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.
Very Rev. Jeffrey Calia, C.O., Provost

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

The Lord's Day Mass Schedule

Saturday…… **St. Joseph** 4 pm English
St. Ann's 4 pm
Holy Trinity 5 pm
Sunday……..…….. St. Ann 7 am
St. Joseph 8 am Spanish
Holy Trinity 8 am
St. Joseph 10 am English
St. Ann 10 am
Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament 10:30 am (Latin EF)
Holy Trinity 10:30 am
St. Joseph 12:00 pm Spanish
St. Ann 12:00 pm
St. Ann 5 pm
St. Joseph Holy Days Vigil: 7:30 pm, on the Holy Day 8 am

Daily Masses

Mon. **St. Joseph** 8 am	Shrine 12:15 pm	St. Ann 7 pm
Tues. St. Ann 7 am	Shrine 12:15 pm	Holy Trinity 7 pm
Wed. St. Ann 7 am	Shrine 12:15 pm	
Thu. St. Ann 7 am	Shrine 12:15 pm	
Fri. **St. Joseph** 8 am	Shrine 12:15 pm	Holy Trinity 7 pm

First Friday St. Ann 7 pm
Sat. St. Ann 9 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday……St. Ann after the 9 am Mass
St. Joseph 3:00 –3:30 pm
Wednesday…… Holy Trinity 11 am –12 pm
Friday……...Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament 11 am –12 pm
or by appointment.

Parish Office
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Sunday's Readings

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Some men informed the Gentiles that they must be circumcised if they wished to be saved, because of the Old Laws. Disciples then went forth to tell the Gentiles to honor only those rules which were strictly necessary, such as abstaining from eating meat sacrificed to idols and illicit sexual union.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

John depicts Jerusalem coming out of heaven, sparkling with the radiance of precious jewels. Angels were stationed at each of its twelve gates, and each gate bore the name of one tribe of Israel. The city had no temple, because God was its temple. The glory and light of God and the Lamb also replaced their need for the sun.

Gospel: John 14:23-29

Jesus tells his disciples, "Anyone who loves me will be true to my word." For those who do honor his word, both Jesus and God will love them and stay with them always. He also tells them that God will send the Holy Spirit in his place to give them the instructions they will need. Jesus then tells them that peace is his farewell gift to them.

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

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling **$30,072.27** and payments totaling **$26,933.51** from 91 parishioners. This represents 120.3% of your **$25,000.00** goal. Thank you for your efforts.

Our Weekly Offering

Weekend of May 14 & 15, 2022		
Offertory Total:	$	3,425.00
Online Giving	$	250.00
Total for Parish Operation	$	**3,682.00**
Development of Peoples	$	1,059.00
Catholic Relief (Residual)	$	60.00
Online Giving		
Insurance & Assessment (Res)	$	54.00
Online Giving	$	5.00
Total For I & A	$	59.00
Total	$	**4,600.00**

Thank you and God bless you for supporting the mission of the church and the ministry of St. Joseph.

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

Let not your hearts be troubled.

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Effective this upcoming Easter season, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord will be permanently transferred from Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter to the following Sunday, the Seventh Sunday of Easter, in all Catholic dioceses in New Jersey. This year, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord will be observed on Sunday, May 29. This liturgical observance is an integral dimension of the completion of Our Lord's paschal mystery and, after much discussion, the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey collectively discerned that the transferring the observance to the following Sunday would allow for greater participation among the faithful.

Feast of St. Philip Neri

Thursday, May 26 (formerly the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord) is not a holy day of obligation, and will be observed in the churches of the Raritan Oratory as the Solemnity of our Holy Father St. Philip Neri, founder of the Oratory. Please join the Oratorian community for our annual celebration of St. Philip, on **Thursday, May 26 beginning at 7:00 pm, in St. Joseph Church, Raritan.** This year, as we commemorate the 400th anniversary of St. Philip's canonization, our celebration will include the opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence. After Mass, all are welcome to a light reception.

