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St. Joseph Parish

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The Middlebrook Deanery Catholic School

(Grades Pre-K through 8)

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• Parish Services

Parish Office: Open Monday through Thursday 9 AM - 4 PM (closed 12 - 1:30 PM for lunch), Friday 9 AM - 1 PM.
Parish Center and Nativity Chapel: 124 East Second Street Church: Mountain Avenue and East High Street

• Sacraments

Baptism: English Baptisms will be officiated on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM in the Church. Spanish Baptisms will be officiated on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM in the Church. Contact the Parish Office to schedule. Attendance at Baptism class is mandatory. The Baptism must be scheduled before you attend Baptism class.

Marriage: Weddings celebrated Saturdays and Friday evenings, but not Sundays. You must contact a priest 9 months before the planned date, and reservation of a wedding time is suggested even earlier.

Penance: Saturday 9-10:00 AM (Chapel); Wednesday 6:30-7 PM (Church). Other times on request.

Confirmation, First Eucharist, First Penance: 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.

• Devotions

Marian Novena: Saturdays following the 8:15 AM Mass in the Chapel.

Eucharistic Adoration: First and Second Friday, Adoration following 8:30 AM Mass; Benediction: 1st Friday in English; 2nd Friday in Spanish, 1:00 PM in the Chapel.

Sponsorship Eligibility

TO BE OR NOT TO BE . . . A SPONSOR FOR BAPTISM OR CONFIRMATION

The opportunity to walk with another in Faith, whether a child or an adult is an awesome privilege. It is cause for serious consideration on the part of those who ask another to witness with their lives to what it means to be a Catholic, and for those who accept this responsibility. 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 Day of Obligation.

They will need to obtain a Certificate of Eligibility signed by their pastor. Being properly registered at one's parish is an important first step. Consider carefully your invitation and response. There is more involved to this than simply standing at the Baptismal Font. It is a lifelong commitment. If you have questions, speak with one of the parish priests 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.
- **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.

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. Please note that the Hospitals or Nursing Homes do not notify us, and we rely on the family to inform us of this information. Thank you for your assistance.

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, November 16, 2014



Today's Gospel

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2014

8:30 AM Agnes Madson Chester, request of Nancy Tigie

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2014

8:30 AM Carmine Festa, request of Helenjeanne and Joe Festa

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2014

8:30 AM Laura Shive Tuttle, request of Michael and Joan Jenkoski
7:30 PM John and Ann Gacek, request of Joe Williams

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2014

8:30 AM John Betsko, Jr., request of his sister

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2014

8:30 AM Saverio and Maria Romano, request of family

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2014

8:30 AM Gabriel Mitterbach, request of wife and family
5:00 PM Jame Capolupo, request of wife and family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2014

8:00 AM Dennis Sheehan, Jr., request of John and Rita Novak
Aldo Becci, request of Ron and Carol Catera
10:00 AM Richard Townsend, Jr., request of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wendt
12:00 PM Yucundo Cruz-Leon and Charbel, Julieta and Irais Cruz-Hernandez, request of Trinidad Hernandez

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

Thirty-Fourth or Last Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1: The shepherd-king seeks the lost and heals the injured. Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
Reading 2: Christ our king has conquered death. 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Gospel: The Lord will come in glory to separate one from another. Matthew 25:31-46

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2014

7:00-8:15 PM Religious Education
grades 4 – 8 in the school

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2014

4:00-5:15 PM Religious Education
grades Pre-k – 4 in the school

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2014

7:00-8:15 PM Religious Education
grades 2, 6, 7 and 8 in the school
6:30-8:30 PM Spanish Bible Class in the Upper Room

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2014

4:30 PM Spanish Choir in the Main Church
5:30 PM Children's Choir in the Main Church
6:30 PM Bell Choir in the Main Church
7:30 PM Adult Choir in the Main Church
7:30 PM Spanish Divine Mercy in the Chapel

