

The Roman Catholic Community of Saint Joseph

16 East Somerset Street, Raritan, NJ 08869

We, the Catholic Community of St. Joseph, are committed to follow Jesus Christ. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we strive to be good stewards in our lives. We pray for peace, forgiveness, and for one another as Christ loves us!

Baptisms

Baptisms are usually held on Saturday mornings any-time throughout the year (**with the exception of the Lenten Season**). Parents must be registered parishioners and complete a Baptismal Preparation class. It is required that godparents are no less than 16 years of age and have completed the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation. If the godparents are a married couple, they need to have been married by the Catholic Church. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for the class and the date of Baptism.

Sponsor Certificates

Sponsors (Godparents) for Baptism and Confirmation are required to verify their eligibility. They must be fully initiated Catholic who actively practice their faith and are in good standing with the Church. For more information please contact the Parish Office.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

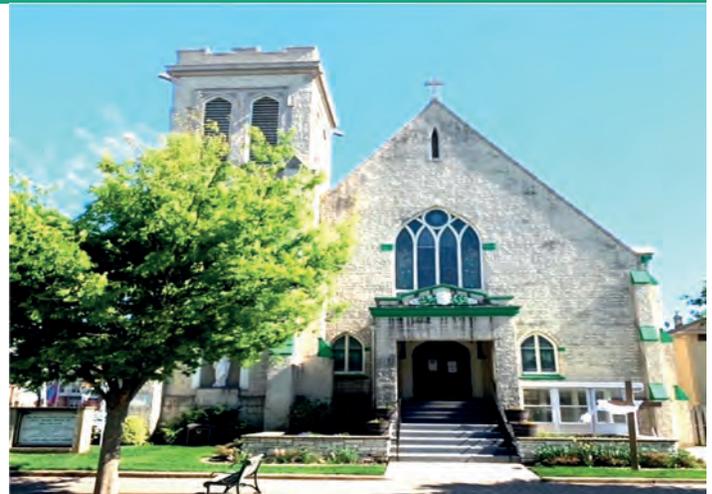
If you are considering becoming Catholic, or desire to complete your sacraments, please contact the Parish Office for more information about RCIA.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Please call the rectory and let us know when a member of your family is in the hospital so a priest can arrange to visit them. Make sure you contact the Pastoral Care Office in the hospital so the Chaplain can bring you communion daily. **In the event of an emergency please call 908 392-7962 anytime of the day or night.**

Marriages

Please call the office to meet with the Pastor as soon as you become engaged and before any preparations are made. Arrangements should be made one year in advance. Couples preparing for marriage must attend required Pre-Cana sessions within the Diocese along with F.O.C.C.U.S. and sessions with your Parish Priest or Deacon.



Under the Pastoral Care of the Priests and brothers of the Congregation of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri.

Rev. Kevin P. Kelly, C.O. Administrator
James Piccolo.....Parish Office Manager
Anthony Nardino.....Director of Music & Liturgy

Masses

Saturday.....4:00 pm English
Sunday.....8:00 am Spanish
.....10:00 am English
.....12:00 pm Spanish
Holy Days.....Vigil: 7:30 pm
.....on the Holy Day 8:00 am

Daily Masses

St. Joseph's: Monday & Friday.....8:00 am
St Ann: Monday & First Fridays.....7:00 pm
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday.....7:00 am
Saturday.....9:00 am
Holy Trinity: Tuesday & Friday.....7:00 pm
Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament
Monday-Friday.....12:15 pm

Confessions

Saturday.....3:00 –3:30 pm
or by appointment.

Parish Office

Hours.....Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Phone/Fax908 725-0163/908 725-2333
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Fr. Kevin Email.....frkevin@sjraritan.org
Website.....www.sjraritan.com
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**Our Church is open Monday through Friday
8:00 am to 12:45 pm for
prayer and quiet time in prayer with our Lord.**

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 19, 2021

Sunday's Readings

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Wicked people discuss their anger at the just one, because they do not like being reproached for their evil ways. They want to see if he is the Son of God, so they decide to torture him and see if God will come to defend him. They decide to condemn him to a shameful death and see if the claims are true that God will take care of him.

