

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
Nora MartinParish 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)
908 725-0163 • parishoffice@sjraritan.org • www.sjraritan.org
Fr. Kevin Email.....padrekevin2024@gmail.com

Fifth Sunday of Lent, April 6, 2025



HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

INTENCIONES DE LA SANTA MISA



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

LECTURAS PARA LA STA. MISA ESTA SEMANA

First Saturday, April 5, 2025

4:00 pm +Bill Schubert R/o Irene Sixt

Priest remembered today: Rev. Juan S. Salonga

Sunday, April 6 2025, Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

Priest remembered today: Rev. Leopoldo Salvania

9 am +Michael R. Prokop, Sr. R/o Michael R. Prokop, Sr

Priest remembered today: Rev. Charles Scillieri

12 pm * Lina Gonzales +

Priest remembered today: Rev. Lauro Sedlmayer

Saturday, April 12, 2025

4:00 pm +George Riehman, Jr R/o Inge Heitz

Priest remembered today: Rev. Guy Selvester

Sunday, April 13 2025, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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

Priest remembered today: Rev. Thomas Serafin

9 am +

Priest remembered today: Rev. Edmund Shallow

12 pm * Geiner Solano +

Priest remembered today: Rev. John Siceloff

* En Español, in Spanish

SUNDAY MASS READING 4/6

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

God says not to remember the events from long ago, but to focus on the things he plans to do next. He also claims he will again help his chosen people when they need him.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

Paul describes knowledge of Jesus as more important than knowledge of the Old Law. He wishes to share in the power of Jesus' resurrection, and speaks of concentrating on the finish line of the race with salvation as the prize to be won.

Gospel: John 8:1-11

Jesus preached forgiveness of sin, but in the old law those accused of adultery were to be stoned. So the Pharisees tried to trap Jesus and brought a woman accused of adultery to him, asking him what he would do to her. Jesus asked that one without sin cast the first stone, and then all of the elders left. Jesus told the woman that he did not condemn her, but warned her to avoid such sin in the future.

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Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62;

Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday

Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday

Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56



CANDLE INTENTIONS

St. Joseph:

+Joseph F. Minarovich

R/o Family

The Paschal Candle.

In Memory of

Lee & George Paulishak R/o Son, Bob

Pray for the Sick

George Riehman, Sr.	no
George Riehman, Jr.	Arthur & Maryann
Jennifer Rose	Gosenski
Robert Valance	Mary Grande
Thomas McGrath	Donna Kelly
Irene Sixt	Roseanne Kielar
Annmarie 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 Franchi-	Francis M. Mishak, Sr.

APRIL IS DEDICATED TO HOLY EUCHARIST AND THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

April 6, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What a blessing that we have so many good, holy priests faithfully serving in the Diocese of Metuchen in our parishes, hospitals and other important ministries! I write to remind you that we also have **forty retired priests** of our diocese who have dedicated many years of devotion to God and our parish communities.

While all of our retired diocesan priests receive a monthly stipend to assist them with expenses, some go to live with relatives, while twelve live at our ***Maria Regina Residence for Retired Priests***. Here our retired priests live each day with dignity while being able to live in community with brother priests. Those who are physically able continue to generously help in so many ways—offering Mass at local parishes, hearing confessions and sharing their spiritual and administrative wisdom with their brother priests. They also spend time in prayer in their chapel praying for the needs of everyone in our diocese, including you.

Our retired priests have served so many people over the course of their ministry, nourishing our Catholic faith, educating our youth and serving the poor and vulnerable. ***Next weekend, April 12 and 13, as we celebrate Palm Sunday***, the faithful of the diocese will have the opportunity to gratefully acknowledge the life-long dedication of these priests by contributing to the ***Annual Collection for our Retired Diocesan Priests***. All funds raised through this collection will be used exclusively to assist our retired priests.

Thank you for your generosity. Please keep all of our priests in your daily prayers. Please also continue to pray for vocations from our local Church to the holy priesthood for service in our diocese.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen

The Pascal Candle



If you are interested in making a donation to purchase the Pascal Candle, please contact Nora at the Parish Office

parishoffice@sjraritan.org
908-725-0163.