Quo Vadis Days, July 19-22, 2022

Young men ages 14-17 are invited to spend a few days living, praying and interacting with priests, seminarians and faith-filled teens their own age. The days will include dynamic talks, a visit from Bishop Checchio, sports and activities, prayer, small group discussion and so much more. For more information, please email quovadis@diometuchen.org.

Brother Juniper

40th Anniversary Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine Basilica - September 24

The 40th Anniversary of the Diocese of Metuchen will close with a pilgrimage and Mass with Bishop Checchio at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, on Saturday, September 24. We are teaming up with St. Ann's in Raritan to plan a bus trip for the pilgrimage. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Barbara Russell at the St. Ann Parish Office by May 11 at 908-725-1008 or email brussell@stannparish.com. A $10 per person deposit will be required to reserve a seat; first-come, first served.

Knight's Corner, Knights of Columbus #1432
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June

Monday 6/20 - Charity Golf Outing inviting the entire community at Heron Glen Golf Course with full amenities (http://www.heronglen.com/knightsofcolumbus)

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SACRED TIME, SACRED SPACE

A personal, quiet day to enjoy God's presence. Day begins with communal prayer. Bring bag lunch. Thursday, June 9th from 9:30 am-3 pm. $20-$30 as you are able.

WEEKEND SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT

An experience of personal prayer based on scripture. Daily spiritual direction. Atmosphere of prayerful quiet. Begins Friday, June 17th at 7 pm and ends by 1 pm on Sunday, June 19th $180/weekend; non-refundable deposit $80. Proof of COVID vaccination is required at time of registration.

MAN TO MAN

Men have unique roles in life…husbands, fathers, grandfathers, the single life and religious life…We're pushed and pulled in a thousand directions by responsibilities, stress, loss and by joys. Where can we find time to reflect on the loss and gain of our lives? For all men—young, old and in between. Join our group over coffee or tea for life affirming discussions and prayer to find God in our lives and to make a difference in our own worlds. 4th Tuesday of the Month. May 24th from 7-8:30 both at the House of Prayer and on Zoom. Freewill offering.

Mass Requests

Our Mass Book is now open from July 1 until September 30, 2022. Mass Intention Requests are still available for Fridays thru Mondays May & June. Masses and can be made in person at the Parish Office or by calling at 908-725-0163

His Word Today

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 22, 2022

"Since we have heard that some of our number, who went out without any mandate from us, have upset you with their teachings and disturbed your peace of mind, we have with one accord decided to choose representatives and to send them to you along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place any burden beyond these necessities..."

The growth of the early church was motivated by the Holy Spirit and the dedication of leaders to the person of Jesus Christ. Surely, they had to wrestle with serious questions of identity, discernment and direction.

We, the church of today, are engaged in a listening process on synodality, seeking the guidance of the same Holy Spirit to accompany us on our journey together. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has asked all of us, the baptized and the marginalized, to listen to one another and the Holy Spirit, guiding the church of today for tomorrow.

