

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

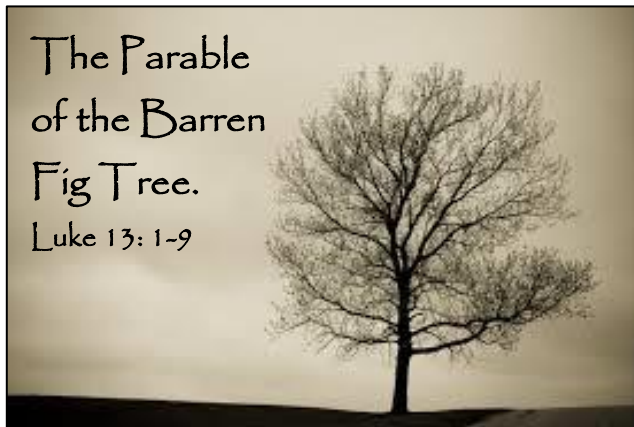
(Grades Pre-K through 8)
149 South Plainfield Avenue
South Plainfield, NJ 07080
(908) 822-5890

www.holsavioracademy.co...
Mrs. Melinda Hanlon, Principal



Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 28, 2016



Masses/Penance for the Week

Monday, February 29, 2016

8:30 AM* People of the Parish

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

8:30 AM* James Griger, request of
Louis and Elaine Pilato

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

8:30 AM* World Peace
7:00 PM* Mary Tomchuk, request of
John and Irene Gyori

Thursday, March 3, 2016

8:30 AM* Robert McCann, request of McCann family

Friday, March 4, 2016

8:30 AM* Silvina Cozza, request of family

Saturday, March 5, 2016

8:30 AM* R. Patrick Gleason, request of
Rosemary Seghatoleslaw
9:00 AM* Penance
5:00 PM Daniel Vickey, request of
Ginny and Bart DeMato
7:00 PM Monica Miranda, request of Nelly Sanchez

Sunday, March 6, 2016

8:00 AM Victoria Dudis, request of Dudis family
10:00 AM Peter Zimich, request of the Gleason family
12:00 PM Marco Aguilar, request of family and friends
at the Department of Corrections

*Masses/penance are held in the Chapel



Next Sunday's Readings

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Second Scrutiny

Reading 1: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Reading 2: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

This Week

Monday, February 29, 2016

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

Tuesday, March 1, 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
7:00 PM Spanish Baptism Class

Wednesday, March 2, 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, March 3, 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, March 4, 2016

7:00-8:30 PM Spanish Divine Mercy Reflection
Group in the Upper Room
7:00 PM English Stations of the Cross in
the Chapel
8:15 PM Spanish Station of the Cross in
the Chapel

Saturday, March 5, 2016

5:30-6:45 PM Spanish RICA in the Library
6:00-9:30 PM Spanish Prayer Group in the Chapel

Sunday, March 6, 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. 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.



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.

Need Help Paying your Energy Bill?



Have you and your family been impacted by tough economic times?

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) may be able to help you pay your winter heating bills. Applications will be accepted only until April 30, 2016. For those falling behind on their electric and gas bill who are not eligible for low income programs, moderate income programs such as the TRUE Grant, PAGE Grant and /or New Jersey SHARES programs, LIHEAP may provide the help you need. For more information or to find out how to apply, call (1-800) 510-3102, visit pseg.com/help or pseg.com/ayuda (Spanish).

Sunday Offering

The week Ended February 21, 2016

Regular Collection:	\$5,387
Catholic Spirit:	\$ 790

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

Slavic Dinner

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church will sponsor the Slavic Dinner on Wednesday, **March 9, 2016** from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The dinner will be held in the St. Mary Parish Center, 1900 Brooks Boulevard, Hillsborough, NJ. The cost is \$14 for adults (ages 9 and up) and \$5 for Children (8 and under) and includes all you can eat Pirohi, Stuffed Cabbage, Kielbasa and Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, salad, dessert and beverage. During Lent the special entrée will be fish specially selected and prepared by St. Mary's chef John Pagano. Dinners are held on the second Wednesday of the month throughout the year. Orders to go are available. For more information contact: St. Mary's at (908) 725-0615.

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!

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.

Question of the Week

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" (LUKE 13:7)

Are you like the barren fig tree? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts and return with increase. Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.

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 15**. 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.

Lent.
A season of spiritual preparation.

Special Request During Lent

During Lent, please maintain the tradition of solemn quiet. Lent is a time of penance and reflection on the Mass, music and readings. Please refrain from any applause. Thanks, Fr. Al

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



Reflection by Bishop Paul Bootkoski



During Holy Week, on Wednesday, March 23 at 7:30 PM in the Main Church, Bishop Paul Bootkoski will hold a conference about the Year of Mercy instituted by Pope Francis. I invite everyone to attend.

Please spread the word and bring your family and friends to this wonderful event at St. Joseph Parish.

Confession/Penance

On Sunday, March 20 at 6:00 PM, we will have our parish Penance service. There will be bilingual Priests present that can speak Polish, Italian, Spanish and English. I invite all of you to attend and prepare for the Easter celebration.

