

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



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2016



The Ascension of The Lord

Masses/Penance for the Week

Monday, May 2, 2016

8:30 AM* James and Kathleen Shea, request of Maureen Slater

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

8:30 AM* Robert Patullo, request of Dee Sperduto

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

8:30 AM* People of the Parish

6:15 PM* Penance

7:00 PM* Eugenio Vargas, request of Maricely Maria Vargas

Thursday, May 5, 2016 - The Ascension of The Lord All Masses in the Main Church

8:30 AM Katrina Slater, request of Gloria Villamil

12:00 PM Isaac Rodriguez, request of his daughter, Maritza and family

7:00 PM Deceased Grandparents, request of Elaine and Louis Pilato

8:15 PM Rene Arenas, request of sister and niece

Friday, May 6, 2016

8:30 AM* Robert Gleason, request of family

Saturday, May 7, 2016

8:30 AM* World Peace

9:00 AM* Penance

5:00 PM William John Green - 50th Wedding Anniversary, request of his wife Rose Marie

7:00 PM Carmen Chaparro, request of Audelio Chaparro

Sunday, May 8, 2016

8:00 AM Maddalena Stracquadano, request of granddaughter, Joan

10:00 AM Joanna Perone, request of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wendt

12:00 PM Emilia Donayre, request of Wagner family

*Masses/penance are held in the Chapel

Next Sunday's Readings

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Reading 1: Acts 7:55-60

Reading 2: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

Gospel: John 17:20-26

This Week

Monday, May 2, 2016

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

7:30 PM CIAM Meeting in the Community Room

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

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

Wednesday, May 4, 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, May 5, 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

Saturday, May 7, 2016

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

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

3:00-6:00 PM Rosary Altar Society Mother's Day
Bake Sale in the Main church

Sunday, May 8, 2016

After Masses Rosary Altar Society Mother's Day Bake
Sale in the Main Church

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

Bishop's Appeal Status

To date, the Development Department has received pledges totaling \$24,428 and payments totaling \$23,851 from 154 parishioners. This represents 69% of our \$35,400 goal. Thank you for your efforts.

Sanctuary Lamp Memorial

May 2-8, 2016

In memory of

Dorothy Lane

Request of her daughter



Year of Mercy Events

Diocesan Multicultural Mass

Sunday, May 15, 2016 – 4:00 PM
Pentecost Sunday

Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi
32 Elm Avenue, Metuchen

Principal Celebrant and Homilist:
Msgr. Rev. William Benwell, JCL
Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia
Reception to follow.



PTSD and 'Moral Injury': Spiritual and Pastoral Implications and Call to Action

Thursday, May 26, 2016
10:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Diocese of Metuchen
St. John Neumann Pastoral Center
146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway

Presenter: Wanda L. "Elizabeth Ann" Good, Colonel (Ret.) U.S. Army, and Pastoral Associate, Church of the Annunziata, St. Louis, MO

"Mercy: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us." (MV, 2)

Veterans suffering from PTSD and the lingering soul wounds of 'Moral Injury' often feel a sense of brokenness and an alienation from God, themselves, and others. Elizabeth Ann shares her study of the vital role that forgiveness offers toward healing and the spiritual and pastoral implications in bringing about soul repair to our Veterans and their families.

Event is free of charge. For more information, or to register, visit us at <http://diometuchen.org/mercy>

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.

Sunday Offering

The Week Ended April 24

Regular Collection:	\$5,149
Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet	\$1,010

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

Church Women United

2016 May Friendship Day
Finding Grace at the Table

Friday, May 6 – 10:00 AM

First Baptist Church on Franklin Street in South Bound Brook. For more information, contact Joan Jenkoski at (732) 469-5425.

Affordable Healthcare

Zufall Health is the medical and dental home for the underserved, **regardless of income, insurance or immigration status.** The closest location to this community is 71 Fourth Street in Somerville. Zufall offers a broad range of primary care and support services, such as dental care, women's health, cancer screening, sexual assault support, veterans outreach, behavioral health, pharmacy counseling, HIV testing, and referrals to specialists for qualifying patients. Zufall Health is a fully licensed, Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). Zufall Health welcomes patients of all ages, from newborns to seniors. More detailed information is located in the sacristy of the church or in the parish office.

