

# *The Roman Catholic Community of Saint Joseph*

*16 East Somerset Street, Raritan, NJ 08869*

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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  
Ramon Salazar.....Multi-Parish Facilities Manager

## **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)**  
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***First Sunday of Lent, March 9, 2025***

**HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**

INTENCIones DE LA SANTA MISA

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

LECTURAS PARA LA STA. MISA ESTA SEMANA

**Saturday, Mar 8, 2025**

- 4:00 pm** For the intentions of Michaelina Viscido  
Priest remembered today: Rev. Grzegorz Podsiadlo, SDS

**Sunday, Mar 9, 2025, First Sunday of Lent****7:30 am\*** Pro-populo (for the people)

Priest remembered today: Rev. John Polyak

- 9 am** For the health of Mary Andersen R/o Dennis & Ida Cierniecki  
Priest remembered today: Rev. Johan Primich

- 12 pm\*** La Familia Olivera

Priest remembered today: Rev. John Pringle

**Saturday, Mar 15, 2025**

- 4:00 pm** +Joseph F. Minarovich R/o The Minarovich Family  
Priest remembered today: Rev. Msgr. Eugene Prus

**Sunday, Mar 16, 2025, Second Sunday of Lent****7:30 am\*** Pro-populo (for the people)

Priest remembered today: Rev. Msgr. Edward Puleo

- 9 am** +Pauline Lesinski R/l The Minarovich Family  
Priest remembered today: Rev. Roy Quesea

- 12 pm\*** +Irlma Salas

Priest remembered today: Rev. Albert Roca

\* En Español, in Spanish

**SUNDAY MASS READING 3/9****"One does not live on bread alone,****but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."**

Mt 4:4b

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10**

Moses discusses the power God has displayed in freeing his people from oppression and leading them to a rich land. He tells the people that they should make offerings to God to show their gratitude, then celebrate over the great things he has given them.

**Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13**

Paul tells us that if we proclaim, "Jesus is Lord" and truly believe that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved. For God shows his mercy toward everyone who calls upon his name.

**Gospel: Luke 4:1-13**

Jesus fasted in the desert for forty days, then Satan appeared to him and tempted him to turn stone into bread. After Jesus refused, Satan promised him great powers if Jesus would worship him. Jesus replied that he would worship God and no one else. Then Satan tried to persuade Jesus to put God to the test, but again Jesus resisted his temptation. ©1999 Bon Venture Services, Inc.

**CANDLE INTENTIONS**

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

**The Paschal Candle:****In Memory of**

Lee &amp; George Paulishak R/o Son, Bob

**Pray for the Sick**

|                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| Jennifer Rose          | Gosenski               |
| Robert Valance         | Mary Grande            |
| Thomas McGrath         | Donna Kelly            |
| Irene Sixt             | Roseanne Kielar        |
| Annmari Bizub          | Jerry Kovac            |
| Joseph Carter          | Antonia LaCorte        |
| Jane Chiesa            | Ralph Lombardi         |
| Joan Chopay            | Steve & Geri Max       |
| Elizabeth Anne Dwyer   | Jack McElhinney        |
| Randy Fisher           | Allsya Miller          |
| Tony & Sandy Franchino | Francis M. Mishak, Sr. |
| Arthur & Maryann       | Pinzy & Rachel Petrone |

**MARCH IS DEDICATED TO THE SAINT JOSEPH**

## Your Lenten toolkit – and its indulgences (Excerpts)

...we should consider a specific Lenten sacrifice to advance the well-being of the Holy Souls dearest to us, according to the prompting of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

### Four concessions

After all, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, the three traditional tools for Lent, are also indulged by our Church in something called “the four general concessions” (Manual of Indulgences, pp. 21-36). That is:

- 1. A partial indulgence is granted to the Christian faithful who, while carrying out their duties and enduring the hardships of life, raise their minds in humble trust to God and make, at least mentally, some pious invocation...**
- 2. A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful who, led by the spirit of faith, give compassionately of themselves or of their goods to serve their brothers in need...**
- 3. A partial indulgence is granted to the Christian faithful who, in a spirit of penance, voluntarily abstain from something that is licit for and pleasing to them...**
- 4. A partial indulgence is granted to the Christian faithful who, in the particular circumstances of daily life, voluntarily give explicit witness to their faith before others.**

Save souls on earth and help speed souls through Purgatory at the same time!

