

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.

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Nora MartinParish 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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Fr. Kevin Email.....padrekevin2024@gmail.com

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 13, 2025



HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

INTENCIONES DE LA SANTA MISA

Saturday, July 12, 2025

4:00 pm +Michael J. Reed R/o Michael R. Prokop
Priest remembered today: Rev. Gilbert Starcher

Sunday, July 13, 2025, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Priest remembered today: Rev. John Triana

9 am +Ivonne Doiron

Priest remembered today: Rev. Gregory Zannetti

12 pm* +Juan Luis Ramirez Cabezas

Priest remembered today: Rev. Jose Manuel Lim

Saturday, July 19, 2025

4:00 pm +Michael Roehrich by The Roehrich Family
Priest remembered today: Rev. Dawid Malik

Sunday, July 20, 2025, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Priest remembered today: Rev. Randy J. Gamboa Espinoza

9 am +Giuliana Natale by Filomena Graham

Priest remembered today: Rev. Ban Thien (Joseph) Ho

12 pm* +Esperanza Villarreal Artavia

En acción de gracias al Divino Niño por favores concedidos
Priest remembered today: Rev. Ai Van (Peter) Phan

* En Español, in Spanish

SUNDAY MASS READING 7/13

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses petitions the people to follow the commandments God has set before them. He reminds them that the laws are not in the sky or far away at sea, but are accessible to them and meant to be followed if they wish to prosper.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Paul discusses the divine nature of Jesus, and explains that Jesus was created before anything else. Everything else was "created through him, and for him."

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

While discussing everlasting life, a lawyer mentions loving one's neighbor as oneself. The lawyer then asks Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus tells him about a man beaten by robbers, who was ignored by both a priest and a Levite before a Samaritan stopped and offered him aid. Jesus asks the lawyer who was neighbor to the injured man. The lawyer says, "the one who treated him with compassion." Jesus encourages him to go and do the same.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

LECTURAS PARA LA STA. MISA ESTA SEMANA

Monday

Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday

Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday

Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30

Friday

Ex 11:10—12:14; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday

Ex 12:37-42; Mt 12:14-21



CANDLE INTENTIONS

Sanctuary: Frank Krachun Jr.
R/o Camille Krachun

Blessed Virgin Mary: For the intentions
Of Madeline Sniffin & in Memory of Alvaro
Viscido R/o Michelina Viscido

St. Joseph: Krachun & Gall Families
R/o Camille Krachun

The Paschal Candle: In Memory of The Kra-
chun & Fattori Families R/o Their loved ones

Pray for the Sick

Michael Galida	Tony & Sandy Franchi-
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Randy Fisher	Jack McElhinney

JULY IS DEDICATED TO THE PRECIUS BLOOD OF JESUS

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

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells us that Jesus was first in the mind of God when he created the universe.

God decided to unite himself with creation in the person of Jesus. Everything has been created through Jesus and for Jesus. And Jesus has reconciled everything to God through his blood shed on the cross. Jesus is the image of the invisible God; because Jesus has shared our human life, every human person has dignity as an image of God.

That is why it is so important that we understand today's Gospel parable. Jesus is telling us how we are to live as an image of God - loving God with our whole being and loving our neighbor as we love ourselves.

The parable we have just heard is meant to shock us into realizing the extent to which we are to love. Because we all share the dignity of image of God, we are to love as God loves. There is to be no limit to our love. "Neighbor" is a way of acting, and not a person located outside of us. "Neighbor," then, is the way I treat anyone I meet - whether I know them or not, whether I like them or not, whether I consider them friend or foe.

Jesus' point is made when the lawyer identifies the Samaritan as the "neighbor" in the parable - "The one who treated the injured stranger with compassion." Like the lawyer in the Gospel, all of us ask: "What must I do to inherit everlasting life?" Jesus tells us: "Go and do the same."

The challenge is great. It calls us to be mindful each day that "I am the image of God, and I am called to love today as God loves." The law of love is written on our hearts from our very creation as an image of God. The more my heart beats with the love of God, the more I will strive to be neighbor to everyone who crosses my path each day.

Each person I meet calls me to be the best person I can be - to image to them as the love of the God who loves them. That's enough challenge for any of us. Trying to meet that challenge each day will assure us of our inheritance - everlasting life with our God. Let us be renewed at this Eucharist and go forth to be compassionate neighbor today.

