

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 any time 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 Martin Parish Office Manager
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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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The Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, 2025



HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

INTENCIONES DE LA SANTA MISA



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

LECTURAS PARA LA STA. MISA ESTA SEMANA

Saturday, April 26, 2025

4:00 pm +Flor de Maria Humani Sanchez by Aurora Huyk

Priest remembered today: Rev. Stanislaw Slaby, CSsR

Sunday, April 27 2025, Second Sunday of Easter

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

Priest remembered today: Rev. Daniel Sloan

9 am +Mary F. Prokop

Priest remembered today: Rev. William Smith

12 pm* +Lina Gonzales

Priest remembered today: Rev. John Stec

First Saturday, May 3, 2025

4:00 pm +Georgette O'Toole R/o Inge Heitz

Priest remembered today: Rev. Louis Stingel

Sunday, May 4, Third Sunday of Easter

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

Priest remembered today: Rev. Edward Struzik

9 am +Teresa & Anthony Perna R/o Ida & Dennis Ciemniecki

Priest remembered today: Rev. Peter Suhaka

12 pm* +Ruth Bogantes Monge & +Feancela Monge Salas

Priest remembered today: Rev. Msgr. Andrew Szaroleta

* En Español, in Spanish

SUNDAY MASS READING 4/27

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

The people held the apostles in great esteem and brought sick people to them to be healed. Although some were afraid to be known, the number of Jesus' followers continued to grow steadily.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

John depicts a vision of lamp-stands of gold and one like the Son of Man in a robe with a sash of gold. This apparition told John he had nothing to fear and then described himself as one who was dead but now lived again. He then instructed John to record any other visions he might have.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Jesus appeared to the disciples and breathed on them saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit." He gives them the power to forgive people's sins or hold them accountable. Thomas, who was not present, refused to believe Jesus had appeared until he came to them once more. Jesus told Thomas to believe and added, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

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Monday

Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday

Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday

Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday

Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36 or, for the Optional Memorial, Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58

First Friday

Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

First Saturday

1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14



CANDLE INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Candle, Blessed Virgin Mary
& St. Joseph:

For the repose of the soul of Pope Francis

The Paschal Candle.

In Memory of

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R/o Their loved ones

Pray for the Sick

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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.



**Statement of Most Rev. James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA,
Bishop of Metuchen, on the passing of Pope Francis:**

“With heavy hearts the Diocese of Metuchen mourns the passing of His Holiness, Pope Francis. From the moment of his election as Supreme Pontiff when he took the name Francis, our Holy Father has emphasized the mercy of God, embracing in his Petrine ministry the poor, the migrant, the marginalized and all those broken by this world’s problems and concerns. We entrust his noble soul to the hands of our Blessed Mother to accompany him to our Father’s house. In this Jubilee year in which Pope Francis called us to be Pilgrims of Hope, he has now made the ultimate pilgrimage to the embrace of our loving God.”



**The Raritan Congregation of the
Oratory of St Philip Neri**



Statement on the Death of the Holy Father, Pope Francis

We were surprised this morning to learn of the passing of the Holy Father, Pope Francis. While he had been seriously ill in recent months and apparently near death on multiple occasions, he made a public appearance yesterday and met with Vice President Vance. Like St. John Paul II twenty years ago, Pope Francis died during the Octave of Easter, a fitting reminder of his hope in the Risen Christ, which he especially desired to share with the whole world during the Jubilee this year.

Pope Francis will be remembered for his strong and fearless voice for the marginalized and forgotten among us, especially in the materially affluent but spiritually impoverished West. He reminded us that throughout the Gospels, we read of Jesus intentionally seeking out those who had been cast aside: the sick, the disabled, the mentally ill, and the spiritually ill. I think we will best honor Pope Francis’ legacy if we continue to imitate Jesus in bringing healing and hope to them, and using our voices to defend their dignity.

