

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



Easter Sunday *Resurrection of the Lord*

Sunday, March 27, 2016



Masses/Penance for the Week

Monday, March 28, 2016

8:30 AM* Rose Raschiatore, request of the Villamil family

Tuesday, March 29, 2016

8:30 AM* Heriberto Velazquez, request of Elba Velazquez

Wednesday, March 30, 2016

8:30 AM* People of the Parish

6:15 PM* Penance

7:00 PM* Nicola Gugliotti, request of the Gugliotti family

Thursday, March 31, 2016

8:30 AM* Marjorie Canfield, request of Carole Chellis

Friday, April 1, 2016

8:30 AM* Patrick Gleason, request of Bernard Graebener

Saturday, April 2, 2016

8:30 AM* World Peace

9:00 AM* Penance

5:00 PM Abramo Franzetti, request of Margaret Tato

7:00 PM Rene Arenas, request of sister and niece

Sunday, April 3, 2016

8:00 AM Donald (Mike) Haurey, request of Aunts Helen and Barbara

10:00 AM Robert Gleason, request of wife and family

12:00 PM Emilia Donayre, request of Wagner family

*Masses/penance are held in the Chapel

Next Sunday's Readings

**Second Sunday of Easter or
Sunday of Divine Mercy**

Reading 1: Acts 5:12-16

Reading 2: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Gospel: John 20:19-31

This Week

No Religious Education

Classes resume the week of April 4.

Tuesday, March 29, 2016

7:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group in the Library

Thursday, March 31, 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, April 1, 2016

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

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

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

Saturday, April 2, 2016

2:00-3:00 PM Confirmation Rehearsal in the
Main Church

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

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

Sunday, April 3, 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@sjccb.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).

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.

2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Grace, Mercy & Peace

Today we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We have sung wonderful hymns that speak of our praise, adoration and joy! By your generosity to the Bishop's Annual Appeal you preach the Easter message every day. Thank you!



Rosary Altar Society

The next meeting of the Rosary Altar Society will be on Monday April 11, 2016. The meeting will begin at 1:00 PM and will be held in the Community Room of the church. We would like to extend an invitation to all the women of St. Joseph Parish to attend the meeting if you are interested in joining our organization.

Merciful like the Father

A 3-day Encounter with Mercy

Come and experience the life-changing effect of God's Mercy. Compelling testimonies, heartfelt prayer and music!

Presenters: F. Mariusz Koch, Lori Bragg Harris, Theresa Bonapartis, and Msgr. Joseph G. Celano

Schedule:

Thursday, March 31, 2016 – 7:00-9:00 PM

Friday, April 1, 2016 – 7:00-9:00 PM

Saturday, April 2, 2016 – 8:30AM-6:00 PM

Location: St. John Neumann Pastoral Center
146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway

Register: www.diometucfhen.org/evangelizationevents
or (732) 562-1990 x1634. \$40 per person, \$45 after March 11. Lunch included.

2016 Champions for Catholic Charities Dinner

Save the Date

Thursday, November 10, 2016
The Palace at Somerset Park

Special Honorees

- The Honorable James M. Cahill
Mayor of the City of New Brunswick, and
- Sister M. Michaelita Popovice, RSM
Program Director, Warren Basic Material Needs
Catholic Charities Social Service Center, Phillipsburg

Please join us as we honor these two individuals for their exemplary work and servant leadership in the communities they serve. Your participation will help support the vital programs of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen.

For reservations and information

Call: 732-562-2438

Email: champions@diometuchen.org

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on the first Friday of the month, April 1, 2016, in the Chapel of the Nativity following the 8:30 AM mass. The day will conclude with Prayer and Benediction at 12:00 PM. Come and rest in the presence of Jesus.



A Message from Fr. Al

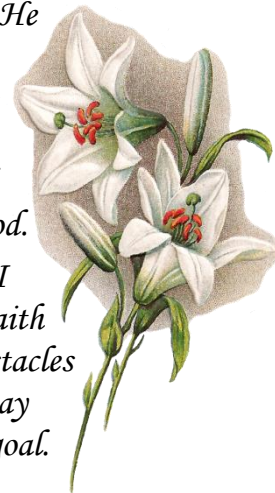
Alleluia! He is Risen!

On behalf of myself and the staff of St. Joseph's, I wish you, your family and loved ones a happy and joyous Easter.

Easter is a time of hope and renewal. The flowers and trees conquer their long winter sleep to brighten the world with vibrant blossoms and signs of life, just as Jesus conquers death and shows us the promise of eternal life in Heaven. Our life on this Earth is a journey, and Jesus shows us as He carries His cross that the journey can often be difficult and painful. Yet despite everything He endured, His rising on Easter proves that no matter how hard the journey, His way will overcome all obstacles and lead us to eternal happiness with God.

At this most holy time of year, I encourage you to renew your Faith commitment and not let the obstacles life can sometimes put in our way distract us from our Heavenly goal.

Fr. Al



Divine Mercy Sunday

On April 3 at 3:00 PM, there will be a celebration of the Divine Mercy at St. Joseph Church. We will be singing the Divine Mercy Crown, and after the prayer we will have a gathering.