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WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

6-Jul-25	Collection	Online G	Total
Offertory	\$3,536.00	\$450.00	\$3,986.00
Total for parish operation			\$3,986.00
Diocesan:			
Peter's Pence C. (Residual)	\$31.00		\$31.00
Diocese of Metuchen			\$31.00

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2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal PILGRIMS OF HOPE (Campaign Summary Report): 7/3/25

Parish Goal: **\$25,000** | Total Pledged & Received: **\$24,882.95** | Amount **Received: \$23,732.95**
Under Goal: **\$-117.05** | Percent of Goal Received: **94.93%** | Average Gift Amount: **\$292.74**

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A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce, Separation, or Family Brokenness





August 22-24th



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THE RACCOLTA PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

*"Most Precious Blood of life eternal,
price and ransom of the whole universe,
drink and bath of the soul, ever pleading the cause
of man before the throne of heavenly Mercy.*

I adore Thee most profoundly:

*I would, if I were able, make to Thee some
compensation for the outrages and wrongs Thou
dost ever suffer from men.*

Who will not bless this Blood of value infinite?

*Who does not feel himself inflamed with the love of
Jesus, who shed it all for us? What should I be but
for this Blood, which hath redeemed me?*

*And who drew it out of the veins of my Lord,
even unto the last drop? It was love.*

O immense love, which gave to us this saving

Balsam! O Balsam beyond all price,

streaming forth from the Fount of immeasurable

love! Give to all hearts, all tongues, power to praise,

celebrate, and thank Thee, now and ever,

and throughout all eternity."

Amen.

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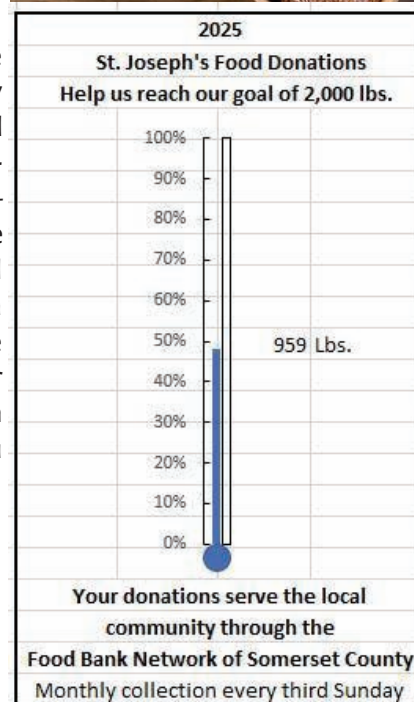
**Collections on the
3rd Weekend of
each month.**

**Next weekend,
July 19-20, 2025**

Your donations serve the local community through **The Food Bank Network of Somerset County**. We collect all non-perishable foods, full size and trial size toiletries. Bring a bag to Mass for the less fortunate in our area. For information on the food bank you may visit

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SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, SEPT. 19, 2025



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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

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6:30PM-8:30PM

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Talk by Gabriel (Cathedral)



Eucharistic Adoration (Cathedral)



Ice cream social (downstairs)

\$10 PER PERSON

**SIGN UP'S
COMING SOON!**



Una reflexión Salesiana sobre el evangelio dominical por una Oblato de San Francisco de Sales

Hoy recordamos que Jesús es la manifestación de Dios quien tanto desea nuestro amor, que hemos sido mandados a amarlo con todo nuestro corazón, con toda nuestra alma, con toda nuestra fuerza y con toda nuestra mente. San Francisco de Sales ofrece la siguiente reflexión:

Dios ha sembrado en el corazón humano una inclinación especial y natural a amar el bien en general. Del mismo modo sembró en nosotros el deseo de amar Su bondad, que es mucho mejor y más amorosa que todas las cosas. El deseo de Dios de obtener nuestro amor es tan grande que hemos sido mandados a amarlo con toda nuestra fuerza. Por ello no tenemos pretexto alguno para dejar de amar la bondad infinita de Dios, la cual anima todas las almas. Cuando los mandamientos son decretados por amor le otorgan bondad a aquellos no la tienen, e incrementan la bondad en quienes ya la poseen. La ley del amor de Dios nos va quitando el desánimo a medida que refresca y reestablece nuestros corazones. Hacer lo que amamos no es un trabajo duro, pero aún si lo fuese, sería un arduo trabajo que no obstante amaríamos.

Las águilas tienen corazones fuertes y una gran capacidad de vuelo, pero su vista es mucho más poderosa que su destreza al volar. Es por ello que su vista se extiende mucho más allá, y mucho más rápido que sus alas. Del mismo modo nuestra razón nos hace conscientes de que la bondad de Dios es amorosa por sobre de todas las cosas. Pero nuestras mentes poseen más luz para discernir que Dios merece nuestro amor, que fuerza de voluntad para amar Su bondad. Por consiguiente, nuestro deseo natural de profundizar en el amor a Dios se ve truncado cuando los apetitos y sentimientos egoístas despiertan en nosotros.

Nuestro corazón humano produce de forma natural algunos inicios de amor a la bondad de Dios. Pero cualquier progreso en relación al objetivo de amar a Dios por sobre todas las cosas, es algo que se genera únicamente en los corazones que son asistidos y animados por la gracia divina. Aún así, si cooperamos fielmente con nuestra inclinación natural a amar a Dios por encima de todo, Su divina misericordia gentilmente nos proveerá toda la ayuda necesaria para que aprendamos a amar de forma divina.

