

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.holysavioracademy.co..

Mrs. Melinda Hanlon, Principal



Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 10, 2016



Masses/Penance for the Week

Monday, January 11, 2016

8:30 AM* Daniel Calligaro, Sr.,
request of John and Irene Gyori

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

8:30 AM* Matt Fazan,
request of Louis and Elaine Pilato

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

8:30 AM* People of the Parish
6:15 PM* Penance
7:00 PM* Gerry Synott, request of Joan Gleason

Thursday, January 14, 2016

8:30 AM* Alfred Castano,
request of Anna Fratantuono

Friday, January 15, 2016

8:30 AM* Robert Gleason, request of family

Saturday, January 16, 2016

8:30 AM* Michael and Therese Kosec,
request of Rich Canfield
9:00 AM* Penance
5:00 PM Alfred Castano, request of Susan Zolandz
7:00 PM Pablo Flores, request of Joe and Irene Gyori

Sunday, January 17, 2016

8:00 AM Ralph Perone, Sr. and Joanna Perone,
request of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wendt
10:00 AM Randy Cancel, request of family and friends
12:00 PM Lilian Florez, request of Chavez family

*Masses/penance are held in the chapel

Next Sunday's Readings

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1: Isaiah 62: 1-5

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

Gospel: John 2: 1-11

This Week

Monday, January 11, 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

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

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

Wednesday, January 13, 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

7:30-9:00 PM Reflections on the Year of Mercy Faith
Sharing Group in the Upper Room

Thursday, January 14, 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, January 15, 2016

9:30-10:30 AM Holy Hour in the Chapel

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

Saturday, January 16, 2016

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

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

Sunday, January 17, 2016

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 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@sjccb.net.

Question of the Week

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.

Bishop's Appeal Status

To date, the Development Department has received pledges totaling \$20,891 and payments totaling \$17,407.25 from 126 parishioners. This represents 59% of our \$35,400 goal. Thank you for your efforts.



Sunday Offering

The week Ended **12/27/15** **01/03/16**

Regular Collection: \$5,211 \$5,351

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



Pray for Peace

Join us to Pray for Peace in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2016

Time: 7:15 PM

Place: Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church
600 Harris Avenue
Middlesex, NJ 08846

Prayer... Song... Scripture... Reflection... Followed by fellowship and an opportunity to donate to a local charity.

All are welcome! OLMV youth specially invite young people of other faiths to join them to pray for peace!

2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal Grace, Mercy & Peace

The *Maria Regina Residence* provides a suitable home for our retired priests in recognition of faithful service to God and His Church.

Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal is another way to thank these men who have dedicated their lives to the people of God.



Visit of the Three Kings

This past weekend, we had the visit of the Three Kings at St. Joseph Church. The visit was well received, and our children, parents, grandparents and friends enjoyed the bag of goodies provided after all Masses. I am very thankful for all the parishioners who volunteered in making this event possible.

I also would like to thank Sr. Susana, who coordinated this event.

Thank you very much. Fr. Al



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.

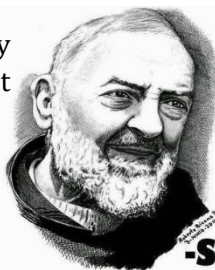
The tradition of offering Masses for others, particularly the dead, originates in the very early Church. Inscriptions discovered on tombs in Roman catacombs of the second century evidence this practice.

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."



We must empty Purgatory with our prayers.

-St. Padre Pio

Holy Hour of Prayer for Priests

Come join us in prayer for our priests and priestly vocations this Friday, January 15, from 9:30 - 10:30 AM in the Chapel.



Christ in Action Ministry

A BIG "Thank You" to everyone for your generosity in helping the CIAM make our most recent projects a success. We were able to provide a large shopping bag full of useful necessities for each of our 18 Seminarians and 20 heaping plates of cookies are being carried to the homebound of our parish by our Eucharistic Ministers.

Pepperoni Bread

We will be taking orders for Superbowl Pepperoni Breads after all of the Masses on January 23/24 and 30/31. Breads can be picked up the first weekend in February on the 6th and 7th.

We are able to provide the breads at \$20 each, despite the rise in cost for ingredients. The profit will be used to cover the cost of bus transportation to our annual retreat in September.



Sacristan Information

To All Sacristans at St. Joseph Church:

We are in the process of updating the list of Sacristans, training new ones, and creating a written schedule. In order to make this possible please complete the information below so we can have a current record of all sacristans and your available times.

Thanks, Fr. Al

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Days and Times Available: _____

Lecturas Para el Próximo Domingo

Segundo Domingo Ordinario

Primera Lectura: Isaías 62: 1-5

Las naciones verán tu justicia, y tu gloria todos los reyes.

Segunda Lectura: 1 Corintios 12: 4-11

El Espíritu Santo distribuye a cada uno de nosotros sus dones.

