

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.



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
Nora Martin Parish Office Manager
Anthony R. Nardino..... Director of Music & Liturgy

The Lord's Day Mass Schedule

Saturday..... **St. Joseph 4 pm English**, Holy Trinity 5 pm
Sunday..... **St. Joseph 7:30 am Spanish**, St. Ann 7:30 am,
St. Joseph 9 am English, St. Ann 10:30 am,
Holy Trinity 10:30 am, Shrine of the Blessed
Sacrament 10:30 am (Latin EF)
St. Joseph 12:00 pm Spanish, St. Ann 12:00 pm,
St. Ann 5 pm

Holy Days

7:00 pm Vigil Mass—St. Joseph (English)
8am: St Ann , 12:15pm: Shrine Chapel , Holy Trinity
7:00 pm: St. Ann, Shrine Chapel (Latin EF), 7:30 pm **St. Joseph (Spa.)**

Weekday Masses

Monday through Friday..... 8 am St. Ann, 12:15 pm Shrine (E)
Friday 7 pm Holy Trinity (E)
Saturday..... 9 am St. Ann (E)
First Saturdays..... 9 am Shrine (Latin)

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

Open Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm (NEW)
908 725-0163 • parishoffice@sjraritan.org • www.sjraritan.org
Fr. Kevin Email..... padrekevin2024@gmail.com

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 23, 2025



HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

INTENCIones DE LA SANTA MISA



Saturday, Feb 22, 2025

4:00 pm +Zeke Zabawa R/o The Minarovich Family

Priest remembered today: Rev. Msgr. Edward O'Neill

Sunday, Feb 23, 2025, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am* Pro-populo (for the people)

Priest remembered today: Rev. Abraham Orapankal

9 am +Barbara Patullo R/o St. Joseph's Seniors

Priest remembered today: Rev. Thomas Odorizzi, C.O.

12 pm* +Melba Arias

Priest remembered today: Rev. Gerardo Paderon

Saturday, Mar 1, 2025

4:00 pm +Joseph Minarovich R/o The Minarovich Family

Priest remembered today: Rev. Matthew Paratore

Sunday, Mar 2, 2025, Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am* Pro-populo (for the people)

Priest remembered today: Rev. Jason Pekota

9 am +Shirley Zabawa R/o The Minarovich Family

Priest remembered today: Rev. Lazaro Perez

12 pm* +Rodrigo Cascante

Priest remembered today: Rev. Robert Pinnisi

* En Español, in Spanish

SUNDAY MASS READING 2/23

“I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you.” John 13:34

First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Saul wanted to harm David and went into the desert to locate him. David and his companion Abishai visited Saul and his troops while they slept. Abishai wanted to kill Saul, but David would not allow it, as he refused to kill the Lord's anointed.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Paul portrays Adam as the first physical man and Jesus as the first man to give us our spirituality. One man was formed from dust, the other sent down from heaven. Just as we resemble the first being physically, we should model ourselves after Jesus spiritually.

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Jesus explains that loving only people who love us is no great achievement. He also reminds us that doing a favor for someone while expecting something in return is not what he asks of us. Instead, we should emulate God by being compassionate and non-judgmental, even towards individuals who hate and mistreat us.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

LECTURAS PARA LA STA. MISA ESTA SEMANA

Monday

Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday

Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday

Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40

Thursday

Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50

Friday

Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12

First Saturday

Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16



CANDLE INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Candle: none

Blessed Virgin Mary: none

St. Joseph: +Joseph F. Minarovich
R/o Family

Paschal Candle: In Memory of
Lee & George Paulishak R/o Son, Bob

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Tony & Sandy Franchino	Francis M. Mishak, Sr.
Arthur & Maryann	Pinzy & Rachel Petrone

Salesian Gospel Reflection

February 23, 2025

A Salesian reflection on the Sunday Gospel by an Oblate of Saint Francis de Sales

Today's gospel offers us the great challenge for a disciple of Jesus:

"Love your enemies, do good to those who dislike you, bless those who speak ill of you and pray for those who mistreat you." "Be merciful just as your heavenly Father is merciful."