(Adaptado de los escritos de San Francisco de Sales)
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DECIMOQUINTO DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Primera Lectura: Deuteronomio 30:10-14

Moisés pide al pueblo que sigan los mandamientos que Dios les ha dado. Les recuerda que las leyes no están en el cielo o lejos en el mar, sino accesibles a todos y hechas para ser seguidas por quienes deseen prosperar.

Segunda Lectura: Colosenses 1:15-20

Pablo habla de la naturaleza divina de Jesús, y explica que Jesús fue creado antes que nada. Todo lo demás fue “creado por medio de El y para El”.

Evangelio: San Lucas 10:25-37

Mientras discutían la vida eterna, un maestro de la ley menciona amar al prójimo como a sí mismo. El maestro pregunta a Jesús: “¿Quién es mi prójimo?”. Jesús le cuenta sobre un hombre golpeado por ladrones, quien fue ignorado por un sacerdote y un levita, antes de que un Samaritano lo socorriera. Jesús pregunta al abogado quién fue el prójimo del desvalido. El maestro de la ley responde “el que tuvo compasión de él”. Jesús lo invita a hacer lo mismo.

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6 pasajes bíblicos que hablan de la Preciosa Sangre de Jesús

Hay varios pasajes bíblicos que destacan la importancia de la Preciosa Sangre de Jesús y cómo prefiguraban que su sangre salvaría a toda la humanidad

Una devoción piadosa que a menudo se pasa por alto es la tradicional devoción de la Preciosa Sangre, que destaca la sangre que Jesús derramó por toda la humanidad y que podemos constatar en diversos pasajes bíblicos.

Aunque no suele formar parte de la vida espiritual de muchos católicos modernos, el misterio que encierra esta devoción es fundamental en la historia cristiana.

El Directorio sobre la piedad popular llega a afirmar que "el misterio de la Sangre de Cristo se encuentra en el centro mismo de la fe y de nuestra salvación".

La Biblia contiene muchos acontecimientos que recuerdan este misterio, que el Directorio sobre la piedad popular enumera expertamente de la siguiente manera.

1 ENCARNACIÓN

La Encarnación del Verbo (cf. Jn 1,14) y el hecho de que Cristo se convirtiera en miembro del pueblo del Antiguo Testamento mediante la circuncisión (Lc 2,21).

2 CORDERO DEL SACRIFICIO

La imagen bíblica del Cordero abunda en implicaciones: "El Cordero de Dios que quita los pecados del mundo" (Jn 1,29), en el que se encuentra también la imagen del Siervo doliente de Isaías (Is 53), carga sobre sí los pecados de la humanidad (cf Is 53,4-5); el "Cordero pascual", símbolo de la redención de Israel (cf Hch 8,31-35; 1 Co 5,7; 1 P 1,18-20);

3 CÁLIZ DE LA PASIÓN

El "cáliz de la pasión" del que habló Jesús en alusión a su inminente muerte redentora, cuando preguntó a los hijos de Zebedeo: "¿Podéis beber este cáliz que yo debo beber?". (Mt 20,22; cf Mc 10,38) y el cáliz de la agonía en el huerto de los olivos (cf Lc 22,42-43) que fue acompañado por el sudor de sangre del Señor (cf Lc 22,44).

4 CÁLIZ EUCARÍSTICO

El cáliz eucarístico, bajo la forma de vino, contiene la Sangre de la Nueva Alianza derramada para la remisión de los pecados; es memorial de la Pascua del Señor (1 Co 11,25); y bebida de salvación según las propias palabras del Señor: "El que come mi carne y bebe mi sangre tendrá vida eterna y yo le resucitaré en el último día" (Jn 6, 54).

5 LA MUERTE DE JESÚS

El acontecimiento de la muerte del Señor, ya que, al deramar su Sangre en la Cruz, Cristo reconcilió el cielo y la

tierra (cf. Col 1,20).

6 SANGRE Y AGUA DE LA CRUZ

La lanza que traspasó al Cordero inmolado, de cuyo costado abierto manaron sangre y agua (cf. Jn 19,34), signo de la redención realizada, y de la vida sacramental de la Iglesia -sangre y agua, Bautismo y Eucaristía, símbolo de la Iglesia nacida del costado de Cristo agonizante en la Cruz.

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Seminario Bíblico

EL EVANGELIO SEGÚN SAN JUAN

Presentador: Padre Gustavo Amell S.T.

4 CLASES:

Lunes 30 de Junio,

Jueves 3 de Julio,

Lunes 7 de Julio, y

Jueves 10 de Julio

7 pm – 9 pm

\$25

Descuento especial para los estudiantes de Biblia

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