

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 anytime 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
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Email.....parishoffice@sjraritan.org
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The Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time February 27, 2022



FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27, 2022

Monday, February 28, 2022

8:00 am + Mary & Charlie Craig r/o Deb & Tom Horvath
Priest of the Day – Rev. Msgr. Richard Lyons

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Priest of the Day– Rev. Ronald Machado

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Ash Wednesday-Day of Fast & Abstinence

8:00 am +John Masler r/o Evelyn Masler English

12:00 pm Liturgy of the Word with ashes

7:30 pm Spanish

Priest of the Day–Rev. Edgar Madarang

Thursday, March 3, 2022

Priest of the Day– Rev. Marinelli

Friday, March 4, 2022

Day of Abstinence

8:00 am + Francis & Helen Marcin r/o Fran Cappetta

Priest of the Day – Rev. Louis Mattina

Saturday, March 5, 2022

4:00 pm Vigil of The First Sunday of Lent

+ Robert Mishak r/o Aunt Gert

Priest of the Day– Rev. Msgr. William McCarthy

Sunday, March 6, 2022

The First Sunday of Lent

8:00 am Pro Populo Spanish

10:00 am + Doreen & Stephen Petras r/o Lorraine Leonard

12:00 pm + Angeles Lazo Spanish

Priest of the Day – LCDR Rev. Kent McCord

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

Candle Intentions for this Week

Sanctuary Candle



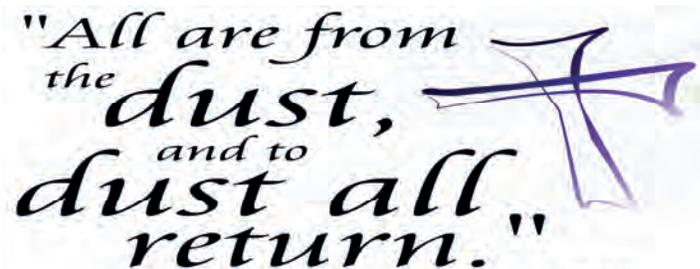
The Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament this week is in memory of: + **Stephen Moffat** r/o Camille

The Candles burning before the Blessed Virgin Mary & St. Joseph are temporarily suspended.

Paschal Candle-2021

In Memory of John M. Bauer

r/o Georgette & Michael Bauer



Ecclesiastes 3:20



Readings for the Week

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday

1 Pt 1:3-9; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday

1 Pt 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

First Friday

Is 58:1-9a, Mt 9:14-15

First Saturday

Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

Pray for the Sick

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Bill Bizub | Antonia LaCorte |
| Edna Carter | Rosemary Lepri |
| Joseph Carter | Ralph Lombardi |
| Jane Chiesa | Steve & Geri Max |
| Joan Chopay | Jack McElhinney |
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| Donna Kelly | Joseph Ungrady |
| Roseanne Kielar | Richard Wisniewski |
| Jerry Kovac | Fr. John Morley |
| Frank Krevis | |

Wednesday, March 2

See the Ash Wednesday and Lenten Schedule included in this bulletin.



Sunday's Readings

First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

This reading explains that quality and truth in conversation is a test for humankind. Only after listening to a person's reasoning can we know the mind of another.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Paul speaks of the mystery of transformation that is victory over death when our mortality puts on immortality. We are encouraged by Paul to be steadfast and immovable, filling our lives with the work of the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

Today, Jesus teaches through the use of parables, first encouraging us to be like the teacher, understand that the blind cannot lead the blind. Jesus also reminds us that only the heart's good treasure produces good. In order to remain steadfast, we must heed what Jesus tells us. If we hear God's word, our foundation will be strong, unshaken, steadfast, built upon rock. ©2000 Bon Venture Services

Lenten Obligations

The
Season
of
Lent



So that the Church of Metuchen may be spiritually one in a common observance of Lent, the following days of fast and abstinence are to be observed by all Catholics of the Diocese who enjoy the blessings of good health:

1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

3. From the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday until the celebration of the Easter Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday, the Easter fast should be observed so that, with uplifted and welcoming hearts, we may be ready to celebrate the joys of the Resurrection. This ancient tradition, intimately connected with the Rites of Holy Week and the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, is encouraged, especially in those places baptizing catechumens at the Easter Vigil.