St. Joseph Table

Following all masses on the weekend of March 19/20, we will once again have a St. Joseph Table in honor of our Patron Saint. Coffee and cake will be served. If you would like to donate cookies or cake, please drop them off at the table before mass.



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.

2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Grace, Mercy & Peace

How do we, as Catholics know if our voting habits align with Church teachings and the Gospel message? And how can we come to better understand why we believe what we say we believe? For busy Catholics who want clear, concise and focused answers, the Diocese of Metuchen's public policy newsletter, *Faith in Action*, is the answer.

Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to make this quarterly online publication available to all.

Lecturas Para el Próximo Domingo Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma (siglo A)

Primera Lectura: 1 Samuel 1

6:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Samuel unge a David como el rey.

Segunda Lectura: Efesios 5: 8- 14

Levántate de entre los muertos y Cristo será tu luz.

Evangelio: Juan 9: 1-41

“Solo sé que yo era ciego y ahora veo “.

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. 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 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, tiene el grupo de reflexión del Año de la Misericordia. Todos 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

Como católicos, ¿Como sabemos si nuestros hábitos de voto se alinean con las enseñanzas de la Iglesia y el mensaje del Evangelio? Y ¿cómo podemos llegar a comprender mejor porque creemos lo que decimos? Para los católicos ocupados, que quieren respuestas claras, concisas y específicas, la Diócesis de Metuchen publica sus políticas en su boletín, **Fe en Acción**, ahí encontrara la respuesta.

Su donación a la Campaña Anual del Obispo ayuda a hacer esta publicación trimestral en línea disponible para todos.

Vía Crucis

Todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma en la Capilla de la Natividad, se estará rezando el Vía Crucis. Los invitamos y esperamos la participación de muchos de ustedes para, acompañar al Señor Jesús en el camino al Calvario. Preparémonos para una Pascua de Resurrección con paz Espiritual. El horario es el siguiente:

7:00 PM Inglés

8:00 PM Español

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.

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 refección diaria.

Reflexión del Obispo Paul Bootkoski

Durante la Semana Santa, el miércoles 23 de marzo a las 7:30 PM en la Iglesia, el Obispo Paul Bootkoski llevará a cabo una conferencia sobre el Año de la Misericordia instituido por el Papa Francisco.

Invito a todos a asistir. Pase la voz y traiga a su familia y amigos a este maravilloso evento en la Parroquia de St. Joseph.

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".

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 Abril o Mayo. Deben registrarse para la próxima charla de bautismo del 1º de Marzo 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 bebe.

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

Taller de Oración y Vida

Es Jesús quien te invita a escucharlo a través de su Palabra, para ayudarte a recuperar la paz y la alegría de vivir. Estos talleres son todos los sábados, de 4:00 – 6:00 PM en la parte superior de la oficina parroquial te esperamos!

Anual Competencia del Arte

Michael Pilato

El Papa Francisco ha declarado este como el Año de la Misericordia. Para celebrar el Año de la Misericordia aquí en St. Joseph, el tema para nuestro concurso anual de arte será "obras artísticas de la Misericordia."

Estamos invitando a participar de nuestro concurso de arte anual en memoria de **Michael Pilato**.

El concurso está abierto a todos los feligreses de St. Joseph. El arte puede ser de cualquier tipo, incluyendo pero no limitado a pinturas (óleo, pasteles, carboncillos, mosaicos, etc.), la artesanía, esculturas, artículos tejidos, apliques, etc.

Todos los proyectos deberán presentarse **antes de las 4:00 PM el viernes, 15 de abril**.

Pueden ser llevados durante la clase de Educación Religiosa o a la Oficina Parroquial de lunes a viernes entre las 9:00 AM y las 4:00 PM.

Por favor, no firme la parte delantera de la obra de arte. Imprimir su nombre y edad / adulto en una tarjeta y adjuntarlo a la parte posterior de la pieza. Sin embargo, es posible poner un título si siente que sería de ayuda a los espectadores a entender el significado de su trabajo. Los proyectos serán valorados de forma anónima por artistas de la comunidad, y los ganadores serán anunciados en una recepción programada para **el viernes, 22 de abril a las 7:00 PM** en el cuarto de arriba del Centro Parroquial de St. Joseph. Los premios serán otorgados para el primer y segundo lugar respectivamente, de los ganadores, en cada una de las cinco categorías. Por favor haga planes para asistir. Esperamos que muchos de nuestros feligreses como sea posible participarán en este evento, y que en esta ocasión mostrar los talentos que Dios le a dado. Cualquier persona interesada en ayudar pertenecer en el jurado de este evento. Si necesita ayuda o consejo con respecto a su proyecto. Ponerse en contacto con la oficina de Educación Religiosa al (732) 356-0645.

Año Mundial del Matrimonio

Estamos celebrando el Año Mundial del Matrimonio, por esta razón invitamos a los matrimonios a un retiro que se llevará a cabo el día **12 de abril de 2016 de 9:00 – 3:00 PM**. Si desea asistir inscribese a la entrada de la Iglesia. El tema será sobre "Mi Crito Roto". Los esperamos.