Second Reading: James 3:16—4:3

James discusses the importance of avoiding jealousy and strife. People should strive for peace and justice instead of concentrating on material pleasures which can tempt people to sin to obtain whatever they desire.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus again attempts to prepare his disciples for his death and resurrection, although they do not yet fully understand. They had been arguing over who was the most important one, but Jesus tells them whoever wants to rank first must be willing to remain a servant to all. He also tells them that anyone who welcomes a child in his name welcomes both him and God.

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Readings for the Week

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday

Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday

Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9

Friday

Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45

Lectio Divina Scripture Sharing

You are invited to share scripture with a small group of people on Monday mornings 11 am–11:30 am. We reflect and share on the Gospel of that day. It is an investment of only one-half hour of your time, and we can assure you that the fruits of that one-half hour will be abundant. Make a commitment for just one Monday, and if you like it, come back the next Monday. Start your week with prayer, community, and hope. We look forward to sharing this time with you! Bring your bible with you! Learn more about how to join this meeting by visiting: <https://diometuchen.org/onechurchtogether>

Our Weekly Offering

Weekend of August 21 & 22, 2021

Offertory.....	\$2,896.00
Peter's Pence.....	\$444.00
Flood Relief.....	\$1,969.05
Parish Utilities (Residual).....	\$100.00
Mission Co-Op (Residual).....	\$20.00

Online Giving

Offertory.....	\$135.00
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St Joseph's offers Online Giving thru ParishSoft; an easy option for donating to the Sunday Collection. It's simple! Just visit <https://sjraritan.com> and follow the easy registration instructions.

2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal



To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$ 16,115.00 and payments totaling \$ 16,015.00 from 66 parishioners. This represents 64.5% of your \$ 25,000.00 goal. Thank you for your efforts.



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." MARK 9:35

Jesus teaches us that we are called to love one another. Love involves sacrifice. Sacrifice is a word that many of us don't like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

Candle Intentions for this Week

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament this week is in memory of:

+ **Frank Krachun, Jr.**

The Candle burning before the Blessed Virgin Mary this week is in memory of:

+ **Bernice Fatto**

St. Joseph

The Candle burning before St. Joseph this week is in memory of:

+ **Bill Sixt**

Paschal Candle-2021

In Memory of **John M. Bauer**





FOR THE WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Monday, September 20, 2021

8:00 am + Mr. & Mrs. William Stenger
r/o Tom & Ginger McGrath
+ Michael & Irene Petras
r/o Fran & Gert

Priest of the Day – Rev. Anthony Sirianni

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Priest of the Day– Rev. David Skoblow

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

Priest of the Day– Rev. Stanislaw Slaby, CSsR

Thursday, September 23, 2021

Priest of the Day– Rev. Daniel Sloan

Friday, September 24, 2021

8:00 am + Mary & Charlie Craig
r/o Tom & Deb Horvath
+ Mary Prokop
r/o Brother, Michael

Priest of the Day – Rev. William Smith

Saturday, September 25, 2021

4:00 pm Vigil of The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
+ Louis DePinto
r/o Jim & Barbara

Priest of the Day – Rev. John Steck

Sunday, September 26, 2021

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am + Consuelo Cambronero Spanish

10:00 am + Robert Kolibas
r/o Jim & Barbara

12:00 pm + Dayana Fuentes Spanish

Priest of the Day – Rev. Louis Stingel

Please pray for vocations to the Priesthood for our Diocese, and also for Religious Priests, Brothers and Sisters.

**Our Parish Prayer List.
Please Pray for the sick**

Bill Bizub	Frank Krevis
Edna Carter	Antonia LaCorte
Joseph Carter	Ralph Lombardi
Jane Chiesa	Steve & Geri Max
Joan Chopay	Francis M. Mishak, Sr.
Elizabeth Anne Dwyer	Betty Phelan
Randy Fisher	Natasha Polinko
Arthur & Maryann Gosenski	Michael Roehrich
Gary Johnson	Jack & Mary Sullivan
Donna Kelly	Michael Velcheck
Roseanne Kielar	Richard Wisniewski
Jerry Kovac	Fr. John Morley

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or
www.sjraritan.org

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Marriage Ministry Celebrates:*

Date Nights for a Joy Filled Marriage!

