

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



First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, February 14, 2016



Transfiguration of the Lord

Masses/Penance for the Week

Monday, February 15, 2016

8:30 AM* Jim Geiger, request of the Villamil family

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

8:30 AM* Anthony Fratantuono, request of family

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

8:30 AM* Katrina Slater, request of Terry and Ed Schurdak

Thursday, February 18, 2016

8:30 AM* Betty Walker, request of Gloria Villamil

Friday, February 19, 2016

8:30 AM* People of the Parish

Saturday, February 20, 2016

8:30 AM* Gladys Colontuono, request of Nettie J. Albanese

9:00 AM* Penance

5:00 PM Mary DeFrancesco, request of her daughter

7:00 PM Petrona Monges, and Modesto and Valentina Ramirez, request of Ana Diaz

Sunday, February 21, 2016

8:00 AM Donald Haurey, request of Aunt Helen and Barbara

10:00 AM Geraldine Synnott, request of Rose Marie Green

12:00 PM Alvaro Acosta, request of family

*Masses/penance are held in the Chapel

Next Sunday's Readings

Second Sunday in Lent

Reading 1: Genesis 15:5-12

Reading 2: Philippians 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

This Week

Monday, February 15, 2016

President's Day

No Religious Religious Education

Parish Office closed

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

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

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

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

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

Thursday, February 18, 2016

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, February 19, 2016

9:00 AM Holy Hour of Prayer for Priests in the Chapel

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

Saturday, February 20, 2016

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

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

Sunday, February 21, 2016

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

Second Collections for February

Since there are several second collections in your packet of collection envelopes without specific dates for the month of February, the second collections will be done in the following order to avoid more than two collections in one weekend.

Spring Collection	February 7
Building and Maintenance	February 14
Catholic Spirit	February 21
Easter Flowers	February 28



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St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bound Brook, NJ

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. 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@sjccb.net.



Holy Hour of Prayer for Priests

Come join us in prayer for our priests and priestly vocations this Friday, February 19 from 9:30 - 10:30 AM in the Chapel.



Catholic School Tuition Assistance

2016-17 Online Application Process Open

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen Catholic elementary or high school may do so beginning January 31, 2016. The application process is now online through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. Online applications must be completed (including supporting documentation) no later than Friday, April 15, 2016. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application, or need access to the technology to apply, may register for one of the 14 Application Workshops that will be held throughout the Diocese in February, March and April by going to www.diometuchen.org/schools/tuition-assistance and following the Workshops link.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays during lent in the Chapel.
7:00 PM – English
8:15 PM – Spanish



Sunday Offering

The week Ended February 7, 2016

Regular Collection: \$5,641

Spring Collection: \$ 958

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

Question of the Week

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." (DEUTERONOMY 26:10)

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits", the best that you have to offer, or do you give from what is leftover? Second, do you remember that everything you have has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day.

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.



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.

A Night of Comedy and Chance Prizes

It is always great to smile and laugh...especially when supporting those in our community who can truly use our help. Enjoy a night of PG-16 comedy while supporting a local charity. There will be over 50 chance raffle baskets to win and a Silent Auction. Proceeds benefit St. Joseph Catholic Church and FCS of Somerset County. For every ticket purchased by one of our parishioners, FCS will give our church \$15. The best way is to make a notation on your check or Paypal account in comment section.



Saturday, March 5, 2016

Doors open 7 PM, Show starts 8 PM
Villagers Theatre, 415 Demott Lane
Somerset, NJ 08873
(Franklin Twp. Municipal Complex)
Advance Ticket Price: \$30.00

Tickets can be purchased online on the FCS website at www.fcssomerset.org, or contact the FCS office for tickets and information (732) 356-1082. Mail checks to FCS of Somerset County, 339 West 2nd Street, Bound Brook, NJ 08805.

Don't forget to mention St. Joseph Catholic Church!

2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Grace, Mercy & Peace

Next weekend, our parish will be conducting an In-Pew campaign for the 2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have yet to contribute to the appeal, please take this opportunity to prayerfully consider a gift. If you have already given, please know how much your gift is appreciated.

Save the Date: Vacation Bible School

We are planning another exciting Vacation Bible School experience for this summer! Mark your calendar for July 18-22. We are looking for adult help to make this the best week ever. Contact Kathy Champignon at the Parish Office (732) 356-0645.

Annual Michael Pilato Art Contest

Pope Francis has declared this to be the Year of Mercy. To celebrate the Year of Mercy here at St. Joseph, the theme for our annual Art Contest will be "*Artistic Works of Mercy.*"

We are inviting entries for our annual Art Contest in memory of **Michael Pilato**. The contest is open to all Saint Joseph parishioners.