Our Lenten practices can obtain partial indulgences. Even if they weren't indulged, they would be means of grace in the world, and be suitable to offer to God on behalf of the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Let's talk about some ways of using the three tools this Lent.

### Prayer

Outside the Sacraments and reading the Scriptures, what's the best way to welcome God's grace into your life?

That's right: prayer. But prayer isn't just for us to have a one-on-one relationship with God (though that's indispensably important). Prayer is also meant as a means for us to work on our relationships with everyone and everything else.

After all, God doesn't ask us to give up everything forever and focus on Him alone. We are called to place Him first in our lives so that we receive everything and everyone else from Him, in light of Him. That way, we won't mistake others for Him. We won't fall into idolatry if we have a good, right relationship with God. That way, we'll know how to love others. We'll treat creatures as creatures, not make idols out of them.

And we'll come to the aid of our neighbors. We'll intercede for those in need, and thank God for the gift of those who help us. We'll open the floodgates of Heaven to the graces of God, allowing God a freer hand to work in the world by our consent to His will, as Our Lady did. We will do works of mercy every day, throughout the day, even as we work.

This past autumn, I mentioned to Susan Tassone, a knowledgeable friend (the “Purgatory Lady”), that I was thinking of making a novena for a special favor. She immediately reminded me that Bl. Solanus Casey, OFM, often recommended praying to the Holy Souls for their intercession. Check out Susan's The St. Faustina Prayer Book For The Holy Souls In Purgatory for great prayers and devotions.

### Fasting

Remember that your fasting and abstinence are meant to be penance for you, not for those around you! If you can't keep your temper without your morning coffee, please don't give it up. Conversely, it's worth experimenting with giving up your favorite treats, just for a chunk of time, especially if you've been ignoring or not following your doctor's advice for some time. You can also be creative with your fasts. Give up ice cream, for instance, during the week, and allow yourself to indulge on Sunday, or give up ice cream for the first week of Lent, chocolate for the second, cake for the third, and so on.

The point is to train yourself for bigger sacrifices, larger surrenders to the will of God. Better a small fast you will keep than a huge, impossible fast you'll break and feel miserable about. Be intentional. Train your will to place God before your appetite. Do what will best aid your salvation and sanctification.

### Almsgiving

We live in a world with an almost infinite chasm of need before us all day, every day. The West is losing or has lost the faith; the poor of the world are in need each and every day...

What do your friends and family need? How about your parish, or the local charities that your parish helps? If you can think of the bigger picture, do so: What does your local diocese need? What do bigger Catholic charities need? And of course keep the Marian Fathers in mind!

Your Lent doesn't have to be the hardest ever in order for it to be a good Lent. With prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, do good works for God, for yourself, for the Holy Souls, and for your neighbors.

God bless you,

Father Dan Cambra, MIC is spiritual director of the Holy Souls Sodality.

## WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

| 2-Mar-25            | Collection | Online G   | Total             |
|---------------------|------------|------------|-------------------|
| Offertory *         | \$4,354.00 | \$490.00   | <b>\$4,844.00</b> |
| Ash Wed*            |            | \$10.00    | \$10.00           |
| Other*              |            | \$2,010.00 | \$2,010.00        |
| St. Joseph Workshop |            | \$5.00     | \$5.00            |
|                     |            |            | <b>\$6,869.00</b> |

\* For Parish operation

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 our website and follow the registration steps for recurrent or one time donations [sjraritan.org](http://sjraritan.org)



