

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.holsavioracademy.co...
Mrs. Melinda Hanlon, Principal



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 20, 2015



Masses/Penance for the Week

Monday, December 21, 2015

8:30 AM* Anthony J. Ricci, request of family

Tuesday, December 22, 2015

8:30 AM* Clement Donlan, request of family

Wednesday, December 23, 2015

8:30 AM* Henry Patullo, request of wife and family

6:15 PM* Penance

7:00 PM* DeMato family,
request of Bart and Ginny DeMato

Thursday, December 24, 2015 - Christmas Eve

5:00 PM Children's Mass (Main Church)

8:30 PM Spanish Mass (Main Church)

10:30 PM Christmas Carols (Main Church)

11:00 PM Midnight Mass (Main Church)

Friday, December 25, 2015 - Nativity of the Lord

8:00 AM Mass (Main Church)

10:00 AM Mass (Main Church)

12:00 PM Spanish Mass (Main Church)

Saturday, December 26, 2015

8:30 AM* Stephen G. Juronics, request of family

9:00 AM* Penance

5:00 PM Nicholas Martino,
request of Richard and Rose Marie

7:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, December 27, 2015

8:00 AM Jennifer McKaig,
request of Mary and Mario DeGhetto

10:00 AM Christine Benko,
request of Joyce Peppe and family

12:00 PM Emilia Donayre, request of Wagner family

*Masses/penance are held in the chapel

Next Sunday's Readings

Epiphany of the Lord

Reading 1: Isaiah 60:1-6

The glory of the Lord shines on all people.

Reading 2: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

The Gentiles are coheirs of the promise.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

The magi come with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This Week

No Religious Education

Classes resume the week of January 4.

Tuesday, December 22, 2015

7:00-9:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group in the Library

Wednesday, December 23, 2015

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

Saturday, December 26, 2015

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

Sunday, December 27, 2015

11:30AM-1PM RCIA in the 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 can not give reign in our hearts.



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.

Question of the Week

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy."
(LUKE 1:44)

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading each Sunday, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect to be entertained?

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.



Sacristans

St. Joseph Church is 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).

What are the duties of a sacristan? A Sacristan has three main roles:

Security - responsible for assuring proper treatment of the Sacred Blood and Blessed Sacrament during and after the celebration. Also responsible for keeping the Holy Tabernacle secure.

Mass set up and clean up – prepare all books, vessels, offertory, and incense when appropriate.

Mass Coordinator - assist the presider with whatever details/duties he needs done.

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: _____

Take Action to Oppose Physician-Assisted Suicide

Take Action Today to Oppose Physician-Assisted Suicide. S382, a bill authorizing assisted suicide was released by the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee and could be voted on by the full Senate at any time. An identical bill, A2270 was passed by the General Assembly last November. Please contact your Senator and ask them to vote “No” on S382 – the Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill Act. This bill has great potential for serious abuses. For example, the bill does not allow for human error, which so often occurs. In predicting patients’ lifespans, a 6-month prognosis for a terminal illness is often wildly inaccurate. Also, S382 does not require a patient to consult a psychiatrist, palliative care, or hospice expert before receiving and administering the prescription to commit suicide.

Under S382 no physician is required to be present when the patient takes the lethal prescription, and there is no requirement to notify family members. We should support compassionate care, especially improved hospice and palliative care. We should not assist people to commit suicide. As faithful citizens, we must continue to educate our legislators about the dangers of Physician-Assisted Suicide and try to STOP its passage in the State of New Jersey. To send an email go to <https://votervoicenet.com/NJCC/Campaigns/37618/Respond>. For information about the State Senator in the Bound Brook area, please call Maria Garcia at (732) 469-3397.

2015 Bishop’s Annual Appeal Grace, Mercy & Peace

As Christmas nears, you are asked to make a special effort to remember the 2015 Bishop’s Annual Appeal. It is a gift that brings the **Grace, Mercy & Peace** of Christ to thousands of people throughout the Diocese of Metuchen. Please consider making a gift today.