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2014

9:00-11:00 AM Holy Hour of Prayer for Priests
in the Upper Room

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2014

6:00-7:00 PM Spanish RICA in the Library
6:00-9:30 PM Spanish Prayer Group in the Chapel

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2014

7 AM-12 PM CIAM in the Community Room
11 AM-1 PM RCIA in the Upper Room

SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIAL

November 17 - 23, 2014

In memory of William Woldin
Request of Yolanda Woldin

SUNDAY OFFERING

The week ended November 9

Ordinary Offertory	\$5,857
Parish Ordinary Expenses*	(\$6,111)*
We operated at a surplus of:	(\$ 254)
* Annual Weekly Average	
Building and Maintenance	\$1,809

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

PRAYER FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

Queen of the Holy Rosary, we implore you to bless our military forces at home and abroad. Guide their steps into the way of peace. Amen.

NEWLY BAPTIZED

We warmly welcome Lukas Sebastian Machicote who was recently baptized. May the flame of faith grow ever stronger in his heart.

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.

Inquiry Sessions are opportunities to ask questions about God, Jesus, the Catholic Church, the Mass, Saints, Sacraments, prayer, etc. The sessions DO NOT expect or require a commitment to join the Catholic Church. They are informal conversations about any questions you may have. We welcome any and all inquiries about the Catholic Faith.

In addition, if you wish to be baptized into the Catholic Faith, or 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). RCIA is the process which will lead you to Baptism (for those unbaptized), Eucharist, and Confirmation.

So if you have any questions about our church, or you already believe that God is calling you to join the church, we will gladly help. Let us walk together on a journey of faith.

For more information about sessions in English, please contact Deacon Gary Newton at Deacon.Gary@sjccb.net or for sessions in Spanish, contact Sister Lucia at Sr.Lucia@sjccb.net.

HOW TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

If you were sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or you know of someone who was, you are encouraged to report that abuse to law enforcement through the diocesan website (diometuchen.org), or by calling Lawrence Nagle, diocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection, (732) 562-2413.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

“Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much...”- MATTHEW 25:21

God expects us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously give back with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us; He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to **Sean D. Hellman** and **Kelly A. Flanagan** who were wed in Holy Matrimony on November 8, 2014. May the Lord pour all his warmth and care on your lovely life ahead.



BISHOP'S APPEAL STATUS

To date, the Development Department has received pledges totaling \$20,634 and payments totaling \$15,884 from 118 parishioners. This represents 49.5% of our \$41,700 goal. Thank you for your efforts.

2014 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL LIFE-CHANGING FAITH

For over 32 years, the Phillipsburg Social Service Center, operated by Catholic Charities, has opened its doors to those with limited assets who search for the everyday means of sustenance. In addition to its food pantry and thrift shop, the Center also provides essential information, advocacy, referral and case management. Through your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, you are a caring companion on the journey to self-reliance for so many families in need. Please give as generously as your means allow.

HOLY HOUR OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS



Come join us in prayer for our priests and priestly vocations this **Friday, November 21, from 9:30 - 10:30 AM** in the Chapel of the Nativity.

BE A CHAMPION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

As a **Champion for Catholic Charities**, you come to the rescue for families in crisis and those who have no place else to turn.

There are many ways to become a Champion. Visit our website at www.diometuchen.org/champions or call (732) 562-2438 to learn more about:

- **Sponsorship Opportunities** - includes recognition in The Star-Ledger, the Catholic Spirit and on NJ.com.
- **CHAMPION 50/50 Raffle** - if all tickets are sold, 2 winners will receive \$375,000 each!
- **Give a Gift x 2** - make a donation in honor of or in memory of someone. Great for Christmas gifts or any occasion.
- **Wine & Cheese Reception** - join us December 17th at the diocesan center for some holiday cheer and the excitement of the Champion 50/50 Raffle drawing. \$125 per person (\$75 of ticket cost goes directly to Catholic Charities).