### St. Joseph's Easter Kolach Fundraiser Order Form

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|--------------------------------|-----------------|
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| <b>Print Telephone Number:</b> |                 |
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| Nut                            |                 |
| Poppyseed                      |                 |
| Apricot                        |                 |
| Lekvar (Prune)                 |                 |
| Raspberry                      |                 |
| Pumpkin Cream Cheese           |                 |
| <b>Total Quantity</b>          | <b>\$</b>       |

**Orders must be in by:**

**Monday, March 24, 2025**

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**Price: \$18.00 per loaf.**



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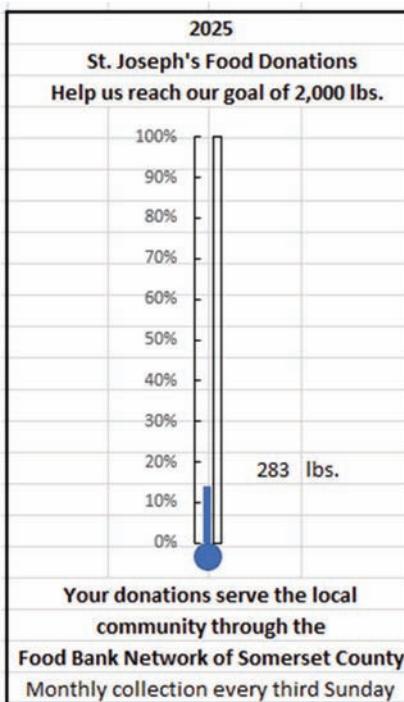
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## The Pascal Candle

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908-725-0163. Thank you



### Food Pantry Donations Needed

We collect all non-perishable foods, full size and trial size toiletries.

Bring a bag to Mass for the less fortunate in the Boro of Raritan.

Collections on the 3rd weekend of each month,  
**next weekend!**  
**Mar 15-16**

### Lenten Gospel Reflections

For Christians, Lent is an important time of reflecting on the suffering and death of Jesus so as to enter into the joy of his Resurrection. In this devotional booklet, Bishop Robert Barron invites readers to enter more deeply into the prayerful nature of the season. Lenten Gospel Reflections features the full Gospel reading for each day of Lent, a daily reflection from Bishop Barron, space for journaling and answering reflection questions, and more! Beautiful, practical, and affordable, this booklet is ideal for both individual meditation and group study on a family or parish level. If you are interested in obtaining a FREE copy for yourself, visit <https://books.wordonfire.org/lent2025>. You can also get bulk discounts on additional copies for your family, parish, or small group.



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PRESENTS



PILGRIMS OF HOPE  
2025 LENTEN REFLECTION SERIES  
WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 PM

MARCH 12      MARCH 26  
APRIL 2      APRIL 9

NO SESSION ON MARCH 19:  
SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

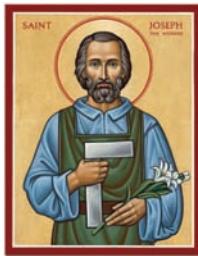
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**THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH**

Wednesday, March 19, 2025  
7:30 PM Bilingual Mass  
Followed by dinner in the  
School Auditorium



**2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal PILGRIMS OF HOPE:**

Journeying Together in Faith, Hope and Charity 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal One of the key ministries supported by the Annual Appeal is Seminarian Formation. We are blessed to have 19 men currently studying for the priesthood in the Diocese of Metuchen. It is a blessing that brings with it the responsibility of providing for their education. Quality formation is essential for our future priests who will be the sacramental presence of the Lord in the midst of our parishes, nourishing and healing with Word and sacraments the people they are called to serve. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to defray the costs of forming the future shepherds of our Church. **The 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal goal for St. Joseph's Parish is \$25,000.**

**Men's Freedom in Christ Conference**

"We are not fighting with flesh and blood but against spiritual principalities and powers" (Ephesians 6:12)  
The Men of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Three Bridges) are hosting a Men's Freedom in Christ Conference this May 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This conference is open to all men in the Diocese and will be held at the parish (105 Summer Road). Fr. Giuseppe Siniscalchi of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will be the principal speaker. Come discover the path to freedom in Christ this May. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please contact Tom Dwyer at 908-884-9947 or thomasdwyer@sprintmail.com.