Mount St. Mary House of Prayer

Mount St. Mary House of Prayer, 1651 U.S. Highway 22, Watchung, will offer the following programs. Registration required. Call (908) 753-2091 or e-mail: mshmhope@mshmhope.org

Mary, Undoer of Knots

In his first year as Pontiff, Pope Francis encouraged the whole Christian community to pray to Mary, Undoer of Knots. Come for an evening to reflect deeply with Mary, and offer her the knots in your life. Wednesday, May 4, 7:00-9:00 PM. (\$20-\$30 As You Are Able)
Presenter: Paulette Cicero

Great Women Heroines of the Bible

The Bible is full of stories of strong faith-filled women. Join us either in the morning or evening for this two-part series based on the stories of these women and how they can inspire us today. May 11 and 18, either at 9:30-11:30 AM or 7:00-9:00 PM. (\$40-\$60 As You Are Able) Presenters: Staff

Learning a Process to Deal with Grief

Gentle 4-step experiential process for resolving the grief caused by loss. Sunday, May 15, 1:00-5:30 PM. (\$45-\$55 As You Are Able)
Presenter: Mary Jo Kearns, RSM

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.



Saint Joseph High School

Saint Joseph High School will be conducting its Summer School Programs this summer. The programs are co-ed and are open to students from any school. We offer a wide range of remedial and enrichment classes for students in Middle School and High School. The Director of the Learning Center is Mr. Thomas Scarano. He may be contacted via e-mail at tscarano@stjoes.org. Additionally, information can be obtained from our web page at www.stjoes.org under summer learning center. The dates for the Summer Programs and the Learning Center are June 28 – July 26. The types of classes offered include: 120 hour credit classes, enrichment classes, remedial classes, and workshops.

Immaculata High School

Save the dates! Immaculata High School's Campus Ministry will hold its Annual Garage Sale on May 13-14 from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Please keep this in mind as you do spring cleaning. They are looking for donations of clean, new or "gently used" saleable items (no books or TVs are accepted). Anything from A to Z... antiques, clothes, furniture, small appliances, zoo animal toys, etc. would be great. Your donations are greatly appreciated, as this major fund raiser for Campus Ministry helps to fund outreach programs along with providing scholarships for various retreats. For further details, please call Campus Ministry at (908) 722-0200 x123.

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.

Mass Schedule

Ascension Thursday, May 5, 2016

8:30 AM Mass – Main Church
12:00 PM Mass – Main Church
7:00 PM Mass – Main Church
8:15 PM Spanish Mass – Main Church

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on the first Friday of the month, May 6, in the Chapel 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.



Rosary Altar Society

Mother's Day Bake Sale

The Rosary Altar Society will be holding its Annual Mother's Day Bake Sale on the weekend of May 7/8. Baked goods will be on sale in the Community Room following the Saturday 5:00 PM mass and after the Sunday morning masses. If any member of the parish community would like to bake and donate items (cakes, pies, breads, cookies, etc.) for the sale, it would be greatly appreciated. Baked goods can be dropped off at the Community Room at 3:00 PM on Saturday, May 7.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Rosary Altar Society will be on Monday, May 9. The meeting will begin at 1:00 PM. 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.

Confirmation

On Sunday, April 24, a group of adults were confirmed in the Catholic faith. May the Holy Spirit guide you through your lives and may you remain in the way of the Lord. Congratulations!

Erick O. González
Roberson Murillo
Flavio Rojas
Edwin Sibaja
Pedro Sibaja



Lectura Para el Próximo Domingo Séptimo Domingo de Pascua

Primera Lectura: Hechos 7: 55-60

Esteban, fue sacado de la ciudad y apedreado por los miembros del sanedrín.

Segunda Lectura: Apocalipsis 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20

Dichosos los que se lavan su ropa en la sangre del Cordero, ellos tendrán derecho del árbol de la vida.

Evangelio: Juan 17: 20-26

Jesús pide al Padre, por sus discípulos para que alavés de sus palabras puedan conocer el amor con que me amas.