Saturday September 25, 2021

7:00 – 9:00 pm

**Invitation to adult couples who
are dating, engaged, newlywed or
married several years.**

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Saint Ann Church, Meeting Room

45 Anderson Street, Raritan, NJ. 08869

INFO and RSVP – Thomas and Gina Santangelo

631-816-3515

**Mass Requests for
October 1-December 31, 2021 only
are now available.**

(Limit of 4)

**Mass Request forms are located at both
entrances of the church.**

Sunday: 10:00 am

Monday: 8:00 am

Friday: 8:00 am

Saturday: 4:00 pm Vigil Mass

**Daily Masses are not said at St. Joseph’s on
Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.**



How to Report Sexual Abuse

If you were sexually abused by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or you know of someone who was, you are encouraged to report that abuse to local law enforcement, the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency at 1-877-NJ ABUSE (652-2873) or 1-800-835-5510 (TTY/TDD for the deaf), and also the Diocesan Response Officer at (908) 930-4558 (24 hours/7 days a week). For more information on how to report abuse, visit our diocesan website: diometuchen.org/healing.

From the desk of Fr. Kevin:

“Since it is likely that, being men, they would sin every day, St. Paul consoles his hearers by saying ‘renew yourselves’ from day to day. This is what we do with houses: we keep constantly repairing them as they wear old. You should do the same thing to yourself. Have you sinned today? Have you made your soul old? Do not despair, do not despond, but renew your soul by repentance, and tears, and Confession, and by doing good things. And never cease doing this.” – *St. John Chrysostom*

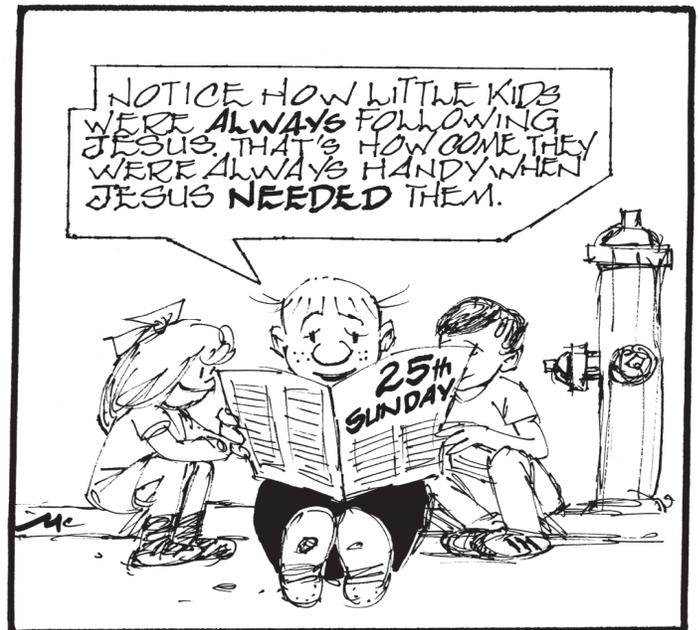
The words of St. John Chrysostom are so very true and uplifting. We constantly repair our homes, so why not our souls? In the restoration of our soul through prayer, confession, and the frequent reception of Holy Communion, we grow in grace, gratitude, compassion and love: this is to say, we became both more human and more divine! Like our homes, we are in constant need of repair. This should never cause us to despair but to rejoice that the necessary changes can be made with a willing heart. Let us never forget: all things are possible in God. May God strengthen us to grow in holiness that we may be freed of those things that afflict us, burden us and weigh us down. God calls us to greater conversion that we may be free to live in His light and His peace! *Peace in Christ,*

Fr. Kevin

Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary Celebration

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 3:30 pm. Couples who celebrated their Silver or Gold anniversary in 2020 are also invited to attend. Registration is required. Please register online at: <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>.