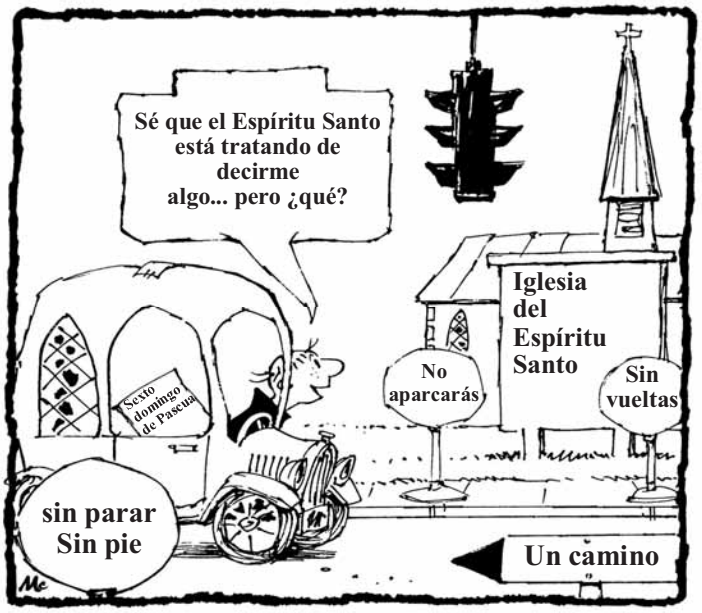
Retrouvaille - August 19 - 21, 2022

Stress In Your Marriage?

- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
- Have you thought about separation or divorce?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?

RETROUVAILLE is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ. RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is August 19 - 21, 2022. All inquiries are confidential. For further information, please contact:
Rich Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or
Annette Colasuonno 732-672-0748 or email 3024@helpourmarriage.org.

Hermano Juniper



Su Palabra Hoy

Por el Reverendo William J. Reilly
Iglesia Católica El Santísimo Nombre, Garfield, NJ

Sexto Domingo de Pascua
22 de mayo de 2022

"Habiéndonos enterado de que algunos de los nuestros, sin mandato de nuestra parte, han sembrado entre ustedes la inquietud y provocado el desconcierto, hemos decidido de común acuerdo elegir a unos delegados y enviárselos junto con nuestros queridos Bernabé y Pablo, los cuales han consagrado su vida al nombre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. El Espíritu Santo, y nosotros mismos, hemos decidido no imponerles ninguna carga más que las indispensables."

El crecimiento de la temprana iglesia fue motivado por el Espíritu Santo y la dedicación de los líderes a la persona de Jesucristo. Seguramente, tuvieron que batallar con serios asuntos de identidad, discernimiento y dirección.

Nosotros, la iglesia de hoy, estamos involucrados en un proceso sinodal para escuchar, buscar dirección del mismo Espíritu Santo para acompañarnos en nuestra jornada juntos. Nuestro Santo Padre, el Papa Francisco, ha pedido que todos nosotros, los bautizados y los marginalizados, nos escuchemos los unos a los otros y que el Espíritu Santo guíe a la iglesia de hoy hacia el mañana.

Lecturas de la Semana

Sexto Domingo de Pascua

Lunes
Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a

Martes
Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

Miércoles
Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15

Jueves
Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28, 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

Viernes
Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

Sábado
Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

Lecturas del domingo

Primera: Hechos 15:1-2, 22-29
Algunos hombres informaron a los gentiles que no podían ser salvos si no se circuncidaban, de acuerdo a la Ley Antigua. Los discípulos les dijeron a los gentiles que siguieran las reglas estrictamente necesarias, como abstenerse de comer carne sacrificada a ídolos, o inmoralidad sexual.

Segunda Lectura: : Apocalipsis 21:10-14, 22-23
Juan describe a Jerusalén bajando del cielo, brillando como una joya preciosa, con un ángel apostado en cada una de sus doce puertas, y cada puerta con el nombre de una de las tribus de Israel. La ciudad no tenía templo, pues Dios era su templo. La gloria y luz de Dios y el Cordero también reemplazaban la necesidad del sol.

Evangelio: San Juan 14:23-29
Jesús les dice a sus disípulos: "El que me ama hace caso de mi palabra". A los que obedezcan, Jesús y Dios los amarán y acompañarán siempre. También dice que Dios enviará al Espíritu Santo para enseñarles. Jesús les dice que la paz es su regalo de despedida.