Thank you

The Raritan Oratory of St Philip Neri
Presents

Pilgrims of Hope
2025 Lenten Reflection Series

Wednesdays

at 7:00 PM



April 9

Rev. Steven J. Bolton, C.O.

Last talk of the series

Of the Raritan Oratory

St. Joseph's Church basement, Raritan, NJ

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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April 13 - Palm Sunday: Regular Sunday schedule

April 14 – Monday of Holy Week: Regular Schedule
7 PM – 8:30 PM Confession **St. Joseph Church**

April 15 – Tuesday of Holy Week: Regular Schedule
4:00 PM Chrism Mass St. Francis Cathedral,
Metuchen

April 16 – Wednesday of Holy Week: Regular
Schedule
11 AM – 12 PM Confession Holy Trinity Church
(Last scheduled Confessions before Easter)*
12 PM Stations of the Cross **St. Joseph Church**
8 PM The Service of Tenebrae St. Ann Church

April 17 - Holy Thursday:
9 AM Sung Morning Prayer St. Ann Church
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
7 PM English Holy Trinity Church
7 PM Latin (EF) Blessed Sacrament Shrine
7:30 PM Spanish **St. Joseph Church**
10 PM Sung Compline (Night Prayer)
Holy Trinity Church

April 18 - Good Friday:
9 AM Sung Morning Prayer St. Ann Church
12 PM Stations of the Cross St. Ann Church
Celebration of the Lord's Passion
3 PM English **St. Joseph Church**
3 PM Latin (EF) Blessed Sacrament Shrine
7:30 PM Spanish **St. Joseph Church**
7 PM Stations of the Cross Holy Trinity Church

April 19 - Holy Saturday:
9 AM Sung Morning Prayer St. Ann Church
11AM Blessing of Easter Food **St. Joseph Church**
The Great Easter Vigil
8 PM English St. Ann Church
8 PM Latin (EF) Blessed Sacrament Shrine
8 PM Spanish **St. Joseph Church**

April 20 - Easter Sunday: Regular Sunday schedule
(except NO 5 PM Mass at St. Ann Church)

April 21 - Easter Monday:
8 AM Mass at St. Ann Church; Shrine Chapel &
Parish Offices Closed

**Note: There are no scheduled times for Confession
on Good Friday or Holy Saturday.*

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

30-Mar-25	Collection	Online G	Total
Offertory *	\$3,105.00	\$455.00	\$3,560.00
			\$0.00
			\$3,560.00

** For Parish operation*

Upcoming 2nd Collection: April 12/13 (Palm Sunday)
Retirement for Diocesan Clergy

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 recur-
rent or one time donations sjraritan.org

2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal PILGRIMS OF HOPE:

Parish Goal: \$25,000 | Total Pledged & Received:
\$8,595.05 | Amount Received: \$5,735.05 |
Under Goal: \$-16,404.95 | Percent of Goal Received:
22.94%

Pray the Rosary with us during Lent

- Before the 4:00 pm
Mass on Saturdays
- After the 9:00 am
Mass on Sundays

Calling all bakers

BAKERS NEEDED!

BAKE SALE ON
Weekend of May 3/4

FOR MORE INFORMATION
or to offer baked goods contact
Sharon:
908-707-1507 | Ssteinme05@yahoo.com

Fundraiser to benefit St. Joseph Church

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 to-day. We look forward to welcoming you!

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

First Drawing: Thursday, May 1, 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



St. Ann Classical Academy
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Join us for our Open House & Explore the Classical Difference at our Co-Ed, Pre K - 8th Grade Academy!

OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025

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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



ST. BERNARD ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025 | Heron Glen Golf Club, Ringoes, NJ
We are accepting registrations for Sponsors and Golfers for our St. Bernard Golf Event! Please consider registering and supporting our parish while enjoying a day on the golf course! Registrations can be found on the St. Bernard website (<https://stbernardbridgewater.org>) under the Golf Outing Banner or by scanning the QR Codes below:

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Individual Golfer QR:



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Mother's Day Brunch & Show!

