

Parish Ministries

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Parish Services

Parish Office: Open Monday through Thursday 9 AM-4 PM

(closed 12-1:30 PM for lunch).

Closed Fridays during summer.

Parish Center and Chapel of the

Nativity:

124 East Second Street

Church: Mountain Avenue and East High Street

Parish Office: (732) 356-0027

Parish Fax: (732) 356-8092

Emergencies Only: (732) 356-8936

Website: www.sjcbb.net

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.

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 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, 12:00 PM 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. 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.

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

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.

Holy Savior Academy

The Middlebrook Deanery

Catholic School

(Grades Pre-K through 8)

149 South Plainfield Avenue

South Plainfield, NJ 07080

(908) 822-5890

www.holysavioracademy.co..

Mrs. Melinda Hanlon, Principal



First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 29, 2015



The Candle of Hope

*The flame of Hope should never go out from your life,
And with Hope each of us can have a life
With Peace, Faith and Love.*

Masses/Penance for the Week

Monday, November 30, 2015

8:30 AM* Joseph Slater, request of Maureen and family

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

8:30 AM* People of the Parish

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

8:30 AM* Marie Healy, request of Tom and Flo Patullo

6:15 PM* Penance

7:00 PM* In appreciation of Joan Gleason,
request of Fr. Al

Thursday, December 3, 2015

9:00 AM* Mary Mignella Ricci, request of family

Friday, December 4, 2015

8:30 AM* Maria Ly, request of Laura Ham

Saturday, December 5, 2015

8:30 AM* Marie Healy, request of Gleason family

9:00 AM* Penance

5:00 PM Fred Caruso, request of wife Anna and family

7:00 PM Carla Mena-Alvarez, request of Orlando Mena

Sunday, December 6, 2015

8:00 AM Maria and Michael, request of Molly and Tony

10:00 AM Joseph and Victoria Dudis,
request of Dudis family

12:00 PM Luis Anival Romero,
request of St. Joseph Parish Staff

*Masses/penance are held in the chapel

Next Sunday's Readings

Second Sunday of Advent

Reading 1: Baruch 5:1-9

God is leading Israel in joy.

Reading 2: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

May your love increase ever more.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Prepare the way of the Lord.

This Week

Monday, November 30, 2015

7:00-8:15 PM Religious Education - grades 4 - 8
Community School

7:30-8:30 PM Divine Mercy Reflection in the Upper
Room

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

4:00-5:15 PM Religious Education - grades Pre-k - 4
Lafayette School

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

7:00-8:15 PM Religious Education - grades 1, 2, 6, 7, 8
Community School

7:00-9:00 PM Spanish Ministries in the Library

7:30-8:30 PM Reflections on the Year of Mercy Faith
Sharing Group in the Upper Room

Thursday, December 3, 2015

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

7:00 PM Spanish Men's Prayer Group in
the Library

7:00 PM Divine Mercy in the Chapel

Friday, December 4, 2015

9:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
In the Chapel of the Nativity

12:00 PM Benediction (in English) in the
Chapel of the Nativity

7:00-8:30 PM Spanish Divine Mercy Reflection in the
Upper Room

Saturday, December 5, 2015

5:30-6:45 PM Spanish RICA in the Library

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

Sunday, December 6, 2015

11:30AM-1PM RCIA in the Upper Room

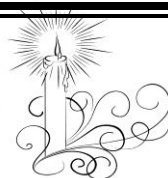
Sanctuary Lamp Memorial

November 20-December 6, 2015

In memory of

Michael Reilly

Bart and Ginny DeMato



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 Sr. Susana Islas at Sr.Susana@sjcbb.net.

Mount St. Mary House of Prayer

1651 U.S. Highway 22, Watchung, NJ 07069-6587

Mount St. Mary House of Prayer, Watchung, will offer the following programs.

Registration required, call (908) 753-2091 or e-mail: mshhope@mshhope.org

Weekend Retreats

December 4-6. Begins 7 PM on opening day, concludes at 2 PM. (\$150/weekend; non-refundable deposit \$40)

Sacred Time, Sacred Space

A personal, quiet day to enjoy God's presence. Day begins with communal prayer.

December 9, 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM. Bring bag lunch. (\$20-30 As You Are Able)

Creation at the Crossroads, Part II

This program will explore Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, *Laudato Si*, on care of our common home. The focus will be on our moral and religious responsibility for the care of God's creation.

Wednesday, December 2, 7:00-9:00 PM. (\$20-\$30 As You Are Able) Presenter: Theresa Rickard, OP.



2015 Christmas Concert

With the Daughters of Saint Paul Choir

Date: Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Our Lady of Fatima Church

Recreation Center

499 New Market Road

Piscataway, New Jersey 08854

Price: \$20/\$10 children under 14

Contact: Parish Center - 732-968-5555

Exts. 1104, 1107 & 1109

2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Grace, Mercy & Peace

Ministering to those experiencing pain, confusion and fear, and those preparing for death is the role of the clergy assigned to **Hospital Ministry**. They respond to calls at every hour of the day and night providing sacramental and pastoral presence in hospitals and health care facilities throughout the diocese.

Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to support this important pastoral ministry.

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.

Bishop's Appeal Status

To date, the Development Department has received pledges totaling \$ 16,288 and payments totaling \$11,559 from 95 parishioners. This represents 46% of our \$35,400 goal. Thank you for your efforts.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Thank you for your contributions to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)! Your generous gifts will help CCHD end poverty in the United States through better education, improved housing, and economic development. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we demonstrate Catholic social teaching and carry out Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor...to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free."

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on the first Friday of the month, December 4, in the Chapel following the 8:30 AM mass. The day will conclude with Prayer and Benediction at 12:00 PM. Come and rest in the presence of Jesus.

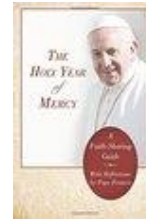


St. Joseph Music Ministry

If you feel a call to the music ministry, come and join us. We have several ensembles that would enjoy sharing sacred music to beautify the liturgy. The adult choir, children's choir and bell choir are recruiting new members. Please contact Maritza Alvarez at maritza.alvarez@sjcbb.net.

Reflections on the Year of Mercy

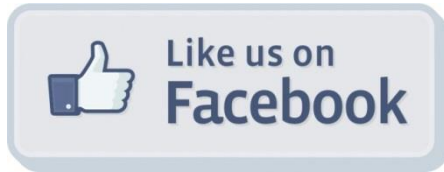
As we are entering the Year of Mercy called by the Holy Father, I would like to set up a discussion group about the Year of Mercy. This will be a weekly event on Wednesday evenings beginning November 18 and running through December 16. The group will meet for one hour, from 7:30 to 8:30 PM in the Upper Room of the Parish Center.



Please purchase the book entitled *"The Holy Year of Mercy: A Faith-Sharing Guide With Reflections by Pope Francis"*. The book can be ordered on Amazon.com and will be used for discussion in our faith sharing group.

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.



Search for
"St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bound Brook, NJ"
and stay connected.

Rosary Altar Society Christmas Party

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

Church Women United 2015 World Community Day Our Journey Together

Join Church Women United for "Companions on a Journey"

Date: Friday, December 4, 2015

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: The Reformed Church
Main and Clinton Streets, S. Bound Brook

Pastor: Martin Winters

Contact: Joan Jenkoski (732) 469-5425

Question of the Week

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (LUKE 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late.

Sacristans

We are in the process of adding new sacristans to our roster. Sacristans can be a couple, a family, or an adult. This will also count as service hours for Confirmation (but an adult must be present). We are looking for sacristans for the Saturday 5:00 PM, and Sunday 8:00 and 10:00 AM masses. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please complete the form below and drop it in the collection basket.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Lecturas Para el Próximo Domingo

Segundo Domingo de Adviento

Primera Lectura: Baruc 5:1-9

Dios mostrará tu grandeza.

Segunda Lectura: Filipenses 1:4-6, 8-11

Manténganse limpios e irreprochables para el día de Cristo.

Evangelio: Lucas 3:1-6

Todos verán la salvación de Dios.

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 Capilla.

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 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 Jorge Romero al (732) 900-4315.

Círculo de Oración

Todos los sábados a las 6:30 PM se reúne el círculo de oración en la Capilla. ¡Los esperamos!

Tome Nota

La hermana Susana Islas atiende la oficina parroquial los lunes y miércoles de 9:45 a 11:45 AM y de 1:30 a 4:30 PM, jueves de 2:30 a 9:00 PM y viernes de 9:45 a 12:00 del mediodía, 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 o a su correo deacon.gustavo@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. 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 ext. 6.

Santísimo

La Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento se llevará a cabo el primer viernes del mes, Diciembre 4 en la

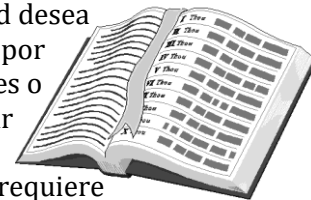


Capilla de la Natividad después de la misa de 8:30 AM. La jornada concluirá con la oración y bendición a las 12:00 del mediodía. Venga a descansar en la presencia de Jesús.

Intención de Misa 2015/16

El libro de intenciones de las Misas para los días sábados o domingo del 2015 todavía hay disponibles, como para al año 2016. Si usted desea

Pedir una Misa, por favor pase por la oficina de la parroquia martes o jueves de 6:30 a 8:30 PM hablar con la Señora Martha.



Tenga en cuenta: La Diócesis requiere que a toda intención de Misa, se deje una ofrenda en el momento de solicitarla.

