

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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 20, 2025



HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

INTENCIONES DE LA SANTA MISA



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

LECTURAS PARA LA STA. MISA ESTA SEMANA

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

Saturday, July 26, 2025

4:00 pm Rufino Faller R/o Jasmine & Efren Caraos
Priest remembered today: Rev. Larrydom Magdasoc

Sunday, July 27, 2025, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Priest remembered today: Rev. Jan Magdasoc

9 am +Bill Sixt R/o Irene Sixt

Priest remembered today: Rev. Jerome Ocampo

12 pm *

Priest remembered today: Rev. Thomas Aenekatt, VC

* En Español, in Spanish

SUNDAY MASS READING 7/20

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a

The Lord appeared to Abraham, who saw three men standing near his tent. Sensing they were messengers, he hurriedly brought them food and water to refresh themselves. Upon leaving, the men told him that they would visit in a year, at which time his childless wife Sarah would have a son.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

Paul discusses the suffering Christ endured for his Church. He describes his willingness to also endure suffering in Jesus' name. Paul hopes that through his sacrifices, many people will become complete in Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Jesus was welcomed into the home of a woman named Martha. She complained to Jesus that her sister Mary sat listening to him instead of helping with the tasks of entertaining. Jesus told Martha that her sister had chosen the more important task, and should be allowed to listen.

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Monday

Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday

Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Mt 13:10-17

Friday

2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28

Saturday

Ex 24:3-8; Mt 13:24-30



CANDLE INTENTIONS

Sanctuary: Frank Krachun Jr.

R/o Camille Krachun

Blessed Virgin Mary:

Fattori & Sinibaldi Families

R/o Camille Krachun & Family

St. Joseph: Krachun & Gall Families

R/o Camille Krachun

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

Pray for the Sick

Michael Galida	Tony & Sandy Franchino
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	

JULY IS DEDICATED TO THE PRECIUS BLOOD OF JESUS

A Salesian reflection on the Sunday Gospel by a Daughter of St. Francis de Sales

Today's readings exhort us to listen to the Word of God. St. Francis de Sales has much to say about actively listening to the Word of God. Here are a few of his thoughts:

Martha was anxious and upset about many things while Mary had no care but to listen to Jesus' words. Our Lord reproved Martha because she was anxious, not because of her care for His needs. She had mixed motives. On the one hand, she desired to serve Our Lord. On the other hand, in busying herself with many tasks, she was anxious to appear as the perfect hostess. Since Jesus wanted Martha to listen to Him as Mary did, one dish well prepared would have sufficed to meet His needs.

Our Lord makes it very clear that we must not only hear His words but also listen to them with the intention of making them profitable to ourselves. To profit from the word of God, we must let ourselves be moved by it in the depths of our heart. It is by listening to God's word with the heart that we receive good inspirations. The heart comes alive and ever gains new strength and vigor.

However, it is difficult to listen to the Word of God with our hearts when our hearts are filled with anxiety. God is full of care for His creatures, but with peace and tranquility. Yet, our care tends to be anxious. Birds stay caught in nets because they flutter wildly. So it is when we desire to escape an anxiety. Resolve to do nothing that your desire insists on until your mind has regained peace. Gently put yourself in God's hands. Try calmly to moderate your desire according to reason. Our life consists in the today, this present moment in which we are living. Use with care all that is given you. Be free of all other care and leave the rest to Our Lord, who takes tender care of us and will surely provide sufficiently for your needs when you listen to His words and inspirations.

(Adapted from L. Fiorelli, ed. Sermons of St. Francis de Sales)

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WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

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



Note: Jul 13th contributions will be posted next week

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**

Knight's Come Knights of Columbus #432, E. Main St, Somerville, NJ Membership is open to Catholic men over 18 years of age who want to join an organization in making positive changes in the world by providing help to the needy. Meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays of the month. @7:30. **Become an online member today FREE!** kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html

LIFE-GIVING Wounds RETREAT

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



 August 22-24th	 San Alfonso Retreat House Long Branch, NJ	 \$315
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The retreat includes meditations by the national Life-Giving Wounds retreat team, small group discussion, Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, lunch, and more.