If you are unable to access the online registration, please contact your parish secretary or the Office of Family Life at 732-562-1543 or ammarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on October 7, 2021. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarians couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online at <https://www.diometuchen.org/donation-silver-and-gold> or calling 732-562-1543.

Brother Juniper**His Word Today**

by Rev. William J. Reilly
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ

**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 19, 2021**

“Where jealousy and self ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy and insincerity. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.”

Is the reading from St. James reflecting today’s headlines, or does it date from the first century? The events of our time certainly reflect disorder, chaos, making the gospel seem so distant.

The encouragement of the writer though, offers the opportunity to examine our own lives as we seek to live by the virtues he enunciates – peace, gentleness, mercy. James uses the fruits of the spirit of which St. Paul wrote in Galatians.

If we chose just one and worked on it each day for a week or a month, our lives would be quite different as we ‘cultivate peace’ in our hearts and offer it to others.



Lecturas del domingo

Primera Lectura: Sabiduría 2:12, 17-20

Gente malvada discute su enojo contra el justo, porque no les gusta ser reprochados por sus malos actos. Quieren ver si El es el Hijo de Dios, y deciden toturarlo para ver si Dios vendrá a defenderlo. Deciden condenarlo a una muerte vergonzosa y ver si es verdad que Dios lo cuidará.

Segunda Lectura: Santiago 3:16³/4:3

Santiago discute la importancia de evitar celos y disputas. La gente debe tratar de alcanzar paz y justicia en vez de concentrarse en placeres materiales que pueden tentar a la gente a pecar para obtener lo que desean.

Evangelio: San Marcos 9:30-37

Jesús de nuevo intenta preparar a sus discípulos para su muerte y resurrección, a pesar de que no comprenden totalmente. Han estado discutiendo sobre quién era el más importante, pero Jesús les dice que el que desea ser el primero debe ser un sirviente para todos los demás. Les dice también que quien acepta a un niño en su nombre, acepta a ambos: al niño y a Dios.

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Lecturas de la Semana

Vigésimoquinto
Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Lunes

Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18

Martes

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

Miércoles

Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

Jueves

Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9

Viernes

Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22

Sábado

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45

Oh Dios
escucha
mi oración



Su Palabra Hoy

Por el Reverendo William J. Reilly

Iglesia Católica El Santísimo Nombre, Garfield, NJ

Vigésimo Quinto Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario 19 de Septiembre de 2021

“Porque donde hay rivalidad y discordia, hay también desorden y toda clase de maldad. En cambio, la sabiduría que viene de lo alto es, ante todo, pura; y además, pacífica, benévola y conciliadora; está llena de misericordia y dispuesta a hacer el bien; es imparcial y sincera. Un fruto de justicia se siembra pacíficamente para los que trabajan por la paz.”

¿Está la lectura de Santiago reflejando los titulares de hoy, o data del primer siglo? Los eventos de nuestros días ciertamente reflejan desorden, caos, haciendo parecer el evangelio tan distante.

El estímulo del evangelista, sin embargo, nos ofrece la oportunidad de examinar nuestras propias vidas al buscar vivir las virtudes que anuncia: paz, gentileza, misericordia. Santiago utiliza los frutos del espíritu de los cuales San Pablo escribió en la carta a los gálatas. Si escogiéramos uno solamente, y trabajáramos en él cada día durante una semana o un mes, nuestras vidas serían muy distintas mientras ‘cultivamos paz’ en nuestros corazones y se la ofrecemos a otros.

Hermano Juniper



MAYORDOMÍA

... TIEMPO, TALENTO Y TESORO



25o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

"Si alguno quiere ser el primero, que sea el último de todos y el servidor de todos." MARCOS 9:35

Jesús nos enseña que somos llamados a amarnos los unos a los otros. El amor implica sacrificio. El sacrificio es una palabra que a muchos de nosotros no nos gusta oír. Pensamos que eso significa que debemos renunciar a algo que queremos. Sin embargo, el significado literal de sacrificio es “hacer santos”, sacrificio viene de las palabras "sacer"= sagrado y "facere" = hacer. En otras palabras, hacemos santa nuestra vida compartiendo nuestros dones al servicio de Dios.



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