In his pontificate of twelve years, Pope Francis made a significant impact on the Oratorian family. He canonically erected eight new Congregations of the Oratory, six of them in English-speaking countries (including three in the United States). He canonized St. Joseph Vaz (2015) and St. John Henry Newman (2019), and beatified Bl. Salvio Huix Miralpeix (2013), the first Oratorian martyr. Only a few days ago, he signed the decree of heroic virtue for the Catalan architect Venerable Antoni Gaudí, who visited the Oratory daily while working on his masterpiece, the Sagrada Familia in Barcelona.

Pope Francis was also solicitous towards our Diocese of Metuchen, and in 2016 appointed our current shepherd, Bishop James Checchio (who coincidentally celebrates a birthday today), after getting to know him as rector of the North American College in Rome.

Eternal rest grant unto Pope Francis, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Very Rev. Jeffrey M. Calia, C.O., Provost
The Oratory, Raritan, Easter Monday, April 21, 2025

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PRAYER FOR A DECEASED POPE

God, Who, in Thine ineffable providence, didst will that Thy servant Francis ... should be numbered among the high priests; grant, we beseech Thee, that he, who on earth held the place of Thine only-begotten Son, may be joined forevermore to the fellowship of Thy holy pontiffs. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

(Source: Roman Missal)

REQUIEM AETERNAM ("ETERNAL REST")

V. Eternal rest grant unto Francis, O Lord.
R. And let the perpetual light shine upon him.
And may his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

PSALM 129: DE PROFUNDIS (English) —

Out of the depths I have cried to Thee, O Lord: * Lord, hear my voice. Let Thy ears be attentive * to the voice of my supplication. If Thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities: * Lord, who shall stand it? For with Thee there is merciful forgiveness: * and by reason of thy law, I have waited for Thee, O Lord. My soul hath relied on His word, * my soul hath hoped in the Lord. From the morning watch even until night, * let Israel hope in the Lord. Because with the Lord there is mercy: and with him plentiful redemption. And he shall redeem Israel * from all his iniquities. Glory be to the Father and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen. Source: EWTN, traditional prayer of the Church for the deceased

Divine Mercy Sunday **PAGE 4** At the Shrine Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament 50 W Somerset St., Raritan, NJ



April 27, 2025

1:30 PM

Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament & Confessions

3:00 PM

Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Holy Mass
(in English)

*On this day, you may be granted a
Plenary indulgence if you:*

1. Go to Confession
 2. Receive Holy Communion
 3. Pray for the Pope's intentions
 4. Take part in the prayers and devotion held in honor of Divine Mercy in any church or chapel
- OR-** Recite the Our Father, The Creed and a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal PILGRIMS OF HOPE:

Parish Goal: \$25,000 | Total Pledged & Received:
\$21,905.95 | Amount Received: \$16,733.95
Under Goal: \$-3,091.05 | Percent of Goal Received:
66.94%

Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to the

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with Most Rev. James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA,
Bishop of Metuchen

September 20, 2025



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for more information.

For parish bus trips,
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amarshall@diometuchen.org
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BAKE SALE ON
Weekend of May 3/4

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Fundraiser to benefit St. Joseph Church

All bakers contributing to the bake
sale should bring their baked goods
to the church hall on Saturday
morning between 11:00-12:00. Thank
you in advance for your generosity
to this event.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

20-Apr-25	Collection	Online G	Total
Offertory	\$6,638.00	\$305.00	\$6,943.00
Holy Thursday	\$198.00	\$5.00	\$203.00
Total for parish operation			\$7,146.00
Diocesan:			
Holy Land	\$1,635.00	\$5.00	\$1,640.00
Diocesan Clergy Ret.	\$50.00	\$155.00	\$205.00
Cath. Relief Services	\$10.00		\$10.00
Diocese of Metuchen			\$1,855.00

Thank you to all who supported our fundraiser by purchasing kolach this Easter. We sold 96 rolls and realized a profit of \$384 for our parish. Every little bit helps!