Evangelio: Juan 2: 1-11

Jesús transforma el agua en vino.

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 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 toda intención de Misas, se deje una ofrenda en el momento de solicitarlas.

La Historia de Intenciones de las Misas

Una misa puede ser ofrecida por muchas razones; ejemplo, en acción de gracias por un familiar, o por el eterno descanso del alma de alguien que ha muerto. Cuando un sacerdote ofrece la Santa Misa, tiene tres intenciones: En primer lugar, para ofrecer la misa con reverencia y válidamente de acuerdo con las normas de la Iglesia. En segundo lugar, ofrecer la misa en unión de toda la Iglesia y para el bien de la misma Iglesia. En tercer lugar, para ofrecer la misa por una intención particular, como el eterno descanso del alma de alguna persona que ha muerto.

Historia

El Papa León XIII bellamente elaborando este punto hizo hincapié en la conexión entre la comunión de los santos con la Misa.

La comunión de los santos es el intercambio mutuo de ayuda, la expiación, oraciones y beneficios entre los fieles. La tradición de ofrecer misas por los demás, particularmente por los difuntos, se origina en la misma Iglesia primitiva. Inscripciones descubiertas en Catacumbas romanas del segundo siglo evidencia esta práctica.

San Cirilo de Jerusalén (m. 386), explicó que en la Misa los vivos y los muertos son recordados, y cómo el Sacrificio Eucarístico de nuestro Señor es de beneficio para los pecadores, vivos y difuntos.

San Ambrosio (m. 397) predicó: "Les hemos amado durante la vida; no los abandonemos en la muerte, hasta que lleguen por nuestras oraciones hasta el templo del Señor."

San Agustín (. 430 d) registró los últimos deseos de su madre, Santa Mónica en sus Confesiones: "Sólo una cosa pido que se acuerde de mi ante el Señor, donde quiera que se encuentren".

Por último, el Papa San Gregorio (m. 604) dijo: "No dudemos de ayudar a los que han muerto y ofrecer nuestras plegarias por ellos."

Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor



La festividad del Bautismo del Señor, fiesta que se celebra el domingo siguiente a la Epifanía y con la que se cierra el Tiempo de Navidad, comenzando el Tiempo Ordinario, en que meditamos en Cristo, Salvador del mundo.

El bautismo en el Jordán fue para Jesús dejar la vida silenciosa de Nazaret y el comienzo de su misión mesiánica. Isaías habla del **elegido** que promoverá el derecho y la justicia, curará y librerá. El "elegido" fue investido como Mesías en las aguas del Jordán donde se escuchó la palabra del Padre.

En muy poco tiempo la liturgia nos hace pasar de la cuna a la madurez.

Cristo estuvo preparándose para su misión durante 30 años, una misión que consistió en hacer cercano al hombre el Reino de Dios.

A lo largo de esos años Jesús fue descubriendo su identidad. Para descubrirlo, Jesús siente una llamada especial, es lo que hoy recordamos en la fiesta de su Bautismo.

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!



2015 Campaña Anual del Obispo

Gracia, Misericordia y Paz

María Regina Residence ofrece un hogar adecuado para nuestros sacerdotes jubilados en reconocimiento a su fidelidad al servicio de Dios y de la Iglesia.

Su donación a la Campaña Anual del Obispo, es otra manera de agradecer a Estos hombres que han dedicado su vida al servicio de Dios y de su Iglesia.

Nuevos Bautizados

Damos la bienvenida a nuestra familia Cristiana de la Iglesia San José a: Ashly Chastelyn Mancia, 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 más en su corazón.



¿Creen que Dios Valora su Matrimonio? ¡Por Supuesto!

¡Descubre 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 para el otro. Si están buscando que su relación sea más profunda, crezca, y sea más enriquecida; les gustaría experimentar la diferencia que puede hacer en ustedes un Fin de Semana del Encuentro? entonces venga al Matrimonial Mundial el Fin de Semana, que será el 30 y 31 de Enero. Para más información o para inscribirse llame a Eugenio y Theresa Porras al teléfono (732) 910-3057 o (201)707-8583.

Reunión de los Ministros de la Palabra

El próximo miércoles 13 de enero, habrá reunión de los Ministros de la Palabra, en la biblioteca de la oficina a las 7:00 pm. La hermana Susana espera verlos a todos.



Vivita de los Tres Reyes Magos

La semana pasada tuvimos la visita de los Tres Reyes Magos aquí en la Parroquia de St Joseph. Su visita fue muy acogida por la comunidad. Los niños, los padres de familia y los abuelos disfrutaron las bolsitas de golosinas que los Reyes les repartieron después de las misas. Estoy muy agradecido por los parroquianos que se dieron voluntarios para prestar este servicio. También quiero extender mi agradecimiento a la Sr. Susana quien coordinó este evento. Muchísimas gracias. Fr. Al