Art may be of any type, including but not limited to paintings (oil, pastels, charcoal drawings, mosaics, etc.), crafts, sculptures, woven items, appliques, etc.



All projects must be submitted **no later than 4:00 PM on Friday, April 1**. They may be brought to the Religious Education office during class time or to the Parish Office on weekdays between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM. **Please do not sign the front of the art work.** Print your name and age/adult on a card and attach it to the back of the piece. However, you may display a title if you feel it would help viewers understand the meaning of your work.

Projects will be judged anonymously by noted community artists, and winners will be announced at a reception scheduled for **Friday, April 22 at 7:00 PM** in the Upper Room of the St. Joseph Parish Center. Prizes will be awarded for First and Second place winners respectively, in each of five categories. Honorable Mention commendations will also be awarded. Please plan to attend.

We hope as many of our parishioners as possible will participate in this event, and we look forward to this occasion to showcase their God-given talents. Anyone interested in helping with set-up of the artwork or judging, contact the Religious Education office at (732) 356-0645 should you need assistance or advice regarding your project.

Message from the Pastor

As we begin this season of Lent, we are asked to give something up for Lent, but we can also add something else to our lives, as a sacrifice. Lent is a special time to work out any issues or shortcomings we might have that prevent us from getting closer to God and each other. May you have a fruitful Lent.

Lenten Reflections

If you go to our webpage you will find some reflections by the newly appointed Bishop Baron for each day of Lent. Just click on Lenten message and sign up to get your daily reflection.

Masses During Lent

As we are starting this Lenten season, as a sign of solidarity with the Lord, we will be processing out in silence. Please do not leave the church until the celebrant has processed out. Thank you for your cooperation. Fr. Al

Parish Council News

As we begin the new year, we have new Parish Council members. On Sunday, February 21 at the 10:00 AM Mass, we will install all of the members for a new term. The new president of the parish Council is Carey Pilato, who was elected by the council. Please pray for all the members that will be installed:

Carey Pilato, President	Deacon Gustavo Sandoval
Rich Canfield	Annette Scannell
Fred Cuozzo	Nancy Padilla
Joan Gleason	Leanne Penetto
Sr. Susana Islas	Theresa Porras
Deacon Gary Newton	Lyle Strain
	Layo Tonche

Lenten Instructions

The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

All other Fridays are days of abstinence.

From Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday until the celebration of the Easter Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday, the Easter fast should be observed.

Fast applies to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. Limit oneself to one full meal during the day so as to experience hunger.

Abstinence applies to Catholics who have reached the age of 14. Abstain from meat.

Obligation of fast and abstinence, as a whole, is a serious obligation. Those unable to abstain for a valid reason on any given Friday of Lent are asked to perform some other penitential act, or to abstain on another day.

Lecturas Para el Próximo Domingo

Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma

Primera Lectura: Génesis 15: 5-12, 17-18

En una alianza el Señor promete tierras a Abraham.

Segunda Lectura: Filipenses 3: 17-4:1

Cristo transformará nuestro cuerpo miserable en un cuerpo glorioso, semejante al suyo.

Evangelio: Lucas 9: 28-36

Su rostro cambio de aspecto y sus vestiduras se hicieron blancas y relampagueantes.

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 a las 7:00 PM. se reúnen en la Capilla el grupo de la Divina Misericordia. Los 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 está 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.



Reflexiones sobre el Año de la Misericordia (Español)

La Hermana Susana, se reúne cada semana para reflexionar el Año de la Misericordia Los lunes a las 7:00 pm. en lo alto de la capilla. Todos son bienvenidos! Los espera!

2015 Campaña Anual del Obispo Gracia, misericordia y paz

Acompañando a los que experimentan dolor, confusión y miedo, y los que se preparan para la muerte es el papel del clero asignados al Ministerio del Hospital. Responden a llamadas a todas horas del día y la noche proporcionando 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 ministerio pastoral importante.

Vía Crucis

Todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma en la Capilla de la Natividad, se estará rezando el Vía Cruz. Esperamos la participación de muchos de ustedes, para que acompañemos a Jesús en el camino al Calvario, preparémonos para celebrar la Pascua de Resurrección con paz Espiritual.

El horario es el siguiente:

7:00 PM Inglés

8:15 PM Español



Nuevos Bautizados

Damos la bienvenida a nuestra familia Cristiana de la Iglesia San José a: Hugo Scott Galván, que el pasado fin de semana recibió el bautismo. Felicidades a los padres y padrinos, y que la luz de Jesús permanezca siempre en este niño y que crezca aún más en su corazón.