Bishop Barron’s Advent Reflections



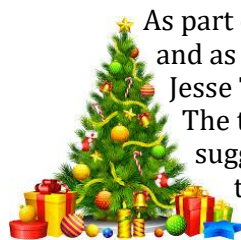
Visit our website at www.sjccb.net to read Bishop Barron’s Advent Reflections. There will be a different uplifting spiritual reflection every day through December 25. The link is located in the upper right corner of the home page.

Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

Please pick up the schedule for Christmas through New Year’s in the Sacristy.

Jesse Tree

Gifts due this weekend – December 19/20



As part of our preparation for Christmas and as a parish family, we have the annual Jesse Tree in the Narthex of the Church.

The tree contains tags with a gift suggestion (please, new items only; no toy guns or items which require batteries). All gifts should be returned back to the Jesse Tree **this weekend, December 19 and 20** with the Jesse Tree tag taped to the box so they can be distributed to needy families. Please do not wrap the gift, since it will have to be re-opened for distribution. Monetary donations are also welcome to purchase shoes and winter coats. Please make your check payable to "Food Bank Network of Somerset County." If you know of families in need, please notify the parish office. Thanks to all those who participate.



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St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bound Brook, NJ

Birthday Cards for Jesus

Children are welcome to make a birthday card for baby Jesus. A basket will be next to the manger on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in which the card can be placed. Families with children are encouraged to attend the 5:00 PM Children's mass on Christmas Eve.

Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24, 2015 – Christmas Eve

5:00 PM Children's Mass (Main Church)
8:30 PM Spanish Mass (Main Church)
10:30 PM Christmas Carols (Main Church)
11:00 PM Midnight Mass (Main Church)

Friday, December 25, 2015 – Nativity of the Lord

8:00 AM Mass (Main Church)
10:00 AM Mass (Main Church)
12:00 PM Spanish Mass (Main Church)

Thursday, December 31, 2015 – New Year's Eve

8:30 AM Mass (Chapel)
4:00 PM New Year's Eve Mass (Main Church)

Friday, January 1, 2016 – New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

8:30 AM Mass (Main Church)
10:00 AM Mass (Main Church)
12:00 PM Spanish Mass (Main Church)

Penance Service

6:15 PM Every Wednesday (Chapel)
9:00 AM Every Saturday (Chapel)



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.



*Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth peace to men, goodwill.
For unto you is born this day in the City of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.*

Most of us are very familiar with the announcement to the shepherds by the Angels of Jesus' birth. But as we rush through our busy lives this Christmas season, let us pause to reflect on the greatest gift of all – that God sent His Son to us to forgive our sins and save the world. Where there is violence, Jesus reminds us that peace and faith in His Word will triumph. Where there is mean spiritedness, Jesus shows us by the example of his life that goodwill and kindness are the way to Heaven.

On behalf of the staff of St. Joseph's, I wish you, your family and friends and all those you hold dear a joyous and merry Christmas.

Fr. Al

Lecturas Para el Próximo Domingo

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

Primera Lectura: Miqueas 5:1-4

Ellos habitarán tranquilos, porque la grandeza del que ha de nacer llenará la tierra y él mismo será la paz.

Segunda Lectura: Hebreos 10:5-10

"Aquí estoy, Dios mío; vengo para hacer tu voluntad".

Evangelio Lucas: 1: 39-45

María visita a su prima Isabel.

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 6:15 a 6:45 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.

Circulo 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.

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, 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 (para los no bautizados), Eucaristía y Confirmación. Caminemos juntos en un camino de fe. Para más información acerca de las sesiones en inglés, favor de comunicarse con el diácono Gary Newton Deacon.Gary@sjcbb.net o para sesiones en español, comuníquese con la Hermana Susana Islas: Sr.Susana@sjcbb.net



Nuevos Bautizados

Damos la bienvenida a nuestra familia Cristiana de la Iglesia San José a: Arially Mora -Bolaños que el pasado fin de semana recibió el bautismo. Felicidades a los padres y padrinos, y que la luz de Jesús permanezca siempre en esta niña y que crezca aún mas en su corazón.

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 lo alto de la capilla, hasta el 14 de Diciembre. Todos son bienvenidos!!