Catequesis para Adultos

Si usted sabe de algún adulto de 18 años a 90 que no ha recibido los sacramentos de iniciación Cristiana, (bautismo, comunión y confirmación) déjenles saber que ya dieron comienzo las clases para estas instrucciones. Las clases son todos los sábados de 5:30 a 6:30 PM en el Upper Room de la oficina parroquial. Los interesados hablar con la hermana Susana después de Misa o llamando a la oficina (732) 356-0027 ext. 6, también con la Sra. Martha los martes o jueves de 6:30 a 8:30 PM.

Rito de Iniciación

Cristiana de los 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 Información del RICA. Si usted desea ser bautizado en la Iglesia Católica, ó 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 la fe. Para más información acerca de las sesiones en Inglés, por favor contactar con el diácono Gary Newton a Deacon.Gary@sjcbb.net o para sesiones en español, comuníquese con la Hermana Susana Islas a Sr.Susana@sjcbb.net

Cambio de horario de Confesiones y Misa de los Miércoles

Para facilitar la recopilación sobre el Año de la formación en la fe de la Misericordia, el horario de la confesión cambiará a 6:15 y la misa se celebrará a las 7:00 PM en la Capilla. Esto permitirá a los feligreses, a asistir tanto a la misa vespertina y compartir el grupo si lo desean. Gracias por su comprensión.

Fiesta de La Virgen de Guadalupe

El viernes 11 de diciembre, víspera del día de la Virgen de Guadalupe celebraremos la misa a las 9:00 PM. en la Iglesia. Tendremos: ofrecimiento de flores, cánticos, música, Mariachis y las tradicionales mañanitas a la Virgen. **Ven a festejar el Día de Nuestra Virgen Morena!!**



Árbol de Navidad

Como parte de nuestra preparación para la Navidad como familia parroquial, este año nuevamente



tendremos el árbol de Navidad con los decoraciones de papel, los cuales tienen escrito nombres de regalo (por favor traigan juguetes nuevos, y no revolver de juguete que tienen batería con juguetes que necesitan baterías). Tome uno y traiga el regalo con la decoración

de papel pegado a la caja, por favor no lo envuelva, para mejor distribución. También aceptamos donaciones monetarias para compra de zapatos y abrigos; favor de hacer el cheque a "Food Bank Network of Somerset Country" Debe traer el regalo el fin de semana del 12 y 13 de Diciembre, para que estos regalos sean distribuidos a familias necesitadas esta Navidad. Si usted conoce alguna familia necesitada, por favor infórmelo a la oficina parroquial. Muchas gracias por su participación.

Ministerio de Música

Si Dios te ha dado un talento, y puedes cantar o tocar un instrumento musical, ¿no has considerado unirse al Ministerio de Música? Nos encantaría tener nuevos integrantes. Los ensayos son los jueves.

4:30 PM - Coro en Español

5:30PM - Coro de Niños

6:30 PM - Coro de Campanas

7:30 PM - Coro de Adultos Ingles (instrumentistas)

Por favor, póngase en contacto con Maritza Álvarez
maritza.alvarez@sjcbb.net.



El Adviento es Tiempo de Preparación y Esperanza.



Important



Si sientes en tu corazón el llamado de Dios para servir en algún Ministerio, escucha su llamado y respóndele al Señor. Estamos necesitando especialmente para la Misa de los Sábados a la 7:00 PM, Lectores, Ministros de la Eucaristía, monaguillos, acomodadores (ujieres) y coro. La Misa de los Sábados está por petición de ustedes, en este momento nos hace falta más colaboración de cada uno para que la celebración de esta Misa continúe. De antemano, Agradezco su colaboración. Que Dios los bendiga. Padre Al

Colecta para la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano (CCHD)

¡Muchas gracias por su contribución a la colecta para la Campaña del Desarrollo Humano Católica (CCHD)! Su generosidad ayudará a CCHD a erradicar la pobreza en los Estados Unidos mediante una mejor educación, mejores viviendas y desarrollo económico. A través de CCHD y sus beneficiarios, mostramos la enseñanza social católica y realizamos la misión de Jesús para "llevar a los pobres la Buena Nueva...de anunciar la liberación a los cautivos y la curación a los ciegos, y liberar a los oprimidos" (Lic. 4:18)

Reflexiones sobre el Año de la Misericordia (Español)

La Hermana Susana, tiene el grupo de reflexión sobre el Año de la Misericordia, los días lunes a las 7:00 pm. en el Upper Room de la capilla, a partir del 16 de Noviembre hasta el 14 de Diciembre. Todos son bienvenidos!



2015 Campaña Anual del Obispo Gracia, Misericordia y Paz

Ministrar a aquellos que experimentan dolor, confusión y miedo, y los que se preparan para la muerte, es el papel del clero asignados a Ministerio hospital. Responden llamadas día y noche y ofrecen presencia sacramental y pastoral en los hospitales y centros de salud en toda la diócesis.

Su donación a la Campaña Anual del Obispo ayuda a apoyar este importante ministerio pastoral.