LIVING NATIVITY

Come experience the story of Christ's birth by seeing the manger scene with costumed characters and live animals. Listen to Christmas carols. Refreshments will be served.

For more information call (732) 873-2776 or visit www.middlebushreformedchurch.com.

Middlebush Reformed Church
South Middlebush & Amwell Road, Somerset, NJ

Friday, December 12 7:00 – 9:00 PM
Saturday, December 13 6:00 – 9:00 PM

YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE

Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski invites the faithful of the Diocese of Metuchen to join him as he celebrates evening prayer to mark the beginning of the year of consecrated life. For more information call (732) 356-1990 x1102, email religious@diometuchen.org or visit <http://diometuchen.org/year-of-consecrated-life>.

Immaculate Conception Parish
35 Mountain Avenue, Somerville, NJ
Sunday, November 23, 2014 at 4:00 PM

THANKSGIVING MASS

Our **Thanksgiving Mass** will be at **9:00 AM** in the **Main Church**. As a token of my appreciation for all the GOOD you do for St. Joseph Church, I will be blessing the food you will be sharing with your families later that day. In addition, I will be blessing loaves of bread to give to each family. The bread that will be given will have a Prayer of Blessing for your Thanksgiving table. May you have a peaceful time with your friends and family.

Fr. Al



SELLING OF THE SCHOOL MASS AND CELEBRATION

As we are getting closer to the time when our school will be sold. I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate a special mass in the Gym for all of us, to be followed by a parish celebration. The date for this event will be **Saturday, December 13 at 4:00 PM in the Gym**. Those who have some pictures and memories from the school are welcome to share them. Linda Goodrich will be putting together a PowerPoint presentation. Also since we have many trophies and items in the School that will need to be picked up, I ask all who were part of those years in our school to come forward and be part of the Mass to carry any of those items in our offering procession. We will be emptying the School and will put some items in the Gym on December 6 and 7. Please get in touch with Joan Gleason in the parish office so she direct you about what we will be doing.

Thanks, Fr. Al

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Rosary Altar Society will be celebrating the holidays at a Christmas Party on **Tuesday, December 9 at 1:00 PM**. This year we will be having a luncheon at Jozanna's Restaurant, 409 Lincoln Boulevard in Middlesex. The cost is \$15 for members and \$18 for guests. If you are interested in attending, please contact Gerry DeNicola at (732) 469-4452 or Dottie Miranda at (732) 356-8126. Sign-ups and payments are due by December 1.

LECTURAS PARA EL PRÓXIMO DOMINGO

Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo

Primera Lectura: Ezequiel 34: 11-12, 15-17

"Buscaré a la oveja perdida y haré volver a la descarriada".

Segunda Lectura: 1 Corintios 15: 20-26, 28

Así como en Adán todos mueren, en Cristo todos volverán a la vida.

Evangelio: Mateo 25: 31-46

Cuando venga el Hijo del hombre, serán congregadas ante él todas las naciones.

AVISOS A LA COMUNIDAD

CONFESIONES: Las confesiones se realizan en Inglés y Español los siguientes días:

Sábados de 9:00 a 10:00 AM en la Capilla.

Miércoles de 6:30 a 7:00 PM en la Iglesia.

Los Miércoles las confesiones son hasta las 7 PM en punto. 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.

VIRGEN PEREGRINA

Las familias que deseen la visita de la Virgen Peregrina en sus hogares, comunicarse con Oscar e Ivania Rios al (908) 986-8977- (908) 986-8978.

AYUDA A TU IGLESIA

Ayude a su Iglesia, adquiriendo los certificados de compra (Gift certificate) de su supermercado favorito ShopRite, A&P y Pathmark, sin que a usted le cueste un centavo adicional. Así la Iglesia gana el 5 % por certificado. Se venden a la salida de la Misa los Domingos o en la semana en la oficina Parroquial de 9:00 AM a 4:00 PM.