The obligation to fast applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. To fast in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal during the day so as to experience hunger.

The obligation of abstinence affects all Catholics who have reached the age of 14. Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat.

The obligation of fast and abstinence, as a whole, is a serious obligation. While failure to observe any penitential day in itself may not be considered serious, the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of them without good cause, would be considered a grave matter. Those unable to abstain for a valid reason on any given Friday of Lent are asked to perform some other penitential act, or to abstain on another day.

New This Year!

Lent/Easter Window Remembrance Candles



Please call or stop by the Parish Office to place your order. The candles will be lit starting Ash Wednesday and for the six weeks of Lent and The Easter Octave.

The price of each candle is \$65.00 for the entire season. The

candles are set into glass globes. Your loved ones name will appear in an acrylic stand next to the candle. **Only four candles are left.** First come/first serve. Open to parishioners and non-parishioners. Order early or you may miss out.

Please be aware that the candles will be in the school windows until we can be back in the Church.

Order your Kolach for Easter!

Kolach is on sale for \$17 each: Nut roll, poppy seed, Lekvar (prune), apricot, seedless red raspberry, apple, pumpkin cheese and coconut cream are available. The last day to order is **Monday, March 21. Pickup is Saturday April 9 & 10 weekend of Palm Sunday** at the front of the school auditorium after all masses – in time for Easter! Order forms for ordering Kolach are located at both entrances of the auditorium.

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>

Catholic School 2022-2023 Tuition Assistance Online Application Process Open

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmtgt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than March 31, 2022. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.



Lecturas de la Semana

Octavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Lunes

1 Pt 1:3-9; Mk 10:17-27

Martes

1 Pt 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31

Miércoles

Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Jueves

Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

Primer Viernes

Is 58:1-9a, Mt 9:14-15

Primer Sábado

Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

Meditaciones Virtuales: Viviendo el Bautismo en Cuaresma

En preparación para la Pascua, acompaña al Padre Juan Carlos Gaviria en estas sesiones semanales de meditación y reflexiona sobre la forma cómo vives la Cuaresma a la luz de las promesas bautismales. Todos los Miércoles de 7:30 pm a 9:00 pm desde el 9 de Marzo al 13 de Abril de 2022.

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ESCUELA CATÓLICA 2022 -2023 ASISTENCIA DE MATRÍCULA PROCESO DE APLICACIÓN EN LÍNEA ABIERTO

Las familias interesadas en solicitar asistencia con la matrícula para acudir a una escuela primaria o secundaria elegible de la Diócesis de Metuchen, pueden presentar su solicitud en línea ahora a través FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment en la dirección electrónica <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Las solicitudes en línea deben completarse (incluida toda la documentación requerida) antes del 31 de Marzo de 2022. Las solicitudes están disponibles en inglés y en español. Las familias que necesiten ayuda para completar la solicitud en línea o necesiten acceso a una computadora para postularse deben comunicarse directamente con su escuela.

Lecturas del domingo

Primera: Sirac 27:4-7

Esta lectura explica que la calidad y verdad en conversación es una prueba para la humanidad. Solo hasta escuchar el razonamiento de otra persona podemos entender su mente.

Segunda Lectura: 1 Corintios 15:54-58

Pablo habla del misterio de la transformación que es la victoria sobre la muerte cuando nuestra mortalidad gana la inmortalidad. Pablo nos alienta a ser rectos e inamovibles, llenando nuestras vidas con el trabajo del Señor.

Evangelio: San Lucas 6:39-45

Jesús enseña por medio de parábolas, primero alentándonos a ser como un maestro, a entender que el ciego no puede guiar ciegos. Jesús nos recuerda que sólo la bondad del corazón produce el bien. Para permanecer rectos debemos oír lo que Jesús nos dice. Si escuchamos a Dios, nuestra base será fuerte, inamovible, recta, erigida sobre roca. ©2000 Bon Venture Services, Inc.



Su Palabra Hoy

Por el Reverendo William J. Reilly

Iglesia Católica El Santísimo Nombre, Garfield, NJ

Octavo Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario

27 de febrero de 2022

“Jesús les dijo una parábola a sus discípulos...