We all know how difficult this is to do.

We'll never be able to do it without God's grace, without learning to be very conscious that God is present with us each day, without asking God for the strength of his grace many times each day. The invitation of Jesus to love those who get in our face, who know how to push all our buttons, goes against our natural feelings of irritation and anger. Jesus seems to be asking too much.

What Jesus is asking of us is to be all that grace enables us to be. By our baptism, we have been given a share in the life and love of God. Jesus has become our brother; we are children of our heavenly Father by grace. Divine life is in us and that life enables us to live as Jesus lived. Jesus is asking us to learn to live by the new life we have been given. Because of grace, we are able to be merciful as our Father is merciful. Jesus has shown us how to love those who irritate us, how to forgive those who injure us.

St. Francis de Sales recommends several practices that can help us remember the strength of divine life within us.

Begin the day with a short prayer of awareness: "My God, you are here loving me today; help me to remember you're with me as we go through the day." Then, talk with God about the grace I will need to deal with particular people in my life who can irritate me or have mistreated me. During the day, when I know I'm going to meet such a person, I ask God's help that I may relate with that person in a way that is pleasing to God. Then, each evening, thank God for the times when grace gave me strength and ask pardon for the times I forgot to ask for God's help and failed because I tried to do it on my own.

The key is learning the discipline of remembering that I share divine life. When my prayer leads me to greater awareness of God's loving presence each day, then I will more likely become dependent on the grace God makes available to me. Then the challenge that Jesus offers – to love my enemies – is not so impossible for me to try to meet. I can meet it because I trust in God who lives in me.

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CATECHETICAL MASS



All communities served by the Oratory are invited to a Catechetical Mass

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025

10:30 am at St. Joseph's Church, Raritan

Following the celebration of the Mass we will have a light lunch in the Parish Hall

Have you ever wondered about the actual meaning of the elements of the Mass?

- What is the purpose of the vestments? The procession? The cross and candles? The gestures? The invocation of the Holy Spirit upon the eucharistic offering?
- Why does Blessed Carlo Acutis say: "The Eucharist is the Highway to Heaven"?
- How is the Mass truly the connection between heaven and earth?
- Come to the Catechetical Mass and find out!

As we are about to enter into the Lenten Season, we encourage you to take this opportunity to enrich your understanding and love of the Mass.

The Catechetical Mass is for people of all ages. Everyone is cordially invited.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

16-Feb-25	Collection	Online G	Total
Offertory *	\$3,753.00	\$305.00	\$4,058.00
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Jubilee Year!!!

This is a special time for the Church throughout the world, as we seek deeper conversion and spiritual growth through Repentance. Bishop Checchio has designated 4 Pilgrimage sites in the Diocese of Metuchen. The faithful may obtain the Jubilee Indulgence Now through December 8th, 2025

- ◊ St. Francis Cathedral, Metuchen
- ◊ **Shrine Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament, Raritan**
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- ◊ National Shrine of St. Lucy Filippini, New Brunswick



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PANCAKE BREAKFAST

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, BRIDGEWATER, NJ

The Holy Trinity Holy Name Society is hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 23 from 8:00-11:45 am in the Parish Center. Tickets will be available after Holy Trinity Mass the weekends of Feb 8/9 and 15/16, from the Holy Trinity Parish Office and at the door; the cost is \$10 for adults, \$4 for children under 12, free for children under 7.

Now Enrolling! St. Ann Classical Academy

is now enrolling Pre K - 8th Grade for the 2025-2026 school year. Join us for one of our Open Houses on February 26, March 12, or April 9 from 9:00am-11:30am. Visit us online at stannclassical.org/open-house or call us at 908-725-7787 to learn more, register for an Open House, or apply today. We look forward to welcoming you!

Save the Date! Spring Clothing Drive

St. Ann Classical Academy will host its spring clothing drive on Friday, April 11th. Nothing shredded. All items donated support those in need. For more information on accepted items, visit clothingdrive.net.