**2025 LENTEN OBLIGATIONS** **PAGE 5**

- 1) The days of both fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday (March 5) and Good Friday (April 18).
- 2) The other Fridays of Lent (Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4, and 11) are days of abstinence.
- 3) Fasting in the Roman Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal with two smaller meals which together do not equal the size of your full meal. The obligation of fasting applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.
- 4) Abstinence in the Roman Catholic tradition means to abstain from eating meat (beef, chicken, pork, turkey, etc.).

**The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
WEDNESDAYS**

**ST. JOSEPH—12:00 PM in English**

**FRIDAYS**

Holy Trinity —following 7pm Mass

ST. ANN—7:00 PM

**ST. JOSEPH—7:30 PM in Spanish**



**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@raritanoratory.org](mailto:srlorraine@raritanoratory.org)

**—Our Mass Book is open for intentions  
up to June, 2025—**

***The Faithful Departed***

**Kenneth Rose—December 15, 2024**

**A prayer service was celebrated on Feb 22, 2025.**

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**Please pray for the repose of his soul.**

## LECTURAS DEL DOMINGO

### Primera Lectura: Deuteronomio 26:4-10

Moisés habla del poder que Dios ha demostrado al liberar a su pueblo de la opresión y al darles un abundante tierra. El dice al pueblo que deben dar ofrendas a Dios para demostrar su gratitud, y luego celebrar las grandes cosas que El les ha dado.

### Segunda Lectura: Romanos 10:8-13

Pablo nos dice que si proclamamos que “Jesús es el Señor” y que si verdaderamente creemos en que Dios se ha levantado de entre los muertos nos salvaremos. Dios muestra su misericordia a todo aquel que llama su nombre.

### Evangelio: San Lucas 4:1-13

Jesús ayunó en el desierto por cuarenta días. Luego Satanás se le apareció y lo tentó con volver una piedra en pan. Luego que Jesús rehusó, Satanás le prometió grandes poderes si Jesús lo adoraba. Jesús respondió que el adoraría a Dios y a nadie más. Entonces Satanás trató de persuadir a Jesús a que pusiera a Dios a prueba, pero una vez más Jesús resistió la tentación..

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## Reflexión salesiana para el Primer domingo de Cuaresma

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

*"Jesús fue llevado por el Espíritu al desierto donde el fue tentado por el diablo."*

### Perspectiva Salesiana

Mientras que Jesús se preparaba para comenzar su ministerio público – el de proclamar las Buenas Nuevas del Reino de Dios- para ser la clase de Mesías que Su Padre envisionó – para abrir su mente y su corazón al poder y la promesa del Espíritu Santo – él fue tentado.

Fue tentado a convertir la piedra en un pan. Fue tentado con todo el poder y la gloria de los reinos terrenales. Fue tentado a lanzarse desde el templo: presumiblemente, para convencer a las personas de su identidad y su autoridad todo al mismo tiempo.

La tentación fundamental? Jesús fue tentado a convertirse en alguien mas que no fuera quien Dios le había

mandado a ser. Jesús fue tentado a ser una clase diferente de salvador. Jesús fue tentado a creer que había una forma más fácil de redimir, de salvar, de santificar. Jesús fue tentado a creer que había un atajo que se podía tomar en el camino a la salvación.

Nosotros nos podemos identificar con este tipo de tentación. Cuántas veces nos decimos a nosotros mismos que seríamos más felices, más sanos y más santos si fuéramos alguien más? Cuántas veces decimos que debe haber otra forma (una forma más fácil, un atajo) para ser una buena esposa, un buen esposo, un buen hijo o buena hija, un buen hermano o una buena hermana, un buen amigo o un buen vecino? La tragedia es que si pasamos nuestras vidas creyendo que estaríamos mejor si fuéramos alguien más o si estuviéramos en otro lugar, nosotros nunca vivimos la vida – la única vida que Dios nos da. En el proceso de buscar un atajo dejamos de seguir el camino que Dios quiere que caminemos.