Reunión del Ministerio de la Bienvenida

La reunión de este Ministerio será el próximo miércoles 17 de febrero, en la biblioteca de la oficina a las 7:00 pm. La hermana Susana espera verlos a todos.

Mensaje del Pastor

Como nos estamos acercando a la temporada de Cuaresma, se nos invita a dar algo por la Cuaresma, pero también podemos añadir algo más a nuestras vidas, como un sacrificio. La Cuaresma es un tiempo especial para arreglar problemas o deficiencias que podríamos tener que nos impide acercarnos a Dios y uno a otro. Que tengan una buena Cuaresma.

Reflexiones Cuaresmales

Si va a nuestra página de web, usted encontrará reflexiones del recién nombrado Obispo Barón para cada día de la Cuaresma. Simplemente haga clic en el mensaje de Cuaresma y regístrese para obtener su reflexión diaria.

Noticias del Consejo Parroquial

Al comenzar el nuevo año, tenemos nuevos miembros del Consejo Parroquial. Domingo 21 de Febrero en la Misa de 10:00 AM se instalará todos los miembros para un nuevo mandato. El nuevo presidente del consejo parroquial es Carey Pilato que fue seleccionado por el Consejo. Por favor, oren por todos los miembros que serán instalados:

Carey Pilato, Presidente	Deacon Gustavo Sandoval
Rich Canfield	Annette Scannell
Fred Cuzzo	Nancy Padilla
Joan Gleason	Leanne Penetto
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Misas 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.

Segunda Colectas para Febrero

Puesto que hay varios segundos sobros en su paquete de la contribución y asistencia a la iglesia sin fechas concretas para el mes de febrero, la segunda colecta se hará en el siguiente orden para evitar tener más de dos colectas en un solo fin de semana.

Mantenimiento de la iglesia	14 de febrero
Católico Spirit (diario)	21 de febrero
Flores de Pascua	28 de febrero

Ayuda para Matricular en Escuela Católicas 2016-2017

Proceso de Solicitud Abierto

Familias interesadas en solicitar ayuda de matrícula para acudir a una escuela elemental o superior de la Diócesis de Metuchen pueden hacerlo comenzando el 31 de enero de 2016. El proceso de solicitud está disponible en línea vía "FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment". Los formularios deben completarse (incluyendo evidencia de documentos) en o antes del viernes, 15 de abril de 2016. La solicitud está disponible en inglés y español.

Familias que necesiten ayuda para llenar la solicitud en línea o requieran acceso a equipo para aplicar, pueden registrarse en uno de los 14 Talleres de Aplicación que se llevarán a cabo a través de la Diócesis de Metuchen en febrero, marzo y abril visitando www.diometuchen.org/schools/tuition-assistance y escoja el enlace "Talleres".

¿Qué es la Cuaresma?

La cuaresma del latín "quadragésima" es el "cuadragésimo día antes de la pascua". Es un periodo del tiempo litúrgico que comienza el Miércoles de Ceniza y finaliza el Domingo de Ramos. Son 40 días de preparación para la gran fiesta de la Pascua.

La Cuaresma tiene cinco domingos más el Domingo de Ramos, en cuyas lecturas los temas de la conversión, el pecado, la penitencia y el perdón, son dominantes. No es un tiempo triste, sino más bien meditativo y recogido. Es, por excelencia, el tiempo de conversión y penitencia del año litúrgico.

La Cuaresma ha sido, es y será un tiempo favorable para convertirnos y volver a Dios Padre lleno de misericordia, si es que nos hubiéramos alejado de Él, como aquel hijo pródigo (Lucas 15, 11-32) que se fue de la casa del padre y le ofendió con una vida indigna y desenfrenada. Esta conversión se logra mediante una buena confesión de nuestros pecados. Dios siempre tiene las puertas de casa abiertas de par en par, y su corazón se le rompe en pedazos mientras no comparta con nosotros su amor hecho perdón generoso. ¡Ojalá fueran muchos los pecadores que valientemente volvieran a Dios en esta Cuaresma para que una vez más experimentaran el calor y el cariño de su Padre Dios! Si tenemos la gracia de seguir felices en la casa paterna como hijos y amigos de Dios, la Cuaresma será entonces un tiempo apropiado para purificarnos de nuestras faltas y pecados pasados y presentes que han herido el amor de ese Dios Padre; esta purificación la lograremos mediante unas prácticas recomendadas por nuestra madre Iglesia; así llegaremos preparados y limpios interiormente para vivir espiritualmente la Semana Santa, con todo la profundidad, veneración y respeto que merece. Estas prácticas son el ayuno, la oración y la limosna.