ON SALE NOW: St. Ann Classical Academy New Year Calendar Raffle Tickets!

- First Drawing: Thursday, May 1, 2025
- \$500 | St. Ann's Feast Day - July 26, 2025
- \$200 | Memorial Day - May 26, 2025
- \$200 | Independence Day - July 4, 2025
- \$200 | Feast of the Assumption - August 15, 2025
- \$200 | Labor Day - September 1, 2025
- \$100 | Mother's Day - May 11, 2025
- \$100 | Father's Day - June 15, 2025
- \$100 | All Hallow's Eve - October 31, 2025
- \$25 | Remaining Days - May 1, 2025 - October 31, 2025

Tickets are \$25 and will be sold at all Masses in the near future. Tickets can also be purchased through the school and St. Ann parish offices, from SACA families, or reserved online at www.stannclassical.org/calendar-raffle.

Each \$25 ticket has 184 chances to win cash prizes from \$25 - \$500 for a total of \$6,000. Proceeds benefit St. Ann Classical Academy. Drawing to take place at St. Ann Classical Academy on the first school day of each month. Winners need not be present. Results will be posted on the school website at www.stannclassical.org/calendar-raffle. RL: 2024-12-01 ID: 412-1-454 Questions? Call 908-725-7787 or email hsa@stannparish.com.

Ash Wednesday

Mass Schedule

MARCH 5, 2025

- 7 am St. - Joseph Church
- 8 am - St. Ann Church
- 12:15 pm - Shrine Chapel
- 12:15 pm - Holy Trinity Church**
- 4 pm - St. Ann Church (Liturgy of the Word with distribution of Ashes)
- 7 pm - St. Ann Church**
- 7 pm - Holy Trinity Church**
- 7 pm - Shrine Chapel (EF, Latin)**
- 7:30 pm - St. Joseph Church (Spanish)**



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ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES THIS SPRING

There will be an adult Confirmation program at St. Ann's, Raritan, in the Spring, with possible Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, June 8th. Ten classes will be offered on Sunday mornings starting March 23rd. Time for the class will be either at 9 am or after the 10:30 am Mass. Time will be determined by the needs of the group. Anyone should contact Sister Loraine Dorion to schedule an initial meeting before March 23rd. She may be contacted via email at srlorraine@raranatory.org

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REFLEXION DEL EVANGELIO DOMINICAL

Septimo Domingo en el Tiempo Ordinario

Una reflexión salesiana sobre el Evangelio dominical por un Oblato de San Francisco de Sales

“Ama a tus enemigos; has el bien con aquellos que te odian, bendice a los que te maldicen, ora por los que abusan de ti.”

Perspectiva Salesiana

Recientemente estuve envuelto en una discusión con alguien. Fue algo difícil!!

Comenzó inocentemente como una diferencia de opinión, y a medida que nos dejamos llevar por nuestras emociones y nuestro orgullo, el conflicto escaló rápidamente y pasó de ser un simple desacuerdo a convertirse en una competencia de gritos de escala mayor. La intensidad de la discusión, al igual que lo que nos dijimos fue una sorpresa para ambos. Cuando nos dimos cuenta de que no estábamos llegando a ningún lado con todo eso, ambos nos retiramos para tratar de curar nuestras heridas, más que sorprendidos por la gran ansiedad y angustia que este altercado ocasionó en cada uno de nosotros. Afortunadamente, después de dejar de pasar un poco de tiempo, y de dejar que nuestras emociones se enfriaran, cuando cada uno tuvo tiempo para orar y reflexionar sobre todo lo que acababa de acontecer, y al analizar las consecuencias de todo esto – tuvimos el coraje para dirigirnos el uno al otro de una forma más civil y razonable.

Ambos nos pedimos disculpas por reaccionar de esa forma y por no escuchar lo que el otro estaba diciendo. Nos sentamos para poder articular nuestros pensamientos y sentimientos, y sobre todo, decidimos escuchar y verdaderamente entender la perspectiva del otro. Aun cuando esto fue difícil de hacer, ambos hicimos nuestro mejor esfuerzo para poder reparar los daños.
Y nos sobrepusimos.