Register Now At:
diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce

Questions:
cdaverso@diometuchen.org

or scan here:



Free Webinar - A Natural Approach to Fertility Care

July 24, 2025

The Office of Family life invites you to a free webinar, "A Natural Approach to Fertility Care" on Thursday, July 24th, at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. Presenter, Dr. Monika Potocki, of the Gianna Center in New Brunswick will discuss NAPRO Technology, an effective and ethical approach to fertility care in line with the teachings of the Catholic Church. To register, please visit <https://diometuchen.org/familylife>. For questions, please contact Cristina at cdaverso@diometuchen.org

Dr. Joseph White

The Catechetical Accompaniment Process

Date: Wednesday, September 3

Time: 10am to 1:30pm, doors open at 9:30

Location: St. John Neumann Pastoral Center
146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway. Join fellow PCLs and catechists as Dr. Joseph White from OSV explains the latest catechetical standards promulgated by the Institute on the Catechism of the USCCB. Coffee/light breakfast/lunch provided. Mass at 11:45. To Register: <https://diometuchen.org/homeschool-ministry>

Surviving Divorce October - November 2025

Surviving Divorce – For men and women seeking healing from separation or divorce. This 8-week program, while based on the teachings of the Catholic, is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after a divorce. Meetings will be held on 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM beginning **October 1 – November 19, 2025** at the **St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ**. For more information or to register contact Rachelle Hanna at hanna@gmail.com.

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Learn more about *Walking with Moms in Need* with these video resources. Our collection of stories, webinars, and special topics videos are great for personal use or can be used in group settings to introduce this exciting initiative to your parish, ministry, or core team. For resources, visit: <https://www.walkingwithmoms.com/videos>

Life-Giving Wounds Retreat **PAGE 4**

August 22 – 24, 2025

Retreat for healing for adult children of divorce or separation. Arrive on August 22nd by 6:00 PM and depart on August 24th by 1:00 PM. Cost is \$315 per person which includes meals and 2 nights' accommodations at the San Alfonso Retreat House, 755 Ocean Avenue, Long Branch NJ.

Contact cdaverso@diometuchen.org or amarshall@diometuchen.org with any questions. Register at <https://diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce>.



Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

- June 14, 2025: Youth Minister Meet Up**
- October 4, 2025: Youth Minister Meet Up**
(With Dr. Stella Jeffrey from the Franciscan Institute)
- October 24, 2025: Diocesan Youth Event**
(With Gabriel Castillo "GabiAfterHours on Youtube")
- October 25, 2025: Diocesan Young Adult Event**
(With Gabriel Castillo "GabiAfterHours on Youtube")
- January 31, 2026: Diocesan Youth Day 2026!**
(Details to come)



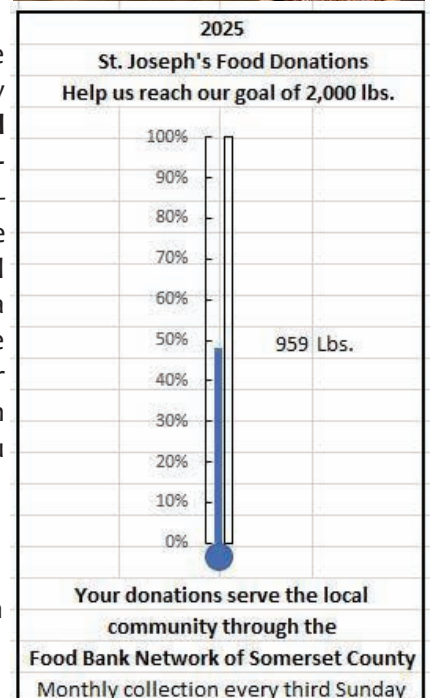
Food Pantry Donations Needed

Collections on the 3rd Weekend of each month.