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Readings for the Week

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Monday
Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday
Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday
Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday
Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28, 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

Friday
Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday
Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

Pray for the Sick

Annmarie Bizub
Bill Bizub
Edna Carter
Joseph Carter
Jane Chiesa
Joan Chopay
Elizabeth Anne Dwyer
Randy Fisher
Tony & Sandy Franchino
Arthur & Maryann Gosenski
William Heitz
Gary Johnson
Donna Kelly
Roseanne Kielar
Jerry Kovac
Frank Krevis
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Jack McElhinney
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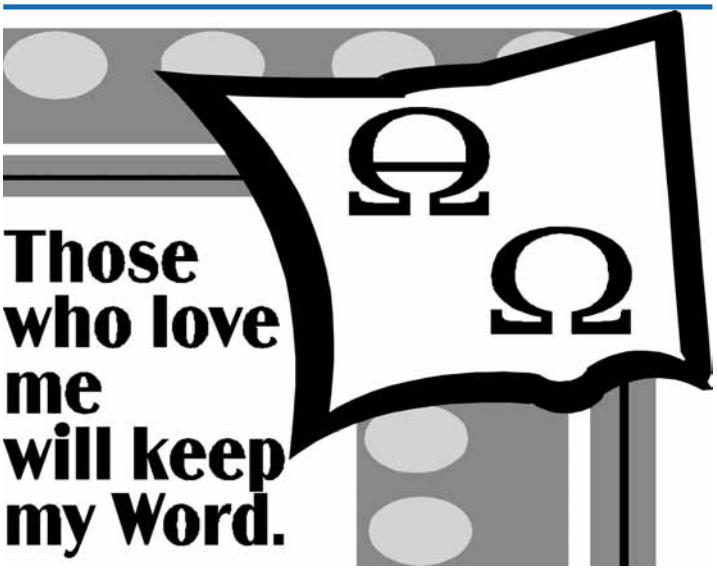
Michael Roehrich
Ed & Jen Satin
Jack & Mary Sullivan
Nick Swandrak
Joseph Ungrady
Richard Wisniewski
Fr. John Morley



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 22, 2022

Monday, May 23, 2022
8:00 am + Eva & Emily Allsher r/o B. Leven
Priest of the Day – Rev. Philip Vadkkekara

Tuesday, May 24, 2022
Priest of the Day– Rev. Msgr. Randall Vashon

Wednesday, May 25, 2022
Priest of the Day–Rev. Michael Venditti

Thursday, May 26, 2022
Priest of the Day– Rev. Stanley Walega

Friday, May 27, 2022
8:00 am + Louis & Virgina Tamburini r/o Vic & Andy
Priest of the Day – Rev. James Walling, CPM

Saturday, May 28, 2022
4:00 pm Vigil of The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
+ Bernice Fatto r/o Diane & Ralph
Priest of the Day– Rev. Thomas Walsh

Sunday, May 29, 2022
The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
8:00 am Pro Populo Spanish
10:00 am + Audrey Lulie r/o B. Leven
12:00 pm + Luz Chacón Spanish
Priest of the Day – Rev. Msgr. Pafnouti Wassef
Please pray for vocations to the Priesthood for our Diocese, and also for Religious Priests, Brothers and Sisters.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday……..St. Ann after the 9 am Mass
St. Joseph 3:00 –3:30 pm prior to the 4 pm Mass
Wednesday……..Holy Trinity 11 am –12 pm
Friday……..Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament 11 am –12 pm
or by appointment by contacting the Parish or Shrine offices.

Candle Intentions for this Week

Sanctuary Candle
The Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament this week is in memory of: **+ Frank Krachun, Jr.** r/o Camille

Blessed Virgin Mary
The Candle burning before the Blessed Virgin Mary this week is in memory of: **+ Deceased members of the Krachun & Gall Families** r/o Camille

St. Joseph
The Candle burning before St. Joseph this week is in memory of: **+ Deceased members of the Fattori & Sinibaldi Families** r/o Camille

Paschal Candle-2022
In Memory of John M. Bauer
r/o Georgette & Michael Bauer

O God, let all the nations praise you!

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