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 José Molina al 732-824-9570 o Luis Méndez 732-766-6647.

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 toda intención 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!

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 esperan.

Santísimo

Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento se llevará a cabo el primer viernes del mes, 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.



Grupo de Oración

El grupo de oración estará llevando a cabo una consagración a Jesús por María con la forma de San Luis de Monfort de 33 días. Comenzando el 2 de mayo. Todos los sábados de mayo tendremos diferentes sacerdotes dando los temas. Y la consagración será el 2 de junio día del inmaculado corazón de María. La Virgen María en uno de los mensajes de Fátima pidió que Rusia fuera consagrado a su Inmaculado Corazón y que rezaran el rosario para que terminará la guerra. Los invitamos a todos los que sientan el llamado a consagrarse a la Virgen para que de su mano nos lleve a Jesús. Hay un libro para la preparación, si desea obtenerlo favor comunicarse con Maribel Alfaro, o Gaby Alpizar o cualquier otro miembro del equipo.



La Ascensión del Señor

El Próximo Jueves 5 de mayo, día de la Ascensión del Señor, es día de obligación oír Misa, estos son los horarios:

8:30 AM (Ingles)

12:00 Mediodía (Ingles)

7:00 PM (Ingles)

8:15 PM (Español)

Mayo, Mes de la Virgen María

Nuestra Religion



¡Qué hermosa es nuestra religión! En el fondo nos manda poco: amar a Dios, amar a los hermanos, asistir a la Eucaristía los domingos..... Las otras religiones exigen mucho más. Pensad en tantas y tantas con prohibiciones muy severas, ritos pesados, etc., Para las devociones cada uno puede elegir la propia devoción según su cultura, costumbres, etc.

La Virgen, he aquí una devoción excepcional; la Iglesia tiene para ella la hiperdulía, un supe culto; todos los santos han sido marianos, los artistas, los poetas..... La Virgen no es un marco; entre en el misterio de la redención humana desde el día de la Anunciación hasta su participación en el sacrificio de la cruz.

Felicitaciones a la clase de Adultos de Confirmación 2016

El Domingo 24 de abril, un grupo de personas adultas han confirmado su fe recibiendo la Confirmación.

Nuestras oraciones. Deseamos que el Espíritu Santo continúe guiándolos durante toda su vida y se mantengan en el camino del Señor.

¡MUCHAS FELICIDADES!

Erick O. González
Roberson Murillo
Flavio Rojas
Edwin Sibaja
Pedro Sibaja



Una Vez al Mes

Recuerde que el próximo fin de semana, el segundo del mes, es la recolección de alimentos para la familia más necesitada 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.



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

Mayo

Universal : Las mujeres en la sociedad.

Para que en todos los países del mundo las mujeres sean honradas y respetadas y sea valorizado su imprescindible aporte social.

Por la Evangelización: El Rosario.

Para que se difunda en las familias, comunidades y grupos, la práctica de rezar el santo Rosario por la evangelización y por la paz.

Escuela Bíblica en Vacaciones

Tome nota: Estamos planeando otras vacaciones de Biblia emocionantes para este ¡verano!



Marque su calendario para julio 18-22. Estamos en busca de adultos que puedan ayudarnos para hacer la mejor semana de nuestras vidas. Contactar a Kathy Champiñón en la Oficina Parroquial (732) 356-0645.

Salud Accesible

El Centro de salud Zufall es el hogar médico y dental para los más necesitados, independientemente de los ingresos, el seguro o estado migratorio.

La ubicación más cercana a esta comunidad es la 71 Fourth Street en Somerville.

El Centro Zufall ofrece una amplia gama de servicios de atención y apoyo primarios, tales como el cuidado dental, salud de la mujer, la detección del cáncer, ayuda por asalto sexual, salud mental, asesoramiento de farmacia, pruebas de VIH, y referencias a especialistas para pacientes que califican.

El Centro Zufall es una institución completa licencia, (FQHC). Zufall da servicio a los pacientes de todas las edades, desde recién nacidos hasta personas mayores. Más detallado la información se encuentra en la sacristía de la iglesia o en la oficina parroquial.

