

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



Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 3, 2016



Masses/Penance for the Week

Monday, January 4, 2016

8:30 AM* Elma Rosica,
request of Mr. and Mrs. Francis McGuire

Tuesday, January 5, 2016

8:30 AM* Thomas C. Kuhn,
request of Mr. and Mrs. Francis McGuire

Wednesday, January 6, 2016

8:30 AM* Joseph Simmons,
request of Katherine and George Anderson

6:15 PM* Penance

7:00 PM* Emilia Donayre, request of Wagner family

Thursday, January 7, 2016

8:30 AM* George Maynard III,
request of Katherine and George Anderson

Friday, January 8, 2016

8:30 AM* People of the Parish

Saturday, January 9, 2016

8:30 AM* William Erchick,
request of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Canfield

9:00 AM* Penance

5:00 PM Brian Jacus, request of his Dad

7:00 PM Abelino Menendez,
request of his daughter and family

Sunday, January 10, 2016

8:00 AM Giacima Rina, request of DeGhetto family

10:00 AM William John Green,
request of his wife Rose Marie Green

12:00 PM Julio Morillo-Vivanco,
request of Morillo-Haro family

*Masses/penance are held in the chapel

Next Sunday's Readings

Baptism 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

Monday, January 4, 2016

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

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

7:30 PM CIAM in the Community Room

Tuesday, January 5, 2016

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

7:00 PM Spanish Baptism Class in the Upper
Room

7:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group in the Library

Wednesday, January 6, 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, January 7, 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

7:00 PM Catechist Meeting in the Upper Room

Friday, January 8, 2016

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

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

6:30 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
in the Chapel of the Nativity

9:00 PM Benediction (in Spanish) in the
Chapel of the Nativity

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

Saturday, January 9, 2016

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

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

Sunday, January 10, 2016

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

Sunday Offering

The week Ended December 20

Regular Collection: \$4,992

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

Christ in Action Ministry

The next CIAM meeting will be held on Monday, January 4 at 7:30 PM in the Community Room.

Rosary Altar Society

The Rosary Altar Society would like to offer a sincere "Thank You" to all those who helped make our Christmas Cookie Sale such a big success!

The generosity and support of all those who baked and donated cookies, those who purchased them, and those who made monetary donations is greatly appreciated!

Maintenance Collection

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

Starfish Collection

The Starfish Collection will be taken up this 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.



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.

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: _____

Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

Please pick up the schedule for the first quarter of 2016 in the Sacristy.

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 will not be opened until the 2016 book is full.



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."

Three Kings Day

To all our parishioners, I wish you and your family a very happy Three Kings Day. As reported in the Gospel of St. Matthew, three wise men representing Europe, Arabia and Africa followed a star for twelve days in order to pay homage to the newborn King, Jesus. They brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. These gifts are very symbolic – gold representing Jesus' exalted standing, frankincense his divine nature, and myrrh foreshadowing his death to forgive our sins. Three Kings Day, otherwise known as the Epiphany, is a day much anticipated in many countries of the world and celebrated with as much joy as Christmas.

"Oh come let us adore him – Christ the Lord."

Fr. Al

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on the second Friday of the month, January 8, in the Chapel of the Nativity following the 8:30 AM mass, with Prayer and Benediction (in Spanish) at 12:00 PM; and again in the evening at 6:30 PM, with prayer and benediction (in Spanish) at 9:00 PM. Come and rest in the presence of Jesus.



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

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Love One Another
AS I HAVE LOVED YOU. JOHN 13:34

Lecturas Para el Próximo Domingo Bautismo del Señor

Primera Lectura: Isaías 40:1-5, 9-11

La gloria del Señor fue revelada.

Segunda Lectura: Tito 2:11-14; 3:4-7

En el bautismo volvimos a nacer y fuimos renovados por el Espíritu Santo.

Evangelio: Lucas 3:15-16, 21-22

"Tú eres mi Hijo, el predilecto".

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.

Círculo de Oración

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

Tome Nota

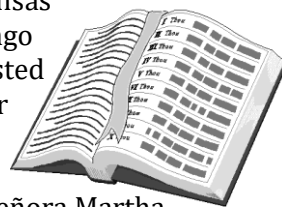
La Hermana Susana Islas, atiende la oficina parroquial los lunes y miércoles de 9:45 a 11:45 AM y de 1:30 a 4:30 PM, jueves de 2:30 a 9:00 PM y viernes de 9:45 a 12:00 del mediodía, para los que deseen hablarle. Para hacer una cita con la Hermana llame al teléfono (732) 356-0027 ext. 6.

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.

Intención de Misa 2016

El libro de intenciones de las Misas para los días sábados o domingo del 2016 está disponibles. 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 Campaña Anual 2015 del Obispo continúa hasta el final del año fiscal, junio de 2016, así que no es muy tarde para preparar su regalo. Nuestra meta es tener 100% de participación. Por favor tenga en cuenta la oración y apoyo ante la promesa de un regalo que este a su alcance, de una sola vez o lo que sus medios le permitan. Su apoyo es muy apreciado.

Santísimo

La Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento se llevará a cabo el segundo viernes del mes, enero 8 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. Segundo viernes la comunidad hispana tendrá adoración con el Santísimo de 6:30 a 9:00 PM.



Intenciones de Oración del Santo Padre Confiadas al Apostolado de la Oración para el Año 2016

Enero

Universal: Diálogo interreligioso

Que el diálogo sincero entre hombres y mujeres de diversas religiones, conlleve frutos de paz y justicia.

Por la Evangelización: Unidad de los Cristianos

Para que mediante el diálogo y la caridad fraterna, con la gracia del Espíritu Santo, se superen las divisiones entre los cristianos.

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.

"Y Dos Serán Uno"

Descubra el deseo de Dios para su matrimonio 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 Eugenio y Theresa Porras al teléfono (732) 910-3057 o (201) 707-8583.

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!



Reunión de los Ministros de la Eucaristía

El próximo miércoles 6 de enero, habrá reunión de los Ministros de la Eucaristía, en la biblioteca de la oficina a las 7:00 PM. La hermana Susana espera verlos a todos.

Una Vez al Mes

Recuerde que el próximo fin de semana, el segundo del mes, es la recolección de alimentos para las familias más necesitadas de nuestra Parroquia. Se sugiere traer: aceite, pastas, arroz, latas de vegetales, de tomates etc. Así como donaciones de dinero para comprar lácteos, carne y verduras frescas, el cheque debe hacerse a Starfish, y mandarlo por correo a Starfish, P.O. Box 149, Bound Brook, NJ 08805. Ayudemos a quienes tienen menos que nosotros, aunque parezca pequeña, la contribución es importante para quienes no tienen nada.



Ministerio de Música

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

4:30 PM Coro en Español

5:30 PM 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.

¿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: _____

Código Postal: _____ Tel: _____ Sobre #: _____