TOME NOTA

- La hermana Lucia, atiende la oficina parroquial los Lunes y Miércoles de 9:45 a 11:45 AM y de 1:45 a 4:30 PM, Jueves de 2:30 a 9:00 PM. Viernes de 9:45 a 11:45 AM para los que deseen hablarle. Para hacer una cita con la Hermana llame al teléfono (732) 356-0027 ext. 6.
- 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.
- La Sra. Martha atiende en la oficina Parroquial (donde está la Capilla) todo lo relacionado con Misas, bautismos, registros parroquiales y certificados. Ella atiende en la oficina todos los Martes y Jueves de 6:30 a 8:30 PM y vía telefónica llamando al (732) 356-0027 x 6.

TOME NOTA - La señora Martha no estará atendiendo en la oficina Parroquial hasta el Martes 18 de Noviembre. Ella estará de regreso el Jueves 20 de Noviembre.

VENTA DE LA ESCUELA

Como ya nos estamos acercando al día que la escuela será vendida, yo quisiera tomar esta oportunidad para celebrarlo con una Misa especial en el Gimnasio de la escuela, lo cual seguirá con una fiesta y celebración parroquial. La fecha para este evento será el día sábado 13 de Diciembre a las 4 de la tarde. Aquellos que tengan alguna foto o memorias de la escuela, por favor déselo está haciendo una presentación de PowerPoint. Como también tenemos muchos trofeos y cosas en la escuela que deben recogerse antes de que lo boten, le pido a los que formaron parte de la escuela cuando ganamos esos trofeos que se acerquen a formar parte de la Misa para que lo traigan en las ofrendas para la Misa y lo recojan después. Estaremos sacando cosas de la escuela y poniéndolas en el Gimnasio los días 6 y 7 de diciembre. Por favor comuníquense con Joan Gleason para los dirija en lo que tienen que hacer.

Muchas gracias. Padre Al

DURANTE ESTA SEMANA

CURSO DE BIBLIA

Es muy importante la formación bíblica para todos nosotros, de esta manera nadie nos podrá engañar con sus cuentos baratos.

Todos son bienvenidos a participar del curso de estudio de Biblia con la hermana Lucía todos los Miércoles de 6:30 a 8:00 PM. en la oficina parroquial.



DIVINA MISERICORDIA

Todos los Jueves a las 7:30 PM. se reúnen en la Capilla el grupo de la Divina Misericordia. Para mas información llamar a Jorge Romero al (732) 900-4315.

CIRCULO DE ORACIÓN

Todos los Sábados a las 6:30 PM se reúne el círculo de oración en la Capilla. Para más información pueden llamar a Gabriela Alpizar al (908) 342-0780 o Maribel Alfaro al (908) 450-7110. **¡Los esperamos!**

Gracias, Señor Jesús, porque confiaste en nosotros, entregándonos los talentos y la responsabilidad de tu reino. Acompáñanos con tu Espíritu de creatividad fecunda, para poder poner los talentos que tú nos diste al servicio del reinado de Dios y de nuestros hermanos. Te lo pedimos en el nombre de tu hijo nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Amén.

BUENOS MODALES EN LA MISA

Nosotros los católicos tenemos el privilegio de tener la presencia de Jesucristo en nuestros templos, en el Sagrario y especialmente en la consagración durante la Misa, por lo tanto debemos vestarnos con modestia y dignidad. Seguro que cuando nos invitan a la casa de otras personas, nos comportamos de lo mas bien y enseñamos a nuestros hijos a hacer lo mismo. Si la invitación fuese a la casa de Dios, el comportamiento debería ser 10 veces mejor.

