

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



Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



Sunday, December 27, 2015

Masses/Penance for the Week

Monday, December 28, 2015

8:30 AM* Lee Arters, request of Ray Gleason

Tuesday, December 29, 2015

8:30 AM* Barbara Lou Moore, request of Ray Gleason

Wednesday, December 30, 2015

8:30 AM* Patrick Egan, request of Carol Szynkielewski

6:15 PM* Penance

7:00 PM* Pat Gleason, request of Josephine Bonaduce

Thursday, December 31, 2015 - Christmas Eve

8:30 AM* Anthony Puntasecca,
request of Ann and Frank Yost

4:00 PM People of the Parish (Main Church)

Friday, January 1, 2016

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

8:00 AM Jean Barlow,
request of Jean Graebener (Main Church)

10:00 AM Emilia Donayre, request of Mary Ellen
and Kevin Kirchman (Main Church)

12:00 PM Javier A. Leon and Reyes Leon,
request of Maria Mejia (Main Church)

Saturday, January 2, 2016

8:30 AM* Frank A. Castelli, request of his sister, Chris

9:00 AM* Penance

5:00 PM Helen Zielinski, request of Riccioli family

7:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, January 3, 2016

8:00 AM Donald (Mike) Hawrey, request of Mary Patten

10:00 AM Joyce Plick, request of children and husband

12:00 PM Emilia Donayre,
request of St. Joseph Parish Staff

*Masses/penance are held in the chapel

Next Sunday's Readings

Epiphany of the Lord

Reading 1: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

God's glory shall be revealed.

Reading 2: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

We are saved through the bath of rebirth.

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

"You are my beloved Son."

This Week

No Religious Education

Classes resume the week of January 4.

Wednesday, December 30, 2015

6:00-9:30 PM Spanish Ministries in the Upper Room

Saturday, January 2, 2016

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

Sunday, January 3, 2016

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



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St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bound Brook, NJ

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.

Sanctuary Lamp Memorial

December 14,-20 2015

In memory of

Edward Forktus

Request of family



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: _____

Sunday Offering

The week Ended December 13

Regular Collection:	\$4,992
Building and Maintenance	\$1,736

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

Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

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

New Year's Resolutions

Although there is nothing in the Bible or notable in Christian tradition about New Year's resolutions, many good stewards take advantage of this time of year to become closer to the Lord.

Family: How often in our busy lives does time with family get neglected? Resolve to find a special time with each family member each week. Make sure that family meals are celebrated frequently. Plan a special family outing once or twice a month, and go to Mass together. Resolve that when your spouse or child speaks, you will truly listen.

Health: Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. Without good health, we lack the energy to serve the Lord well. Resolve to make that doctor or dentist appointment. Make one healthy change in your eating habits. Add a few minutes of extra exercise to each day's routine.

Possessions: Want less. Live more simply. Do you own your possessions, or do they own you? Challenge yourself to sacrifice something you like but that you know another person needs more than you.

Parish Family: Offer your service to the liturgy or a ministry of your parish in the New Year. Enrich your parish and your parish experience by becoming involved.

Money: Take charge of your budget and your checkbook. Reprioritize your financial goals to ensure that the Lord is coming first in the expenditure of your wealth. Plan your spending and don't spend reactively or impulsively.

Work: Do your best at your chosen profession. Be honest and faithful. Resolve to find a class or other forum that will strengthen your knowledge and expertise. Bring a prayerful attitude to your job.

Happy New Year from Fr. Al

Happy New Year to all the parishioners and friends of St. Joseph!

The start of a new year is a hopeful time – an opportunity for a fresh start, resolutions and renewal. How many of us start the year with good intentions only to quickly lose our drive and motivation? But God never wavers in His love for us and the start of a new year is a perfect opportunity to renew, refresh or rededicate ourselves to the ultimate resolution – the goal of reaching heaven.

Fr. Al

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is cancelled for the first Friday of the month due to the New Year's Holiday.



New Year's Mass Schedule

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)

2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal Grace, Mercy & Peace

The 2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal continues until the end of the fiscal year, June 2016, so it's not too late to make a gift. Our goal is to have 100% participation. Please prayerfully consider supporting the appeal with a pledge or one-time gift as your means allow. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Question of the Week

"See what love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 JOHN 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received – being children of God. As God's children, it's important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family member and friends that you love them, frequently.

Three Kings

If any parishioners would like to dress up as one of the Three Kings at the 5:00 PM, 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM masses on January 2/3, please contact Sr. Susana at the parish office or email Sr.Susana@sjcbb.net.

Mass Intentions

There are plenty of Mass Intentions open for 2016. Please stop by the parish office to reserve your masses. The 2017 Mass Intention book has not yet opened.