Francisco de Sales escribe: "No siembres tus deseos en el jardín de otra persona; simplemente cultiva tu jardín lo mejor que puedes. No anheles otra persona que no sea quien eres; en vez de eso, debes desear profundamente ser quien eres. Enfoca tus pensamientos en esa realidad y perfecciona quien eres, y carga con las cruces, bien sean grandes o pequeñas, que se te presenten en el camino. Créeme, este es el punto mas importante – y el menos entendido – en la vida espiritual." (Cartas de Dirección Espiritual, p. 112)

Jesús fue tentado a ser alguien y algo diferente a lo que el era. Jesús fue tentado a abandonar el camino auténtico del amor y a cambiarlo por la promesa vacía y diabólica de un atajo. Jesús fue tentado a tomar el camino (aparentemente) más fácil. Aun así, su creencia en el plan de Dios para él le permitió a Jesús repudiar la promesa vacía de un arreglo a medias hacia el camino que lleva a la felicidad, la salud y la santidad.

Ahora que comenzamos esta temporada de la Cuaresma, pidamos el coraje que necesitamos para reconocer la voz del tentador en nosotros. Pide la claridad para poder ver las formas en las que eres tentado a pasar tu vida deseando ser alguien más. Pide la gracia y la fuerza para seguir el ejemplo de Jesús.

Se quien eres y se eso de la mejor manera.

### Guia para la Sagrada Comunión

**Para que un católico reciba la comunión, se requiere:**

- Estar en estado de gracia; es decir, libre de cualquier pecado mortal no confesado.
- Abstenerse durante al menos una hora antes de la Sagrada Comunión de cualquier alimento o bebida, a excepción de agua y medicinas.
- Saber a Quien se recibe y acercarse al altar con devoción.

"Por la actitud corporal (gestos, vestido) se manifiesta el respeto, la solemnidad, el gozo de ese momento en que Cristo se hace nuestro huésped". (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica 1387)

**No Católicos:** Les damos la bienvenida a unirse a nosotros en la Santa Misa y nos alegramos de que estén aquí. Por favor, siéntase libre de participar cantando, de pie, de rodillas, etc. **Sin embargo, la recepción de la Sagrada Comunión está reservada únicamente a los católicos en estado de gracia.** En el momento de la Comunión, por favor, siéntase libre de pasar al frente con los brazos cruzados sobre el pecho para una bendición o permanecer en el banco.

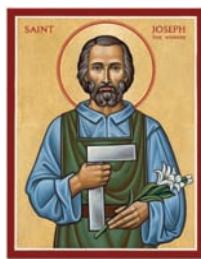
(Fuente: "Orientaciones para la recepción de la Comunión", p. 836 del "Source & Summit Missal 2025".)

## SOLEMNIDAD DE SAN JOSE

¡NUESTRO PATRONO!

Miércoles, 19 de marzo  
de 2025

7:30 PM SANTA MISA BILINGUE  
Seguida por una fiesta en el  
Auditorio del colegio



### Seminario Bíblico de Cuaresma

Sábado 22 de marzo, 9:30am-3pm

Presentador: Gustavo Rodríguez

Información y registro:

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### Santo Vía Crucis

VIERNES

San Jose—7:30 PM en español

H.Trinity después de la Misa de las  
7pm | ST. ANN 7:00 PM (ing)

MIERCOLES

San Jose—12:00 PM en inglés



### St. Ann Classical Academy

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025

9:00 AM -  
11:30AM



### ST. ANN CLASSICAL ACADEMY SUMMER CAMP

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June 16th – June 20th and June 23rd – June 27th

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