Upcoming 2nd Collection: **Apr 26/27** Catholic Relief Services

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



First Friday Devotion / May 2

Masses: 8 AM at St. Ann (Eng) | 12:15 AM at the Shrine (Eng) | 7 PM Mass preceded by Rosary at Holy Trinity (Eng) | 7 PM (Latin) at Blessed Sacrament Shrine, followed by First Friday Night Adoration at 8 PM into First Saturday (with 8 AM Benediction, Rosary, Mass, Confessions)

Our Lord longs to find special expressions of our love for Him on the **First Friday** of each month. Your fervent Holy Communion, as a special act of reparation and love to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, will greatly console Our Lord for the ingratitude and outrages that He endures for our sake in the Blessed Sacrament!



fatima.org/first-friday-devotion

First Saturday Devotion / May 3

8:30am Rosary & 9 AM Mass (Latin) followed by Confessions at Blessed Sacrament Shrine | 9am Mass in English & 9:45 am Confessions at St. Ann
At Fatima, Our Lady pleaded, "Do not offend the Lord our God any more, for He is already too much offended!" The

Five First Saturdays Devotion is a request made **PAGE 5**
by Our Lady of Fatima. The Blessed Mother promised to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all who, as an act of reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, on the first five Saturdays of consecutive months: Go to confession | Receive Holy | Communion | Say five decades of the rosary | and Keep Mary company for fifteen minutes meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary.



June 19th-21st, 2025
5:00-10:00 PM

Discounted Festa Food Tickets

\$42 in Food Tickets for **\$40***
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Sunday, May 11, 2025

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El Papa Francisco falleció el lunes, 21 de abril de 2025, a la edad de 88 años

La Oficina de Prensa de la Santa Sede anunció la noticia, escribiendo:

"Hace poco, Su Eminencia el Cardenal Farrell anunciaba con dolor la muerte del Papa Francisco con estas palabras: "Queridos hermanos y hermanas, con profundo dolor debo anunciar la muerte de nuestro Santo Padre Francisco.

A las 7:35 de esta mañana, el Obispo de Roma, Francisco, regresó a la casa del Padre. Toda su vida estuvo dedicada al servicio del Señor y de su Iglesia.

Nos enseñó a vivir los valores del Evangelio con fidelidad, valentía y amor universal, especialmente hacia los más pobres y marginados.

Con inmensa gratitud por su ejemplo de verdadero discípulo del Señor Jesús, encomendamos el alma del Papa Francisco al infinito amor misericordioso del Dios Trino."

¿Qué pasa ahora que ha muerto el Papa Francisco?

En la actualidad, la Iglesia Católica se adentra en los ritos del funeral papal y el cónclave, en el que los cardenales acuden a Roma para la antigua y secreta ceremonia de elección del nuevo Papa.

El proceso es a la vez raro y en gran parte desconocido, dado que el cónclave se celebra a puerta cerrada y los

participantes tienen prohibido revelar detalles so pena de excomunión.

Para explicar mejor los próximos pasos de la Iglesia, LifeSiteNews ha preparado un análisis en profundidad sobre lo que ocurre ahora para la Iglesia católica.

Muerte papal

Tras la muerte del Papa Francisco el lunes por la mañana, comienza de nuevo la antigua costumbre del funeral papal y el cónclave. El Decano del Colegio Cardenalicio instruye a todos los cardenales y al cuerpo diplomático acreditado ante la Santa Sede sobre la muerte del Romano Pontífice, y los miembros de los medios de comunicación también han sido informados por la oficina de prensa del Vaticano.

El Camarlengo papal, actualmente el cardenal Kevin Farrell, debe autenticar la muerte del Papa, proceso que tendrá lugar el 21 de abril por la tarde.

También se lleva el anillo y el sello del Papa, para que sean rotos en presencia del Colegio Cardenalicio, con el fin de evitar que sean utilizados para falsificar documentos.

En *sede vacante* ha comenzado, y dura hasta que el candidato elegido acepta la elección de sus hermanos cardenales durante el cónclave.