En el Evangelio de Lucas nosotros escuchamos el reto de Jesús “ama a tus enemigos; haz el bien con aquellos que te odian, bendice a quienes te maldicen, ora por aquellos que abusan de ti.” Este ejemplo y estas palabras ciertamente no es el tipo de reacción humana que vemos en nosotros mismos ni en los demás: aun para los seguidores de Jesús, estas palabras pueden ser difíciles, si no imposibles de personificar. Francisco de Sales escribe, “Que bueno es amar aquí en la tierra así como lo haremos algún día en el cielo.” La razón por la

que este reto es tan difícil, es el hecho de que la imagen del “enemigo” no se halla casi siempre en los rostros extraños, sino en aquellas personas a las que conocemos... y a veces, en el rostro de aquellos a quienes amamos.

A medida que cada uno de nosotros reflexiona sobre aquellos conflictos por resolver que aun existen en nuestras vidas, y sobre el reto a que sanemos, amemos y perdonemos y reconciliemos, nosotros debemos recordar que en nuestras relaciones con los demás nosotros no solo estamos buscando un fin terrenal; mas bien, nosotros vivimos nuestras vidas juntos como personas que están destinadas a la plenitud de la vida eterna con Dios. Así como San Pablo escribe a los Corintios, “Así como nosotros llevamos la imagen del hombre de polvo, nosotros también llevamos la imagen del hombre del cielo.” Francisco de Sales recomienda: “Mantengan su Corazón en las calles gloriosas del Jerusalén celestial, donde se escucha el resonar de la alabanza a Dios por todas partes. Miren la variedad de santos, y averigüen como llegaron ellos allí. Sabrán entonces que los apóstoles llegaron principalmente a través del amor; los mártires, a través de la constancia; los doctores a través de la meditación; los confesores a través de la mortificación; las vírgenes a través de la pureza de Corazón; y todos ellos, a través de la humildad.”

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LECTURAS DEL DOMINGO

Primera Lectura: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Saúl quería hacerle daño a David y fué al desierto a buscarlo. David y su acompañante Abisai fueron al campamento de Saúl y sus tropas mientras éstos dormían. Abisai quería matar a Saúl, pero David no lo permitió, así como rehusó matar al ungido por el Señor.

Segunda Lectura: 1 Corintios 15:45-49

Pablo habla de Adán como el primer hombre físico, y de Jesús como el primer hombre que nos ha dado nuestra espiritualidad. Un hombre fué formado de polvo, y el otro enviado del cielo. Así como nos parecemos al primer ser físicamente, así debemos moldearnos como Jesús espiritualmente.

Evangelio: San Lucas 6:27-38

Jesús explica que amar a alguien que nos ama no es gran logro. Nos recuerda que hacer un favor esperando algo en cambio no es lo que El nos ha pedido. En vez, debemos ser como Dios, compasivos y no juzgar, aún a individuos que nos odian y maltratan.



El Santo Padre ha anunciado que el 2025 será un Año de Jubileo o Año Jubilar, algo que ocurre cada 25 años. El tema de este Jubileo 2025 es "Peregrinos de esperanza", pues será

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- ◊ St. Francis Cathedral, Metuchen
- ◊ **El Santuario del Santísimo Sacramento, Raritan**
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Para recibir un indulgencia plenaria, debe cumplir con las siguientes condiciones:

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- Confesarse, al menos veinte días antes o después de realizar la acción premiada (sin olvidar que hay que estar en gracia de Dios antes de acabar la acción). Una misma confesión puede servir para ganar varias indulgencias plenarias.
- Comulgar, en ese mismo periodo de tiempo.
- Rezar por las intenciones del Papa un Padrenuestro y un Avemaría, u otras oraciones. Debe hacerse también en esos días.
- Participar en celebraciones liturgicas o actividades religiosas conectadas con el año jubilar.

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