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.



Lecturas Para el Próximo Domingo

Segundo Domingo de Pascua

(Domingo de La Divina Misericordia)

Primera Lectura: Hechos 5: 12-16

Los milagros de Pedro, son una señal clara de la vida de Jesús y sus mensajes.

Segunda Lectura: Apocalipsis 1: 9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

"Yo soy el primero y el ultimo; Yo soy el que vive".

Evangelio: Juan 20: 19- 31

"Dichosos los que creen sin haber visto".

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

Hoy celebramos la resurrección de Jesucristo. Hemos cantado himnos maravillosos que hablan de nuestra alabanza, adoración y la alegría! Por su generosidad con la Campaña Anual del Obispo que predica el mensaje de Pascua todos los días. ¡Gracias!

Santísimo

Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento se llevará a cabo el primer viernes del mes, en la Capilla de la Natividad, por la mañana después de la misa de 8:30 AM a 12:00 PM.



Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial

¿Necesita un regalo perfecto para su pareja? Dele el regalo de su tiempo y amor al asistir juntos a un fin de semana del Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial. El corto fin de semana junto puede cosechar muchos beneficios para usted, su pareja y toda su familia. El próximo Fin de Semana será el 30 de abril y 1º de mayo. Para más información o para inscribirse llame Eugenio y Theresa Porras al teléfono (732) 910-3057 o (201)707-8583.

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.

Fiesta de La Divina Misericordia

Te invitamos a celebrar el domingo de la Divina Misericordia el 3 de Abril, de 2016 de 2:45 – 5:00 PM con la exposición del Santísimo y la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia. Después tendremos un compartir en la Iglesia. Todos están invitados!



Concurso Anual 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 San José, 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 San José. 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 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. Comunicarse con la oficina de Educación Religiosa al (732) 356-0645, si necesita ayuda o consejo con respecto a su proyecto.



Para los Padres que van a Bautizar a sus Hijos

Antes de que usted elija los padrinos por favor lea cuidadosamente lo siguiente:

La ley de la Iglesia tiene requisitos estrictos para la elección de los padrinos de bautismo.

- 1) Se requiere solamente Un padrino, pero usted puede tener dos.
- 2) Si usted elije dos, padrinos **tienen que ser** Católicos que practiquen su fe Católica. **No puede** ser uno que haya dejado la Iglesia Católica. Si son solteros También, si usted elige dos padrinos, uno debe ser masculino y el otro debe ser femenino. La ley de la Iglesia no provee para más de dos padrinos.
- 3) Los padres de los que van a bautizar no pueden ser padrinos.
- 4) **Todos** los católicos elegidos como padrino deben también cumplir con **Todos** los siguientes requisitos de la Iglesia
 - a) deben haber cumplido por lo menos de 16 años de edad, y
 - b) deben, haber recibido los sacramentos de iniciación, bautismo, primera comunión y confirmación,
 - c) Si están casados, DEBEN estar en unión válida, es decir reconocida en los ojos de la iglesia Católica casado por un sacerdote o un Diácono Católicos.
 - d) lleven al mismo tiempo, una vida de acuerdo a la fe y con la misión que van a asumir (Incluyendo asistir a Misa los domingos con regularidad)

Por favor asegúrense de que los padrino reúnan **todos** los requisitos arriba mencionados para ser padrino/ madrina. Ahórrese la pena de no ser aceptado por no reunir los requisitos exigidos por la Iglesia.

Mesange de Padre Al

¡Aleluya! ¡Él ha resucitado!

En mi nombre y el personal de San José, deseo que usted, su familia y seres queridos tengan una alegre y feliz Pascuas de Resurrección.

Pascua es un tiempo de renovación y esperanza. Las flores y árboles después del largo invierno iluminan el mundo con el vibrante florecer y señales de vida, al igual que Jesús vence la muerte y nos muestra la promesa de la vida eterna en el Cielo. Nuestra vida en la tierra es un viaje, y Jesús nos muestra que lleva su cruz mostrando que el viaje a menudo puede ser difícil y doloroso. Sin embargo, a pesar de todo se mantuvo Firme en su resurrección. Pascua demuestra que no importa lo difícil del viaje, en su camino va a superar todos los obstáculos y nos llevará a la felicidad eterna con Dios.

En este momento más sagrado del año, los animo a renovar su fe y no dejar que los obstáculos de la vida nos distraigan de nuestro ideal que es llegar al cielo.

Padre. Al



Bautismos

Los bautismos se realizan el primer y tercer domingo de cada mes a la 1:30 pm. Si usted quiere bautizar a su hijo/a en los meses de Junio o Julio, debe registrarse para la próxima clase de bautismo del 26 de Abril, a las 7:15 PM. Planifique con tiempo el bautismo, las clases son cada dos meses y si no asiste a la clase no puede bautizar al bebé. Para más información, por favor ir personalmente los martes o jueves a la oficina Parroquial (donde está la Capilla) de 6:30 a 8:30 PM