Un hecho poco señalado es que a la muerte de un Papa todos los que dirigen dicasterios de la Curia Romana cesan en su cargo. Esto significa, por ejemplo, que los cardenales Arthur Roche y Víctor Fernández ya no serán respectivamente prefectos del Dicasterio para el Culto Divino y del Dicasterio para la Doctrina de la Fe.

Son muy pocas las personas que mantienen sus puestos de liderazgo: el Camarlengo Papal, que es como se ha señalado el Cdl. Farrell; y el Penitenciario Mayor, que es el Cardenal Angelo De Donatis.

Aunque no son estrictamente cargos de la Curia Romana, otros dos cardenales mantienen sus puestos: a saber, el cardenal vicario general para la diócesis de Roma -el cardenal Baldassare Reina- y el cardenal arcipreste de la basílica vaticana, que es el cardenal Mauro Gambetti.

[Lifesitenews.com/es](https://www.lifesitenews.com/es)

Oraciones por el Papa:

Nos unimos a la familia de EWTN y a los fieles de todo el mundo en oración por el eterno descanso del alma del Papa Francisco. Por favor, únase a nosotros en oración:

Oración por un Papa difunto

Oh Dios, que en tu inefable providencia quisiste que tu siervo Francisco fuera contado entre los sumos sacerdotes; concédenos, te suplicamos, que él, quien en la tierra ocupó el lugar de tu Hijo unigénito, sea unido para siempre a la compañía de tus santos pontífices. Por el mismo Jesucristo, tu Hijo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

Fuente: Misal Romano

Requiem Aeternam ("Descanso Eterno")

V. Concédete, Señor, el descanso eterno a Francisco.

R. Y brille para él la luz perpetua.

SALMO 129: DE PROFUNDIS (Español)

*"Desde lo más profundo te invoco, Señor,
¡Señor, oye mi voz!*

*Estén tus oídos atentos
al clamor de mi plegaria.*

*Si tienes en cuenta las culpas, Señor,
¿quién podrá subsistir?*

*Pero en ti se encuentra el perdón,
para que seas temido.*

*Mi alma espera en el Señor,
y yo confío en su palabra.*

*Mi alma espera al Señor,
más que el centinela la aurora.*

*Como el centinela espera la aurora,
espere Israel al Señor,*

*porque en él se encuentra la misericordia
y la redención en abundancia:*

él redimirá a Israel

de todos sus pecados". (Fuente: aciprensa.com)

LECTURAS DEL SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE PASCUA

Primera Lectura: Hechos 5:12-16

La gente tenía a los apóstoles en gran estima y les llevó gente enferma para que fueran curados. A pesar de que algunos tenían miedo de que se les reconociera, el número de seguidores de Jesús continuaba en aumento.

Segunda Lectura: Apocalipsis 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Juan describe una visión de candelabros de oro y alguien de apariencia humana, vestido de largo y con un

cinturón de oro. La aparición le dijo a Juan que no temiera y luego se describió como el que ha muerto pero que ahora vive. Luego indicó a Juan que anotara cualquier otra visión que tuviera.

Evangelio: San Juan 20:19-31

Jesús se apareció a los discípulos y sopló sobre ellos diciendo "Reciban el Espíritu Santo". Les otorgó el poder de perdonar o no los pecados de la gente. Tomás, quien no estaba presente, rehusó creer que Jesús había aparecido hasta que El regreso a ellos una vez más. Jesús dijo a Tomás que creyera y agregó: "¡Dichosos los que creen sin haber visto!"

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Vigilia de la Divina Misericordia Sábado, 26 de abril, 7:00 pm



Recitaremos la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia y otras devociones.

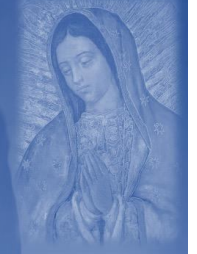
Parroquia San Jose, Raritan

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