This 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 somersefoodbank.org

Please place your donations in the wooden box by the Choir Loft stairs



The Prophets

Part 1



This Adult Enrichment Course will introduce attendees to the prophetic books of the Old Testament by reading, examining and contemplating the words and deeds of the prophets of Israel. The goal is to familiarize attendees with the prophetic corpus of the Bible using the historico-critical method of exegesis. This presupposes that the interpretation of Scripture will be, at times, literal, allegorical or anagogical.



This course will be taught by

Fr. Glenn J. Comandini, S.T.D.

Coordinator of On-Going Faith Formation

Sept 4 Introduction
Sept 11 Amos
Sept 18 Hosea
Sept 25 Micah
Oct 2 Isaiah 1-39
Oct 9 Zephaniah
Oct 16 Nahum
Oct 23 Jeremiah
Oct 30 Jeremiah
Nov 6 Habakkuk
Nov 13 Ezekiel
Nov 20 Ezekiel
Dec 4 Isaiah 40-55
Dec 11 Haggai

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center
146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway

Thursdays
September 4 – December 11, 2025
10:30 AM – 11:30 PM

\$20 Per Person For All 14 Classes
Register Online:
<https://diometuchen.org/faith-formation>

For questions
email amarshall@diometuchen.org or
call (732) 562-1543

REQUIRED TEXT:

Any Bible which contains the works of the Former (Historical) and Latter (Book) Prophets such as the *New American Bible* or the *Revised Standard Version*.
If needed the New American Bible may be purchased for \$10 during online registration.

The Prophets

Part 2

This course will be taught by

Fr. Glenn J. Comandini, S.T.D.

Coordinator of On-Going Faith Formation



January 15 Zechariah
January 22 Isaiah 56-66
January 29 Obadiah
February 5 Malachi
February 12 Joel
February 19 Jonah
February 26 Daniel
March 5 Daniel
March 12 Daniel
March 19 Daniel

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Thursdays
January 15 – March 19, 2026
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Una reflexión Salesiana sobre el evangelio dominical por una Hija de San Francisco de Sales

La historia de Martha y Maria

Perspectiva Salesiana

Todos estamos bien familiarizados con esta imagen del Evangelio de Lucas. Muy familiarizados por que es muy fácil ver en su Evangelio como él le resta importancia a la acción y la actividad en comparación con la oración y la contemplación.

Necesitamos revisitar esta interpretación. Nosotros necesitamos entender como este Evangelio habla acerca de Martha y de Maria. Más importante aún es el hecho de que nosotros necesitamos considerar el mensaje que este Evangelio nos quiere dar.

Jesús no critica a Marta por preocuparse tanto por los detalles de la hospitalidad. En vez de eso, Jesús critica el hecho de que Martha permite que estas actividades la pongan ansiosa. De la misma forma, Maria no esta exaltada a causa de su inactividad, sino por que ella no siente la carga de la ansiedad. Para resumir, Martha esta molesta y nerviosa, mientras que Maria esta calma y enfocada.

Ambas Martha y Maria le otorgan algo a la experiencia de la hospitalidad. En Martha, nosotros podemos observar la importancia de atender los detalles cuando recibimos a las personas en nuestras casas. En Maria, nosotros podemos observar la importancia de recibir a las personas en nuestras vidas, en nuestros corazones, en el fondo de quienes somos.

La hospitalidad no se trata de escoger entre la actividad y la disponibilidad. Se trata de incorporar –integrar- las dos cosas.

Francisco de Sales ciertamente sabía esto cuando describió las dos grandes caras del amor: el amor por la complacencia y el amor por la benevolencia. La complacencia es el amor que se deleita simplemente al estar en presencia del ser amado; la benevolencia es el amor que se deleita en expresar esta complacencia haciendo cosas por el ser amado.

Ser y Hacer. Hacer y ser. Esta es la danza de la hospitalidad. Esta es la danza del amor... una danza que nos reta a liberarnos, hasta donde nos sea posible, de la ansiedad auto-absorción y de la preocupación.