Posadas

Tendremos las tradicionales posadas en las casas. En este tiempo reflexionaremos en lo que es un peregrinar y no tener donde hospedarse. María Jesús y José fueron de casa en casa pidiendo posada ahora te



la pide a ti. Se la darás? Todavía quedan 3 días libres que son el 16, 22 y 23 de diciembre. Si desea ofrecer una posada, la lista está en la entrada de la Iglesia.



Corona de Adviento Tercer Domingo

Arbol de Navidad

Como parte de nuestra preparación para la Navidad como familia parroquial, este año nuevamente tendremos el árbol de Navidad con los adornos de



papel, en los que tienen escritos nombres de regalos (favor de no revolver juguete que tiene baterías con los que no tengan). Tome un adorno y traiga el juguete con el adorno de papel pegado a la caja, favor de no envolverlo, para mejor distribución.

También aceptamos donaciones monetarias para compra de zapatos y abrigos; les pedimos que si es cheque lo hagan a "Food Bank Network of Somerset Country" traiga el regalo los días 12 y 13 de Diciembre, para que estos regalos sean distribuidos esta Navidad a familias necesitadas. Si usted conoce de algunas familias necesitadas, por favor infórmelo a la oficina parroquial. Muchas gracias por su cooperación.

2015 Campaña Anual del Obispo Bendición

"Que el mismo Señor Jesucristo y Dios, nuestro Padre, que nos ha amado y que nos ha dado gratuitamente una consolacion eterna y una esperanza dichosa, consuele sus corazones y los afiance en toda obra y palabra buena ". - 2 Tesalonicenses 2: 16-17

Misas de Noche Buena y Navidad

Jueves, Diciembre 24 - Noche Buena

5:00 PM Liturgia para niños - Ingles (Iglesia)
 8:30 PM Misa de Vigilia - Español (Iglesia)
 10:30 PM Cantos y Villancicos (Iglesia)
 11:00 PM Misa de Media Noche - Ingles (Iglesia)

Viernes, Diciembre 25 - Navidad

8:00 AM Misa - Ingles (Iglesia)
 10:00 AM Misa - Ingles (Iglesia)
 12:00 PM Misa - Español (Iglesia)



Sábado, Diciembre 26 - Vigilia

5:00 PM Misa - Ingles (Iglesia)
 7:00 PM Misa - Español (Iglesia)

Domingo, Diciembre 27 - La Sagrada Familia

8:30 AM Misa - Ingles (Iglesia)
 10:00 AM Misa - Ingles (Iglesia)
 12:00 PM Misa - Español (Iglesia)

Jueves, Diciembre 31 2015

8:30 AM Misa - Ingles (Capilla)
 4:00 PM Misa - Ingles (Iglesia)

Viernes, Enero 1º 2016 - Año Nuevo Santa María, Madre de Dios

8:30 AM Misa - Ingles (Iglesia)
 10:00 AM Misa - Ingles (Iglesia)
 12:00 PM Misa - Español (Iglesia)



Reunión de los Ministros de la Hospitalidad- Acomodadores

El próximo miércoles 16 de diciembre, habrá reunión de los Ministros de la Hospitalidad, en biblioteca de la oficina a las 7:00 pm. La hermana Susana espera verlos a todos.



*Gloria a Dios en el Cielo y en la tierra paz a los hombres de Buena voluntad.
 Porque este día en la ciudad de David ha nacido un Salvador que es Christo, El Señor.*

Muchos de nosotros estamos familiarizados con el anuncio que los Angeles llevaron a los pastores acerca del nacimiento de Jesús. Y nosotros, con nuestras vidas tan apresuradas en este tiempo de Navidad. Vamos a hacer una pausa para reflexionar en el regalo más grande de todos - que Dios envió a su Hijo para el perdón de nuestros pecados y salvación del mundo. También nos recuerda que donde hay violencia, Jesús nos dice que la paz y la fe en su Palabra triunfara. Piensa que donde hay espíritu maligno Jesús nos enseña con su vida y ejemplo que para contrarrestarlo y llegar al cielo, son necesarias la bondad y la Buena voluntad.

En nombre del personal de San José, les deseamos a usted, su familia y amigos, una muy Feliz Navidad!

Padre Al