The History of Mass Intentions

A mass may be offered for many reasons, such as in thanksgiving for another person, or as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

When a priest offers Holy Mass, he has three intentions: First, to offer the Mass reverently and validly in accord with the norms of the Church. Second, to offer the Mass in union with the whole Church and for the good of the whole Church. Third, to offer the Mass for a particular intention, such as the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

History

Pope Leo XIII beautifully elaborated this point and emphasized the connection between the communion of saints with the Mass. The communion of saints is the mutual sharing of help, atonement, prayers and benefits among the faithful.

We find not only the origins of this practice dating to the early Church but we also clearly recognize its importance.

The tradition of offering Masses for others, particularly the dead, originates in the very early Church. Inscriptions discovered on tombs in Roman catacombs of the second century evidence this practice.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem (d. 386), explained how at Mass both the living and dead are remembered, and how the Eucharistic Sacrifice of our Lord is of benefit to sinners, living and dead.

St. Ambrose (d. 397) preached, "We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord."

St. Augustine (d. 430) recorded the dying wishes of his mother, St. Monica in his Confessions: "One thing only I ask you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be."

Finally, Pope St. Gregory (d. 604) said, "Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them."

Lecturas Para el Próximo Domingo Epifanía del Señor

Primera Lectura: Isaías 60:1-6

La gloria del Señor resplandece en toda la gente.

Segunda Lectura: Efesios 3:2-3, 5-6

Los paganos son coherederos de la misma herencia.

Evangelio: Mateo 2:1-12

Los Magos le ofrecieron oro, incienso y mirra.

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.

Intención de Misa 2016

El libro de intenciones de las Misas para los días sábados o domingo del 2016 está disponible. 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 todas las intenciones de Misas, se deje una ofrenda en el momento de solicitarlas.



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 (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 ó para sesiones en español, comuníquese con la Hermana Susana Islas a Sr.Susana@sjcbb.net.



2015 Campaña Anual del Obispo

Gracia, Misericordia y Paz

La Oficina de Vida Familiar faculta a las familias a aceptar y abrazar los valores católicos modelando con valentía los valores de la sociedad por la aceptación gozosa de la diversidad cultural, la efusión compasiva de amor por los que sufren o que necesitan y para la afirmación continua de la dignidad de toda la vida humana.

Su donación a la Campaña Anual del Obispo apoya estos ministerios vitales para nuestras familias y comunidades.

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

GRACIAS: Queremos agradecer a todas las personas que cooperaron para que la celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe se llevara a cabo con gran éxito, tanto en la liturgia como las personas que compartieron y sirvieron los deliciosos antojitos mexicanos. Tengan por seguro que Nuestra Madre intercederá por ustedes y su familia. Y que Dios los bendiga.

Reflexiones sobre el Año de la Misericordia (Español)

La Hermana Susana, reanudará el grupo de reflexión sobre el Año de la Misericordia, el próximo lunes 4 de enero a las 7:00 PM en lo alto de la capilla, Todos son bienvenidos!! Los espera!



La Sagrada Familia

Nuevos Bautizados

Damos la bienvenida a nuestra familia Cristiana de la Iglesia San José a: Diego Maceda, Kylie Marina Salas, Estefani Pricila Najera y Madeline Adriana Najera, que el pasado fin de semana recibieron el bautismo. Felicidades a los padres y padrinos, y que la luz de Jesús permanezca siempre en estos niños y que crezca aún más en sus corazones.



Bautismos

Los bautismos se realizan el primer y tercer domingo de cada mes. Si usted quiere bautizar a su hijo/a en los meses de Enero o Febrero.



Deben registrarse para la próxima charla de bautismo del 5 de Enero 2016 a las 7:15 PM. Planifique con tiempo el bautismo las charlas son cada dos meses y si no tiene la charla no puede bautizar al bebé.

Para más información ir personalmente los martes o jueves a la oficina Parroquial (donde está la Capilla) de 6:30 a 8:30 PM.

Misas de Fin de Año

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)



Está Buscando la Manera de Incluir a Dios en sus Vidas?

¡Descubra como hacerlo en un Fin de Semana del Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial! El Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial es un programa de 44 horas en donde las parejas pueden alejarse del trabajo, los niños, las tareas de la casa y el teléfono para enfocarse solo el uno en el otro. Si están buscando que su relación crezca, sea más profunda, y más enriquecida. Entonces les gustara la diferencia que puede hacer en ustedes un Fin de Semana del Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial. El próximo Fin de Semana será el 30y 31 de Enero. Para más información o para inscribirse llame a Eugenio y Theresa Porras al teléfono (732) 910-3057 o (201) 707-8583.

¿Se Ha Mudado?

Por favor ayúdenos a mantener nuestros registros al día. Si usted recientemente se ha mudado o cambiado su número de teléfono, por favor complete el siguiente formulario y colóquelo en la cesta de la colecta. Si usted no está registrado en la Parroquia San José y desea hacerlo, por favor pase por el centro parroquial para llenar un formulario del Censo.

Formulario de actualización

Nombre: _____

Dirección: _____

Ciudad: _____ Estado: _____

CódigoPostal: _____ Tel: _____ Sobre #: _____