Para poder ser verdaderamente abiertos, para ser verdaderamente hospitalarios, tenemos que tener algo

de Martha y de Maria en nosotros. Necesitamos estar igualmente en paz con los detalles del hacer y las demandas del ser.

Que tan bien nos esta yendo con nuestros intentos por hacer – y por ser- al mismo tiempo?

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DECIMOSEXTO DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Primera Lectura: Génesis 18:1-10a

El Señor se le apareció a Abraham, quien vió a tres hombres parados cerca de su carpa. Presintiendo que eran mensajeros, se apresuró en traerles agua y comida para que se refrescaran. Al despedirse, los hombres le dijeron que lo visitarían en un año, y que para entonces su estéril esposa le habría dado un hijo.

Segunda Lectura: Colosenses 1:24-28

Pablo habla del sufrimiento que Cristo sobrellevó por su Iglesia. Describe su buena voluntad de también aceptar sufrimiento en el nombre de Jesús. Pablo espera que por medio de sus sacrificios, más gente se llenará de completo en Jesús.

Evangelio: San Lucas 10:38-42

Jesús fué invitado a la casa de una mujer llamada Marta. Ella se quejó con Jesús porque su hermana María se sentó a escucharlo en vez de ayudarla a atenderlo. Jesús dijo a Marta que su hermana había escogido mejor, y que debería dejarla escuchar.

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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

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Sobre la santa obediencia y la desnudez de Cristo



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Una anécdota de san Francisco nos enseña que la obediencia es una virtud hermosa y nos recuerda que Cristo, el Señor, murió desnudo por amarnos hasta el extremo

La obediencia es una virtud despreciada por el mundo. Y en esta época en la que hombres y mujeres sienten que nadie puede atarlos -mucho menos si se trata de un compromiso serio- parece una locura. Por eso, una anécdota de san Francisco de Asís nos enseña sobre la perfecta obediencia de Cristo, el Señor.

Predicar por obediencia

El Directorio franciscano tiene entre sus "Florecillas de San Francisco" una conmovedora anécdota sobre un hermano Rufino, notable caballero de Asís que había seguido los pasos del *Poverello*.

Rufino no tenía cualidades de orador, además se había concentrado tanto en la contemplación que parecía que no le interesaba lo que pasaba en el mundo, por lo que Francisco le ordenó que fuera al pueblo a predicar lo que le inspirara Dios.

El pobre hermano suplicó que no lo enviara. Entonces san Francisco le dijo:

"Ya que no has obedecido en seguida, te mando, en virtud de santa obediencia, que vayas

desnudo a Asís, con solo los calzones; entres en una iglesia y, así desnudo, prediques al pueblo". En el momento, el hermano Rufino se quitó el hábito y se fue desnudo al pueblo. Entró a la Iglesia, subió al púlpito, y en medio de las burlas de la gente, comenzó a predicar.

La desnudez de Cristo

Francisco, entonces, reflexionó sobre la pronta obediencia de ese hombre que había sido uno de los principales de Asís, sintiendo que él también debía experimentar la dura orden que había impuesto a Rufino.

Por eso, quitándose también el hábito se fue con el hermano León a buscar a Rufino, al que encontraron predicando de esta manera:

"Amadísimos míos, huid del mundo, dejad el pecado, devolved lo ajeno, si queréis evitar el infierno. Guardad los mandamientos de Dios, amando a Dios y al prójimo, si queréis ir al cielo. Haced penitencia, si queréis poseer el reino del cielo".

Entre burlas, subió Francisco al púlpito:

"... y comenzó a predicar tan maravillosamente sobre el desprecio del mundo, la santa penitencia, la pobreza voluntaria, el deseo del reino celestial y sobre la desnudez y el oprobio de la pasión de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que todos cuantos estaban presentes al sermón, hombres y mujeres en gran muchedumbre, comenzaron a llorar fuertemente con increíble devoción. Y no solo allí, sino en todo Asís, hubo aquel día tanto llanto por la pasión de Cristo, como jamás lo había habido".

Aprendamos de la sencillez del obediente y de la gracia que recibe el que se vence a sí mismo.

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