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA DE ADULTOS

Si usted o alguien que usted conoce le gustaría escuchar más acerca de Jesús y su iglesia, le invitamos a unirse a nosotros en una Sesión de Formación del R.I.C.A. Si usted desea ser bautizado en la Iglesia Católica ó si ya está bautizado y desea recibir los otros sacramentos de iniciación ó 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 la fe. Para más información acerca de las sesiones en Inglés, por favor contactar con el diácono Gary Newton en Deacon.Gary@sjccb.net ó para sesiones en español, comuníquese con la Hermana Lucía en sr.lucia@sjccb.net

El 2015 será el Año de la Vida Consagrada



DÍA DE ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS



Misa y bendición de los alimentos. **EL Jueves 27 a las 9:00 de la mañana tendremos la Misa de Acción de Gracias Bilingüe en la iglesia.** El Padre Alfonso estará ofreciendo un pan

bendecido y oración especial para que usted pueda disfrutar en la mesa de Acción de Gracias. Como ha sido nuestra costumbre en el pasado, invitamos a todos los que deseen traer algunos artículos de alimentos que se utilizarán para preparar la comida de Acción de Gracias. Deben ser colocados delante del altar, y habrá una bendición especial de los alimentos durante la Misa. Unámonos para dar gracias a Dios Todopoderoso por todas las bendiciones que hemos recibido. Fr. Al

CÓMO REPORTAR EL ABUSO SEXUAL

Si usted fue abusado sexualmente cuando era menor por un miembro del clero o cualquier persona en representación de la Iglesia Católica, o sabe de alguien que fue abusada, se le anima a informar de aquel abuso a la policía, a través de la página web diocesana (diometuchen.org), o llamando a Lawrence Nagle, Oficina Diocesana de Protección de Niños y Jóvenes, (732) 562-2413.

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

Diferencias entre: sectas - cristianos

Para los Mormones el Espíritu Santo es una especie de fluido, de energía que no puede estar al mismo tiempo en varias partes. Los Testigos de Jehová no lo consideran Dios.

La Biblia no es la única revelación sobrenatural de Dios, ni la principal. Para algunas sectas la Biblia tiene un valor relativo, semejante al de otros escritos. Como ejemplo digamos que los Mormones interpretan la Biblia desde sus libros sagrados El Libro del Mormón, La Perla de Gran Precio y Doctrinas y Convenios, La Ciencia Cristiana considera la Biblia equivocada e inferior a los escritos de Mary Baker Eddy. Para Moon el libro Principio Divino tiene autoridad sobre la Biblia.

En lo que hace referencia al bautismo, hay que decir que las sectas no tienen este sacramento, ya que fallan en cuanto a la fe trinitaria. Pero fácilmente inducen a confusión porque tienen ritos de iniciación o ciertas ceremonias que se parecen al bautismo cristiano, pero con sus peculiaridades especiales.

Respecto a la resurrección e inmortalidad muchas sectas las niegan. No olvidemos las sectas filosóficas y de tipo oriental que creen en la reencarnación. Los mismos Testigos de Jehová interpretando mal la Biblia dicen que sólo son 144,000 los salvados; el otro resto tendrá un reinado en la tierra e incluso existirá la aniquilación. Los mormones tienen una falsa idea de la vida futura y creen incluso que los hombres que son dignos llegarán a ser dioses.

COMPORTAMIENTO EN LA CASA DE DIOS

- † Las personas que van a la Iglesia deberán vestirse en forma conservadora.
- † No usar "tank tops", faldas cortas o vestimenta apretada, short o pantalones cortos, blusas con escotes.
- † Llegar con 10 minutos de anticipación.
- † Al ingresar a la Iglesia se debe hacer una genuflexión antes de tomar asiento.
- † Apagar el celular o ubicador personal.
- † Hacer silencio.
- † Recibir la Eucaristía con reverencia y respondiendo; "Amen"
- † No tener chicle o caramelo en la boca, nunca los debe tener cuando vaya a recibir la comunión.
† La Misa termina con canto de salida. No es correcto retirarse antes que termine el canto.
- † Hacer una genuflexión mirando hacia el altar antes de salir de la banca o cuando ya se encuentre fuera de la banca.