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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.

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 30, 2014



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2014

8:30 AM Michelina and Nicholas Calabrese, request of Louis A. Mondrone

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2014

8:30 AM Robert Amorosi, request of fellow workers of Spooky Brook Golf Course

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2014

8:30 AM John Betsko, Jr., request of Gloria Villamil
7:30 PM The DeMato family, request of Bart and Ginny DeMato

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2014

9:00 AM David Dombey, Sr., request of Marie Healy

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2014

8:30 AM Felix J. Reid, Jr., request of family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2014

8:30 AM Carolyn Goff, request of Mary Patton
5:00 PM Philip Longo, request of family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2014

8:00 AM Michael and Maria Colaillo, request of son Tony and family
Victor Dudis (birthday), request of Dudis family
10:00 AM Edward Kaladas, request of wife and children
12:00 PM Act of thanks to the Divine Child Jesus, request of Lozano family

SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIAL

December 1-7, 2014

In memory of Henry Patullo
Request of St. Joseph Choir Members

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Second Sunday of Advent

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

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Reading 2: 2 Peter 3:8-14

We await new heavens and a new earth.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2014

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

7:30 PM CIAM Monthly Meeting in the
Community Room

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2014

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 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, DECEMBER 4, 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, DECEMBER 5, 2014

9:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
In the Chapel of the Nativity
1:00 PM Benediction (in English) in the Chapel
of the Nativity

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2014

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2014

11 AM-1 PM RCIA in the Upper Room

MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

The collection to help maintain our church will be taken up next weekend. Thank you for your support.

STARFISH COLLECTION

The Starfish Collection will be taken up next weekend. Any non-perishable food donations are appreciated! All cash donations for Starfish should be mailed directly to STARFISH PO Box 149, Bound Brook, NJ 08805.

BISHOP'S APPEAL STATUS

To date, the Development Department has received pledges totaling \$22,259 and payments totaling \$17,352 from 129 parishioners. This represents 53.4% of our \$41,700.00 goal. Thank you for your efforts.

2014 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL LIFE-CHANGING FAITH

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.

MT. SAINT MARY HOUSE OF PRAYER

Mount St. Mary House of Prayer, Watchung, will offer the following programs. **Registration required for all programs.** Call (908) 753-2091 or e-mail: mshhope@mshhope.org.

ADVENT ATTITUDES

Advent Day of Recollection. What stars in your life are you called to follow? **Saturday, December 6, 9:30 AM-3:00 PM.** Lunch included. (\$40-\$50 as you are able).

GRIEF RECOVERY

Learning a process to deal with grief. Gentle 4-step experiential process for resolving the grief caused by loss. **Sunday, December 7, from 1:00-5:30 PM** (\$45).

SACRED TIME; SACRED SPACE

A personal, quiet day to enjoy God's presence. Day begins with communal prayer. **Wednesday, December 10, 9:30 AM-3:00 PM.** Bring bag lunch (\$20-\$30 as you are able).

UPDATING YOUR SPIRITUAL TOOL-KIT

December: The Music of My Soul

"It broke down all my senses, it made me feel so whole, see I was lost until I found the music of my soul" (from *Memphis*). Come discover how powerful music can be as a spiritual tool. **Wednesday, December 17 from 7:00-9:00 PM** (\$20-\$30 as you are able).



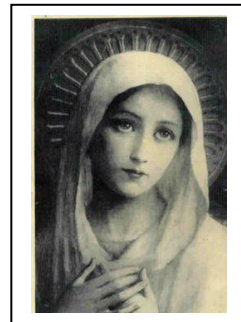
FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, December 8

**All Masses in the Main Church
8:30 AM, 12:00 noon, 7:00 PM
and 8:15 PM (Spanish)**

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception celebrates the solemn belief in the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary without original sin.



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.

THROUGH GOD OUR HANDS CAN HEAL

You are invited to the **Church Women United World Community Day on Friday, December 5th at 10:00 AM** in the South Bound Brook Reformed Church. 2014 Theme: We are in God's hands and we are God's hands. Contact Joan Jenkoski at (732) 469-5425 or Pat Mignella at (732) 356-2433.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come." - MARK 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. Our lives are so busy, many of us are planning our time - our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to what God is saying to you.

BE A CHAMPION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Looking for Christmas gift ideas? Why not **GIVE A GIFT X 2**. When you make a donation to Catholic Charities in honor of or in memory of a loved one, you give a gift that gives twice. Your loved one or the deceased's family will receive an acknowledgment of your gift and a neighbor in need will receive assistance that might otherwise not be possible. For more information visit our website at www.diometuchen.org/champions, call (732)562-2438 or email us at champions@diometuchen.org.

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.

