356-0027 x10 or email MaryEllen.Kirchman@sjccb.net

Coronavirus Precautions

Amid growing national concern over the spread of the Corona virus, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Metuchen has enacted measures in parishes across its four counties as a precaution. In summary:

- Communion will only be distributed to the hands, not tongue,
- The precious blood will not be distributed,
- During the sign of the peace, please wave or nod your head, do not shake hands.

A copy of the complete article can be found on our website www.sjccb.net or in the narthex of the church.

Holy Hour of Prayer for Priests

Come join us in prayer for our priests and priestly vocations this Friday, March 20, from 9:30-10:30 AM in the Chapel. All are welcome.

Fr. Edward Czarcinski will preside this month.



2021 Mass Intentions

The 2021 Mass Intention book will open on Wednesday, April 1st at 9:30 AM in the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions will also be offered on the weekend of April 4th and 5th following masses in the Narthex.



St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bound Brook

Sunday Offering

March 8 th Regular Collection	\$5,419
Building and Maintenance	\$2,346
Thank you! Your continued support helps St. Joseph Parish to serve our community more effectively.	

Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service

Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes and our neighborhoods. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes need to be “islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference.” Everyone in our parish community should know where to refer a pregnant woman in need.

In order to assess, expand, and better communicate resources to local pregnant moms and families in need, our parish is joining a nationwide effort from March 25, 2020 to March 25, 2021 entitled

Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service.

We invite all parishioners to join us as we embark on this Year of Service. More information will follow in future bulletins.



Right to Life Committee Volunteer

The parish is in need of volunteers to head our Right to Life Committee, especially helping mothers in need as outlined in the article above. Please contact the parish office or speak to Fr. John for more information.

Catholic School Tuition Assistance

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.

Lecturas Para el Próximo Domingo

Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

Primera Lectura: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Samuel unge a David como el rey.

Segunda Lectura: Efesios 5: 8-14

Levántate de entre los muertos y Cristo será tu luz.

Evangelio: Juan 9: 1-41

"Solo sé que era ciego y ahora veo".

Avisos a la Comunidad

Confesiones

Las confesiones se realizan en inglés y español:

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

21 de marzo - Fr. Marco Cáceres (inglés y español)

28 de marzo - Fr. John Pringle (inglés)

4 de abril - Rito Penitenciaro de Cuaresma, 3:00 PM

Fr. John Pringle, Fr. Marco Cáceres y

Fr. Juan Carlos Gaviria. (inglés y español)

Para confesarse en otro momento debe hacer una cita previa llamando al (732) 356-0027.

Familiares Hospitalizados

Si tiene algún familiar hospitalizado, y desea visita pastoral y Eucaristía, por favor infórmelo a la parroquia, llamando al teléfono (732) 356-0027.

Durante esta Semana

Divina Misericordia

Todos los jueves a las 7:00 PM se reúnen en la Capilla el grupo de la Divina Misericordia. Cada tercer jueves del mes se tiene Hora Santa. Para más información llamar a José Molina al (732) 824-9570.

Círculo de Oración

El Grupo de Oración se reúnen todos los viernes de 7:00 a 9:00 PM en la capilla. Para más información puede contactar a Maribel Alfaro (908) 642-0497, Osvaldo Navarro (732) 208-3856.

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.



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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.

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

15 de marzo, 3er domingo de Cuaresma

"Todos los que beben esta agua volverán a tener sed". (JUAN 4:13)

Jesús nos recuerda que las cosas materiales, incluso algo tan básico como el agua, nunca pueden satisfacernos por mucho tiempo. Cuando construimos nuestras vidas alrededor de posesiones materiales, siempre queremos más. La verdadera alegría y la paz solo llegan cuando seguimos a Jesús; cuando nos volvemos más centrados en Dios y menos egocéntricos.

Pregunta de la Semana

Pregunta de la Semana ¿Cuál es mi sed espiritual? ¿Puedo encontrar mi sustento en el agua viva que he recibido? ¿Cómo puedo compartir esa agua viva con los que tengo al mi alrededor?

Respuesta al Coronavirus de la Diócesis de Metuchen

En medio de las crecientes preocupaciones sobre la propagación del Coronavirus, el Obispo Checchio ha emitido las siguientes directivas que se implementarán de inmediato en todas las parroquias de la Diócesis de Metuchen:

Cualquier persona que esté enferma o tenga síntomas de gripe no debe asistir a Misa u otras reuniones de la iglesia. La Misa se transmite en varios canales de televisión y también se transmite en vivo en el sitio web de la Catedral: stfranciscathedral.org, para que los enfermos puedan hacer una "comunión espiritual" hasta que vuelvan a tener buena salud.

En resumen:

1. La comunión sólo se distribuirá en las manos, no en la lengua,
2. La sangre preciosa no se distribuirá,
3. Durante el signo de la paz, por favor solo saludé sin tener contacto físico.

Más información en nuestro sitio web sjcbb.net

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.factsmgt.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.

Camina con Madres Necesitadas Un Año sirviendo



En nuestra parroquia y vecindarios hay madres embarazadas y madres que crían hijos que también están necesitadas. Como nos recuerda el Papa Francisco, nuestras parroquias necesitan ser "islas de misericordia en medio del mar de la indiferencia". Todas las personas de la comunidad parroquial deben saber adonde remitir a una embarazada necesitada.

Para evaluar y expandir los recursos para madre embarazadas y familias necesitadas y hacerlos conocer, nuestra parroquia se ha unido a una iniciativa nacional desde el 25 de marzo del 2020 al 25 de marzo del 2021, denominada "Camina con Madres Necesitadas: un año sirviendo".

Invitamos a todos los fieles a que se unan a nosotros al comenzar este año sirviendo.

Campaña Anual del Obispo 2020 Sigamos Adelante en la Fe:

La Gracia en Acción

Ustedes han recibido la carta del Obispo Checchio invitándolos a participar en la Campaña Anual del Obispo 2020. \ Los Ministerios Diocesanos que se benefician con los aportes que se reciban en esta campaña, tienen un impacto directo en muchos de los feligreses de nuestra Parroquia St. Joseph. Su contribución apoyará la formación de catequistas, jóvenes y jóvenes adultos; entre otros importantes ministerios. \La ofrenda que usted hace con sacrificio respalda nuestros renovados esfuerzos para la Evangelización y la Comunicación.

Si usted, este año no ha hecho su contribución a la Campaña Anual del Obispo, podrá hacerlo el próximo fin de semana, 21 y 22 de marzo, el cual ha sido designado como *El fin de semana de la Campaña Anual del Obispo*. \Por favor, como feligrés considere contribuir a la Campaña Anual del Obispo para ayudarnos a alcanzar nuestra meta como Parroquia. \Si nosotros logramos sobrepasar la meta de la Parroquia, el 50% del monto colectado por encima de la meta, será reembolsado a la Parroquia. Más importante que cumplir la meta financiera, nuestro objetivo es alcanzar el **100% de participación** de las familias. Cada contribución, no importa la cantidad, es importante y muy apreciada. Gracias.

Fiesta de St. Joseph

La próxima semana, 21 de marzo, después de todas las misas, nuestra comunidad parroquial estará celebrando la Fiesta Patronal de St. Joseph. Se servirán café y pastel.