¿Puede un ciego guiar a otro ciego? ¿No caerán los dos en un pozo?... ¿Cómo puedes decir a tu hermano: ‘Hermano, deja que te saque la paja de tu ojo’, tú, que no ves la viga que tienes en el tuyo? ¡Hipócrita, saca primero la viga de tu ojo, y entonces verás claro para sacar la paja del ojo de tu hermano.”

Una gran enseñanza al prepararnos para el principio de la cuaresma. Pase un momento para ver la necesidad de auto corrección, antes de juzgar, criticar y dañar la reputación de alguien más.

La cuaresma es el tiempo para renovación espiritual, mi búsqueda de santidad, mi necesidad de reforma personal, antes de buscar la paja en el ojo ajeno.

Veo mi hogar, mi familia y pregunto cómo puedo hacer de esta cuaresma una experiencia recompensante, no sólo en mi vida personal, sino para mi cónyuge, mis hijos y todos los cercanos a mí. Milagros pueden suceder, pero primero, encuentre la viga, ‘entonces verás claro’, y luego avance en la dirección correcta. El pozo que nos rodea es real, llamado el demonio, y la próxima cuaresma es el remedio para resistir el mal.

Our Weekly Offering

Weekend of February 19 & 20, 2022

Offertory	
4:00 pm.....	\$861.00
8:00 am.....	\$466.00
10:00 am.....	\$790.00
12:00 pm.....	\$383.00
Insurance & Assessment	
4:00 pm.....	\$180.00
8:00 am.....	\$295.00
10:00 am.....	\$354.00
12:00 pm.....	\$384.00

Online Giving

Offertory.....	\$610.00
Parish Utilities.....	\$30.00
Insurance & Assessment.....	\$10.00
Ceiling Repair.....	\$500.00

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.

**Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule for Area Churches
Wednesday, March 2, 2022**

- 7:00 am St. Ann’s
- 7:00 am Holy Trinity
- 8:00 am St. Joseph
- 12:15 pm Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament
- 12:15 pm Holy Trinity
- 7:00 pm St. Ann’s
- 7:00 pm Holy Trinity-
- 7:00 pm Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament (Latin)
- 7:30 pm St. Joseph (Spanish)

For more information please visit the parishes web sites:

- Holy Trinity-<https://holytrinitynj.org/>
- Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament <https://blessedsacramentshrine.com/>
- St. Ann’s-<https://stannparish.com/>
- St. Joseph-sjraritan.org/or.com.

New schedule for Confession, effective March 2 (Ash Wednesday):
Wednesdays from 11 am to 12 noon at **Holy Trinity**
Fridays from 11 am to 12 noon at the **Shrine Chapel**
Saturdays after 9:30 am Mass at **St. Ann's**
Saturdays from 3-3:30 pm at **St. Joseph's**
 Confession is possible at other times by appointment, by contacting any of the parish/shrine offices.
Note: that due to the intense schedule for the priests, we will not have scheduled Confessions on Ash Wednesday itself. The last day for Wednesday evening Confession at St. Ann's is **February 23**. The first day for Friday Confession at the Shrine is **March 4**.

**2022 Bishop’s Annual Appeal
Celebrating 40 Years—
Continuing to Fan the Flame of Faith
into Service**

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2022 Bishop’s Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in St. Joseph. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. In the coming days, you will be receiving a letter from our pastor Fr. Kevin encouraging your participation. If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully consider doing so today by either returning your pledge card in the mail or going to the secure website: <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.

Support program for divorced Catholics

The Dioceses is sponsoring a support program for divorced Catholics seeking comfort from their Church. The Spirit will have more complete info in a coming issue. However, you can call me at the number below for more information. God Bless, Ro Bersch --Program Coordinator Surviving Divorce – For men and women seeking healing from separation or divorce. This 8-week program, while based on the teachings of the Catholic Church, is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after a divorce. Meetings will be held on Wednesday 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm beginning March 16, 2022 at St. Francis Cathedral Parish Center, 45 Library Place in Metuchen, NJ. For more information or to register contact Ro Bersch at 908-313-5947. Registration deadline is March 7, 2022.

Stations of the Cross
 Stations of the Cross will be held on:
Wednesdays:
 at the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament after the 12:15 pm Mass.
Fridays:
 following the 7:00 pm Mass at Holy Trinity and Fridays at 7:30 pm at St. Ann's

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.

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