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. Please email pictures to her at stjosephciam@yahoo.com no later than December 1. 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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on the first Friday of the month, December 5, 2014, in the Chapel of the Nativity following the 8:30 AM mass. The day will conclude with Prayer and Benediction at 1:00 PM. Come and rest in the presence of Jesus.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Christmas Dinner will take place at the Chimney Rock Inn at 6:30 PM on December 2. It is not too late to join us! Please contact Carol Synkielewski at (908) 526-1560 for reservations.

ALTAR SERVERS, LECTORS AND EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Altar servers, lectors and Eucharistic ministers, please pick up the Christmas and New Year mass availability schedule in the sacristy.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

CORPORATE COMMUNION

The Rosary Altar Society will be celebrating its Corporate Communion on **Sunday, December 7 at the 8:00 AM Mass**.

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.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

The Rosary Altar Society's annual Christmas Cookie Sale will take place after all masses on **December 13 in the Gym**, and on **December 14 in the Community Room of the Church**. If there are any bakers in our parish community who would like to bake and donate cookies for the sale, it would be greatly appreciated. Cookies should be dropped off at 3:00 PM on Saturday, December 13 in the Community Room.

LECTURAS PARA EL PRÓXIMO DOMINGO

Primer Domingo de Adviento

Primera Lectura: Isaías 63:16b-17. 19b; 64:2-7

Nosotros somos el barro y tú el alfarero.

Segunda Lectura: 1 Corintios 1:3-9

Dios es quien los ha llamado a la unión con su Hijo Jesucristo.

Evangelio: Mateo 13:33-37

"Permanezcan alerta".

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 ext 6.

VENTA DE LA ESCUELA

Una Misa especial se llevará a cabo en honor de la venta de la escuela el sábado 13 de diciembre a las 4:00 PM en el gimnasio, Seguida de una celebración.

Los que tienen fotos y recuerdos de la escuela son bienvenidos a compartirlas. Trofeos, crucifijos y otros elementos de la escuela estarán en exhibición en el gimnasio.

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 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. Para más información pueden llamar a Gabriela Alpizar al (908) 342-0780 o Maribel Alfaro al (908) 450-7110. **¡Los esperamos!**

ARBOL DE NAVIDAD



Desde el próximo fin de semana como parte de nuestra preparación para la Navidad como familia parroquial, este año nuevamente tendremos el árbol de Navidad con los ornamentos de papel, los cuales tienen escrito nombres de regalo que deben ser nuevos. Tome uno y

traiga el regalo con el ornamento de papel pegado a la caja, por favor no lo envuelva, para mejor distribución. Debe traer el regalo para el fin de semana de Diciembre, para que estos regalos sean distribuidos a familias necesitadas esta Navidad. Si usted conoce de familias necesitadas, por favor infórmelo a la oficina parroquial. Muchas gracias por su participación.

SANTÍSIMO



La Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento se llevará a cabo el primer viernes del mes, Diciembre 5 en la Capilla de la Natividad después de la misa de 8:30 am. La jornada concluirá con la oración y bendición a la 1:00 PM. Venga a descansar en la presencia de Jesús.

COMISION HISPANA PARROQUIAL

La Comisión Hispana Parroquial tendrá su reunión este viernes Diciembre 5 a las 7:30 PM en el Upper Room.

ESTADO DEL LLAMAMIENTO DEL OBISPO

Hasta la fecha, el Departamento de Desarrollo ha recibido promesas de contribuciones por un total de \$22,259.00 y el pago total de \$17,352.00 de 129 nuestros feligreses. Esto representa el 53,4% de nuestra meta de \$ 41,700.00. Gracias por sus esfuerzos.

FIESTA DE LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

El Jueves 11 de Diciembre, víspera de la fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe celebraremos la misa a las 10:00 p.m. en la Iglesia. Tendremos: ofrecimiento de flores, cánticos, música y las tradicionales mañanitas a la Virgen.



¡¡¡Ven a festejar el Día de Nuestra Virgen Morena!!!

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.

TV CATÓLICA

La red de televisión católica, Television Network, está ahora disponible para cable y los proveedores de satélite en nuestra área. Por favor, ayuda a promover.

Esta red católica optimista, joven y emocionante a la gente de tu área y de toda la nación.

Para ayudar, simplemente visite GetCatholicTV.com la forma fácil de petición a su proveedor de cable o satélite. Si usted no puede acceder a Internet, por favor, envíe una carta a su proveedor.

COMO 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), ó llamando a Lawrence Nagle, Oficina Diocesana de Protección de Niños y Jóvenes, (732) 562-2413.

MINISTERIO DE MUSICA

Si Dios te ha dado un talento, y puedes cantar o tocar un instrumento musical, considera 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@sjccb.net.



POSADAS

Como todos los años en nuestra estaremos celebrando las tradicionales Posadas en nuestra parroquia.



Este año se estarán realizando en los hogares. Si está interesado en celebrar una posada en su casa, favor póngase en contacto con la hermana Lucía en sr.lucia@sjccb.net.