Sunday, May 11, 2025

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Tickets Can Be Purchased at
the Rectory, After Mass, or
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June 16th – June 20th and June 23rd – June 27th

Open to St. Ann Classical Academy and parishioners of any Oratorian Parishes (St. Ann, Holy Trinity, Saint Joseph and The Shrine) who will be entering Grade K - Grade 6 in the Fall of 2025.

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FOR REGISTRATION FORMS EMAIL
SUMMERCAMP@STANNPARISH.SCHOOL

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www.stannclassical.org

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2025
 DROP-OFF: 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM
 ST. ANN CLASSICAL PARKING LOT
 GPS: 55 ANDERSON STREET, RARITAN, NJ

★ USED CLOTHING DRIVE ★

*Are you doing some spring cleaning?
 Save your bags for our Spring Clothing Drive!*

★ Nothing shredded! We receive a donation for the total poundage collected.

- We are collecting usable:
- Clothing for men, women and children.
 - Shoes.
 - Belts, hats, scarves, handbags, gloves etc.
 - Small toys (2 ft. or less).
 - Stuffed animals, towels, sheets & pillowcases.
 - Bikes & Strollers.



Alternative drop-off times?

Call the school or parish office to make arrangements: 908-725-7787.

Please put donated items in TALL KITCHEN GARBAGE BAGS. Please bag shoes separately.

Visit clothingdrive.net for more information and a complete list of donatable items.

Volunteers needed to help make this a success! Contact the HSA at hsa@stannparish.com



LECTURAS DEL DOMINGO

Primer Lectura: Isaías 43:16-21

Dios dice que no hay que recordar el pasado sino enfocarse en las cosas que planea hacer. También asegura que ayudará a su pueblo escogido cuando lo necesiten.

Segunda Lectura: Filipenses 3:8-14

Pablo dice que el conocimiento de Jesús es más importante que el de la Ley Antigua. Desea compartir el poder de la resurrección de Jesús, y habla de concentrarse en llegar a la meta y ganar el premio de la salvación.

Evangelio: San Juan 8:1-11

Jesús enseña a perdonar el pecado. En la Ley Antigua, mujeres acusadas de adulterio eran lapidadas. Los fariseos lo pusieron a prueba y le llevaron a una mujer acusada de adulterio, y le preguntaron qué hacer. Jesús les dijo que aquel sin pecado le tirara la primera piedra. Los ancianos se fueron. Jesús no condenó a la mujer pero le advirtió no volver a pecar.

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SACRAMENTO DEL BAUTISMO PARA BEBES

Horario de la Semana Santa

Domingo de Ramos

13 de abril

Misa a las 7:00 am y a las 12:00 pm

Jueves Santo

La Cena del Señor
17 de abril, 7:30 pm

Viernes Santo

18 de abril, 7:30 pm

Sábado de Gloria

La Vigilia Pascual
19 de abril, 8:00 pm

*Santo Via Crucis***VIERNES**

San Jose—7:30 PM en español
H.Trinity después de la Misa de las
7pm | ST. ANN 7:00 PM (ing)

MIÉRCOLES

San Jose—12:00 PM en ingles



Domingo de la Resurrección del Señor

20 de abril

Santa Misa a las 7:30 am y 12:00 pm

Bautismos en español:

11 AM el cuarto sábado del mes

Clase pre-Bautismal:

Martes en la noche, una semana antes del Bautismo

¿Quiénes deben recibir la clase?

Los padres y los padrinos

En la Diócesis de Metuchen es obligatorio que tanto los padres como los padrinos reciban la clase

¿Quién es elegible para ser padrino?

Católicos practicantes que hayan recibido los Sacramentos.

El rol del padrino es ayudar a los padres a criar al niño en la fe; por tanto, debe llevar una vida coherente, no contradictoria, a las enseñanzas de nuestra Madre Iglesia.

Numero de padrinos

Uno o dos (máximo)

Para mas información por favor escribir un correo a parishoffice@sjraritan.org o llamar al 908-725-0163

HORARIO DE LA OFICINA: LUN A VIER 9AM-12PM

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